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## December Students of the Month

Back Left: Ryder Johnson ( 11th), Elizabeth Flihs (12th), Elizabeth Cole ( 9th), Kira Clocksene (10th)  
Front Left: Aspen Beto (8th), Victoria Schuster (6th), Amelia Ewalt (7th)

## Tuff Tiger Weekend update



**Braxton Sombke, Roman Bahr and Brooks Sombke.**

### Blue Dragon - Garretson

Brooks Sombke champion  
Roman Bahr champion  
Braxton Sombke champion

### Little Floyd - Sioux Falls

Brooks Sombke 2nd place  
Roman Bahr champion  
Braxton Sombke champion

### League of Hero's -Hartington, Neb.:

Roman Bahr Champion.



### Cossack Clash - Volga

From L to R  
Roman Bahr - Champion  
Watson Herron Champion  
Ryker Herron 4th place  
Brooks Vedvie 4th place

## Ehresmann, Kucker ranked in the state

According to the latest wrestling standings, Christian Ehresmann is ranked second in the state at 157 pounds and Korbin Kucker is ranked fourth at 175 pounds. As a team, Groton Area is ranked 15th in Class B.

## Groton Area November Students of the Month



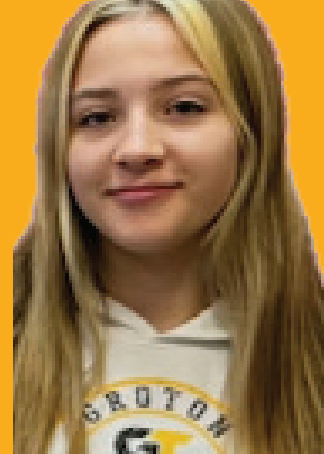
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Senior



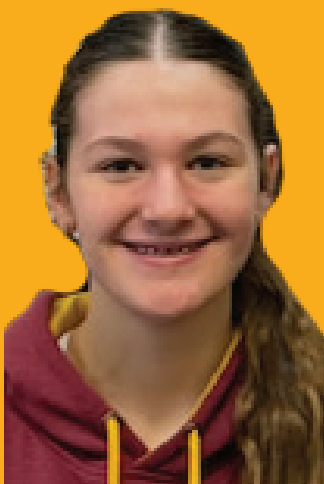
**Talli Wright**  
Junior



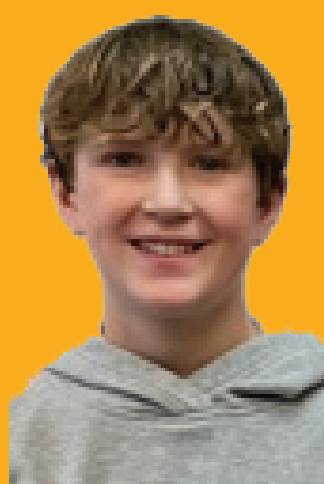
**Liby Althoff**  
Sophomore



**Kyleigh Kroll**  
Freshman



**Abby Fjeldheim**  
Eighth Grade



**Gavin Hanten**  
Seventh Grade



**Lillian Davis**  
Sixth Grade

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It is learning with our heads, hearts, and hands to be caring and civil, to make healthy decisions, to effectively problem solve, to be respectful and responsible, to be good citizens, and to be empathetic and ethical individuals.

Students are selected based on individual student growth in the areas of: positive behavior, citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards.



# 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

## Remembering Jimmy Carter: A Decent, Dignified President When America Really Needed One

There is no system in place in America to dial up the president that the nation most needs at a given juncture. It is true that most delegates at the Constitutional Convention believed that George Washington would be our first president, assuming the sovereign people ratified the proposed Constitution and elected the country's most famous citizen, the hero of the Revolutionary War, adjudged by everyone, everywhere to be our greatest leader. Washington didn't disappoint his countrymen, unless you factor in the widespread disappointment registered in reaction to his unwillingness to serve a third term in the Office of the Presidency.

But since Washington, there has been no similar universal agreement on a candidate that fit the billing of "The Man for Our Times," though many aspiring presidents sought to persuade voters that, indeed, they were precisely the right man for the moment. It is true, of course, that the United States has enjoyed several "great" presidents and a few "near-great" presidents. And, after their service in the Oval Office, supporters could justifiably say that a particular

president was the right president for the time. Many, in fact, say that about Jimmy Carter, our 39th President, who brought much needed decency to the White House after the Watergate scandal, the pervasive corruption within the Nixon Administration, and the criminal and corrupt acts undertaken by Richard Nixon himself.

Revelations about Nixon's behavior—his authorization of the CIA to stop the FBI from investigating the Watergate burglary and related acts, personal involvement in the coverup of the burglary, his declaration that he "could find" the money necessary to buy the Watergate burglars' loyalty so they would not finger his inner circle, Nixon's creation of the Plumber's Unit, his secret bombing of Cambodia, his use of federal departments such as the IRS to harangue his political enemies, and his infamous enemies list, to name but a few of Nixon's egregious and illegal acts—shattered the morale of the nation and left many across the country to wonder whether America's constitutional democracy had a future.

Against that grimy backdrop, Jimmy Carter proved to be the right presidential candidate at the right time. Carter, the peanut farmer from Plains, Georgia—who returned to his family farm following the death of his father and after a stellar career as a naval officer, serving on a prototype nuclear submarine under the command of the legendary Admiral Rickover—was by every measure a good, decent, and moral man. He arrived at the doorstep of the nation's highest office at a time when America badly needed someone with his character, honesty, and humility. He promised during his campaign "never to lie to the American people," in contrast with the pervasive immorality of the Nixon Presidency, whose mantra was, "the ends justify the means."

In Jimmy Carter, American voters embraced an honest outsider, genuinely committed to working for the people, exhibiting transparency at every step, eschewing special interests, instituting ethics reform in government, and installing independent inspectors in every department to promote checks, balances, and integrity. Carter's approach to government would have pleased Jimmy Stewart's Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.

That's not to say that Carter was a great, or even a near-great, president. It is fair, however, to call for a review of his one-term presidency, because the characterization of his term as a failure has always been unfair and inaccurate. At least two major events that marred his reputation were beyond his control. Iran's seizure of American hostages in 1979 would have scarred any presidential record. And the crippling inflation that hurt him most was already in its early beginnings when he captured the White House in 1976.

Carter's achievements in the realm of foreign affairs distinguish his presidency. His normalization of relations with China, initiated by Nixon, opened a historic door for new relations between two great adversaries. The Camp David Accords, Carter's signature diplomatic achievement, would rank at the forefront of any president's major accomplishments, since he negotiated the last peace between Israel and Egypt. His leadership on the issue of the Panama Canal Treaty avoided a major war and the lasting enmity of neighbors in the Western Hemisphere.

Above all, Jimmy Carter will be remembered for restoring the dignity of the presidency which, when you think about it, represents a historic achievement.

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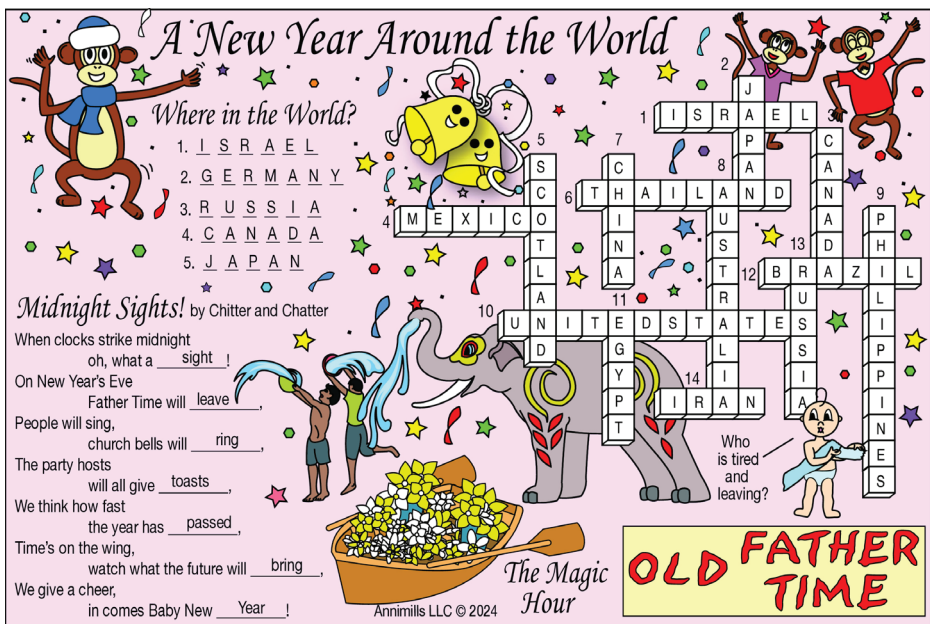
When arthritis tries to slow you down, exercise can keep you moving. - Mayo Clinic

# Krueger takes second at Sioux Falls 2024 Floyd Farrand Girls Invitational 107:

**Liza Krueger (18-2) placed 2nd and scored 22.5 points.**  
 Champ. Round 1 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 18-2 won by tech fall over Andrea Luna Sanchez (Milbank) 1-8 (TF-1.5 2:13 (20-3))  
 Quarterfinal - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 18-2 won by fall over Emma Bocek (Clark/Willow Lake) 3-8 (Fall 3:36)  
 Semifinal - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 18-2 won by major decision over Kendall Clayton (Brandon Valley) 7-3 (MD 15-4)  
 1st Place Match - Olivia Anderson (Watertown) 15-1 won by fall over Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 18-2 (Fall 1:53)



**Card Shower**  
 Leo Kersting will be celebrating his **90th BIRTHDAY** on **January 9, 2025**.  
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 Where in the World?  
 1. ISRAEL  
 2. GERMANY  
 3. RUSSIA  
 4. CANADA  
 5. JAPAN  
 Midnight Sights! by Chitter and Chatter  
 When clocks strike midnight oh, what a sight!  
 On New Year's Eve Father Time will leave.  
 People will sing, church bells will ring.  
 The party hosts will all give toasts.  
 We think how fast the year has passed.  
 Time's on the wing, watch what the future will bring.  
 We give a cheer, in comes Baby New Year!

**OLD FATHER TIME**  
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Wash thoroughly
- 6 Black Sea port
- 12 Saudi neighbor
- 13 Reacts to a pun
- 14 Baseball's Roberto
- 15 Attack verbally
- 16 — -pedi
- 17 Barrel bottom bit
- 19 — tree
- 20 Use a stun gun
- 22 California's Big —
- 24 Director Brooks
- 27 Campbell of "Scream"
- 29 Eve's guy
- 32 Citrusy flavoring used in baking
- 35 Pedestal part
- 36 Actress de Matteo
- 37 Pro vote
- 38 Decade parts (Abbr.)
- 40 "No seats" signs
- 42 Food additive
- 44 Help a crook
- 46 Like custard
- 50 Venetian marketplace

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- 52 Security desk request
- 54 "Nothing for me, thanks"
- 55 Protruding navels
- 56 Breeds, as salmon
- 57 Spiteful
- 7 Pulls
- 8 Very long time
- 9 The "S" of SNL
- 10 Crisp cookie
- 11 Hammett
- 12 Candied veggie
- 18 Undo
- 21 Director Lee
- 23 Former Mideast gp.
- 24 '60s chic
- 25 Mound stat
- 26 "Bad Romance" singer
- 28 Physical effort
- 30 Super serve
- 31 NYC subway overseer
- 33 Fish-fowl link
- 34 Eastern "way"
- 39 Squelched
- 41 Factions
- 42 Hosp. scans
- 43 Ninny
- 45 Physiques
- 47 Pace
- 48 Neutral color
- 49 QB's gains
- 51 Blue
- 53 "Levitating" singer Lipa

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# The Life of William Kroll



Services for William Kroll, 77, of Andover will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 2nd at Zion Lutheran Church in Andover. Pastor Jeremy Yeadon will officiate. Inurnment will follow in the spring in Andover City Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the funeral chapel on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m.

Bill passed away December 29, 2024 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen.

William Ernest Kroll was born on October 7, 1947 in Webster to William W. and Eleanor (Widvey) Kroll. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church in Andover. Bill attended school in Andover until his sophomore year when he transferred to Groton. He graduated from Groton High School in 1965 and continued his education at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN. Bill returned to the family farm following his father's passing. In his early years, he enjoyed playing soft-

ball and bowling. On October 3, 1970, he was united in marriage with Jane Klein in Andover. Together they made their home on the farm and were blessed with five children.

Outside of farming, Bill was active in the church, holding many offices at Zion Lutheran. He attended many of his children's and grandchildren's sporting events and also helped with 4-H Club. For nearly 15 years, he drove bus for the Groton School District. Bill enjoyed attending cattle shows, riding 4-wheeler and cooking/baking. His butterhorns, donuts and birthday cakes will be fondly remembered by many friends and family.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Jane of Andover, his children, Craig (Lisa) Kroll of Andover, Marcy (T.J.) Harder of Groton, Joel (Jessica) Kroll of Groton, Mike (Rachel) Kroll of Warner, Barb (David) Gienger of Hosmer, 10 grandchildren: Kansas, Halee, Haden, Jace, Ethan, Connor, Lincoln, Braydon, Mattea and Sophia. Bill is also survived by his siblings, Anne (Ade) Swenson of Thompson, Iowa, Judy Kroll of Volga, Jim Kroll of Andover, Joyce (David) Priem of Fredericksburg, Texas and Donna (Kevin) Briggs of Mankato, Minnesota.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his step-father, Robert Lapham.

In lieu of flowers or memorials, please consider donating to the Groton Baseball Softball Foundation, Concession fund or the charity of your choice.



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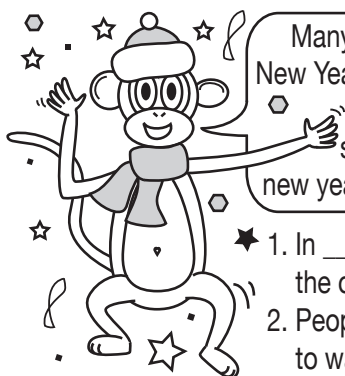
...improve upon during the new year!

# Newspaper Fun!

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Kids: color stuff in!



Many people all over the world ring in the New Year on the 31st of December at midnight. Some ring in their new year in a different season. Read my clues to learn about new year celebrations. Fill in the puzzle!

## A New Year Around the World

- In \_\_\_\_\_ it is a time to pray, think about the old year and forgive (in the fall).
- People in \_\_\_\_\_ hang straw rope on their doors to ward off evil spirits; eat tasty rice cakes.
- In \_\_\_\_\_, schools are closed. People use New Year's Day to rest from the parties and fireworks they went to the night before!
- In \_\_\_\_\_, people decorate with colors: yellow for happiness, red for love, white for health!
- In \_\_\_\_\_, the "first footer" – the first person to come through your door in the new year – brings good luck!
- In \_\_\_\_\_, during the festival of Songkran, people splash water on each other for fun. Some even use elephants to spray water (April).
- In \_\_\_\_\_, parades are held with fireworks and dancing "dragons."
- In \_\_\_\_\_, people celebrate for 6 days with parties, fireworks and dancing.
- In the \_\_\_\_\_, people wear polka dots and eat round fruits for good luck; streets are lined with bright lanterns.
- In the \_\_\_\_\_ people watch a giant crystal ball drop at the stroke of midnight. People promise to better themselves in the new year.
- In \_\_\_\_\_, heads of households go door to door to wish neighbors well. Kids get sweets wrapped in colorful paper.
- In \_\_\_\_\_, people release a flower-filled boat for the ocean goddess, Lemanjá.



If I plan my trip right, I might be able to celebrate the New Year in many countries and try many foods!

### Where in the World?

Fill in the name of the country where some New Year foods include:

- fresh apples dipped in honey, challah bread, chicken soup  
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- fish (to increase riches), white cabbage (silver money), carrots (gold)  
 \_ \_ G \_ \_ M \_ \_ Y
- boiled eggs, caviar, smoked meats, soup, tea  
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- boiled beef, venison, corn soup, doughnuts, cookies, breads  
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- wheat noodles, thick vegetable soup, fish, white rice with red beans  
 \_ \_ A \_ \_ A \_ \_

My New Year's resolution is to start a reading club with friends.

### Midnight Sights!

Fit the words into our poem:

When clocks strike midnight  
oh, what a \_\_\_\_\_!

On New Year's Eve  
Father Time will \_\_\_\_\_,  
People will sing,  
church bells will \_\_\_\_\_,  
The party hosts  
will all give \_\_\_\_\_,  
We think how fast  
the year has \_\_\_\_\_,  
Time's on the wing,  
watch what the future will \_\_\_\_\_,  
We give a cheer,  
in comes Baby New \_\_\_\_\_!

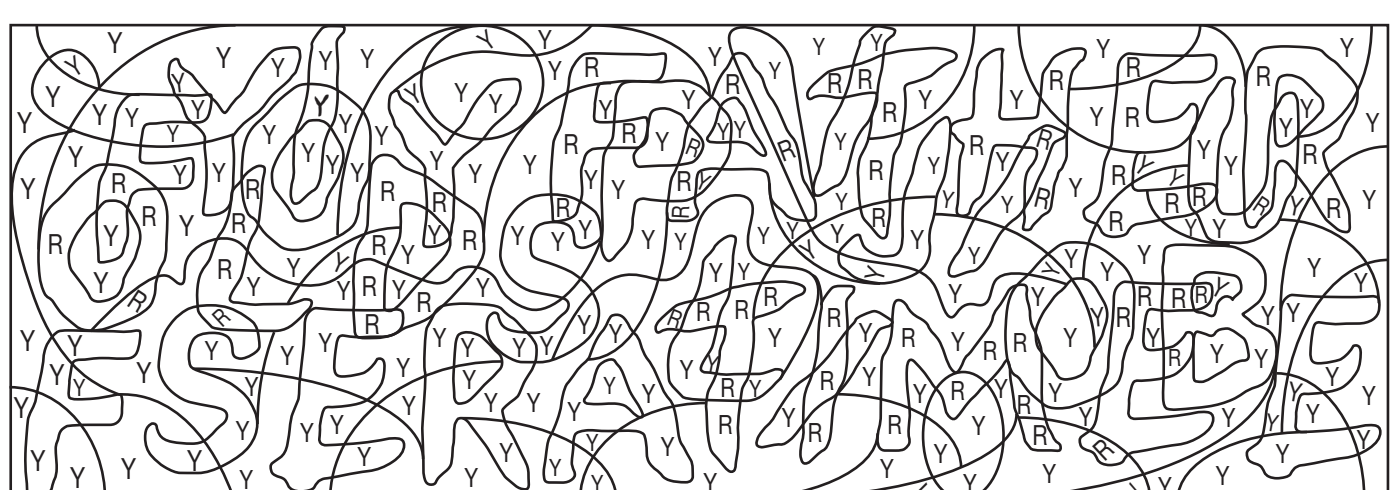


### The Magic Hour

It is the magic hour of midnight! Baby New Year is excited, full of energy and ready to start the new year.

Who is weary and leaving to rest?

R = Red Y = Yellow



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## Groton Area Rallies Past Webster for a Dominant Victory

In a matchup full of swings, the Groton Area Tigers surged back from an early deficit to defeat the Webster Area Bearcats 76-46 in boys' basketball action.

The game began with a flurry of long-range shooting by Webster Area's Matthew Mount. Mount caught fire in the first quarter, draining five three-pointers and helping the Bearcats race to a 20-7 lead. By the end of the quarter, Webster held a commanding 23-11 advantage, shooting a scorching 57% from the field compared to Groton Area's 28%.

However, the Tigers were undeterred. In the second quarter, they found their rhythm, particularly in the closing minutes. A 12-point run erased Webster's lead, tying the game at 27 with 2:03 left in the half. Moments later, Groton Area claimed their first lead at 29-27 and continued to dominate, heading into halftime with a 36-27 advantage. Their 67% shooting in the second quarter, compared to Webster's 17%, highlighted their efficient play.

The momentum stayed firmly with the Tigers in the third quarter. Led by balanced scoring from their starters, Groton Area extended their lead to 57-37 by the end of the period. Meanwhile, Webster struggled to find their early shooting form, hitting just 25% of their attempts.

In the fourth quarter, Groton Area sealed the game, shooting 50% from the field while Webster managed 38%. The Tigers finished with a commanding 30-point victory, thanks to their smothering defense and unselfish play. They recorded 20 assists and 16 steals, while limiting turnovers to just 11. Keegen Tracy's 14 points, Jayden Schwan's 12, Gage Sippel's 11, and Ryder Johnson's 10 points showcased the team's depth.

Webster's Matthew Mount led all scorers with 23 points, and Jack Shoemaker contributed 13. However, the Bearcats couldn't overcome their 19 turnovers and inconsistent shooting after the first quarter.

Rebounding and defense also played a key role in Groton's win. Becker Bosma dominated the boards with 14 rebounds, and Gage Sippel led the Tigers' defensive efforts with two blocks.

Shooting percentages told the story of the game:

- Groton Area: 66% on field goals, 26% from beyond the arc, and 55% on free throws.
- Webster Area: 33% on free throws, as foul trouble limited their scoring opportunities.

- Story compiled by ChatGPT

Keegen Tracy: 14 points, 6 assists, 2 steals, 2 fouls.

Jayden Schwan: 12 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals, 3 fouls.

Gage Sippel: 11 points, 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 2 fouls, 2 blocks, 1 dunk.

Ryder Johnson: 10 points, 9 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals.

Becker Bosma: 9 points, 14 rebounds, 4 assists, 5 steals.

Turner Thompson: 9 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 4 fouls.

Karson Zak: 8 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 2 steals, 2 fouls.

Ryder Schelle: 3 points, 1 rebound.

Blake Pauli: 1 rebound, 3 assists.

Logan Warrington: 1 steal.

Jace Johnson: 1 rebound.

Ethan Kroll: 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 fouls, 1 block.

Total: 23-35 field goals, 66%; 8-31 3-pointers, 25%; 6-11 free throws, 55%; 45 rebounds, 11 turnovers, 20 assists, 16 steals, 15 fouls, 3 blocks.

Matthew Mount led Webster Area with 23 points while Jack Shoemaker had 13, Ian Lesnar five, Michael Dorsett three, Seth Lesnar two. Webster made 16 of 46 field goals for 35 percent, 3 of 9 free throws for 33 percent, had 13 team fouls and 19 turnovers.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 56-20, leading at the quarterstops at 14-1, 30-8 and 43-15. The mercy rule kicked in with 4:22 left in the game. Anthony Tracy 15, Logan Warrington 10, Asher Johnson 10, Jayden Schwan 9, Ryder Schelle 8, Ethan Kroll 2, Jace Johnson 2. Peyton Sichmeller led Webster Area with 8 points.

Both games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. Dorene Nelson sponsored the junior varsity game. Varsity game sponsors were Agtegra, Avantara Groton, Bierman Farm Service, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Jungle Lanes & Lounge, Locke Electric, Krueger Brothers, R&M Farms/Rix Farms, The Meathouse in Andover,

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December 17, 2024 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** Senator Elect, Carl Perry, shared with the Commission the Youth Awards given out by the Exchange Club of Aberdeen for December: Young Citizen Awards went to Grace Cogley & Alexander Hall from Aberdeen Roncalli, Clara Holcomb & Oliver Beyers from Holgate MS, Maevie Sullivan & Esau Eaglestaff from Simmons MS and Isabel Ross from Aberdeen Christian. Youth of the Month Awards went to Mason Ligon from Aberdeen Central HS, Matayah Henrich & Leah Carda (last month) from Aberdeen Roncalli and Micah Kranzler from Aberdeen Christian.

**ORDINANCE #284 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #284. Applicant Pat & Donna Keatts to rezone 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.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #285 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #285. Applicant Stacy Gossman to rezone 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.

**BROWN COUNTY BRIDGE INSPECTIONS REPORT:** Chelsey Sheridan and Michael Gutenkauf, from IMEG shared with the Commissioners their findings on the Bridge Inspections they did in Brown County. They inspected 83 Bridges in 2024 out of the 134 in Brown County. Brown County's Average Sufficiency rating for 2024 is 83.9, which is higher than the State's average. Average Replacement Cost is \$1,741,229.00; under the BIG Program the County would be responsible for 20% of the Average Replacement Cost which comes to \$348,246.00.

**FHWA ADJUSTED URBAN BOUNDARY MAP:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) adjusted Urban Boundary Map. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HAY-GROUND LEASES:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following Hay Ground Leases: Hay Cutting Richmond Youth Camp leased to Dustin Bitz at \$62.50/acre and Hay Cutting at Fairgrounds leased to Donald Griese at \$103.50/acre. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION:** Rachel Kippley, Fair-Fairgrounds-Parks Manager submitted a letter from the Brown County Fair Board to accept the resignation of Adam Butcher from the Fair Board due to him moving out of the County. Moved by Commissioner Wiese to acknowledge the Adam Butcher's resignation, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR CONTRACTS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to

sign the following 2025 Brown County Fair Contracts: Ashley Wineland for \$5,500.00 to perform four 1-hour shows; Everly Set and Forever Simon & Garfunkel A Tribute for \$8,000.00 for eight performances; ZZ-3 for \$6,000.00 to perform four 60-minute shows. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the 3-year Contract with Coke for the 2024-2027 Brown County Fair, which includes Marketing and/or Media Sponsorship. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIRGROUND LIQUOR LICENSE/CLUBHOUSE BID FOR CLUBHOUSE:** Rachel Kippley, Fair-Fairgrounds-Parks Manager informed the Commission that she would like to apply for Fairgrounds Liquor License, which would exclude the Odde Building, Centennial Village and Grandstand due to those entities having a Malt Beverage License at those locations. Rachel shared that this license could be used in the Clubhouse through the year including the week of the Fair and in the Holum Expo Building for events such as Hometown Tour. One proposal given was for the week of the Fair, have different non-profit organizations volunteer and then could split the net profits 50/50. Commissioner Fjeldheim suggested have a Fair Board Committee oversee getting the Volunteers. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to reject the Aberdeen Hockey Association Bid for Clubhouse for Brown County Fair years of 2025, 2026 and 2027 in the amount of \$3,500.00 per year. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize advertising to set hearing for the Fairground Liquor License. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIRGROUND IMPROVEMENT FUND:** Rachel Kippley, Fair-Fairgrounds-Park Manager asked the Commission to consider transferring \$651,509.00 for the Fair Improvement Fund. Commissioner Sutton asked to postpone this decision until the 31st, after Auditor Heupel can verify the numbers and see where final numbers end up being.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** Rachel Kippley, Fair-Fairgrounds-Parks Manager shared a Strategic Plan with the Commission and asked them to review it and let her know their thoughts or any suggestions. Commissioner Dennert asked her to consider an Indoor Shooting Sports for 4-H Families and look into hosting a Winter Livestock Show such as Jr. Point Show because the families will travel for those events. Rachel shared that there is a Building Committee looking at potentially replacing the Competitive Arts Building/Home Arts Building to build a New 4-H Community Building. Commissioner Sutton shared that we truly have a need for a year-round use building; Grant, Roberts and Spink County have such buildings, and we plan to kick-off our Building Campaign in 2025. Rachel wanted to give them an update on Marketing, they did look at contracting with a Marketing Firm to get the best out of the Marketing Budget but chose not to do that at this time. Fair Tickets are on sale through December 25th (Christmas Day) otherwise not available again until March. They will have a New Year's Surprise – there is a hint in the background of the last video posted.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting Minutes of December 10 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims/payroll: Claims: Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$160.03. Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$408.82; Aberdeen ED \$1,877.75; Aberdeen Imaging \$134.02; Best Western Ramkota Hotel-Aberdeen \$300.00; Boyce Law Firm \$150.00; Certified Languages International LLC \$1,339.80; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$9,523.81; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$9,523.81; Dakota Group LLC \$2,500.00; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$38,448.40; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$9,523.81; Explico Inc \$10,083.75; Fargo Teleradiology Prof \$151.18; Faulkton Area Medical Center \$79.94; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$141.12; IMEG Corp \$3,521.35; James Straat-

meyer \$15.91; Jerald M. McNeary \$9,523.81; John Noyes-Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$9,523.81; Kristi Brandt \$363.50; Kuck Law Office \$9,523.81; Language Line Services, Inc \$355.23; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$200.00; Lincoln County Auditor \$497.50; Matthew Bender & Co., Inc \$205.10; Network Center, Inc \$1,257.13; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$1,586.00; NVC \$180.00; Precision Reporting \$2,433.00; Premier Biotech Labs, Inc \$250.00; Sara Zahn \$49.00; SD Department of Health \$2,240.00; SD Department of Legislative Audit \$34,052.50; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$9,523.81; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$942.33; Youngberg Law, Prof. LLC \$506.00. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$924.44; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$54.60; Southwest Messenger Press, Inc \$96.46. Rentals: Vestis \$274.48. Repairs & Maintenance: Big Scoop Snow Removal \$140.00; Burdette Security & Technologies, LLC \$1,900.00; Custom Installation Solutions \$48.00; Honeywell International Inc \$39,047.27; JGE, Inc \$140.78; LB's Dive Shop LLC \$1,230.00; Lien Transportation Company \$597.50; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$157.99; South Dakota Underground \$8,308.69. Supplies: Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$835.79; Century Business Products \$664.27; Cole Paper Inc \$4,871.57; Gov-Connection, Inc \$463.66; Graham Tire Inc \$901.35; Hall Sand & Gravel, Inc \$33,439.03; J.D. Power \$465.00; James Straatmeyer \$465.00; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$13.15; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$225.42; Menards \$1,331.87; Network Center, Inc \$8,331.63; NVC \$29.55; Performance Oil \$272.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$789.96; Runnings \$224.25; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$107.20. Travel & Conference: Adelaide Mouna \$274.08; Dave Lonzman \$322.00. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$43.23; Big Scoop Snow Removal \$70.00; Century-Link \$567.41; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$1,804.65; City of Hecla \$189.53; Economy Propane, LLC \$976.03; James Valley Telecommunications \$209.10; Northern Electric \$93.50; Northwestern Energy \$6,892.91; NVC \$2,666.47; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$144.47; Verizon Wireless \$4,723.06. Other: Safe Harbor \$515.00; WEX Health Inc \$4,000.00.

**Payroll:** Commission \$4,753.89; Elections \$1,834.40; Auditor \$10,094.83; Treasurer \$17,329.47; SA \$34,584.33; Maintenance \$11,859.08; Assessor \$15,706.27; Register of Deeds \$10,406.84; VSO \$4,485.22; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,322.67; HR \$4,960.64; Sheriff \$56,185.87; Jail \$86,866.94; Coroner \$829.37; Court Security \$8,871.31; JDC \$36,903.84; Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum \$12,194.65; Parks/Fairgrounds \$5,191.94; Fair Board \$4,336.34; 4-H \$830.79; Weed \$1,117.37; Planning & Zoning \$7,635.85; Highway \$48,914.72; Dispatch \$46,350.26; Emergency \$5,208.67; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,761.07; Landfill \$18,391.29; FICA \$28,176.14; Medicare \$6,589.58; Discovery-HSA \$2,436.84; PTO-Payouts: Treasurer \$681.20; SA \$1,840.00; Assessor \$4,059.60; IT \$5,171.20; Sheriff \$4,064.40; Jail \$4,625.22; Coroner \$663.60; JDC \$8,026.52; Museum \$6,485.60; Fair Board \$2,953.60; 4-H \$664.80; Highway \$7,172.00; Dispatch \$3,580.00; Emergency \$1,504.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

- Reassignment of Cody Richards from Brown County JDC Sergeant to FT Brown County Jail Detention Officer, wage \$23.61/hr. – effective December 22, 2024.
- Promotion of Brandon Duxbury from Brown County Museum Curator of Collections to Brown County Museum Assistant Museum Director, starting wage \$26.72/hr. – effective December 22, 2024.
- Promotion of Jessica Johnson from Brown County Human Resources Specialist to Brown County Human Resources Generalist, starting wage \$26.07/hr. – effective December 22, 2024.
- Wages effective December 22, 2024 for a pay date of January 10, 2025 as follows: Per Pay Period - Commissioners: Duane Sutton @ 1018.47; Drew Dennert @ 969.51; Doug

Fjeldheim @ 969.51; Mike Gage @ 969.51; Mike Wiese @ 969.51. All eligible employees per hour: Lynn Heupel @ 40.80; David Enggraf @ 25.43; Sara Swisher @ 34.20; Stephanie Jacobson @ 24.21 Joshua Walberg @ 31.76; Patricia VanMeter @ 40.80; Dorene Borchard @ 32.55; Tracy Engquist @ 23.04; Jolene Forsting @ 30.08; Lori Goldade @ 19.68; Elizabeth Hovendick @ 22.48; Erin Kumpf @ 21.93; Jo Sheffield @ 23.04; Brandy Trusty @ 21.93; Carly Winter @ 67.31; Ross Aldentaler @ 47.15; Tucker Anderson @ 39.66; Kristin Barstad @ 27.39; Jason Erickson @ \$38.70; Christine Haggerty @ 22.48; Penny Hart @ 20.60; Tracy Madsen @ 23.61; Adelaide Mouna @ 26.62; Karla Nelson @ 43.78; Jessica Rychlik @ 22.48; Jennifer Stoddard @ 47.15; Judy Dosch @ 37.75; Jon Daschel @ 16.48; Monty Forsting @ 19.84; Macy Mikkelson @ 16.48; Joel Randall @ 18.91; Jason Reed @ 16.48; Mickey Schulz @ 23.04; Sally Swanson @ 16.48; Randy Zens @ 31.76; Gene Loeschke @ 37.15; Kathy Fischer @ 29.49; Jillian Klein @ 21.39; Joe Kraft @ 27.39; Russell Metz @ 34.20; Stephanie Morgan @ 26.07; Mariann Malson @ 40.80; Anne Dohman @ 22.48; Andrew Janusz @ 23.04; Martha Stohr @ 21.93; Cindy Woodford @ 28.07; Aaron Walberg @ 32.55; Jesse Milbrandt @ 26.72; Scott Madsen @ 36.83; Pat Wolberg @ 49.53; Joe Adam @ 36.83; Cory Lane @ 36.83; Allison Tunheim @ 41.67; Jessica Johnson @ 26.07; Dave Lonzman @ 49.52; Jon Lemke @ 43.78; Keith Baker @ 36.83; Austin Ball @ 28.07; Daniel Bray @ 30.23; Bryan Gordon @ 28.07; Wes Graff @ 34.20; Michael Hill @ 34.20; Sheila Haugen @ 20.36; Derek Hoefert @ 28.07; Sam Hoppock @ 28.07; Linn Kamin @ 30.98; Jennifer Kannegieter @ 20.36; Joseph Kretchman @ 28.07; Jacob Kumpf @ 27.39; Joshua Lee @ 28.07; Ermelinda Marcuson @ 29.49; Brandon Mills @ 31.76; Erin Spencer @ 28.77; Sandra Woytassek @ 28.07; Lynn Zacher @ 21.93; Payton Beidler @ 21.93; Neit Bittner @ 26.72; Amanda Brumfield @ 40.65; Chantz Burcham @ 22.48; Carlos Caraballo Rodriguez @ 31.76; Alondra Caraballo-Sambolin @ 23.04; Alex Conn @ 22.48; Kyle Couchey @ 26.72; Daniel Dow @ 22.48; Joshua Eddy @ 22.48; Sara Eilers @ 22.48; William Esser @ 23.04; Shanae Florence @ 23.04; Chase Galbraith @ 23.04; Teresa Gauer @ 20.36; Alexis Gearey @ 22.48; Milton Gonzales-Sambolin @ 22.48; Taylor Harman @ 23.04; Hunter Holwegger @ 22.48; Paige Hull @ 23.04; David Hunter @ 26.72; Emily Jacobs @ 21.93; Michael Janes @ 21.39; Alexis Kane @ 18.45; Scott Kolb @ 26.72; Jeffrey Leinen @ 22.48; Mary Jane Lonzman @ 21.93; James Marnette @ 23.04; Jerree Meyers @ 26.72; Cynthia Mitchell @ 30.23; Cody Richards @ 23.61; Tyler Richards @ 23.04; Luis Rivera Colon @ 23.04; Jonathan Robertson @ 23.04; Merari Salazar-Aguilar @ 23.04; Angela Senger @ 26.72; Savanna Simon @ 23.04; Nathan Smith @ 32.55; Joel Torigian @ 22.48; Brittany Watts @ 22.48; Terrence Evans @ 33.37; Russell Ochsner @ 27.39; Anthony Sorenson @ 30.23; Jacob Carrillo @ 23.61; Kymberly Gasser @ 23.04; Julie Hermansen @ 21.93; Troy Knebel @ 28.07; Jennifer Kolb @ 23.61; Johann Kolb @ 23.61; Samiuela Mouna @ 35.06; Maken- dra Ochsner @ 23.04; Justin Roemmick @ 22.48; Rhacinea Sam @ 23.04; Jason Stichka @ 23.04; Jeremias Vega @ 24.21; Caid Verzani @ 23.04; Stacie Wasem @ 29.49; Ellie Weinmeister @ 23.61; Roxanne Hilgenberg @ 32.55; Patricia Kendall @ 32.55; Brandon Duxbury @ 26.72; Jennifer Hopkins-Entzel @ 18.35; Levi Margolies @ 18.35; Marianne Marttila-Klipfel @ 24.81; Alaina Perry @ 18.38; Jessica Puente Castro @ 23.61; Sherri Rawstern @ 25.43; Joe Kaven @ 24.21; Daniel Schlosser @ 25.43; Rachel Kippley @ 37.75; McKenzie Bierman @ 30.98; Stacey Usselman @ 21.93; Christopher Hemen @ 29.49; Clifton Bader @ 46.00; Ronald Keller @ 27.39; Dorion Anderson @ 27.39; Dirk Rogers @ 46.00; Jerome Akin @ 23.04; Jerry Bjerke @ 23.04; Cindy Eppard @ 23.04; John Florey @ 32.55; Charles Gruenstein @ 24.21; Matthew Heupel @ 30.98; Casey Jensen @ 26.72; Nicholas Juenger @ 26.72; Joseph Keough @ 23.61; Kyle Kost @ 24.21; Gerald Lehrkamp @ 26.72; Joshua Matthews @ 30.98; Brad Nehlich @ 25.43; Darrin Olson @ 23.04; John Peterson @ 23.04; Kurt Pigors

@ 26.72; Michael Rohrbach @ 26.72; Jeffrey Seiler @ 24.81; Joshua Ulmer @ 24.81; Brian Wagemann @ 23.04; Paul Wipf @ 27.39; Dean Zumbaum @ 26.72; Kenton Jones @ 41.67; Sarah Jesz @ 35.06; Dawn Allam @ 30.98; James Bisset @ 23.61; Jill Crosby @ 26.07; Jordenne Ducheny @ 24.81; Aaron Gasser @ 30.98; Kayleene Holzer @ 23.61; Abby Jones @ 24.21; Sierra Kamin @ 25.43; Nichole Krenz @ 25.43; Trajan LaRocque @ 23.61; Makayla Madsen @ 25.43; Haydn Podoll @ 28.07; Candance Rohrbach @ 28.07; Tonya Walth @ 30.23; Shelley Wilkie @ 23.61; Scott Meints @ 37.75; Patti Woods @ 30.98; Ryan McClain @ 24.81; Maggie Bell @ 17.78; Henry Fulda @ 18.88; Michael Scott @ 37.75; Jarell Arndt @ 26.07; Robert Baumgartner @ 26.72; William Bishop @ 18.91; Xavier Gulden @ 19.68; Jason Kallenberger @ 26.72; Rhonda Kvernevig @ 19.68; Terry Lout @ 26.72; Marty McDermand @ 25.43; Mark Milbrandt @ 19.68; Hunter Miller @ 19.68; Steven Ramsdell @ 19.68; Tobias Stugelmayer @ 19.68.

**o Side Note:** Kelsi Vinger with the Brown County State's Attorney office, JDAI, wage as of December 22, 2024, \$59,846.66/year plus \$6,300.00 for the grant, for a total of \$66,146.66/year; effective December 24, 2023. The grant is scheduled to end on June 30, 2025; at that time \$6,300.00 will be subtracted from the annual wage.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2024:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts for September 2024 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$19,668,912.26; Total Savings Account Balances \$1,125,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$8,398,681.71; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$29,200,741.39; General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$16,927,107.53; Road & Bridge Fund \$2,227,819.68; Road & Bridge Fund-restricted \$231,883.27; 911 Service \$226,963.71; Emergency & Disaster \$76,838.98; Domestic Abuse \$1,293.32; Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$45,932.28; Truancy Court \$135.68; 24/7 Sobriety \$55,173.20; ROD M&P \$99,562.61; Rural Access Infrastructure \$551,894.22; TIF Debt Service \$30,747.57; Landfill + cash change \$6,395,166.91; Landfill - restricted \$1,894,495.06; Trust and Agency Funds \$2,562,073.59; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$29,200,741.39. The Auditor's Report of Accounts for October 2024 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$40,377,809.52; Total Savings Account Balances \$1,725,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$8,398,681.71; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$50,509,638.65. General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$21,428,551.22; Road & Bridge Fund \$1,200,048.26; Road & Bridge Fund-restricted \$231,883.27; 911 Service \$186,345.04; Emergency & Disaster \$111,582.79; Domestic Abuse \$742.55; Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$117,954.50; Truancy Court \$135.68; 24/7 Sobriety \$48,983.16; ROD M&P \$100,814.36; Rural Access Infrastructure \$551,894.22; TIF Debt Service \$510,256.74; Landfill + cash change \$6,718,615.50; Landfill - restricted \$1,894,495.06; Trust and Agency Funds \$19,533,682.52; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$50,509,638.65. 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.

**LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following applications for Liquor License Renewals of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses to operate outside of the Municipality: PACKAGE (OFF-SALE) LIQUOR: County Line Developers, LLC DBA: County Line Club (Lt 1, Ronnie's Way Addition in the NW 1/4 of Sec 17-T123-R63 - Ste 7, Brown County, South Dakota); RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR: County Line Developers, LLC DBA: County Line Club (Lt 1, Ronnie's Way Addition in the NW 1/4 of Sec 17-T123-R63 - Ste 7, Brown County, South Dakota) and County Line Developers, LLC DBA: County Line Club (Lt 1, Ronnie's Way Addition in the NW 1/4 of Sec 17-T123-R63 - Ste 6, Brown County, South Dakota). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following travel request for Jason Erickson, State's Attorney Deputy to attend ARIDE Training in Moberge on December 18-19, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Personnel 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 Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 11:13 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING UPON APPLICATIONS FOR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2-5, a Public Hearing for Brown County to obtain a County Fairground (On-Sale) Liquor License is set for the 14th day of January, 2024 in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, in the Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota at which time any interested persons wishing to register a complaint on their approval may appear:

**COUNTY FAIRGROUND (ON-SALE) LIQUOR LICENSE:**  
Brown County Fairgrounds, located at 400 24th Ave. NW - SW 1-T123-R64 & Hwy B & LT A & AB RR ROW EX Fairground OL 1 (156.07A) of 5th P.M., Brown County excluding Centennial Village, Odde Ice Arena & Larry Gerlach Grandstand and North Pit Area.

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Our Rudolph Land this year turned out quite nicely, apart from the wind. It has been a challenging year with the large inflatables. After the first storm, Bumble and Rudolph experienced their blowers ceasing to operate. I ended up getting leaf blowers to them back in the air. I got a replacement for Rudolph but Bumble is out of stock for this year so he still has the leaf blower on him. The leaf blower died on the last day he was up.

Then the new Rudolph had a short in the wiring for the lights with only the rear half work and no blinking nose. Saturday I took Rudolph down and found the issue so his lights work once again.

Our big Hermei looks nice back there, but he has no internal lights. That will be my next project to get him lite up. You may have noticed the archway. I got that from Dale and Joyce Grenz. The top part of the arch was worn out so I got metal arches to complete the set. I think it turned out neat.

Meanwhile, our garage has turned into an inflatable hospital. I brought in two Snoopy inflatables that are having issues. The blower is out on the Snoopy riding a motorcycle so I ordered a new one. The other one has been more challenging and I have yet to figure out why Snoopy can't pull Charlie Brown out of the chimney. Maybe the secondary blower is slowly wearing out. I'll keep working on that.

Then there is the large Gingerbread man. I'm on the third one. Its butt blew out in the first two. On the third one, I put some flextape in the area that seems to be the weak point. It seems to be working and keeping it up.

I already have plans for next year. I'm looking at getting a couple of more Snoopy inflatables for Snoppy Land. I'm also looking at putting up artificial Christmas Trees in Rudolph Land. If anyone has an artificial tree that they want to get rid of, you can either drop it off in our yard or let me know. I don't care if the lights on it work as I'll be putting my own lights on it. I already got a couple delivered on Tuesday. My plan is to get the soundtrack from Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and have the songs dance to the trees. Trying to find a device that I can use for the music has been challenging already.

It is neat to see people drive slowly down the road taking a look at our display. And there have been a lot of them. I even had someone stop by and take pictures with some of the inflatables.

Next year I will have to figure out a plan for Frosty to return. I have several sizes of snow people so I will need to make room for the family. Happy New Year!



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## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

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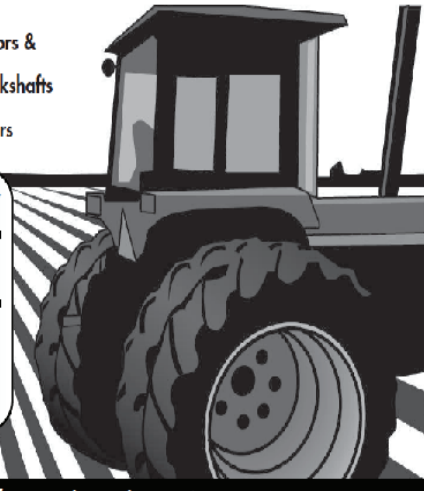
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# Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

When the Vikings and Packers met in week four, the Vikings got out to a big lead and then allowed the Packers to mount a comeback before holding on to a two-point win for Minnesota. On Sunday, the two division rivals met again. The Vikings built a sizeable lead and were up by 17 points halfway through the fourth quarter... then the Packers started coming back. Luckily, just like in week four, the Vikings held on and secured a two-point win, 27-25.

The Packers won the coin toss and elected to receive the opening kickoff. Five plays later, GB running back Josh Jacobs fumbled the ball. The Vikings picked up a first down then stalled and punted the ball back to Green Bay, who went three-and-out and punted the ball right back to Minnesota. The Vikings got the ball into field goal range, but Will Reichard missed a 57-yard attempt. The Packers finally got the scoring started late in the first by kicking a field goal, 3-0 Green Bay at the end of the first quarter.

The Vikings marched down the field on their next drive, going 77 yards in nine plays and finding the endzone (Sam Darnold to Jalen Nailor for 31 yards), taking a 7-3 lead. Facing fourth down on their next drive, the Packers gambled and lost, which gave the ball back to the Vikings. 10 plays and 69 yards later, the Vikings' offense stalled and settled for a field goal, making the score 10-3. Green Bay then went three-and-out, and with 1:16 left in the half, the Vikings drove down and kicked another field goal as time expired, extending the lead to 10 points.

The Vikings got the ball to begin the second half and put together another great drive that ended in a Darnold to Jordan Addison touchdown catch. Halfway through the third quarter, Green Bay had another three-and-out. The Vikings had a 17-point lead, the ball, and all the momentum. Unfortunately, this is the Vikings we're talking about. After a run on first down for a loss, Darnold attempted a pass to T.J. Hockenson which was intercepted by Green Bay. Four plays later, the Packers finally found the endzone, cutting the lead to 10. Sensing the momentum starting to shift, the Vikings put together another great drive which resulted in another touchdown pass from Darnold (this time to Cam Akers), putting the lead back to 17 entering the fourth quarter.

Green Bay's first drive of the fourth quarter went backward, and facing 4th&23 they were forced to punt. Minnesota got to the Packers' 25-yard line but Reichard missed a FG attempt. The Packers went into hurry-up mode and found the endzone again, and this time they completed a two-point conversion to make the score 27-18. The Vikings had a chance to shut the door on their next drive, so of course they went three-and-out and punted the ball to Green Bay. Nine plays and 62 yards later, the Packers got into the endzone again, cutting the Vikings' lead to two points with just over two minutes left in the game. The Vikings got the ball back and did what they needed to do, picking up two first downs and finishing the game in victory formation.

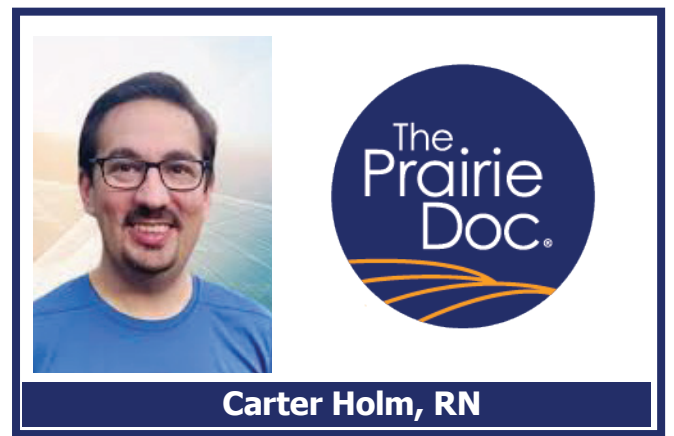
Sam Darnold completed 33 of 43 passes for 377 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. Justin Jefferson had eight catches for 92 yards, leading the team in both categories, while Nailor, Addison, and Akers caught the three TD passes.

Blake Cashman led the way for the Vikings' defense, totaling 11 tackles and 1.5 sacks. Andrew Van Ginkel had the other half of that sack, and rookie Dallas Turner added a sack of his own.

Looking ahead, the Vikings will set sail for Detroit for the game of the year. No matter what happens with the Lions' week 17 game, the matchup next week will be for the division and the number one seed in the playoffs (which comes with a much-needed bye week). This game will tell us a lot about the Vikings - if they win (or lose a close, competitive game), we'll know the team is capable of doing damage in the playoffs. Skol!

## "Save and Preserve through movement"

"Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every human being while movement and methodical physical exercise saves and preserves it". Plato said that some 2300 years ago. It is not news to anyone that moving the body is the best way to stay healthy. But



Carter Holm, RN

sometimes life gets in the way, whether in the form of a motor vehicle accident, a nerve condition like Guillain-Barre syndrome, or a health condition like a stroke, there are times in life when knowing that exercise is good for you is not enough. And it is during those times that physical therapy becomes crucial.

My work in inpatient rehab places me directly in connection to a wonderful team of physical therapists, and I see first-hand the role they play in helping our patients overcome adversity. Strengthening the muscles is just one aspect of their jobs, they must also help the patients learn to adapt. For example, if an elderly patient has a stroke, in addition to helping the patient work on strengthening the affected side, therapists are tasked with optimizing the patient's abilities, while helping them overcome their disabilities. They do this in tons of different ways, including introducing adaptive equipment, like walkers, canes, crutches, hemi-walkers, slide boards, etc.. They also help train patients in alternative lifestyle changes, sometimes the best way to overcome a problem is to find a workaround, and physical therapists are experts at problem solving with their patients, and coming up with safe and effective ways to help them improve.

Luckily, exercise is its own reward, and my patients almost always feel better, although a little worn out, after a good session. And this is because our body rewards itself with neurotransmitters following physical activity. Endorphins are released giving people that 'runner's high' sensation, endorphins can relieve pain, reduce stress, improve mood and overall feelings of wellbeing. Working with physical therapists can cause a patient to release dopamine, the 'feel good' hormone, which causes improved mood, increased attentiveness, and can even improve memory and learning. Exercise also releases serotonin, which combats depression, improves sleep-wake cycles, and plays a role in digestive health. In my line of work we often talk about pre-medicating the patient, giving a pain medication before the patient needs to do something physically taxing. But it is striking how rarely we need to give pain medications after a patient finishes working with PT. Nature has taken care of that, by providing a built in system of pain relievers, mood improvers, and anti-depressants that accompany exercise.

Every patient is different, and so is the plan of care developed by the therapy team. If you or a loved one is dealing with a health condition that may require physical therapy, I want to be a calming voice or assurance, the therapist or team of therapists will customize a plan of care focused on the patient's specific needs, that will help them adapt to changes, regain what they can, and improve the patient's wellbeing.

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