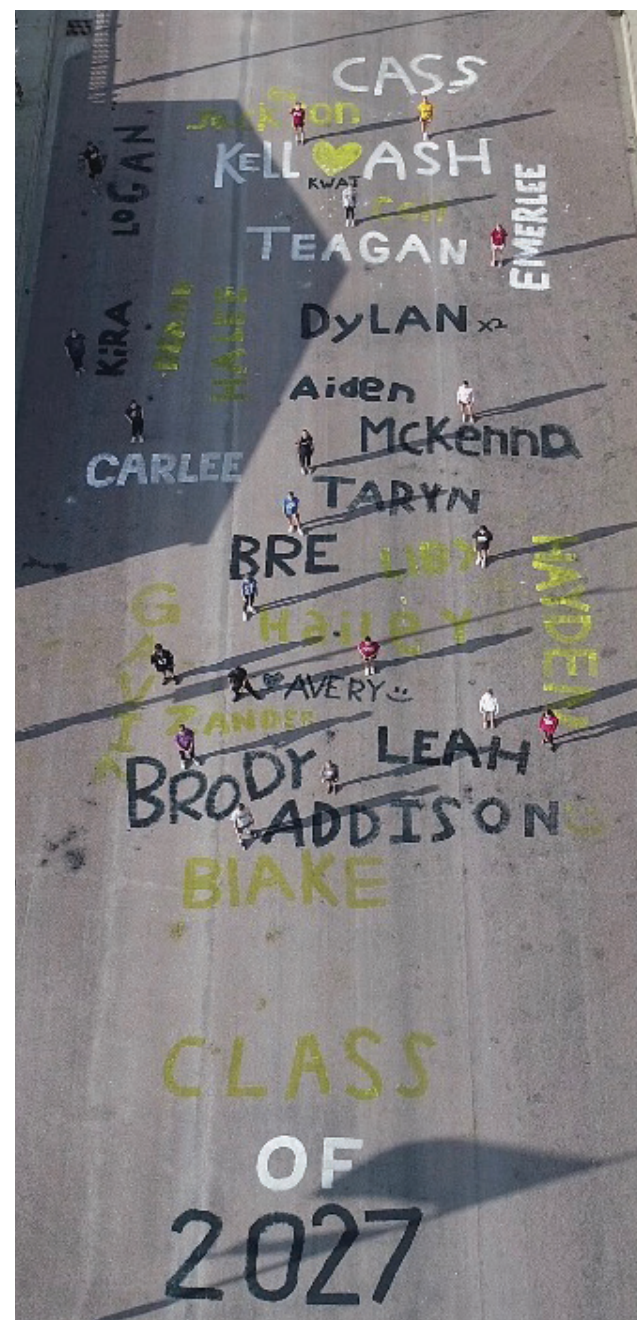


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Legion building gets new signs



The facade for the Groton American Legion was done Sunday with the new sign installed. Bottom left photo features Brent Wienk and Ben Smith assisting with some of the work. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Members of the senior class painted on Groton's Main Street for homecoming week. However, the very next morning a heavy rain came and washed it all away. The seniors are standing by their names. Jessie Anderson's drone was used for the photo.

Cole Holmes is middle school teacher

by Dorene Nelson

When Groton still needed a middle school teacher, Cole Anthony Holmes applied and was hired. He and his wife, also an educator, live in Aberdeen. Holmes teaches seventh and eighth grade language arts and eighth grade social studies.

"I graduated from Aberdeen Central High School followed by getting my Bachelor's Degree at Northern State University," Holmes explained. "My first teaching job was being a substitute teacher in Aberdeen."

"My wife is also an educator, teaching art at Mike Miller Elementary School and Lincoln Elementary School, both in Aberdeen," he said.

"I feel 'called' to become a teacher," Holmes explained. "I met a Groton teacher at the Brown County Fair. As we visited, I discovered that Groton still needed an English teacher."

"I feel as if this chance meeting was supposed to happen since I wanted a full time teaching position," he explained. "I applied here as a long term sub and was immediately hired!"



Cole Anthony Holmes

Kucker gets his first archery buck

Korbin Kucker had a big adrenaline rush after shooting his first archery buck over the weekend. His big prize was featured on the "South Dakota BIG Bucks" facebook page.



Golfers qualify for state leads this week’s sports recap

Groton Area athletic teams were busy over the past week, with the volleyball team putting together back-to-back sweeps, the soccer teams facing Dakota Valley and West Central, two golfers qualifying for the state tournament, and Tiger athletes competing in cross country.

Golf

Groton Area golfers competed in the Sisseton Invitational before Jace Johnson and Liam Johnson earned individual berths in the Class A State Boys Golf Tournament at the Region 3A meet.

At the Sisseton Invitational at Valley View Country Club, Groton placed fourth with a team score of 393.

Aberdeen Roncalli won the team championship with a 313. Sisseton JV was second at 371, while Sisseton finished third at 391, just two strokes ahead of Groton.

Jace Johnson led the Tigers with a 92 to place 10th overall. Johnson shot 48 on the front nine before improving to a 44 on the back.

Bentley Ehresmann placed 16th with a 99, shooting rounds of 52 and 47.

Haden Harder and Liam Johnson each finished at 101. Harder placed 18th after rounds of 52 and 49, while Johnson was 19th with a 49 and 52.

Graham Rose placed 23rd with a 105, while Easton Larson was 24th at 106.

Aberdeen Roncalli’s Harper Schnabel earned medalist honors with a one-over-par 73.

Groton then traveled to Lakeview Golf Course for the Region 3A tournament, where Jace Johnson and Liam Johnson punched their tickets to the state tournament. The Class A State Boys Golf Tournament will be played Monday and Tuesday in Mitchell.

Jace Johnson led Groton Area with an 85, finishing 12th overall. Johnson went out in 41 and came home in 44 on the par-72 course. He recorded pars on holes three, four, eight and nine on the front nine and added pars on Nos. 10, 14, 15 and 17 on the back.

Liam Johnson earned Groton’s other state berth with a 91, placing 22nd. He carded a 43 on the front nine and a 48 on the back, recording pars on Nos. 2, 6, 8, 9, 13 and 15.

Harder was next for the Tigers, finishing 24th with a 95. He shot a 45 on the front nine and 50 on the back.

Rose and Ehresmann each finished with rounds of 107. Rose shot 53-54, while Ehresmann posted a 49 on the opening nine before finishing with a 58.

Groton Area placed sixth in the team standings with a score of 378. Aberdeen Roncalli captured the regional team title with a 306, followed by Winner at 308, Parkston at 330, Chamberlain at 353 and Redfield at 376. Todd County finished seventh at 407.

Schnabel earned regional medalist honors with a four-under-par 68. Chamberlain’s Chase McQuirk was second with a 71, while Parkston’s Landon Weber placed third with a 74.

Jace and Liam Johnson will now represent Groton Area at the state tournament Monday and Tuesday in Mitchell.

Volleyball

Groton Area’s volleyball team put together one of its strongest stretches of the season, sweeping Mobridge-Pollock and Langford Area on consecutive nights to climb back to the .500 mark at 8-8.

The Tigers opened the two-night stretch Thursday with a 25-17, 25-21, 25-20 victory over Mobridge-Pollock.

Groton Area coach Chelsea Hanson was pleased with the balanced attack. Chesney Weber had 10 kills, four ace serves, an assisted block and 26 assists, while Kella Tracy led the Tigers with 11 kills. Tevan Hanson added nine kills, an assisted block and 13 digs.

McKenna Krause contributed eight kills, while Taryn Traphagen had seven kills, one solo block and two assisted blocks. McKenna Tietz recorded 15 digs and an ace, Sydney Locke had 20 digs and an ace, and Libby Althoff finished with three aces and nine assists.

“They’re just so balanced,” Hanson said. “All of our girls just did their part tonight.”

Groton Area also swept the junior varsity match, 25-19 and 25-19. Abby Fjeldheim led the Tigers with five kills and two aces, while Bryn-

REGION 3A RESULTS				
STATE QUALIFIERS				
PLACE (PLACEMENT)	PLAYER		SCORE (TOTAL)	
12 TH PLACE	JACE JOHNSON STATE QUALIFIER		85	
22 ND PLACE	LIAM JOHNSON STATE QUALIFIER		91	
24 TH PLACE	HADEN HARDER		95	
30 TH PLACE	GRAHAM ROSE		107	
32 ND PLACE	BENTLEY EHRESMANN		107	
TIGERS GOLF				

L to R, Liam Johnson, Haden Harder, Jace Johnson, Bentley Ehresmann, Graham Rose, and Easton Larson (alternate) and results.

Jace and Liam will compete at state golf next Monday and Tuesday in Mitchell. (Photo courtesy Becca Johnson)



McKenna Tietz
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

aces and 11 assists.

Groton Area finished the match with 34 kills, 31 assists, 66 digs and four blocks.

“You don’t know who’s going to be your big star for the night, and that’s what you want,” Hanson said. “It’s nice for us to be able to have options out there so that way we don’t have to rely on one person.”

The Tigers also swept the junior varsity match, 25-14 and 25-18. Sandness led Groton with six kills and seven ace serves, while Fjeldheim had five kills. Neely Althoff added four kills and two aces, and Brooklyn Spanier had three kills.

Groton Area won the C match, 25-5 and 26-24. Arianna Dinger had seven ace serves and a kill, while Maycee Moody led the attack with seven kills. Brynlee Dunker had two kills and four aces, Sophia Fliehs added four aces and a kill, and Charli Jacobsen recorded three kills.

The varsity sweep improved Groton Area to 8-8. “We’re back to .500,” Hanson said. “I’m just happy for them to have wins so they can get back to believing that they’re good.”

The Tigers return to competition Saturday at the Redfield Tournament.

Soccer

Groton Area’s soccer teams faced two strong opponents during the week, taking on Dakota Valley before hosting West Central Monday.

Dakota Valley defeated the Groton Area girls 2-0. Isabel Bradshaw scored in the 16th minute for the Panthers, while Mallory Riibe added a second goal in the 64th minute.

Despite the loss, Groton Area coach Matt Baumgartner said the Tigers executed their game plan well.

“We executed a game plan very well, played very smart soccer and some of the best movement soccer we have seen all season,” Baumgartner said.

The Dakota Valley boys edged Groton Area 4-3. On Monday, West Central swept the Tigers in a pair of close matches, winning the boys contest 3-2 and the girls match 2-0.

In the boys game, West Central’s Brody Johnson scored with 27:12 remaining in the first half before Groton answered just over three minutes later. Ethan Kroll headed the ball to Easton Weber, who put it into the net to tie the game at 1-1.

Drake Bosch scored with 5:31 remaining in the first half to give West Central a 2-1 halftime lead.

Kroll tied the game early in the second half before Bosch scored his second goal with 25:23 remaining for what proved to be the game-winner.

The girls match remained scoreless through the first half as the teams battled defensively.

Groton goalkeeper Tori Schuster helped keep the Tigers in the match, recording nine saves in the second half alone.

West Central finally broke through when Addison Durband scored with 20:05 remaining. Durband scored again with eight minutes left to account for the 2-0 final.

“Defensively, we played pretty sound soccer,” Baumgartner said. “There’s just a couple opportunities the ball got switched backside and we were just caught ball watching.”

Baumgartner said the Tigers are trying to sharpen those details heading into postseason play.

“You’ve got to stick with your mark, you’ve got to stick with your person,” he said. “The fight today was great. We need to continue to fight all 80 minutes.”

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Cross country

Ryelle Gilbert turned in a third-place finish to lead the Groton Area cross country runners during the week.

Gilbert completed the girls 5,000-meter race in 21 minutes, 36 seconds. Florence/Henry freshman Sierra Keller won the race in 20:45.4, while Aberdeen Roncalli's Addison Cassady was second in 21:06.2.

Groton Area senior Ashlynn Warrington placed 16th with a time of 24:53.5.

Riley Shellenberger led the Tiger boys, placing 12th overall in 19:30.5.

Eighth-grader Grayden "Grady" Zeck finished 32nd with a personal-best time of 21:50.1. Tate Johnson was 44th in 23:13.3, while Logan Clocksene finished 59th in 33:34.6.

Groton Area placed ninth in the boys team standings with 78 points. Flandreau won the team championship with 13 points, followed by Madison with 41 and Clark/Willow Lake with 44.



Riley Shellenberger, Logan Clocksene (back), Grady Zeck (front), Tate Johnson.



Ryelle Gilbert, Ashlynn Warrington.

September Legion Auxiliary Meeting

The Groton Legion Auxiliary meet on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at the American Legion clubroom.

Tami Zimney opened the meeting with a prayer, a moment for our dead, and the Pledge of Allegiance. The auxiliary's preamble was recited.

We were honored to have several members of Carol Rix Dohman's family in attendance. Carol was a 46-year member who passed away on Sunday, August 23, 2026. To honor Carol, the Draping of Color ceremony was presented by Jan Siebel and Tami Zimney. Lori Giedt and Tami Zimney shared memories of working with Carol. A \$30.00 memorial will be sent to the Groton Rescue Squad in her name.

Her name will be added to the Groton American Legion Auxiliary's memorial stone at the Groton cemetery.

The secretary's report was given by Wendy Cooper. The treasurer's report was given by Lori Giedt.

Thank-you notes were read from Teagan Hanten and Emerlee Jones; they thanked us for the opportunity to attend Girls' State. Emerlee also received a \$1,000.00 state scholarship.

Committee Reports:

Memorial Day: Wendy Cooper reported that 87 people were served at a dinner after the ceremony at the cemetery.

Poppy Day: Deb McKiver and Tami Zimney will chair this project for 2027.

State Convention in June in Aberdeen: Jan Siebel, Tami Zimney, and Deb McKiver attended the convention.

Salad Buffet: Wendy Cooper reported that 37 salads and several desserts were made and served to 108 people.

Dictionaries: Tami Zimney said that there are 29 students on each side of the third grade.

Pumpkin Fest: It has been cancelled for this year.

Veterans' Day Program, November 11, 2026: Jan Siebel is working on this presentation.

Chairmanships: Rita Kampa will chair the Turkey Shoot, and Lori Giedt will chair the Honor Guard.

Grocery Receipts: Wendy Cooper mentioned they can be used

from September 1, 2026, to April 30, 2027. Last year's totals were St. John's Lutheran Preschool, \$2,843.98; Kessler's, \$1,644.91; and Ken's, \$8,939.32, for a total of \$13,428.21

Trick or Treat on Main: It will be on Friday, October 30. We will have small candies in a snack-size plastic bags with a prayer for the veterans.

Introduction of New Member, Pat Johnson: She will be the Teacher Appreciation chair for the May 2027 event.

Installation of Officers: Jan Siebel as president and Lori Giedt as treasurer.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 5. The hostesses for lunch will be Deb McKiver and Tami Zimney.

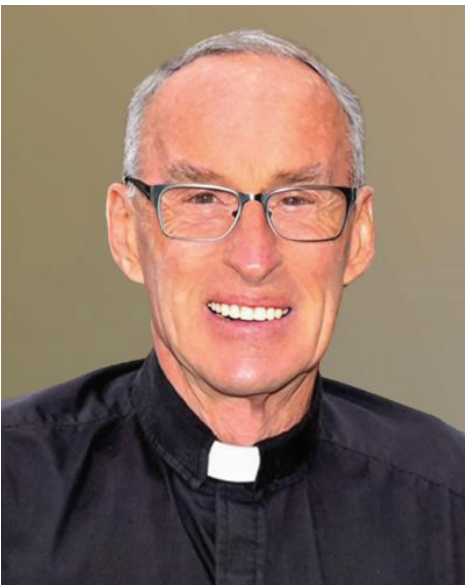
Respectfully submitted
Wendy Cooper, Secretary

The Life of Terry Cashmer

August 1, 1945 - September 18, 2026

Pastor Terry L. Cashmer. Age 81 of Southgate.

Reverend Terry L. Cashmer was called home on Friday, Sept. 18, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on August 1st, 1945, in Pontiac, IL to Francis and Merna Cashmer. After completing his theological training in Springfield, IL in 1971, he shepherded four parishes: Redeemer Lutheran Church in Corning, IA, St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton, SD, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, CO and he was privileged to serve



his last 40 years in ministry at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Southgate, MI. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Ken Cashmer, his sister Linda and her husband, Russell Greene.

He is survived by his loving wife of over 60 years, Carol. He was also a loving father to son Jason (Denise) and daughter Franci (Chance) Childers, dearest grandchildren Leah Cashmer, Rebekah (Josh) Page, Jacob (Christina) Childers, Joel (Katie) Childers, and Joe Cashmer. He was blessed to meet his two great grandsons, Shepherd and Cash Childers. He is also survived by his brother Larry (Judy) Cashmer, his sister-in-law Susan Cashmer, and beloved nieces, nephews, family and friends.

This side of heaven Pastor Cashmer enjoyed spending time with his family, preaching the gospel, encouraging tithing, washing cars and

cruising in his '66 Corvette. In his last days his family read to him from the scriptures including his favorite Psalm, 139 and his favorite passage from Job 19 – I know that my Redeemer lives and in the end he will stand upon the earth, and after my skin has been destroyed yet in my flesh, I will see God. I, myself, will see Him with my own eyes, I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me.

Memorial contributions in honor of Pastor Terry Cashmer are appreciated to Christ the King Lutheran Church

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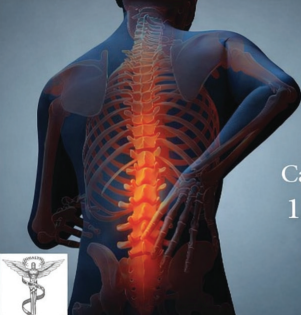
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BROWN COUNTY HIGHWAY
5-YEAR PLAN

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, SD on the Brown County Highway 5-year Road & Bridge Plan.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the Brown County Highway 5-year plan.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE
An application has been made by JN Development LLC 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 October 13, 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, “JN Development First Addition” in the SW1/4 of Section 35-T125N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (approx. 38614 124th Street; 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. 337.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE TO ELEVATOR CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:45 A.M. on October 13, 2026, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: All Labor, Tools, Materials and Equipment required for modernization of One (1) hydraulic elevator located at 115 1st Ave. SW, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Interested parties need to submit a bid along with a detailed plan of equipment needed, sequence of operation and removal procedures by Tuesday, October 13, 2026. Interested parties must arrange for an on-site visit prior to submitting bids.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope; “Brown County Elevator Remodel or Upgrade” to be opened on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

Proposal Guaranty: No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier’s check or bank draft, for 5% of the amount of the bid, such check to be issued by either a state or a national bank and payable to Brown County, or in lieu thereof a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County.

Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that the proposal has been accepted and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price.

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 informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise and State Sales Tax.

Copies of the specifications can be obtained at no charge and are on file at the following locations:

Brown County Website: <https://www.brown.sd.us/brown-county-bids>

Brown County Auditor’s Office: 25 Market Street, Ste.1, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone 605-626-7110

Brown County Maintenance: 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen SD 57401. Phone 605-626-7124

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, will close on Monday, October 19, 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/departament/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.

Lynn Heupel, County Auditor
Brown County, SD

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NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR
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Voter registration for the School Bond Election to be held on the 3rd day of November 2026 will close on October 19, 2026 at 5:00 pm. 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 at (605) 626-7110, Clark County Auditor at (605) 532-5921, Day County Auditor at (605) 345-9500, Marshall County Auditor at (605) 448-2401 or the Spink County Auditor at (605) 472-4580.

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Madisyn Neiber
Business Manager
Groton Area School District
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City of Columbia Council Special Meeting

Monday – September 23, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call- Dana Mohr, Jeremy Dosch, Cara Dennert, Sam Hoppock, Scott Meints

Mayor Dana Mohr called the meeting to order. The mayor asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Jeremy Dosch made a motion. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. The mayor asked for any conflicts of interest. There were none. Minutes were handed out from the September 2nd meeting. Jeremy Dosch made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Meints seconded the motion. All

were in favor – motion carried.

There were four outstanding vouchers to be paid: Brown County Treasurer – mosquito control – 1538.40; NVC – fire prevention – 218.30; Web Water – fire prevention – 55.43; Northwestern Energy – electricity – 1114.13

Scott Meints made a motion to approve the vouchers. Sam Hoppock seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

After reviewing the proposed 2027 budget, Sam Hoppock made a motion to pass the 2nd reading of the 2027 ordinance budget. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Mayor Mohr declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Regular Council Meeting - Wednesday, October 7, 2026 7:00 p.m.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

2027 CITY OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Municipality of Columbia that the following sums are appropriated to meet the obligations of the municipality.

411.1: Mayor and Council.....	14,840.00
411.5: Contingency.....	4,240.00
414.2: Finance Officer.....	15,717.38
414.1: Attorney.....	4,240.00
419.2: General Government Buildings	21,200.00
431: Highways and Streets.....	21,200.00
441.3: West Nile.....	3,200.00
452: Parks	36,040.00
470: Debt Service.....	13,608.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	134,285.38

MEANS OF FINANCE

310.0: Taxes	115,000.00
320.0: License and Permits	750.00
330.0: Intergovernmental Revenue	
360.0: Miscellaneous Revenue.....	848.00
369.0: Contributions & Donations	20,000.00
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE.....	136,598.00

SEWER PROPRIETARY FUNDS:

Beginning Unrestricted Cash.....	176,000.00
Estimated Revenue.....	14,580.00
Estimated Surcharge.....	53,460.00
Estimated Grant/Loan Revenue.....	2,000,000.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE	2,244,040.00
Less Appropriations (Expenses)	-13,000.00
Less Sewer Project Expenses.....	-2,000,000.00
ESTIMATED SURPLUS	231,040.00
Transfers - In (Out)	0.00
ESTIMATED SURPLUS RETAINED	231,040.00

The auditor/finance officer is directed to certify the following dollar amount of tax levies made in this ordinance to the County Auditor.....

(Signed and Dated by Mayor or President of the City Council)
(Signed and Dated by the Finance Officer)

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SEPTEMBER 22, 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 and Sutton. Commissioner Wiese was absent. Auditor Heupel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Chairman Sutton asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Lars Herseeth, Former Legislator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Sutton shared that the Bid Contracts for the Highway Department were being scratched from the agenda this week. Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the amended agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None
REQUEST TO REMOVE LIEN: Roxie Merkel and Julie Wurst met with the Commission to see about releasing the lien for their mother, Frances Martens. Chairman Sutton shared that in 2007 the lien was released on the property, with the condition that payments continue to be made which they did through November 2023. It was asked of the State's Attorney to look into our options. Commissioner Dinger stated that we don't make a habit of releasing liens because that is unfair to the taxpayers and he doesn't want to set a precedence here. After further discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to postpone action to determine options. Chairman Sutton asked them to give thoughts to what they would be willing to give in order to settle on as well.

RICHMOND DAM UPDATE: None

QUOTES FOR DOOR INSTALLATION FOR ROOF ACCESS AT 115 1ST AVE SW: Randy Zens, Building Superintendent presented 3 Quotes for installing a door for roof access at 115 1st Ave. SW Building. The quotes were as follows: JDH Construction for \$8,030.00; Quest Construction for \$12,887.17 and Huff Construction for \$17,419.00. Randy recommended accepting the JDH Construction bid. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to accept the JDH Construction bid for \$8,030.00 to install a door for roof access at 115 1st Ave. SW Building. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SET BID DATES & AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR ELEVATOR REPAIRS (115 1ST AVE SW): Randy Zens, Building Superintendent, asked to set bid dates and authorize publication. Publish notices on September 30th & October 7th, with opening bids on October 13th. Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to authorize publication and set bid date of October 13th for Elevator Repairs at 115 1st Ave. SW Building. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2027 BUDGET DISCUSSION FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY: Karly Winter, State's Attorney was on her way so this discussion, so it was moved by Commissioner Dinger and seconded by Dennert to table this until Karly arrived. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCIES: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve the following application submitted by Northern Valley Communications (NVC) for occupancy of Brown County Highway 13 in Section 34/33, Township 124, Range 64, Brown County, South Dakota to provide Fiber Optic Line for NVC Communications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the following application submitted by Northern Valley Communications (NVC) for occupancy of Brown County Highway 10/23 in Section 35/36, Township 122, Range 64, Brown County, South Dakota for the purpose to provide Fiber Optic Line for NVC Communications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve the following two applications submitted by Jon Locken in order of Basin Construction for occupancy of Brown County Highway 21, Section 11, Township 122N

and Range 63W, Brown County, South Dakota for the purpose of two bores and install subsurface drainage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the following application submitted by Web Water Development Assoc. for occupancy of Brown County 10 (aka 387th Ave.) in Section 26, Township 124, Range 64, Brown County, South Dakota to install potable waterline service. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SET DATE FOR HIGHWAY 5-YEAR PLAN: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, requested setting October 13th at the date for the hearing of the Highway 5-year plan. Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve and set hearing date of October 13th for the 5-year plan. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, informed the Commission that County Road 14 and 27 will be completed by end of October, main thing will be the 40 degree weather limitation. They will finish chip sealing on 16 today. Also, will be blotting East/West Road at Stratford. Weather permitting will be sealing County Rd 9 west of 281. Then will do the prep work on 14 & 27 ahead of the paver. Sand Lake Bridge is getting close to boring bridge deck depending on the weather. Hauling concrete from the Landfill to crush and pile of concrete from Groton that will be used for rip rap.

Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, gave an update on the Women's Building at the Fairgrounds. He reached out to the Historic Society and was confirmed that it does not qualify for National Historic Registry due to changes that have been made to the building and the fire. Dirk also shared that the Asbestos sampling/testing came back with none found. Chairman Sutton informed everyone that Aberdeen City Manager reached out and informed us that they are not interested in the building or moving it to Wylie. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to move forward with demolishing and removal of the Women's/Home Arts Building. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2027 BUDGET DISCUSSION FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY: Karly Winter, State's Attorney asked the Commission to request an additional \$10,000.00 to her 2027 Budget due to having 2 individuals interested in Interning at the State's Attorney Office. Generally, between the second and third year of law school it is a paid internship. They are both from Aberdeen and want to return to Aberdeen so want to do our best to keep them involved in the legal community of Aberdeen. Internships often turn into Clerkship, which often turns into employment in the community. One would intern from January through May and the other would intern May through August. Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve increasing State's Attorney Budget by \$10,000.00 for the 2027 Budget. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #334 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #334. Applicant County Line Developers to rezone from Residential District (R-1) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use. Description of property: Lot 2 "Ronnie's Way Addition" in the NW ¼ of Section 17-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2620 8th Ave. NE; Aberdeen Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #335 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #335 to amend Title 4 Zoning Ordinances of Chapter 4.01 – Definitions; Chapter 4.06-Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P); Chapter 4.22 – Administrative Procedure and Enforcement-Permits. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (Full copy of Ordinance is available in the Auditor's Office during normal business hours).

ORDINANCE #336 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #336 to amend portions of the Brown County Comprehensive Plan 2020-2040, Chapter 2 – Land Use. All members present voting

aye. Motion carried. (Full copy of Ordinance is available in the Auditor's Office during normal business hours).

SUPPORTING 911 TELECOMMUNICATIONS AS CLASS B MEMBERS OF SDRS:

Commissioner Gage brought the following Resolution
RESOLUTION #2026-38

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLASSIFICATION OF BROWN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS AS CLASS B MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, a 911 telecommunicator is defined in SDCL 34-45-22 as any employee of the state, or any political subdivision thereof whose primary full-time or part-time duties are receiving, processing, and transmitting public safety information received through a 911 emergency reporting system as defined in SDCL 34-45-1; and

WHEREAS, the daily duties of a telecommunicator can be demanding, stressful, and emotionally exhausting; and

WHEREAS, low unemployment and labor challenges compel new strategies to retain these dedicated public servants; and

Whereas, it is the position of the Brown County Commission to classify the county's 911 telecommunicators as Class B members of the South Dakota Retirement System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BROWN COUNTY, SD:

That the Brown County Commission strongly encourages the South Dakota Retirement System Board of Trustees to reclassify the county's 911 telecommunicators as Class B members of the South Dakota Retirement System.

Dated this 22nd day of September 2026.

Seconded by Commissioner Dennert.

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

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims and payroll. Claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$8,050.00; Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. \$1,461.10; Certified Languages International LLC \$1,465.20; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$414.80; County of Edmunds \$3,740.00; Credit Collections Bureau \$197.95; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$41,055.00; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$300.00; Houston Engineering, Inc \$11,251.35; IMEG Corp \$75,934.07; Kramp Enterprise and Investment \$41,627.44; Language Line Services, Inc \$738.52; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$549.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$720.00; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$200.00; Lincoln County Auditor \$2,598.45; Mark Katterhagen \$20.00; Modern Day Health Care Prof LLC \$4,725.00; Network Center, Inc \$6,715.10; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$1,881.25; PharmChem, Inc \$1,965.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$52.00; Sanford Health \$8,213.00; Sara Zahn \$218.00; Schriver's Memorial Mortuary, Inc \$4,550.00; SD Dept of Health \$2,370.00; South Dakota Department of Health \$50.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$165.70; Thomson Reuters – West Payment Center \$625.26; Valerie Larson \$20.00; Valstone Corporation Inc \$2,000.00; Vosika Fencing \$1,750.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$200.00. Publishing: Dakota Broadcasting, LLC \$795.00; DRG Media Group \$2,478.00; Groton Daily Independent \$415.41; i3G Media \$2,490.00; KSJB/KSJJ Radio \$3,000.00; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$515.59. Rentals: Dakota Electronics LLC \$289.90; Vestis \$264.70. Repairs & Maintenance: All-states Pavement Recycling & Stabilization \$552,301.70; Auto Value Aberdeen \$51.68; Burdette Security & Technologies, LLC \$360.00; C Express Inc \$12.00; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$8,000.00; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$150.00; Eilers Water Conditioning and Law Irrigation \$180.00; Jake's Heating & Cooling \$575.00; Jim Hein \$800.00; JPS Interperability Solutions, Inc. \$3,685.00; Kramp Enterprise and Investment \$1,402.02; Meister Mowing LLC \$105.00; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$74.33; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$1,413.81; Safety Service, Inc \$8,275.00; SD Dept

of Public Safety \$2,340.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$305.18; Titan Machinery \$814.68. Supplies & Materials: Advance Auto Parts \$20.50; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$1,812.24; Century Business Products \$638.06; Charm-Tex, Inc \$663.56; Christina M. Flack \$800.00; Coca-Cola Bottling Company High Country \$256.00; Cole Paper Inc \$2,541.84; Crescent Electric Supply Co \$2,187.32; Dakota Electronics LLC \$165.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$107.39; Dakota Oil \$107.50; Dakota Supply Group \$620.67; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$529.86; Doll Distributing, LLC \$320.40; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$5.36; Hall Sand & Gravel, Inc \$4,389.22; Jebro Inc \$119,716.90; John Florey \$26.54; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$2,182.64; L.G. Everist, Inc \$18,271.59; Lien Transportation Company \$2,689.75; Lincoln County Auditor \$150.00; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$696.95; Marco Technologies, LLC \$37.13; McDonald's \$151.86; Midstates Group \$50.00; Midwest Pump & Tank \$51.00; NVC \$34.38; Performance Oil \$629.24; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$45.00; Porter Distributing \$127.85; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$8.67; Runnings \$25.38; Safeguard \$241.51; Safety Service, Inc \$9,916.03; Schwan Welding \$137.18; Sherwin Williams \$43.42; Shop 4-H/ National 4-H Council \$129.20; Sprocket Ventures, LLC \$285.50; Titan Machinery \$1,332.39; BCF Competitive Exhibits Winners 2026 \$1,150.00. Travel & Conference: Austin Ball \$19.00; Lincoln County Auditor \$75.00; Lynn Heupel \$412.95; Mariann Malsom \$318.00; Michael Wiese \$418.78; Neil Bittner \$38.00; Patricia VanMeter \$290.00; Scott Kolb \$38.00. Utilities: Century-Link \$581.23; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$10,079.13; City of Hecla \$162.42; Northern Electric \$117.50; Northwestern Energy \$2,109.94; NVC \$2,888.07; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$88.00. Payroll #18: Commission \$5,165.81; Elections \$3,387.27; Auditor \$9,789.28; Treasurer \$19,727.72; SA \$38,162.52; Public Defender \$14,449.34; Maintenance \$11,656.70; Assessor \$17,579.79; Register of Deeds \$12,328.05; VSO \$5,259.85; GIS \$3,110.76; IT \$10,616.94; HR \$5,721.14; Sheriff \$58,787.88; Jail \$79,890.06; Coroner (Voucher) \$1,500.00; Court Security \$8,910.20; JDC \$32,018.17; Support of Poor \$1,124.71; Museum \$14,191.24; Parks/Fairgrounds \$10,997.63; Fair Board \$5,383.44; 4-H \$1,445.71; Weed \$8,916.31; Planning & Zoning \$8,640.62; Highway \$57,172.46; Dispatch \$38,427.15; Emergency \$5,805.33; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,877.57; Landfill \$14,430.06; Meal Benefits \$76.00; Tips \$180.00; FICA \$38,020.12; Medicare \$7,034.42; HSA \$2,514.68. Payroll #19: Commission \$5,165.81; Elections \$3,393.66; Auditor \$9,564.18; Treasurer \$19,859.61; SA \$38,068.99; Public Defender \$14,449.34; Mainte-

nance \$11,149.92; Assessor \$17,506.93; Register of Deeds \$12,629.04; VSO \$5,259.85; GIS \$3,110.76; IT \$10,766.94; HR \$5,755.54; Sheriff \$59,924.20; Jail \$81,793.74; Coroner (Voucher) \$1,100.00; Court Security \$7,618.73; JDC \$36,190.89; Support of Poor \$1,124.71; Museum \$14,739.59; Parks/Fairgrounds \$9,864.94; Fair Board \$4,858.36; 4-H \$1,079.96; Weed \$8,407.41; Planning & Zoning \$8,510.51; Highway \$54,245.12; Dispatch \$41,455.18; Emergency \$5,805.34; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,902.99; Landfill \$15,914.41; Meal Benefits \$66.00; Tips \$838.00; FICA \$30,401.08; Medicare \$7,109.95; HSA \$2,463.36; Health Insurance-Wellmark BCBS \$153,266.85; Dental Insurance-Delta \$9,991.20; Life Insurance-Dearborn \$1,147.84; Retirement-SDRS \$64,823.56. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

o Retirement of Patti Woods as Brown County Emergency Management Assistant Director, FT; effective September 25, 2026. Request to fill.

o Resignation of Daniel Dow as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; effective September 27, 2026. Request to fill.

o Resignation of Jessica Puente Castro as Brown County Museum Curator of Education, FT; effective September 29, 2026. Request to fill.

o Last day for seasonal workers at Brown County Fairgrounds, Breanna Locke and Terrance Dosch; effective September 18, 2026.

o Last day of internships at Brown County Museum for Emylea Robeson, Abigail Dorn and Katelyn Beckler; effective August 16, 2026.

o Hiring of Jacob Kallenberger as Brown County Landfill Grounds Worker, PT – starting wage \$19.48/hr.; effective September 21, 2026.

o Payment of retirement award for Patti Woods in the amount of \$150.00 before taxes, requirement was met.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agreements: Good Shepherd Church to lease Richmond Lake Youth Camp-Lodge Only on October 11, 2026; Justine Sanderson & Tommy Kamen to lease the Clubhouse on September 16-19, 2027 for a wedding. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the amended Travel Request for Aaron Walberg, VSO to attend the SDDVA 2026 Annual Benefits

School. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCES-SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to set hearing date and authorize publication for the first reading of the following ordinance to be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #337, applicant JN Development LLC 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, "JN Development First Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 35-T125N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (approx. 38614 124th Street; Lincoln Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

JN DEVELOPMENT FIRST ADDITION PLAT:

RESOLUTION #2026-39

Commissioner Gage brought the following Resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "JN DEVELOPMENT FIRST ADDITION" in the SW ¼ of Section 35-T125N-R64W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Dinger. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

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

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

2027 BUDGET: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to amend the Register of Deeds budget for 2027 to a full-time staff member instead of a part-time staff member. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to not make any changes to the previously approved 2027 Budget for Dacotah Prairie Museum. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:55 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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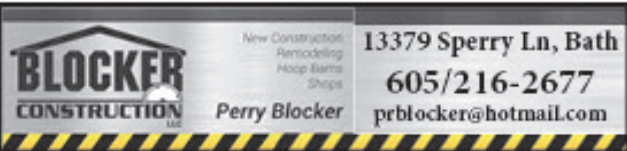
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Groton Area October Community Events

Thursday, Oct. 1
Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Egg wraps.
School Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, cooked broccoli.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.
Cross Country at Sisseton Invitational, Valley View Country Club (Varsity, 4 p.m.; JV time TBA)
JH Volleyball at Milbank, 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.
JH Football hosts Aberdeen Roncalli, 4 p.m., Doney Field
Girls Soccer hosts Garretson, 4:30 p.m.
GT GBB Fall Skills, 6-8 p.m., Arena
Sixth Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 8 p.m., Arena
Winter Gear Drive at Dacotah Bank, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2
Senior Menu: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Omelets.
School Lunch: French bread pizza, green beans.
Football at Deuel, 7 p.m., Cardinal Field
Winter Gear Drive at Dacotah Bank, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3
Volleyball at Redfield Tournament, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 4
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.
St. John’s Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John’s, 9 a.m. and at Zion, 11 a.m.
Third Grade Basketball practice in the GHS Gym, 4 p.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.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.
Third Grade Girls Basketball, 4 p.m., GHS Old Gym
Sixth Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 4 p.m., Arena
Dance Team Practice, 5:30 p.m., Arena

Monday, Oct. 5
Senior Menu: Chili with beans, mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Egg bake.
School Lunch: Corn dogs, baked beans.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
State A Boys Golf, 9 a.m.
Second Grade Girls Basketball, 3:30 p.m., Elementary Gym
JH Football vs. Deuel at Langford, 4 p.m.
Volleyball hosts Tiospa Zina (JH/C at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m., Varsity at 7:15 p.m.)
JV Football vs. Deuel at Langford, 5:30 p.m.
Winter Gear Drive at Dacotah Bank, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 6
Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, corn.
State A Boys Golf, 9 a.m.

SDHSAA First Round Soccer Playoffs, 4 p.m.
Fifth Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 4 p.m., Elementary Gym
Winter Gear Drive at Dacotah Bank, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 7
Senior Menu: Broccoli chicken bake, green beans, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Omelet.
School Lunch: Soup, sandwich.
Groton Camber Meeting, noon, at the Red Horse
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.; Sarah Circle, 5 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.
Fourth Grade GBB Practice, 5:30 p.m., Elementary School
Community Bond Issue Meeting — Columbia, 7 p.m.
Winter Gear Drive at Dacotah Bank, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 8
Senior Menu: Scalloped potato with ham, winter blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Muffin.
School Lunch: Turkey gravy, mashed potatoes.
Cross Country at Northeast Conference Meet, 1 p.m., Webster Golf Course
Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:30-8 p.m.
GT GBB Fall Skills, 6-8 p.m., Arena
Sixth Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 8 p.m., Arena
Winter Gear Drive at Dacotah Bank, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Winter Gear Distribution, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Groton Community Center

Friday, Oct. 9
Senior Menu: Baked fish, rice pilaf, carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: No school.
School Lunch: No school.
NO SCHOOL — Staff Development Day
Lake Region Marching Band Festival, 9 a.m., Groton
Football hosts Mobridge-Pollock, 7 p.m., Doney Field

Saturday, Oct. 10
JH Volleyball at Warner Jamboree, 9 a.m.
SDHSAA Second Round Boys Soccer Playoffs, noon
SDHSAA Second Round Girls Soccer Playoffs, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 11
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; No Sunday School,; WELCA Women meet.
St. John’s Lutheran: Worship at St. John’s, 9 a.m. and at Zion, 11 a.m.
Third Grade Basketball practice in the GHS Gym, 4 p.m.
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.
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.
Third Grade Girls Basketball, 4 p.m., GHS Old Gym
Sixth Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 4 p.m., Arena
Dance Team Practice, 5:30 p.m., Arena

Monday, Oct. 12

Senior Menu: Closed for Indigenous Peoples’ Day.
School Breakfast: No school.
School Lunch: No school.
NO SCHOOL — Native American Day
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
Second Grade Girls Basketball, 3:30 p.m., Elementary Gym
JV Football hosts Aberdeen Roncalli, 4 p.m., Doney Field
Volleyball at Britton-Hecla (JH at 4 p.m., C at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m., Varsity at 7 p.m.)
Groton Senior Citizens meet, 1 p.m., Groton Community Center

Tuesday, Oct. 13
Senior Menu: Beef stew, fruited Jello, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Cereal.
School Lunch: Scalloped potatoes with ham, bun.
School Board Meeting, 7 a.m., GHS Library Conference Room
Emmanuel Lutheran: Council, 6 p.m.
Fifth Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 4 p.m., Elementary Gym
Community Bond Issue Meeting — Bristol, 7 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 14
Senior Menu: Chicken bacon ranch pasta, broccoli, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Breakfast bento box.
School Lunch: Chicken and noodles, peas.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.
Region 1A Cross Country Meet at Webster Golf Course (Girls varsity, 11 a.m.; Boys varsity, 2 p.m.; JV times TBA)
Fourth Grade GBB Practice, 5:30 p.m., Elementary School
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 15
Senior Menu: Goulash, corn, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Cheese breakfast bake.
School Lunch: Flat bread sub, chips.
Volleyball at Deuel (JH at 4 p.m., C at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m., Varsity at 7:15 p.m.)
GT GBB Fall Skills, 6-8 p.m., Arena
Sixth Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 8 p.m., Arena

Friday, Oct. 16
Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato, green beans, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Fruit buckle.
School Lunch: Meatballs, green beans.
Football at Aberdeen Roncalli, 7 p.m., Dacotah Bank Stadium

Saturday, Oct. 17
SDHSAA State Soccer
C Team Volleyball at Northwestern JV/C Tournament, 9 a.m.
Varsity Volleyball at Miller Tournament, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.
St. John’s Lutheran: Worship at St. John’s, 9 a.m. and at Zion, 11 a.m.
Third Grade Basketball practice in the GHS Gym, 4 p.m.
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 19
 Senior Menu: Chicken Alfredo, broccoli, fruit, breadstick.
 School Breakfast: Eggs.
 School Lunch: Chicken strips, fries.
 Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
 Second Grade Girls Basketball, 3:30 p.m., Elementary Gym
 Fourth and Fifth Grade GBB hosts Ipswich, 5:45 p.m., Arena
 Groton Senior Citizens meet, 1 p.m., Groton Community Center

Senior Menu: Baked pork chops, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.

School Lunch: Tacos.

END OF FIRST QUARTER

Fifth Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 4 p.m., Elementary Gym

Volleyball at Northwestern (Middle School/C at 5 p.m., Middle School/JV at 6 p.m., Varsity at 7 p.m.)

City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

Senior Menu: Tator tot hotdish, corn, fruit,
whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Scones.
School Lunch: Lasagna hotdish, corn.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.;
League, 6:30 p.m.
Fourth Grade GBB Practice, 5:30 p.m., El-
ementary School
Community Bond Issue Meeting — Groton,
7 p.m., Groton Area High School
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour,
9:30 a.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato, peas,
fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Egg wraps.
School Lunch: Chef salad, bread stick.
SDHSAA Class 11B Football Playoffs — First
Round
GT GBB Fall Skills, 6-8 p.m., Arena
Sixth Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 8 p.m.,
Arena

Senior Menu: Egg salad sandwich, minestrone soup, fruit.
School Breakfast: Omelet.
School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, green beans.
Volleyball hosts Redfield (C at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m., Varsity at 7:15 p.m.)

SDHSAA State Cross Country Meet in Rapid City, noon

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m. and at Zion, 11 a.m.
Third Grade Basketball practice in the GHS Gym, 4 p.m.
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
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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.
Third Grade Girls Basketball, 4 p.m., GHS

Monday, Oct. 26
 Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage hotdish,
 mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.
 School Breakfast: Egg bake.
 School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, smiley fries.
 Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
 First Day of JH Girls Basketball Practice, 3:30
 p.m., GHS Old Gym
 Second Grade Girls Basketball, 3:30 p.m.,
 Elementary Gym
 Volleyball at Faulkton Area (C at 4:45 p.m.,
 JV at 6 p.m., Varsity at 7:15 p.m.)
 Groton Senior Citizens meet, noon potluck,
 Groton Community Center

Senior Menu: Pulled chicken sandwich, wild rice, carrots, fruit.
 School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
 School Lunch: Sloppy Joe, baby bakers.
 FCCLA Vitalant Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m.-noon,
 Arena Lobby
 Fifth Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 4 p.m.,
 Elementary Gym
 Volleyball at Milbank (C at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m., Varsity at 7:30 p.m.)
 United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

* The first documented carrots were purple, yellow and white. Orange carrots became popular in Europe in the 1500s, and many food historians believe Dutch growers promoted them to honor the Dutch royal family, the House of Orange, during a politically charged period in the Netherlands.

- * Electric eels and electric rays possess enough electricity to kill a horse.
- * Swimmers, surfers and fishermen sometimes wear pantyhose under or instead of swimwear because their nylon mesh prevents many types of jellyfish stingers from touching the skin.

* The Latin phrase “Pecunia non olet” (“Money does not stink”) derives from a urine tax levied by Roman emperors Nero and Vespasian in the first century A.D.

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Senior Menu: Vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, fruit.
 School Breakfast: Oatmeal.
 School Lunch: Quesadilla, fiesta corn.
 Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.
 Fourth Grade GBB Practice, 5:30 p.m., Elementary School
 United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Senior Menu: Kielbasa with mac and cheese,
winter blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Muffins.
School Lunch: Cheeseburger penne, peas.
SDHSAA Class 11B Football Playoffs — Quar-
terfinals
GT GBB Fall Skills, 6-8 p.m., Arena
Sixth Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 8 p.m.,
Arena

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, peas, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Biscuits.
School Lunch: Pizza, green beans.
Downtown Trick or Treat, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
UMC Trunk or Treat, 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m., Methodist Church Parking Lot

Halloween Kid's Party, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Groton Community Center



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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Vikings are off to a strong start this season after beating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 23-16 on Sunday. Minnesota is one of only a handful of teams to remain undefeated through Week 3, and going back to last season, they’ve won eight straight. You’d think confidence for this team would be through the roof... you’d be wrong.

Before we get into the game recap, however, there is some breaking news out of Minnesota. The Vikings have traded QB J.J. McCarthy to the New York Giants for a fifth-round pick in next year’s draft. McCarthy is a good kid, and I hope he does well in NY and has a good career. It’s unfortunate that it didn’t work out for him in purple and gold, but now he gets a fresh start. Will he be able to make the most out of it?

Kyler Murray was back on the field after missing last week while he was in the concussion protocol. He finished the game with 168 yards, one touchdown and one interception, although 71 of those yards came in two plays – deep shots to Jordan Addison on the Vikings’ only touchdown drive of the game. I’m willing to chalk the ho-hum performance up to the fact that he’s still new to this offense, but if this level of play continues, the team will need to seriously consider abandoning this plan.

Head coach Kevin O’Connell clearly wanted to get the ground game going, which meant a heavy dose of Aaron Jones Sr., who handled 17 of the Vikings’ 21 handoffs. Jones was a fantastic back, and what he’s doing in his 10th season is impressive, but it’s clear opposing defenses aren’t scared of him. The Vikings need to get Jordan Mason back as soon as possible, and they need to seriously consider improving their RB depth (speaking of which, Cam Akers is a free agent).

The defense was playing out of its mind, but what else is new? Six sacks, led by Eric Wilson and Kyle Van Noy (1.5 each), six tackles for a loss, seven pass breakups, two interceptions, and 12(!) QB hits. Baker Mayfield was running for his life all game, and a less-slippery QB would have had a very rough day.

The most worrisome thing to come out of this game was the injury

to Justin Jefferson, who had two catches for 32 yards before leaving the game in the first quarter with an ankle injury. I don’t expect him to be out long (he might even be back next game), but any time your star player leaves with an injury it can be panic inducing.

The player of the game was Myles Price. After the Vikings’ defense forced a three-and-out on Tampa Bay’s first drive, Price caught the punt at the 14-yard line and scampered 86 yards for a touchdown. It was the team’s first punt return touchdown since Marcus Sherels had one in Week 5 of the 2016 season. It was also tied for the third-longest punt return in Vikings’ history. Price has been close to breaking one for a while now, so it was great to see him finally find the end zone. Also, I’d recommend checking out some videos the Vikings put out, because many of them feature Price, and he seems like such an easy guy to root for.

I also want to shout out Will Reichard, who was 3 for 3 on field goal attempts Sunday. He’s also made his last 26 field goals going back to last season (knock on wood). At this point, it seems like the only thing that can stop him is camera wires.

Looking ahead, the Vikings return home and welcome the Miami Dolphins. The Dolphins are 0-3 so far this season, and their best offensive player, De’Von Achane, is injured. On paper, the Vikings should have no problems against Miami, which means it’ll likely be a close game that comes down to the wire. Skol

“When Heartburn Keeps Coming Back Up”

Most of us have experienced heartburn or acid reflux at some point. It may happen after eating too much. You might burp up food or liquid, notice a sour taste in your throat, or feel a burning pain in the middle of your chest. Sometimes there is discomfort





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in the upper middle part of the abdomen, called the epigastric region.

Heartburn and other symptoms of acid reflux are very common, affecting about one-fourth of people at least once a week. Some people are more prone to reflux than others.

Diet and lifestyle changes can often help. Eating smaller meals, avoiding foods that trigger symptoms such as spicy or acidic foods, reducing caffeine or alcohol, losing excess weight, avoiding tobacco, reducing chocolate, and not eating close to bedtime may make a difference. Elevating the head of the bed can also help, particularly with nighttime symptoms.

Some medications that can cause symptoms of reflux include NSAIDs such as ibuprofen or aspirin, antibiotics like doxycycline, or GLP-1 weight loss medications.

An occasional antacid, such as Tums, can be an appropriate treatment for mild, infrequent symptoms. A short course of an acid-reducing medication, such as a proton pump inhibitor like omeprazole or an H2 blocker like famotidine, may also help. However, if symptoms are frequent or ongoing, it is worth discussing them with your healthcare provider.

Daily acid-reducing medication is a common treatment for chronic GERD (gastroesophageal reflux disease). These medications can be very effective, but long-term use should be periodically reviewed with a healthcare provider. The goal is generally to use the lowest effective dose for the shortest appropriate duration. Long-term use has been associated with some infections and nutritional deficiencies, although research linking these medications to conditions such as dementia, cardiovascular disease, and kidney disease has produced mixed results.

When GERD is severe or poorly controlled, repeated exposure of the esophagus to stomach acid can cause inflammation and damage. Over time, this can lead to changes in the esophageal lining, including Barrett’s esophagus, which can increase the risk of esophageal cancer.

For people with longstanding or difficult-to-control GERD, or concerning symptoms, a physician may recommend an EGD, or upper endoscopy. This procedure allows a physician to look directly at the esophagus and stomach for inflammation, ulcers, or other abnormalities.

Unlike a colonoscopy, an EGD does not require a bowel preparation. The patient simply needs to fast so the stomach is empty. For convenience, an EGD can sometimes be performed during the same appointment as a colonoscopy.

The take-home message is that if you have frequent heartburn or reflux, talk with your healthcare provider. Medication may be appropriate, and an EGD may be recommended in certain situations. But don’t overlook the importance of diet and lifestyle changes. When possible, those changes can help reduce symptoms and the need for medication.

Your stomach—and your esophagus—will thank you.

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