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The combined middle school and high school drum lines performed at halftime of the boys Warner basketball game Tuesday night in Groton. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Junior Talent Winners
South Dakota Snow Queen Festival
Junior Division from left to right
2nd place Ayla Bloom- Webster
3rd place Annie Harry- Groton
(Photo courtesy The Official South Dakota Snow Queen Festival Facebook Page)



Senior Talent Winners
South Dakota Snow Queen Festival
Senior Division from left to right 1st
place Gracyn Kadlec-Ipswich
3rd place Natalia Warrington & Abby
Yeadon- Groton
2nd place Kaylyn Hofer- Clark
(Photo courtesy The Official South Dakota Snow Queen Festival Facebook Page)



The Groton Area Dance Team performed "Candy Cane Lane" at the basketball game Saturday in Groton. (Photos by Paul Kosel)

Council discusses utility rates, skating rink closure policy

By Elizabeth Varin

The Groton City Council tackled a wide range of topics, including increasing some summer recreation fees, increasing bulk water charges and changing skating rink cold policies.

At Tuesday's meeting, the council discussed sewer and water rates before approving the first reading of two ordinances. Changes that will go into effect February 1 include increasing bulk water rate from \$10 per 1,000 gallons to \$25 per 1,000 gallons.

The second ordinance change impacts sewer rates. Sewer fees will now be based on the average water usage from October to April. Before, the fee was based on water usage from November to April.

More utility rate increases are coming down the line, said Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich. There may be another water rate increase, though more research needs to happen.

The rate that will definitely increase is the sewer rate. Heinrich said an additional increase is coming.

Councilman Brian Bahr asked if the sewer rate increase will be this year, to which Heinrich replied, "yes."

The council also approved increasing some summer recreation costs for the upcoming year.

Fees to play baseball are increasing. The council approved raising Legion, Junior Legion and Junior Teener fees from \$100 to \$150. U8, U10 and U12 baseball fees are increasing from \$50 to \$75. And T-Ball fees are increasing from \$15 to \$20.

Councilwoman Karyn Babcock said she wants to make sure the city isn't going too high with the fees.

"I don't want to keep kids from playing because the fees are too high," she said. "I just don't want people to feel like they can't play."

Councilman Jason Wambach said there is assistance available should families need help paying those fees.

After Todd Gay gave his report, he talked to the council about why he sees it as a waste of time to deliver disconnect notices. Councilmembers Karyn Babcock and Kevin Nehls agreed saying the city should not have to remind residents to pay their bill. Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich said that the city could deliver those notices by mail. Nehls questioned if those would have to be certified letters to confirm that the resident got the notices. Heinrich reviewed the city ordinance about utility shutoff, which says a notice will be sent to the resident by mail. Gay said it would be a waste of money to send them via certified mail and that city staff can just keep bringing the notices around in person. The council discussed utilizing their automated phone call service instead, but for now, those notices will continue to be delivered by city staff.

The council also revisited the city's skating rink closure policy. Previously, the rink would close if the wind chill reached zero degrees Fahrenheit or if two inches of snow accumulated on the ice.

Councilman Brian Bahr told the council he thinks the rink should remain open even if the temperatures drop.

"I think it's the parent's decision to let their kids go to the skating rink and the warming house," he said.

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GHS Wrestling

Eight grapplers place, Groton Area takes second at Webster

Groton Area placed eight wrestlers at the Webster Area Invitational Tournament held Saturday. Groton Area placed second as a team with Christian Ehresmann and Korbin Kucker taking second, Keegen Kucker, Charlie Frost and Karter Moody taking third, and placing fourth were Noah Scepaniak and Ben Hoeft.

Team Points: 1. Clark/Willow Lake 195.0; 2. Groton Area 147.5; 3. Miller 145.5; 4. Sisseton 144.0; 5. Deuel 131.5; 6. Britton/Hecla 100.0; 7. Garretson 99.0; 8. Sully Buttes 79.5; 9. Webster Area 59.5; 10. Sioux Valley 57.0; 11. Mobridge/Pollock 32.0; 12. Warner/Northwestern 24.0; 13. Hamlin 23.0; 14. Ipswich-Bowdle 12.0; 15. Baltic 10.0; 16. Ortonville 4.0; 17. Hanson County 0.0

157: Christian Ehresmann (8-2) placed 2nd and scored 20.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 8-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Ehresmann (Groton Area) 8-2 won by fall over Ty Van-Holland (Garretson) 3-8 (Fall 0:48)

Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 8-2 won by fall over AJ Olivier (Sully Buttes) 7-9 (Fall 1:02)

1st Place Match - Holden Hawkins (Sisseton) 14-1 won by major decision over Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 8-2 (MD 11-3)

175: Korbin Kucker (11-1) placed 2nd and scored 21.0 points.

Champ. Round 1 - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 11-1 won by fall over Canyon Ford (Mobridge/Pollock) 4-9 (Fall 1:27)

Quarterfinal - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 11-1 won by major decision over Wyatt Hardt (Sioux Valley) 10-10 (MD 11-3)

Semifinal - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 11-1 won by fall over Taylor Snaza (Sisseton) 12-8 (Fall 2:28)

1st Place Match - Colby Kolda (Miller) 12-0 won by decision over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 11-1 (Dec 1-0)

285: Gavin Englund (9-2) placed 2nd and scored 20.0 points.

Champ. Round 1 - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 9-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 9-2 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Baltic) 1-5 (For.)

Semifinal - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 9-2 won by fall over Karter Moody (Groton Area) 5-2 (Fall 0:13)

1st Place Match - Preston Cavalier (Warner/Northwestern) 10-1 won by decision over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 9-2 (Dec 6-1)

113: Keegen Kucker (10-5) placed 3rd and scored 17.0 points.

Champ. Round 1 - Keegen Kucker (Groton Area) 10-5 won by decision over Kooper Wookey (Clark/Willow Lake) 5-8 (Dec 4-2)

Quarterfinal - Keegen Kucker (Groton Area) 10-5 won by tech fall over Bentley Fokken (Deuel) 10-9 (TF-1.5 2:41 (18-3))

Semifinal - Kayden Tchida (Sisseton) 13-2 won by tech fall over Keegen Kucker (Groton Area) 10-5 (TF-1.5 2:38 (19-3))

Cons. Semi - Keegen Kucker (Groton Area) 10-5 won by fall over Kooper Wookey (Clark/Willow Lake) 5-8 (Fall 4:20)

3rd Place Match - Keegen Kucker (Groton Area) 10-5 won by tech fall over Bentley Fokken (Deuel) 10-9 (TF-1.5 1:38 (15-0))

215: Charlie Frost (7-5) placed 3rd and scored 20.0 points.

Champ. Round 1 - Frost (Groton Area) 7-5 won by fall over Riley Popp (Clark/Willow Lake) 7-8 (Fall 2:33)

Quarterfinal - Frost (Groton Area) 7-5 won by fall over Andrew Gunderson (Sioux Valley) 6-5 (Fall 1:33)

Semifinal - Tucker Hardy (Britton/Hecla) 12-3 won by fall over Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 7-5 (Fall 0:38)

Cons. Semi - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 7-5 won by fall over Martin Welch (Garretson) 3-8 (Fall 3:38)

3rd Place Match - Charlie Frost (Groton Area) 7-5 won by fall over Wyatt Zeigler (Mobridge/Pollock) 9-5 (Fall 4:01)

285: Karter Moody (5-2) placed 3rd.

Champ. Round 1 - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 5-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 5-2 won by fall over Wyatt Nelson (Sioux Valley) 8-5 (Fall 2:20)

Semifinal - Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 9-2 won by fall over Karter Moody (Groton Area) 5-2 (Fall 0:13)

Cons. Semi - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 5-2 won by fall over Oliver Nedved (Baltic) 1-7 (Fall 0:49)

3rd Place Match - Karter Moody (Groton Area) 5-2 won by tech fall over Tanner Baatz (Garretson) 11-5 (TF-1.5 4:40 (19-2))

120: Noah Scepaniak (5-6) placed 4th and scored 13.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 5-6 received a bye () (Bye)

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Quarterfinal - Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 5-6 won by fall over Justin Goens (Hamlin) 0-6 (Fall 3:09)

Semifinal - Cooper Pommer (Clark/Willow Lake) 13-0 won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 5-6 (Fall 2:31)

Cons. Semi - Scepaniak (Groton Area) 5-6 won by fall over Rennick Wagner (Sioux Valley) 5-7 (Fall 0:36)

3rd Place Match - Chase Costello (Garretson) 9-5 won by fall over Scepaniak (Groton Area) 5-6 (Fall 0:16)

165: Ben Hoeft (9-8) placed 4th and scored 15.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 9-8 won by forfeit over Forfeit Forfeit (Warner/Northwestern) 1-8 (For.)

Quarterfinal - Brock Bonte (Garretson) 12-4 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 9-8 (Fall 5:09)

Cons. Round 2 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 9-8 won by fall over Jacoben Schmidt (Baltic) 2-8 (Fall 1:37)

Cons. Round 3 - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 9-8 won by fall over Gile Rud (Sioux Valley) 4-6 (Fall 3:00)

Cons. Semi - Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 9-8 won by decision over Hayden Landmark (Deuel) 6-5 (Dec 7-2)

3rd Place Match - Justin Muehler (Sisseton) 9-5 won by fall over Ben Hoeft (Groton Area) 9-8 (Fall 1:59)

106: Wyatt Hagen (8-4) scored 4.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 8-4 won by fall over Blake Benson (Garretson) 8-6 (Fall 1:02)

Quarterfinal - Gavin Mattson (Deuel) 10-4 won by decision over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 8-4 (Dec 8-5)

Cons. Round 2 - Lincoln Kilker (Britton/Hecla) 4-9 won by medical forfeit over Wyatt Hagen (Groton Area) 8-4 (M. For.)

126: Lincoln Krause (9-8) scored 4.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 9-8 received a bye

Quarterfinal - Mason Severson (Clark/Willow Lake) 10-10 won by decision over Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 9-8 (Dec 11-4)

Cons. Round 2 - Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 9-8 received a bye

Cons. Round 3 - Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 9-8 won by fall over Jade Tisher (Britton/Hecla) 0-10 (Fall 1:45)

Cons. Semi - Chase Arend (Garretson) 8-5 won by fall over Lincoln Krause (Groton Area) 9-8 (Fall 3:51)

132: Greyson Flores (0-4) scored 0.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Luke Olson (Mobridge/Pollock) 9-7 won by tech fall over Greyson Flores (Groton Area) 0-4 (TF-1.5 3:32 (15-0))

Cons. Round 1 - Greyson Flores (Groton Area) 0-4 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Isaac Johnson (Clark/Willow Lake) 15-6 won by fall over Greyson Flores (Groton Area) 0-4 (Fall 2:23)

138: Kason Oswald (3-6) scored 5.5 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Kason Oswald (Groton Area) 3-6 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Ryker Gauger (Deuel) 13-8 won by tech fall over Kason Oswald (Groton Area) 3-6 (TF-1.5 2:13 (18-0))

Cons. Round 2 - Kason Oswald (Groton Area) 3-6 won by tech fall over Preston Roberts (Hamlin) 1-4 (TF-1.5 4:45 (22-6))

Cons. Round 3 - Oswald (Groton Area) 3-6 won by fall over Leyton Omundson (Ortonville) 6-9 (Fall 1:28)

Cons. Semi - Logan Foster (Clark/Willow Lake) 13-11 won by fall over Oswald (Groton Area) 3-6 (Fall 3:20)

144: Chris Schwab (6-7).

Champ. Round 1 - Chris Schwab (Groton Area) 6-7 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Lucas Yellow Hawk (Sully Buttes) 9-3 won by fall over Chris Schwab (Groton Area) 6-7 (Fall 2:32)

Cons. Round 2 - Brayden Wientjes (Mobridge/Pollock) 9-5 won by fall over Chris Schwab (Groton Area) 6-7 (Fall 1:35)

150: Walker Zoellner (8-4) scored 8.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 8-4 won by fall over Nathanael Roberts (Garretson) 1-8 (Fall 3:02)

Quarterfinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 8-4 won by fall over Cameron Rise (Ortonville) 0-7 (Fall 0:56)

Semifinal - Bryce Hawkinson (Britton/Hecla) 13-1 won by major decision over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 8-4 (MD 10-0)

Cons. Semi - Zane Miller (Deuel) 14-3 won by fall over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 8-4 (Fall 2:17)

190: Layne Johnson (1-8).

Champ. Round 1 - Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 1-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Kady Westergren (Sully Buttes) 9-8 won by fall over Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 1-8 (Fall 4:42)

Cons. Round 2 - Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 1-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Sam Leen (Deuel) 5-7 won by fall over Layne Johnson (Groton Area) 1-8 (Fall 0:39)

Girls NEC Standings

Roncalli	2-0	5-1
Clark/Willow Lake	1-0	4-1
Hamlin	1-0	4-1
Deuel	1-0	2-3
Groton Area	2-1	5-1
Webster Area	2-1	3-3
Milbank	1-1	3-3
Britton-Hecla	1-2	1-6
Redfield	1-3	1-3
Sisseton	0-1	3-3
Tiospa Zina	0-2	3-3

Hamlin 44, Groton Area 41
 Groton Area 48, Sisseton 45
 Groton Area 51, Redfield 9
 Roncalli 64, Redfield 10
 Roncalli 61, Webster Area 22
 Britton-Hecla 43, Tiospa Zina 29
 Webster Area 50, Britton-Hecla 29
 Deuel 53, Britton-Hecla 45
 Clark/Willow Lake 72, Milbank 39
 Redfield at Deuel Postponed
 Milbank 61, Britton-Hecla 23
 Webster 51, Tiospa Zina 43

Jan. 9

Clark/Willow Lake at Groton Area
 Britton-Hecla at Redfield
 Deuel at Webster Area
 Hamlin at Tiospa Zina

Jan. 10

Roncalli at Sisseton

Jan. 11

Webster Area vs. Clark/Willow Lake at Willow Lake

Jan. 14

Milbank at Tiospa Zina

Jan. 16

Groton Area at Tiospa Zina
 Milbank at Redfield
 Hamlin at Webster Area

Boys NEC Standings

Deuel	1-0	5-0
Clark/Willow Lake	1-0	5-0
Roncalli	2-0	3-4
Hamlin	1-0	4-1
Groton Area	3-1	4-2
Britton-Hecla	2-2	3-2
Milbank	1-1	1-3
Webster Area	1-3	2-5
Sisseton	0-1	1-3
Redfield	0-1	0-3
Tiospa Zina	0-2	0-6

Hamlin 69, Groton Area 41
 Groton Area 73, Sisseton 41
 Groton Area 76, Webster Area 46
 Groton Area 86, Redfield 11
 Roncalli 61, Redfield 34
 Roncalli 72, Webster Area 32
 Britton-Hecla 67, Tiospa Zina 38
 Britton-Hecla 56, Webster Area 46
 Deuel 73, Britton-Hecla 53
 Clark/Willow Lake 52, Milbank 35
 Redfield at Deuel postponed
 Milbank 56, Britton-Hecla 43
 Webster 78, Tiospa Zina 38

Jan. 9

Britton-Hecla at Redfield
 Deuel at Webster Area
 Hamlin at Tiospa Zina

Jan. 10

Groton Area vs. Clark/Willow Lake at Clark

Jan. 11

Webster Area vs. Clark/Willow Lake at Willow Lake

Jan. 16

Groton Area at Tiospa Zina
 Sisseton at Roncalli
 Milbank at Redfield
 Hamlin at Webster Area

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Deuel vs. Clark/Willow Lake at Willow Lake

City Council

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Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich proposed matching Aberdeen's policy where outdoor rinks are closed if the windchill reaches -15 degrees. However, council members asked to drop it to -20 degrees wind chill.

"Everybody has to use a bit of their good judgement," said Mayor Scott Hanlon.

Councilman Kevin Nehls questioned closing the rink if more than two inches of snow is on the ice.

The council approved changing the skating rink closure policy. The rink will be closed when temperatures or wind chill is below -20 degrees.

- The city is accepting bids for roof repair on nearly a dozen city structures. The roofs were damaged by hail last year. Repairs are needed at the Main Pump House, Cemetery Repair Shop, Police Department, City Shop, Community Center, Park Restrooms, Picnic Shelter at the park, Swimming Pool Bathhouse, Gazebo at the swimming pool, Storage Shelter at the swimming pool and City Hall/Wage Memorial Library. Sealed bids will be opened at 7 p.m. February 4.

- Three council member positions and the mayorsip is coming up for election this spring. Shirley Wells and Karyn Babcock's two-year terms are up for election, as well as Kevin Nehls' one-year appointment. The mayor position is also up for election. Those wanted to throw their name into the hat can sign declarations of candidacy and begin circulating their nomination petition on January 31. The municipal election is scheduled for April 8.

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Krueger places first at McCook Central/Montrose Tournament

107: Liza Krueger (22-2) placed 1st and scored 28.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 22-2 won by fall over Macee McGregor (Webster) 0-2 (Fall 2:54)

Quarterfinal - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 22-2 won by fall over Kadee Frankfurth (Clark/Willow Lake) 5-7 (Fall 3:55)

Semifinal - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 22-2 won by fall over Trinity Kurtenbach (Sioux Valley) 4-6 (Fall 2:21)

1st Place Match - Liza Krueger (Groton Area) 22-2 won by decision over Brooke Warejcka (Canton) 13-4 (Dec 16-10)

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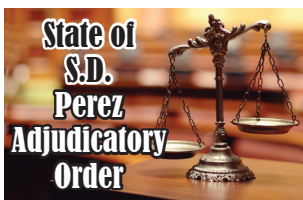
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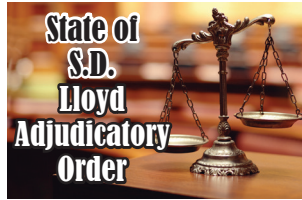
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA.) IN CIRCUIT COURT) ss COUNTY OF BROWN) FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF K. B., A. P., AND G. P., MINOR CHILDREN, AND CONCERNING MARION PELITER, ARIS PEREZ, KETH KRAUSE, AND KONACIN BLACK ELK, RESPONDENTS. A&N 24-55 AMENDED NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ADJUDICATORY ORDER TO: Aris Perez YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Adjudicatory Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and an Amended Adjudicatory Order and affecting your parental rights dated the 12th day of November, 2024, and filed the 20th day of December, 2024, has been entered in this matter. (This is an intermediate order which is subject to intermediate appeal with the permission of the Court according to the rules of procedure governing civil appeals.) Dated this 18th day of December, 2024. /s/ Karla Nelson Karla Nelson, Deputy Brown County States Attorney Published January 8, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$13.18 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 24193



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA.) IN CIRCUIT COURT) ss COUNTY OF BROWN) FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF A.L., MINOR CHILD, AND CONCERNING DORI LLOYD AND RAYNARD LEBEAU, RESPONDENTS. A&N 24-70 NOTICE OF ENTRY OF ADJUDICATORY ORDER/ADJUDICATORY FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW TO: Dori Lloyd YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an Adjudicatory Order and Adjudicatory Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law affecting your parental rights dated the 20th day of December, 2024, and filed the 26th day of December, 2024, has been entered in this matter. (This is an intermediate order which is subject to intermediate appeal with the permission of the Court according to the rules of procedure governing civil appeals.) Dated this 20th day of December, 2024. /s/ Karla Nelson Deputy State's Attorney Karla Nelson Published January 8, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$12.88 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 24189



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA.) IN CIRCUIT COURT) ss COUNTY OF BROWN) FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF C.J., MINOR CHILD, AND CONCERNING TAYLOR NICOLE JORGENSEN AND MICHAEL BIG EAGLE, RESPONDENTS. A&N 24-63 NOTICE OF REVIEW HEARING TO: Taylor Jorgenson Please take notice and be advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for a Review Hearing on 3rd day of March, 2025 at the hour of 1:15 p.m., before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Dated this 20th day of December, 2024. /s/ Karla Nelson Deputy State's Attorney Karla Nelson Published January 8, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$10.73 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 24191



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA.) IN CIRCUIT COURT) ss COUNTY OF BROWN) FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF A.L., MINOR CHILD, AND CONCERNING DORI LLOYD AND RAYNARD LEBEAU, RESPONDENTS. A&N 24-70 NOTICE OF REVIEW HEARING TO: Dori Lloyd 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 1:30 p.m. of said day, before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Dated this 20th day of December, 2024. /s/ Karla Nelson Deputy State's Attorney Karla Nelson Published January 8, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$10.73 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 24190

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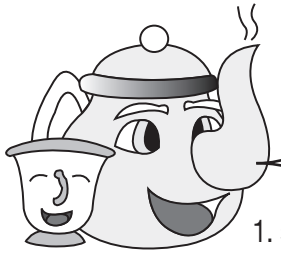
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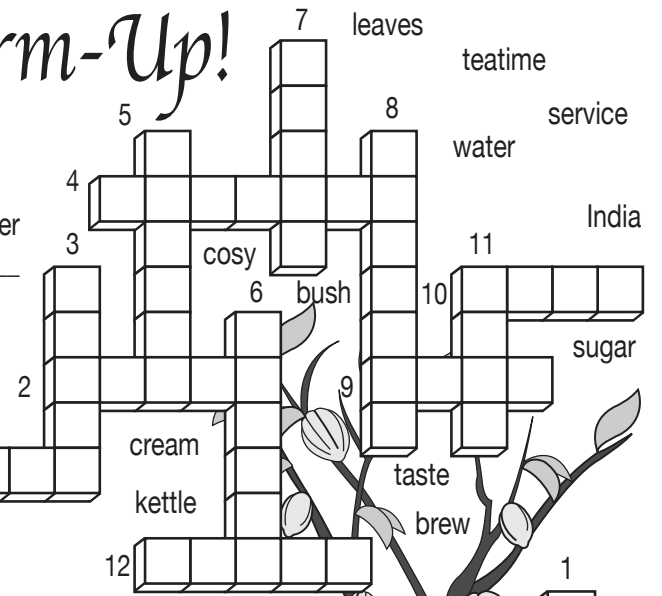
Winter Warm-Up!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzles:

- Tea!**
- sweetener
 - people do this with tea to check its quality
 - hot _____ is needed
 - late afternoon
 - some people "read" tea _____
 - used for boiling water
 - largest grower of tea

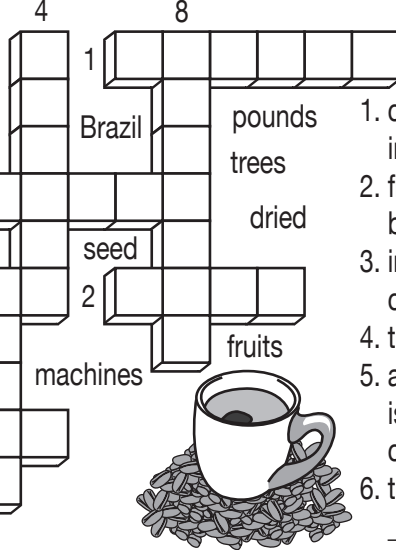


- teapot + sugar bowl + cream pitcher + teacups + saucers = a tea _____
- cover to keep teapot warm
- to make a drink by putting tea leaves in hot water for a while
- tea grows on a _____
- lightens the tea



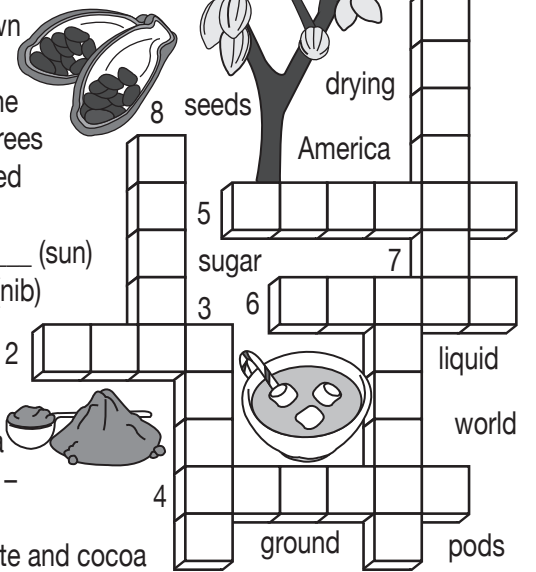
Coffee!

- _____ - world's largest coffee producer
- the coffee bean is beanlike, but it is really a _____
- planted seeds grow into coffee _____
- takes about 3-4 years for a coffee tree to grow red _____, called "cherries" - each holding 2 coffee beans
- 100 _____ of coffee cherries only supplies 20 _____ of coffee beans
- beans must be _____ (usually in the sun) before they can be stored
- after drying, _____ remove any layers of skin from the beans
- beans are green, but they are _____ brown and ground



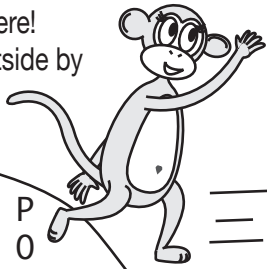
Cocoa!

- cocoa trees were originally grown in South and Central _____
- fruits, called _____, grow on the branches and trunks of cocoa trees
- inside them are the _____, called cocoa beans, which are white
- the beans turn brown while _____ (sun)
- a little inside piece of the bean (nib) is taken from the bean and crushed into a _____ form
- the liquid is then mixed with _____, cocoa butter and vanilla
- the new mixture is _____ finely - the finer, the richer it becomes
- the whole _____ enjoys chocolate and cocoa



Warm-Up Activities and Sports

Wow, it's cold out there! Warm up inside or outside by moving around.



Strike!



Indoor Action

- motion detection sports **games**
- build a **blanket** fort
- balloon **volleyball**
- basketball**
- indoor soccer**
- table tennis**
- exercise** video
- baking**
- bowling**
- dancing**

Read our lists of outside and inside activities and sports that will keep you moving and warming up!

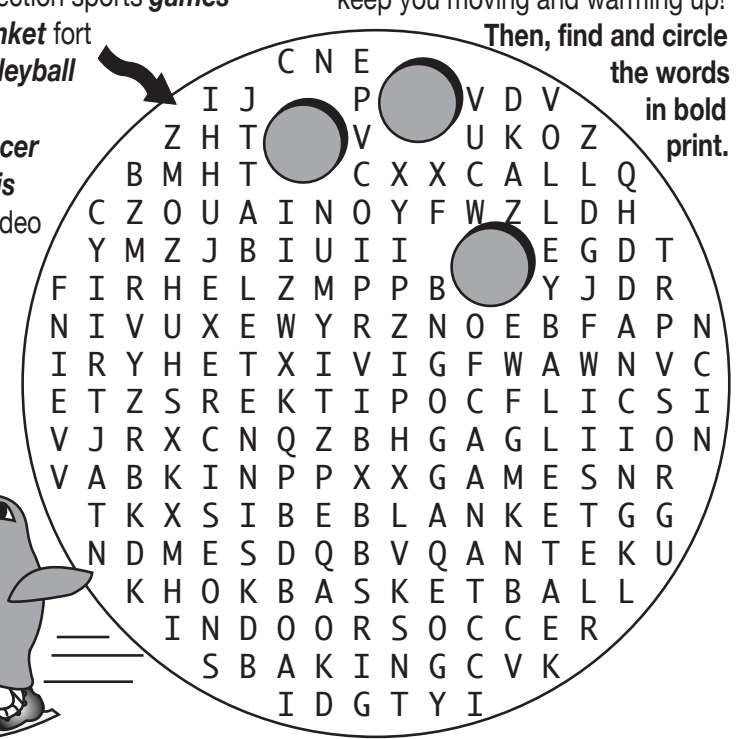
Then, find and circle the words in bold print.



Outdoor Fun

- skiing**
- snowboarding**
- ice skating**
- snowball** fighting
- sledding**
- snow **tubing**
- snowman** building
- snowshoeing**
- snow **fort** building
- snow **shoveling**

I'm getting good!



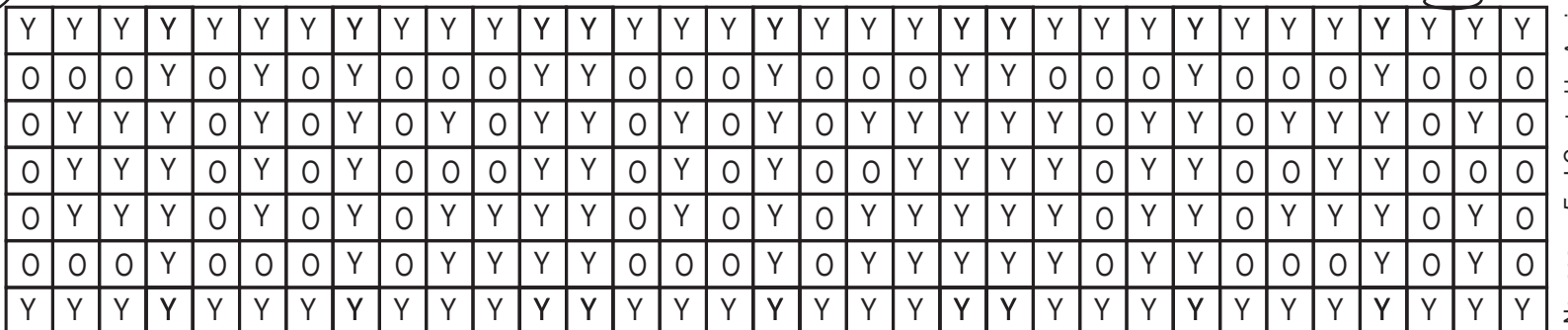
What Did Mother Teapot Say to Her Little Ones?

You are my...



Follow this color key to find out:

- O = Orange
- Y = Yellow





December 31, 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 Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Commissioner Wiese to approve the agenda with the addition of adding Surfacing Project Bid Opening, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Kent Jones, Communication Director Thanked Commissioner Doug Fjeldheim for his years served on the Communications Council and Brown County Commission.

Jordan McQuillen, Aberdeen City Finance Officer met with the Commission to update them that TIF 18 – Arbor Springs was dissolved at the December 24, 2024 City Council meeting.

Dennis Feickert shared with the Commission that McPherson County has passed a moratorium on Data Centers and believes that Spink County will be doing one as well. Wanted to bring that their attention and shared that he had met with Robin Bobzien, City of Aberdeen Manager regarding the Pipeline map from Groton to Aberdeen. Dennis believes that Mayor Schaunaman may do a possible intervention. Dennis also informed the Commission of a Rally to be held in Pierre on January 13th and then January 17th there will be a PUC meeting at the DEC. Then Dennis finished by also thanking Commissioner Doug Fjeldheim for his years of service.

ORDINANCE #284 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adopt 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 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adopt 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.

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VACATE A PLAT: REECE TREEBY ADDITION: A public hearing was held on a Petition to Vacate a Plat submitted by Treeby, LLC; Hal Treeby, Member pursuant to SDCL 11-3. The legal description of the plat: Lot 1, "Reece Treeby Addition" in the NW 1/4 of Section 15-T128N-R61W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. No public input was voiced; public hearing was closed. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following Resolution #79-24.

RESOLUTION #79-24
RESOLUTION & ORDER VACATING A PLAT

WHEREAS, a petition was presented to the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota by Treeby, LLC; Hal Treeby, Member requesting to for the Vacation of said Plat: Lot 1, "Reece Treeby Addition" pursuant to SDCL 11-3; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners set a date for hearing and evidence having been presented to the Board of County Commissioners that notice has been given at the time, place and purpose of said hearing by publication of notice in Groton Independent and Aberdeen Insider at least ten days in advance of hearing, and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners having acted as a committee of the whole concerning said vacation, and

WHEREAS, the names and address of the record owner of the plat to be vacated; Treeby, LLC;

Hal Treeby, Member PO Box 97, Hecla, SD 57446, and

WHEREAS, the legal description of the plat: Lot 1, "Reece Treeby Addition" in the NW 1/4 of Section 15-T128N-R61W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, and

WHEREAS, the granting of the petition may vacate the plat specified in the petition. All property taxes on such plat shall be paid before it may be vacated,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Brown County Board of Commissioners to hereby vacate said Plat: "Reece Treeby Addition.

Dated this 31st day of December, 2024.

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

VACATE A PLAT: OLE CROW ADDITION: A public hearing was held on a Petition to Vacate a Plat submitted by Stacy Gossman pursuant to SDCL 11-3. The legal description of the plat: Proposed Former Lot 1, "Ole Crow Addition" in the NW 1/4 of Section 17-T123N-R63W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (765 Ole Crow Lane, Aberdeen Twp.). Commissioner Wiese ask to postpone action on vacating this plat because he would like to have the dedicated R-O-W be separated and remain for future development. Stacy Gossman would like to have the property go back to the way it was. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to postpone action on vacating this plat and to get together with Stacy Gossman to work out the R-O-W. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TEMPORARY PERMIT FOR SPECIAL EVENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Alcoholic Beverage Temporary Permit in conjunction with a Special Event for Malt Beverage and Wine License to Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce, Aberdeen, SD for Business After Hours: Lt 2 SDWG Bath – Grebner Terminal Add (Lt A 1st Repl SDWG Add S2 14-123-63) (39278 133rd St., Aberdeen) Brown County, SD; effective January 9, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2025 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT (BIG) APPLICATION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign 2025 BIG Application for Sand Lake Bridge (Structure Number 07-200-184 & Location: 4 miles north of Columbia, SD) for SD Dept. of Transportation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

UTILITIES CERTIFICATE FOR BIG PROGRAM: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign Utilities Certificate for the BIG Project number #BRF 6251(00)##-#. with James Valley Telecommunications and Web Water Development. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RIGHT-OF-WAY (R-O-W) CERTIFICATE FOR BIG PROGRAM: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign R-O-W Certificate for the BIG Project number #BRF 6251(00)##-#. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID OPENING - SURFACING PROJECT BIDS: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for 2025 Brown County Surfacing Project which includes the following work: 2" Asphalt Concrete overlay for approximately 21 miles and additional items as set forth in the Contract Documents. Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent and Mike Gutenkauf, IMEG opened the following bids: Bituminous Paving, Inc. from Ortonville, MN for \$4,209,610.00; Lien Transportation from Aberdeen, SD for \$4,612,794.80; Anderson Western, Inc. from Bismarck, ND for \$5,114,792.04; Central Specialties, Inc. from Alexandria, MN for \$4,532,796.37; Duinick, Inc. from Prinsburg, MN for \$4,712,387.57 and Border States Paving, Inc. from Fargo, ND for \$4,865,929.70. Dirk asked to defer awarding the bid so Mike could review the numbers. Commissioner Wiese moved to defer the bid award, seconded by Gage so that Mike with IMEG could review the numbers before granting the bid. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT FOR BROWN COUNTY RACEWAY: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Lease Agreement for the Brown County Raceway with Motor Sports, LLC from April 1 to October 31, 2025 with options to renew the lease for four additional one-year periods at the sole discretion of the County. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUTO BUDGET SUPPLEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to increase spending authority and estimated revenue in the following funds

to reject the proposal and go back to voucher system until we get Public Defenders office going because it will be hard to transition from the contracts. Per recommendation, Commissioner Wiese moved to reject the Indigent Counsel Contract, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE (SW) MANAGEMENT APPLICATION FOR LANDFILL COMPACTOR: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve & authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the application for the SW Management Landfill Compactor. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE (SW) MANAGEMENT APPLICATION FOR LANDFILL CELL #5: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve & authorize Chairman Sutton to the application for the SW Management Landfill Cell #5. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CORONER APPOINTMENT: Commissioner Wiese brought the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #70-24**

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COUNTY CORONER

WHEREAS, following the notice of resignation of the duly appointed Coroner of Brown County the Brown County Commission has determined that the Retired Brown County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Koens would be appropriately qualified to carry out the duties of the Brown County Coroner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Brown County Commissioners does hereby appoint Retired Brown County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Koens to serve as Brown County Coroner at the pleasure of the board and until such time that the appointment be modified or rescinded by further resolution. Seconded by Dennert.

Dated at Aberdeen, South Dakota this 31st day of December, 2024.

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

Commissioner Sutton wanted to Thank Sheriff Lunzman for his 2 years of service as Coroner.

SWEARING IN: Auditor Heupel swore Brian Koens in as Brown County Coroner.

DACOTAH PRAIRIE MUSEUM EXPANSION: A Resolution was presented for approval of the Decotah Prairie Museum Expansion into the North Parking Lot. Commissioner Sutton shared that he had been contacted with concerns about the parking space, but he supports the renovation of the Museum. After further discussion, Commissioner Dennert moved to postpone passing a resolution at this time and asked Patricia Kendall, Museum Director to come back with a plan B or options for parking, seconded by Gage. Motion passed 4 to 1 with Wiese voting No.

AWARDING OF BID: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent returned with a recommendation to accept the bid from Bituminous Paving, Inc. from Ortonville, MN. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim to award the Surfacing Project Bid to Bituminous Paving, Inc. for \$4,209,610.00, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Commissioner Fjeldheim asked for an update on the Guard Rail at Richmond Lake. Dirk informed Commission that it has been awarded but the work won't start until Spring. Senator Elect, Perry shared the Governor did approve \$13 million in the State Budget for the Richmond project as well.

SOUTH DAKOTA COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2025: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the 2025 Agreement with South Dakota Community Health Services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

JOINT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (JCA) WITH NECOG: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve & authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the JCA with NECOG for 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT FOR BROWN COUNTY RACEWAY: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Lease Agreement for the Brown County Raceway with Motor Sports, LLC from April 1 to October 31, 2025 with options to renew the lease for four additional one-year periods at the sole discretion of the County. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUTO BUDGET SUPPLEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to increase spending authority and estimated revenue in the following funds

for reimbursement for expenditures: Fund #101.4.33122 @ \$57,925.00, #101.111.42200 @ \$25,000.00 & #101.5.211.42600 @ \$32,925.00 (Opioid Funds); Fund #101.4.36500 @ \$4,000.00, #101.5.512.42300 @ \$4,000.00 (3M Grant Funds); Fund #101.4.33103 @ \$354,891.33, #101.5.712.42201 @ \$354,891.33 (NECOG-CD-BG); Fund #226.4.33123 @ \$12,000.00, #226.5.228.42671 @ \$12,000.00 (HLS Grant); Fund #238.4.33400 @ \$1,397.56, #238.5.158.42700 @ \$1,397.56 (SA/JDAI Grant); Fund #504.4.33400 @ \$70,046.78, #504.5.322.43300 @ 70,046.78 (State Grant – Scale). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET SUPPLEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to increase spending authority in the following funds: Fund #504.4.36900 @ \$950,617.34, #504.5.322.42212 @ \$950,617.34. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONTINGENCY TRANSFERS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to increase spending authority (no cash): Fund #101.5.XXX.422.99: 153 Court Appointed Attorney @ \$2,744.79; 154 A&N @ \$3,810.99; 166 Predatory Animal @ \$.01; 172 – Human Resources @ \$14,543.10; 212 – Jail @ \$144,860.72; 442 – Developmentally Disabled @ \$231.00; 512 – Museum @ \$5,750.57; 523 – Fairgrounds @ \$146,067.86; 711 – Planning & Zoning @ \$1,065.65. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ASSIGN BUDGET BALANCE REQUESTS: Auditor Heupel shared that Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent asked that her budget balance of \$600,689.65 be assigned to Maintenance for the continuing work needing to be done for the Tuckpointing project. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve assigning the budget balance of \$600,689.65 to maintenance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Becca Tullar, 4-H Advisor had submitted a memo requesting that her budget balance of \$8,721.89 be assigned to the new building project at the Fairgrounds. After some discussion it was moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to not approve this request and the funds go back to the General Fund. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Sutton shared that during the next budget session, the Commission will look at assigning funds towards the building project.

Fair/Fairgrounds Manager Rachel Kippley had asked the Commission to \$651,509 into the Fair Improvement fund but Commissioner Sutton had asked for this to be postponed seeing what the Auditor had for final numbers. It was shown that the Fair had a net gain of \$380,754.55 for 2024. Commissioner Wiese moved by assign \$350,000.00 to the Fair Improvement fund, seconded by Sutton. After further discussion, Commissioner Dennert moved to assign the total \$380,754.55 to the Fair Improvement Fund, seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the General Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims/payroll: Claims: Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$1,071.06; Carrie Weisenberger \$26.24; Computer Forensic Resources \$2,600.00; Dale Kurth \$153.96; David North \$150.30; Helms & Associates \$3,045.22; James Meyers \$37.38; Medical Waste Transport, Inc \$212.40; North-eastern Mental Health Center \$38,924.00; Patrick Keatts \$48.60; Paul Johnson \$123.00; Stan Beckler \$26.10; US Bank \$764.95. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$142.66; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$470.17; Production Monkeys \$900.00; US Bank \$300.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Dakota Pump LLC \$2,709.19; DMC Wear Parts LLC \$172.00; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$132.12; Eilers Water Conditioning and Lawn Irrigation \$145.00; Graham Tire Inc \$964.00; Honeywell International Inc. \$12,620.00; House of Glass \$2,163.21; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$61.00; Interstate Powersystems \$2,045.69; JGE, Inc \$368.06; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$2,509.03; Kirk's Auto \$199.00; Lawson Products, Inc \$69.15; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$145.93; Lien Transportation Company \$323.75; New Waste Concepts, Inc \$4,555.26; Pump's Tire Service, Inc \$28.62; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$3,855.00; Thorco, Inc 105.83; US Bank \$1,330.87. Supplies:

Advanced Auto Parts \$397.77; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$1,650.94; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$7,118.88; Century Business Products \$211.11; Chris & Don's Tarp & Canvas Repair \$300.00; Cole Paper Inc. \$1,912.80; Columbia Area Rural Fire Protection District \$532.00; DMC Wear Parts LLC \$3,840.00; Geffdog Designs \$137.50; Gov-Connection, Inc \$452.80; Graham Tire Inc \$33.60; Lawson Products, Inc \$998.71; Marco Technologies, LLC \$16.16; Me-nards \$186.68; Midstates Group \$64.00; Midwest Pump & Tank \$100.00; Pheasantland Industries \$68.75; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$1,303.28; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc \$871.55; Pump's Tire Service, Inc \$5.22; Quest Hospitality Suppliers, LLC \$2,840.13; Safety Service \$363.73; SHI International Corp \$26,568.57; Thorco, Inc \$87.92; Tyler Business Forms \$144.26; William Esser \$127.15; US Bank \$9,355.77. Travel & Conference: Doug Fjeldheim \$246.56; Drew Dennert \$482.40; Duane Sutton \$201.00; McKenzie Bierman \$130.46; US Bank \$7,548.08. Utilities: Dependable Sanitation, Inc. \$532.00; Northwestern Energy \$2,924.39; NVC \$299.61; Richmond Lake Sanitary District \$1,200.00; Verizon Wireless \$42.73; US Bank \$3,428.78. Other: Ed M Feld Equipment Co Inc \$850.00; Pizza Ranch \$79.96; US Bank \$1,134.00.

Payroll: Commission \$4,753.89; Elections \$1,834.40; Auditor \$10,094.84; Treasurer \$17,189.21; SA \$34,597.07; Maintenance \$11,786.35; Assessor \$15,706.27; Register of Deeds \$10,406.83; VSO \$4,491.55; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,172.67; HR \$4,960.65; Sheriff Superintendent \$47,321.18; Jail \$73,100.57; Coroner \$829.37; Court Security \$8,435.34; JDC \$31,901.88; Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum \$11,174.81; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,365.88; Fair Board \$3,435.09; 4-H \$830.79; Weed \$1,317.37; Planning & Zoning \$9,187.74; Highway \$51,768.88; Dispatch \$36,627.73; Emergency \$5,208.68; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,717.45; Landfill \$16,868.87; Meal Benefits \$242.00; FICA \$25,990.28; Medicare \$6,078.37; Discovery-HSA \$2,436.84; Health Insurance-Wellmark BCBS \$131,661.12; Dental Insurance-Delta \$9,277.20; Life Insurance-Dearborn \$1,102.96; Retirement – SDRS \$58,944.34. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

- End of term, Douglas Fjeldheim, Brown County Commissioner; effective December 31, 2024.

- Kyler Dinger, Brown County Commissioner-elect; wage \$969.51 bi-weekly; effective January 7, 2025.

- Last day of internship for Audra Bland, Brown County Museum Fall Intern; effective December 17, 2024

- Resignation of James Bissett, Brown County 911 Communications Officer; FT – effective December 25, 2025. Request to fill.

- Sheriff Dave Lunzman resigning as Coroner effective December 31, 2024.

- Approve Job description and title for Seasonal Beverage Operations Superintendent

- Approve Job description, title and grade for Revenue Specialist to be placed at 20.

- Wages effective December 22, 2024 for Sarah Swenson at the rate of \$30.98/hr.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage 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.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following travel requests: Brown County Fair Board, Rachel Kippley and possibly 1-2 additional to attend IAFE Zone 4 Meeting in St. Cloud, MN on February 23-25, 2025; Brown County Fair Manager, Rachel Kippley to attend IFM Summit Conference in Williamsburg, VA on May 4-7, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCES – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize publication for the first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held on January 21, 2025 in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #286, applicant Lorin & Julie Flihs for the purpose of rezoning from Agri-

culture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their future use: Description of Property: Proposed Lot 1, "L and J Flihs First Addition" in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 22-T125N-R60W of the 5TH P.m., Brown County, South Dakota (12105 410th Ave., Claremont Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #287, applicant Jarod & Sarah Bierman for the purpose of rezoning 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: "Elsing's Outlot 1" in the SW 1/4 of Section 28-T121N-R65W of the 5TH P.m., Brown County, South Dakota (37640 147th St., New Hope Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #288, applicant James Smith/Owner, Thomas Johnson for the purpose of rezoning 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: Lots 1, 2 & 3 "North Warner Homestead Addition" in the NW 1/4 of Section 35-T124N-R64W of the 5TH P.m., Brown County, South Dakota (38615, 38623 & 38645 141st Street, Warner Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

KUKOWSKI ADDITION TO PRAIRIEWOOD VILLAGE PLAT: RESOLUTION #72-24

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "KUKOWSKI ADDITION TO PRAIRIEWOOD VILLAGE IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 124 NORTH, RANGE 63 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

B & E KOLB FIRST ADDITION PLAT: RESOLUTION #73-24

Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "B & E KOLB FIRST ADDITION IN THE S 1/2 SW 1/4 OF SECTION 33-T124N-R64W 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.

PHARIS CATTLE REAL ESTATE ADDITION PLAT: RESOLUTION #74-24

Commissioner Dennert brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "PHARIS CATTLE REAL ESTATE ADDITION IN THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 125 NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

L & J FLIEHS FIRST ADDITION PLAT: RESOLUTION #75-24

Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "L & J FLIEHS FIRST ADDITION IN THE NE 1/4 NE 1/4 OF SECTION 22-T125N-R60W 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.

GUBIN SECOND SUBDIVISION PLAT: RESOLUTION #76-24

Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "GUBIN SECOND SUBDIVISION, IN THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 22-T121N-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 Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

BECKLER FAMILY FIRST ADDITION PLAT: RESOLUTION #77-24

Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the

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plat showing "BECKLER FAMILY FIRST ADDITION IN THE N 1/2 OF SECTION 11-T123N-R63W 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.

WINBURN FIRST ADDITION PLAT:

RESOLUTION #78-24
Commissioner Dennert brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "WINBURN FIRST ADDITION TO BLOCK 19 OF HOUGHTON IN THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 31-T127N-R61W 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.

OTHER BUSINESS: Senator Elect, Carl Perry shared that the Brown County Republicans luncheon will be held on January 9th and all County Officials are to attend and give a brief update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage 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.

THANK-YOU: Commissioner Doug Fjeldheim took a moment to Thank his fellow and former Commissioners, along with Department Heads, Elected Officials and employees of Brown County for doing the best job possible under restricted budgets every year and would like to Thank the citizens of Brown County for supporting him for the last 10 years.

Commissioner Sutton thanked Doug for his 10-years of dedication to the citizens of Brown County and stated it was a privilege serving with him as well.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 11:03 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
Published January 8, 2025, at the total approximate cost of \$261.32 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 24177



INVITATION TO BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota, will open bids for the 2025 roof repairs on February 4, 2025, at 7:00pm at City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD. Received sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work on this project includes roof repairs at the following locations:

- Main Pump House, 10 E Railroad Avenue
- Cemetery Repair Shop, 1509 N Broadway
- Police Department, 209 N Main Street
- City Shop, 10 E Railroad Avenue
- Community Center, 109 N 3rd Street
- Park Restrooms, 802 N 3rd Street
- Picnic Shelter at Park, 802 N 3rd Street
- Swimming Pool Bathhouse, 228 E 11th Avenue
- Gazebo at Swimming Pool, 228 E 11th Avenue
- Storage Shed at Swimming Pool, 228 E 11th Avenue
- City Hall/Wage Memorial Library, 120 N Main Street

All work areas are located within the City limits of Groton, SD.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the following locations:

- City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD
- Questions or requests for further information should be directed to the City Finance Office, 605-397-8422, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445.

The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the contract in the best interests of the City of Groton, SD.

January 2, 2025
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #284
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED
TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #284, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Pat & Donna Keatts was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 31st day of December 2024 and will become effective on the 28th of January 2025.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend 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 & 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.).

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

Passed and adopted this 31st day of December 2024.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

Notice of Hearing: December 4, 2024

First Reading: December 17, 2024

Second Reading/Adoption: December 31, 2024

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NOTICE

Application has been made by James Smith/Owner Thomas Johnson 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 January 21, 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: 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.).

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. 288.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #285
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED
TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #285, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Stacy Gossman was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 31st day of December 2024 and will become effective on the 28th of January 2025.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described 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.).

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

Passed and adopted this 31st day of December 2024.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

Notice of Hearing: December 4, 2024

First Reading: December 17, 2024

Second Reading/Adoption: December 31, 2024

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Effective Date: January 28, 2025

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NOTICE

Application has been made by Jarod & Sarah Bierman 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 January 21, 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: "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.).

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. 287.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE
Application has been made by Lorin & Julie Flihs 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 January 21, 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 future use:

Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "L and J Flihs 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.).

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. 286.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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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 January 21, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner/Owner: Jack Hollinsworth / Larkota Acres LLC
Description of property: Lot 7, "Larkota Acres First Addition" in the N1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 3-T121N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38507 Larkota Drive; Warner Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a new 24' x 28' water service building.

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

Dated this 8th day of January 2025.

Planning/Zoning Commission and

Scott Bader – P&Z Director
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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 January 21, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: A1 Sanitation, Steve Holm

Legal description of property: Lot 2, "Wheat Growers West Subdivision" in the N1/2 of Section 21-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38435 133rd Street; Aberdeen Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) to replace old tin roof with new tin in a Heavy Industrial District (H-I).

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

Dated this 8th day of January 2025.
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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 January 21, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: David Jark
Legal description of property: Lot 4, "Jark Replat of Block 10 to Stratford" in the SW1/4 of Section 4-T121N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (421 Nelson Avenue; Stratford, East Rondell Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) to allow two storage sheds on one residential lot without a residence in a Rural Urban District (RU).

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

Dated this 8th day of January 2025.

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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 Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on January 21, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Donald Johnston / David Johnston

Description of property: Lot 1 & 2, "Johnston Subdivision" in the SE1/4 of Section 24-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39996 134th Street & 13385 400th Avenue, Henry Twp.).

Reason: Rezone parcels from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezoning petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioners with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers.

Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.

Dated this 8th day of January 2025.

Planning/Zoning Commission and

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NOTICE OF HEARING
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 of the Brown County Courthouse Annex, on January 21, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Clinton & Audrey Jacobson

Description of property: The S1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 11-T122N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (Approx. 40446 138th Street, West Hanson Twp.).

Reason: A Variance for Shelterbelt Setbacks in an Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to be 100'-0" from the section line rather than the 150'-0" required in Brown County Zoning Ordinances.

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

Dated this 8th day of January 2025

Planning/Zoning Commission and

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NOTICE OF HEARING
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 of the Brown County Courthouse Annex, on January 21, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Jack Hollinsworth / Larkota Acres LLC

Description of property: Lot 7, "Larkota Acres First Addition" in the N1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 3-T121N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38507 Larkota Drive, Warner Twp.).

Reason: A Variance for Building Setbacks in a Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to have a 45'-0" West Front Yard Setback rather than the 100'-0" Setback required by Brown County Zoning Ordinances.

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

Dated this 8th day of January 2025

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Groton Boys Dominates in Blowout Victory Over Warner



Blake Pauli
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

The Groton boys' basketball team showcased a dominant performance in a decisive 63-24 victory over Warner. The game, marked by Groton's efficiency on both ends of the court, featured standout contributions from multiple players and a relentless defensive effort that left Warner struggling to find their rhythm.

Groton set the tone early, jumping out to a 12-5 lead by the end of the first quarter. Despite a sluggish start from the field (6-of-15 for 40%), their defense held Warner to just 29% shooting in the opening frame, setting the stage for what would become a lopsided contest.

The second quarter saw Groton shift into high gear offensively, shooting 54% (7-of-13) while holding Warner to a mere 25% (2-of-8). By halftime, Groton had built a commanding 30-10 lead, leaving little doubt about the outcome.

The third quarter was all Groton, as they erupted for 18 unanswered points, extending their lead to 50-14. The onslaught triggered the 30-point mercy rule with 3:02 left in the quarter, as Groton's unyielding defense and efficient offense overwhelmed Warner. Groton shot 50% in the third quarter (6-of-12), while Warner managed just 22% (2-of-9).

By the fourth quarter, Groton continued their efficient play, shooting a scorching 75% (6-of-8) from the field, while Warner managed a slight improvement, going 3-of-10 for 30%. The final buzzer sounded with Groton securing a 63-24 victory.

Three Groton players reached double figures, led by Keegen Tracy's 15 points on an impressive 5-of-6 shooting. Becker Bosma added 12 points on a perfect 4-of-4 from the field, while Ryder Johnson contributed 11 points. Bosma also dominated the boards, grabbing seven of Groton's 26 rebounds.

The team shared the ball well, with Keegen Tracy and Karson



Keegen Tracy
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Zak dishing out three assists each. Zak also spearheaded the defensive effort with four of the team's 10 steals, as Warner committed 16 turnovers in the face of Groton's relentless pressure. Gage Sippel added a highlight with a key block.

Warner struggled to find any offensive consistency, shooting just 26% (9-of-34) for the game. Though they hit 67% from the free-throw line (4-of-6), it was not enough to counter Groton's balanced attack.

- Story compiled by ChatGPT

Keegen Tracy: 15 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists, 2 steals, 1 foul.

Becker Bosma: 12 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal.

Ryder Johnson: 11 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 foul.

Karson Zak: 6 points, 1 rebound, 3 assists, 4 steals, 1 foul.

Blake Pauli: 4 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 2 steals, 3 fouls.

Gage Sippel: 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 fouls, 1 block.

Jayden Schwan: 3 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 3 fouls.

Jace Johnson: 3 points.

Ryder Schelle: 3 points.

Ethan Kroll: 2 points, 1 assist.

Logan Warrington: 1 assist.

Turner Thompson: 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 foul.

Totals: Field Goals: 20-29 69%, 3-Pointers: 5-18 28%, Free Throws: 8-11 73%, 26 rebounds, 7 turnovers, 13 assists, 10 steals, 12 fouls, 1 block.

Warner: Drew Bakeberg 8, Jesiah Baum 7, Brennan Wolf-Donat 4, Braydon Kroll 3, Alec Mikkelsen 2.

Field Goals: 9-34 26%, Free Throws: 4-6 67%, Fouls: 11, Turnovers: 16.

Junior Varsity Hoop Teams Beat Warner

The Groton Area girls basketball team posted a 34-18 win over Warner. The Tigers led at the quarterstops at 6-3, 14-5 and 30-13.

Groton Area Scoring: Chesney Weber 15, Kella Tracy 6, Emerlee Jones 4, Ashlynn Warrington 3, Makenna Krause 2, Talli Wright 2, Mia Crank 2.

Warner Scoring: Kaydee Mackner 6, Miah Leidholt 6, Tatum Hanson 2, Delaney Johnson 2, Addisyn Heinrich 1, Olivia Marcuson 1.

Groton Area made 13 of 38 field goals for 34 percent while Warner was 7 of 27 for 26 percent. Groton Area had nine tunovers compared to 16 for Warner. Groton Area had more fouls, 9-7, as the Tigers made five of seven free throws and Warner made four of six.

The boys junior varsity team posted a 38-7 win, lead at the quarterstops at 10-0, 17-3 and 33-3. Groton Area scored 25 unanswered points in the game.

Groton Area Scoring: Anthony Tracy 14, Jayden Schwan 6, Asher Johnson 5, Ethan Kroll 4, Logan Warrington 4, Ryder Schelle 3, Jace Johnson 2.

Warner Scoring: Lincoln Buisker 3, Gage Knuppe 2, Braydon Kroll 2.

Field Goals: Groton Area was 14 of 30 for 47 percent, Warner was 2 of 22 for 9 percent.

Free Throws: Groton Area was 7 of 12 for 58 percent, Warner was 3 of 8 for 38 percent.

Turnovers: Groton Area 8, Warner 20.

Fouls: Groton Area 12, Warner 10.

Both games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The boys game had an anonymous sponsor. The girls was sponsored by Adam and Nicole Wright.

Girls Basketball Secures Dominant Win Over Warner

The Groton Tigers continued their strong start to the season with an impressive 51-34 victory over the Warner Monarchs in a hard-fought girls' basketball matchup. The Tigers controlled the game from start to finish, showcasing balanced scoring, disciplined defense, and efficient free-throw shooting.

Groton came out strong in the first quarter, hitting 50% of their shots (6-for-12) to take an early 15-9 lead. Rylee Dunker got the Tigers rolling, scoring key baskets to set the tone. Meanwhile, Warner struggled to keep up, shooting 43% (3-for-7) but committing several turnovers that allowed Groton to dictate the pace.

The second quarter saw more of the same as Groton extended their lead to 26-15 at halftime. The Tigers cooled slightly, shooting 36% (4-for-11), but their defense forced Warner into mistakes. Despite Jordan Jensen's efforts, who led the Monarchs with 11 points on the night, Warner couldn't close the gap.

After halftime, Groton's offense hit a rough patch, shooting just 25% (4-for-16) in the third quarter. However, their defense and relentless energy on the boards kept them ahead. Warner matched their consistent 43% shooting (3-for-7), but the Monarchs couldn't capitalize on the Tigers' shooting slump. Groton entered the fourth quarter with a 37-26 advantage.

The final quarter sealed the deal for the Tigers. Groton found its rhythm again, shooting a red-hot 55% (6-for-11). Taryn Traphagan added a pair of three-pointers, and Riley Dunker finished with a team-high 15 points, while Jaden Penning added 10.

Groton's efficiency from the free-throw line (9-for-11, 82%) proved decisive, while Warner struggled at 58% (7-for-12). Additionally, Groton's aggressive defense forced 25 Warner turnovers and recorded 18 steals, stifling the Monarchs' offensive flow.

The Tigers also dominated in assists (12) and rebounds (24), showing their team-oriented approach. Despite committing 15 turnovers of their own, Groton's balanced attack and disciplined play helped them improve to 5-1 on the season. Warner, now 3-4, will look to regroup after the loss.

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Jerica Locke
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jaedyn Penning
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Rylee Dunker: 15 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 6 steals, 2 foul.

Jaedyn Penning: 10 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 fouls.

Jerica Locke: 9 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals, 2 fouls.

Taryn Traphagen: 7 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 fouls.

Kennedy Hansen: 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 3 steals, 2 fouls.

Brooklyn Hansen: 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 foul.

Faith Traphagen: 2 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 foul.

Laila Roberts: 2 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 foul.

Totals: Field Goals: 18-36 50%, 3-Pointers: 2-15 13%, Free Throws: 9-11 82%, 24 rebounds, 15 turnoers, 12 assists, 18 steals, 13 fouls.

Warner: Jordyn Jensen 11, Stacia Carda 8, Jaycee Jung 7, Courtney Leidholt 4, MaKenna Leidholt 4. Field Goals: 12-27 44%, Free Throws: 7-12, 58%, Turnovers: 25, Fouls: 9.

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Groton Tigers Dominate in Lopsided Victory Over Redfield in boys hoops

GROTON, S.D. — The Groton Area Tigers put on a basketball clinic Friday night, dismantling the Redfield Pheasants with a decisive 86-11 victory in a game that showcased the Tigers' dominance on both ends of the court.

From the opening tip, Groton made their intentions clear, jumping out to a commanding 15-0 lead before Redfield could catch their breath. By the end of the first quarter, the Tigers had built a 23-5 advantage, fueled by their relentless defense and efficient shooting.

The game quickly spiraled out of control for Redfield in the second quarter. Groton's suffocating defense forced turnovers at an astonishing rate, leading to fast-break opportunities and easy buckets. The Mercy Rule was triggered with 3:32 remaining in the first half, as Groton extended their lead to a staggering 49-5 by halftime.

The Tigers' remarkable efficiency was a highlight of the night. They shot 62% from the field, including 33% from beyond the arc, and distributed the ball with precision, racking up 21 assists. Groton's ability to capitalize on Redfield's mistakes was pivotal, as they tallied 27 steals and forced 38 turnovers.

Redfield struggled to find any offensive rhythm, connecting on just 19% of their field goal attempts and committing 13 team fouls. The Pheasants' difficulties were compounded by Groton's disciplined play, as the Tigers committed only three fouls and eight turnovers over the course of the game.

By the end of the third quarter, the scoreboard read 72-11 in favor of the Tigers, with the game well out of reach. Groton continued to apply pressure and execute with precision, closing out the final quarter without allowing Redfield to score a single point.

The Tigers dominated the glass as well, pulling down 31 rebounds and controlling the pace throughout the game. Their cohesive team effort was evident, as every player contributed to the blowout victory.

This win is a testament to Groton's preparation, discipline, and tenacity. The Tigers will look to carry this momentum forward as they continue their season, while Redfield will aim to regroup and improve in the weeks ahead.

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Groton Area:

Keegen Tracy: 25 points, 5 assists, 4 steals.

Turner Thompson: 13 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals.

Ryder Johnson: 11 points, 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 4 steals, 2 fouls.

Ethan Kroll: 8 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist.

Blake Pauli: 6 points, 1 assist, 2 steals.

Karson Zak: 6 points, 1 assist, 3 steals.

Gage Sippel: 6 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal.

Becker Bosma: 5 points, 7 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals.

Jayden Schwan: 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 6 steals.

Logan Warrington: 2 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal, 1 foul.

Ryder Schelle: 1 rebound, 1 steal.

Field Goals: 28-45 62%, 3-Pointers: 8-24 33%, Free Throws: 6-9 67 percent, 31 rebounds, 8 turnovers, 21 assists, 27 steals, 3 fouls.

Redfield: Ruben Alvarez 9 points, GradyHulscher 2 points.

Total Field Goals: 5-26 19%, 13 fouls and 38 turnovers.

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Groton Area wins junior varsity games over Redfield

Groton Area boys basketball team led at the quarter breaks at 20-2, 28-5 and 44-9 en route to a 54-17 junior varsity win over Redfield. Jayden Schwan had 14 points, Anthony Tracy 13, Logan Warrington 6, Asher Johnson 6, Jace Johnson 5, Ryder Schelle 4, Ethan Kroll 4, Connor Kroll 2.

Redfield: Austin Snell 6, Keagan Hansen 4, Tate Neuharth 3, Jackson Rude and Grady Hulscher each with 2.

Groton Area girls basketball team led at the quarterbreaks at 21-0, 25-5 and 36-5 en route to a 46-10 junior varsity win over Redfield. Chesney Weber 14 points, Tali Wright 9, Mia Crank 7, McKenna Tietz 6, Kella Tracy 4, Sydney Locke 3, Ashlynn Warrington 2, Emerlee Jones 1.

Redfield: Karlie Brabant 6, Breanna Larson and Madysen Morrissette each with 2.

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Women's High Series: Sam Bahr 507, Michelle Johnson 481, Nancy Radke 462

Dominant Defense and Precision Propel Groton girls to Victory

GROTON, S.D. — The Groton girls' basketball team delivered a commanding performance on Friday night, overwhelming Redfield 51-9 in a lopsided matchup that showcased Groton's defensive intensity and offensive efficiency. From the opening tip to the final buzzer, Groton dominated every aspect of the game, setting the tone early and never looking back.

Groton opened the first quarter with relentless defensive pressure, forcing Redfield into turnovers and capitalizing on nearly every opportunity. Redfield struggled to find any rhythm, failing to score in the quarter. Meanwhile, Groton's offense ran smoothly, resulting in a 12-0 lead by the end of the first period.

The second quarter was much of the same, as Groton continued to suffocate Redfield's ball handlers. By halftime, Redfield had managed only two points, while Groton extended its lead to 28-2. The disparity in shot attempts underscored the Tigers' dominance; Groton had taken 33 field goals by halftime, converting at a solid 37%, while Redfield had managed just four attempts.

In the third quarter, Groton maintained its focus, adding eight more points to its total while holding Redfield to just three. By the end of the quarter, Groton held an insurmountable 36-5 advantage.

The final period saw Groton continue to control the game, finishing with a season-high 22 steals and 10 assists. Despite some foul trouble, with Groton committing 18 team fouls compared to Redfield's 10, the Tigers were never seriously challenged. The game concluded with Groton earning a dominant 51-9 victory.

Groton's discipline on both ends of the court was evident, with the team committing only nine turnovers compared to Redfield's staggering 36.

Individually, Groton players thrived under Redfield's defensive pressure, hitting 22 of 59 shots (37%) from the field. Redfield's offense struggled mightily, converting just 4 of their 15 attempts (27%).

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Groton Area:

Taryn Traphagen: 17 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 4 steals.

Kennedy Hansen: 10 points, 1 rebound, 3 steals.

Faith Traphagen: 6 points, 1 rebound, 4 steals, 2 fouls.

Jerica Locke: 5 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 3 steals.

Rylee Dunker: 4 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals, 2 fouls.

Chesney Weber: 3 points, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal.

Jaedyn Penning: 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal.

Mia Crank: 2 points, 3 rebounds.

McKenna Tietz: 2 points, 1 foul.

Brooklyn Hansen: 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal.

Laila Roberts: 1 rebound, 2 assists, 2 steals, 2 fouls.

Talli Wright: 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 foul.

Field Goals: 19-50 38%, 3-Pointers: 3-10 30%, Free Throws: 4-6, 67%, 23 rebounds, 9 turnovers, 10 assists, 22 steals, 8 fouls.

Redfield:

Charli Jungwirth 3, Brynn Giblin 2, Hayden Gall 2, Kinley Smith 2.

Total Field Goals: 4-15, 27%, Free Throws: 1-2 50%, 36 turnovers, 10 fouls.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Sunday Night Football versus the Detroit Lions. The final game of the regular season. A nationally televised game. The first time in NFL history two teams met in the regular season with 14 wins each. The division on the line. The number one seed on the line, and the coveted bye-week that comes along with it. This game was going to give us a glimpse of how prepared the Vikings were for the playoffs. And what did they do? They played their worst game of the season in a 31-9 loss...

The game started well. The Lions got the ball first and were forced to punt, but the Vikings couldn't do anything on offense so they punted right back. The Lions scored a touchdown on their next drive, taking an early 7-0 lead. The two teams traded punts on the next two drives, then they both turned the ball over – the Vikings' turnover coming from a failed fourth-down play from the three-yard line, Detroit's turnover coming from an Ivan Pace Jr. interception. Three incomplete passes later, the Vikings kicked a field goal. The Lions failed a fourth-down attempt on their next possession, giving the ball back to the Vikings

with three and a half minutes left in the first half. Although the drive stalled in the red zone, Minnesota kicked a field goal with 20 seconds left, cutting the deficit to one point. With the Vikings getting the ball to begin the second half, the momentum felt like it was shifting. But, in true Vikings fashion, they shanked the kickoff, giving Detroit the ball at the 40-yard line. Two plays and 30 yards later, the Lions kicked a field goal, extending their lead.

The Vikings got the ball to begin the second half, and once again failed a fourth down attempt just a few yards away from the endzone. Luckily, Harrison Smith intercepted an errant pass by Jared Goff, giving the ball right back to the Vikings, but the offense could only manage a field goal, and once again the game was within one point. That's when the game got ugly. The next six total drives were: a Lions' touchdown, then a Vikings' missed punt, then a Lions touchdown, followed by a Vikings punt, then another Lions' touchdown followed by the Vikings turning the ball over on downs.

Stick a fork in this team. They're done.

Sam Darnold stunk, only completing 18 of 41 passes for 166 yards. The ground game was decent, with Cam Akers, Aaron Jones, and Sam Darnold combining for 120 yards on 19 carries. Justin Jefferson caught three passes for 54 yards, while Jordan Addison had one catch for exactly zero yards.

The Vikings' defense played better than the offense, but that was a very low bar. Jonathan Greenard and Jonathan Bullard each had a sack, while Ivan Pace Jr. and Harrison Smith each had an interception.

Looking ahead, the Vikings will travel to LA to take on the Rams. Eerily reminiscent of earlier this season, when the Vikings' win streak was stopped by Detroit followed by a loss to the Rams in LA. Let's hope this game turns out better, but after Sunday's performance, I'm not holding my breath.

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"Let's Get Moving!"

As we start the New Year, many people are making resolutions and setting goals for the next 12 months. One of the most common resolutions is to be more active. At Prairie Doc, we

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want all of our viewers to be both healthy and happy. This week, On Call with the Prairie Doc will be showcasing different ways people can incorporate movement into their lives. There is truly something for everyone.

Personally, I've explored a variety of activities with varying levels of success and competence. Regardless of the activity, what has made many of these experiences memorable and enjoyable are the people I have met along the way. Some of my most cherished friendships have formed through shared activities, proving to be just as beneficial to my mental health as any physical benefits of the activity itself.

Let me share some of the more unusual ways that I've stayed active throughout my life. In fourth grade, I joined the wrestling team. I became the first girl in my school to do so. I was not particularly good, ending the season with a 1-11 record. However, I was proud of myself for trying. By sixth grade, two other girls joined the team with me.

In junior high I tried volleyball, and while I loved, but was not very skilled. The place I did excel in was taekwondo. I started when I was ten and earned my 3rd degree black belt while in college. When I was in medical school, I still found time for activities and needed to try things that were the complete opposite of my school work. I tried rock climbing, belly dancing, and fencing. All activities that were outside my comfort zone, but quickly became welcome breaks from studying.

In Brookings, we are blessed with a multitude of activities in the area to try. I have participated in an adult kickball league. I have also started curling with the Brookings Curling Club. This game involves not only skill and strategy but a little bit of luck. On Prairie Doc, viewers will get to see me doing my favorite exercise activity, aerial silks. My medical residency training was in Baraboo, Wisconsin, the home town of the Ringling Brothers. I always loved the circus and aerial silks allows me to feel like I have joined the circus, if only for a few moments.

Finding the right activity may take some trial and error, but once you find something you love it will be worth it. So, as you set your goals for the coming year, consider trying something completely different. You may just discover an activity that brings you joy and a new community of friends along the way. Until next time, Stay healthy and active out there!

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