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Karen Wolter is quilter extraordinaire



Karen Wolter guides the quilt top through the machine. A computer is connected to the quilting machine to tell the machine which pattern she has chosen. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)

by Dorene Nelson

Karen Wolter, quilter extraordinaire, has made more quilts than she can remember! "I probably inherited the interest and ability from my grandmother who did a lot of quilting," Wolter explained.

Karen's quilting shop, located in a building attached to her house, was supposed to be a car garage. However, that never happened! Now the main centerpiece of this building is her huge expensive quilting machine which

was purchased in 2008.

"Actually, this shop has also been a ceramic and later a porcelain doll shop," Wolter listed. "The first quilt I made was a rag quilt in 2005," she said. "A rag quilt is made from several layers of fabric that are sewn together with exposed seams. These edges eventually will fray when washed, giving rag quilts their distinctive look and soft, cozy feel."

"Three or four years after purchasing the quilting machine, I purchased the computer system. After I have it set to the size of the stitches and the pattern of the design, I turn it on and watch to make sure it is all going smoothly," she explained. "Every so often I have to turn long rollers on the end to bring up more, unquilted sections for the computer to quilt."

"As you can see by glancing around my shop, there are a lot of items here that I need so they get stacked around the edges of the quilting machine," she smiled. "I know where most everything is, but sometimes I have to do a little searching first!"

"The first step in quilting is to choose the colors you want to use," Wolter explained. "This decision is based upon the material being used and which pattern is best for that design."

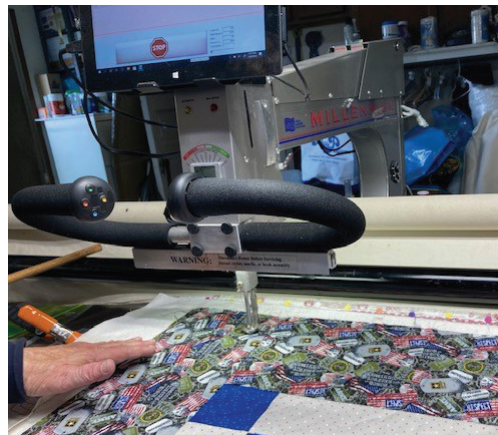
"At first my husband Dale would help me with pinning on the quilt, putting it on the machine, and taking it off," she stated. "Now my daughter Coralee helps me whenever she's got a minute or two in-between her job at the Animal Care Clinic and her pet sitting jobs!"

"When I brought up the idea to switch from ceramics and porcelain dolls to making quilts, Dale told me that quilting was a dying art and that I shouldn't spend money on something that won't be needed," Wolter smiled. "So I had to prove to him that quilting was NOT going to disappear anytime soon." She was very correct in this because there is still a demand for creating and making quilts.

"As a matter of fact, I attend a three-week quilting retreat every year at a Bible camp located in Okoboji, Iowa," Wolter explained. "About fifty ladies attend every year providing a good time for me to visit with and learn from other expert quilters as well as spend many hours every day for three weeks just doing my favorite thing: quilting!"

"I use the computer for getting design suggestions and to order whatever supplies I need," she listed. "I spend from six to eight hours a day in my shop when the quilting machine is working. Even though the computer guides the quilting machine where to go and what to do, I need to make sure that the machine doesn't catch on a hole or that the tension is correct for the quilt she is working on."

"It takes about eight hours to quilt a lap-sized quilt using the long arm," Wolter explained. "For many years I quilted the high school senior FACS classes' quilts, but I have now quit doing that."



This photo shows how Karen has to guide the finished quilt top so that it doesn't get stuck or off center on the quilt top. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)

"My best friend Marge Overacker and I started the Quilts for Veterans Program," Wolter explained. "We were both members of the American Legion Auxiliary and thought this was an excellent way to let the veterans know we remember their sacrifices and also to help keep them warm!"

"Every year six veterans are selected for the honor of getting a quilt from the Auxiliary," she said. "There has been a change this year concerning who will receive the quilts. There are some veterans in the nursing home who are not members of Groton's American Legion who will be receiving quilts this coming Veterans' Day."

"This Quilts for Veterans Program will probably end soon since there is no military draft and therefore, fewer retired soldiers," Wolter admitted. "Marge and I originally started this due to the large number of Vietnam Veterans. I enjoy doing the quilting because it is a way to say 'Thank You' to the veterans as well as giving back to the community for the sacrifices made for all of us," she smiled. "Besides that, I need something to do that I enjoy doing!"

"In 1975 before I started the ceramics, porcelain dolls, and quilting, I went back to school and earned my nurses' degree. After I retired from nursing, I started my quilt shop, a business/hobby that has grown much bigger than I'd ever expected!" Wolter admitted.



Setting up for the election
County Auditor Lynn Heupel (right) and Stephanie Jacobson (second from right) from the county auditor's office bring out all the election material for Tuesday's election. They were at the Groton Community Center as local election workers Charla Rye, Julie Hinds and Kelly Clark finalize getting things set up. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

In the presidential race, Donald Trump carried South Dakota with 271,895 votes compared to Kamala Harris with 146,806, Robert Kennedy with 7,200 and Chase Oliver with its 2,777.

It should be noted that 99 percent of the votes have been tallied as of press time.

For the US House of Representatives, Incumbent Dusty Johnson defeated Sheryl Johnson, 303,431 to 117,782.

In the Public Utilities Commission race, Incumbent Kristie Fiegen had 271,870 votes while Forrest Wilson had 107,992 and A. Gideon Oakes with 21,165.

Amendment G - Abortion, was defeated, 249,980 to 176,722.

Amendment H - Open Primaries, was defeated, 269,911 to 141,508.

Amendment F - Medicaid work requirements will probably pass. Vote total was 236,268 to 184,736.

Amendment E - General neutral references, was defeated, 242,597 to 180,296.

Initiated Measure 28 - Grocery/Consumables tax repeal, was defeated, 290,812 to 129,182.

Initiated Measure 29 - Recreational marijuana, will probably fail as the vote total was 237,089 to 189,812.

Referred Law 21 - Landowner bill of rights, was defeated, 242,322 to 165,593.

In the District 1 race, Logan Manhart had 2,427 votes, Christopher Reder had 2,218, Mark Sumption had 1,563, Steven D. McCleerey had 983 votes, Josh Dennert had 668 votes and Tamara Lesnar had 148 votes.

Supreme Court Justice Scott P. Myren had a favorable vote to be retained when his office expires Jan. 1, 2025. Vote tally was 12,365 to 2,380.

Spirits in the material world



That's Life by Tony Bender

After my Grandma Bender died, my mom could smell wisps of her perfume in our house from time to time. I don't know the brand — some fruity-sweet old lady perfume — but I think I'd remember it if I smelled it again.

I took my Grandma Spilloway for a walk in her wheelchair the day before she died, and a sparrow hopped behind us cheerily. Some believe they're escorts to heaven. Messengers. Signs. I sensed at the moment that it meant something.

I suppose it's natural to be fascinated by the paranormal. Before I was in grade school, I went to a movie in which the hero flew on a magic carpet. I spent months sitting on a pillow in the living room concentrating, trying to replicate the feat. I think I did, if not when I was five, in my twenties, for sure. I have witnesses. None of them credible.

My niece Mary asked my sister Patty once during a discussion about reincarnation, if she could come back as an animal, what would it be? "A bird," Patty said puckishly, "That way I could fly around and sh-- on people." Beneath that quiet exterior, she had teeth.

I'm still trying to get used to the idea that Patty's not around. I don't know if that will happen. Dad's been gone since 1993, and we still quote his dour pronouncements at the supper table when someone was less than enthused about the evening fare. (Patty despised kidney beans.) "One of these days you're going to have to eat gopher tails," Dad would say.

I was the last family member to see Dad in hospice and I've always felt guilty that I wasn't there for the end. But the plan was to head to Frederick where Mom was cooking supper for my girlfriend and me. Mom would take the next shift in Aberdeen after that. We'd barely rattled our silverware when the phone rang. It was our pastor. Dad was gone. They'd talked about trading baseball cards in heaven, said the Lord's Prayer, and then he stopped breathing.

The guilt remained, subversively gnawing at me deep in my core. Still, it was a surprise to awaken in that Dreamscape somewhere

between sleep and consciousness some 10 years later and have my father assure me that everything was all right. It was his choice not to leave me with the memory of his passing. And then he did something I don't remember him doing in life. He hugged me. Somewhere in that Dreamscape, I felt his arms around me. Nothing has ever felt so real.

As we gathered at the gravesite in a persistent autumn wind where Patty would be inured near Dad, it didn't feel real at all. Two young hawks perched in the tree near the family plot as songs and verses echoed off granite monoliths. Halfway through the service, they took flight, circling gracefully, and one of them dropped its payload on Joel's head.

Scott smirked and said softly, "Hi Patty."
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Weekly Vikings Roundup By Jordan Wright

After opening the season by winning five games in a row, then losing two games in a matter of five days, the Minnesota Vikings are back on track after a 21-13 win over the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday.

The Colts got the ball to begin the game, and although they picked up a couple of first downs, a Joe Flacco fumble was recovered by Harrison Smith and the Vikings had the ball at their 26-yard line. Sam Darnold and company wasted no time, going 60 yards in 11 plays. Unfortunately, a pass toward newly activated tight end T.J. Hockenson was intercepted in the endzone. The next three drives the teams traded punts, and the first quarter ended with no points on the board.

The Vikings' first drive of the second quarter was moving along until Sam Darnold was sacked and fumbled the ball, which was picked up by the Colts and returned for a touchdown. Replay showed the refs, for the second game in a row, miss an obvious penalty by the defense against Sam Darnold, but it was non-reviewable, so the score remained 7-0 Indianapolis. The next three drives saw three straight missed field goals (two by Minnesota, one by Indianapolis), and the game went into halftime with the score still 7-0. The missed field goals were rookie Will Reichard's first misses of the season, and it appeared he may have hurt his leg at some point. Hopefully it's not anything serious and he can continue his

impressive rookie campaign.

The Vikings got the ball to start the second half, and whatever adjustments Kevin O'Connell made seemed to work, as the Vikings drove down the field in nine plays and finally found the endzone on a four-yard pass from Darnold to Jordan Addison. The Colts punted on their next possession, and the Vikings capitalized with another nine-play drive that found the endzone, this time on a Darnold pass to Jalen Nailor. 14-7 Minnesota after three quarters of play.

The Colts had the ball to begin the fourth quarter, and after two penalties, were facing 2nd & 30 from their 43-yard line. A 22-yard pass left them with a manageable third down, but cornerback Byron Murphy snagged an interception to get the ball back for Minnesota. Unfortunately, one play later Darnold threw his second interception of the game and the Colts had the ball right outside of the redzone. The Vikings' defense held strong, however, and the Colts had to settle for a field goal, making the score 14-10. A Vikings punt, followed by the Colts turning it over on downs, gave the ball back to Darnold and company with five minutes left in the game. Knowing a touchdown would put the game away, O'Connell was aggressive with his play calls, and eight plays later Darnold connected with tight end Josh Oliver for a 14-yard TD. The good guys were up 21-10 with two minutes remaining in the game. The Vikings' defense was in prevent mode, so Indianapolis was able to dink and dunk their way down the field. With 28 seconds left on the clock, and down 11 points, the Colts kicked a field goal to make it a one-score game. The ensuing onside kick was recovered by the Vikings, and all that was left to do was go out in victory formation and run the final seconds off the clock.

This game had all the ingredients for a Vikings loss. It was a primetime game, against a middle-of-the-road team who was starting their backup quarterback. Instead, the Vikings' defense came to the rescue and put this game away, giving the Vikings a 6-2 record heading into week 10.

Sam Darnold completed 28 of 34 passes for 290 yards, three touchdowns, and two interceptions. Aaron Jones and Cam Akers combined for 110 rushing yards on 27 carries. Justin Jefferson had seven catches for 137 yards (he also completed a pass for 22 yards), while Jordan Addison and Josh Oliver each had five

catches and a touchdown. Defensively, Jonathan Greenard had two sacks and Jihad Ward had another, while Harrison Smith had a fumble recovery.

Looking ahead, the Vikings begin their three-game road trip with a visit to Jacksonville to take on the 2-7 Jaguars. The Vikings are the better team, but this game won't be a cakewalk. Five of Jacksonville's losses were one-score games, with the team keeping it competitive against the Packers and Eagles in the last two weeks. The game kicks off at noon on FOX. Skol!

NOTICE OF SALE

November 9th, 2024, at 10:00 AM

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. Odometer 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 SALE.

The sale will be held at the Brown County Court House, 101 1st Ave SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401 on November 9th, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

DAVE LUNZMAN, SHERIFF OF BROWN COUNTY.
By: Nate Smith, Deputy, 605-626-7100 ext. 509.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Groton City Council discusses budget priorities, baseball concessions pay

The Groton City Council began shaping its budget priorities for the coming year during Tuesday's meeting, approving the first reading of an appropriations ordinance that focuses on essential upgrades and future projects.

Immediate priorities include community center improvements, repainting city hall and acquiring new public works equipment. The council also reviewed larger expenses, such as a projected \$200,000 replacement of the city's aging electric metering system, and discussed upcoming initiatives, including a sewer system update and the construction of a park safe room and restroom facility.

Most of the city's building received hail damage from a June storm, said City Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich. The council should also consider some improvements needed at the Community Center.

"It needs some love," Heinrich said.

The appropriations ordinance includes \$5,000 for Community Center improvements, including a \$500 deductible from the insurance company to get the roof fixed as well as \$4,500 in other repairs needed there.

With items included in the initial ordinance – restriping the City Hall parking lot, \$2,500 in swimming pool equipment, increased summer salaries to reflect a rise in the state's minimum wage, cost-of-living adjustments for full-time staff, purchasing U12 baseball uniforms, adding money to the new baseball/softball facility concession stand project, \$125,000 in street resurfacing/chip seal projects and an increase in the electric rate to customers – the budget included \$92,000 surplus. Additionally, Heinrich told the council, the city has a good amount in the bank.

"Currently we're sitting on \$4 million, but on average about \$3.8 million in the bank, so I think we could probably start expending some of that if need be," he said. "Actually, we probably should. As a municipality we're not in it to make money. We're in it to provide service. Sitting on a surplus that large, it's good to have a cushion, but that's a heck of a cushion."

The council wanted to add painting the outside of City Hall, new mowers and a side-by-side to the appropriations ordinance.

However, future projects also loomed in the distance.

"What year are they talking about doing the sewer project?" Councilman Kevin Nehls asked.

"Pretty much '26-'27," Councilman Brian Bahr answered.

"I don't think you can push much more off to '26-'27," Nehls said. "With what's in the budget right now, I wouldn't get too crazy. That's going to be an expensive situation we've got coming at us pretty hard."

"For that and then we'll have to have money for the (park) bathroom whenever, if we ever find out if we get a grant or not," added Councilwoman Shirley Wells.

The council also indicated wanting to include a full \$200,000 to go toward electric meter replacement, though that may change as the new year begins.

The council will review the revised 2025 appropriation ordinance during a second reading of the ordinance on Nov. 19.

Baseball program, concession manager pay discussed during annual report

The city's baseball program ended the 2024 season with \$60,598.95 in uncoupled expenses—a significant increase from last year's \$37,784 deficit—according to a report reviewed by the city council on Tuesday.

Despite a boost in concession stand revenue, which climbed to \$42,371, concerns about operations lingered. One concession volunteer brought up an ongoing issue to the council, noting that concession staff face weeks-long waits for payment after the season concludes, prompting council members to consider adjustments.

The baseball program had \$162,777.55 in total expenses for the 2024 season, according to the report. Total revenues for the season totaled \$90,467.16.

Those totals don't reflect the additional expense of \$40,810 donated to the Groton Baseball/Softball Foundation to go toward a new concession stand.

Chuck Padfield, who has volunteered with the concession stand, told the board that while the concession staff don't know he was at Tuesday's meeting, he had to bring up concerns about how they are paid. Currently, the manager is paid \$50 per day for set up and gets half of the concession stand profits at the end of the season. They don't get that latter payment, though, for up to 13 weeks after the season ends.

He warned the council that if things don't change, they might be looking for a new concession manager for next year.

Currently, Padfield said he has heard many compliments from other teams throughout the region about how fast and efficient the concession stand is run. He doesn't want to see that go downhill.

Mayor Scott Hanlon thanked Padfield for bringing the issue to the council's attention.

"We appreciate you letting us know because sometimes we don't see what you see, and we don't want to lose our good help," he said.

Councilman Jason Wambach added, "you guys do a great job."

City Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich told the council they could separate out the concessions report and the baseball report in the future, which would allow the concession manager to get a check

within a few weeks of the season ending.

The issue will likely be discussed again when the council reviews its summer salary ordinance in the spring.

Budget billing program to restart in Groton

The city is bringing back a program that allows citizen's to equalize their utility bills.

At Tuesday evening's meeting, the council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 781 to adopt a budget billing program for utility services. Residents wanting to equalize their bill can apply to participate in the program. The city would review the past 12 months of utility usage and average the total so the resident is charged an equal amount each month.

The city had a similar program before but ended it in 2021, said Assistant Finance Officer Kellie Locke. While it wasn't used much before, Locke said she thinks it could be utilized more, and having an ordinance in place would formalize the program requirements.

The ordinance is set for a second reading at the council's next meeting on Nov. 19.

- After a prolonged executive session, the council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 782, setting salaries for full-time non-seasonal employees. The council voted to add a 2.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment, as well as a 2 percent salary increase. The council also approved increasing the city's contribution for dependent care health coverage from \$260 up to \$300.

- The City Council received an update on the Groton airport's summer season during Monday's meeting, as the airport manager outlined plans to build hangar structures starting as early as next spring.

- The city will begin accepting applications for skating rink workers ahead of the winter season. Applications are available at City Hall and will also be posted on the city's website.

- City offices will be closed Monday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day.

- The council accepted a bid for a 1985 dump truck that was declared surplus in September. The bid from Cody Monson totaled \$3,850. "I guess it ain't doing any good sitting there," said Mayor Scott Hanlon. "Might as well get rid of it."



A Touch Up

The Groton Chamber welcomed A Touch Up at their regular monthly meeting! A Touch Up opened in August and is owned by Samantha Bahr. She specializes in interior painting and murals. Check out her Facebook page or contact her at 605-290-3163 for project and pricing details.

Pictured here are Chamber Secretary April Abeln, A Touch Up owner Samantha Bahr, Chamber President Ashley Bentz, and Chamber Vice Present Douglas Heinrich

In the photo you can see that trees have started arriving for the Christmas Tour of Trees! Reach out to City Hall if your business or group would like to be a part of this fun event!

(Courtesy Photo)

October Senior Citizens News

October Groton Seniors met for a meeting Vice President Ruby opened with allegiance to the flag. Minutes and treasure reports were read and accepted. No old or new business. Meeting was adjourned. Cards were played by the winners of the games. Pinochle-Kelly, whist-Darlene Fischer, canasta- Pat Larson and Julie Shilhanek. Door prizes went to Bruce Shilhanek, Dick Donovan, Bev Sombke. Lunch was served by Ruby Donovan. October 21 with eleven members met to play cards. Cards were played and the winners of the games. Pinochle-Bruce Shilhanek, Whist- Tony Goldade, Canasta-Julie Shilhanek. Door prizes Pat Larson, Darlene Fischer, Bev Sombke. Lunch was served by Tony Goldade.

October 28-24 Thirteen members met at Groton Seniors potluck dinner. Vice president opened with Allegiance to the flag and table prayer for the pot luck dinner Bingo was played after dinner. Pat Larson won black out. Cards were played after bingo. Cake and ice cream were served for lunch to celebrate Julie Shilhanek's birthday. Door prizes were Ella Johson, Dorothy and Pat Larson.

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Answers

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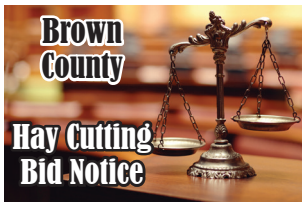


Stratford Town Snow Removal Bid Notice

Town of Stratford
Accepting Snow Removal Bids
Written bids to be received to later than:
5:00 PM, November 11th, 2024

Submit to the Town of Stratford, via:
Mail:
Town of Stratford
Attn: Snow Removal
293 Rondell Ave
Stratford, SD 57474
Email: stratford1906@gmail.com

Drop Box: Community Center payment box
Bids will be opened on November 12th, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Community Center.
Anna Kwak, Finance Officer
605-622-0166
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Brown County Hay Cutting Bid Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
HAY CUTTING ON COUNTRYLAND – EAST OF BROWN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be opened for consideration at 8:45am on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 in the Brown County Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD for hay cutting on County Land – approximately 22 acres at East of Brown County Fairgrounds, Lot 1 1st Replat of Dahme Northview Addn – SE ¼ Sec 1-T123N-R64W; approximately 16 acres at SW ¼ Sec 1-T123N-R64W with the minimum bid of \$60.00 per acre. Two additional one-year (1-year) options (2026 & 2027) may be exercised at the discretion of the Brown County Commission, provided written notification is received in the Brown County Auditor's Office by November 1st of the year preceding the option.
All hay bales are to be removed no later than the two weeks preceding the Brown County Fair, which start date changes yearly.
Envelopes containing proposals shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401 and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Proposal for Hay Cutting at East of Brown County Fairgrounds" and received by 8:45am on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Beer Gardens Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR BROWN COUNTY FAIR CLUBHOUSE (BEER GARDENS) CONCESSIONS DURING THE FAIR

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be opened for consideration at 8:45am on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 in the Brown County Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD for the operation of the Brown County Fair Clubhouse, aka Beer Gardens during the week of the Brown County Fair for years 2025, 2026 and 2027.
Contact either the Brown County Auditor's Office, 25 Market Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401; 605-626-7110 or the Brown County Fair Office, 400 24th Ave. NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401; 605-626-7110 for copy of the details to include in the proposal.
Envelopes containing proposals shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401 and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Proposal for the Operation of the Brown County Fair Clubhouse, aka Beer Gardens" and received by 8:45am on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.
Brown County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities therein.
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Beadle Variance

NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. Hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Michael Beadle
Description of property: Lot 1, "Beadle First Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 26-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12850 386th Avenue, Lincoln Twp.).
Reason: Variance to Setbacks to have a 35' West, Front Yard Setback rather than the required 100' Setback and a 30' South, Side Road Setback rather than the 45' Setback required by Brown County Ordinance in a Highway Commercial District.
The public is invited to attend the hearing to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Variance to Setbacks request.
Dated this 6th day of November 2024.
Planning/Zoning Commission &
Scott Bader – P&Z Director
25 Market Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401
Office: (605) 626-7144
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Brown County Keatts Rezoning

NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Courthouse Annex in the Basement Community Meeting Room, on November 19, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Pat & Donna Keatts
Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 & 2, "Keatts Eighth Subdivision to Richmond Lake" in the W1/2 of Section 23-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12704 & 12705 Camdon Court, Ravinia Twp.).
Reason: Rezone parcels from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezoning petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.
Dated this 6th day of November 2024.
Planning/Zoning Commission and
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Aberdeen, SD 57401
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Reason: Requesting to subdivide one parcel into two parcels without having either parcel meeting a required minimum parcel frontage width. Both lots would not be abutting a public right-of-way in an existing Mini Agriculture District (M-AG).
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Brown County Ord. 282 New Angus Rezone

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #282
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED
TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #282, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by City of Aberdeen & New Angus, LLC was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 29th day of October 2024 and will become effective on the 26th of November 2024.
BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following de-scribed property filed by Brown County Planning & Zoning is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described properties from Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to Municipal State and County Use District (M) as re-quested by the City of Aberdeen:
Proposed Lot 2, "New Angus Second Subdivision" in the N1/2 of Section 36-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (Approximately 498 135th Street SE; Aberdeen Township).
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.
Passed and adopted this 29th day of October 2024.
Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
Notice of Hearing: October 2, 2024
First Reading: October 15, 2024
Second Reading/Adoption: October 29, 2024
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Brown County Hay Cutting Bid Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
HAY CUTTING ON COUNTY LAND – RICHMOND YOUTH CAMP

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be opened for consideration at 8:45am on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 in the Brown County Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD for hay cutting on County Land – approximately 21 acres at Richmond Youth Camp, Sec 24-T124N-R65W; with the minimum bid of \$30.00 per acre. Two additional one-year (1-year) options (2026 & 2027) may be exercised at the discretion of the Brown County Commission, provided written notification is received in the Brown County Auditor's Office by November 1st of the year preceding the option.
Envelopes containing proposals shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401 and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Proposal for Hay Cutting at Richmond Youth Camp" and received by 8:45am on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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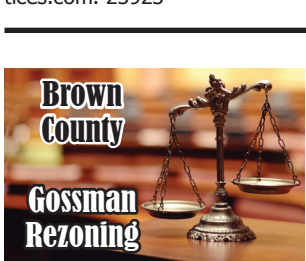


Brown County Braun Appeal

NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for an APPEAL to BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES. A hearing will be held in the Courthouse Annex, basement Community Meeting Room, on November 19, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Roderick Tobin for Kevin Braun
Description of property: Lot 1, "Evelo Second Subdivision" in the S1/2 of Section 29-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (3202 E Melgaard Road).
Reason: Requesting to subdivide one parcel into two parcels without having either parcel meeting a required minimum parcel frontage width. Both lots would not be abutting a public right-of-way in an existing Mini Agriculture District (M-AG).
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the appeal to county ordinances.
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Brown County Gossman Rezoning

NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Courthouse Annex in the Basement Community Meeting Room, on November 19, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Stacy Gossman
Description of property: Proposed Former Lot 1, "Ole Crow Addition" in the NW1/4 of Section 17-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (765 Ole Crow Lane, Aberdeen Twp.).
Reason: Rezone parcel from Commercial District (C) to Residential District (R-1) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezoning petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.
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October 29, 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 Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING FOR LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFERS:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve transfer Ownership for Retail (On-Sale) Liquor License from Stacy Gossman, DBA: Nacho Business to transfer license located at 2520 8th Ave. NE – Lt. 1 Ronnie's Way Addition Ste G., NW 1/4 of Sec 17-T123-R63 of 5th P.M., Brown County to County Line Developers, LLC, DBA: County Line Club located at 2520 8th Ave. NE – Lt. 1 Ronnie's Way Addition Ste 6., NW 1/4 of Sec 17-T123-R63 of 5th P.M., Brown County. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve transfer Ownership for Retail (On-Sale) Liquor License from Stacy Gossman, DBA: Flying Pig to transfer license located at 2520 8th Ave. NE – Lt. 1 Ronnie's Way Addition Ste A., NW 1/4 of Sec 17-T123-R63 of 5th P.M., Brown County to County Line Developers, LLC, DBA: County Line Club located at 2520 8th Ave. NE – Lt. 1 Ronnie's Way Addition Ste 7., NW 1/4 of Sec 17-T123-R63 of 5th P.M., Brown County. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PURCHASE – PACKAGE (OFF SALE) LIQUOR:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the application for Package (Off-Sale) Liquor License to County Line Developers, LLC, DBA: County Line Club located at 2520 8th Ave. NE, Ste. 7 – Lt. 1 Ronnie's Way Addition, NW 1/4 of Sec 17-T123-R63 of 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #279 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to adopt Ordinance #279. Applicant West Lake, LLC to rezone from Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring these parcels into compliance for a future liquor and video lottery establishment: Lots 1 and 2 in the NE1/4 of Section 15-T123N-R64W, Except Highway R.O.W., of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2035 8th Avenue NW; Aberdeen Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #280 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #280. Applicant T.W., LLC to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Lot 1 and Lot 2, "Wollman Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 29-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39504 129th Street & 12892 395th Avenue; Cambria Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #281 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #281. Applicant Alan & Janet Dixon to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Proposed Lot 4, "Dixon Third Addition" in the NW1/4 of Section 15-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39135 138th Street, Gem Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #282 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #282. Applicants City of Aberdeen and New Angus, LLC to rezone from Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to Municipal State and County Use District (M) as requested by the City of Aberdeen: Proposed Lot 2, "New

Angus Second Subdivision" in the N1/2 of Section 36-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (Approximately 498 135th Street SE; Aberdeen Township). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GRANDSTAND BIDS:

Time and place, to open, read and consider bids for use of the Brown County Grandstand and adjacent areas located at Brown County Fairgrounds, 400 24th Ave. NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401 for a one-year contract may include options for up to four additional one-year terms (2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029) and subject to rights of termination negotiated between Brown County and the Lessee. One bid was received from Motor Sports, LLC to operate the Brown County Speedway from April 1, 2025 to September 30, 2025 for the purpose of promoting stock car racing. For 2025 - \$20,500.00; 2026 - \$20,500.00; 2027 - \$20,500.00; 2028 - \$21,500.00 and 2029 - \$22,500.00. Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager recommended approving the bid provided, tentative pending on the contract agreement. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to accept the bid from Motor Sports, LLC for \$20,500.00 for years 2025-2027; \$21,500.00 for 2028 and \$22,500.00 for 2029. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLUBHOUSE BIDS:

Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission to discuss the Clubhouse bids; suggested December 3rd to open the bids; than can refer to the Fair Board for December 11th meeting and award the bid on December 17th Commission Meeting. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize publication for Clubhouse Bids during the Fair 2025-2027. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HAY LAND BIDS:

Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission to discuss the bids for Hay Land at Richmond Youth Camp and Fairgrounds; suggested December 3rd to open the bids. Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize publication for Hay Land Bids for 2025 with two additional one-year options for 2026 & 2027. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COPIER FOR PLANNING & ZONING:

Scott Bader, Planning & Zoning Director met with the Commission to talk about the office copier. Scott shared that the maintenance agreement for his current copier will end on December 31, 2024 so looking for their input on whether to replace it or continue using it and just pay for repairs as they come up. After some discussion, Commissioner Dennert motioned to approve Planning & Zoning replacing their copier on January 1st, seconded by Gage. The motion passed with 4 votes; Commissioner Wiese abstained due to being employed by the Company that they are looking at purchasing from.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY FOR NORTHWESTERN ENERGY:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following application submitted by NW Energy for occupancy of Brown County Highway 19, Section 20-T123-R64, Brown County, South Dakota to install 2" gas main to serve new customers. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent met with the Commission to give them a department update. Dirk informed them they are still mowing, patching with hot mix if the weather holds out than will switch to cold mix, finished up shouldering on Co. Rd. 5, West of Frederick; will be striping on 12W and on Hwy. 10 to Warner. Commissioner Dennert asked about striping on 5 and 14; commented it looks good but has received calls with concerns about when foggy and by the water. Dirk said he will see if they can get it done yet this year. Commissioner Dennert also shared that Warner Township wants to discuss a cost share to put the culvert under the road.

CHANGE ORDER FOR BUILDING RESTORATION CORPORATION:

Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent and Randy Zens, Assistant Building Superintendent met with the Commission to ask they approve Chairman to sign Change Order from Building Restoration Corporation: credit for \$65,383.00 due to issues with garage and included \$113,674.00 for opening the

roof, making change order total \$48,291.00 for an updated contract amount of \$852,805.00. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Change Order for total of \$48,291.00, updating the contract total to \$852,805.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$613.38; Aberdeen ED \$113.54; Aberdeen Imaging \$30.54; Brick's TV and Appliance \$3,198.75; Carrels & Bain Family Dental Care, LLC \$296.23; Carrie Weisenberger \$38.52; CenturyLink-Lumen \$197.52; Dakota Group LLC \$2,500.00; Faulkton Area Medical Center \$79.94; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$412.82; IMEG Corp \$6,815.00; Jeremy Lund – Siegel Barnett & Schutz, LLP \$437.00; Network Center, Inc \$3,002.57; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$225.00; Sanford Health \$420.00; Schriver's Memorial Mortuary, Inc. \$1,800.00; US Bank \$944.00. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$37.09; Todd County Tribune/Mellette County News \$24.46; US Bank \$300.00. Rentals: Weismantel Rent-All \$1,301.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Dakota Doors Inc \$302.04; Diamond Mowers LLC \$10.58; Heartland Powersports \$1,499.99; Jason's Electric Inc \$385.40; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$5.54; Steven Lust Automotive \$234.49; TripleC Pros LLC \$850.00; US Bank \$2,119.77. Supplies: Amanda Brumfield \$74.16; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$1,462.34; Arts South Dakota \$350.00; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$4,227.93; Century Business Products \$163.05; Cole papers Inc \$528.20; Dakota Electronics \$1,289.00; Dakota Supply Group \$49.16; Diamond Mowers LLC \$487.12; Farm Power Mfg. \$10.84; Faulkton Drug \$552.35; Geffdog Designs \$634.60; GovConnections, Inc \$2,247.04; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$18,673.20; Karen Swank \$145.00; Marco Technologies, LLC \$76.25; Menards \$678.84; Performance Oil \$309.85; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$369.31; Rinker Materials \$55,543.76; Runnings \$36.06; US Bank \$14,797.73. Travel & Conference: Dale Kurth \$150.51; David North \$147.00; James Meyers \$36.54; Patrick Keatts \$31.70; Paul Johnson \$120.27; Stan Beckler \$25.56; US Bank \$2,483.96. Utilities: CenturyLink \$359.22; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$172.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$209.10; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. \$44.90; Northwestern Energy \$480.80; NVC \$2,372.53; T-Mobile \$98.40; Verizon Wireless \$42.73; US Bank \$10,145.18. Other: Aaylyn Crary \$5.00; Gina Malsam \$5.00; Gwyn Fischbach \$5.00; Joan Johnson \$10.00; Kylee Wild \$10.00; Lloyd Wetenkamp \$10.00; Nancy Radke \$5.00; SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$500.00; Terry Salfarank \$5.00; WEX Health Inc \$6,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

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

- o Resignation of Jaycob Aldea De Jesus, Brown County Jail Detention Officer; FT – effective October 22, 2024. Request to fill.
- o Last day for seasonal worker, Richard Burns, Brown County Fairgrounds; effective October 23, 2024.
- o Last day for seasonal worker, Kendell Titze, Brown County Highway; effective October 17, 2024.
- o Hiring of Joel Torigan as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$21.29/hr. – effective October 28, 2024.
- o Hiring of Sara Eilers as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$21.29/hr. – effective October 28, 2024.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS:

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Auditor Heupel to sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR AUGUST 2024:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts for August 2024 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$20,889,663.99; Total Savings Account Balances \$1,125,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$8,398,681.71; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$30,421,493.12 General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$17,753,337.21; Road & Bridge Fund \$3,400,702.77; Road & Bridge Fund-restricted \$231,883.27; 911 Service \$276,769.57; Emergency & Disaster \$93,811.32; Domestic Abuse \$1,465.00; Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$45,036.59; Truancy Court \$135.68; 24/7 Sobriety \$58,681.19; ROD M&P \$99,439.36; Rural Access Infrastructure \$551,894.22; TIF Debt Service \$30,747.57; Landfill + cash change \$6,313,173.20; Landfill – restricted \$1,894,495.06; Trust and Agency Funds \$1,796,267.33; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$30,421,493.12. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS:

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following abatements or refunds: Abatements: Parcel #12846: Tax Yr. 2024 - \$157.17. Refunds: Parcel # 12846 – Tax Yr. 2023 - \$1,940.33. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUEST:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following travel requests: Wes Graff, Sheriff's Office to travel to Sioux Falls, SD for the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee on October 29-30, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS:

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following applications for liquor license renewals of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses to operate outside of the Municipality: PACKAGE (OFF-SALE) LIQUOR: P'ZA Inc DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort (Palmer's Richmond Resort SD Lt 1, SD OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2) AND Dustin Guthmiller DBA Bath Quick Stop LLC (Lot B Weismantels 1st SD Lt 1 Ex. N 12' Jenkins SD Inc Adjacent N 12' Lot 1 Jenkins SD E2 SE 18-123-62) AND Travis Swenson DBA Elm Lake Resort LLC (Lot 1 Elm Lake Resort SE 8-128-65) AND Roderic L Hanson DBA Ferney Farmers Bar (Lot 4-5, Block 5 Ferney SW 31-122-60) AND Jackie Chantal LLC DBA Richmond Oasis (Lot 4 Schaeffer Richmond Lake 2nd Addition NW & NE 25-124-65). RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR: P'ZA Inc DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort (Palmer's Richmond Resort SD Lt 1, SD OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2) AND Stacy J Gossman DBA Big Fella's (Lot 1B, Gossman 1st Addition, S2 15-123-63) AND Travis Swenson DBA Elm Lake Resort LLC (Lot 1 Elm Lake Resort SE 8-128-65) AND Roderic L Hanson DBA Ferney Farmers Bar (Lots 4 & 5, Block 5, Ferney, 31-122-60) AND Moccasin Creek Country Club Inc (Prairiewood Village OL 7, E2, 33-124-63) AND Tyler Jones DBA: Tacoma Park Place LLC (5 acres in NE Corner of NW 1/4 23-124-62). RETAIL (ON-OFF-SALE) WINE AND CIDER: ARR LCC DBA Flatland Flyways Lodge (Russo's OL 1 NW 1/4 1-127-62) AND Moccasin Creek Country Club (Prairiewood Village OL 7, E2, 33-124-63) AND Parkview Nursery (Lot 1, Parkview Nursery Addition, NE 1/4 Section 25-T123-R64). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Sutton asked for input regarding Commission meeting the week of December 23rd since County offices are closed December 23rd – 25th. Discussion was held and it was decided not to have a Commission meeting that week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:42 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #279

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #279, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by West Lake, LLC was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 29th day of October 2024 and will become effective on the 26th of November 2024.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following de-scribed property filed by Brown County Planning & Zoning is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described properties from Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring these parcels into compliance for a future liquor and video lottery establishment:

Lots 1 and 2 in the NE1/4 of Section 15-T123N-R64W, Except Highway R.O.W., of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2035 8th Avenue NW; Aberdeen Twp.).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Passed and adopted this 29th day of October 2024.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

Notice of Hearing: October 2, 2024

First Reading: October 15, 2024

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #280

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #280, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by T.W., LLC was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 29th day of October 2024 and will become effective on the 26th of November 2024.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Brown County Planning & Zoning is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances

is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use:

Lot 1 and Lot 2, "Wollman Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 29-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39504 129th Street & 12892 395th Avenue; Cambria Twp.).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Passed and adopted this 29th day of October 2024.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

Notice of Hearing: October 2, 2024

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #281

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #281, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Alan & Janet Dixon was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 29th day of October 2024 and will become effective on the 26th of November 2024.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Brown County Planning & Zoning is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use:

Proposed Lot 4, "Dixon Third Addition" in the NW1/4 of Section 15-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39135 138th Street, Gem Twp.).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Passed and adopted this 29th day of October 2024.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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3.49-3.00: Brevin Fliehs, Abby Yeadon, Christian Ehresmann, Ashlyn Feser, Riley Carman, Emma Eahr, Aiden Heathcote, Teylor Diegel

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Nathan Unzen, Carly Gilbert, Jaedyn Penning, Mia Crank, Jerica Locke, Gage Sippel, Ryder Johnson, Rylee Dunker, Karter Moody, Natalia Warrington, Karsten Fliehs, Talli Wright, London Bahr, De Eh Tha Say, Lincoln Krause, Raelee Lilly

3.99-3.50: Keegen Tracy, Aiden Meyers, Garrett Schultz, Logan Warrington, Lucas Carda, Hannah Sandness, Olivia Stiegelmeier, Paisley Mitchell, Jayden Schwan, Becker Bosma

3.49-3.00: Benjamin Hoeft, Drake Peterson, Cali Tollifson, Cambria Bonn, Breslyn Jeschke, Gentry Pigors

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Liby Althoff, Kira Clocksene, Teagan Hanten, Carlee Johnson, Taryn Traphagen, Ashlynn Warrington, Colt Williamson

3.99-3.50: McKenna Tietz, Brody Lord, Kella Tracy, Walker Zoellner, Brenna Imrie, Gavin Kroll, Emerlee Jones, Dylan Alexander Lopez Marin, Halee Harder, Addison Hoffman Wipf, Jackson Hopfinger, Hayden Zoellner, Zander Harry, Claire Schuelke, Aiden Strom

3.49-3.00: Leah Jones, Logan Clocksene, Avery Crank, Blake Lord, Hailey Pauli

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Elizabeth Cole, Layne Johnson, Makenna Krause, Ethan Kroll, Kyleigh Kroll, Sydney Locke, Thomas Schuster

3.99-3.50: Rylie Rose, Mya Feser, Chesney Weber, Jace Johnson, Rylan Ekern, Ryder Scheele, Easton Weber, Addison Hoeft, Karson Zak, Brysen Sandness, Alex Abeln

3.49-3.00: Thomas Aalseth, John Bisbee, Taryn Thompson, Brayden Barrera, Braeden, Fliehs, Kason Oswald, Shaydon Wood, Gracie Pearson, Ruelle Gilbert, Aimee Heilman, Trinity Dallaire, Ella Kettner

Eighth Graders

4.0 GPA: Wesley Borg, Zachary Fliehs, Asher Johnson

3.99-3.50: Brooklyn Spanier, Novalea Warrington, Neely Althoff, Abby Fjeldheim, Tevan Hanson, Sydney Holmes, Kolton Antonsen, Aspen Beto, Lincoln Shilhanek, Samuel Crank, Madison Herrick, Connor Kroll, Arianna Dinger, Logan Olson, Jordan Schwan

3.49-3.00: Kaedynce Bonn, Grayson Flores, Tenley Frost, Aurora Washenberger, Kyrie Yeigh, Wesley Morehouse

Seventh Graders

4.0 GPA: Axel Abeln, Ilyanna Dallaire, Hudson Eichler, Amelia Ewalt, Gavin Hanten, Liam Johnson, Asher Zimmerman,

3.99-3.50: Sophia Fliehs, Liam Lord, Trey Tietz, Ryder Schwan, Trayce Schelle, Andi Gauer, Jameson Penning, Haden Harder

3.49-3.00: Nolan Bahr, Elias Heilman, Rowan Patterson, Keegan Kucker, Owen Tewksbury, Tucker Leicht, Kyson Kucker

Sixth Graders

4.0 GPA: Gracie Borg, Lillian Davis, Libby Johnson

3.99-3.50: Zoe Olson, Ayce Warrington, Brynlee Dunker, Mason Locke, Victoria Schuster, Rylee Stotenburg, Charli Jacobsen, Kendyll Kroll, Easton Larson, Maycee Moody, Kinley Sandness, Ivan Schwan, Hank Hill, Mya Moody, Addison Steffes, Taylynn Traphagen, Amara El Salahy, Rylee Hofer, Knox Mulder, Gradyn Rowen

3.49-3.00: Rylan Blackwood, Drew Fjeldheim, Brinley Guthmiller, Andi Iverson, Bella Barrera, Ambrielle Feist, Hadley Heilman, Graham Rose, Parker Zoellner, Carter Boerger, Jaela Fliehs, Colton Morehouse, Charles Telkamp



Cecelia Siefkes was busy handing out bags of chips at the Groton American Legion. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kari Bartling and Meagan Baumgarn were all decked out for Halloween trick and treaters at Kolker Law Office. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Groups of trick and treaters went down Main Street on Thursday for the annual Halloween event. Approximately 422 children flooded the downtown district. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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The Groton American Legion held its Halloween Costume Party Friday night. A couple of costumes were impressive. On the left are Mark and Kelly Abeln. Kelly said that it took a couple of hours just to make the horns. "I'm quite the engineer when it comes to Halloween," she said. On the right are Spencer and Kellie Locke being former President Donald Trump and S.D. Governor Kristi Noem. Spencer even has the patch over his ear from being shot. He said, "It's all in the details!" (Photos by Paul Kosel)

ACROSS

- 1 Story lines
- 5 Entanglement
- 8 Victor's cry
- 12 Barking mammal
- 13 Artist Yoko
- 14 Scrapped mission
- 15 Hawaiian city
- 16 Tic-tac-toe win
- 17 Corrida bull
- 18 Surround
- 20 Edge
- 22 Standard
- 23 Fiddle stick
- 24 Umps
- 27 Revolt
- 32 — Baba
- 33 To and —
- 34 Modern, in Bonn
- 35 They can hold their heads high
- 38 Aussie greeting
- 39 Takeoff stat
- 40 Comic Philips
- 42 On the job
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- 55 Full house, e.g.

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- 29 Guitar-making material
- 30 PBS supporter
- 31 Chap
- 36 Makes amends
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- 38 "Faust" dramatist
- 41 "— Deeds"
- 42 Awestruck
- 43 Dorothy's dog
- 44 Heidi of "Project Runway"
- 46 Rocky outcrop
- 47 Monarch
- 48 Freshens lawns
- 51 Sugar suffix

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- 1 Tennis legend Arthur
- 2 Check
- 3 Young whale
- 4 Sailing vessels
- 5 PBS anchor Judy
- 6 Rock's Brian
- 7 Nitwit
- 8 Preambles
- 9 Oboe, for one

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Andrew Ellsworth, MD

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To some, hearing loss may just be a minor inconvenience. If it is more severe, however, it can have a big impact on day to day activities, impairing communication, safe driving, safe walking, and has even been shown to increase rates of depression and dementia. When people disengage from others because they cannot hear well enough, people may become more withdrawn, and might not enjoy many of the things they used to.

The simplest solution is to try hearing aids. While hearing aids are available over the counter, they are recommended only for adults with mild to moderate hearing loss. Meanwhile, it may be a good idea to see an audiologist or an Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) physician for a thorough assessment first.

Warning signs you should seek medical care include seeing blood, pus, or fluid coming out of your ear, ear pain, an ear deformity, feeling something is in your ear, dizziness or vertigo, sudden changes or variations in hearing, worse hearing in one ear, or ringing or buzzing (tinnitus) especially if it is in only one ear.

At least one quarter of hearing loss is due to prolonged exposure to loud noises, and even brief exposure to very loud noises like gunfire can cause hearing loss. Loud concerts, sporting events, car stereos, machinery, occupational exposures, and more all play a role. In addition, because of ear buds with the volume turned up, even going on a walk on a peaceful bike path can contribute to hearing loss.

Besides loud noises, other causes of hearing loss include ear infections, genetic factors, infections during fetal development, trauma, medications, smoking, chronic diseases, and more. Ear wax can cause temporary hearing loss. However, be careful how you remove it to avoid causing damage to the tympanic membrane. In other words, it's best to avoid sticking anything in your ear.

In addition to hearing aids and other hearing assisted devices, cochlear implants have been revolutionary in treating hearing loss. Instead of amplifying sound, cochlear implants help by bypassing damaged portions of the ear and directly stimulating the auditory nerve. This has been a life-changing method at helping people of all ages to hear, even infants as young as 9 months of age. If you ever need a pick-me-up, search online for videos of infants and kids hearing for the first time with a cochlear implant.

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