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Snow Queen Contest Set for November 30th

The 80th Annual Groton Area Snow Queen Contest will be held Sunday, November 30th in the GHS Old Gym at 4 p.m. Look for clues this month in the Groton Independent to solve the Mystery Frosty. The correct guess submitted the evening of the program will receive \$100 Groton Chamber Bucks!!!

Dacotah Bank Scholarship

Dacotah Bank will again support local students through its annual scholarship program. One high school graduate will receive a \$10,000 scholarship, and twenty-nine additional \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded across its South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota market areas. Eligible applicants must be high school seniors planning to attend a post-secondary institution in one of these states, and the student or their parent/guardian must hold a Dacotah Bank account.

"Our communities rely on a skilled workforce, and post-secondary education is vital," said Chairman and CEO Robert Fouberg.

Details and application information are available at dacotahbank.com/scholarships.

Groton Area HOSA is kicking off HOSA Week 2025!

Groton HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) started the celebration Monday morning with a special proclamation from Mayor Scott Hanlon, officially declaring this week HOSA Week in Groton, South Dakota!

Groton Area HOSA members are dedicated to health, leadership, and service — and they are excited to celebrate all week long with activities that promote wellness and community spirit. (Photo from Groton Area Facebook Page)

Groton schools recognized in U.S. News rankings

by ELizabeth Varin

Groton Area Schools have earned statewide and national recognition for academic excellence, with all three schools—elementary, middle, and high school—featured in U.S. News & World Report's latest rankings.

In the 2026 Best Elementary and Middle Schools report, Groton Area Elementary School ranked No. 69 of 209 South Dakota elementary schools, placing it among the top 40% statewide. Groton Area Middle School achieved an impressive No. 5 of 143 South Dakota middle schools, marking it as one of the top-performing middle schools in the state.

Middle and high school principal Shelby Edwards said the rankings are a reflection of hard work at every level.

"We're incredibly proud to see Groton Area Middle School recognized for its strong academic performance," Edwards said. "This acknowledgment reflects the hard work of our students, the dedication of our teachers and staff, and the unwavering support from our families and community. It's always rewarding to see those efforts validated at the state and national level."

The U.S. News rankings are based on performance in state assessments and how well schools prepare students for the next academic stage. For Edwards, the most important measure of success is readiness—not just for high school, but for life.

"The most important indicator of a successful middle school is how well it prepares students—academically, socially, and emotionally—for the challenges of high school and beyond," she said. "Building confidence, curiosity and a love of learning are just as important as test scores."

Edwards said Groton's above-average reading and math results stem from a mix of high expectations, targeted instruction and community support.

"Teachers use data to guide instruction, provide targeted support and celebrate growth," she said. "Groton has been known for its high academic rigor, and while we do not waver from that, our staff meet each student where they are and build from there."

At the elementary level, principal Brett Schwan said he's proud to see Groton Area Elementary recognized among the top performers in the state.

"Ranking No. 69 out of 209 schools is a meaningful acknowledgment of the hard work our students, staff and families put in every day," Schwan said. "It's always encouraging when outside measures reflect the strong learning culture we see in our building."

He noted that U.S. News evaluates elementary schools largely on state assessment data in English/language arts and math for grades three through five, along with growth and school climate measures. Based on recent results, approximately 69% of Groton Area Elementary students scored proficient in reading and 65% in math.

"These numbers highlight strengths and also guide us in the areas where we are continuing to grow," Schwan said. "However, test scores only tell part of our story. True success includes students who feel safe, supported and excited to learn; strong relationships between staff and students; and a positive school culture where families feel welcomed and involved."

Schwan said what makes Groton Area Elementary special is the people inside it.

"Our students are kind, curious and hardworking, and our teachers care deeply about building strong connections and meeting every child's needs," he said. "We are grateful for the support of our families and our community, and while we are proud of this recognition, we remain committed to continuous improvement."

Edwards agreed that beyond the data, Groton's greatest strength lies in its community.

"Groton Area Middle School is a place where students are known, supported and encouraged to grow in every area of life," she said. "The rankings are one reflection of success, but the daily learning, caring environment and sense of community are what truly make the Groton Area School District so special."

Earlier this year, U.S. News released its 2025–2026 Best High Schools rankings, in which Groton Area High School ranked No. 44 among South Dakota high schools (within the top 25 percent of 186 high schools in the state), No. 4 in the Aberdeen Metro Area—behind Warner, Central, and Ipswich—and No. 8,832 nationally out of more than 24,000 public high schools reviewed.

Elementary and middle school rankings are based entirely on publicly available data from the U.S. Department of Education, according to U.S. News & World Report. Data about grades taught, contact information and enrollment are from the U.S. Department of Education's Common Core of Data for 2023-2024. State assessment data was sourced from the Department of Education's EdFacts initiative. For the latest U.S. News rankings, mathematics assessment results from the 2022-2023 academic year and reading assessments from the 2021-2022 academic year were used.

At the high school level, enrollment, student ethnicity and other profile information came from the Common Core of Data from the U.S. Department of Education website. Statewide mathematics, reading and science assessment data used in the 2025-2026 rankings is from the 2022-2023 school year. High school graduation rate data is from the 2022-2023 school year.



By David Adler

Trump’s Backhoe: A Metaphor for Unconstitutional Demolition

President Donald Trump’s backhoe gouged, slashed and ultimately demolished the East Wing of White House last week, an unauthorized, illegal act and a metaphor for the way in which he has, since January 20, purported to rule, not govern, while shredding the constitutional provisions, norms and laws that have well served this nation for more than two centuries.

The objection here is not to remodeling the East Wing, though sentiments, historic moments and traditions urge restraint. Indeed, previous presidents have made significant changes in that part of the White House where First Ladies conducted important business, hosted memorable receptions and advanced worthy causes. It was in the East Wing that Nancy Reagan launched her “Just Say No Campaign” to fighting drugs. Betty Ford called the East Wing the “heart” of the White House.

The objection, rather, is to Trump’s disregard of laws that require the president to work in concert with various national planning agencies when remodeling the White House, a national treasure. But Trump’s disdain for federal laws and regulations, like his consistent defiance of constitutional principles, procedures and processes, after nine months in office, it is painful to say, is “old” news. As a backhoe, he proceeds as he pleases, tearing down the oaths, structures and institutions that have confined executive power since George Washington was sworn into office. The “Take Care Clause” in Article II commands the president to “faithfully” execute the laws. For an authoritarian like Trump, however, who has asserted “absolute” power, constitutional commands, like constitutional limitations, are irrelevant.

Trump’s authoritarian presidency has been emboldened by a feckless Republican-controlled Congress, eager to do his bidding, a willing participant in shredding enumeration of powers, separation of powers and checks and balances, complicit in its surrender of institutional dignity and integrity, and its own demise, resembling the self-humiliation of the ancient Roman Senate that ceded its power to the executive and marked the end to the Roman Republic. The president lacks constitutional authority to dissolve Congress, but the House of Representatives, under Speaker Mike Johnson, has essentially achieved the result by deciding to shut down “the People’s House,” retreating to the sidelines, aiding and abetting Trump’s usurpation of foundational legislative powers, including authority over spending, appropriations, taxing and warmaking. It is no overstatement to say that Congress is a shell of the First Branch of government created by the framers of the Constitution.

The list of offenses grows daily. On October 27, the House Oversight Committee fulfilled another long-standing wish of President Trump when it sent a letter to Attorney General Pam Bondi, in which it concluded that the pardons granted by President Joe Biden, signed by autopen, had not been directed by the president and were, therefore, “void.” This roadmap is clear: Biden’s pardons are meaningless. Bondi will enjoy an open lane to prosecute Trump’s “enemies,” including members of the January 6 Committee, to whom Biden wisely granted preemptive pardons in anticipation of Trump’s retribution campaign. It may well be that Trump’s hatred of Biden stems less from the fact that he lost the 2020 election (Trump knows he lost) than the fact that the preemptive pardons, until now, have thwarted his prosecutorial revenge against committee members.

The theoretical removal of this roadblock rests on a slender reed, but it purports to provide Bondi with a green light to pursue those pardoned by Biden. The question of whether a pardon can be declared “void” will be left to the courts. History teaches that there are only a few, exceptional, grounds for reversing a presidential pardon, but vitiation of a pardon could include fraud, bribery and the imposition of unconstitutional conditions, in the case of a “conditional pardon.” This possibility requires further discussion, and though it seems far-fetched that a court would overturn pardons issued by Biden’s autopen, who, among us, could have predicted that the Supreme Court would assert a doctrine that essentially clothes the president immunity from criminal prosecution?

The GOP-controlled Congress has long since abdicated its constitutional responsibilities, nourishing the entrenchment of an authoritarian administration that has no desire to continue the republican experiment launched in 1776. Indeed, Trump’s own acts could be easily substituted for the colonists’ grievances against King George III that they announced to the world in the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The oversight committee has just furnished citizens with yet another grievance.

The Life of Stanley Monson



Funeral services for Stanley Monson, 80, of Groton was held Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Pastor Lexy Carson officiated. Burial with military honors followed in Bath Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.

Stan passed away October 30, 2025 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen.

Stanley Gene was born in Webster on June 9, 1945 to Kenneth Franklin and Emma Geniva (Svarstad) Monson. He was baptized in 1945 at Our Savior’s Church. Stan attended country school and middle school in Webster. He graduated from Bradley High School in 1963.

On June 19, 1965 he was united in marriage with Nyla LeCount in Bradley. Stan was drafted in the US Army on February 10, 1966 and served until his honorable discharge in February of 1968. He returned home and was employed for many years at SD Wheat Growers and later Locken Farms.

Stan was a member of the Groton American Legion Post #39. He enjoyed fishing, visiting with friends and garage projects of all kinds. He loved old John Deere Tractors and had been an auctioneer in earlier years. Above all, he cherished spending time and teaching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Celebrating his life is his wife Nyla of Groton, three children, Stan “Butch” (Wendy) Monson of Groton, Steve “Swede” (Cassie) Monson of Bath, Brenda (Adam) Reich of Bath, 7 grandchildren: Hunter and Dragr Monson, Colton and Becca Monson, Dalton, Devin and Gracey Reich, three great-grandchildren, Rayce, Holden and Sienna. Stan is also survived by two step-granddaughters, 3 step-great-granddaughters, one step-great-great-grandson, his sister, Darlene (Jerome) Hanson of Webster and a sister-in-law, Janice Monson and many nieces and nephews.

Casketbearers were Hunter Monson, Dragr Monson, Colton Monson, Becca Monson, Dalton Reich, Devin Reich, Gracey Reich and Swede Monson.

Honorary Casketbearers were Mike Hoven, Loren Bahr, Damian Bahr, Lionel Bruemmer, Adam Reich, Cody Keller, Justin Cleveland, Lambert Staab, Todd Peterson, Roger LeCount, the Locken family and all of his other fishing buds.

Preceding him in death were his parents, five brothers and two sisters-in-law.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 1146, Sioux Falls, SD 57101

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 And others (Lat.)
- 5 USN bigwig
- 8 Many corp. recruits
- 12 Tora —, Afghanistan
- 13 "Unstoppable" singer
- 14 Killer whale
- 15 Pants
- 17 Little dent
- 18 Seize greedily
- 19 School papers
- 21 Shoe width
- 22 Belgrade resident
- 23 Corn core
- 26 Calendar box
- 28 Ginger cookies
- 31 Crony, out West
- 33 Tavern
- 35 Unsigned (Abbr.)
- 36 Disney mermaid
- 38 Lucy of "Elementary"
- 40 Sushi choice
- 41 Final notice
- 43 Sphere
- 45 Building's front
- 47 TV type
- 51 Phil of folk music
- 52 Toothbrush features

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- 56 Feedbag fill
- 57 Overlook
- 58 Director Craven
- 59 Gosling or Reynolds
- 7 Clipper ship poles
- 8 Vaccine maker
- 9 Queensland's capital
- 10 Skin breakout
- 11 Droops
- 16 Sent a dupe to
- 20 "For — a jolly good ..."
- 23 Tax prep pro
- 24 Scull need
- 25 Brunch breads
- 27 Actor Brynner
- 29 "The Bells" author
- 30 NBC week-end show
- 32 Lowers
- 34 "I, Tonya" and "Gandhi," for example
- 37 Cover
- 39 Web address-es
- 42 Former quarterback Tim
- 44 Ulan —
- 45 Brew topper
- 46 Play opener
- 48 Do in
- 49 Self-referential
- 50 Org.
- 53 Numbered rd.

DOWN

- 1 Recedes
- 2 Undecided
- 3 "Carmen" solo
- 4 Coffee bar offering
- 5 Worthless pile
- 6 Conk out

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The funeral service for Alfred Larson, 96, of Aberdeen, SD, formerly of Columbia, SD, will be 10:00am, Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, with Pastor Chad Schopp officiating. Private family burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Alfred died Friday, October 31, 2025, at his home.

Alfred was born December 5, 1928, to Carl and Mae (Nilsson) Larson, on the family farm near Columbia, SD. He grew up on the farm and walked to school in Columbia where he graduated from high school.

At a young age, Jesus called Alfred to a life of faith and trust in Him. Alfred was an active member at St. John's Lutheran Church in Columbia and later attended Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aberdeen. He was a board member at James Valley Telephone Cooperative for 30 years, volunteered at the parochial school in Columbia, and was on the board of North Central Livestock. In his younger years, Alfred enjoyed playing baseball and was an avid New York Yankees fan. He loved hunting and trapping near the James River. Alfred was blessed to be featured in the Aberdeen Insider on May 2, 2025, and recently celebrated his 75th wedding anniversary with Doris.

Preceding Alfred in death are his parents: Carl and Mae; his son-in-law, David Yexley; sister, Gert (Richard) Ruden, and brother, Melvin (Janice) Larson.

The family would like to express a sincere thank you to Diane Zahalka, Angel Care and the Avera@Home Hospice.



Memorial services for John Lowary, 73, of Groton will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 6, 2025 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Rob Moorlach will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

John passed away November 2, 2025 at Sanford Hospital, Aberdeen, SD after injuries from an automobile accident.

John Wesley Lowary was born at St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen, SD on May 8, 1952 to Earl and Jean (Hutton) Lowary. He went to Huffton Country School through the 7th grade and then attended Groton High School graduating in 1970. He attended Northern State College in Aberdeen from 1970-1974.

John worked Kessler's Supermarket in Aberdeen for over 30 years. He also worked at Target in Aberdeen, for several Groton farmers and for Groton School District lunch program until he

retired in 2016.

John married Anita Fawcett May 10, 1975 at 1st Methodist Church in Aberdeen.

John enjoyed playing cards, bowling, fishing, small game hunting, traveling, and reading.

John is survived by his wife, Anita; his brother Chuck (Bette) Lowary of Austin, TX; his brother Lee (Clare) Lowary of Roseman, MT; and his sister, Betty (Doug) Norgaard of Brandon, SD and 2 nieces and 3 nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents and nephew Jody Norgaard.

Honorary Urn Bearers will be David Miller, Chuck Padfield, Dave Anderson, Cal Hyenga and LeeRoy Weisenberger.

— **King Crossword** —
Answers

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The second round of the region volleyball tournament will be held Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Groton Area Arena. At 6 p.m., Groton plays Britton-Hecla and after that match, Roncalli plays Webster Area. The winners will advance to the SoDak16 to played on November 11th.

The Groton match will be broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Avantata Groton, BaseKamp Lodge, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Doug Abeln Seed Company, Ferney Farmers Union Co-op, Groton Ag Partners, Groton American Legion, Groton Dairy Queen, Groton Ford, Hanlon Brothers, John Sieh Agency, KR Body Shop, Lori's Pharmacy, Milbrandt Enterprises, Spanier Harvesting & Trucking, Sun & Sea Travel, The Meat House. Justin Hanson, Pat Krause and Jeslyn Kosel will be on hand for the action.



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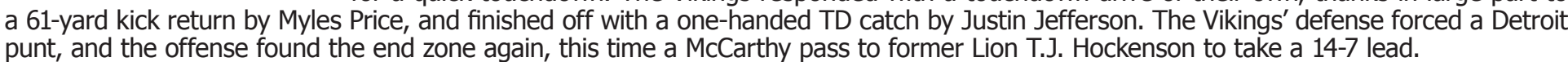
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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After both teams traded punts, Detroit found the end zone again to tie the game. The Vikings answered with a field goal to retake the lead, and then the defense held the Lions to a three-and-out. The Vikings had a decent drive going on their next possession, but a McCarthy pass was thrown behind Jalen Nailor and intercepted. The Vikings' defense held strong, forced a punt, and the Vikings were able to go into halftime with a 17-14 lead.

The second half started sloppily for both teams. Three consecutive punts and then a Detroit fumble gave the ball to Minnesota at the Detroit 28-yard line, and five plays later, McCarthy scampered into the end zone to extend the lead to 24-14. Detroit kicked a field goal on its next possession, and the Vikings took a seven-point lead into the fourth quarter.

Following Detroit's field goal, Myles Price returned the kickoff all the way to the end zone, but the Vikings were called for a holding penalty, so the drive started at the 26. A Vikings' three-and-out gave the ball back to Detroit, who put together a 12-play drive, but their field goal attempt was blocked. The Vikings' next drive was a successful field goal, which extended the lead to 10 with three and a half minutes left in the game. The Lions weren't done, though, as they put together a TD drive in about a minute and a half. The Lions still had all three timeouts left, but a Vikings' first down sealed the game.

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The NFC North is the most competitive division in football. The Packers, Lions, and Bears all have five wins, while the Vikings are only a game behind with a 4-4 record.

J.J. McCarthy completed 14 of 25 passes for 143 yards, two touchdowns, and one interception. Aaron Jones and Jordan Mason combined for 114 yards on 19 carries. Justin Jefferson led the team with six catches for 47 yards and a touchdown, while Jordan Addison added 48 yards on two catches.

Blake Cashman was all over the field on defense, racking up 14 total tackles. Another line-backer, Eric Wilson, led the team with two sacks, while Javon Hargrave, Jalen Redmond, and Levi Drake Rodriguez each had one apiece.

The player of the game was Eric Wilson. Besides his two sacks, he also had three tackles for a loss and two QB hits. Wilson was brought in to be a backup, but he's been playing so well the Vikings can't keep him off the field.

Looking ahead, the Vikings will host the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday (noon kickoff). The Ravens will be coming off a mini bye, since they played the Dolphins last Thursday, and their MVP-caliber QB will be back in the fold after missing a month because of injury. Despite their 3-5 record, expect the Ravens to be heavy favorites in this matchup.

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Upcoming November Events

Wednesday, Nov. 5

Senior Menu: Baked hot ham and cheese, broccoli potato soup, fruit, poke cake.
School Breakfast: Oatmeal.
School Lunch: Cheese quesadilla, refried beans.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.; Sarah Circle, 5 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.
Groton C&MA: Kid's Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Groton Chamber Meeting, noon City Hall
6th grade GBB practice, 6 p.m.
4th-6th grade hosts Roncalli, 7:30 .m.

Thursday, Nov. 6

Senior Menu: Beef and potatoes, antigua blend, fruit, beadstick.
School Breakfast: Maple French Toast Bake.
School Lunch: Lasagna bake, corn.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.
FFA at Jackrabbit Invite
Region 1A Volleyball at Groton Area
4th grade GBB practice, 4 p.m.
3rd grade GBB practice, 5 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7

Senior Menu: Chicken pot pie casserole, roasted potatoes, applesauce, biscuits.
School Breakfast: Breakfast boats.
School Lunch: Chicken fajitas, mixed vegetable.
MS GBB hosts Aberdeen Christian (7th at 5 p.m., 8th at 6 p.m.)

Saturday, Nov. 8

Sunday, Nov. 9

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir 6 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m., and Zion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m. (3rd graders receiving Bibles); at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.
6th grade GBB practice, 2 p.m.
5th grade GBB practice, 4 p.m.
2nd grade GBB practice, 4 p.m.
Dance Team practice, 5 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 10

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham, green peas, Mandarin orange salad, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Eggs.
School Lunch: Oriental chicken, egg roll.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
Groton Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
FFA District 1 LDE at Dolan, 1 p.m.
1st Grade GBB practice, 3:30 p.m.
MS GBB hosts Britton-Hecla, 7th at 5:30 p.m., 8th at 6:30 p.m.
3rd-6th GBB Skills, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

VETERAN'S DAY
Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Catalina blend, mixed fruit, garlic toast.
School Breakfast: Veteran's Breakfast at Elementary, Scones at high school.

School Lunch: Tater tot hot dish, cooked carrots.
Veteran's Day Program, 2 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Council, 6 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.
5th grade GBB practice, 4:15 p.m.
Volleyball SoDak 16
School Board Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 12

Senior Menu: Thanksgiving meal: Roast turkey with dressing, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberries, pumpkin bar, dinne roll.
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
School Lunch: Pasta Primavera, cooked broccoli.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.
Groton C&MA: Kid's Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.
4th grade GBB practice, 3:30 p.m.
6th grade GBB practice, 6 p.m.
FCCLA Food Drive, 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 13

Senior Menu: Chicken rice casserole, California blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Cereal.
School Lunch: Sloppy joes, fries.
Groton Lions Club meeting, 6 p.m., 104 N Main
MS GBB at Webster (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.)
3rd grade GBB practice, 5 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 14

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage roll hotdish, mixed vegetables, pears, cornmeal muffin.
School Breakfast: Egg wraps.
School Lunch: Chicken ala king, biscuits.

Saturday, Nov. 15

Groton Legion Turkey Party, 6:30 p.m.
4th-6th grade GBB Tournament at Groton Area, 8 a.m.
MS GBB at North Central Jamboree, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 16

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir 6 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John's, 9 a.m., and Zion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m. (Sunday School Christmas Program Parts Handout); at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.
7th grade soccer at Elementary School Gym, 1 p.m.
5th grade GBB Practice, 4 p.m.
2nd grade GBB Practice, 4 p.m.
Dance Team Practice, 5 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 17

Senior Menu: Sweet and sour pork, steamed rice, carrot and broccoli medley, corn, honey fruit salad.
School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.
School Lunch: Chef salad at elementary, build your own salad at high school.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
Groton Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
1st grade GBB practice, 3:30 p.m.

MS GBB vs. Leola/Frederick at Frederick, one combined game at 5 p.m.
3rd-6th GBB Skills, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

Senior Menu: Meat loaf, baked potato, anti-gua blend, fruited Jello, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Breakfast sliders.
School Lunch: Pasta with meat sauce.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
5th grade GBB practice, 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, pears, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Omelets.
School Lunch: Soup and sandwich.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.
Groton C&MA: Kid's Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.
6th grade GBB practice, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20

Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin potato, 3-bean salad, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Biscuits.
School Lunch: Turkey gravy and mashed potatoes, dressing.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Praise and Thanksgiving, 1:30 p.m. (Program: Sarah, Hostess: Nigeria)
4th grade GBB practice, 4 p.m.
3rd grade GBB practice, 5 p.m.
State Volleyball at Rapid City

Friday, Nov. 21

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken over biscuits, peas and carrots, pineapple.
School Breakfast: Doughnuts.
School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, green beans.
State Volleyball at Rapid City
MS GBB at Milbank (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.)

Saturday, Nov. 22

State Volleyball at Rapid City

Sunday, Nov. 23

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m. (Special Congregational Meeting); Choir 6 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m., and Zion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School Christmas Program Practice, 9:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.
7th grade soccer at Elementary School Gym, 1 p.m.
6th grade GBB Practice, 2 p.m.
1st grade GBB Practice, 3:30 p.m.
5th grade GBB Practice, 4 p.m.
2nd grade GBB Practice, 4 p.m.
Dance Team Practice, 5 p.m.

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OCTOBER 28, 2025 – 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, Dinger, Gage, Sutton and Wiese. Auditor Heupel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 for Legal regarding Contracts. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Sutton declared the Executive Session closed with No Action taken.

BID AWARD FOR RODEO STOCK CONTRACTORS: Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission regarding the Rodeo Stock Bids and shared that the Fair Board would recommend the bid from Dakota Rodeo in the amount of \$109,000 for the three years: breakdown is as follows: 2026 - \$35,000.00; 2027 - \$36,500.00; 2028 - \$37,500.00. Rejecting the bids from the following for the 2026-2028 Brown County Fair: Fetting Pro Rodeo for \$315,250.00; Big Bucks Rodeo for \$169,999.50; Bailey Pro Rodeo for \$157,500.00 and Barnes PRCA Rodeo for \$165,000.00. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to accept the bid from Dakota Rodeo for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 Brown County Fair for the total of \$109,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIRS.COM GRANT SPEAKER: Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager, informed the Commission that she has the opportunity to bring in a Guest Speaker, Ian Hill, through the Fairs.com Grant in February at no cost to the County. He talks about training and inspiration sessions for Fair Board, Sponsors and Volunteers. Commission was good with her hosting this event.

ORDINANCE #311 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to adopt Ordinance #311. Applicant David Sieh to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use: Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, “Sieh Family First Addition” in the SE1/4 of Section 13-T125N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39970 121st Street; Columbia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RICHMOND LANE AND DRIVE ROAD DISTRICT:

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #2025-50
ORDER ESTABLISHING RICHMOND LANE AND DRIVE ROAD DISTRICT

BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, acting upon Petition for the formation of the proposed Richmond Lane and Drive Road District and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, in regular session, this 28th day of October 2025 in the Commissioners Chambers, Brown County, South Dakota, have determined that the proposed RICHMOND LANE AND DRIVE ROAD DISTRICT are suited to the general policies of Brown County, South Dakota, as a whole, and having determined the boundaries of the proposed district are determined and established as embracing and including a portion of the area and real properties within the boundaries of Ravinia Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the proposed RICHMOND LANE AND DRIVE ROAD DISTRICT are suited to the general policies of Brown County, South Dakota, as a whole, and that the boundaries of said Richmond Lane and Drive Road District be, and they are, determined and established as embracing and including a portion of the area and real properties within the boundaries of Ravinia Township, specifically described as:

- All of Richmond Drive from 378th Avenue to Richmond Lane including the portion of the E ½ of the NW ¼ which is unplatted and comprises an area approximately 40.00’ wide by 50.00’ long and connecting the east and west sides of Richmond Drive and including the cul-de-sac for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 Keats Ninth Subdivision;
- All of Richmond Lane south of 127th Street;
- Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 Keats Ninth Subdivision;
- Lot 1 Keats Sixth Subdivision;
- Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Keats Fourth Subdivision;
- Lot 1, Chris & Sara Allen First Richmond Lake Subdivision;
- Lot 2 Prairie Lake Second Subdivision;
- W.E.B. Water Lot 1;
- Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Prairie Lake First Subdivision;
- Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Prairie Lake First Subdivision; and that the said Richmond Lane and Drive Road District be, and the same hereby is, established as aforesaid, pursuant to SDCL 31-12A.

That the County Auditor is hereby directed to designate a time and place for an election, pursuant to law to determine if the organization of the Richmond Lane and Drive Road Distrct shall be completed.

Dated this 28th Day of October 2025 at Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota.

Seconded by Commissioner Dinger.

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

PROPERTY TAXES: Gene Loeschke, Director of Equalization informed everyone that at this time only the Landowners will be paying taxes for this Road District but if the property taxes are abolished resolution is passed by the Legislators, and money is centrally collected everyone across the County and State will be paying into this Road District. Local Control is very important. Going forward it will be more difficult to create road districts, townships secondary road capital improvements, etc. Gene just wants the people to be aware of the repercussions of the proposed property tax legislation.

BUDGET SUPPLEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the \$200,000.00 Budget Supplement for the Maintenance Department from the Assigned Fund Balance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following applications submitted by Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Highway 16 in Section 7-T123-R62, Brown County, South Dakota and Brown County Highway 16 in Section 5-T123-R62, Brown County, South Dakota to bore for electrical utility infrastructures. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the following application submitted by Basin Construction & Drain Tile for occupancy of Brown County 142nd Avenue in Section SW33-T122N-R62W, Brown County, South Dakota to bore for drainage of the drain tile. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, informed the Commission that they are finished on 27 and starting to work on the North Parking Lot here at the Courthouse. They are still doing some patching and getting the equipment ready for the plowing snow. They are behind on mowing but continuing to get it done.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Claims: Professional Fees: CGI, LLC \$637.50; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$4,500.00; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$756.00; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$40,892.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$2,736.00; Kramp Enterprise and Investment \$47,448.30; Kuck Law Office \$2,196.00; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$2,550.00; Manuel J. De Castro, Jr. \$2,700.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb, LLP \$600.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$8,046.00; Tyler Technologies, Inc \$145.00; US Bank \$428.70. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$284.92; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$404.18; US Bank \$300.00. Repairs &

Maintenance: Ace Refrigeration, LLC \$153.00; CWF Masonry & Construction \$37,051.98; Eilers Water Conditioning and Lawn Irrigation \$155.00; Graham Tire Inc \$632.00; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$6,185.00; House of Glass \$585.20; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$1,704.83; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$530.35; Matt’s Tree Service \$850.00; Midstate Group \$662.00; Northstar Safety, Inc \$25.99; Schwan Welding \$1,185.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$4,771.26; US Bank \$2,969.44. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$1,104.00; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$1,483.98; Century Business Products \$13,494.24; Cole Paper Inc \$597.40; Exchange Club of Aberdeen \$286.80; Geffdog Designs \$180.00; Graham Tire Inc \$845.00; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$11,321.10; Kuck Law Office \$84.77; Lien Transportation Company \$22,922.10; Manuel J. De Castro, Jr. \$25.50; Menards \$25.10; Mike Janes \$29.50; Northstar Safety, Inc \$124.50; Performance Oil \$237.89; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$72.00; Porter Distributing \$100.50; Sandy Woytassek \$7.30; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$50.00; United Tactical Systems, LLC \$274.00; US Bank \$14,924.57. Travel & Conference: CGI, LLC \$8.40; Kyle Couchey \$14.00; Lenling Law Office, Prof, LLC \$40.00; Neil Bittner \$14.00; Russell Metz \$14.00; United Tactical Systems, LLC \$1,048.00; US Bank \$8,841.67. Utilities: CenturyLink \$496.08; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$396.00; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$265.18; Northwestern Energy \$4,744.22; NVC \$475.28; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$82.00; T-Mobile USA Inc \$1,219.33; US Bank \$3,755.31. Other: Pizza Ranch \$59.97. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

- o Employment ending for Carrie Cordie, Brown County Deputy Treasurer, FT – effective October 21, 2025. Request to fill.
- o Employment ending for Kristine Hulshoff, Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT – effective October 17, 2025. Request to fill.
- o Last day for seasonal workers, Brown County Fairgrounds – effective October 22, 2025
 - o Spencer Hundstad
 - o Shane Kilgore
 - o Last day for Ricci Simon, Brown County Beverage Operations Superintendent, PT Seasonal – effective October 22, 2025.
 - o Hiring of Christopher Travis as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT: starting wage \$21.93/hr. – effective November 5, 2025.
 - o Approve personal miles driven for July 2025 at .70 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthew 240 miles at \$168.00; Matt Heupel 100 miles at \$70.00; John Florey 132 miles at \$92.40; Mike Scott 130 miles at \$91.00.
 - o Approve personal miles driven for August 2025 at .70 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthew 252 miles at \$176.40; Matt Heupel 75 miles at \$52.50; John Florey 120 miles at \$84.00; Mike Scott 90 miles at \$63.00.
 - o Approve personal miles driven for September 2025 at .70 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthew 264 miles at \$184.80; Matt Heupel 95 miles at \$66.50; John Florey 126 miles at \$88.20; Mike Scott 130 miles at \$91.00.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SET HEARING DATE FOR LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize advertising for Public Hearing on the transfer of a Retail (On-Sale) Liquor License is set for the 25th day of November, 2025 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. **TRANSFER – RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR:** Roderick Hanson: Ferney Farmer’s Bar & Grill to transfer license located at 103 Center St., Ferney (East Hanson Twp.) – Lt 4-5 Bk 5, Ferney, SW Section 31-T122-R60 of 5th P.M., Brown County, SD to Doug & Vicci Stange at 13971 399th Ave., Groton. (Gem Twp.) – S 973.5’ of N 1658.25’ of E 627’ SE Section 23-T122-R62 (14 AC) of 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following applications for Liquor License Renewals of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses to operate outside of the Municipality: **PACKAGE (OFF-SALE) LIQUOR:** PZA Inc DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort (Palmer’s Richmond Resort SD Lt 1, SD OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2) AND Dustin Guthmiller DBA Bath Quick Stop LLC (Lot B Weismantels 1st SD Lot 1 Ex. N 12’ Jenkins SD Inc Adjacent N 12’ Lot 1 Jenkins SD E2 SE 18-123-62) AND County Line Developer’s, LLC (Lot 1 Ronnie’s Way Addition in the NW ¼ Section 17-T123-R63, Ste. 6) AND County Line Developer’s, LLC (Lot 1 Ronnie’s Way Addition in the NW ¼ Section 17-T123-R63, Ste. 7) AND Monica Hansen DBA Drop Time Resort (Lot 1 Elm Lake Resort SE 8-128-65) AND Jackie Chantal LLC DBA Richmond Oasis (Lot 4 Schaeffer Richmond Lake 2nd Addition NW & NE 25-124-65). **RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR:** PZA Inc DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort (Palmer’s Richmond Resort SD Lt 1, SD OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2) AND Stacy J Gossman DBA Big Fella’s (Lot 1B, Gossman 1st Addition, S2 15-123-63) AND Brown County Fairgrounds (SW 1-T123-R64 & Hwy B & Lot A & AB RR ROW, Ex Fairground OL 1 (156.07A) excluding Centennial Village, Odde Ice Arena, Larry Gerlach Grandstand and North Pit Area) AND County Line Developer’s, LLC (Lot 1 Ronnie’s Way Addition in the NW ¼ Section 17-T123-R63, Ste. 6) AND County Line Developer’s, LLC (Lot 1 Ronnie’s Way Addition in the NW ¼ Section 17-T123-R63, Ste. 7) AND Monica Hansen DBA Drop Time Resort LLC (Lot 1 Elm Lake Resort SE 8-128-65) AND Moccasin Creek Country Club Inc (Prairiewood Village OL 7, E2, 33-124-63) AND Tyler Jones DBA: Tacoma Park Place LLC (5 acres in NE Corner of NW ¼ 23-124-62). **RETAIL (ON-OFF-SALE) WINE AND CIDER:** ARR LCC DBA Flatland Flyways Lodge (Russo’s OL 1 NW ¼ 1-127-62) AND Moccasin Creek Country Club (Prairiewood Village OL 7, E2, 33-124-63) AND Parkview Nursery (Lot 1, Parkview Nursery Addition, NE ¼ Section 25-T123-R64). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCES – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize publication for the first reading of the following ordinances to be held on November 18, 2025 in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #312, applicant Tim & Judy Siedschlag/ Gerlad & Kathy Goldade for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use. Description of property: Proposed Lot 1 & Lot 2, “Siedschlag First Addition” and Lot 2, “Gehrke 1st Subdivision” in the SW1/4 of Section 13-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37910, 37926 & approx. 37930 127th Street; Ravinia Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #313, applicant Sub Thirty Ventures, LLC – Brent Deibert/Brock Ball for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) backlot without a residence to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use. Description of property: Lot 2, “Greg Hoffman Addition” in the E ½ of Section 14-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (126757 W Shore Dr, Ravinia Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #314, applicant Michael Carrels for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) backlot without a residence to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use. Description of property: Lot 1, “Jerke’s First Addition” in the SE 1/4 of Section 24-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (379710 N Shore Dr, Ravinia Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #315, applicant Vision Quest Real Estate, LLC / Brad Meehan for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use. Description of property: Lot 5C, “Gederos’ Replat of Lots 5 & 7 of Evelo’s Outlots” in the SE 1/4 of Section 35-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (602 Buick Dr. SW, Aberdeen Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #316, applicant Sea Atwood for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use. Description of property: Lot 1, “Lowary Family First Addition” in the NE1/4 of Section 27-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2208 S Highway 281; Aberdeen Twp.). Proposed Ordinance

#317, applicant Paul Larson for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use. Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, “Paul Larson Second Addition” in the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 6-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13653 389th Avenue; Warner Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

WEST HANSON-MUD CREEK ADDITION PLAT:

RESOLUTION #2025-51

Commissioner Dinger brought the following Resolution “Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing WEST HANSON-MUD CREEK ADDITION in the SW ¼ of Section 11, Township 122 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 Dennert. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

SIEDSCHLAG FIRST ADDITION PLAT:

RESOLUTION #2025-52

Commissioner Wiese brought the following Resolution “Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing SIEDSCHLAG FIRST ADDITION in the SW ¼ of Section 13-T124N-R65W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota” having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

PAUL LARSON SECOND ADDITION PLAT:

RESOLUTION #2025-53

Commissioner Dennert brought the following Resolution “Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing PAUL LARSON SECOND ADDITION in the E ½ SE ¼ of Section 6-T122N-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.

CHRIS & SARA ALLEN SECOND RICHMOND LAKE SUBDIVISION PLAT:

RESOLUTION #2025-54

Commissioner Dinger brought the following Resolution “Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing CHRIS AND SARA ALLEN SECOND RICHMOND LAKE SUBDIVISION in the NW ¼ of Section 23-T124N-R65W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota” having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chairman Sutton stated on behalf of Brown County Commission and Employees, like to extend a sincere regret on the loss of John Vander Hoek. He was a 28-year employee in the Sheriff’s Department, who passed away on Sunday. Thoughts and prayers go out to the Vander Hoek Family.

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

Chairman Sutton declared the Executive Session closed with No Action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:35 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE

An application has been made by Tim & Judy Siedschlag/Gerald & Kathy Goldade 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 November 18, 2025 for the

purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.

Description of property: Proposed Lot 1 & Lot 2, “Siedschlag First Addition” and Lot 2, “Gehrke 1st Subdivision” in the SW1/4 of Section 13-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37910, 37926 & approx. 37930 127th Street; Ravinia Twp.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the property described. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 312.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE

An application has been made by Sub Thirty Ventures, LLC - Brett Deibert/Brock Ball 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 November 18, 2025 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) backlot without a residence to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use.

Description of property: Lot 2, “Greg Hoffman Addition” in the E ½ of Section 14-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (126757 W Shore Dr, Ravinia Twp.)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the property described. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 313.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE

An application has been made by Michael Carrels 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 November 18, 2025 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) backlot without a residence to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use.

Description of property: Lot 1, “Jerke’s First Addition” in the SE 1/4 of Section 24-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (379710 N Shore Dr, Ravinia Twp)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the property described. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 314.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

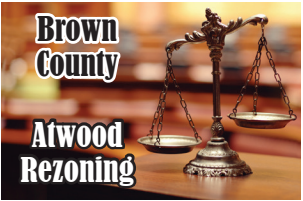
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP)**. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on November 18, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner / Owner: North-western Energy
Legal description of property: Lot 1, "NWE Generation Addition" in Section 25-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (440 135th Street; Aberdeen Twp.).
Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a new 109MW natural gas combustion turbine generation station 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 5th day of November 2025.
Planning/Zoning Commission and
Scott Bader – P&Z Director
25 Market Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401
Office: (605) 626-7144
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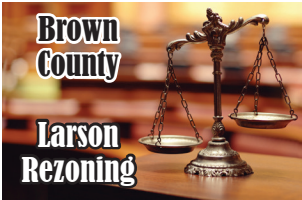


NOTICE
An application has been made by Vision Quest Real Estate LLC / Brad Meehan to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on November 18, 2025 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.
Description of property: Lot 5C, "Gederos' Replat of Lots 5 & 7 of Evelo's Outlots" in the SE 1/4 of Section 35-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (602 Buick Dr. SW, Aberdeen Twp.).
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the property described. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 315.
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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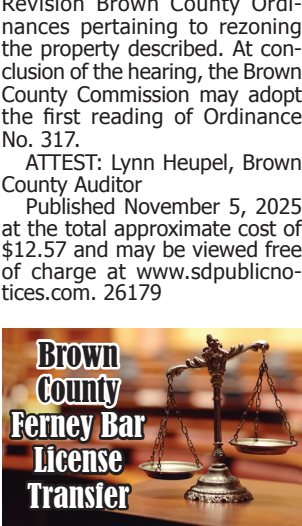


NOTICE
An application has been made by Sea Atwood to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on November 18, 2025 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use.
Description of property: Lot 1, "Lowary Family First Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 27-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2208 S Highway 281; Aberdeen Twp.).
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the property described. At con-

clusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 316.
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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NOTICE
An application has been made by Paul Larson 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 November 18, 2025 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.
Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Paul Larson Second Addition" in the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 6-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13653 389th Avenue; Warner Twp.).
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the property described. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 317.
ATTEST: 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 on the transfer of a Retail (On-Sale) Liquor License is set for the 25th day of November, 2025 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:
TRANSFER – RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR: Roderick Hanson: Ferney Farmer's Bar & Grill to transfer license located at 103 Center St., Ferney (East Hanson Twp.) – Lt 4-5 Bk 5, Ferney, SW Section 31-T122-R60 of 5th P.M., Brown County, SD to Doug & Vicci Stange at 13971 399th Ave., Groton. (Gem Twp.) – S 973.5' of N 1658.25' of E 627' SE Section 23-T122-R62 (14 AC) of 5th P.M., Brown County, SD.
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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ORDINANCE #311
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED
TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #311, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by petitioner David Sieh was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 28th day of October 2025 and will become effective on the 25th of November 2025.
BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Ti-

tle 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 this parcel into compliance for its future use.
Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Sieh Family First Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 13-T125N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39970 121st Street; Columbia 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 28th day of October 2025.
Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
Notice of Hearing: October 1, 2025
First Reading: October 14, 2025
Second Reading/Adoption: October 28, 2025
Published: November 5-6, 2025
Effective Date: November 25, 2025
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Accepting Snow Removal Bids
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5:00 PM, November 11th, 2025
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Attn: Snow Removal
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Drop Box: Community Center payment box
Bids will be opened on November 11th, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Community Center.
Anna Kwak, Finance Officer
605-622-0166
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Monday, Nov. 24
Senior Menu: Stir fry beef with rice, oriental blend vegetables, fruit cocktail.
School Breakfast: Egg bake.
School Lunch: Ham patty, baked beans.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
Groton Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, potluck at noon.
4th grade GBB practice, 4 p.m.
Fall Sports Awards Night, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25
Senior Menu: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Muffins.
School Lunch: Pizza burger, tri tater.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.
5th grade GBB practice, 4:15 p.m.
Wrestling kick-off fundraiser, 5 p.m.
MS GBB hosts Aberdeen Roncalli (7th at 6 p.m., 8th at 7 p.m.)

Wednesday, Nov. 26
Senior Menu: Chili with beans, tossed salad, peaches, corn bread/muffin.
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.
Groton C&MA: Kid's Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 27
No Senior Meal
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break

Friday, Nov. 28
No senior meal.
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break

Sunday, Nov. 30
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion and baptism, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir 6 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m., and Zion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m. (3rd graders receiving Bibles); at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.; No Sunday School.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.
Snow Queen Contest, 4 p.m.
4th grade GBB practice, 2 p.m.
1st grade GBB practice, 3:30 p.m.
2nd grade GBB practice, 4 p.m.
Dance Team practice, 5 p.m.

Groton City Council advances 2026 budget, addresses utility issues at municipal airport

By Elizabeth Varin

The Groton City Council discussed ongoing issues with bringing electric utilities to the municipal airport, approved the first reading of the city's 2026 budget ordinance and agreed to move forward with installing a swinging gate to block a section of road near the soccer fields during games.

At its last meeting, the City Council gave Darrell Hillestad approval to work with the city's electric department to get power out to the new building at the municipal airport.

However, Electric Utility Supervisor Todd Gay told the council Tuesday evening that it wouldn't be possible with the way the area is set up.

The building, which had previously served as the concession stand at the baseball/softball complex, was moved to a lot on the west side of the runway. The building and concrete foundation are 500 feet from the transformer out there, which is too far to run a line and get consistent power.

About 250 to 300 feet is the maximum distance to run power to a building running 20 amps, Gay said. And with discussion of hangars being built out there that would need electricity, that line wouldn't be able to meet the demand.

"In my professional opinion, it's too far from the transformer that's sitting there," he said. Councilwoman Karyn Babcock asked what the city would need in order to run power out there.

"I feel like we need to accommodate what's coming," she said. "So, moving forward, how do we accommodate what's coming?"

Northern Electric Cooperative would be able to put in a transformer and line to the building, Gay said. However, it will cost the city around \$5,000 to put in the equipment, along with a monthly service fee.

Hillestad asked if he could bury a line anyway as a trench has already been dug for it. Gay said it would be better to fill the trench and contact Northern Electric Cooperative to get on their schedule.

"I want it built the right way," he said. "I just want what is best long term. That's it." Gay asked the council if they wanted him to reach out to Northern Electric Cooperative to get the process going, to which the council said "yes."

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Budget ordinance gets first approval

The city is one step closer to a finalized 2026 budget. The council held its first reading of its 2026 appropriations ordinance, reviewing projects discussed throughout the last few months to select what should be funded for the coming year. A handful of items have already been earmarked for different projects and equipment ordered, said Douglas Heinrich, city finance officer. However, some items are still up for discussion.

One of those items was adding radar signs on the highways in town. The total included in the budget document is from the higher end bid, and there may be grant funding available that would cut down the city’s bill for it, he said.

Most of the budget requests were added to the “keep” list, but a new trailer for the electric department was removed from the budget ordinance.

“I think it’s a good idea, but with all the expenses we have, putting it off for the year might be good,” said Councilman Brian Bahr

Other projects that were kept in the budget totals include painting the exterior of City Hall (estimated \$20,000), replacement nets for the baseball/softball fields (estimated \$3,411), street resurfacing (estimated \$120,000), roof repairs (estimated \$100,000) and a new bucket truck (estimated \$261,000).

City moves forward on swinging gates at soccer fields

The council approved moving forward with a project to add swinging gates on West Third Avenue where the street intersects with Garfield Street as well as where it intersects with North Lincoln Street.

The gates will block the roadway when soccer games are played on the soccer fields.

Councilman Brian Bahr said the city already has the equipment. It might as well install it so the gates don’t just rust.

The gates help with a safety issue, he said. If people are going to be using the bathrooms at the skating rink, there should be something there to block cars from the roadway.

The council approved having the city get quotes to complete the project.

The council also reviewed a proposal to convert a handful of narrow

lots along Second Avenue West into three larger lots. The proposal was approved at the city’s Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in October. However, Public Works Coordinator and Street/Water Superintendent Terry Herron expressed concern about water lines running to the property.

Currently two lines run under Second Avenue West to the property. However, if the lots were to be developed, one more line would be needed, which would mean a portion of the roadway would have to be dug into.

Councilman Brian Bahr said that issue was not presented to the planning and zoning commission when it reviewed the proposal. He asked if there would be repercussions if the plat proposal was sent back to the planning commission.

“We’d hate to tear our nice streets up,” he said.

The council tabled discussion about the proposal, with Bahr saying he would reach out to the planning commission president to discuss the issue.

• Electric Utility Supervisor Todd Gay reminded the council and community that the city’s dual fuel ordinance is increasing as of this month. Customers who have the dual fuel meters will see an increase on their bill from \$10 per month to \$25 per month. Dual fuel refers to residences where heat is primarily from electric sources with a fossil fuel backup. This is the minimum charge so if a customer uses at least 460 KWH of electricity on that meter, they will not see the increase.

• Mayor Scott Hanlon told the council he had proclaimed November 3-9, 2025 as HOSA Future Health Professionals Week in the city to recognize and support the students, advisers and members of the Groton Area HOSA Chapter and to promote awareness of healthcare careers and the role these future professionals will play in the community.

• The city will begin accepting applications for skating rink employees. The first round of applications is set to be reviewed Dec. 2, and applications submitted after that will be reviewed on an as-needed basis.

“Listen to your gut”

People often talk about having a “gut feeling” or are told to “listen to their gut” when making a decision. Do you know what your gut is trying to tell you? There are multiple things that your digestive system can

do to get your attention. Do you know what your body is trying to tell you? Here are some of the things your gut could be trying to say.

Pain just below the breastbone that occurs soon after eating could be a sign of a stomach ulcer. Pain that improves with eating, but then comes back 2-3 hours after eating could be a sign of an ulcer in the small intestine right past the stomach. The pain from ulcers is often described as a burning pain. This pain improves with acid blocking medication like a PPI (Proton Pump Inhibitor) or antacids.

The gallbladder can also cause significant pain in the right upper part of the abdomen, especially after eating fatty foods. Often this pain will radiate to the right shoulder or between the shoulder blades. It can lead to significant nausea and diarrhea. This pain usually will come and go. It can become very severe if a small gallstone gets stuck in the bile duct between the gallbladder and the small intestine. Infections of the gallbladder can cause fevers and chills as well.

Issues with the small intestine can also cause serious pain. The condition of Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) causes abdominal pain, bloating and changes in bowel movements. IBS can cause severe diarrhea, severe constipation or both. IBS is considered a diagnosis of exclusion since these symptoms can be caused by many other conditions like Microscopic Colitis, Celiac Disease, Crohn’s Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, Small Intestine Bacterial Overgrowth, and even Colon Cancer.

However, it is important to note that not all pain in the stomach area is from the digestive system. Heart attacks can also give symptoms of indigestion, nausea, vomiting, and stomach pain. These subtle signs happen more frequently in women and can lead to delay in diagnosis. Aortic dissections or ruptured aortic aneurisms can also cause severe, tearing pain in the abdomen that can radiate to the back or shoulders.

If you notice your gut trying to tell you something, listen and get it checked out by a doctor. Many of these issues have similar or overlapping symptoms. Finding a physician who can order and interpret the right tests to find the answer is key. Your gut knows when something is wrong, and you should trust it. Listen to your gut and stay healthy out there.

Dr. Jill Kruse is a hospitalist at the Brookings Health System in Brookings, SD. She serves as one of the Prairie Doc Volunteer Hosts during its 24th Season providing Health Education Based on Science, Built on Trust. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Tik Tok. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm on SDPB, YouTube and streaming on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDPB, Sundays at 6am and 1pm).



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