

# The Groton Independent

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## Remembering Our American Veterans



## Ron Falk

by Emerlee Jones

Ron Falk was drafted into the army in March 1969. Ron had no choice on what branch he went into. He said that bootcamp was hard and they knew they would be sent to fight in the Vietnam War. The orders came on December 1, 1969, and Ron was shipped out thirty days later.

Ron did basic training in Fort Polk, Louisiana. He did advanced training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Ron was sent to Vietnam on January 2nd, 1970. He was assigned to the twenty-three-field artillery as a cook. Most of Ron's assignments were on fire support bases and his title was kitchen supervisor.

Ron's form of entertainment was playing cards. Everything else was work. Ron traveled overseas. They got their supplies and food from Vietnam. While at War, he used letters to stay in touch with his family. After Ron's service ended, he relaxed for a few months and then started working again. Ron worked in the HVAC business for twenty years. Later Ron owned a meat market where he butchered meat for twelve years. Ron was also a part of the American Legion and V.F.W.

Ron learned a lot during his time in the military including the importance of working hard. He also learned to respect all his supervisors. Ron and his wife of forty-five years have 4 children, two sons and two daughters. He also has seven grandchildren, six granddaughters and one grandson. One of his sons also served in the military.

Ron has one piece of advice for young adults who are now contemplating military service, he says to "go for it". He says "you won't regret it."

Ron, on behalf of the community and nation, with our deepest appreciation, we honor your service with this quilt of honor. Please give Ron a round of applause.



**Ron Falk (center) pictured with Legion Auxiliary Member Tami Zimney (left) and Emerlee Jones (right).** (Courtesy Photo)

## Kosel has been doing Groton's Angel Tree since 2007

by Dorene Nelson

Tina Kosel, Groton's own local "angel," has been busily working on organizing and setting up Angel Trees around town. One angel tree is located at Lori's Pharmacy, and the other one is in City Hall.

"I usually start around the middle of October, mailing out forms to families whose names are provided by various sources," Kosel said. "These forms ask for the child's age, clothing sizes, what they like to do for fun, favorite treats, activities, and whether they are a girl or a boy."

"I use this information when filling out the paper angels that will be hung on the two Angel Trees," she said. "I like to make sure these kids get more than one item as well as getting something fun to do and a treat to eat."

"In addition to the angel tree tags that I put on the trees, I also hang a crocheted angel which represents children who have been recipients of angel tree gifts in the past," Kosel said. "I call them 'your personal angel from Santa'."

"Many of the gifts come wrapped and I take care of the rest. The gifts are organized by number which represents a family unit," Kosel said. "I usually deliver them the week before Christmas."

"I've been doing this since 2007," she said. "It's my way of giving back as me and my siblings grew up with the Salvation Army Tree."

"I usually have around 50 kids sign up each year for Christmas tree items," Kosel said. "Around the end of October, I start sorting the gift requests and the gift donations."

"Many individuals give donations for the angel tree, so that all of the items the kids would like don't have to be purchased," she said. "That helps with the cost of the gifts and with the postage for mailing the forms to the families."

"It takes me about a week to print and mail these forms to the various families," Kosel said. "Then I send text reminders to get their forms back to me. The deadline for this is November 1st."

"When the gifts are dropped off at Lori's or City Hall, most of them are wrapped, but they leave unwrapped ones there too," she said. "The next job that I do is to make sure the gifts are given equally to all children. A lot of the time, this requires me to do some extra buying."

The costs involved in this project include paper for the forms mailed out to the families plus the postage, the wrapping paper and tape for each gift, the time to organize and actually get this huge project done in a timely manner, and even some supplemental purchases to equalize the gifts given to the children.

"Some financial help for this project comes from the walking tacos that I make and sell," Tina said. "There is also an Angel Tree donation jar in the Groton Independent office. I'm here a lot so you can stop in most any time and drop off your coins and dollars!"

When Tina was asked for approximate amount of time she spends just in this project alone, her answer was "A lot! More than you'd ever guess!" It's her passtime and she loves doing it. But the best gift to her is to give the family and children involved the best Christmas they can have. That is Tina's wish every year.



**Tina Kosel stands by the Angel Tree at City Hall.** (Photo by Dorene Nelson)



# Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings started slow but rallied late to beat the Arizona Cardinals 23-22 on Sunday. The Vikings are 10-2 this season, a game behind the Kansas City Chiefs and Detroit Lions for the best record in the NFL. From 1961 when the Vikings first became a team, through 2021, the team had been 10-2 (or better) 12 times. In the three seasons since Kevin O'Connell became the head coach (2022), the team has achieved that feat twice. This win also marks the Vikings' second five-game winning streak this season.

The Cardinals received the first-half kickoff, then proceeded to march down the field before ultimately stalling in the red zone and settling for a field goal. This would become a theme for the Cardinals in this game, who made five of six field goals. The Vikings avoided disaster on their first offensive play of the game, when Brian O'Neill recovered an Aaron Jones fumble. The Vikings ended up kicking a field goal to tie the game 3-3. Arizona punted the ball on their next drive, giving Minnesota the ball back with a chance to take the lead. Unfortunately, Aaron Jones again fumbled on the first play of the drive. Arizona recovered and were instantly in the red zone, but the Vikings' defense held strong and forced a Cardinal punt (which was missed).

The Vikings punted after a three-and-out on their next drive, and the Cardinals marched down the field before stalling in the red zone and settling for a field goal. The Vikings responded with a field goal of their own, tying the game 6-6 with a little over a minute left in the half. The Cardinals finished the half with an amazing drive, beautifully orchestrated by QB Kyler Murray who got to the Vikings' six-yard line before time was almost up and they were forced to kick a field goal. The score was 9-6 Arizona heading into halftime.

The Vikings got the ball to begin the second half, but 45 yards later John Parker Romo missed a 43-yard field goal. The Cardinals fared better in their first second-half drive, making a 40-yard field goal to put Arizona up by six points. The Vikings went three-and-out on their next drive, then the Cardinals drove down the field and scored the first touchdown of the game, giving Arizona a 19-6 lead. Luckily the Vikings' offense finally woke up and they found the endzone themselves on a four-yard TD pass from Sam Darnold to Johnny Mundt.

Entering the fourth quarter, Arizona was facing a 2nd & 7 at their 45-yard line. An incomplete pass led to third down, then Byron Murphy got the ball back for the Vikings on a toe-tap sideline interception. The Vikings only managed a field goal after the turnover, making the score 19-16. Up by three points, the Cardinals got the ball back with a little over 11 minutes left in the game. Their goal was to take as much time off the clock as possible, and they succeeded, burning nearly eight minutes but having to settle for a field goal. Down six, with 3:20 left on the clock, the Vikings NEEDED to put a drive together. Sam Darnold rose to the occasion, leading an eight-play, 70-yard drive that culminated in a five-yard TD catch by Aaron Jones. The extra point was successful, and the Vikings had their first lead of the game with 1:13 left in the game. The offense did their job, then the defense kept the momentum going by picking off Murray (Shaq Griffin). All that was left was to take a knee and head to the locker room with a one-point win.

Sam Darnold completed 21 of 31 passes for 235 yards and two touchdowns. This was the tenth game of the season where Darnold had a passer rating of 100 or better, tied with Brett Favre (2009) and Daunte Culpepper (2000) for

most in a single season in Vikings' history.

The Vikings only managed 68 yards on 15 carries on the ground, and three players were tied for the team lead with 22 rushing yards (Darnold, Jones, Akers). Justin Jefferson led the team with seven catches for 99 yards, while Jordan Addison, T.J. Hockenson, Johnny Mundt, and Jalen Nailor combined for an additional 10 catches for 122 yards. Jefferson has passed the 1,000-yard mark this season, joining Randy Moss, Mike Evans, and A.J. Green as the only four players in NFL history with 1,000 yards in each of their first five seasons.

Blake Cashman led the team with 11 tackles, Jonathan Greenard had the team's only sack, while Shaq Griffin and Byron Murphy each had an interception.

Looking ahead, a familiar face comes to town when the Vikings host the Atlanta Falcons. Kirk Cousins has led the Falcons to a 6-6 record, but after a four-interception game against the Chargers, it's possible Cousins is benched for first-round QB Michael Penix.



Landon Johnson (in the bucket) and Paul Kosel put up the Christmas decorations on Groton's Main Street on Monday. (Courtesy Photo Kellie Locke)



## Chamber recognizes new owner at Train Fitness

The Groton Chamber was pleased to welcome the new owner of Train Fitness! Josey Heupel took over in October and is excited to start this new business endeavor. Train Fitness offers Venmo as a payment option as well as monthly autopay. Reach out to Josey at 605-467-9698 for information on her 24/7 access gym or check out her Facebook page for monthly prize drawings. Look for the green logo as a new page has been created. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# AVERA WELCOMES



## James Mantone, MD ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

Board-certified and fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Mantone, proudly joins the expert team at Avera Orthopedics in Aberdeen.

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## Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #4 Results

**Team Standings:** Coyotes 11, Chipmunks 9, Jackelopes 8, Cheetahs 8, Foxes 7, Shihtzus 5

**Men's High Games:** Brad Waage 222, Lance Frohling 217, Brad Larson 206

**Women's High Games:** Darci Spanier 176, Sue Stanley 169, Sam Bahr 159

**Men's High Series:** Brad Waage 574, Brad Larson 529, Lance Frohling 527

**Women's High Series:** Darci Spanier 449, Sam Bahr 441, Sue Stanley 431

Week 4 Fun Game – Most 8/Spares – Jackelopes with 16!





**Randy Stanley was the Mystery Snowman. Only two people guessed the correct answer and each won \$50 (Lori Giedt and Pam Hanson).** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)



**Talli Wright was the master of ceremonies at the Snow Queen Festival.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)



**The ushers were Gavin Kroll and Jayden Schwan.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Dinger, Thompson are Snow Queens**  
Senior Snow Queen Gretchen Dinger is pictured with her parents, left to right, are Elizabeth Bahr and Emily and Weston Dinger; pictured with Junior Snow Queen Taryn Thompson are Mark and June Thompson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Pictured are Natalia Warrington (teamed with Abby Yeadon) senior talent winner, Addison Hoeft, Elizabeth (Libby) Cole, Rebecca Poor, Abby Yeadon, Chesney Weber, Sydney Locke, Kyleigh Kroll, Gracie Pearson, and junior talent winner Annie Harry; in front are Snow Princess Veda Stiegelmeier, Senior Snow Queen Gretchen Dinger, Junior Snow Queen Taryn Thompson and Snow Prince Joey Bosmoe.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Winter coaster
- 5 Gear tooth
- 8 Guesser's words
- 12 "Arrivederci!"
- 13 Notre Dame coach
- 14 German refusal
- 15 Well-known
- 17 Body powder
- 18 "Now, where — I?"
- 19 Novelist Deighton
- 20 One of the Kardashians
- 21 Squeak stopper
- 22 Golfer Trevino
- 23 Lake flock
- 26 Neighbor of Germany
- 30 Penny
- 31 Physique
- 32 Sci-fi race
- 33 Boise native
- 35 Labor group
- 36 Work unit
- 37 Prof's degree
- 38 Presentation aid
- 41 Romance
- 42 "Right you —!"
- 45 Petty of "Tank Girl"
- 46 Working
- 48 "Topaz" author

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- 50 Roman censor
- 51 Ordered
- 52 Prof's helpers
- 53 Strong farm team
- 8 Getting better
- 9 Authentic
- 10 Missile shelter
- 11 Formerly
- 16 Yale students
- 20 "Community" actor Jeong
- 21 Up-and-coming
- 22 Guided
- 23 Biol. or chem.
- 24 Marry
- 25 Santa — winds
- 26 Mafia boss
- 27 Foreman foe
- 28 Aussie hopper
- 29 Family
- 31 Satchel
- 34 Scrap
- 35 "Oops!"
- 37 VIP on Air Force One
- 38 Sandwich type
- 39 Circle dance
- 40 Bone-dry
- 41 Connecticut Sun's org.
- 42 Trojan War hero
- 43 Memory method
- 44 Black, in verse
- 46 Feedbag tidbit
- 47 — -friendly

### DOWN

- 1 Garbage barge
- 2 Director Wertmuller
- 3 Comestibles
- 4 Homer's lament
- 5 Caravan beast
- 6 Algerian port
- 7 Hiatus

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**Card Shower**  
Elda Stange will be celebrating her



**101 BIRTHDAY**

on December 14, 2024.  
Please join us in helping her celebrate by sending her a card to:  
PO Box 305  
Groton, SD 57445



Answer

Answers

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Solution time: 23 mins.

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November 26, 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, Gage, Sutton and Wiese. Commissioner Feldheim was absent. Commissioner Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** Darin Gubin and Steve Erickson from East Rondell Township shared some concerns about the Bridge on 389th Ave. between 145th & 146th with the Commissioners. Commissioners informed him they would visit with Dirk about the bridge to see if it is included in his 5-year plan.

**CLOSING CONFERENCE FOR 2022-2023 AUDIT:** Jason Hill with Department of Legislative Audits met with the Commission for closing conference for audit of fiscal years 2022 & 2023.

**ORDINANCE #283 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to adopt Ordinance #283. Applicant Larkota Acres – Briann & Lisa Larson 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 Lots 1 thru 12, "Larkota First Addition" in the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 3-T121N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38504, 38507, 38512, 38515 & 38518, 38523, 38526, 38529, 38532, 38535, 38538 & 38541 Larkota Drive; Warner Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Feldheim to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: CenturyLink-Lumen \$144.19; Dakota Wood-Grinding Inc \$43,225.00; Dependable Sanitation, Inc. \$38,012.40; IMEG Corp \$1,260.00; Koletzky Law Office, Prof. LLC \$207.00; Kristi Brandt \$69.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$213.00; Minnehaha County Auditor \$179.41; Sanford Health \$252.00; Sewer Duck, Inc \$85.00; The Spectacle Shop \$220.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$100.00; Yellow Robe Consulting \$3,600.00; US Bank \$503.16. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$487.90, McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$2,048.27. Repairs & Maintenance: Artz Equipment, Inc \$190.00; Custom Installation Solutions \$322.50; Dakota Doors, Inc \$1,652.52; Gillund Enterprises \$20.00; Graham Tire Inc., \$8,289.02; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$387.76; Lawson Products, Inc. \$59.02; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$2,194.91; Nardini Fire Equipment \$453.00; Olson's Pest Technicians \$455.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$128.62; Schwan Welding \$487.00; Sewer Duck, Inc \$562.50; Traffic Solutions, Inc \$35,635.78; US Bank \$1,191.06. Supplies: Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$77.17; Artz Equipment, Inc \$2,120.40; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$1,472.61; Century Business Products \$24.98; Cole Paper Inc \$937.14; CommTech Inc \$78,594.10; Dakota Oil \$331.10; Fastenal Company \$887.13; FedEx \$18.54; Gillund Enterprises \$488.40; Kolestzky Law Office, Prof. LLC \$3.00; Lawson Products, Inc. \$659.64; Marco Technologies, LLC \$27.88; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc \$205.10; Menards \$163.53; PharmChem, Inc. \$1,151.34; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$21.00; Runnings \$25.48; Safe Life Defense \$654.10; SD Federal Property Agency \$142.50; Web Water Bottling Company \$36.00; US Bank \$9,771.89. Travel & Conference: US Bank \$1,495.65. Utilities: Dependable Sanitation, Inc. \$172.00; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$569.10; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$14.54; Northwestern Energy \$4,111.90; NVC \$260.00; T-Mobile \$98.40; Verizon Wireless \$80.02; US Bank \$3,668.97. Other: Pizza Ranch \$59.97. 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, Alison Tunheim:

Last day for Seasonal Worker, Tim Borg, Brown County Highway; effective November 15, 2024.

Hiring of Teresa Gauer as Brown County Jail Records Technician, FT; starting wage \$19.29/hr. – effective December 2, 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.

**ZONING ORDINANCES – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to set hearing date and authorize publication for the first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held on December 17, 2024 in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #284, applicants Pat & Donna Keatts for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: 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.). Proposed Ordinance #285, applicant Stacy Gossman for purpose of rezoning from Commercial District (C) to Residential District (R-1) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use: 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.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**NORTH WARNER HOMESTEAD ADDITION PLAT: RESOLUTION #64-24**  
Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution "BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat entitled: North Warner Homestead Addition in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 35, T122N, R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, which has been submitted for examination pursuant to law, and it appears that all taxes and special assessments have been paid and that such plat and the survey thereof have been made and executed according to law, the plat is hereby approved, and the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to endorse on such plat a copy of this Resolution and certify the same". Seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**B. OLSON ADDITION PLAT: RESOLUTION #65-24**  
Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing: "B. Olson Addition to the Town of Claremont, in the NW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 125 North, Range 60 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota", having been examined in hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**KEATTS EIGHTH SUBDIVISION TO RICHMOND LAKE PLAT: RESOLUTION #66-24**  
Commissioner Dennert brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Keatts Eighth Subdivision to Richmond Lake in the W 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 23-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**ADAM AND BRITTANY HOLCOMB PLAT: RESOLUTION #67-24**  
Commissioner Dennert brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing Adam and Brittany Holcomb First Addition in the SE 1/4 of Section 19-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting 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 9:56 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
Published December 4, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$84.44 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 23995

**Brown County Larson Rezoning**

**ORDINANCE #283 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY**  
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 Larkota Acres – Briann & Lisa Larson is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 thru 12, "Larkota First Addition" in the NW1/4 of Section 3-T121N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38504, 38507, 38512, 38515 & 38518, 38523, 38526, 38529, 38532, 38535, 38538 & 38541 Larkota Drive; Warner 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.

Notice of Hearing: October 30, 2024  
Passed First Reading: November 12, 2024  
Passed Second Reading: November 26, 2024  
Adopted: November 26, 2024  
Published: December 4, 2024  
Effective Date: December 24, 2024

Duane Sutton, Chairman  
Brown County Commission  
ATTEST:  
Brown County Auditor  
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**Brown County Bierman Rezone**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on December 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.  
Petitioner: Jarod & Sarah Bierman  
Description of property: "Elsing's Outlot 1" in the SW1/4 of Section 28-T121N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37640 147th Street, New Hope Twp.).  
Reason: Rezone parcel from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.  
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone 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 4th day of December 2024.  
Planning/Zoning Commission and  
Scott Bader – P&Z Director  
25 Market Street  
Aberdeen, SD 57401  
Office: (605) 626-7144  
Published December 4, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$14.41 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 24006

**Brown County Keatts Rezoning**

**NOTICE**  
Application has been made by Pat & Donna Keatts to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on December 17, 2024 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: 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.).  
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 284.  
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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**Brown County Gossman Rezoning**

**NOTICE**  
Application has been made by Stacy Gossman to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on December 17, 2024 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Commercial District (C) to Residential District (R-1) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use: 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.).  
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 285.  
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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**State of S. Dakota Scholz Hearing**

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA.. COUNTY OF BROWN IN CIRCUIT COURT ) ss FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF M. N., MINOR CHILD, AND CONCERNING LAURA LEE SCHOLZ AND JESSE NIKODYM, RESPONDENTS. A&N 23-7 NOTICE OF REVIEW HEARING TO: Laura Scholz**  
Please take notice and be advised that the above entitled matter has been scheduled for a REVIEW HEARING on the 31st day of March, 2025, at the hour of 1:15 p.m. of said day, before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota.  
Dated this 2nd day of December, 2024.  
/s/ Karla Nelson  
Karla Nelson, Deputy  
Brown County States Attorney  
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**NOTICE**  
Application has been made by Pat & Donna Keatts to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on December 17, 2024 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: 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.).  
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 284.  
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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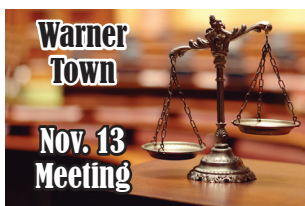
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### TOWN OF WARNER MINUTES FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gaylon Townsend, Terry Evans, and Nichol Townsend. Dave Fair was absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Evans and seconded by Townsend to approve the minutes from October 10th, 2024. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: MSC: Evans/Townsend. Checking: Town \$298,249.74; Water \$83,074.74; Sewer \$189,171.16. CDs: Town \$32,529.82; Water \$49,621.04; Sewer \$28,029.36. BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT: MSC: Townsend/Evans.

AGTEGRA (fuel) \$229.94, Gas-N-Goodies (fuel) \$91.99, Hobby Lobby (supplies) \$38.19, Office Depot (supplies) \$269.02, USDA (water & sewer loans) \$2083, Warner Post Office (supplies) \$29.20, WEB Water (city water) \$5581.50, B&B Contracting (repairs) \$9479.61, Badger Meter (reads) \$11.04, Brown County Treasurer (mosquito spraying) \$630, Country Concrete (repairs) \$2050, Dakota Pump (repairs & maintenance) \$850, Dependable Sanitation (garbage service) \$2595, Groton Independent (advertising) \$33.94, Hofer Repair (supplies) \$606.25, House of Glass (repairs) \$135.67, Hydro-Klean (maintenance) \$10,415.47, Lynn Aman (janitorial) \$75, MACS (supplies) \$199.99, Midcontinent (phone & internet) \$293.67, NA-SASP (dues) \$39, Northwestern Energy (electricity) \$1611.62, OnSolve/One Call (annual fees) \$872.66, Warner Post Office (PO box rent) \$72, Pro Concrete Raising (repairs) \$800, Runnings (supplies) \$155.23, Sanitation Products (supplies) \$901.75, SD Dept of Rev (Sales Tax) \$207.53, SD Municipal League (workmen's comp) \$2024, SD Municipal League (annual fees) \$645, SD Public Health Lab (water test) \$196, Town of Warner (Water/Sewer) \$197.56, SD Retirement Fund \$524.04, Payroll Taxes \$1135.69, PAYROLL: Stewart Nelson \$3479.84, Terry Evans \$53.56, Gaylon Townsend \$506.19, Nichol Townsend \$806.19.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Approved a variance for Bryan Hofer property, which was previously approved by planning and zoning. An application for variances from Bryan Hofer, 16 First Avenue NE. Addition to be set back from East property line 5'5" instead of 6' and 24'3" instead of 25' on the South. SD Legal Description Lot 1 Hofer Addition (LT 7-10 BK 8). MSC: Evans/Townsend

Property violations were discussed. Some are already being taken care of by owners. City attorney will be consulted regarding others.

NEW BUSINESS: Passed resolution #11-2024: RESOLUTION TO REPLAT NORTH WARNER HOMESTEAD

ADDITION. WHEREAS; the Town of Warner received a request from Thomas Johnson to replat Braun's Outlots 1 & 2 in the Northwest Quarter of Section 35, T122N, R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD as North Warner Homestead Addition in the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 35, T122N, R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD and that development of this land shall conform to all existing applicable zoning subdivision and sediment control regulations. WHEREAS; this was approved by the Warner Board of Trustees; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WARNER, SD that the Plat showing North Warner Homestead Addition in the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 35, T122N, R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Dated: 11/13/24 Published: 11/2024 Signed: David Fair, Chairman Board of Trustees, MSC: Townsend/Evans

DELINQUENCIES: 10 were noted and notices will be posted on doors. Four have already been shut off.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2024 @ 7PM @ the Warner Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting

was adjourned at 7:35PM. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Dave Fair, Chairman; Nichol Townsend, Finance Officer Published December 4, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$38.63 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 23992



### City of Columbia Council Meeting - December 3, 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 a bill from Code Enforcement Specialists for 633.30. Trevor Meints made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Emily Eichler 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 Nov. 5th meeting. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Northwestern Energy - electricity - 1130.68; Web - fire prevention - 53.61; JVT - fire prevention - 212.99; Double D Lot Services - mowing - 2635.00; Jeremy Dosch - Nov. wages - 419.99 -; Cara Dennert - Nov. wages - 1235.25; GDI - publications - 35.60; Brown County Sheriff - nuisance - 69.00; SDML - 2025 Membership Dues - 207.00; Double D Lot Services - November mowing - 1145.00; Dacotah Bank - shop supplies - 532.84; Code Enforcement Specialists - nuisance reports - 633.30

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: letters from DANR regarding approval of wastewater project and lab results from park water analysis

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Wastewater and drainage plans for State Water plan - state funding amounts will be announced in March.

Nuisances - Various complaints were discussed about dog noise in town. Residents will be advised to contact the sheriff's office. Code Enforcement Specialists have been in contact with some residents regarding violations. Those residents have until December 20th to comply with our ordinances.

Streets - looking good Parks - The council talked about the possibility of turning off the lights in the baseball park after the holidays. There was much discussion on park expenses for 2024 and for the concerns for financially maintaining the park in the future.

Lagoon/Sewer - no report Rubble Site -The gates for the rubble site will be closed as soon as the site has been piled up.

NEW BUSINESS - Baseball contract was discussed. Current contract expires the end of 2024. Corey is going to purchase a new computer for use at city hall.

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

November 30, 2024, balances: SF - \$ 72,688.21; SF Money Market - \$ 151,793.90; GF - \$ 143,932.74; GF Money Market - \$ 50,932.90; CD Money Market - \$ 32,502.94.

FIT - \$ 15,509.24; Cash on hand - \$0

Next Regular City Council Meeting - January 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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### Notice of Public Hearing for the City of Groton Wastewater Improvement Project

The City of Groton is proposing to replace one of the lift stations, adding a new force main to the lagoon and adding on a new wastewater cell and wetlands to the lagoon in the city. The City will be submitting a Clean Water Facilities Funding Application in an amount up to \$6,587,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The funding may be awarded in the form of a grant, loan, or a principal forgiveness loan; any portion of the loan that is not forgiven will have a term of up to 30 years at a rate of up to 5.0%. The amount and source of funds will be determined by the Board of Water and Natural Resources when the application is presented at a scheduled board meeting. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the proposed project, the proposed financing, and the source of repayment for the loan. The public is invited to attend and comment on the project.

The public hearing will be held at the City Hall @ 7:00pm on December 17, 2024.

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### 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, December 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Darin Gubin for owner Ronald Gubin

Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Gubin Second Subdivision" in the SE1/4 of Section 22-T121N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (Approx. 14555 398th Avenue; East Rondell Twp.).

Reason: Variance to Lot Size in an AG-P District to allow Proposed Lot 1 to be smaller than 40.0 acres and stay zoned Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) per Brown County Ordinances 4.0605.

The public is invited to attend the hearing to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Variance to Lot Size request.

Dated this 4th day of December 2024.

Planning/Zoning Commission & Scott Bader - P&Z Director 25 Market Street Aberdeen, SD 57401 Office: (605) 626-7144

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Petitioner / Owner: Kevin Pharis Real Estate LP

Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Pharis Cattle Real Estate Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 32-T125N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (Approx. 40190 124th Street; Claremont Twp.).

Reason: Variance to Lot Size in an AG-P District to allow Proposed Lot 1 to be smaller than 40.0 acres and stay zoned Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) per Brown County Ordinances 4.0605.

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Petitioner / Owner: Brandon & Erin Kolb

Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "B & E Kolb First Addition" in the S1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 33-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12980 384th Avenue; Lincoln Twp.).

Reason: Variance to Lot Size in an AG-P District to allow Proposed Lot 1 to be smaller than 40.0 acres and stay zoned Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) per Brown County Ordinances 4.0605.

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### NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on December 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Glacial Lakes Energy

Description of property: Lot 4, "Wheat Grower's West Subdivision" and Lot 2, "HGF Addition" in the N1/2 of Section 21-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38469 133rd Street; Aberdeen Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a new 40' x 64' processing building.

The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.

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Petitioner / Owner: Chris & Amber Odde

Description of property: Lot 13, "Schaunaman's Replat of Miller's Richmond Lake Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 19-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (382009 N Shore Drive; Lincoln Twp.).

Reason: Variance to Setbacks in a Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to allow an 8'-0" North Rear Yard Setback rather than the 30'-0" required by Brown County Ordinance for a new garage.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.

Dated this 4th day of December 2024.

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Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on December 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Troy & Rebecca Woehl

Description of property: Lot 16, "Howling Woods Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 22-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2935 Howling Woods Lane, Aberdeen Twp.).

Reason: Variance to Setbacks in a Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to allow a 3'-0" West Front Yard Setback rather than the 100'-0" required, a 3'-0" South Rear Yard Setback rather than the 20'-0" required and a 3'-0" East Side Yard Setback rather than the 20'-0" required by Brown County Ordinance for a new water service building.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.

Dated this 4th day of December 2024

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Petitioner: Troy & Rebecca Woehl

Description of property: Lot 16, "Howling Woods Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 16-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2935 Howling Woods Lane; Aberdeen Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a new 24' x 24' water service building.

The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.

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### NOTICE OF HEARING

A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on December 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Thomas Johnson

Description of property: Lots 1, 2 & 3, "North Warner Homestead Addition" in the NW1/4 of Section 35-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38615, 38623 & 38645 141st Street, Warner 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 rezone 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 4th day of December 2024.

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A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on December 17, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Lorin & Julie Fliehs

Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "L and J Fliehs First Addition" in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 22-T125N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12105 410th Avenue, Claremont 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.

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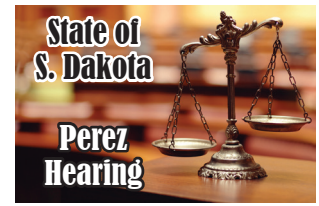
# Basketball

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**Friday, Dec. 6** Girls Basketball hosts Timber Lake (C at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m., varsity to follow)  
**Saturday, Dec. 7** JHGBB Jamboree at Groton Area, 10 a.m.  
**Monday, Dec. 9** JHGBB hosts Northwestern, 6:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 10** JHGBB at James Valley Christian, 5 p.m.  
**Friday, Dec. 13** Basketball Double Header at Hamlin  
 (Boys C/Girls JV at 4 p.m.; Boys JV/Girls C at 5:15 p.m.; Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow)  
**Tuesday, Dec. 17** Basketball Double Header hosts Sisseton  
 (Boys C/Girls JV at 4 p.m.; Boys JV/Girls C at 5:15 p.m.; Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow)  
**Thursday, Dec. 19** JHGBB at Aberdeen Roncalli  
**Friday, Dec. 20** Basketball Double Header hosts West Central  
 (Boys C/Girls JV at 4 p.m.; Boys JV/Girls C at 5:15 p.m.; Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow)  
**Monday, Dec. 30** Boys Basketball at Webster (C at 5 p.m., JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity to follow)  
**Saturday, Jan. 4** Basketball Double Header hosts Redfield  
 (Boys Girls JV at 1 p.m.; Boys JV/ at 2 p.m.; Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow)  
**Tuesday, Jan. 7** Basketball Double Header hosts Warner  
 (Girls JV at 4 p.m.; Boys JV at 5:15 p.m.; Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow)  
**Thursday, Jan. 9** Girls Basketball hosts Clark/Willow Lake (JV at 6 p.m., varsity to follow)  
**Friday, Jan. 10** Boys Basketball at Clark (C at 5 p.m., JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity to follow)  
**Saturday, Jan. 11** Basketball Double Header hosts Lennox  
 (Boys C/Girls JV at 1 p.m.; Boys JV/Girls C at 2:15 p.m.; Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow)  
**Thursday, Jan. 16** Basketball Double Header at Tiospa Zina  
 (Girls JV 4 p.m., Boys JV at 5 p.m., Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow)  
**Saturday, Jan. 18** Girls Basketball at Hanson Classic at the Corn Palace  
**Saturday, Jan. 18** Boys Basketball at Dakota Valley  
**Tuesday, Jan. 21** Girls Basketball hosts Northwestern (JV at 6 p.m., varsity to follow)  
**Thursday, Jan. 23** Basketball Double Header at Milbank  
 (Boys C/Girls JV at 4 p.m.; Boys JV/Girls C at 5:15 p.m.; Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow)  
**Tuesday, Jan. 28** Girls Basketball hosts Aberdeen Roncalli (C-5 p.m., JV-6:15, varsity to follow)  
**Thursday, Jan. 30** Girls Basketball hosts Webster Area (C-5 p.m., JV-6:15, varsity to follow)  
**Saturday, Feb. 1** Boys Basketball - NEC - DAK12 Clash at Madison  
**Monday, Feb. 3** Girls Basketball at Florence (C at 5 p.m., JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity to follow)  
**Tuesday, Feb. 4** Boys Basketball at Aberdeen Roncalli (C-5 p.m., JV-6:15, varsity to follow)  
**Thursday, Feb. 6** Basketball Double Header hosts Deuel  
 (Boys C/Girls JV at 4 p.m.; Boys JV/Girls C at 5:15 p.m.; Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow)  
**Friday, Feb. 7** Boys Basketball at Vermillion (C at 4 p.m., JV at 5:15, varsity to follow)  
**Saturday, Feb. 8** Girls Basketball - NEC-DAK12 Clash at Madison  
**Monday, Feb. 10** Girls Basketball at Great Plains Lutheran (C at 5, JV at 6:15, varsity to follow)  
**Tuesday, Feb. 11** Boys Basketball hosts Leola-Frederick (JV at 6 p.m., varsity to follow)  
**Saturday, Feb. 15** Basketball Double Header at Mobridge  
 (Girls C at 11 a.m., Boys C at noon, Boys JV/Girls JV at 1 p.m., Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow)  
**Monday, Feb. 17** Boys Basketball hosts Florence/Henry (C at 5 p.m., JV at 6:15, varsity to follow)  
**Friday, Feb. 21** Basketball Double Header at Britton  
 (Boys C/Girls C at 4 p.m.; Boys JV/Girls JV at 5:15 p.m.; Girls Varsity and Boys Varsity to follow)  
**Feb. 25 & 27** Girls Basketball Region 1A  
**Friday, Feb. 28** Boys BB vs. Aberdeen Christian at Aberdeen Civic Center (JV-6, varsity to follow)  
**Tuesday, March 4** Boys Basketball Region 1A  
**Thursday, March 6** Girls Basketball SoDak 16  
**Friday, March 7** Boys Basketball Region 1A  
**Tuesday, March 11** Boys Basketball SoDak 16  
**March 13-15** State Girls Basketball Tournament at Black Hills State University, Spearfish  
**March 20-22** State Boys Basketball Tournament at Sioux Falls

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**Mon., Dec. 2** JH/JV Wrestling at Faulkton  
**Fri., Dec. 6** Girls Wrestling at Watertown, 4:00  
**Sat., Dec. 7** Girls at Dell Rapids, 9:00  
**Sat., Dec. 7** Boys at Clark, 9:30  
**Mon., Dec. 9** JH Boys Invitational at Sisseton, 5:00  
**Tues., Dec. 10** JH Boys Wrestling at Pierre, 4:00  
**Dec. 13-14** Girls Wrestling at Rapid City  
**Mon., Dec. 16** Boys JH/JV at Webster, 4:30  
**Thurs., Dec. 19** NEC at Groton  
**Sat., Dec. 21** Girls at Ashley, N.D., 9:00  
**Sat., Dec. 21** Boys at Sioux Valley (Volga), 10:00  
**Mon., Dec. 30** Girls Wrestling at Sioux Falls  
**Fri., Jan. 3** Girls at McCook Central (Salem). 2:00  
**Sat., Jan. 4** Tournament at Webster, 10:00  
**Mon., Jan. 6** Boys JH/JV Wrestling at McCook Central (Salem), 5:00  
**Fri., Jan. 10** Girls Wrestling at Miller, 4:00  
**Sat., Jan. 11** Girls at Lyman, 10:00  
**Sat., Jan. 11** Boys at Garretson. 9:30  
**Mon., Jan. 13** Boys JH/JV Wrestling in Groton, 5:00  
**Thurs., Jan. 16** Triangular in Groton, 6:00  
**Fri., Jan. 17** Girls at Harrisburg, 2:00  
**Sat., Jan. 18** Tournament at Gettysburg, 10:00  
**Mon., Jan. 20** Boys JH/JV at Redfield, 5:30  
**Tues., Jan. 21** Boys JH/JV at Simmons, 4:00  
**Tues., Jan. 21** Boys Triangular at Clark, 6:00  
**Fri., Jan. 24** Boys host Deuel, 6:00  
**Fri., Jan. 24** Girls at Pierre, 4:00  
**Sat., Jan. 25** Tournament at Arlington, 10:00  
**Fri., Jan. 31** Quadrangular in Groton, 6:00  
**Sat., Feb. 1** Groton Tourney, 10:00  
**Fri., Feb. 7** Girls at Yankton, 9:00  
**Fri., Feb. 7** Boys at Lyman, 6:00  
**Sun., Feb. 16** Boys JH at Pierre  
**Sat., Feb. 22** Boys region at Hamlin  
**Sat., Feb. 22** Girls region at Clark  
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## City Council denies special exception to build garage before house

by Elizabeth Varin

The Groton City Council narrowly voted to deny a special exception that would have allowed a secondary structure before a primary one.

Groton resident Larry Harry had proposed building a garage at 906 North Second Street before building a house on the property. However, a city ordinance requires a primary structure to be built before a secondary one.

The council's decision, made during Tuesday night's meeting, upheld a November ruling by the city's Planning and Zoning Commission, which found the proposed project conflicted with an ordinance requiring a primary structure to be built first. Harry had sought to build a garage with a bedroom and bathroom, intending to construct a house within a year.

The council's vote was split, with council members Brian Bahr and Karyn Babcock supporting the denial and council members Jon Cutler and Shirley Wells against denying the special exception. Mayor Scott Hanlon cast the deciding vote, ultimately rejecting the special exception.

"I guess, bottom line is, I know you guys have been part of our community and built beautiful homes, but we have to back up our planning and zoning commission," Hanlon said. "Otherwise, there's no use to have them."

Councilman Cutler said he didn't see a negative in allowing the build to move forward. While it's not the "right way" of going about it, Cutler said he thinks if Harry builds the house it would be another asset for the community.

And it's not like the city would be allowing everyone moving forward to build a secondary building before a primary, he added.

Councilman Babcock said if the council approves the exception, why wouldn't they do so for everyone else wanting to build a garage before a house.

"I'm conflicted because typically it wouldn't be that big of a deal if it wasn't an ordinance," she said. "We have a standing ordinance, and if we don't follow it, it opens us up to issues."

Babcock asked Harry why he planned to build a garage before a house.

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# City Council

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Harry replied that he wanted to get something done this fall, but he couldn't get the concrete done for the house. However, his contractor said he could pour the concrete foundation for a garage as it's a smaller structure.

"I've lived in this town for 52 years," he said. "I'm not going to ..." he trailed off.

Councilman Bahr told Harry and his wife Kathy that if he was voting with his heart, he would approve the project to move forward. However, he has to follow the rules and back the Planning and Zoning Commission. They made a tough decision, wanting to see the city ordinance followed.

"It opens up everybody to do it this way," he said. "Put up a little toy shed and say, 'I'm going to put up a house next year.'"

Bahr made the motion to deny the special exception, and, after a prolonged pause, Babcock seconded the motion. After the split vote, Mayor Hanlon made the deciding call.

He told Harry that the city wants to work with him, but he's got back up the planning commission. If the secondary structure is built before the primary structure, it "opens a can of worms. I try not to do that if we don't have to."

- The City Council held off on deciding what direction to pursue related to the city's aging electric and water meter systems. Technology Specialist Paul Kosel presented prices from two companies and asked the council if they were ready to move forward with a decision. Councilman Brian Bahr said he didn't feel comfortable making the decision before hearing from Electric Utility Supervisor Todd Gay. Councilman Jon Cutler and Mayor Scott Hanlon agreed, saying it would be nice to know what his thoughts are on the meters.

- Mayor Scott Hanlon told the council he plans to speak with the police chief about pressing harder on those who don't move vehicles for plowing.

- The council approved hiring six skating rink employees for the upcoming winter season. Hourly wages are set to be discussed at the council's next meeting. New hires include
  - Tenth grader Leah Jones
  - Tenth grader Addison Hoffman
  - Tenth grader Claire Schuelke
  - Ninth grader Sydney Locke
  - Eighth grader Abby Fjeldheim
  - Jamie Mitchek (Krueger)

- The ice skating rink at Garfield Street and West Third Avenue has been flooded to make the rink. However, weather is expected to warm up. However, Public Works Coordinator and Street/Water Superintendent Terry Heron said they shouldn't have an issue having the rink done before Christmas.

- City offices will be closed December 23, 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday.

- The council voted to reappoint Les Hinds for a 5-year term as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner.

April 30, 1951 — December 3, 2024  
Twin Brooks



# The Life of Wesley Snoozy

Wesley "Wes" Snoozy, 73, passed away on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at his home near Twin Brooks, SD, following a courageous fight against cancer.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Mundwiler Funeral Home in Milbank, SD. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Mundwiler Funeral Home. Visitation will continue on Monday, one hour prior to the service. Pastor Ken Nelson will officiate.

Wesley "Wes" Julius Snoozy was born on April 30, 1951, in Sioux Falls, SD, to Everette and Eloise (Lunning) Snoozy. He spent his early years in Centerville, SD, attending Morning Star Country School until the sixth grade. In 1962, the family moved six miles north of South Shore, where Wes attended South Shore School and graduated in 1969. After graduation, Wes joined the National Guard's 147th Field Artillery unit and played an active role in the Rapid City flood recovery efforts during his service. He was honorably discharged in 1975.

In June 1972, Wes married Jeanette Brandriet, and together they had three children: Scott, Andrea, and Amber. Wes loved ranching and was involved in buying and selling yearlings until 1986. He also

worked for Elshere Bulk Spray and later for West-Con, where he specialized in spraying and spreading fertilizer. In 1995, Wes was united in marriage with Marie (Arnold) Pauli, welcoming her two children: Cristy and Richard into his life. Wes had a passion for the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping. He also loved reading, watching Westerns, and most of all, spending cherished time with his children and grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Marie Snoozy of Twin Brooks, SD; children, Scott (Wanda) Snoozy of Twin Brooks, SD; Andrea (Scott) Eisenbeisz of Aberdeen, SD; Amber (Casey) Stowman of Fargo, ND; Cristy (Bryan) Krause of Sioux Falls, SD; Richard (Stephanie) Pauli of Milbank, SD; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Chuck Noeldner of South Shore, SD; sister-in-law, Jill Snoozy of Thief River Falls, MN; parents-in-law: Stan-

ley "Stan" and Pauline Arnold of Ortley, SD; brothers-in-law: Alan (Angie) Arnold of Vine Grove, KT; Bryan Arnold of Cumberland, WI; sisters-in-law: Julie (Perry) Althoff of Webster, SD; and Lori Arnold of Ortley, SD; and many nieces, nephews, and several cousins.

Wes was preceded in death by his parents: Everette and Eloise; brothers: Keith and Kevin; sister, Joyce; two infant siblings; maternal and paternal grandparents; and aunts and uncles.

Special thank you to Avera @ Home Hospice for the exceptional care given to Wes.

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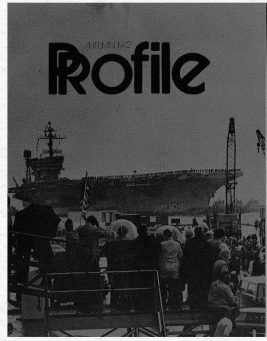
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## Gary Hoops

by Jaedyn Penning



**Gary Hoops (center) pictured with Legion Auxiliary Members Deb McKiver (left) and Tami Zimney (right).** (Courtesy Photo)

Hello my name is Jaedyn, and I am going to introduce you to Gary Hoops.

Gary Hoops was drafted into the army in the summer of 1971. He went into the Navy. He chose this branch because his cousin was killed in Vietnam on his mother's birthday and because he had always liked the water. He went to boot camp in San Diego, California which consisted of lots of marching. That didn't affect him much though, because he was in his high school marching band. He was put

on the 50 states flag team, so he was able to be in parades.

After boot camp, his home port became Norfolk, Virginia Piere 12. He first started in the GSE shop where he worked on electric forklifts and huffers used to start planes on the flight deck. He also worked in AFT-Air Start where he ran and serviced 4 engine turbines sitting on pods that sent forced air to the flight deck, which was also used to start planes. The flight deck was a very dangerous place because of possible fires. His shifts were 12 hours on and 12 hours off, varying with different war games. Gary also traveled to Europe for 18 months, getting to see Portugal, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Greece, the Arctic Circle, and Scotland. While he was away, he and his family wrote letters back and forth because there were no cell phones.

Gary received a medal in 1973 for Battle Efficiency and a Pennant and Ship Dept Excellence Insignia during his service. After his service ended, he spent 30 days in South Dakota and is still a member of the Groton Legion Post 39. He was married with 3 kids, then divorced and remarried with 2 step kids. Since getting out of the military, he has worked 55 years as a Body AM, has coached basketball, soccer, girls fastpitch softball, summer travel softball and still coaches a U10 summer team. He currently is coaching at Southridge High School in Beaverton, Oregon.

Although the best part of his military career was traveling around and getting to see other parts of the world, he has learned how to work hard and work with other people from different backgrounds. Gary got to meet a lot of great people from all over the US.

His advice to anyone contemplating entering the military is that the service is not for everyone, but it is a good place to find direction. As a bonus, when you leave the military, the GI bill has great benefits. You also get to travel the world and understand other people and their problems. If you asked him if he would do it again, he would say YES!

Gary was not able to be here today, but he did come to Mr. Warner's classroom, where he was honored with his quilt.

Everyone please give Gary an applause.

## We the People

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

### Does the U.S. President Have the Authority to Withdraw from NATO?

President-elect Donald Trump is not a fan of NATO—the North Atlantic Treaty Organization—which has been the backbone of the US-European security alliance since its creation in 1949. He has mused publicly about withdrawing the United States from the treaty. Along the campaign trail, Trump has reminded audiences of his threat to refuse military support for a NATO ally that he believes doesn't pay enough to support the alliance, despite the promise in Article V of the treaty that an attack on one member state represents an attack on all.

The only time in its history that Article V has been invoked was when the U.S. was attacked by terrorists on September 11, 2001, and member states came to the defense of our nation. With the incoming Trump Administration just two months from assuming power, the future of NATO and America's role in the organization, if any, is up in the air, which raises a constitutional question of great moment: Does the president possess unilateral authority to withdraw the United States from its treaties?

The question of the constitutional authority to terminate treaties is the subject of long-standing debate. The uncertainty, which stems from the fact that the Constitution is silent on the repository of the power to denounce treaties, has engendered doctrinal confusion and variety in practice. The Supreme Court bypassed an opportunity to resolve the controversy in *Goldwater v. Carter* (1979), when it dismissed as nonjusticiable on grounds of standing Sen. Barry Goldwater's legal challenge to President Jimmy Carter's termination of the 1954 Mutual Defense Treaty with Taiwan. While the decision, technically, did not establish a precedent, it left Carter's act undisturbed, and it was invoked in 1986 as authority for President Ronald Reagan's termination of a treaty of friendship and commerce with Nicaragua, and again in 2020 by then President Trump as justification for his termination of the Open Skies Treaty with Russia. Full disclosure: as a young scholar, in law review articles and correspondence with Goldwater's team, I supported the Senator's argument that treaty termination requires approval of the Senate.

The location of authority to terminate treaties presents serious ramifications for constitutional doctrine and the course of American foreign policy, as measured by mutual security treaties, treaty alliances, and nuclear weapons agreements that expressly govern U.S. security matters, and other international arrangements that have an important effect on economic, environmental and commercial interests.

The Constitutional Convention did not address the issue of treaty termination, at least directly. It seems likely, however, that the Framers' fear of unilateral executive power in foreign affairs, their commitment to collective decision making, and the policy concerns that impelled them to create a treaty power shared by the president and the Senate, would have precluded the possibility of a unilateral presidential power to terminate treaties. The shared power regarding the treaty power satisfied the southern states, which feared that their regional, economic and security interests would be ignored by northern states. It was made clear in the Convention that without those accommodations, including Senate approval of a treaty by a two-thirds vote, the treaty power would not have been accepted.

Obviously, the termination of a treaty could do as much harm to the jealously guarded sectional and state interests as the negotiation of a treaty, and its denunciation by one person could hardly maintain the delicate balance of this carefully crafted system. In fact, writings at the time suggest the Framers assumed that the power to make treaties included the power to terminate them. This principle of symmetrical construction was endorsed by John Jay who wrote in *Federalist No. 64* that, "they who make treaties may alter or cancel them," and by James Madison, who stated: "That the contracting parties can annul a treaty cannot, I presume, be questioned, the same authority, precisely, being exercised in annulling as in making a treaty."

The explanations of Jay, who was America's foremost expert on foreign affairs, and Madison, the leading architect of the Constitution, without any opposition arguments on the question, that is, without any assertion of a unilateral executive authority to terminate treaties, strongly suggest the Convention's understanding that the principle of

symmetry would govern the important issue of treaty termination. Whether the aims and concerns of the Framers wield influence in the Trump Administration remains to be seen.

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We are sad and disappointed to hear that Governor Noem has recommended what amounts to deep cuts to South Dakota Public Broadcasting's budget, amounting to a 65% decrease in our state budget allocation.

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SDPB also plays critical roles in education, public safety, and helps ensure open government for all citizens of our state.

A cut of this size and scale will force significant reductions to all these important services. This cut is likely to disproportionately affect rural service, where SDPB's programming is most valued.

SDPB has worked hard for over 50 years to earn the public's trust and support. We will be counting on our fellow South Dakotans and their collective voices to ensure our state continues to have a viable, free, public broadcasting service for the next generations to enjoy.

We look forward to working with legislators through the budget process during the 100th South Dakota Legislative Session.

For those with concerns, we encourage them to reach out to Friends of SDPB, the non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of SDPB. They can be reached at friends@sdpb.org.



**Medora Christmas Show "A Magical Christmas"**

December 8, 2024 - 3:00 pm

Aberdeen Civic Theater  
 225 2nd Ave, SE

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 \$35/Adult, \$25 Child

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USDA CHOICE DEMKOTA BONELESS TOP SIRLOIN STEAK \$6.99 Lb.  
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**Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #4 Results**

**Team Standings:**  
 Coyotes 11, Chipmunks 9, Jackelopes 8, Cheetahs 8, Foxes 7, Shihtzus 5

**Men's High Games:** Brad Waage 222, Lance Frohling 217, Brad Larson 206

**Women's High Games:** Darci Spanier 176, Sue Stanley 169, Sam Bahr 159

**Men's High Series:** Brad Waage 574, Brad Larson 529, Lance Frohling 527

**Women's High Series:** Darci Spanier 449, Sam Bahr 441, Sue Stanley 431

**Week 4 Fun Game - Most 8/Spares -** Jackelopes with 16!

**CHRISTMAS TOUR OF TREES**

Vote for your favorite Christmas Tree displayed at the Wage Memorial Library AND decorate a Christmas cookie!

The tree with the most votes wins \$50 in Groton Chamber Bucks!

FREE FAMILY FUN EVENT!  
 6 DEC 3:30PM TO 6:30pm  
 Snacks and Beverages will be provided!