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## Weismantel honored with Distinguished Service Award

COLUMBIA — Years of quiet leadership, steady commitment and a deep passion for education and student activities have earned Marty Weismantel one of the state's highest honors.

Weismantel, a Columbia resident and longtime public servant, was recently recognized by the South Dakota High School Activities Association with its Distinguished Service Award, an honor reserved for individuals who have made lasting contributions to high school activities across the state.

For Weismantel, the recognition reflects decades of involvement at both the local and state level.

A graduate of Groton High School, Weismantel went on to attend Northern State College. His connection to education and athletics began early, eventually leading him into officiating, where he spent years working basketball and football contests across South Dakota.

That involvement naturally evolved into leadership roles.

Weismantel's involvement with the South Dakota High School Activities Association spanned an impressive 37 years, beginning as a basketball and football official — a role he continues to hold. His dedication to high school athletics eventually led to a leadership position, where he served five years on the SDHSAA Board of Directors, including time as president. In that role, he helped guide decisions impacting student-athletes across the state while remaining deeply connected to the games themselves.

Closer to home, Weismantel also dedicated many years to the Groton Area School District, serving on the Groton Area School Board. In that role, he helped shape local education, supporting both academic programs and extracurricular activities that remain a vital part of the student experience.

Throughout his service, Weismantel became known as a strong advocate for high school activities, understanding their role in building character, discipline and community pride.

Those who have worked alongside him often point to his steady approach and willingness to serve wherever needed. Whether officiating a game, attending board meetings or contributing to statewide decisions, Weismantel consistently focused on what was best for students.

The Distinguished Service Award citation highlights those contributions, recognizing not only his longevity, but also the impact he has made on schools, communities and generations of young people across South Dakota.

Despite the statewide recognition, Weismantel has remained grounded in his community roots, continuing to support local schools and activities long after his formal roles concluded.

His legacy is reflected not only in the policies he helped shape, but in the countless students who benefited from the opportunities he worked to strengthen.

For Columbia, Groton and communities across the region, the honor serves as a reminder of the difference one dedicated individual can make over a lifetime of service.



Marty Weismantel was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota High School Activities Association at the State B Basketball Tournament recently held in Aberdeen.



## Heartland Energy highlights programs, partnerships and development tools at Groton customer meeting

GROTON — Heartland Energy officials used a customer meeting in Groton on Tuesday to update municipal representatives on new programs, economic development tools, cybersecurity resources and legislative issues affecting South Dakota communities.

Russell Olson, Heartland Energy chief executive officer, opened the session by saying the organization is taking meetings directly to the communities it serves, with additional stops planned in Volga, Sioux Falls and New Ulm. He said the goal was to give local officials a chance to hear updates, ask questions and share ideas about how Heartland can better serve its member communities.

Olson said Heartland's financial outlook remains strong and pointed to Valentine, Neb., as an example. He said Valentine recently conducted a national search for an energy partner and ultimately selected Heartland on a 10-year contract. Olson said Heartland's ability to keep energy, capacity and related services under one roof helped set it apart from other providers.

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Russell Olson, Heartland Energy chief executive officer for Heartland Energy, opens the meeting at the Groton Community Center. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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# We the People

The South Dakota Humanities Council is making available a weekly column -- "We the People" -- that focuses on the U.S. Constitution. It is written by David Adler, who is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality, and civic education.



By David Adler

## The High Price We Pay When the President Violates the War Clause

The framers' wisdom in vesting constitutional control over the war power—its "commencement, continuation and conclusion"—in Congress, as James Madison said, not in the hands of the president, has struck Americans squarely in the face in light of President Donald Trump's fly-by-the-seat-of-his-pants conduct of his war in Iran, one characterized by tactics without strategy and occasional public pronouncements that, like the mercurial summertime weather, can change from minute to minute. Trump's

arbitrary Truth Social Posts, designed to manipulate the financial markets, are a reflection of what his former aide, Steve Bannon, once called his approach to governance—"just win the next five minutes." They leave Americans to guess at this president's strategy, goals and end game—if Trump even has any—in his initiation of a war of choice, which currently costs the United States over \$ 1 billion per day, in addition to his request to Congress for an additional \$200 billion dollars. All this for something he absurdly calls an "excursion."

Trump's war of choice has sent energy prices soaring, disrupted the world's oil supply and threatens global economic disruption. He has lifted the sanctions on Iranian oil, which has increased the enemy's revenue and thus its capacity to fight Americans, and removed the sanctions on Russian oil, which has lined Putin's pockets so he can increase his war of choice in Ukraine.

There were eminently sound reasons—as compelling today as they were in 1787-- behind the framers' historic decision to grant to Congress, as Madison declared, the entire control over the decision to go to war, to move the nation, as Alexander Hamilton said, from a "state of peace to a state of war." In breaking with the historical pattern of executive warmaking, the framers sought to avoid the arbitrary executive decisions that kings, despots and tyrants had made to initiate and continue wars to serve their own political, personal and pecuniary purposes. The framers preferred to entrust in Congress the responsibility to make the awesome decision to go war, as well as the commencement of military hostilities short of war. The system was designed, as James Wilson said, to "prevent one man" from taking the nation to war because, as George Mason declared, the "executive was not to be trusted with it."

Delegates to the Constitutional Convention, like others with wartime experience then, and now, agreed that it is easier to start a war than to end one. The framers were not naïve; they were not convinced that members of Congress would possess unassailable wisdom on the question of going to war and whether to risk the blood and treasure of the nation. Hardly. They embraced, rather, the wisdom reflected in the process of congressional deliberation, the crossfire of discussion and debate that distinguishes a republican form of government. While Congress might make a mistake in declaring war on another nation, there was, the framers reckoned, the prospect of greater wisdom in the collective judgment of the people's representatives, rather the unilateral judgment, temperament and character of the president, whose decisions might involve America in a degree of distress from which the nation might not recover. At all events, congressional debate would inform the public about the solemn decision made by their legislative representatives, hold the elected officials accountable and, perhaps, rally citizens to a cause that might cost them their lives.

In a "constitutional world," Congress would own the war that it has, to invoke Hamilton, "authorized or begun." It would hold hearings on the status of the hostilities, require the administration to articulate and explain military objectives, acknowledge challenges and identify achievements. Based on these hearings, Congress might decide to terminate the hostilities or perhaps increase funding, or possibly instruct the president to change course, as it has throughout American history, all in the exercise of its constitutional authority over the commander in chief in the conduct of the war.

Trump's unilateral War in Iran, however, bears none of these constitutional characteristics. Once again, the Republican controlled Congress, which has unconstitutionally ceded some of the legislature's fundamental powers—appropriations and lawmaking, among others—has elected to facilitate Trump's authoritarian presidency, rather than honoring its constitutional responsibilities.

There is, across the vista of two centuries, the echo of Patrick Henry's plaintive plea in the Virginia Ratifying Convention: "If you depend on your President's and Senator's patriotism, you are gone."

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## Anatomical Variations: Breaking Down the Basic Details of Tumors and Cancer

Cells are the basic building blocks of all living organisms. In a healthy body, cells follow an orderly life cycle: they develop from a systematic process called mitosis, perform important physiological functions to maintain body homeostasis (i.e., a stable internal environment), and die via apoptosis when they become dysfunctional, old, or no longer needed. This cycle is tightly regulated by DNA – the body's genetic code that controls when and how each cell functions.

With about 30 trillion cells in each human body, some cells naturally develop mutations in their genetic code that disrupt their life cycle. Mutations can be caused by genetic issues, environmental exposures (e.g., tobacco smoke, radiation), infections, lifestyle, and other etiologies. Cells with mutated genetic codes are usually detected and removed by the body's immune system, or they stop working and die on their own. However, sometimes these altered cells survive and gain a competitive growth advantage, causing them to replicate more rapidly than normal. Over time, this uncontrolled growth can create a mass of cells known as a tumor.

Tumors can develop anywhere cells are present (i.e., essentially anywhere in the body), and they are classified as benign or malignant. Benign tumors are non-cancerous, and they typically grow slowly and exhibit clear boundaries. Contrariwise, malignant tumors are invasive to nearby tissues – a hallmark of cancer – and are characteristically more aggressive. A biopsy is often necessary to confirm whether a tumor is benign or malignant. Notably, not all tumors are cancer (e.g., a benign tumor is not cancer), and not all cancers produce tumors (e.g., leukemia is a cancer of the blood).

A serious feature of malignant cancers is their ability to spread to other locations in the body – a process known as metastasis. Metastasis occurs when malignant cells break away from the original tumor, travel through the bloodstream or lymphatic system (or other pathway), and seed new tumors in other areas of the body. This makes cancer more difficult to treat and can provoke additional sequelae.

Clinical jargon associated with tumors and cancer can be daunting, but breaking down the terminology can be helpful. For example, the root words "hem-" means blood, "angio-" means vessel, and "-oma" means tumor, so a "hemangioma" is quite literally a "blood vessel tumor". Additional terminology can be descriptive; for example, a "giant intramuscular lipoma" describes a fatty ("lyp-") tumor ("-oma") that is located within ("intra-") a muscle ("-muscular") and is at least five centimeters in any one dimension (the criteria for "giant" classification).

While loss of control is the foundational concept for tumor and cancer development, routine screening, avoiding carcinogens, and other controllable actions are important for preventing cancer, detecting it in early stages, and performing early interventional treatment. A lump, bump, or lesion might be just that, or it might be something serious. Tumors and cancer are complex, and they command respect and proper attention. It's important to consult a physician about such concerns so they can execute a proper workup and assemble a multi-disciplinary healthcare team as warranted.



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# Heartland

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He also highlighted a new partnership with the city of Sioux Falls at Elmwood Golf Course, where Heartland is helping support an electric golf cart facility as part of larger improvements there. Olson said the partnership gives Heartland added visibility and could serve as a model for future summer conferences or smaller gatherings held closer to customer communities.

Ann Hyland, Heartland's chief communications officer, told the group Heartland wanted to keep the format informal and conversational rather than relying on a formal presentation. She reviewed informational materials in attendees' folders and then focused on cybersecurity and the company's Power Forward program.

Hyland urged communities to take advantage of free cybersecurity help available through the South Dakota Attorney General's Office and Dakota State University. She said municipalities can receive a system assessment through Project Boundary Fence and ongoing support through Secure South Dakota. She stressed that communities still using less secure email systems should consider moving to a more secure domain structure.

Hyland also outlined Heartland's Power Forward rebates, saying the company significantly increased incentives last year for electric water heaters and heat pumps. She said rebates now reach \$20 per gallon for qualifying marathon-style water heaters with lifetime warranties, bringing a 50-gallon unit's rebate to \$1,000 and an 85-gallon unit's rebate to \$1,700. Standard electric water heaters also now qualify for rebates, along with electric heat pumps, mini-split systems, EV chargers, commercial lighting and refrigeration upgrades.

She said Heartland's Power Forward grants, once heavily used for LED street lighting projects, have evolved to cover a wider range of local improvements. Recent projects have included baseball field lighting, pickleball court conversions and other efforts that improve efficiency or promote electrification.

During discussion, Vern Neal of Plankinton said some local plumbers still appear unaware of the rebate programs, noting that one resident recently had a standard water heater installed without knowing a better rebate option existed. Hyland responded that Heartland created a contractor database last year and mailed program materials to plumbers, HVAC businesses, electricians and contractors, but said the company still relies on local communities to help identify businesses that should be contacted.

Casey Crabtree, Heartland's director of economic development, encouraged cities to contact him whenever a business expansion, new construction project or infrastructure idea emerges. He said Heartland offers a \$5,000 economic development grant for qualifying local projects and also provides growth incentives that effectively spread a year's worth of free electricity over three years for new or expanding businesses.

Crabtree said Heartland's loan programs, supported in part through USDA-related funding, can help with small business projects and local infrastructure needs. He added that larger-scale opportunities, including data center-related projects, continue to emerge, though transmission capacity can limit what some communities can support.

Kelly Dybdahl, Heartland's director of customer relations, reinforced the importance of the state's free cybersecurity services and warned that one municipal customer similar in size to those in attendance had previously suffered a major breach and lost significant money.

Dybdahl also reviewed Heartland's workforce development program, which offers signing bonuses for certain municipal utility and administrative positions, along with tuition reimbursement for employees seeking electric utility training and certification. He said the company also continues to support a personal

protective equipment program that provides up to \$400 annually for fire-resistant clothing for workers who operate on or near energized equipment.

McCord Stowater, Director of Market Operations, then explained Western Area Power Administration's renewable energy credit, or REC, program. He said Heartland communities receive federal hydropower allocations through WAPA and may now be able to retire or sell renewable energy credits associated with that power. He said many cities are too small to market the credits effectively on their own, so Heartland can help pool them together to make them more attractive to buyers. Based on a median customer receiving about 7,000 RECs annually, he said the value could amount to several thousand dollars in added revenue without direct cost to the city.

The meeting also included remarks from Mike Bockorny, chief executive officer of the Economic Development Professionals Association of South Dakota. Bockorny said the organization focuses on networking, training and legislative work, and he urged local officials to make use of their membership.

He said three issues continue to surface year after year across South Dakota communities: housing, child care and workforce. Bockorny reviewed several legislative items from the most recent session, including changes to the Housing Infrastructure Fund that allow loans to cover up to 50 percent of project costs, which he said should make the fund more usable for local housing developments.

He also discussed recent tax increment financing legislation, saying efforts to restrict TIFs were largely turned back and replaced with a compromise bill that keeps the tool available while adding more clarity and requiring a third-party review of project numbers.

Bockorny spent considerable time discussing a new Community Area Projects Sales Tax, or CAPS, program that becomes effective July 1. He said the program allows a municipality, with voter approval, to impose up to an additional 1 percent local sales tax for up to five years to pay for major infrastructure or community projects. He said the program is designed around local control, requiring a community board, public input and 60 percent voter approval before the tax can be used. He suggested the tool could help communities pay for items such as water or wastewater upgrades, community centers, childcare centers, parks, EMS facilities or other major public improvements without incurring as much long-term interest expense.

Before the meeting concluded, Heartland officials reminded attendees about ballots for the Customer Connections Committee and said they plan to re-engage that group more actively in the coming year. Hyland also encouraged communities to watch for nomination emails for Heartland's Community Spark Award, which recognizes small businesses making a difference in their towns. She noted that Paul Kosel and the Groton Independent received the award last year for the newspaper's impact on the community.

Dustin Graham of Miller also gave a brief update on the South Dakota Municipal Electric Association, saying the group continues to search for an executive director and hopes to increase networking, wage and infrastructure resources for members. He encouraged officials to attend upcoming conferences, golf outings and other events, saying those gatherings often lead to useful contacts and practical solutions for local utilities.

Olson closed the meeting by thanking attendees for taking time to participate and said Heartland plans to continue offering similar events aimed at helping customer communities grow.



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After a lackluster 2025 season, it's clear the Minnesota Vikings have quite a few question marks on the depth chart. To make matters worse, because of their salary cap situation, the Vikings cut more players than they brought in through the first wave of free agency.

After doing a position-by-position breakdown, we now know the biggest weaknesses are safety, defensive line, center, and wide receiver. But how will the Vikings address those needs? The biggest available names have already been signed, but there are still some solid free agents remaining. Plus, the Vikings have nine draft picks (four of which are in the first three rounds).

Let's put our GM hats on and look at the available options, starting with the safety position.

Defensive coordinator Brian Flores loves to use three-safety looks. Unfortunately, with the likely Harrison Smith retirement, Josh Metellus is the only reliable safety currently on the roster. So how do we fix that?

The free agency cupboard is pretty bare at this point. Jabrill Peppers, Donovan Wilson, and Kyle Dugger are the best remaining players who could come in and take a starting role.

Jabrill Peppers is intriguing because of his positional versatility. Similar to Metellus, Peppers can play either safety spot, slot cornerback, or drop into the box as a linebacker. The 30-year-old has played for four teams since being drafted in the first round by the Cleveland Browns in 2017. He spent the 2025 season in Pittsburgh, and even though he played in 14 games, only two of them were starts. He might be seen as more of a backup at this point in his career, but I could see the Vikings taking a flyer on him, hoping Flores can unlock his full potential.

Donovan Wilson was a 6th-round pick by the Cowboys in 2019 and is looking to play somewhere besides Dallas for the first time in his career. The 31-year-old might not be the best fit in Minnesota, however. He doesn't have much positional versatility and struggles when asked to be the deep coverage safety, a role the Vikings already have filled with Metellus.

Kyle Dugger played most of his career in New England after the Patriots drafted him in the 2nd round of the 2020 NFL Draft. He was traded to the Steelers last season and didn't show enough for the team to re-sign him this offseason. Similar to Wilson, Dugger isn't a coverage safety, so it's unlikely the Vikings sign him to fill a starting role.

With the limited options available in free agency, the Vikings will likely look to the draft to find a safety. The only "can't miss" safety prospect

this year is Caleb Downs out of Ohio State, but he'll likely be a top-10 pick. So here are three realistic options to keep an eye on for the Vikings.

Dillon Thieneman might be available for the Vikings with the 18th pick, and he'd be a great fit in Minnesota. The former Oregon Duck has great speed, running a 4.35-second 40-yard dash. His strength is in coverage, and he also has positional versatility to play either safety spot or in the slot. His tackling is solid, his football IQ is evident, and his work ethic is off the charts. He would be a fantastic Harrison Smith replacement.

Jalon Kilgore is a name to keep an eye on in the 2nd round. He has great size (6'1", 210lbs) and speed (4.4 40-yard dash), but he's a little bit of a project at this point in his career. He can play both safety and corner, but projects better as a safety in the NFL. If the Vikings are willing to be patient with him, Kilgore could become a solid starter in a year or two.

A.J. Haulcy is another safety who should be available in the 2nd round. He's much closer to his ceiling than Kilgore, so he could likely come in and start from day one. But his potential is lower. Haulcy is a coverage safety, and his play recognition immediately jumps off the screen. But his 4.52 40-yard dash is slower than either Thieneman or Kilgore.

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## Class AA Tops Class A 127-110 in Salem Shootout

SALEM — A high-powered offensive showing highlighted Saturday's 3-Class Shootout in Salem, as the Class AA Boys pulled away for a 127-110 victory over the Class A squad in Game 1.

The Class AA team used balanced scoring and strong guard play to build separation, while the Class A squad countered with several standout individual performances.

Vermillion's Trey Hansen led all scorers with a game-high 32 points for Class A, adding eight rebounds and four assists in an all-around effort. His performance earned him Class A Most Valuable Player honors. Lennox standout Tate Gerdes followed with 20 points and eight rebounds, while Groton's Keegen Tracy turned in a strong performance with 16 points and a team-high nine rebounds.

Teegan Musser of Lennox contributed 13 points and five assists, and West Central's Will Kuhl added 11 points. Isaak Hunter of Miller also finished with 11 points, while Groton's Ryder Johnson chipped in two points but made his presence felt on the glass with seven rebounds.

On the Class AA side, scoring depth proved to be the difference. San Ericsson of Sioux Falls Lincoln poured in 24 points, while Justin Bilal of Sioux Falls Roosevelt added 22 points and three rebounds. Kamren Davis of Spearfish contributed 14 points, and both Colton Smith of Mitchell and Sam DeGroot of Sioux Falls Lincoln added 15 points apiece.

Ayuel Deng of Brandon Valley finished with nine points and seven rebounds and also electrified the crowd by winning the event's dunk contest. Crayton Jibben of Harrisburg added nine points and five assists, while Memphis Bylander of Sioux Falls Roosevelt chipped in eight points and Blake Ellwein of Huron added seven.

The Class AA squad's ability to spread the scoring across multiple players ultimately proved too much, overcoming the big individual outings from the Class A side.

The shootout format brought together top players from across South Dakota, showcasing talent from all three classes in a fast-paced, high-scoring setting.



third inning, Abby Fjeldheim reached base on a walk and later scored on Cyclone errors for the Tigers' first run in program history.

The Tigers also turned a double play defensively, highlighting continued improvement as the game progressed.

Bisbee noted the strong community support that helped bring softball to Groton.

"Jackie Iverson was a big leader in getting this going," Bisbee said. "The community has been super supportive. The dads even came in and hung a batting cage in the old gym, so that's going to help us grow even faster."

Groton Area is scheduled to host Sisseton on Tuesday, with the varsity game beginning at 4 p.m., followed by the junior varsity contest.

Both the varsity and junior varsity games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Locke Electric.

## Lady Tigers Roll to First Home Win in Program History

The Groton Area High School girls fastpitch softball team marked a milestone Tuesday night, earning a 15-4 victory over Sisseton in the program's inaugural home opener.

Coming off a tough first outing, the Lady Tigers looked like a completely different team on their home field, something head coach Amanda Bisbee credited to settling in and gaining experience.

"We got our first-game jitters out of the way," Bisbee said. "We were able to get on the field for practice this week, and everything kind of clicked today."

Groton Area jumped out early with two runs in the first inning and continued to build momentum with four runs in the second. The game broke wide open in the third inning when the Lady Tigers erupted for eight runs, before adding one more in the fourth to close out the win.

Kinsley Rowan earned the win in the circle, striking out eight batters. She finished in impressive fashion, ending the game with three straight strikes.

"Way to end the game," Bisbee said. "That's great—first home game, first win."

Offensively, Jayden Penning led the charge with a huge performance at the plate. Penning drove in seven runs and was just inches away from a grand slam, ultimately finishing with multiple extra-base hits including a triple.

"I had to send her," Bisbee said of the near grand slam. "It was the chance—we had to try it. She had some really good hits tonight."

Jerica Locke added a strong effort with a two-RBI double and a single, while Abby Fjeldheim contributed a double. Talli Wright added an RBI, and Nealy Althoff and Makenna Krause each recorded singles as Groton Area's lineup stayed aggressive throughout.

Behind the plate, Libby Cole anchored the defense.

"Libby did an awesome job back there," Bisbee said. "She was a brick wall."

The Lady Tigers also created pressure on the bases with multiple steals and showed flashes defensively, though Bisbee noted there is still room for growth.

"The biggest thing is when we bobble the ball, we can't panic," she said. "We've got to stay composed, make the play and not rush throws. That's where we'll keep improving."

Groton Area's improvement from its season opener to Tuesday's performance was evident, something Bisbee said is part of the process for a young program.

"That's just growth," she said. "We've got to keep learning and getting better."

The Lady Tigers will look to carry that momentum into Thursday when they travel to face Aberdeen Central in a doubleheader at the Aberdeen Dome, weather permitting.

"We're hoping for good roads—school on, game on," Bisbee said.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Dacotah Bank. JVT also provided the internet access for the broadcast.

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6th Grade Boys Basketball, 6 p.m., Arena

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SEAS: Living Stations, 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Groton C&MA: Kid's Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, April 2

Senior Menu: Tator tot hot dish, green beans, fruit, breadstick.

School Breakfast: Maple French Toast Bake

School Lunch: Sloppy Joes, tri taters.

5th Grade Girls Basketball, 4 p.m., Elementary Gym

Girls Softball: vs. Aberdeen Central at the Aberdeen Dome, 4 p.m., double header

HS Baseball Practice, 6 p.m., GHS Gym

Pickleball, 6 p.m., Elementary Gym

Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.; Maundy Thursday service, 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m., at St. John's

United Methodist: Maundy Thursday Service, 6 p.m., in Groton

### Friday, April 3

No Senior Meal.

NO SCHOOL - Easter Break

HS Baseball Practice, 6 p.m., GHS Gym

Emmanuel Lutheran: Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Good Friday Service, 7 p.m., at St. John's

United Methodist: Good Friday Service: Noon at Britton, 5 p.m. in Conde

### Saturday, April 4

Pickleball, 9:30 a.m., Elementary Gym

Airport Fundraiser, 6:30 p.m., Groton Legion

### Sunday, April 5

Emmanuel Lutheran: Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.; Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. (1st communion for fifth graders)

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John's, 9 a.m.; at Zion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

United Methodist: Worship with communion at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; No Groton Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 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.

### Monday, April 6

NO SCHOOL - Easter break

Senior Menu: Spanish rice with hamburger, broccoli, fruit, Vanilla pudding, whole wheat bread.

### Tuesday, April 7

Senior Menu: Bratwurst on bun, tri tater, sauerkraut, fruit.

Track at Ipswich, 2 p.m.

SD Honor Choir Auditions in Huron, 3:30 p.m.

Biogirls, 3:45 p.m., Elementary School

Pickleball, 6 p.m., Elementary Gym

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Ladies Aid LWML, 1:30 p.m.

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### Wednesday, April 8

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, catalina blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Pickleball, 5:30 p.m., Elementary gym.

Youth Spring Baseball, 6 p.m., GHS Gym

4th Grade Soccer, 6 p.m., Arena.

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; UMYF Eggravagant Egg Hunt and Brunch, 6 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.

### Thursday, April 9

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, fruit, garlic bread.

Track at Mobridge, noon

5th Grade Girls Basketball, Elementary Gym, 4 p.m.

Girls Softball at Deuel, Varsity at 4 p.m., JV to follow.

Pickleball, 6 p.m., Elementary Gym.

Groton Lions Club Meeting at 104 N Main, 6 .m.

### Friday, April 10

Senior Menu: Breaded chicken on bun, oven roasted potatoes, California blend, fruit.

Girls Softball hosts Mobridge-Pollock, Nelson Field, Varsity at 4:30 p.m., JV to follow.

## Lady Tigers Open New Era of Softball at Clark

CLARK — A brand-new chapter in Groton Area athletics officially began Saturday as the Lady Tigers took the field for the first time in program history, traveling to face Clark/Willow Lake.

The Cyclones spoiled the debut with a 15-0 victory, but the day marked a significant milestone for a Groton Area team that had yet to practice on an actual softball field prior to game day.

Clark/Willow Lake took control early, scoring 12 runs in the opening inning against two Groton Area pitchers. The Cyclones added three more runs in the second inning to build a 15-0 lead.

Despite the early deficit, the Tigers began to settle in during the second inning. Talli Wright recorded the first out with a catch in left field, followed by another defensive play from Hannah Sandness in right. Kinsley Rowan then closed the inning with a strikeout, leaving two runners stranded.

Offensively, Rowan reached base in the first inning, but Groton Area was unable to generate further momentum against the Cyclone pitching.

While the scoreboard was lopsided, head coach Amanda Bisbee emphasized the bigger picture following the game.

"We actually have not stepped foot on a softball field yet," Bisbee said. "We've been in the gym the whole time and on the soccer field. This was our go-and-grow game. First game ever — there were some jitters — but we got them out of the way and we're ready to roll for the rest of the season."

Bisbee credited the team for continuing to compete after the difficult opening inning.

"After that first inning, it wasn't bad," she said. "I'm so proud of them for their first game. We had hits, we stole bases, we even turned a double play. There's a lot for them to learn, but we're going to grow from here."

The junior varsity contest provided more opportunities for development, with Clark/Willow Lake earning a 10-1 win.

Groton Area showed signs of progress in the JV game. Arianna Dinger made a catch in the field for an out, while pitcher Rylie Rose recorded a strikeout to end the inning. In the



**March 24, 2026 – 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. Commissioner Gage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None  
**BID OPENING FOR ASPHALT CONCRETE PLANT MIX MATERIALS:** Time and place, as advertised, to open, read and consider sealed bids for producing, furnishing all materials and delivery of Asphalt Concrete Plant Mix Materials for road maintenance and construction on Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota. Bids received were as follows:

	Hot Mix – Class D Type II (1/2 inch)	Hot Mix – Class D Type I (3/4 inch)	Cold Mix – Class D Type II (1/2 inch)	Cold Mix – Class D Type I (3/4 inch)
Jensen Rock & Sand	\$90.00/ton	\$90.00/ton	\$185.00/ton	\$185.00/ton
Lien Transportation	\$90.00/ton	\$90.00/ton	N/A	N/A

Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, recommended accepting all the bids based on availability. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and accept all the bids based on availability per Dirks recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID OPENING FOR GRAVEL MATERIALS:** Time and place, as advertised, to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing and delivery of one (1) years supply of Road Construction and Maintenance Gravel Materials. Bids received were as follows:

Gravel Material	Company	Cost/Ton	Pit Location
3/4" Gravel Surface	Hanlon Brothers	\$13.25	Verdon
1" Base Course	HF Jacobs	\$5.75	Mcperson Co.
1" Base Course	HF Jacobs	\$10.15	J Pit
1" Base Course	HF Jacobs	\$9.75	Rydberg
1" Base Course	HF Jacobs	\$10.50	Gunther
1" Base Course	HF Jacobs	\$8.25	Anliker, Forbes, ND
1" Base Course	Bruce Mack	\$7.75	Leola, SD
3/8" Pea Gravel	Hanlon Brothers	\$23.15	Verdon
3/8" Pea Gravel	L.G. Everist	\$13.05	Summit

Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, recommended accepting all the bids based on availability. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and accept all the bids based on availability per Dirks recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID OPENING FOR ROAD OIL:** Time and place, as advertised, to open, read and consider sealed bids for producing, furnishing and delivery of Road Oil to the Brown County System of Roads, F.O.B. Brown County, South Dakota. Only bid received was from Jebro at the following costs:

Road Oil – MC-70	Road Oil – MC-3000	Road Oil – CSS1H
\$1197.92/ton	\$957.92/ton	\$732.92/ton

Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, recommended accepting all the bids. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and accept all the bids per Dirks recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID OPENING FOR RENTAL SERVICES OF GRAVEL TRUCKS & ROAD MACHINERY:** Time and place, as advertised, to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing Full Operation Rental Services of Gravel Trucks and Road Machinery for construction and maintenance repairs on Brown County Road Projects for the year 2026. Bids received were as follows:

Company	Category	Equipment Make/Model	Cost/Hour
Hanlon Brothers	Excavator	John Deere 690	\$220.00
Hanlon Brothers	Excavator	Komatsu PC300 – 60' reach	\$240.00
Hanlon Brothers	Loader	Volvo 150	\$155.00
Jacobs Construction	Excavator	Cat 330 w/ 60' stick	\$240.00
Jacobs Construction	Excavator	Cat 330 w/ 12' stick	\$230.00
Jacobs Construction	Excavator	Cat 324D w/ 12' stick	\$210.00
Jacobs Construction	Excavator	Cat 320D w/ 12' stick	\$200.00
Jacobs Construction	Excavator	Case 580 1 1/2 yard	\$150.00
Jacobs Construction	Loader	Cat 950 3 1/2 yard	\$200.00
Jacobs Construction	Loader	Cat 966 5 yd	\$220.00
Jacobs Construction	Loader	Cat 259D Skidsteer	\$140.00
Jacobs Construction	Loader	Komatsu 380 4 1/2 yd	\$210.00
Lien Transportation	Excavator	Cat 320	\$245.00
Lien Transportation	Loader	Komatsu 470	\$230.00
Webster Scale	Excavator	Cat 352 4 cuyd	\$300.00
Webster Scale	Excavator	Cat 336 3 cuyd	\$250.00
Webster Scale	Excavator	Cat 340 4 cuyd	\$275.00
Webster Scale	Excavator	Cat 320 4 cuyd	\$225.00
Webster Scale	Loader	Cat 950K 5 cuyd	\$175.00
Webster Scale	Loader	Cat 966G 5 cuyd	\$200.00
Webster Scale	Loader	Cat 980G 7.5 cuyd	\$225.00
Webster Scale ... Recycling Crusher	Recycling Crusher	Crusher-Conveyor-Feeding Equip-Labor	\$8.00/ton
DMI	Recycling Crusher	Mobile Impact Crusher	\$33,750.00/month
Crush Mode	Recycling Crusher	Mobile Jaw Crusher	\$36,500.00/month
Crush Mode	Recycling Crusher		\$22,000.00/month

Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, recommended accepting all the bids based on availability and location. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve and accept all the bids based on availability and location per Dirks recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AMEND GRAVEL BIDS:** Gravel Bid from Althoff was in the wrong packet, so Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, asked to amend the Gravel Bids to include the following bids:

Gravel Material	Company	Cost/Ton	Pit Location
3/4" Gravel Surface	Althoff	\$12.00	Waubay
3/8 – 1" Washed Rock	Althoff	\$20.00	Waubay

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to amend and include all the bids from Althoff as well based on availability per Dirks recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, gave the Commission a Department Update: they are working on crack sealing; signing and may start to haul pea rock from Summit. Commissioner Wiese asked for an update on the Columbia bridge, Dirk shared they are precasting the beams in Sioux Falls and he thinks they will start around July. Dirk shared

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\$90.00/ton	\$90.00/ton	\$185.00/ton	\$185.00/ton
\$90.00/ton	\$90.00/ton	N/A	N/A

that he received a phone call regarding the Elm Lake Bridge but nothing new. Dirk asked about putting a shoulder on Richmond Road and the impact that it would have on landowners; consensus was that it shouldn't impact too many because the homes sit further back on the property.

**AWARD BID FOR LANDFILL CELL #5:** Mike Scott, Landfill Manager and Leif Redinger, Helms Associates informed the Commission that Foothills Contracting had contacted them to withdraw their bid due to

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an error on their part. They recommended awarding the bid to Midland Contracting and asked for Chairman to sign the Notice of Award at the cost of \$2,524,525.07. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to award the Landfill Cell #5 bid to Midland Contracting and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Notice of Award to Midland Contracting for \$2,524,525.07. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID DATE SET FOR WASTE TIRE REMOVAL AT LANDFILL:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger,

Road Oil – MC-70	Road Oil – MC-3000	Road Oil – CSS1H
\$1197.92/ton	\$957.92/ton	\$732.92/ton

seconded by Gage to approve and authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for Waste Tire Removal to be held on April 14, 2026 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID DATE SET FOR WOOD WASTE GRINDING AT LANDFILL:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve and authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for Wood Waste Grinding to be held on April 14, 2026 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried  
**WAIVE FEES FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP AT THE LANDFILL:** Mike Scott, Landfill Manager, asked the Commission to waive the tipping fees during the Spring Clean-up that will run from April 24 – May 2, 2026. On Saturday, April 25, 2026 they will do a drop off site at Jensen Rock & Sand from 8am to 5pm. Otherwise, the loads need to be covered and secured and taken to the Landfill from 8am to 5pm Monday – Saturday. No 8th Ave. Access. Moved by Commissioner

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3/8 – 1" Washed Rock	Althoff	\$20.00	Waubay

Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve waiving the tipping fees during the Spring Clean-up from April 24 through May 2, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID DATE SET FOR CHEMICAL BIDS FOR WEED & PEST:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider bids for Chemical Bids to be held on April 14, 2026 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried  
**NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE:**

Hot Mix – Class D Type II (1/2 inch)	Hot Mix – Class D Type I (3/4 inch)	Cold Mix – Class D Type II (1/2 inch)	Cold Mix – Class D Type I (3/4 inch)
\$90.00/ton	\$90.00/ton	\$185.00/ton	\$185.00/ton
\$90.00/ton	\$90.00/ton	N/A	N/A

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve and authorize publishing Noxious Weed Notice. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FAIR CONTRACTS:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Entertainment Contracts which details are confidential for Tyler Hubbard, Cooper Alan, Jackson Dean and Addendums for George Birge and Lee Brice. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERORMANCE GRANT (LEMPG):** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the 2nd quarter LEMPG Grant Report. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER VEHICLE FROM SHERIFF TO EQUALIZATION:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve transferring 2018 Ford Explorer from Sheriff Department to Department of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve to surplus 2 – 2020 Ford Explorers and a 2016 Ford Explorer and sell at auction. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve the following Claims/Payroll. Claims: Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$1,516.08; Birmingham & Cwac Law Offices, PLLC \$366.00; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$188.00; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$2,875.20; IMEG Corp \$400.00; Kuck Law Office \$1,396.90; Lewis & Clark BHS \$225.00; Medical Waste Transport, Inc \$189.30; Minnehaha County Auditor \$1,057.89; US Bank \$1,450.35. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$257.59; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$266.50. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00; Dakota Electronics LLC \$4,514.80. Repairs & Maintenance: Bur-

dette Security & Technologies, LLC \$70.00; CommTech Inc \$317.50; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$330.00; Double D Body Shop \$7,671.39; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$4,846.96; Lar-Jo's Specialties \$3,498.35; Les Schwab Group Holdings LLC \$53.99; Lien Transportation Company \$760.00; US Bank \$1,537.01. Supplies & Materials: Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$816.01; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$610.21; Birmingham & Cwac Law Offices, PLLC \$8.78; Century Business Products \$245.60; Cole Paper \$1,052.32; Dakota Supply Group \$90.00; Great Western States Supply, LLC \$276.29; Kuck Law Office \$43.10; Les Schwab Group Holdings LLC \$73.97; Menards \$185.95; PharmChem, Inc \$1,204.34; Wesley Jones \$99.98; US Bank \$9,713.89. Travel & Conference: Brandon Mills \$35.00; Carrie Weisenberger \$53.10; Dale Kurth \$173.55; David North \$162.66; Dennis Feickert \$9.43; James Meyers \$32.64; Joel Wiedebush \$31.90; Landon Ellingson \$25.38; Misty Dosch \$75.00; Neil Bittner \$19.00; Paul Johnson \$143.10; Rachel Kippley \$75.00; Sarah Hartje \$75.00; Scott Kolb \$19.00; SD Assoc of County Officials \$400.00; SD Assoc of Assessing Officers \$1,200.00; SDAE4-HP \$30.00; Stan Beckler \$28.26; Troy Knecht \$110.20; US Bank \$2,175.47. Utilities: Burdette Security & Technologies, LLC \$280.00; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$120.00; Northwestern Energy \$111.83; NVC \$2,072.92; T-Mobile USA Inc \$3,593.16; US Bank \$6,502.85. Other: SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$600.00. Payroll: Commission \$5,165.81; Elections \$2,044.00; Auditor/Welfare \$12,053.95; Treasurer \$18,430.91; SA \$38,240.95; Public Defender \$14,449.33; Maintenance \$13,663.68; Assessor \$17,510.85; Register of Deeds \$11,511.04; VSO \$5,006.27; GIS \$3,110.76; IT \$10,766.94; HR \$5,721.14; Sheriff \$60,157.56; Jail \$73,840.50; Coroner (Voucher) \$2,500.00; Court Security \$7,522.58; JDC \$32,505.73; MI Board \$740.00; Museum \$14,049.48; Parks/Fairgrounds \$7,857.38; Fair Board \$4,943.95; 4-H \$881.60; Weed \$1,442.92; Planning & Zoning \$10,010.51; Highway \$52,863.74; Dispatch \$37,499.68; Emergency \$5,715.38; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,991.87; Landfill \$16,245.99; Meal Benefits \$171.00; FICA \$28,878.53; Medicare \$6,753.85; HSA \$2,360.72; Health Insurance-Wellmark BCBS \$68,930.93; Dental Insurance-Delta \$4,768.20; Life Insurance-Dearborn \$571.20; Retirement-SDRS \$31,251.61. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:  
 o Resignation of Kristin Hamiel as Brown County 911 Communications Officer, FT; effective March 15, 2026. Request to fill.  
 o Retirement of Penny Hart as Brown County State's Attorney Legal Assistant, PT; effective March 23, 2026. Request to fill.  
 o Approve the payment of Retirement Award for Penny Hart in the amount of \$150.00 before taxes, requirement was met.  
 o Hiring of the following Temporary Election Workers from April 13th to June 5th at \$16.00/hour:  
 o Darlene Evans  
 o Phyllis Gab  
 o Delana Bertsch  
 o Penny Rohrbach  
 o Deborah Kolbeck  
 o Cheryl Finstad  
 o Janis Erickson  
 Chairman Sutton commented Thank-You to Penny Hart for her years of service. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agreements: Grace Werkmeister & Ryan Keller to lease the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on Oct. 8-11, 2027 for a wedding; Brown County 4-H to lease the Akkerman Open Horse Arena on May 28, 2026 for 4-H Horse Safety; June 28, 2026 for 4-H Horse Show; July 3-5, 2026 for Hub City 4-H Rodeo; Brown County 4-H to lease the Competitive Exhibits Building on May 28-29, 2026 for 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy Beef Focus; Alexandra Edwards & Logan Rausch to lease the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on June 12-14, 2026 for a wedding; Aberdeen Area Humane Society to lease the Holm Expo Building on May 8-10, 2026 for Spring Second Paw Sale; American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to lease the Holm Expo Building on Sept. 11-12, 2026 for Out of Darkness Fundraiser Event. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Requests: Mariann Malsom, Register of Deeds and Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent to attend the Lake Region Meeting on March 25, 2026 in Milbank, SD; Russell Metz, Kathy Fischer, Joe Kraft and Stephanie Morgan, Equalization Office to attend SDAAO Conference on June 2-5, 2026 in Sioux Falls, SD; Russell Metz, Equalization Office to attend SDAAO Education & Executive Board Meeting on April 2, 2026 in Pierre, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ZONING ORDINANCE-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 ordinance to be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #323, applicant Darin & Sarah Lowe for the purpose of rezoning 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: The West 720' of the South 1097' in the NE1/4 of Section 30-T125N-R61W of the 5th P.M., except that portion deeded for highway purposes, Brown County, South Dakota (40058 Larson Road; Columbia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**WW RENTALS SECOND ADDITION PLAT:**  
**RESOLUTION #2026-16**  
 Commissioner Wiese brought the following Resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "WW RENTALS SECOND ADDITION" to the city of Columbia, in the NE 1/4 of Section 29-T125N-R62W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**ROETTELE FIRST ADDITION PLAT:**  
**RESOLUTION #2026-17**  
 Commissioner Dennert brought the following Resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "ROETTELE FIRST ADDITION" in the NW 1/4 of Section 30-T125N-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.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 for Personnel and Legal. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:51 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 Darin & Sarah Lowe 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 April 14, 2026 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: The West 720' of the South 1097' in the NE1/4 of Section 30-T125N-R61W of the 5th P.M., except that portion deeded for highway purposes, Brown County, South Dakota (40058 Larson Road; Columbia 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. 323.  
 ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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**NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DECLARED PESTS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** this 31st day of March 2026, pursuant to SD

## Stratford Town March 12 Meeting

Stratford Town Board Meeting  
March 12th, 2026

6:30pm Prickett called meeting to order with Schley, Engelhardt and Kwak in attendance.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Schley, carried; to approve the February 10th meeting minutes as read.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Schley, carried; to approve the financials as presented.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Engelhardt, carried; to approve the following claims for payment: -General

Fund-NWE Bills: (st Its) \$323.32, (ball pk) \$16.28, (tennis) \$12.00, (st Its2) \$171.35, (hall) \$993.41, (sign) \$16.65; James Valley (auto): \$44.65; Quickbooks (auto): \$40.36; PDFfiller (auto): \$20.90; Kens: \$15.60 (stamps); Groton Independent:

\$87.94; SDPAA: \$2,484.99 (premiums); SDML: \$25 (district meeting); RC Storage: \$550; Cole Papers: \$519.35; SDARWS: \$275 (annual membership); IRS: \$364.14 (/25 q4); Payroll Q4 '25: \$1,200.55 (kwak); \$267.82 (schley); \$267.82 (engelhardt); \$461.75 (prickett); Reimbursements: \$42.00 (schley); \$50 (kwak); \$50 (prickett); \$50 (engelhardt) -Water Sewer Fund-NWE Bills: (2nd st) \$42.52, (p hse) \$31.35; Web Water (auto): \$1324.85; USDA RD Loan Payment (auto): \$478.00; NESD Loan Payment (auto): \$383.71; Pub Health Labs: \$20.

### OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Engelhardt, carried for the Rural Tower opportunity; city opts out of owning it but would lease the land to new owner; if new owner does not want tower to be removed.

### NEW BUSINESS

Gaikowski to monitor gravel and grading for 2026 season.

Mowing bid for summer 2006 season to go out this month.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Engelhardt, motion carried; to approve Stratford Community Theatre raffle request for the month of March.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Engelhardt, motion carried to approve Jark Auction to close 3rd street from rondell to nelson on April 10-12th.

City to contact attorney about assistance with ordinance book process.

### CLOSING:

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 13th, 2026 at 6:30pm at town hall.

Equalization meeting is scheduled for March 16th, 2026 at 6:30pm.

A motion was made by Prickett, seconded by Schley, carried; to adjourn the meeting.

-Anna Kwak; Finance Officer  
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## Brown County Chemical Dealers Bid Notice

### NOTICE TO CHEMICAL DEALERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners, Brown County Courthouse Annex at Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 until 8:45 A.M. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered for furnishing of chemical for the Brown County Weed and Pest Board for 2026.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bond will be required at time of bid opening.

Contract: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County in accordance with the bid as accepted. Successful bidder shall furnish proper certificates of insurance as required by Brown County. Contract for the chemicals shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of seven months from May 1 to November 30, 2026.

Sealed envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to Brown

County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401, and be marked "Chemical Bid for Brown County Weed and Pest Board" and to be opened at 8:45 A.M. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Brown County is exempt from Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Specifications and notice to bidders are on file in the Brown County Auditor's Office and at the Brown County Landfill and may be obtained at no charge.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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## Brown County Waste Tire Bid Notice

### NOTICE TO WASTE TIRE CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Court House Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, until 8:45 A.M. on April 14, 2026, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read, and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for the 2026 BROWN COUNTY WASTE TIRE CLEANUP.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "2026 BROWN COUNTY WASTE TIRE CLEANUP", to be opened on April 14, 2026 at 8:45 A.M.

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

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

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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## Brown County Wood Waste Bid Notice

### 2026 WOOD WASTE GRINDING

FOR THE BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 until the hour of 8:45 A.M. Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners regarding 2026 WOOD WASTE GRINDING for the Brown County Landfill.

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

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste. 1, Brown County Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ON 2026 WOOD WASTE GRINDING FOR THE BROWN COUNTY LANDFILL". To be opened on Tuesday, 8:45 A.M., April 14, 2026. The Brown County Board of Commissioners

reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept the bid that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County.

Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Specifications and notice to bidders are on file in the Brown County Auditor's Office and at the Brown County Landfill and may be obtained at no charge.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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## Brown County Tax Exempt Properties

2026 TAX EXEMPT NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION LIST  
EXEMPT PROPERTY NAME,  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION, TYPE

**#8 SHELBY TWP**  
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (SHELBY), W2 LT 7 & LT 8 BK 6 HOUGHTON, CHURCH

**#10 CLAREMONT TWP**  
AUGUSTANA CHURCH, NE CORNER 35-125-60, CHURCH

**#16 RIVERSIDE TWP**  
AUGUSTANA CHURCH (CEMETERY), 3 AC NW 1-124-60, CEMETERY

**#19 BATH TWP**  
BATH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LT 13-18 BLK 10 BATH, CHURCH

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS, INC., LT 1 SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS MAINTENANCE ADD (W 295' OF 166' N OF S 966' OF SW SW 14-123-63), MAINTENANCE FOR CEMETERY

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS, INC., SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS 15-123-63 INC: ALL GARDENS, CEMETERY

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, KESLERS OL 2 SE 15-123-63, LAND HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT

**#20 ABERDEEN TWP**  
ABERDEEN AQUA ADDICTS, LT 1 ABERDEEN AQUA ADDICTS SD NW 35-123-64, WATER SKI TRAINING

ABERDEEN AREA HUMANE SOCIETY, OL 1 JANUSZ SW 27-123-64, ANIMAL SHELTER

ABERDEEN MOTOCROSS ASSOC., LT 3 WOLFFS 1ST ADD 1/2 21-123-64 (1.71 A), MOTOCROSS RACES

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), E 540' OF N 403.33' NE 28-123-64 (5AC), GROUP HOME

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, 1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH LT B CENTURY 21 OL 1 SW 2-123-64 (6.35AC), CHURCH

NORTHERN PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH, LT 1 BUD SMITH 1ST ADD. SE SE 20-123-63, CHURCH

SPURS THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER INC, LT 1 SPURS 2ND ADD NW 6-123-63, THERAPEUTIC CENTER

**#23 WARNER TWP**  
FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH FIREARMS SAFETY INC, N 820' OF SE 15-122-64 E OF RR EX HWY, PUBLIC RIFLE RANGE

MANSFIELD COMMUNITY BETTERMENT, LT 1-3 BK 4 MANSFIELD SE 32-121-64, COMMUNITY CENTER & PARK

MANSFIELD COMMUNITY BETTERMENT, E 18' OF N 20' LT 7 BK 4 MANSFIELD SE 32-121-64, BARE LOT

WARNER TOWNSHIP CEMETERY, WARNER CEMETERY N2 NW 2-121-64 (REFER BK 24 PF 283 & BK 151 PG 344), CEMETERY

**#24 GEM TWP**  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY, EAST GEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY LT W2 SE 4-122-62, CEMETERY

SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CEMETERY, CEMETERY IN E2 NE 30-122-62, CEMETERY

SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CONGREGATION, LT 2 SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH ADD SE 19-122-62, CHURCH

**#25 EAST HANSON TWP**  
ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (FERNEY/EAST HANSON), S 60' LT 7-12 BK 9 SD BK 9-13 & OL E-F FERNEY SW 31-122-60, PARKING LOT

ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (FERNEY/EAST HANSON), BK 15 SD BK 14-16 & OL H-I-J-K FERNEY SW 31-122-60, CHURCH

**#30 SAVO TWP**  
APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN PIONEER CHURCH, 10 ACRES IN SE 3-128-63, CHURCH & CEMETERY

SAVO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2 AC NW 27-128-63, CHURCH

SAVO HALL ASSOCIATION, 3 ACRES IN SW CORNER SW 22-128-63, HALL

SOUTH SAVO CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, W 244' OF E 752' OF N 387.5' IN NE SE 29-128-63 (3 AC), CEMETERY

**#32 ABERDEEN CITY**  
ABERDEEN ALLIANCE CHURCH, FRANCIS EVELO ADDN. OL A NE 1/4 19-123-63, CHURCH

ABERDEEN BMX, LT 2 BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S 2ND SD, BMX AND PARKING

ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, LT 1 RONCOLLI NEARLY NEW ADD (BK 8 NORTH ABDN ADDN), NEARLY NEW STORE

ABERDEEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOUNDATION, LT 1 ABERDEEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL-AVERA ADD NW 11-123-64, K-12 CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ABERDEEN CHURCH OF GOD, LT 1 CHURCH OF GOD ADD (LT 1 NORTHWEST POND ADD (PT L32 AUTO PLAZA), CHURCH

ABERDEEN CORPORATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, LT 2 ISAIAH'S ADDN (LT 5 & 6 MELROS SOUTHVIEW ADDN) EX H1, CHURCH & PARKING LOT

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, LT 5 ADC 2020-1 1ST SD NE 16-123-63, LAND HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, UNIT 1 MALCHOW PLAZA CONDO OF LT 1 MALCHOW'S 1ST ADD (LT 1-5 BK 31 1ST ADD), CONDO

ABERDEEN DEV CORP, 75% INTEREST OF COMMON AREAS MALCHOW PLAZA CONDO OF LT 1 MALCHOW'S 1ST ADD (LT 1-5 BK 31 1ST ADD), CONDO

ABERDEEN FAMILY YMCA, LT 1 HAGERTY & LLOYD 9TH SD (PT BK 66 & 67 H&L), LEARNING TREE

ABIDING LOVE FELLOWSHIP INC., S 25' LT 5 & LT 6 BK 9 1ST ADD TO HIGHLAND, CHURCH

ACT 2 INC, #2 MIDWEST CAPITOL PROJECT OF LT 10-12 BK 27 1ST ADD, THEATRE ARTS

ACT 2 INC, #3 MIDWEST CAPITOL PROJECT OF LT 13-18 BK 27 1ST ADD EX MEZZANINE HALLWAY UNIT 3, THEATRE EDUCATION

ACT 2 INC, MEZZANINE STORAGE UNIT 4A #4 MIDWEST CAPITOL PROJECT OF LT 13-18 BK 27 1ST ADD, STORAGE

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), ATC 1ST SD BK 47 BENNETT & THOMAS ADD, PARKING LOTS

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), LT 11-12 BK 47 BENNETT & THOMAS ADD, PARKING LOTS

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), LT 3 BERKSHIRE ADD NW 13-123-64, OFFICES

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), E 77' LT 1-2 BLK 19 THOMAS ADDN, GROUP HOME

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), N2 LT 193 & LT 194 -196 MORNING HTS ADD, GROUP HOME

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), W 150' OF N 100' OL B LAWSONS OL'S RPL OF LT 8 BONACCORD HTS 19-123-63, GROUP HOME

ADJUSTMENT TRAINING CENTER (ASPIRE INC), LT 849-852 MORNING HTS EXT ADD, GROUP HOME

ALANO SOCIETY OF ABERDEEN, W 8' LT 3 & LT 4-9 BK 1 THOMAS ADD & LT 12 & W 115' OF S 8.5' LT 13 & E 27' LT 13- 14 PIERCES SD OF BK 103 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD & V/A, AA MEETING HOUSE

ALDERSGATE LINCOLN, LLC, LT 1 FUMC CORNER SD (BK 30 1ST & 2ND ADD), CHURCH

ALDERSGATE PARKING, LLC, LT 12-13 BK 29 SD OF LT 4-5 BK 29 1ST ADD & LT 12-13 BK 29 2ND ADD, PARKING FOR VANS

ALDERSGATE PARKING, LLC, LT 7 BLK 30 1ST ADDITION TO ABERDEEN, PARKING LOT

ALDERSGATE PARKING, LLC, LT 1 FUMC-JOURNEY PARKING SD (BK 28 1ST ADD), PARKING LOT

ALDERSGATE WASHINGTON, LLC, LT 1-2 BK 29 1ST ADD, PARKING & OFFICES

AQUINAS STUDENT CENTER, N 38' OF E 52' LT 21 & E 52' LT 22 BK 1 NORMAL ADD, PARKING LOT

ASPIRE, LT 10 BK 42 2ND ADD, GROUP HOME

ASPIRE, LT 1 MARTIN'S 1ST CONS SD (LT 94-95 MORNING HTS ADD), GROUP HOME

ASPIRE, LT 5 BK 4 NICOLLET PARK ADD, GROUP HOME

ASPIRE, LT 1 HAPI 2021 - 2

SD (LT 9-10 BK 27 H&L), GROUP HOME

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 4 HAGERTY & LLOYDS 3RD SD SE 13-123-64, DAKOTA MEDICAL, HUMAN PERFORMANCE

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 3 AVERALAND-O-LAKES 2ND SD (B72 H&L & OL 2 LANES), HEALTHCARE PLAZA

AVERA ST LUKES, LOT 1 AVERA LAND-O-LAKES 2ND SD, PARKING LOT 2

AVERA ST LUKES, LOT 2 AVERA LAND-O-LAKES 2ND SD, PARKING LOT

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 2 AVERA ST LUKES ADD (SLMRMC LTS) EX H2, PARKING LOT K

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 1 AVERA ST LUKES ADD (B86, 87, & 96 H&L ETC), HOSPITAL BUILDING

AVERA ST LUKES, AVERA ST LUKES WEST ADD (BK 88 H & L), PARKING LOTS I & J

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 3 HAGERTY & LLOYDS 3RD SD SE 13-123-64, POOL/REHAB CENTER

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 1-6 BK 95 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, PARKING LOT H

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 1 AVERA ST LUKES 2ND SD (BK 73 & 82 H&L), BUILDING ONLY

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 1 AVERA ST LUKES 2ND SD (BK 73 & 82 H&L), LAND ONLY

AVERA ST LUKES, LT 7-12 BK 83 HAGERTY & LLOYDS ADD & S 150' LT 2-4 ST LUKES RPL BK 83 HAGERTY & LLOYDS ADD, HOSPITAL

AVERA ST LUKES, PORTION OF BK 83 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD & ETC. (SEE R.O.D. FOR FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION), MEDICAL CLINIC AND PATIENT BUSINESS OFFICES

AVERA ST LUKES, LT B OF LT 2 HOWARDS OL B NE 14-123-64 (7.36 A), DAKOTA PLAINS SURGICAL

AVERA ST LUKES MOTHER JOSEPH MANOR, LT 1 MOTHER JOSEPH MANOR ADD (S 732' OF W 366' HIGHLANDS OL 3 SE 12-123-64),

AVERA ST LUKES MOTHER JOSEPH MANOR, S 60' HIGHLAND SCHOOL LOT SE 12-123-64, PARKING LOT

BETHESDA HOME OF ABERDEEN, CLARKS 2ND ADD OF MEL ROS ESTATES EX H1 (18.842 A), NURSING HOME & TOWNE SQUARE

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN, LT 1 BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ADD SE 18-123-63, CHURCH

BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN, OL 2 BK F EX E 25' OF S 255' LINCOLN & BOYD ADD EX BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ADD SE 18-123-63, NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER-LAND

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ABERDEEN, LT 1 BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2ND SD, YOUTH PROGRAM

BPOE ELKS LODGE #1046 INC, LT 26 PLAT OF AUTO PLAZA ADD, LODGE

CALVARY CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH, W 67' LT 7 & S 12' OF W 67' LT 8 & N 38' LT 8 EX S 12' OF E 30' BK 6 NORTH ABD ADD, CHURCH & PARSONAGE

CATHOLIC CHANCERY OFFICE CORP, LT 1-3 BK 1 NORMAL ADD, STUDENT CENTER

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, LT 1 CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ADDN, SCHOOL

CENTRAL VILLAS, LT 1 CENTRAL VILLAS 1ST ADD W2 NE 30-123-63 (LT M-P HAPI 1ST CENTRAL), HOUSING FOR INCOME QUALIFIED FAMILIES

CHURCH OF CHRIST, LOT 1 BLK 1 GORDER'S REPLAT OF 4TH ADDN, CHURCH

CHURCH OF CHRIST, LT 2 & N 15' LT 3 BK 1 GORDERS RPL 4TH ADD, PARSONAGE

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, LT 5 GUGEL'S 1ST SD SW 6-123-63, CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL BNAI ISAAC SYNAGOGUE, W 66' OF LOTS 13 & 14 BLK 38 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, SYNAGOGUE

DAK CONF WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH/HUB CITY CHURCH, WESLEYAN OL 1 SE 7-123-63, CHURCH

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LT 8-9 & W 83' LT 10 UNION SD BK 105 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, CHURCH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LT 1 1ST RPL SOUTHAVEN 1ST ADD NW 30-123-63, CHURCH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (ABERDEEN), LT 9-12 BK 90 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, CHURCH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (ABERDEEN), LT 7-8 BK 90 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, PARKING LOT

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, LOTS 1-3 LAWSON'S REPLAT

BLK 10 WOOLVERTON'S ADDN, CHURCH

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, N 40' LT 17 LAWSONS RPL BK 10 WOOLVERTON ADD, PARKING LOT

FOHO I, LLC, LT 8 BK 5 ADDITIONS ADD, RENTAL PROPERTY FOR NSU STUDENTS

FOHO I, LLC, LT 21 RPL BK 1 HUFFMANS 2ND ADD, RENTAL PROPERTY FOR NSU STUDENTS

FREEDOM WORSHIP CENTER, LT 2 ADC 2005-1 SD NE 16-123-63 (INDUSTRIAL PK EAST), CHURCH

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, LT 1 GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 2ND SD (B1 1ST HIGHLAND), CHURCH

HAPI, LT 7-8 BK 15 ORIGINAL PLAT, OFFICE & MEETING SPACE

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, LT D LT 3 PHEASANT RUN SD SW 11-123-64, CHURCH

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TY & LLOYD ADD, PARKING LOT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH 1ST SD (RPL LT 15-24 BK 9 H&L), CHURCH PLACOR/ JOURNEY CHURCH, CONDO UNIT C FIFTH STREET SOUTH CONDOSLT 1 RUNNINGS 1ST SD, RELIGIOUS MEETING PLACE & NON-PROFIT DAYCARE PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, LT A NW 25-123-64 & CMSTP&PRC OL 1 & PORT LT B N OF LT 1 BITZ SD, CHURCH PRAIRIE LAKES DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, LT 1 NAZARENE 1ST SD (B3 MEL ROS 8TH), CHURCH PRAIRIE LAKES DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - PARSONAGE, LT 2 EISENBEISKULM ADD (LT 511-512 MORNING HTS ADD), PARSONAGE FOR DAK DIST CHURCH OF NAZARENE PRESENTATION SISTERS, BOLLS 5 732' OF W 366' HIGHLANDS OL 3 SE 12-123-64, PC SISTERS HOUSING (MOTHER JOSEPH) QUINT CITY TRADES & LABOR, LT 2 RESTAURANT GROWTH 2ND ADD (B10 HIGHLAND PARK), LABOR UNION BUILDING SACRED HEART PARISH OF BROWN COUNTY, LT 3 SACRED HEART 1ST SD & 1/2 VA (BK 80&81 H&L), VACANT LOT SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, LT 1 SACRED HEART 1ST SD (BK 80 & 81 H&L), CHURCH, SCHOOL, RECTORY, PARKING LOT SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, LT 2 SACRED HEART 1ST SD (BK 80 & 81 H&L), PARKING LOT SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY (9.47 AC) SW OF NE 18-123-63, CEMETERY SACRED HEART ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CEMETERY NW ADD EX OL 1 N 1/2 18-123-63 (4.30 AC +/-), CEMETERY SAFE HARBOR/RESOURCE CENTER FOR WOMEN, LT 1 BK 5 HAPI 3RD CENTRAL SD W2 NE 30-123-63, GROUP HOME SALVATION ARMY, LT 4 REFELDS RPL OF BK 1 PLEASANT HILL ADD, STORAGE AND PROGRAMS SALVATION ARMY, LT A BK 3 GARDEN PARK ADD EX H1 NW 23-123-64, WORSHIP BLDG. SALVATION ARMY, LT 14 BK 1

HOMES ARE POSSIBLE (KO LEE SD), PARSONAGE SALVATION ARMY, SALVATION ARMY 1ST ADD EX H1 (B1 PLEASANT HILL), THRIFT STORE SANFORD HEALTH NETWORK, LT 1 MUTUAL OF OMAHA 5TH ADD (LT 1 3RD), MEDICAL CENTER SD CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS, E 29' LT 15 & LT 16 BK 1 ADDISONS ADD, CHURCH SHERMAN APARTMENTS, LT 1 ABERDEEN HOUSING AUTHORITY 1ST SD (L7-12 B6 ORIG), SHERMAN APARTMENTS SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH, LT 3 AMERICAN NEWS 1ST SD (BK 18 1ST ADD), CHURCH SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH, LT 2 AMERICAN NEWS 1ST SD (BK 18 1ST ADD), PARKING LOT ST MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LT 1 MARK'S EPISCOPAL 1 SD (SPAULDING'S 3RD & LT 1 & 2 B5 4TH), CHURCH ST MARY'S CHURCH (ABERDEEN) C. R., ST MARY'S 2ND ADD ABERDEEN NE 13-123-64 (B38 H&L), CHURCH & PARSONAGE ST MARY'S CHURCH (ABERDEEN) CEMETERY, SE NE NE 12-123-64 EX STRIP 1.5 RODS WIDE ON W & S SIDES, CEMETERY ST MARY'S CHURCH (ABERDEEN) E. P. L., LT 1 ST MARY'S SD BK 39 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADDN, PARKING LOT ST MARY'S CHURCH (ABERDEEN) SCHOOL, LT 1 ST MARY'S SD BK 47 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, SCHOOL ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ABERDEEN), LOT 4 & W 10' OF LOT 3 BK 45 2ND ADD, PRESCHOOL SUNSHINE PARK TOWNHOMES, BLK 4 MELROS SOUTHVIEW ADDITION S2 19-123-63, HOUSING FOR INCOME QUALIFIED FAMILIES TDAF/ TOM AMAN, LT 1 BLACKSTONE 2ND SD (2.48AC) (RR ROW), OFFICE, EXHIBITS, CULTURAL CENTER TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ABERDEEN), LT 1 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ADD (COE&HOWARD, DIVISIONS), CHURCH REPLAT ALL PARCELS YELDUZ TEMPLE, LT 1 YELDUZ CORNER SD (LT 1-3 BK 50 2ND ADD), LODGE ZION CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, LT 1 ZION CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ADD (L757-760&767-772 MH), CHURCH, PARSONAGE ZION CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, LT 2 ZION CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ADD (L757-762&767-772 MH), PARKING LOT & DRIVEWAY

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF IPSWICH, W 70' OF N 12.75' LT 18 & W 70' LT 19-24 DAWSON & LOWES RPL BK 21 WEST HILL ADD, CHURCH ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LT 51-60 BK 3 GORDERS 1ST ADD EX LT H1, CHURCH ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ABERDEEN), LT 1-2 BK 36 2ND ADD, CHURCH & PARKING LOT HOUSING PLUS, INC, LT 2A PRESENTATION 2ND ADD NW 12-123-64, ASPIRE, INC, LT 1 BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S 4TH SD (LT 13-14 BK 27 H&L), GROUP HOME PRESENTATION SISTERS CONVENT, LT 1 PRESENTATION 3RD ADD NW 12-123-64 ( LT 1 PRESENTATION 2ND ADD), CONVET STORAGE ABERDEEN DEV CORP, LT 2 WAGNER HOLDINGS 3RD ADD W2 17-1232-63, LAND HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT ABERDEEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, CONDO UNIT B FIFTH STREET SOUTH CONDOS LT 1 RUNNINGS 1ST SD, THRIFT STORE / SECOND HAND STORE #33 GROTON CITY EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, LT 1-12 BK 20 RANDALL ADD GROTON, CHURCH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (GROTON), LT 5-9 & N 15' LT 10 BK 9 ORIG PLAT GROTON, CHURCH GROTON ALLIANCE CHURCH, S 12'13" LT 3 BLK 59 3RD ADDN GROTON, BARE LOT GROTON ALLIANCE CHURCH, LT 4 BK 59 3RD ADDITION GROTON, CHURCH GROTON ALLIANCE CHURCH, LT 5-6 BK 59 3RD ADDITION GROTON, PARKING LOT GROTON AMERICAN LEGION POST # 39, LT 22-25 BK 11 ORIG PLAT GROTON, MEETING ROOM GROTON AREA FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE DISTRICT, LT 10-11 & S2 LT 12 BK 4 ORIG PLAT GROTON, FIRE HALL GROTON COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LT 1 BK 7 ORIG PLAT GROTON, CHURCH & MEETINGS GROTON COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, LT 7B GROTON HISTORICAL JAIL ADD (LT 7 BK 3 ORIG PLAT GROTON), HISTORICAL PRESERVATION GROTON COMMUNITY TRANSIT INC., LT 9-12 BLK 10 ORIG PLAT GROTON, HOUSING FOR VEHICLES AND OFFICE GROTON MASONIC ASSOCIATION, LT 1-4 BK 9 ORIG PLAT GROTON, MEETING ROOM GROTON UNION CEMETERY, GROTON UNION CEMETERY SW

18-123-60 GROTON, CEMETERY ST ELIZABETH ANN PARISH OF BROWN COUNTY, S 311.85' OF W 150' EX N 5' W2 PRIORS OL S OF METHODIST CHURCH & S 164' OF E2 W2 PRIORS OL 4 W OF 2ND ST, CHURCH ST ELIZABETH ANN PARISH OF BROWN COUNTY, PT SW2 18-123-60 KNOW AS ST JOHN BAPTIST CATHOLIC CEMETERY (1.132AC), CEMETERY ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (GROTON), LT 1-3 BK 14 ORIG PLAT GROTON, CHURCH ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (GROTON), LT 11-12 BK 14 ORIG PLAT GROTON, PARSONAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (GROTON), LT 7-11 BK 22 RANDALL ADD GROTON, PARSONAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (GROTON), LT 1-6 & 12-16 BK 22 EX .05 A LT 11-12 STATE HWY RANDALL ADD GROTON, CHURCH, PARKING LOT #35 HIGHLAND TWP ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS (HIGHLAND), ST JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OL 1 SE 23-122-65, PARKING LOT & PLAYGROUND ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS (HIGHLAND), ST JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OL LOTS 1 & 2 SW 24-122-65, CHURCH ONLY EXEMPT #36 FRANKLYN TWP CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN, 5 AC SE 7-126-65 (CEMETERY) 281/2 RODS EAST&WEST, 28 RODS N&S, BEGINNING IN SW CORNER OF SE (B158 P67), CEMETERY #37 RICHLAND TWP AURLAND CHURCH, .8235 AC E2 SE 33-127-63, CEMETERY #38 FREDERICK CITY FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, N 62' LT 7 & N 62' OF W 40' LT 8 BK 2 ORIG PL FREDERICK, HOUSING FOR SUPERINTENDENT FREDERICK CEMETERY, LT 1-4 BK 1, LT 1 & 4 BK 2, N 126.67' LT 1-2 BK 6 & N 126.67' LT 1 BK 5 HARLEM HEIGHTS VILLA SITES SE 2-127-64 (CEMETERY), CEMETERY FREDERICK WAYSIDE CEMETERY, BK 1-2 EX LT 2-3 BK 2 & N 126.67 LT 1 BK 5 & N 126.67' LT 1-2 BK 6 HARLEM HEIGHTS INCLUDING WAYSIDE CEMETERY FREDERICK, CEMETERY METHODIST CHURCH, LT 5-6 BK 6 ORIG PL FREDERICK, CHURCH ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH (FREDERICK), LT 5-8 BK 14 CURTIS 1ST RAR SD BK 14 1ST ADD FREDERICK, TENNIS & BASKETBALL COURT #39 LINCOLN TWP OLD APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH, LT 2 OALC 1ST SD SE 34-124-64, CHURCH (NEW BUILDING) #40 HECLA CITY PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LT 4-5 BK 45 SD N2 BK 25 & 35-46 & OL M HECLA VLG EX HWY, CHURCH PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LT 4 & E 25' LT 3 BK

32 OF PLAT N2 BK 11 & S2 BK 17-20 & BK 27-34 INC & OL F-L INC HECLA VLG, PARSONAGE ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (HECLA), LT 1 & 2 BK 14 SD BK 11-14 HECLA VLG, CHURCH & PARKING HECLA RESERRECTION CHURCH, LT 9-12 BK 4 HECLA VLG, CHURCH #42 CLAREMONT CITY AMERICAN LEGION POST #262, LT 11-12 BLK 10 ORIGINAL PL CLAREMONT, MEETING ROOM & LOT CLAREMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH, LT 1 OF OL E DINSMORES 1ST ADDITION CLAREMONT (2.18AC), PARKING LOT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CLAREMONT, LT 1 LEONARDS SD CLAREMONT, PARKING LOT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF CLAREMONT, LT 13-18 BK 1 DINSMORES 2ND ADD CLAREMONT, CHURCH #43 COLUMBIA CITY AMERICAN LEGION POST #58, MILL ST. PECK'S 1ST ADDN.LOTS 107,109,111,113,115,117,119,121,123,125,127, PLAYGROUND AMERICAN LEGION POST #58, BROADWAY PECKS 1ST ADD LT 102,104,106,108,110,112,114,116,118,120,122,124,126, 128, MEETING ROOM CATHOLIC CEMETERY, BALDWIN'S 3RD ADD S2 BK 21, CEMETERY CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, BROADWAY PECKS 1ST ADD LT 217,219,221,223,225,227,229,231, GRASS LOT OVERFLOW PARKING CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, LT 218,220,222,224,226,228,230,232 JAMES STREET PECKS ADD COLUMBIA, GRASS LOT OVERFLOW PARKING CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, BROADWAY SMITHS 1ST ADDN.LOTS 301,303,305,307, CHURCH ST JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN (COLUMBIA), LT 23, 25, 27 JAMES STREET PECKS ADD COLUMBIA CITY, CHURCH ST JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN (COLUMBIA), LT 26 & 28 JAMES STREET PECKS ADD COLUMBIA, PARKING LOT #44 BATES TWP ST PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (FERNEY) BATES TWP, CEMETERY LOT IN NW OF NE 6-121-60, CEMETERY #45 STRATFORD CITY ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (STRATFORD), LT 5-6 BK 9 STRATFORD, CHURCH #46 GARLAND TWP ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CEMETERY (GARLAND), N 23 RODS W 23 RODS NW4 5-125-62 (CEMETERY)(3.3 AC), CEMETERY ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CEMETERY (GARLAND), LT 1 ST JOHN'S ASSOC NW 5-125-62, CHURCH

**#49 WEST HANSON** MEHLHAFF CEMETERY, MEHLHAFF CEMETERY SW 28-122-61, CEMETERY **#51 WESTPORT CITY** SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH (WESTPORT), LT 6 MATTESONS 2ND SD OF LT 1 WESTPORT (.77AC), CHURCH SACRED HEART CEMETARY ASSN (WESTPORT), SACRED HEART CEMETARY NE 14-125-64 (3.81AC) WESTPORT, CEMETERY **#52 WARNER CITY** ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (WARNER), ST JOHNS ADD (3.08AC) (ST JOHN'S OL1-3), CHURCH **#57 WEST RONDELL** OAKWOOD CEMETERY, 2 AC FOR CEMETERY SE 25-121-63, CEMETERY



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**NOTICE**  
TO: Chicago & Northwestern RR whose last known address was Chicago, Illinois  
TAKE NOTICE that on the 20th day of December, 2021, W 25' ADJ E 25' OF N 250' RR ROW S OF 15TH AVE SE (FILE SIMMONS BK15), was sold at County Treasurer's tax sale for delinquent taxes on said premises, to the County of Brown in the State of South Dakota, and said County of Brown is still the holder thereof and the right of redemption will expire and a Deed to said property will be made at the expiration of sixty days from the completed service of this notice.  
Dated this 10th day of March, 2026.  
/s/Patty VanMeter  
Treasurer of Brown County, South Dakota  
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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 26, 2026  
President Rix called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m. in the HS Library Conference Room. Other members present: Flihs, Harder, Lerseth-Flihs, Strom, Weber, and Weismantel. Absent: None. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal S. Edwards, and Business Manager B. Hubsch.  
Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Flihs, to approve the proposed agenda as written. Motion carried.  
Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, no potential conflict of interest disclosure was reported.  
Moved by Strom, seconded by Lerseth-Flihs, to enter into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.4 for staff negotiations at 7:04 am. Motion carried. The board moved out of executive session at 8:30 am.  
Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Flihs, to adjourn at 8:30 am. Motion carried.  
Becky Hubsch, Business Manager  
Grant Rix, President  
The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.  
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**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

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- 9 Fr. holy woman
- 12 Borders on
- 13 In the past
- 14 Allow
- 15 Trattoria offering
- 16 Wild hurry, as on Black Friday
- 18 Divides in two
- 20 Greek mountain
- 21 Rule in India
- 23 Goat's plaint
- 24 City on the Yangtze River
- 25 Broadway failure
- 27 Zaps in a microwave
- 29 Argue
- 31 Portugal's place
- 35 Fix a lawn
- 37 Bath bubbles
- 38 Long-legged shorebird
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- 57 Crusoe's creator
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- 21 "Mayberry —"
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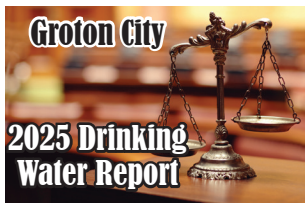
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**Groton City**  
**DRINKING WATER REPORT**  
**WATER QUALITY**  
**Secretary's Award**

The City of Groton has supplied twenty-two consecutive years of safe drinking water to the public it serves and has been awarded the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. This report is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

**Water Source**  
 We serve more than 1,380

customers an average of 108,000 gallons of water per day. Our water is surface water that we purchase from another water system. The state has performed an assessment of our source water and they have determined that the relative susceptibility rating for the Groton public water supply system is low.

For more information about your water and information on opportunities to participate in public meetings, call (605)397-8422 and ask for Douglas Heinrich.

**Additional Information**  
 The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:  
 • Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage

treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

• Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

• Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

• Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

• Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public

water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC

guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Groton public water supply system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take

to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**Detected Contaminants**  
 The attached table lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2024 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2025. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

The City of Groton public water system purchases 100% of their water from WEB Water Development Association (1089).

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**2025 Table of Detected Regulated Contaminants For Groton (EPA ID 0147)**

Terms and abbreviations used in this table:  
 \* Maximum Contaminant Level Goal(MCLG): the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.  
 \* Maximum Contaminant Level(MCL): the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.  
 \* Action Level(AL): the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. For Lead and Copper, 90% of the samples must be below the AL.  
 \* Treatment Technique(TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. For turbidity, 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU  
 \* Running Annual Average(RAA): Compliance is calculated using the running annual average of samples from designated monitoring locations.  
 Units:  
 \*MFL: million fibers per liter  
 \*mrem/year: millirems per year(a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)  
 \*NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units  
 \*pCi/l: picocuries per liter(a measure of radioactivity)  
 \*ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter(mg/l)  
 \*ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter(ug/l)  
 \*ppt: parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter  
 \*ppq: parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter  
 \*pspm: positive samples per month

Substance	90% Level	Test Sites > Action Level	Date Tested	Highest Level Allowed (AL)	Ideal Goal	Units	Major Source of Contaminant
Copper	1.0	1	08/26/23	AL=1.3	0	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead	3	0	08/29/23	AL=15	0	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

Substance	Highest Level Detected	Range	Date Tested	Highest Level Allowed (MCL)	Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Units	Major Source of Contaminant
Antimony *	.36	0.36-0.36	10/27/22	6	6	ppb	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder.
Barium *	0.052	0.0522-0.0522	10/27/22	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride *	0.46	0.50-.050	10/2/25	4	<4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Haloacetic Acids (RAA)	17.0		09/10/25	60	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.
Haloacetic Acids (RAA) *	15.13		11/03/25	60	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.
Selenium *	1.10	1.10-1.10	10/27/22	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.
Total trihalomethanes (RAA)	6.35		09/10/25	80	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.
Total trihalomethanes (RAA)	7.79		11/03/25	80	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.
Turbidity *	0.14	100% samples below 0.3	07/01/25	TT	NA	NTU	Soil runoff. Turbidity is a measurement of the clarity of the water.

Please direct questions regarding this information to Mr Dwight Zerr with the Groton public water system at (605)397-7461.  
 \* WEB Water Development Association (1089) test result.



**Phantom Load Straining Already Maxed Out Electrical Grid**  
 by Rachel Berliner

Dear EarthTalk: What does "phantom load" mean with regard to energy consumption,

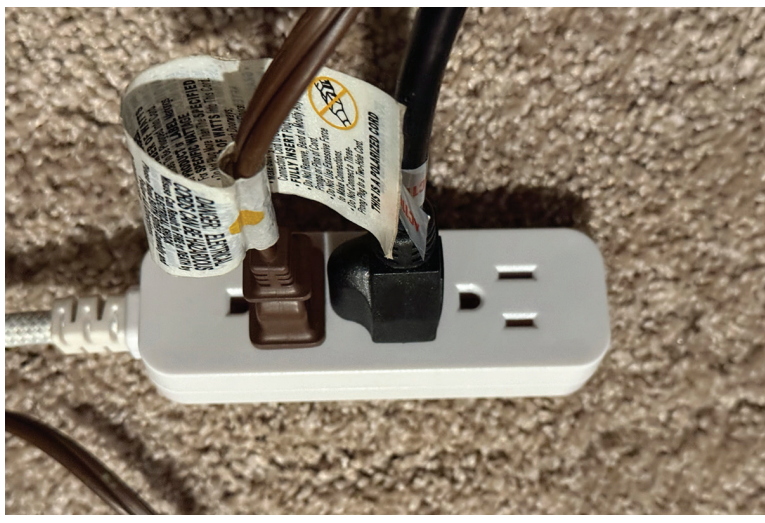
how big of a problem is it, and what can we do to prevent it?  
 -- Jim C., Provo, UT

Many electronic devices consume energy even while turned off. The total sum of electricity used by devices while in standby mode or powered off is known as a phantom load, an undetected financial and environmental burdens for most households. According to the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC), phantom loads in America accumulate to a cost of \$19 billion each year. Ultimately, each American household spends approximately \$200 annually on phantom loads, as determined by Citizens Utility Board, a nonprofit/nonpartisan advocacy organization created by the Illinois General Assembly.

Most phantom load energy is used by devices with remote controls, indicator lights, motion sensors or timers, like a gaming system control box with a small light or a microwave with a clock. Remote-controlled systems, chargers, printers, DVR systems and kitchen appliances are likely phantom-load contributors, inflating energy bills and greenhouse gas emissions even when not powered on. According to Columbia Climate School Dean Alexis Abramson, phantom load electricity makes-up around five to 10 percent of all home energy use.

There are ways to prevent phantom loads, like unplugging electronic devices when not in use. After a computer, phone, tablet or digital watch has reached full battery, remove idle chargers from outlets. Also, households can invest in a variety of items to more easily control phantom loads. Single-switch power strips allow users to conserve energy by turning off multiple devices in one motion. Larger appliances such as microwaves, toasters and ovens contribute to a phantom load because they have timers, clocks, screens and indicator lights that keep functioning when the appliance is off. When shopping, look for Energy Star appliances, which are designed to limit phantom loads and promote energy efficiency.

Unplugging personal electronic devices is a straightforward undertaking by each individual, but it yields a large cumulative impact. Jonathan Gilligan, an environmental science professor at Vanderbilt University, explains that unplugging devices could help reduce U.S. emissions by 20 percent, which is about 450 tons of carbon dioxide. "If people see that other people are doing actions to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, they want to do that," says Gilligan. Unplugging unused devices and chargers or investing in an energy-efficient power strip and appliance is an effective way to lower the cost of energy bills, reduce carbon emissions, and even encourage each other to create a healthy environment.



**Leaving devices plugged in when not in use can tax the power grid beyond capacity.** Credit: Roddy Scheer

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**Johnson begins new job at Northern Electric**  
 Landon Johnson has joined the crew at Northern Electric on March 16. Johnson has five years of experience as a journeyman lineman at Groton. Prior to that, he worked as a traveling lineman for several years. A Groton local, Johnson loves to hunt, fish, and spend time with his family. He was hired after Kenny Swanson, Redfield Foreman, retired.

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