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Groton Area School Board continues discussion on football field improvements

by Elizabeth Varin

The Groton Area School District board is taking a cautious approach to recently proposed improvements to the district's football field.

School board members expressed hesitancy while keeping the conversation going at Tuesday morning's meeting.

"We know we have a responsibility to that football field, and one thing, there is a need and we realize there is a need," said Board President Grant Rix. "I mentioned that with the crows nest, there is a need with the crows nest. We need to do something there.

"So if we talk about that building and maybe determine what the needs are," he added.

Lighting at the field also has to be addressed before next season, said Superintendent Joe Schwan. Depending on which direction the board chooses to go, that could be a \$13,000 project to replace the current wiring harness or a \$300,000 project to switch to LEDs.

The district can't move forward with the football field without looking at what other projects are a priority, said board member Heather Lerseth-Fliehs. Is the football field the priority, or is the band room the priority, or is the old gym the priority, she asked.

Replace the crows nest on the west side of the field has got to be a priority, said board member Marty Weismantel. It's a safety issue. Other than that, the district will have to identify what it needed vs. what is wanted.

"Do we want to replace what we've got," he asked the board. "That's a million dollar question, literally."

Middle School/High School Principal Shelby Edwards said while she supports athletics, she's got to advocate for the school building. There are continuing issues, including recent plumbing problems that are going to need to be handled.

"Our kids are in school eight hours a day, and the football field is used four nights out of the week," she said.

Superintendent Schwan added the district is approaching a time when it will need to talk about major projects at the old high school building. For now, they're just fixing issues that spring up.

"It's coming," he said of major school improvement discussions. "It's not that far off."

The board agreed to have its Building, Grounds and Transportation Committee, manned by board members Tigh Fliehs and TJ Harder, review the project's score and assess its place within the district's long-term facilities plan.

- The board approved hiring multiple positions, including special education paraprofessional Stacey Wellnitz, assistant wrestling coach Troy Zoellner and junior high wrestling coach Chris Ehresmann. The board also approved volunteer coaches for winter sports, including Teagan Block and Jeremy Krueger for wrestling, Ryan Tracy for boys basketball and Justin Hanson for girls basketball. The board also approved volunteer weight room coach Quintin Biermann.

- Whooping cough cases have been making

Honor Quilts given to Veterans



Six local Veterans were recognized and given an Honor Quilt at the Veteran's Day program put on by the Groton Area School. Pictured left to right are Lloyd Dennert, Ron Falk, Doug Hamilton, Clint Jacobson and Gary Sombke; Gary Hoops was unable to attend. (Courtesy Photo)



Honor Quilts were given to Veterans at Avantara-Groton. Pictured are Daryl Sundermeyer who served in the Army Reserves, William E. Hearnen who served in the Army during WWII, and Elroy "Sarge" Liknes who served in the Army. (Courtesy Photo)

their way around South Dakota, though Groton Area hasn't seen any yet, said Superintendent Joe Schwan. The education department has provided some protocols and procedures to use should anyone be exposed in the district.

- Some upcoming state legislative issues the school district will keep an eye on include school voucher discussion as it could impact funding for school districts.

- The board approved the first reading of job descriptions for elementary principal, food service director and transportation director. Those are not open positions, said Superintendent Joe Schwan. The vote is just to make sure the district has the job descriptions on record.



Jayden Schwan performed "Taps" at the end of the ceremony. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)

We will be publishing the individual stories of the Veterans from the GHS Veteran's Day Program in the upcoming issues of the Groton Daily Independent and will also include them in next week's edition of The Groton Independent!

Surviving Thanksgiving

Editor's note: A memory from a Thanksgiving past.



That's Life by Tony Bender

I'm going to end the suspense right now. No one died from my Thanksgiving Day dinner.

I did not realize that for the many years I have been making turkeys for the holidays, I have been putting people in mortal danger.

This all started last week, when I was setting up tables and chairs and finalizing plans to host our family Thanksgiving in the repurposed Congregational Church I moved to my property several years ago.

Anyway, I have the space, and I thought I would give my Mom a break. But even from 60 miles away, this thing was micromanaged from the start. I decided to do festive, but disposable, place settings, rather than drag all of that from the main house.

Then Mom called. "Did you put the turkey in the refrigerator to thaw?"

"Of course not. I've been thawing birds in cold water in the sink since the '80s. Thanksgiving is four days away."

But, she explained, as one does to the dim-witted, in short succinct sentences, that it was much safer to do it her way. Well, I got up at 5:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day and threw a ham into one oven and then trudged across the yard to start the turkey.

The turkey was a brick. It might have even been more frozen! I was so mad at my mother. None of this would have happened, if she had just let me continue my annual unintentional killing spree.

I went from despair to anger. I considered calling her at that ungodly hour to chew her out, but thought better of it. I realized she'd probably just give me more bad advice.

Meanwhile, my sister, Sherry, who is bossier

than my mom, and my sister-in-law Pam, who I have nothing bad to say about, because she scares me, were already contemplating the disaster that awaited them. They wondered what I would forget, or what I would burn. And about the phone number of the county coroner.

Meanwhile, I called the Butterball hotline. I never got a real answer. Just hysterical laughter. Can you cook a frozen turkey? As a matter of fact, yes. It came out a delicious brown and the meat fell off the bone. And it was done on schedule. I'd rather not talk about the giblets.

The minute Mom arrived, I lit into her, though, just as a matter of principle. Our family functions are usually combative anyway, so throwing the first punch is a widely-respected strategy. I had her on her heels all day. No matter what the subject, I brought it right back to flawed turkey-thawing methods and the heroic efforts required to overcome them.

My brother, Mike, prayed before we ate. "Please Jesus, don't make us eat this food. Amen."

Mom called the next day to report that the debriefing went well. Everyone was suitably impressed with my organizational and culinary skills.

Mike was still praying, though, in case of a delayed reaction.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings sailed to Jacksonville, hunting Jaguars. In what was assumed to be an easy raid, the Vikings instead found themselves in a fierce battle, thanks in large part to self-inflicted wounds.

The Jaguars got the ball to start the game and were held to a three-and-out. The Vikings' offense took the field, and although they had a 12-play drive, they stalled and had to settle for a field goal by newly signed John Parker Romo. The Jaguars responded with a touch-down drive, and the Vikings were trailing 7-3. The Vikings got the ball back and once again moved the ball, picking up 40 yards in three

plays. Unfortunately, in what would become a theme of the game, a Sam Darnold pass intended for Justin Jefferson was intercepted.

The Vikings' defense held Jacksonville to another three-and-out, then the Vikings' offense was moving down the field. 17 plays and 76 yards later, the Vikings were seven yards away from the endzone, when another pass towards Justin Jefferson was intercepted. The two teams traded punts, then went into half-time with the score remaining 7-3 Jacksonville. The Vikings were 5-for-7 on third downs and gained 182 yards in the first half, but none of that did any good when they kept giving the ball to the other team.

The Vikings got the ball to begin the second half, and got into the redzone before ANOTHER Darnold pass to Jefferson was intercepted. The Vikings defense forced another Jacksonville punt. Then Darnold threw another interception! This one was called back, but it was still an ugly throw on an ugly day for the Vikings' quarterback. The Vikings stalled out at the JAX 14-yard line and had to settle for another field goal, making the score 7-6. And, just like clockwork, the Vikings' defense forced another Jacksonville punt to end the third quarter.

Although they were dominating the stat sheet, the Vikings were down entering the fourth quarter but had the ball on offense. 16 plays and 68 yards later, the Vikings once again stalled in the redzone and settled for a field goal, finally giving the Vikings the lead. With the offense stalling (or giving the ball away), the Vikings' defense stepped up and forced a fumble two plays into the next drive, giving the Vikings excellent field position. Minnesota couldn't take advantage and had to settle for yet another field goal, making the score 12-7. Two plays into Jacksonville's next drive, the Vikings' defense forced another turnover, this time an interception by Byron Murphy. The Vikings couldn't capitalize and punted the ball back to the Jaguars with a little less than three minutes left in the game. The Vikings' defense needed to step up again, and they did, with Cam Bynum hauling in an interception to give the ball back to Minnesota with less than two minutes left in the game. The Vikings ran the clock out and snuck out of Jacksonville with the win.

At the end of the day, a win is a win - but the Vikings thoroughly dominated this game but barely got the win, which is worrying. The Vikings dominated total yards 402 to 143, time of possession 42:19 (which is the most time of possession in the NFL this season) to 17:41,

and first downs 28 to 10. This game should have been a blowout.

The player of the game was John Parker Romo. After Vikings' rookie kicker Will Reichard got hurt last week, the Vikings had kicker tryouts last week. Romo won the job and was a perfect 4/4 on field goals in this game. Without him, this game could have looked a lot different.

Looking ahead, the Vikings remain on the road, heading to Tennessee to take on the Titans. The Titans are 2-7 this season, so this is another game the Vikings should win. Hopefully they figure out their offensive woes and right the ship, because the NFC North is the strongest division in the league and every win is important for playoff positioning. Skol!

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by Linda Thistle

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Groton Area advances to SoDak16

Groton Area posted a 3-0 win over Webster Area in volleyball action played Thursday in Groton. The Tigers will advance to the SoDak16 on Tuesday.

Groton Area scored the final 10 points of the first set to take a 25-13 win. Rylee Dunker had four kills while Jaedyn Penning and Chesney Weber each had three kills, Faith Traphagen and Kella Tracy each had two kills and Taryn Traphagen had one kill in that set. Mallory Steiner had one kill while Kaite Braun had two ace serves and Allison Case had one ace serve.

Webster Area jumped out to a 14-7 lead in the second set before the Tigers staged a comeback. Groton Area tied the set at 17 and on a six point run, took a 20-17 lead and went on to win, 25-21. Taryn Traphagen led the Tigers in that set with six kills while Chesney Weber, Rylee Dunker and Jaedyn Penning each had two kills, Laila Roberts had a kill and an ace serve and Elizabeth Flihs had one ace serve. Mallory Steiner led Webster Area with four kills while Karli Sannes had three kills, Erin Sannes had two kills, and Harley Johnson, Madison Block and Katie Braun each had one kill.

Groton Area jumped out to a 3-0 lead and went on to win the third set, 25-19. Rylee Dunker had four kills and a block, Taryn Traphagen had three kills and a block, Jaedyn Penning had two kills and two ace serves, Faith Traphagen had two kills, Emma Kutter had one kill and having one ace serve each were Talli Wright, Sydney Locke and Jerica Locke. Mallory Steiner and Erin Sannes each had two kills and a block in the final set while Katie Braun had a kill and an ace serve, Madison Block and Allison Case each had a kill and Jersey Johnson had an ace serve.

For the match, Groton Area was 105 of 118 in attacks with 43 kills while Webster Area had 67 digs. Leading attackers for Groton Area were Rylee Dunker who was 20 of 23 with 10 kills, Taryn Traphagen was 14 of 16 with eight kills and Jayden Penning was 25 of 25 with seven kills. Also having kills were Chesney Weber with five kills, Kella Tracy had two kills and Emma Kutter and Laila Roberts each had one kill.

In serves, Groton Area had seven ace serves with Jaedy Penning having two ace serves and having one each were Talli Wright, Laila Roberts, Sydney Locke, Elizabeth Flihs and Jerica Locke.

Elizabeth Flihs had 19 assists while Talli Wright had nine. Jerica Locke had 13 digs while Laila Roberts and Jaedyn Penning each had nine. Rylee Dunker had two solo blocks, Taryn Traphagen had one solo and two assisted blocks and Kella Tracy had two assisted blocks.

Mallory Steiner led Webster Area win kills with six while Erin Sannes had five, Karli Sannes four, Katie Braun and Madison Block each had two and Harley Johnson, Allison Case and Abby Lander Linden each had one. Katie Braun had two ace serves while Jersey Johnson and Allison Case each had one. Jersey Johnson had 18 digs while Allie Case had 16 and Katie Braun 10. Harley Johnson had 11 assists. Mallory Steiner and Karli Sannes each had one solo and three assisted blocks and Eric Sannes had three assisted blocks.

- Paul Kosel



Coach Chelsea Hanson gets the SoDak16 qualifier volleyball after the Tigers beat the Bearcats of Webster Area. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Chesney Weber
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Faith Traphagen
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Elizabeth Flihs
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Taryn Traphagen
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Jaedyn Penning
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



The GHS Band, under the direction of Desiree Yeigh, played at the Region 1A Volleyball Tournament. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Laila Roberts
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Answer

Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Stratford Town Board Meeting
November 12th, 2024
6:30pm Prickett called meeting to order with Schley, Engelhardt, and Kwak in attendance. A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Engelhardt, carried; to approve the October 15th, 2024 minutes as read. A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Schley, carried; to approve the financials as presented. A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Schley, carried; to approve the following claims for payment: -General Fund-NWE Bills: (st lts) \$349.81, (ball pk) 13.54, (tennis) 21.03, (st lts2) 185.78, (hall) 280.76, (sign) 15.61; James Valley (auto): \$34.25; United Fire (auto): \$673.00; Quickbooks (auto): \$31.86; Groton Independent: \$23.91; 24.56; 22.32; Cole Papers: \$263.18; IRS: \$1,773.27; Matt's Tree Service: \$600; SDML: \$464; BC Weed/Pest: \$594.36; Ken's: \$146; DSG: \$143.38.-Water Sewer Fund- NWE Bills: (2nd st) \$42.19,(p hse) 12.35; Web Water (auto): \$1,620.18; USDA RD Loan Payment (auto): \$478.00; NESD Loan Payment (auto): \$383.71.

OLD BUSINESS:
Schley to research more about lift station pumps and will continue to discuss updating maintenance plan. **NEW BUSINESS:**
Schley update on water operation items. A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Engelhardt, carried; to schedule Heartland H&C annual maintenance check on town hall furnaces and in floor heat. No snow removal bids received; open ongoing to those interested. Property reclassification policy to take effect April 1, 2025. Fee schedule and city rental agreements to be updated and made available at town hall. **CLOSING:**
The next board meeting will be held on Dec 11th, 2024, at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Engelhardt, carried; to adjourn the meeting. -Anna Kwak; Finance Officer- Published November 13, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$19.04 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 23935

Frederick Town Nov. 6 Meeting
City of Frederick November 6, 2024 Minutes
Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, November 6, 2024 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Kosters and Troy Millard, and Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine. Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The minutes of the October meeting was read and approved with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Kosters/Millard; motion carried. The November accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,136.43; Badger Meter fees Swr \$134.92; Ben Hofer Backhoe Sts \$1,809.27; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Brown County Weed & Pest Gen'l \$450; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$25; Dakota Pump and Control inspect Wtr \$497.96; Dickey Co Leader personnel ad Gen'l \$16; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,712; DRN Readitech service FO \$21.04; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$924.01; FDC Gen'l \$1,200; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; J. Kosters wage Gen'l \$46.17; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,443.04; JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$293.86; M. Cox wage EBL \$673.33; M. Heine wage FO \$1,195.64; M. Morlock wage Wtr \$120.05; R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr \$230.87; R. Bakeberg Cmty \$253.96; S.

Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; SD Comm Fdtn reimburse Cmty \$90.09; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l \$65.21; SD Dept of Health test Wtr \$150; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$7,620.31; VISA supplies Gen'l \$672.23; Frederick Area Volunteer Firefighters fire hall pmt Fire \$14,384.14

OLD BUSINESS
Campbell provided a utility report. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's report. The board discussed the open utility manager position, repairs needed for the picnic shelter at Simmons Park, and a lead pipe survey the city completed. A special meeting held October 18th had a motion to approve a temporary liquor license for the Frederick Area Volunteer Firefighters for their fundraiser on October 19, 2024 made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS
The board discussed the possibility of expanding water service to the west side of the Maple River. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, December 4th at 7PM. Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Kosters 7:27PM; motion carried. M. Heine Assistant Finance Officer Published November 13, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$27.32 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 23936



Westport Town General Meeting
November 4, 2024
The Town of Westport met on November 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. with Jason Bender, Mitch Wilson, Shane Storm, Troy Tschappat and Deb Schlosser present. The following bills were presented: City General: NW Energy-utilities (\$384.12), Mardian Construction - town hall face lift (\$10,789.49), Deb Schlosser - payroll (\$300.00), Brown County Treasurer - Mosquito spraying (\$540.00), Jason Heagley - cemetery mowing 2024 (\$4,200.00), Performance Oil - Town Hall propane (\$540.97), SDML Workers Compensation Fund (\$531.00), Sewer: NW Energy-Lift Station utilities (\$43.21) Water: Public Health Laboratory - water testing (\$346.00), Core & Main - training contract (\$1,200.00), Elan Financial Services - water billing computer (\$1,198.99) WEB - water (\$2,173.88)

Motion by Shane Storm, seconded by Troy Tschappat to pay all bills. The following deposits were presented: City General: State of SD (\$6,956.25), Brown County Collections (\$246.79), Interest (\$141.82) Brown County Treasurer -mosquito spraying reimbursement - (\$1,350.00) Sewer: Resident Payments (\$2,333.58) Water: Resident Payments (\$3,500.36) Old Business: None New Business: 2025 liquor license for The Shed was approved. Discussion was held on results of Surface Water Discharge Inspection. Water Maintenance contract has not been received. He will be contacted again to get this in. Meeting dismissed at 7:20 p.m. Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer Published November 13, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$17.11 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 23937

Groton City Nov. 5 Meeting
November 5, 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: Babcock, Nehls, Wells, Cutler, Wambach, Bahr, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Elizabeth Varin, Mike Shilhanek,

Dwight Zerr, Terry Herron, Todd Gay, Kellie Locke, Chuck Padfield, and Darrell Hillestad.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wambach to approve the agenda with no additions or changes. All members present voted aye. Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Mayor Hanlon read aloud a letter from a concerned resident regarding the Groton Police Department's Ford Explorer. No other comments were received. The first reading of Ordinance No. 781 - Budget Pay Plan was approved on a motion by Babcock and seconded by Wells. All members present voted aye. Locke exited the meeting. Department reports were reviewed and discussed. Herron, Zerr, and Gay exited the meeting.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Nehls to approve the 2024 baseball report. All members present voted aye. In addition, Padfield addressed the council with concerns regarding the baseball concessions. Padfield exited the meeting. Hillestad provided updates regarding airport improvements. Hillestad exited the meeting. Review of surplus property took place. One bid was received for the 1985 Chevy C7D064 Dump Truck in the amount of \$3,850 from Cody Monson. Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to accept the bid from Cody Monson in the amount of \$3,850. All members present voted aye.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 780 - 2025 Appropriations was approved on a motion by Wells and seconded by Babcock. All members present voted aye. Moved by Babcock and seconded by Nehls to begin accepting application for skating rink employment. All members present voted aye. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Cutler and seconded by Wells. All members present voted aye. Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wambach to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye. Payroll, \$29,726.73, Employee salaries; Executive, \$559.27; Administrative, \$4,757.33; Public Safety, \$8,846.72; Public Works, \$15,563.41; Branden Abeln, \$158.08, Med flex; Justin Cleveland, \$1,412.11, Med flex - final for 2024; Dacotah Bank, \$6,640.41, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$647.90, HSA contributions; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless router - Rubble Site; Mark Saylor, \$500.00, Family crisis lot rent assistance; City of Groton, \$169.08, Family crisis utility bill assistance; Dacotah Bank, \$2,933.65, 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; Branden Abeln, \$349.41, Med flex - final for 2024; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Dennis "Mike" Olson,

\$557.10, Code enforcement services; Fire Safety First, LLC., \$29.76, Lens cleaner - City Shop; Core & Main, \$675.67, Sewer and drain tees, paving adapters - Sewer/Water Dept.; Colonial Research Chemical Corp., \$609.73, Deicer and toilet bowl cleaner - Multiple Depts.; Altec Industries, Inc., \$3,298.70, Annual bucket truck testing - Electric Dept.; Irby, Inc., \$169.20, Round padlocks - Electric Dept.; House of Glass, Inc., \$7.25, Plexiglass - Sewer Dept.; Dahme Construction, \$85,502.08, Sanitary sewer improvements project - 1st Ave/4th St & 2nd Ave/5th St; SD Department of Health, \$30.00, Water testing; VESTIS, \$67.26, Rug rent - City Hall; Runnings, \$129.99, Utility box - Electric Dept.; Team Lab Chemical Corp., \$1,013.00, Road patch - Street Dept.; MTI Distributing Co., \$381.30, Irrigation solenoid and sprinkler heads - Water Dept.; Groton Ford, LLC, \$104.00, Wheel cover - Street Dept.; Jesse Anderson, \$14.00, Meal Reimbursement - Stabilization Pond Workshop on 10/22/24; Branden Abeln, \$14.00, Meal Reimbursement - Stabilization Pond Workshop on 10/22/24; NW Energy, \$11.27, Natural gas service - PD Generator; SDPAA, \$84,565.77, Policy renewal for 2025; SDML Workers Compensation Fund, \$24,398.00, Work comp policy renewal for 2025; US Bank, \$660.00, 2015 refinance bond administrative fees; J's Superior Cleaning, \$200.00, Commercial cleaning services - City Hall; A&B Business Solutions, \$378.66, Printer lease - City Hall; Farm Tire Service, LLC, \$640.00, Truck tire repairs - Street Dept.; Badger Meter, \$155.66, Cellular service fee - Water Dept.; Dollar General, \$63.60, Cleaning supplies, paper towels, tissues, bandaids, bottled water - Multiple Depts.; S&S Lumber Co, \$575.88, Gasket maker, washers, wiper fluid, grease gun, hose, steel bolts, safety clips, pins, nuts, plywood, receiver hitch, pin, ball, drill bits, packaging tape, antifreeze, spray foam, expanding plug, batteries, garden hose end, chain connectors, spray paint, wire stripper, bulbs, downspout elbow - Multiple Depts.; Drew Johnson, \$700.00, Legal services - October 2024; Announcement: City Offices will be closed on November 11, 2024, for Veteran's Day Varin and Shilhanek exited the meeting. Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:35pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:42pm. Varin reentered the meeting. The first reading of Ordinance No. 782 - 2025 Salaries was approved on a motion by Wells and seconded by Nehls. All members present voted aye. Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm. All members present voted aye. Scott Hanlon, Mayor Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer Published November 13, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$56.57 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 23938

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Annual Members Meeting

Friday, December 6, 2024

Dakota Event Center

720 Lamont Street

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Registration.....1:00 PM

Business Meeting.....2:00 PM

Agenda
 Officer's Reports
 Audit Report
 Project Updates
 Door Prizes

Refreshments provided

(Must be present to win door prize drawings and raffle)

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Columbia City
Nov. 5 Meeting

City of Columbia Council Meeting – November 5, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Emily Eichler, Jeremy Dosch, Scott Meints, Trevor Meints

Community:
Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Cara mentioned the addition of bills from Trevor Meints and Artz Equipment to the proposed agenda. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Trevor 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 Oct. 2nd meeting. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1383.16; Web – fire prevention – 51.66; JVT – fire prevention – 213.18; Double D Lot Services – mowing– 5015.00; Jeremy Dosch– Oct. wages –419.99 –; Cara Dennert – Oct. wages– 1235.25; SDML Worker's Compensation Fund – insurance – 459.00; GDI – publications –68.22; Brown County Treasurer – mosquito prevention – 707.96; Runnings – shop supplies – 76.98; B&B Contracting – blading roads – 700.00; Code Enforcement Specialists – nuisances – 610.50; Public Health Laboratory – park analysis – 269.00; Trevor Meints – Oct. wages- 140.00; Artz Equipment – shop supplies – 170.21

Trevor Meints made a motion to approve the vouchers as corrected. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE: Board of Water and Natural Resources upcoming meeting/agenda; Dean Buntrock letter, Rural Development Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- The application for the proposed wastewater and drainage plans will be voted on November 7th in Pierre.

Nuisances – The council reviewed the report from Code Enforcement Specialists. Letters will be sent and/or delivered to some residents this month.

Streets – B&B graded the streets. Street signs were installed on the west side of the highway in town. More signs will be installed on the east side of town next spring. Trevor is talking with RDO about the possibility of renting equipment for snow removal.

Parks – The parks are being winterized this Thursday. The new Daly memorial bench was installed near the playground. Five trees were replanted, and the outfield was reseeded.

Lagoon/Sewer - no report
Rubble Site – The state was out to inspect the site. The report was reviewed by the council. The city was found good to satisfactory in all areas. The gates for the rubble site will be closed by December 1st or by the first snowfall.

NEW BUSINESS – The city is signed up for informed delivery with the postal service. It is a very convenient service. Corey is going to purchase new tires for the skid steer.

FINANCIAL REPORT –The USDA/Rural Development office has asked for fiscal year 2025 budget information. Cara will work on getting that information to them. Cara presented bank balances. Scott Meints made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

SF – \$71,422.16; CF Money Market –\$ 151,675.79; GF - \$ 132,244.15; GF Money Market – \$50,893.27; CD Money Market – \$ 32,477.65; FIT - \$ 15,453.55; Cash on hand - \$0

Next Regular City Council Meeting – December 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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Brown County
Nov. 5 Meeting

November 5, 2024 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

LIFE SAFETY AWARD: Scott Meints, Emergency Management Director shared that were proud to present one of their Life Safety Awards to an Employee this time. Kent Jones, E-911 Director and Sara Jesz, E-911 Assistant Director presented MaKayla Ott with two Life Saving Awards and a pin for directing an individual how to perform CPR and saving the life of that individual.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BIDS FOR SOLID & YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE: Mike Scott, Landfill Manager met with the Commission asking them to approve and authorize advertising for a 5-year Contract for Solid & Yard Waste Collection Service. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize advertising the Bid Notice for Solid & Yard Waste Collection Service. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SAND LAKE BRIDGE TERMINATION AGREEMENT: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent met with the Commission to get approval for Chairman to sign the current Termination Agreement for the Sand Lake Bridge to move it to a new program, County will need to pay \$54,949.57. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Termination Agreement knowing we will need to pay \$54,949.57 so we can in turn apply for the new bridge program. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wiese commented that the Commission approves how Dirk shepherds the projects through, looking at all the different funding sources, looking for the best solutions in both the funding and timing standpoint – with the limited resources and he does the best that he can how best to serve the public throughout the County. Dirk says he appreciates the acknowledgement.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent said they are still graveling a few areas, doing some shoulder work, planning on getting the stripers here and they will do Co. Road 5 and mowing. An employee has put in their notice to resign but staffing will be fine for Snow Removal, don't intend to replace them at this time. Chairman Sutton asked about the Richmond Guardrail, but Dirk didn't have any updates on that but can be done until the ground is frozen.

BROWN COUNTY DIVE TEAM: Sheriff Lunzman submitted a request to approve Thomas Bentz joining the Dive Team. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve Thomas Bentz be placed on the volunteer status for the Brown County Dive Team. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUOTE FOR BOBCAT: Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager submitted a quote from Bobcat of Aberdeen for the amount of 42,703.08 to purchase S76 T4 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader which was included in her 2025 budget, Bobcat knows they won't get payment until January. Moved by Commissioner Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the quote and purchase the S76 T4 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader from Bobcat of Aberdeen, with payment in January. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS: Commissioner Gage offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #63-24

WHEREAS, the residents of Brown County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed

by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Brown County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Brown County appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Brown County hereby declares from November 4, 2024 through Veterans Day, November 11th 2024 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Brown County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 4th through the 11th, 2024.

Seconded by Commissioner Wiese.

Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Fjeldheim-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye; Wiese-aye. Resolution adopted.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the General Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims/payroll: Claims: Professional Fees: Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$9,027.50; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$156.00; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$320.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$639.00; Lincoln County Auditor \$1,275.51; Lucy Lewno \$110.00; Mark Katterhagen \$36.00; Northeast Dental Center \$227.66; Northeast Mental Health Center \$1,248.00; SD Dept of Transportation \$54,949.57; Sewer Duck, Inc \$85.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$53.00; Valerie Larson \$36.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$50.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$736.50. Publishing: Asure Software \$1,788.00; Groton Daily Independent \$1,101.04; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$894.00. Rentals: Dakota Electronics \$183.50. Repairs & Maintenance: Bituminous Paving, Inc \$6,000; Building Restoration Corp \$63,388.75; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$326.70; Jarman's Water Systems \$278.00; K&S Plumbing, Inc. \$1,092.73; Kone \$1,458.83; Lawson Products, Inc \$135.41; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$3,000.00; Quality Welding, Inc \$22.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$37.50; Thee Glass Doktor, LLC \$202.50. Supplies: Aaron Dosch \$2,144.00; Amazon Capital Services, Inc., \$30.09; Auto Value Aberdeen \$204.79; Bob Barker Company Inc. \$128.61; Cole Papers, Inc \$258.30; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$718.00; Dakota Oil \$42.90; Fastenal Company \$125.94; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$4.94; Geffdog Designs \$184.00; Great Western Tire \$2,639.70; LabSource, Inc \$504.98; Lawson Products, Inc \$1,750.06; Leidhold Tool Sales, LLC \$151.71; Lewis Drug Store \$44.36; Lucy Lewno \$2.25; Menards \$84.35; Performance Oil \$344.24; PharmChem, Inc \$53.00; Pheasantland Industries \$300.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$55.45; Thee Glass Doktor, LLC \$40.00; Tri-State Water \$95.50. Travel & Conference: Dave Lunzman \$434.00; Heartland Association of Fairs, Festivals & Events \$1,320.00;

JDHQ Hotels, LLC \$714.00. Utilities: AT&T \$186.80; CenturyLink \$479.19; Midcontinent Communications \$327.44; Northwestern Energy \$16,202.40. Other: Beck Motors \$46,914.60.

PAYROLL: Commission \$4,753.89; Elections \$5,882.79; Auditor \$10,119.13; Treasurer \$17,265.64; SA \$33,240.69; Maintenance \$11,839.23; Assessor \$15,706.27; Register of Deeds \$10,406.83; VSO \$4,485.22; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,172.67; HR \$5,013.51; Sheriff \$48,867.06; Jail \$74,741.26; Coroner \$899.37; Court Security \$9,630.51; JDC \$35,412.05; Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum \$11,774.44; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,346.70; Fair Board \$4,336.34; 4-H \$830.80; Weed \$5,315.68; Planning & Zoning \$7,687.73; Highway \$54,345.14; Dispatch \$38,980.02; Emergency \$5,208.67; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,709.59; Landfill \$20,012.24; FICA \$27,397.30; Medicare \$6,407.43; Discovery_HSA \$2,369.15; Health Insurance_Wellmark BCBS \$126,743.77; Dental Insurance_Delta \$8,916.42; Life Insurance_Dearborn \$1,047.54; Retirement_SDRS \$55,955.10. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

o Hiring of Alex Conn as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$21.29/hr. – effective November 12, 2024.

o Hiring of William Bishop as Brown County Landfill Scale Operator, PT; starting wage \$18.36/hr. – effective November 6, 2024.

o Re-hire of Tracy Madsen as Brown County State's Attorney Legal Assistant, FT; starting wage \$22.37/hr. – effective November 13, 2024.

o Transfer of Jacob Kumpf from FT Brown County Jail Detention Officer to FT Brown County Deputy Sheriff; starting wage \$25.94/hr. – effective November 12, 2024.

o Approve personal miles driven for July 2024 at .655 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthew 235.60 miles at \$154.32; Matt Heupel 100 miles at \$65.50; John Florey 132 miles at \$86.46; Mike Scott 200 miles at \$131.00.

o Approve personal miles driven for August 2024 at .655 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthew 234 miles at \$153.27; Matt Heupel 80 miles at \$52.40; John Florey 126 miles at \$82.53; Mike Scott 170 miles at \$111.35.

o Approve personal miles driven for September 2024 at .655 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthew 240 miles at \$157.20; Matt Heupel 105 miles at \$68.78; John Florey 120 miles at \$78.60; Mike Scott 160 miles at \$104.80.

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.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:04 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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NOTICE
SOLID & YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE
BROWN COUNTY CONTAINER SITES

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, until 8:45 A.M. on December 3, 2024, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for the "BID ON THE SOLID & YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR THE BROWN COUNTY CONTAINER SITES"

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown

County Auditor, Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401 and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "BID ON THE SOLID & YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR THE BROWN COUNTY CONTAINER SITES" to be opened on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

PROPOSAL GUARANTEE:.....

The proposal guarantee required and must accompany each bid is a certified check, cashier's check or back draft. This guarantee must be certified or issued by a national or state bank and payable at sight to Brown County, South Dakota in the amount of five per cent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. In lieu thereof, bidder may furnish a bid bond of ten percent (10%) of the bid, such bond is to be issued, by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County, South Dakota.

Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his/

her proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County, South Dakota. The successful bidder shall also furnish proper certificates of insurance required by Brown County.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Copies of the specifications are on file at the Brown County Auditor's Office and the Brown County Solid Waste Department Office and may be obtained at no charge.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOVEMBER 8, 2024 – CANVASS OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Brown County Commissioners Chairman Duane Sutton, Vice-Chairman Doug Fjeldheim, Mike Gage, Mike Wiese and Drew Dennert convened for the purpose of canvassing the November 5, 2024 General Election, as authorized by SDCL 12-20-36 at 2:00 p.m. on November 8, 2024 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Pledge was led by Commissioner Sutton.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese seconded by Dennert to approve the Official Canvass, as follows:

Presidential Electors	
Kamala D. Harris & Tim Walz - DEM	6,075
Chase Oliver & Mike ter Matt - LIB	72
Donald J. Trump & JD Vance - REP	10,645
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. & Nicole Shanahan - IND	251
United States Representative Sheryl Johnson - DEM	4,753
Dusty Johnson - REP	11,974
Public Utilities Commissioner Forrest Wilson - DEM	4,567
Gideon Oakes - LIB	698
Kristie Fiegen - REP	10,628
State Senator-District 01 Micheal H. Rohl - REP	3,229
State Senator-District 03 Carl Perry - REP	6,900
State Senator - District 23 Mark Lapka - REP	802
State Representative - District 01 Steven D. McCleerey - DEM	983
Mark Sumption - DEM	1,563
Josh Dennert - LIB	668
Tamara Lesnar - LIB	148
Logan Manhart - REP	2,427
Christopher Reder - REP	2,219
State Representative - District 03 Erin R. Rudner - DEM	4,515
Brandei Schaeffbauer - REP	6,049
Al Novstrup - REP	5,738
State Representative - District 23 Scott Moore - REP	635
Spencer Gosch - REP	655
Supreme Court Retention: Justice Scott P. Myren	
Yes	12,367
No	2,380
Constitutional Amendment E: Updating Gender references	
Yes	7,061
No	9,728
Constitutional Amendment F: Impose Work Requirement for Expanded Medicaid Benefits	
Yes	9,646
No	7,105
Constitutional Amendment G: Establishing Right to Abortion	
Yes	6,990
No	9,990
Constitutional Amendment H: Establishing Top-Two Primary Elections	
Yes	5,616
No	10,898
Initiated Measure 28: Prohibiting Taxes on Anything Sold for Human Consumption	
Yes	4,847
No	11,909
Initiated Measure 29: Legalizing the Recreational Use, Possession and Distribution of Marijuana	
Yes	7,618
No	9,368
Referred Law 21: A Referred Act to Provide New Statutory Requirements for Regulating Linear Transmission Facilities – All Counties Impose a Surcharge on Pipeline Companies & to Establish Landowner Bill of Rights	
Yes	6,127
No	10,264
Note: There were 9 provisional ballots and 3 are included in these totals.	
All members present voting aye. Motion carried.	
POST-ELECTION DRAW: Chairman Sutton drew VC-4 – Columbia, which had 243 ballots cast. Commissioner Gage drew for the Statewide race which will be the Presidential Race. Commissioner Dennert picked for any other race which will be the US Representative. The Post Election Audit will be on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.	
ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded Fjeldheim by to adjourn the Canvass Meeting for the November 5, 2024 General Election. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.	
Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor Published November 13, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$78.88 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com . 23942	

Dear EarthTalk: Are road salts and other de-icing chemicals bad for the environment? And if, so are greener alternatives available?
-- Jane Willis, Fairfield, IA

Traditional de-icers, particularly chloride-based compounds such as sodium chloride, magnesium chloride and calcium chloride, can have various detrimental effects on the environment. According to the Minnesota Stormwater Manual, chloride-based de-icers contribute to soil degradation by reducing soil permeability and fertility, and by increasing soil alkalinity, which adversely affects plant growth and soil stability. These de-icers contaminate groundwater and surface water, leading to toxic conditions for aquatic life due to elevated salt levels. Vegetation damage is another issue, as chloride exposure causes osmotic stress, leading to damaged roots and foliage. Furthermore, the corrosive nature of these chemicals accelerates the deterioration of infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and vehicles.

Recognizing these issues, there are several greener alternatives to traditional de-icing chemicals. Eco-friendly de-icers, such as those offered by Green Ice Melt, use plant-based ingredients that are biodegradable, have minimal soil and water impact, and are safe for pets. These are also non-corrosive, ensuring that infrastructure remains protected. Non-chloride products, including acetate-based deicers like calcium magnesium acetate and potassium acetate, offer a less corrosive option. However, these can still deplete oxygen water due to their organic content. Carbohydrate-based deicers, derived from beet juice, molasses and corn syrup, have minimal impact and effectively reduce the freezing point ecologically.

Several other techniques can also be employed. Anti-icing, which involves applying salt brine before snowstorms to prevent ice formation and reduce the amount of de-icer needed later. This proactive approach maintains safer conditions with less environmental damage. Pre-wetting salt with brine before application enhances its effectiveness, ensuring that the de-icer adheres better to surfaces and reduces scatter, thereby improving efficiency and minimizing overall usage.

Public awareness campaigns about the benefits of eco-friendly de-icers can also play a significant role in encouraging wider adoption. Furthermore, municipalities and businesses can invest in advanced spreading equipment that ensures precise application, reducing waste and environmental contamination. Encouraging the development and use of new technologies, such as the propylene glycol and aqueous sodium formate mixture developed by Osaka Metropolitan University researchers, can further reduce the environmental footprint of de-icing operation. By making informed choices and embracing sustainable practices, we can ensure safer winter conditions while safeguarding our environment.

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From the National Weather Service in Aberdeen:

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Yes, a few models are showing the potential for a stronger system, however there is too much uncertainty and too much that can change over the next several days.

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ACROSS

- 1 Platters
- 6 Chum
- 9 Club —
- 12 Put on — (act)
- 13 Expert serve
- 14 Navarro of "The View"
- 15 Gettysburg general
- 16 William on "Star Trek"
- 18 Vatican term
- 20 Folklore monster
- 21 Blackbird
- 23 Airport screening org.
- 24 Offered one's seat
- 25 Taverns
- 27 Plant life

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- 37 Model in a bottle
- 38 Future oak
- 41 Luau instrument
- 43 Canine greeting
- 44 Wander
- 45 Pencil end
- 47 Subtle variation of color
- 49 Spanish snacks
- 52 Feedbag morsel
- 53 Memo letters
- 54 Levels
- 55 SSW opposite
- 56 Feeling down
- 57 Transmits
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- 9 Chutney fruit
- 10 January, to
- 11 Challenged
- 17 Sums
- 19 Equally distant
- 21 Dhahi predecessor
- 22 Rebel Turner
- 24 Madrid Mrs.
- 26 Went easy on
- 28 Japanese seaport
- 30 Bit of physics
- 32 Hone
- 33 Football filler
- 34 Suntan lotion letters
- 36 Overblown
- 38 Incendiary crime
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- 40 Egg-shaped
- 42 — Park, Colorado
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The South Dakota Humanities Council is making available a weekly column -- "We the People" -- that focuses on the U.S. Constitution. It is written by David Adler, who is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality, and civic education.



By David Adler

Election of the Presidency Thrown to the House of Representatives: Intrigue and Mischief

James Madison, writing in August of 1823 from his home in Montpelier, Virginia, to which he repaired in what turned out be a futile effort to retire from public life, continued to assess the defects of the Constitution, including the way America elects its president. Madison, who preferred direct election of the president, addressed what he regarded as a foundational weakness in our electoral system. In the case of a tie in the Electoral College, the Twelfth Amendment requires the U.S. House of Representatives to choose the next president. Madison called for a constitutional amendment to correct this flawed mechanism. "The present rule of voting for the President by the house of Representatives," the Father of the Constitution declared, "is so great a departure from the Republican principle of numerical equality, and even from the federal rule which qualified the numerical by a State equality and is so pregnant also with a mischievous tendency in practice, that an amendment of the Constitution on this point is justly called for by all its considerate and best friends."

Madison's lament, one aired by Thomas Jefferson a week earlier, recalled the political intrigue and disreputable deal-making that characterized the election of 1800, the first—and one of two elections—decided by the House of Representatives. The indirect election of the president by the House, criticized for being two steps removed from a direct election which, they believed, best represented the republican principle that the sovereign people should elect the nation's highest office, constituted, in Jefferson's description "the most dangerous blot on our Constitution, and one which some unlucky chance will some day hit."

In that rancorous race-- the "Revolution of 1800-- Vice-President Jefferson was selected on the 36th ballot after six days of debate. He and his running mate, Aaron Burr, had tied in the Electoral College, each receiving 73 votes. Jefferson's victory in the House was a product of intrigue and mischief. The Constitution of 1787 stipulated that members of the Electoral College—Electors—would cast two votes for president. The candidate receiving a majority of the electoral votes would be declared the president. The candidate receiving the second most votes would become vice-president. There was no formal way to distinguish a vote for president from a vote for vice-president. Jefferson defeated his ostensible opponent, the incumbent President John Adams, in the Electoral College, 73-65. For the first time, however, with the development of political parties, slates of party candidates and means to enforce party expectations, Jefferson formed a ticket with Aaron Burr, whom everyone, including Burr, understood was the vice-presidential candidate.

But Burr, known as "the man who could not wait," decided—surprise-- that he would prefer the presidency. The tie forced the election into the House of Representatives and Burr's supporters immediately approached Federalist members, those who supported Adams, to negotiate deals in exchange for their votes. Jefferson's supporters were outraged by Burr's betrayal and the House agonized over its decision. The vote would be taken by the lame duck House, not the newly elected House, because the newly minted Congress would not convene until March 4, 1801, and the country needed a new president. The lame duck House, dominated by the Federalists, was deeply disappointed by Adams's defeat and enough voted for Burr to deny Jefferson a first ballot victory. The maneuverings and back-door deal making extended the election until Alexander Hamilton, a leading Federalist and arch nemesis of Jefferson, persuaded his colleagues to vote for Jefferson on the 36th ballot on February 17, 1801, because he disliked Burr more than Jefferson. Burr, it will be recalled, "repaid" the favor in 1804 when he killed Hamilton in a duel.

The Madison-Jefferson letters presaged the 1824 election which, thrown to the House, resulted in the election of John Quincy Adams, even though Andrew Jackson had won both the popular and Electoral College vote. "Unlucky chance," as Jefferson had warned, had indeed "hit." The lame duck House that selected Adams frustrated the public will amidst rumors of rank deal making. Jackson charged key figures with "bare faced corruption." After the vote, future president Martin Van Buren declared that Americans were united by the "absolute necessity of taking the election away from the House." But Madison's call for an amendment has not been answered, and the risk to the republic remains.

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

Notice of Regular Annual Meeting Of Full Circle Ag

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of Full Circle Ag, Britton, SD, will be held at the Britton Area Event Center at 1203 3rd St, Britton, SD on Tuesday, November 26th. The meeting will be held at 10:30 am with lunch to follow. The meeting will include the following purposes:

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Titans stop Tigers trek to State A

Mt. Vernon/Plankinton defeated Groton Area, 3-1, in the SoDak16 held Tuesday in Huron. The Titans had an eight point run late in the first set and went on to win, 25-18. The match was tied nine times, the last at 13, and there were three lead changes. The second set was tied four times in the early part of the set before the Titans got the upper hand and went on to win, 25-19. The third set was tied six times with two lead changes before the Tigers got the upper hand. Taking a 19-15 lead, Groton Area went on to win the third set, 25-18. The fourth set was tied three times with the Tigers having a 5-4 lead before Mt. Vernon/Pankinton rallied to take a 14-6 lead and went on to win, 25-14.

Rylee Dunker led the Tigers with 10 kills, three assisted blocks and one ace serve. Chesney Weber had eight kills, two assisted blocks, 15 digs and 12 assists. Taryn Traphagen had six kills, Laila Roberts had five kills and 15 digs; Jaedyn Penning had two kills, 15 digs and one assisted block, Elizabeth Flihs had one kills, two ace serves and 15 assists; Jerica Locke had one ace serve, one kill and 22 digs; Kella Tracy and Faith Traphagen each had one kill and Sydney Locke had one ace serve.

Reagan Rus led the Titans with 15 kills and three ace serves, Madalynn Lorang had eight kills; Taryn Hegg had six kills, one block and one ace serve; Brooklyn Bosma had five kills, Maggie Overbay had four kills and Alexis Hauge had one kill and one ace serve.

Groton Area finishes the season 19-7 while the Titans got to 27-5.

"Protecting Children from Online Harms"

By Christina Young, Director for the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment



Christina Young

With the rapid rise in internet use among children, the dangers of online exploitation have grown alarmingly. Children's access to the internet has become nearly ubiquitous, especially following the COVID-19 pandemic. Remote learning, online gaming, and social media are now integral to daily life, meaning more children, even preschool-age children, are regularly online, often unsupervised and unprotected. This new reality demands that we consider not only physical safety for our children, but also the dangers they are facing online.

The Scope of the Issue

In 2022, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children received almost 32 million reports of suspected child sexual abuse materials (CSAM), representing 88.3 million files. In 2023, more than 100 million such files were reported. There has also been an increase in "self-generated" content (children taking pictures of themselves and sharing it with others online), involving children as young as seven, shows how manipulation and grooming by online predators are impacting younger children.

Another concern is how easily children can access harmful content—often unintentionally. One study found that 15% of children encounter pornographic material before age 10, often due to algorithms or suggested content. This early exposure to harmful content can initiate a cycle of curiosity and risky behavior online. Over time, children can become desensitized and seek more extreme material, a phenomenon known as "content escalation." This can distort their understanding of healthy relationships and boundaries which could lead to long-term psychological and social risks that complicate their ability to form safe, meaningful connections.

Understanding Risk Factors

Every time a child accesses the internet, they face potential risks. Children with low self-esteem, developmental challenges, or mental health struggles are particularly vulnerable to manipulation. Sensation-seeking behaviors and inadequate supervision heighten this risk, as children venture into digital spaces that leave them exposed to harm.

How Technology Compounds the Problem

Artificial intelligence (AI) and social media are significant drivers of online exploitation. AI enables the creation of "deep fakes," complicating victim identification and creating new avenues for child exploitation. Meanwhile, social media algorithms frequently push harmful content to young users, and data privacy concerns remain largely unaddressed. Platforms designed for engagement can lead to addictive behaviors, making children even more vulnerable.

The Path Forward: What We Can Do

We have a shared responsibility to protect children. Here are essential steps we can take:

1. Legislative Advocacy: State and federal laws should require parental consent and enforce stricter age restrictions on content. Contacting legislators and advocating for child-centered online safety laws is vital.
2. Community Education: Parents, professionals, and policymakers must recognize the gravity of online risks. Education on privacy settings, content controls, and open dialogue with children can empower families to create safer online spaces.
3. Utilize Available Resources: Many organizations provide resources and reporting mechanisms. Platforms like the South Dakota Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment offer information on preventing online child abuse.

Protecting our children requires proactive steps from every part of our community. By remaining vigilant and informed, we can build a safer online environment and help our children navigate the digital world with resilience and security.

For more information on protecting children from online harms, visit the South Dakota Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment's website. Together, we can make a difference.

Christina Young has been an influential figure in the child welfare field for over a decade, dedicating her career to the well-being of children and families. She directed an in-home family services program covering 30 western counties in Iowa, demonstrating her commitment to community-based support. Christina has also served with a Single-Family Office and as COO of a mid-sized, midwestern law firm. Christina has a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in human services administration. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairedoc.org, Facebook, Instagram, Youtube and Threads. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm on SDPB or streaming on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDPB), providing health information based on science, built on trust.

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