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Jungle Lanes earns USBC Gold Tier certification

Groton's Jungle Lanes has earned a Gold Tier certification from the United States Bowling Congress (USBC), an achievement that recognizes the quality and condition of its bowling lanes.

The certification came after a recent inspection by the USBC, the governing body that sanctions leagues and tournaments across the country. During the inspection, officials evaluated the lanes for levelness, dimensions, surface condition and overall compliance with USBC standards.

Owned by Tim Janusz, Jungle Lanes received a score of 90.7 percent, placing the bowling center in the organization's Gold Tier category.

"It's just a good sign of how the lanes are holding up over time and are still good," said Jason Schaunaman, who helps oversee league and tournament operations at Jungle Lanes. "When we host tournaments and things, bowlers that come in know they're going to be on lanes that are of high quality and not going to be causing damage to their bowling equipment."

Janusz said the inspector, who has evaluated bowling centers across the country for 18 years, was especially impressed with Jungle Lanes' original hardwood lanes.

"He said if anybody ever complains about our lanes, tell them to stuff it," Janusz said with a laugh. "He said these are like the top five lanes he's ever done."

The inspection process has recently changed from every three years to every five years. Rather than simply passing or failing, bowling centers are now placed into Gold, Silver or Bronze tiers based on their scores.

Despite the age of the lanes, Jungle Lanes actually improved its score by approximately four percentage points compared to its previous inspection.

"Older wood lanes, even with another three or four years of wear and tear on them, actually didn't get any worse," Schaunaman said. "Maybe they got a little bit better when it comes to the ratings. It's a good testament to how well the lanes have been cared for from previous owners all the way to the current owners."

One of the factors that makes Jungle Lanes unique is that it still features its original hardwood lanes. While many bowling centers have converted to synthetic surfaces, the Groton facility has maintained its wood lanes through consistent care and maintenance.

Maintaining those wood lanes requires regular cleaning and oiling to protect both the lane surface and bowlers' equipment. In addition, the lanes must periodically be sanded and resurfaced to restore the finish and repair normal wear.

"It's basically like a wood table or a wood fence," Schaunaman explained. "Every so often you have to take the finish off, do any filling that's needed and put a new finish back on."

That maintenance is already scheduled for later this summer. A lane resurfacing project is planned for August, helping ensure the lanes continue to meet the high standards that earned the Gold Tier designation.

For Janusz, owning a bowling center was never part of the original retirement plan.

After retiring from 3M, he and his wife, Donna, helped operate the snack shop at Village Bowl in Aberdeen while their daughter, Jillian Janusz Schaunaman, managed the bar there. When Jungle Lanes became available for purchase, Jillian encouraged her parents to consider buying it.

"We ended up cutting a deal with Sam and Dion Bahr, and we ended up buying this place," Janusz said.

Today, the business remains a family operation. Tim primarily works during the day, Donna helps during the lunch hours, and Jillian manages many of the evening operations, while her husband, Jason, oversees league and tournament bowling.

Although Janusz admitted he knew virtually nothing about bowling mechanics when they purchased the business, he has learned to repair the aging pinsetters himself through online videos, trial and error, and plenty of patience.

"I knew nothing about bowling at all," he said. "Now I can fix most of the stuff on it."

That learning process hasn't come without a few battle scars.

"I've gone through about 15 pairs of jeans since I bought this place," Janusz joked, recalling one incident in which a machine narrowly missed taking off part of his finger.

The Gold Tier designation reflects the ongoing commitment of the Janusz family to preserving one of the area's few remaining traditional wood-lane bowling centers. With the certification complete, Jungle Lanes will remain on the USBC's five-year inspection cycle before its next official evaluation.



Tim Janusz is pictured behind the bowling lanes with the equipment that make bowling possible.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Korbin Kucker and Teylor Diegel were helping with the patching of the city streets this week. The patching process is expected to be completed today.



Work continues on the 10-unit garage in downtown Groton. The rebar was laid down last week and is now awaiting the concrete.

Busy week sees Groton baseball teams combine for six victories

It was another busy week on the diamond for Groton baseball, with the Junior Legion, Senior Legion, 14U Legion and Locke Electric amateur teams all in action.

The Groton Post 39 Junior Legion picked up a dramatic walk-off victory, the Senior Legion finished 2-2 against quality competition, the 14U squad won three of six games while scoring 60 runs, and the Locke Electric amateurs dropped their lone contest of the week.

Groton Junior Legion

The Junior Legion needed every bit of seven innings Wednesday night before earning one of its most exciting wins of the season.

Groton rallied from a two-run deficit in its final at-bat to defeat Clark Area 4-3 in walk-off fashion.

Clark Area broke a scoreless game with three runs in the sixth inning, using a walk by Charlie Luvaas, an RBI single by Isaac Johnson and another bases-loaded walk to take a 3-1 advantage.

Groton refused to quit.

The Post 39 squad capitalized on two Clark Area errors in the bottom of the seventh, scoring three times to complete the comeback and send the home crowd home celebrating.

Alex Abeln was dominant before the sixth inning rally. The right-hander surrendered just one hit over five scoreless innings while striking out nine and walking two to earn the victory. Wesley Borg closed the door to record the save.

At the plate, T.C. Schuster paced Groton by going 3-for-4, while Lincoln Shilhanek drove in two runs. Kason Oswald anchored an error-free defensive effort with 12 chances at first base as Groton did not commit an error.

Groton Senior Legion

The Senior Legion squad posted a 2-2 week, beginning with an impressive comeback victory over Clark/Willow Lake before competing against strong Minnesota competition at the Rock Tournament in Madison.

Groton opened the week with an 8-4 victory over C/WL Legion.

After falling behind early, Groton erupted for six runs during the fifth inning to seize control of the game. Tristin McGannon delivered the biggest hit of the rally, lining a full-count single that plated two runs.

Karsten Fliehs went the distance on the mound, allowing seven hits and four runs—only three earned—while striking out two and walking one.

Alex Abeln and Fliehs each finished with two hits. Abeln also drove in two runs, while Jordan Schwan drew two walks as Groton showed patience at the plate, finishing with seven free passes.

The Post 39 squad then traveled to Madison for the Rock Tournament, opening Friday against Hayfield, Minnesota.

Hayfield built an early lead and went on to claim a 9-0 victory.

Jarrett Erdmann deserved a better fate, striking out eight over 4 1/3 innings while allowing only five hits. Six of Hayfield’s runs were scored, but only two were earned because of defensive miscues.

Alex Abeln recorded Groton’s lone hit, while Carter Simon and Braeden Fliehs each worked two walks as Groton drew seven free passes despite being limited offensively.

Groton bounced back Saturday morning with one of its best all-around performances of the weekend, defeating West Central Legion 4-2.

Gavin Englund supplied the biggest swing of the game, launching a two-run home run to left field in the third inning.

West Central answered to tie the contest before Groton regained control.

Englund also earned the victory on the mound, working six innings while striking out eight. Groton pounded out 10 hits, with Jarrett Erdmann and Kason Oswald each collecting two hits. Englund finished with two RBIs, and the defense turned a key double play.

The tournament concluded with a 15-2 loss to Beresford Area Post 72.

Beresford collected 14 hits and built a large early lead before Gavin Englund connected on a two-run homer in the fourth inning to account for Groton’s scoring. Carter Simon added a 2-for-3 performance at the plate.

Groton Post 39 14U

The 14U club continued to display one of the area’s most explosive offenses, winning three of six games during the week while scoring 60 runs.

Groton opened Thursday with an 18-5 victory over Redfield behind a monster performance from Bentley Ehresmann.

Ehresmann drove in six runs while collecting four hits, including a bases-clearing double during a five-run third inning. He later added RBI singles in both the second and fifth innings.

The bottom of Groton’s lineup also came through as Ehresmann, Hank Hill and Mason Locke combined for six hits and eight RBIs.

Keegan Kucker highlighted an eight-run fifth inning with a two-run double, while Trayce Schelle, Easton Larson and Mason Locke each drove in runs during the decisive rally.

Kyson Kucker earned the victory with four innings of relief, striking out seven. Mason Locke collected two hits, Tucker Leicht walked three times, and Groton drew 12 walks while playing error-free defense.

Later Thursday, Groton completed a sweep of Redfield with a 7-2 victory.

After falling behind 2-1 in the opening inning, Groton answered behind a balanced offense that produced 12 hits.

Mason Locke enjoyed a perfect 4-for-4 day, Gavin Hanten drove in three runs while going 2-for-3, and Trayce Schelle added two hits and two stolen bases.

Graham Rose turned in an outstanding performance on the mound, allowing only two hits and two runs over five innings while striking out six. Once again, Groton played flawless defense.

The team then headed to Aberdeen for the Vern Jark Tournament.

Groton opened tournament play with a 10-7 victory over Bismarck after overcoming a 3-0 first-inning deficit.

Post 39 answered immediately with five runs in the bottom of the first before Gavin Hanten’s two-run double and an RBI ground-out by Bentley Ehresmann stretched the lead in the second.

Tucker Leicht earned the victory, Easton Larson recorded the save, and Tucker Leicht and Asher Zimmerman each had two hits.

Groton remained aggressive on the bases, stealing eight bases while drawing nine walks.

Brookings spoiled Groton’s second game despite outstanding offensive performances from Asher Zimmerman and Mason Locke.

Zimmerman went a perfect 3-for-3 while Mason Locke also collected three hits as Groton totaled 10 hits in an 18-8 loss. Tucker Leicht added two stolen bases.

Groton wrapped up tournament play Sunday with a 10-0 loss to Aberdeen 13U.

Mason Locke again led the offense with two hits, while Trayce Schelle struck out five on the mound. Groton turned a double play and committed no errors despite the loss.

Groton Locke Electric

The Groton Locke Electric amateur team was limited offensively Sunday in a 10-0 setback at Redfield Dairy Queen.

Redfield scored three runs in the opening inning before adding three more in the third and four in the sixth to secure the victory.

Wyatt Locke worked six innings on the mound for Groton, striking out four.

Ryan Groeblichhoff, Carlos Camacho and Ty Sieber each recorded one hit for Groton, while Redfield finished with 12 hits and played error-free baseball.

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July 14, 2026 • 2:00 PM (CDT) | July 16, 2026 • 7:00 PM (CDT)
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Wednesday, July 1

Senior Meal: Beef hot dog on a bun, potato salad, baked beans, all American Apple Pie Bars

Chamber meeting, noon, at City Hall

Groton Legion hosts Lake Norden, 6 p.m.

U12 Baseball at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

U12 Softball (W&G) hosts Webster, 7 p.m. (DH)

U10 Softball (W&G) hosts Webster, 6 p.m. (DH)

U8 Softball (G&B) hosts Webster, 5:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle, 5 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, July 2

Senior Meal: Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread.

U12 Baseball hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (DH), Nelson Field

U10 Baseball (W&R) hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. Falk Field (DH)

U8 Baseball (red), at Clark, 5:30 p.m., (DH)

U8 Baseball (blue), at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.

Friday, July 3

Saturday, July 4

Firecracker Tournament at Olive Grove Golf Course, 10 a.m.

Sunday, July 5

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John's at 9 a.m., at Zion at 11 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.; 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, July 6

Senior Meal: Chef salad with deli ham, tomatoes and cucumbers, fruited Jell-O.

Groton Legion at Sisseton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

Groton 14U Legion at Webster, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

U12 Baseball at Webster, 5:30 p.m., (DH)

U12 Softball (G&B) hosts Sisseton, 6 p.m. (DH)

BBB Open Gym, 6 p.m., Arena

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 7

Senior Meal: Sloppy Joe on bun, baked potato, baked beans, fruit.

Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall

Groton Legion hosts Aberdeen Smitty's, 5:30 p.m.

Groton 14U Legion at Clark, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

U18 Baseball (blue) at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

U14 Softball at Mellette, 5:30 p.m.

U10 Softball hosts Webster, 6 p.m. (DH)

T-Ball: at Columbia, 5:30 p.m.

Tiger Skills Workouts, 7:30 a.m., Arena

JVT Practice, 6 p.m., Arena

United Methodist Bible study, 10 a.m.

Olive Grove: Ladies Bridge/noon League, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 8

Senior Meal: Chicken alfredo, tossed salad, broccoli, fruit, breadstick

Legion Auxiliary Salad Buffet & Dessert Bar, 11 a.m., Groton Legion

Groton Junior Legion hosts Aberdeen Smitty's, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

U12 Baseball hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

U8 Baseball (red) hosts Claremont, 6:30 p.m.

U12 Softball (B&W) at Faulkton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

TBall: hosts Claremont, 5:30 p.m., Nelson Field

JVT Practice, 6 p.m., Arena

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



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Groton C&MA: Kid's Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Olive Grove: Men's League 3:30-9 pm

Thursday, July 9

Senior Meal: BBQ pulled pork with mac 'n cheese, cucumber salad, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Story Time, 10 a.m., Wage Memorial Library

Lions Club Meeting, 6 p.m., 104 N Main

Groton Legion at Rotary Tourney in Clark

U10 Baseball (B&W) hosts Ipswich, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

Tiger Skills Workouts, 7:30 a.m., Arena



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Every NFL offseason brings optimism. Every fanbase convinces itself the rookies will hit, the free agents will work out, and this is finally the year everything comes together. But before the season starts and hope takes over, it's worth taking a hard look at the roster as it actually exists today.

Over the next ten weeks, we'll break down every position group on the Vikings' roster and rank them from the group I have the most confidence in to the one I trust the least entering the 2026 season. We'll look at the projected starters, depth pieces, offseason additions, and biggest questions each group faces.

So far we've covered the WR, TE, and RB groups. I didn't expect the offense to dominate the list so far, but it makes sense... There hasn't been much turnover at these spots, and for the most part, the starters are basically set. We know what we're going to get with these groups, leading to high confidence levels.

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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The offensive theme continues this week with number 7 on the list: offensive line.
Confidence level: 86%
Current projected starters: Christian Darrisaw, Donovan Jackson, Blake Brandel, Will Fries, Brian O'Neill

Competing for a roster or practice squad spot: Henry Byrd, Gavin Gerhardt, Joe Huber, Michael Jurgens, Vershon Lee, Tristan Leigh, Delby Lemieux, Tomas Rimal, Walter Rouse, Caleb Tiernan, and Ryan Van Demark.

Why I'm confident: The Vikings will have (basically) the same starting five from last season, and no position in football relies on continuity more than the offensive line. That alone instills a certain level of confidence. The only change is at center, with Blake Brandel moving to the starting center role after Ryan Kelly retired this offseason. However, this will be year six for Brandel, who started nine games last season, so there is plenty of familiarity.

Aside from continuity, the Vikings' offensive line is made up of some fantastic players. Darrisaw is an elite left tackle. Brian O'Neill is a Pro Bowl caliber right tackle. Donovan Jackson was a first round pick and is entering year two. Will Fries was a high-priced free agent signing a year ago. Brandel was asked to switch to center in the middle of last season, so theoretically he should perform better with more experience at the position.

Cause for concern: Injuries. Darrisaw is entering year six and has yet to play a full season, missing 17 games in the last two seasons alone. Both Jackson and O'Neill missed three games last season. Ironically, despite a gruesome leg injury in 2024, Fries was the only Vikings' offensive lineman to start all 17 games last season.

The center position is also a question mark. I think Brandel is a great depth piece, but I'm not sold on him as a starter in the NFL. Even going back to college, where he played tackle, he lacked the necessary strength to handle bull rushers. Now he'll be asked to go against defensive nose tackles every single play...

Depth is also a cause for concern. One of the few free agent signings this past offseason was Ryan Van Demark, who will be the team's swing tackle. Caleb Tiernan was a third-round pick who will likely be the backup guard. After that the water gets murky, which is worrisome considering the Vikings' injury woes.

Potential upgrades: Unfortunately, there aren't any centers available who would be an upgrade over Brandel. There are, however, some solid veterans available at tackle (Taylor Decker, Jack Conklin, and former Viking Cam Robinson), and guard (Mekhi Becton, Kevin Zeitler, and James Daniels).

If the offensive line is healthy, they have a chance to be one of the best units in the NFL. That's a big IF though.

— King Crossword —
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- Daughter of Muhammad
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JUNE 23, 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 Dinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jordan McQuillen, Aberdeen City Finance Officer informed the Commission that they passed a Resolution at the Aberdeen City Council meeting on Monday, June 22, 2026 to dissolve TIF #8, which was created through the Aberdeen Development Corporation for the Molded Fiberglass business.

BID OPENING – 4x4 CHASSIS OR FLATBED TRUCK: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider bids for 4x4 Chassis or Flatbed Truck for the Brown County Weed & Pest Department. No bids were received, Chris Hemen, Weed & Pest Supervisor suggested he could go to local dealers to see if they would match the State Bid or go through the bid process again and notify local dealers. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to rebid for the 4x4 Chassis or Flatbed Truck. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chris Hemen, Weed & Pest Supervisor gave Commission a Department Update: Seasonal Person starting on Monday; they are behind on the right-of-ways but did the school lands yesterday and have done some other private jobs; had a good 6 days thus far.

RICHMOND DAM UPDATE: Jordon Menken with SD Game, Fish & Parks shared with the Commission that the Richmond Lake Campground has still been at 75% occupancy. Disc Golf is still operational, and construction isn't impacting that area. They are working on Community Projects to clean-up the shorelines and around boat ramps. Canoes and Kayaks are still okay to use on the lake but no boats. Fishing regulations are still effective. The water level is where it should be for the remainder of the project. Julie Johnson thanked the Commission for having Jordon speak today.

Chairman Sutton shared the following information from Commissioner Greenfield: progress continues on the Richmond Lake Project. The contractor continues to monitor and manage water levels in Foote Creek and downstream. The water level in the lake is back down to roughly the level it was at prior to the inundation from flooding in Leola area a few weeks ago. Bauer is mobilizing and will begin a test section next Tuesday. Commissioner Greenfield had received a message from a local resident concerning the detour and an area of the road that had broken up. They noticed three isolated areas where there were breakups, but they were near the side of the road didn't appear to be problematic. There was some discussion about signage regarding detours. Dirk (Highway Superintendent) has communicated why signage is where it is and why it is absent in other places; he has clearly thought through the placement of signs. SFC is going to install detour detail signs on barricades with the approved Traffic Control Plan. There are still concerns about the public accessing the site, so Chairman Sutton stated for people to keep their distance from the construction site.

Commissioner Dinger stated that the residents at Richmond Lake are Thankful for the efforts the County has done on the detour. Jordon also shared that several people have commented they like the detour and it's quicker than previous routes so may use it more often.

CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR LANDFILL CELL #5 WITH MIDLAND CONTRACTING: Leif Redinger with Helms Engineering and Mike Scott, Landfill Manager, gave an overview of the progress on Landfill Cell #5 and explained the reasons for the Change Order in the amount of \$52,258.53. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Change Order #1 for \$52,258.53 bringing the new total to \$2,576,783.60. All

members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS PERMITS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Fireworks Permit for Northern Plains Baptist Church to do a Private Outdoor Display on June 26, 2026 at the Richmond Lake Youth Camp for Bible Camp attendees. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Fireworks Permit for Bellino Fireworks to do an Aerial Show at the Brown County Speedway on July 3, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Claims: Professional Fees: Dakota Group LLC \$2,500.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$1,721.80; East River Psychological Services, PLLC \$2,500.00; Election Systems & Software \$248.80; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$408.00; Mark Katterhagen \$48.00; Sanford Clinic \$657.87; Sanford Health \$783.00; SD Dept of Health \$2,450.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$4,406.95; Valerie Larson \$48.00; US Bank \$606.09. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$145.74; McQuillen Creative Group \$451.22; US Bank \$571.10. Repairs & Maintenance: Best Western Ramkota Hotel – Aberdeen \$300.00; House of Glass \$318.83; Sherwin Williams \$146.35; Titan Machinery \$690.29; US Bank \$887.60. Supplies & Materials: Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$1,574.40; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$1,736.31; Bob Barker Company Inc \$492.46; Century Business Products \$84.51; Cole Paper Inc \$594.78; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$7.14; Marco Technologies, LLC \$8.03; Menards \$215.24; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$634.18; Rowe Electronics, Inc \$273.43; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$69.99; US Postmaster \$195.43; Van Diest Supply Company \$2,729.60; US Bank \$9,533.25. Travel & Conference: Carrie Weisenberger \$53.10; Dale Kurth \$173.55; David North \$162.69; Dennis Feickert \$18.85; James Meyers \$32.64; Joel Wiedebush \$47.85; Landon Ellingson \$50.75; Neil Bittner \$19.00; Paul Johnson \$143.10; Scott Kolb \$19.00; Stan Beckler \$28.26; Troy Knecht \$55.10; US Bank \$1,357.91. Utilities: T-Mobile USA Inc \$2,419.20; US Bank \$5,337.95. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

- o Employment ending for Linn Kamin as Brown County Deputy Sheriff, FT; effective June 10, 2026. Request to fill.
- o Return of Spencer Hundstad as Brown County Fairgrounds Seasonal Worker, starting wage \$15.25/hr.; effective June 15, 2026.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Travel Requests: Erin Spencer, Sheriff's Office to attend Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Training; Commissioner Wiese to attend Northwestern Energy Summit. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCES – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING:

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize publication for the first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held on July 14, 2026 in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #328, applicant Stanley & Carol Gage 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 future use. Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Zemlicka Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 12-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (12541 388th Avenue; Lincoln 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. 328.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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amend an Existing Ordinance. Jurisdiction – Amendment to Title 5 Subdivision Regulations of Brown County, with Chapter 5.0102 – Jurisdiction; all adopted by Ordinance #330, as amended in Title 5 Subdivision Regulations of Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHIRLEY LARSON FIRST ADDITION PLAT:

RESOLUTION #2026-26

Commissioner Gage brought the following Resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "SHIRLEY LARSON FIRST ADDITION" in the SE ¼ of Section 23-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Dinger. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

ZEMLICKA OUTLOT PLAT RESOLUTION #2026-27

Commissioner Dennert brought the following Resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "ZEMLICKA OUTLOT" in the NE ¼ of Section 12-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3 and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Dinger. The motion passed with 4 votes; Commissioner Gage abstained due to being related to the owners. Resolution adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:26 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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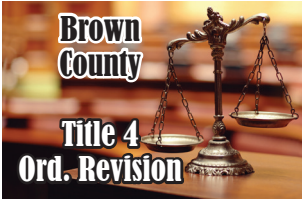
An application has been made by Stanley & Carol Gage to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on July 14, 2026 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use.

Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Zemlicka Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 12-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (12541 388th Avenue; Lincoln 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. 328.

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NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AMENDING TITLE 4 ZONING ORDINANCES OF BROWN COUNTY

A public hearing will be held before the Brown County Commission on the 14th day of July 2026 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota to consider amending Title 4 Zoning of Brown County with Chapter 4.02 – Jurisdictions:

TITLE 4 ZONING CHAPTER 4.02 JURISDICTION

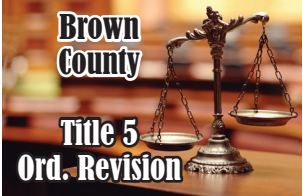
4.0201 Jurisdiction. The provisions of Title 4 shall apply

within the unincorporated area of Brown County, South Dakota, (excluding including areas of joint jurisdiction being, one (1) mile outside of Groton city limit boundary line, one (1) mile outside of Hecla city limit boundary line, one-half (1/2) mile outside of Frederick city limit boundary line, and one and one-half (1 1/2) miles of Warner City limits; and also including the incorporated communities of Claremont, Columbia, Verdon and Stratford, as established on the map entitled "The Official Zoning Map of Brown County, South Dakota".

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding any one of or all of the amendments to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to Title 4-Zoning, Chapter 4.02, Jurisdiction, Paragraph 4.0201. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of such Ordinance No. 329.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AMENDING TITLE 5 SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS ORDINANCES OF BROWN COUNTY

A public hearing will be held before the Brown County Commission on the 14th day of July 2026 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota to consider amending Title 5 Second Revision Brown County Ordinances – Subdivision Regulations, as amended and adopted on December 23, 2014.

TITLE 5 SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

CHAPTER 5.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS

5.0102 Jurisdiction. These regulations shall apply within the unincorporated areas of Brown County, South Dakota, and including the incorporated municipalities of Claremont, Columbia, Verdon and Stratford yet excluding and including areas of joint jurisdiction with Frederick (1/2 mile outside city limit boundary line), Groton (1 mile outside city limit boundary line), and Hecla (1 mile outside city limit boundary line) and Warner (1 ½ mile). (Ordinance 087 amendment)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding any one of or all of the amendments to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to Title 5-Subdivision Regulations, Chapter 5.01, Paragraph 5.0102. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of such Ordinance No. 330.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the Governor Runoff Election to be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, will close on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the Brown County Auditor's Office at 605-626-7110.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the Brown County Auditor's Office to request a mail-in

registration form or access a mail-in form at www.sdsos.gov or at <https://www.brown.sd.us/departments/auditors/elections>

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration.

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NOTICE TO AUTO DEALERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, 25 Market St., Aberdeen, SD 57401 until 8:45 A.M. on July 14, 2026. At that time and place, all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for furnishing and delivery of a 4 x 4 Chassis Truck or Flatbed for Weed & Pest. Delivery shall be made F.O.B. to Brown County.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Bids are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid on 4 x 4 Truck for Weed & Pest" to be opened on July 14, 2026.

Price and quality are the determining factors in awarding contracts. In determining the successful bidder, the lowest or most advantageous price upon grade, quality, or quantity and general conditions specified, shall be the determining factors.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids which 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 are on file and may be obtained at no charge in the Brown County Auditor's Office, and the Brown County Weed & Pest Department, or can be found on the following websites: brown.sd.us or publicpurchase.com.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Notice of Surplus Property

The Groton City Council has declared the following items as surplus property: 2007 Ford F550 Bucket Truck. Bids will be accepted at Groton City Hall, 120 N Main Street or mailed to PO Box 587. Bids are due by July 21, 2026, by 5:00pm and will be opened that same evening during the regular council meeting at 7:00pm. Please call 605-397-8422 with any questions. The City Council reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

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June 9, 2026

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met on June 9, 2026, at 8:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Spencer called the meeting to order with Trustees Thompson and Rasmussen present. Also present was Brad Jones.

Rasmussen made a motion to accept the bills and, on a second by Thompson, they were approved.

General

Bobcat, Mower blades, \$99.66; NWE, Street lights, \$565.72; NWE, City Hall, \$83.63; GDI, Publishing, \$18.95; Jason Spencer, Trustee, \$831.15; JVT, Phone, internet, Sphone, \$150.69; Frank Rasmussen, Trustee, \$831.15; Bob Thompson, Trustee, \$831.15; Post Office, Postage, \$78.00; Charla Rye, Wage, \$500.00; Jason Spencer, 6 hrs, \$132.98; George Logan, Patch holes, chipseal, \$5,700.00; Don Vandervorst, 15 hrs, \$219.16; Missi Smith, Mowing 19.5 hrs, \$264.28

WSSW:

DPC, Sewer call/inspection, Replace fog rod, \$2,408.17; BDM, Water purchased, \$982.40; SD Dept. of Health, Water sample, \$20.00; NWE, Water power, \$90.79; NWE, Sewer lift, \$182.20; NWE, Storm sewer, \$34.33; DANR, Annual Envir. fee, \$60.00; Melinda Spencer, 13 hrs/ water, \$192.08; USDA Rural Development, Water loan, \$576.00.

Jason made a motion to appoint Brad Jones to the position of trustee being vacated by Bob Thompson. Rasmussen seconded that motion. Motion accepted.

Frank made a motion to approve the repairs needed at the lagoon. Motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Spencer / Charla Rye, F.O.

Town of Claremont

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NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on July 13, 2026, at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 9, Section 9.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Terry Larson to build a handicap ramp within 26 feet of the east lot line in a Residential (R-1) District located at 1106 N 1st Street, Groton, SD, legally described as Lot 3-4, Block 8, Randalls Addition, Groton, SD.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this variance may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

Doug Heinrich
Zoning Administrator

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There is a common saying in public health: "Everything is public health." That is because public health touches nearly every aspect of our daily lives. It is the clean water we drink, the air we breathe, the safety of the food we eat and the environments where we live, work, learn and play. These conditions do not happen by accident; they are shaped by policies, systems and collective investments. Much like public education, public health reflects a shared commitment to creating the conditions where all people have the opportunity to thrive.

Public health is your local school nurse caring for children, your extension agent helping families and farmers, your WIC dietitian supporting healthy pregnancies and babies and your food inspector ensuring meals are safe to eat. Public health is as dynamic as the communities it serves. As communities change, public health must adapt to meet new challenges, respond to emerging threats and address evolving needs.

Yet we are facing a troubling reality. For the first time in generations, today's children are not on track to live as long as their parents. One reason for this is that public investment in health has not kept pace with the growing challenges facing our communities. We have seen significant disinvestment in public health infrastructure, prevention programs and community-based services. These decisions have consequences. When we underinvest in public health, we increase the risk of chronic disease, infectious disease outbreaks, preventable deaths, higher health care costs and reduced quality of life.

In South Dakota, nonprofit organizations, faith communities, health systems and private businesses often step in to fill gaps and support community well-being. Their contributions are essential. However, preparing for large-scale challenges such as natural disasters, emerging infectious diseases and public health emergencies requires coordinated local, state and federal systems. The COVID-19 pandemic reminded

us that diseases do not recognize city, county, state or national borders. Maintaining strong public health infrastructure requires ongoing investment so communities can respond quickly and effectively when threats emerge.

Public health works best when science and community experience inform one another. The most effective solutions are rarely simple, and they are seldom captured in a single headline or sound bite. They emerge when community members, health professionals, policymakers, businesses and local leaders work together to understand problems and develop practical, evidence-based solutions.

The South Dakota Public Health Association (SDPHA) serves as a trusted source of public health information, and our role goes beyond sharing data and research. We want to help elevate the stories, challenges and successes happening in communities across South Dakota.

Is your community struggling to access healthy food? Are you concerned about air quality, housing, transportation or other factors affecting health? Have local residents come together to solve a problem in an innovative way? Policy makers and community leaders want to hear those stories.

Public health is strongest when it reflects the experiences of the people it serves. Now is

the time to share your stories of challenges and successes in your communities. SDPHA can help amplify community voices, share promising solutions and connect local experiences to state and local decision-makers.

Together, we can build healthier, stronger and more resilient communities. We invite you to share your challenges, successes and ideas so that we can learn from one another and create solutions that work for all South Dakotans.

Jennifer Foliard, MPH, RD, is the founder and principal consultant at Health + Nutrition First and lead of the rapid response team for South Dakota Public Health Association. She is a registered dietitian with expertise in public health systems and policies. Jenn received her Bachelor of Science in human nutrition and food/nutrition in business from Purdue University and her Master of Public Health, focused on public health policy and systems of care, from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In her previous position as the maternal child health director for the South Dakota Department of Health, Jenn worked with multi-sector partners to develop and advance priorities that would improve the health of South Dakota families. Before moving to South Dakota, she worked in Washington, D.C., for 10 years, conducting state and federal policy research and advocating for these policies to build effective public health systems.

DenYelle Baete Kenyon, Ph.D., holds several positions, including legislative chair of the South Dakota Public Health Association; University of South Dakota associate dean of Community Health & Engagement and Master of Public Health Program director; and professor of pediatrics at the Sanford School of Medicine. She received her B.S. in family social science from the University of Minnesota and went on to receive a Ph.D. in family studies and human development from the University of Arizona. DenYelle worked at Sanford Research for 11 years as a public health researcher, focusing on teen pregnancy/STI prevention, undergraduate research training, and helping lead the Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health. At USD for the past seven years, DenYelle leads community health and engagement efforts for the medical school and the Master of Public Health program, where she is fortunate to work with teams on increasing underrepresented students in health care careers and training future medical and public health practitioners on achieving health equity. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Tik Tok. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm on SDBP, YouTube and streaming on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDBP, Sundays at 6am and 1pm).



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