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Houghton Teen to Compete at International Bible Quizzing Finals

The top Bible Quizzers from the U.S. and Canada will descend on the Johnson University campus in Orlando, Florida July 6-10 for the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA) International Bible Quizzing Finals. This annual tournament, which is the culmination of the C&MA Bible Quizzing season, has a local connection this year. In April, Houghton native Sierra Tunby qualified for one of the spots on the five-person team representing the North Central District (NCD), which is comprised



L-R: Coach Pat Stiemke, Noah Stiemke, Lauren Junker-LaDoux, Sierra Tunby, Carsyn How, Luke Wiest, Coach Gretchen Hyink. (Courtesy photo)

of Minnesota and Eastern North and South Dakota. She joins teammates Lauren Junker-LaDoux and Carsyn How from Grand Rapids, MN, Luke Wiest from Le Sueur, MN, and Noah Stiemke from Belle Plaine, MN.

Each Bible Quizzing season a different book or books of the New Testament are studied, and all of the questions and answers come directly from the text of the Scripture being studied that year. "Bible Quizzing is basically a fun way to motivate young people to memorize God's word," said Josh Jetto, Pastor of the Gro-

ton C&MA Church and the Bible Quizzing Zone Coordinator for the NCD West Zone, which covers Eastern South Dakota. "Any young person, if they are willing to put in the time to study the book of Scripture being covered that year, can be successful at it – even if they have never read the Bible before in their life," Jetto said.

It certainly helped motivate Tunby who, over the course of the regular season, memorized the entire Gospel of John – all 878 verses – and helped to lead the Groton C&MA Bible Quiz

team to a first place regular season finish in the NCD West Zone. "It was challenging," she said, "but a great experience. The added discipline was good for me, and I had a lot of fun." When asked how she was able to memorize the entire Gospel of John over the nine-month season, she said, "Setting apart time each day to memorize. It was one little bite at a time, adding new verses and reviewing what I'd already memorized." "It has been very beneficial for us as a family," said her parents, Lars and Darinda Tunby, "It is great to have your young person really digging deeper in God's word, which is life-changing. We enjoyed the times of study together and the discussion it stimulated for us as a family."

This was Tunby's first year of Bible Quizzing, and she has seen a couple different levels of competition to this point. "This will be a whole other level for me," she said, "I've quizzed with just our South Dakota teams [at the monthly quiz meets], and then I quizzed at the Invitational in January [with teams from Minnesota and Wisconsin]. Internationals is the next step up. I'm looking forward to talking to the other kids who will be there and seeing how there are so many other kids like me who have been studying hard for this."

The preliminary round of the tournament will be held July 6-7, and depending on how well the team does in the 12 preliminary quizzes, they will qualify for either the championship bracket or a consolation bracket. Each quiz is 20 questions long and pits three teams directly against one another in a game of speed, strategy, and Scripture recall. The championship and consolation rounds will be held July 9-10.

The event will be live-streamed and can be viewed at live.cmabiblequizzing.org. The North Central District Team's preliminary round quizzes are scheduled for Saturday, July 6 at 8:30am, 9:30am, 10am, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, and 3:30pm, and Sunday, July 7 at 9:00am, 9:30am, 1:00pm, 1:30pm, and 3:00pm.

C&MA Bible Quizzing is open to both C&MA and non-C&MA churches and is for young people ages 10-18. If you'd like to know more about Bible Quizzing or are interested in starting Bible Quizzing in your church, contact Josh Jetto at joshjetto@gmail.com or 605-290-8258. You can also visit the North Central District web-site (www.ncdquiz.org) or the C&MA Quizzing web-site (www.cmabiblequizzing.org).

Groton Care & Rehab to get improvements

Legacy Healthcare to Invest in Quality Care, Specialized Services and Amenities in Three South Dakota Regions

On July 1, Legacy Healthcare, with its office in Skokie, Ill., officially began operating a portfolio of 16 skilled nursing facilities in South Dakota, including the Groton Care & Rehab facility. Stretching from Rapid City to Sioux Falls, this transaction enables Legacy to create a second regional hub, in addition to its existing hub in the Chicago market. Over the last 10 years Legacy has had the opportunity to revitalize many facilities through implementing clinical best practices, advanced medical technology, and robust customer service.



Legacy's mission statement speaks of investing in people – employees and residents first – which will be our primary focus during this transition. "It is an honor to be a part of the South Dakota community," said Connie Ortega, VP of Operations for Legacy Healthcare. "Our Legacy team is excited to partner with the current facility staff who have already demonstrated a strong passion of providing high quality of care."

Legacy Healthcare will continue to be in constant contact with the state of South Dakota, regional hospitals, and local healthcare providers which will help facilitate new, advanced and needed specialty programs to enable residents to remain closer to their homes and families.

Ortega continues, "The most immediate need is investing in the structure of the building itself. Our team has already identified areas in need of immediate improvements and will be working with the facility and local contractors on these improvements."

Legacy Healthcare has plans to invest millions of dollars in needed plant upgrades across all new Avantara properties in South Dakota. During the first six months of operation, they are looking to enhance existing roofing, foundation, heating, cooling and general maintenance upgrades across all facilities.

In addition to Groton, Legacy Healthcare has taken over the facilities in Arlington, Ipswich, Pierre, Armour, Lake Norden, Salem, Milbank, Clark, Redfield, Watertown and four facilities in Rapid City.

A stop could be placed on the stop signs

The stop sign proposal of adding stop signs to east and west traffic on West 5th Avenue at the intersection of Washington St. City Attorney Drew Johnson said the 20 day after publication notice should be referred to a vote if people so want to oppose it.

We also have four police officers that know when the games are over and they could patrol that area, said Councilman Jay Peterson. "We have over 150 signs in Groton, do we need two more? The people I have talked too don't want it."

Johnson said that it should be placed on the agenda to rescind

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 Notice is given that on the 11th day of June, 2019, Kaili A. Aberle, whose address is 406 West 2nd Avenue, Groton, SD 57445, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Roger E. Aberle.
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 Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.
 Dated this 12th day of June, 2019.
 /s/ Kaili A. Aberle
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FOR SALE: 39 acres; 28 tillable, 11 pasture/farmyard, 2 Bd./Bath, recent roof/siding. Mile north of Marindahl Lake SW of Irene. (605) 273-2678

MISCELLANEOUS

MICHAEL TIDEMANN, BALTIC NATIVE and USD grad, will sign his novel, Letters from Elk City, 2 p.m. Saturday, July 13 at the Sioux Falls Public Library at 200 N. Dakota. Get the novel at amazon.com/author/michaeltidemann.

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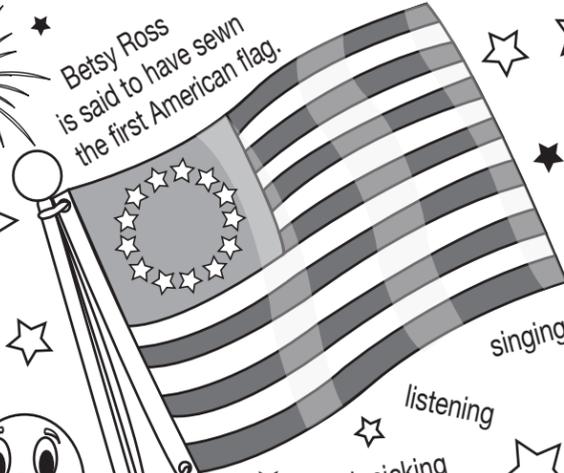


Happy Fourth of July, Everyone!

How are Americans celebrating the Fourth of July? What are *you* doing? Can you fill in the puzzle with the first word of each clue below to find out some ways in which we are celebrating?

- _____ to speeches of freedom
- _____ to cool off
- _____ red, white and blue bunting from buildings
- _____ the Declaration of Independence
- _____ a pie-eating contest
- _____ decorated bicycles
- _____ places, battlefields and buildings where people fought for liberty
- _____ in the parade
- _____ fireworks light up the sky
- _____ patriotic songs
- _____ our country's flag
- _____ with family and friends

Betsy Ross is said to have sewn the first American flag.



I love decorating my bicycle and riding it in the parade. And the fireworks are so cool! But, what is the celebration really about?

1 marching

2 riding

3 raising

4

5 singing

6 reading

7

8

9 hanging entering

10

11

12

A cool slice of watermelon on a hot July day makes life just ducky.

visiting

watching

This is our celebration of our country's independence. It means that we are not controlled by other countries. We are free. That's why we also call the Fourth of July **Independence Day**.

Help me find and circle all the words that begin with the letter 'F' on this page!

Famous People Pop Quiz!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- King _____ III of England did not permit the colonies in America to have people to represent them in the British government, which upset and angered the colonists
- 13 American Colonies wanted to break away from the British Empire; Paul _____ took a midnight ride on his horse to warn the people near Boston that British troops were coming
- George _____ was the Commander of the Continental Army (American forces) during the Revolutionary War; later became the first President (April 1789)
- writer of the Declaration of Independence; served as President of the United States; Thomas _____
- politician, scientist and inventor; diplomat who helped ensure victory of the American Revolution; Benjamin _____
- seamstress who worked making chair and couch cushions and pillows; credited with making the very first American flag; Betsy _____

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Jefferson

Ross

Franklin

George

Revere

Washington

What did the firecracker say when he saw the beautiful fireworks fill the night sky?

Nothing... he just burst with pride!

A-Mazing Fireworks!

Let's go to see the fireworks! Start at the star and help little ant find his way through the maze to the spectacle of fireworks.

The 4th is the 'cat's meow'!

Ooooo! Ahhhh!

A Fourth of July Picnic!



- Menu
- Clam chowder
 - Steamed lobster
 - Steamed clams
 - Corn on the cob
 - Small red potatoes
 - Roasted onions
 - Lemonade
 - Blueberry pie

Some people who live near the shore go to the beach and dig a pit in the sand and cook food in it. When the food is cooked, everyone visits and eats. Follow the color key to find out what this fun picnic is called:

R = Red
W = White
B = Blue

Answers on back page

Groton Transit Coordination Plan Meeting

Groton Public Transit Coordination Plan Meeting Notice

A public meeting will be held to assess public transit and human services transportation needs within Groton. The intent will be to assess current public transportation services and identify potential improvements in the coordination of those services. The meetings will be facilitated by the staff of Community Transit of Sisseton and Watertown and their contractor, First District Association of Local Governments. The meeting will be held:

**Monday, July 8, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

**Groton Community Center
109 N 3rd St, Groton, SD**

Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodation should contact Suzie at the First District at 605-882-5115 at least two business days before the meeting so arrangements can be made.

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Columbia City June 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes

City of Columbia Council Meeting – June 26, 2019 7:00 pm
CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Tyler Kampa, Cole Kampa, Ellen Harr, Trevor Meints
Community –

Ellen Harr called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the June meeting. Tyler Kampa made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: JVT – 117.81; Ken Frohling Trucking LLC. – 3,348.80; Jeremy Dosch – 419.99; Kelsie Ehresmann – 265.99; Cara Dennert – 973.86, GDI-29.97; Agtegra – 633.05; Web Water – 54.59; North-western Energy – 417.38; Petty Cash – 150.00; SD Unemployment Insurance Division – 1.10; Corey Mitchell – 170.18; Trevor Meints – 172.92; Cole Kampa – 172.92; Ellen Harr – 172.92 ; Tyler Kampa – 172.92; Inman Irrigation – 191.82; B&B Contracting – 2,556.00

Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Tyler Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE – Letter from Agtegra about rates. Notice from SD Dept of Labor – name change – Reemployment Assistance Division effective July 1, 2019.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Tyler revisited the need for a new mower and vehicle for working on streets. He made a motion to lease the Kubota talked about in the June meeting upon approval of our city employee, Jeremy Dosch. Cole seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Jeremy will go down and test drive Kubota soon.

Nuisances – Trevor has visited with our lawyer and will be talking to the sheriff next week. The sheriff will be serving the nuisance papers regarding the violations in our city. Tyler stated that if the sheriff isn't able to connect with an individual, a notice should be put on their door.

Streets – Streets are looking good. New gravel and blading is finished. We received notice about a light out in front of a house in town. Cole will be calling Northwestern Energy to have them fix that.

Parks – WET! Tyler discussed the possibility of installing a cistern in the ball park. We have invested a lot of time & money into the park and it is unusable this year. He will get estimates on what that project might cost. Presently, they need to continue to pump off the road to help the situation.

Lagoon/sewer – We are waiting till fall to do a discharge. Ellen walked the road – it's in good condition.

Rubble Site – Many people have been wanting to get yard waste/tree trimmings into the site. If they call city hall – 396-2655 and leave a message we will try to get back to them within 24 hours to set up a time. Residents can also call Cara, the Finance Officer at 396-7099 and she can relay a message.

NEW BUSINESS – Tyler Kampa

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announced that he is moving out of town. He will remain on the board until a replacement can be found to fill his term. There was discussion on bringing back the speed radar signs to our main road. Trevor is going to check into this. Cole wondered if we should look into purchasing equipment for spraying mosquitos. There was discussion on the cost and liability. There was also discussion on buying a used pickup truck for the city to use – possibly with a flat bed for hauling mowers. Council members will look into the surplus sales in Huron. Reminder for everyone – our city ordinances state that fireworks are legal within city limits between June 28th and July 5th unless otherwise authorized by the Mayor, Corey Mitchell.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Bank balances were presented. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept as presented. Tyler Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. Cara gave some information from Finance Officer's School in Pierre.

June 26, 2019 balances: SF – \$149,751.46; GF – 141,162.31; FIT – not available Cash on Hand – \$0.00

Cole Kampa made a motion to adjourn. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Tuesday, August 6, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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Brown County June 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes

JUNE 25, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Chair Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Kippley, Sutton, and Wiese. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve the General County Commission meeting minutes from June 18, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Sutton seconded by Feickert to approve the following claims:

Payroll: Commission \$5,528.71; Elections \$4,340.00; Auditor \$8,975.35; Treasurer \$13,701.35; SA \$21,454.98; SWAVA \$1,193.49; Maintenance \$8,425.04; Assessor \$13,913.33; Register of Deeds \$8,771.41; VSO \$4,535.70; GIS \$2,367.50; IT \$8,178.21; HR \$3,397.45; Sheriff \$36,512.63; Jail \$56,171.29; Coroner \$0.00; Court Security \$6,223.84; JDC \$22,699.65; Welfare \$1,884.62; Museum \$8,676.11; Parks/Fairgrounds \$7,892.38; Fair Board \$4,502.04; 4-H \$1,590.57; Weed \$6,347.12; Planning & Zoning \$2,507.34; Highway \$49,693.02; Dispatch \$28,539.93; Emergency \$4,079.58; Teen Court \$436.32; 24/7 Sobriety \$3,202.74; Landfill \$11,778.01; Matching Benefits: Fica, \$20,712.97; Medicare \$4,844.17; HSA \$150.; Health Insurance \$131,267.60; Dental Insurance \$6,607.17; Life Insurance \$1,133.83; SDRS \$42,682.10. Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$2,001.01; Jim Bahr \$250.00; Cogley Law Office \$6,250.00; Compass Counseling & Assessment \$1,800.00; Dependable Sanitation \$27,837.50; Dohrer's Law Office \$6,250.00; Haar Law Office \$6,269.80; Interpretors \$90.00; Kuck Law Office \$10,007.10; Lutheran Social Services \$717.36; Jerald McNeary \$6,250.00; Sanford Clinic \$126.63; SD Dept. of Health \$2,115.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$6,250.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$333.30; Taliaferro Law Firm \$13,354.95; UND – Pathology Dept. \$270.75; West Payment Center \$165.00. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$145.88; Midstates Printing \$2,181.41; Rapid City Journal \$21.13. Rentals: 446-Praxair \$47.62; Advantage Self Storage \$2,484.00; Brick's Roto-Rooter \$140.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Cintas \$406.70; CommTech \$199.98; Diamond Mowers \$13.14; Ken's Alignment \$231.08; Leidholt Electric \$206.94; Prairie Lakes Archeological Services \$761.80; Pro Ag Supply \$5.89; Sioux Falls Crane & Hoist \$626.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$1,148.10; Team Laboratory Chemical Co. \$30,624.00; Woodman Refrigeration \$607.35. Supplies: 446-Praxair \$750.71; Advance Auto Stores \$1,575.27; Ameripride \$70.25; Bonnie Bitz \$336.00; Butler Machinery \$800.00; Century Business Products \$1,006.97; Crescent Electric \$274.08; Diamond Mowers \$341.76; Dooley Enterprises \$746.00; GCR Tires & Service \$50.00; Geffdog \$71.00; Gov-Connection \$1,176.58; Heartland Paper \$178.58; Jensen Rock &

Sand \$12,601.51; Leidholt Tool Sales \$46.75; Leidholt Electric \$140.21; Marco \$37.71; Mellette Travel Plaza \$9.50; Menards \$185.25; Midstates Printing \$237.00; Pitney Bowes \$126.00; Running's \$21.76; Specialty Mfg. \$3,250.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$878.42; TranSource Truck & Equip. \$59.18. Travel & Conference: Jim Bahr \$201.16; Lori Goldade \$98.70; Audrey Rider \$88.27; Safe Harbor \$220.00; SDSU Extension \$182.80. Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$299.57; CenturyLink \$2,286.45; Dependable Sanitation \$165.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$26.36; Northern Electric \$2,642.55; NWPS \$1,361.98; NVC \$148.69. Other: Karen Treeby \$170.00; Pizza Ranch \$91.48.

Machinery & Equip.: Pierson-Ford \$42,881.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Feickert seconded by Kippley to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Acknowledge termination of Allen Klinger, full-time Highway Laborer, Grade 3, effective June 19, 2019 and approve request to fill vacancy. Approve retirement award for Sandra Mielke for \$150. Approve the following step increases effective June 30, 2019: Paul Wipf @ \$21.69 per hour, Amanda Aragon @ \$15.66 per hour, Melony Flinn @ \$20.39 per hour, John Clark @ \$18.82 per hour, Kathy Neitzel @ \$22.27 per hour. Approve the following miles driven for personal use in county vehicle to be taxed at .545 per mile: Kendall Titze 108 @ \$58.86, Dirk Rogers 798 @ \$434.91, Mike Scott 210 @ \$114.45, Gary Vetter 122 @ \$66.49. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

211 SERVICE GRANT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to authorize chair sign funding request from SD Department of Social Services to receive 50% cost share match funding for continuation of 211 helpline services. County cost share will be provided by United Way of Northeastern SD in the amount of \$18,389. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENT: Moved by Sutton seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign documentation to assign a claim against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting a lien. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 138 – SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley, to set public hearing for consideration of the following application by Doris Patten for Ordinance #138, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG): Lot 1, "D Patten Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 28-T126N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39044 117th St) to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex at 8:45a.m. on July 16, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

SURPLUS SALE REVENUE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve all surplus proceeds to be distributed back to department funds. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

LOTTERY APPLICATION: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize signing application for lottery submitted by Elm Lake Association to be held July 4th, 2019 at Elm Lake Resort. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

FAIR BOARD BY-LAW UPDATE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve fair board by-law changes. Copy of fair by-laws is on file at the Brown County Auditor's office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIRGROUNDS HAY LAND: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton, to authorize advertising request for proposals for hay cutting on County land – approximately 24 acres at the Fairgrounds, to be opened, read and considered on July 16, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPRaisal: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve payment for appraisal services on the Millum Building. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following contracts for 2019 Brown

County Fair: Veterinary Service Agreement with Tim Kruse. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following lease agreement: Yelduz Shrine for lease of parking lot August 1st, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

ORD 137 – SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adopt Ordinance #137, an Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG): Lot 2 Bruns Hanson Addition in the SW 1/4 of Section 32-T127N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (39546 112th St). Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance adopted.

PLATS: Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #23-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "MESTAS ADDITION IN THE SW1/4 OF SECTION26, TOWNSHIP 124 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #23-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "T & J INVESTMENTS ADDITION IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 124 NORTH, RANGE 63 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #24-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the board of county commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing DALAGER ADDITION TO BATH, IN THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 17-T123N-R62W OF THE 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. Having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #25-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing KIENOW REAL ESTATE SUBDIVISION, IN THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 31-T122N-R64W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #26-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing, PRAIRIE HILL FARMS SUBDIVISION IN THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 11-T124N-R62W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #27-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "D. PATTEN ADDITION IN THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 126 NORTH, RANGE 63 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions OF SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #28-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing: THREE M FARMS OUTLOT IN THE NW1/4 NW1/4 OF SECTION 27-T128N-R62W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #29-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "WOLLMAN-JONES SECOND SUBDIVISION IN THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 124 NORTH, RANGE 62 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #30-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "B.C.P.R.L. ADDITION IN THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 123 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #31-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "T & J INVESTMENTS ADDITION IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 124 NORTH, RANGE 63 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Kippley offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #32-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "HANSEN'S SECOND SUBDIVISION IN THE S1/2NE1/4 & N1/2SE1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 121 NORTH, RANGE 62 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel, contracts, and legal per SDCL 1-25-2(1,3,4). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:53 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Ord. #137 Hanson Rezoning

ORDINANCE #137

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION

BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE

CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the

Brown County Commission,

Brown County, South Dakota,

that the Petition to Amend Title

4, Second Revision Brown County

Ordinances, as amended, to

rezone the following described

property filed by Jeff Hanson

is hereby granted and Title 4,

Second Revision Brown County

Ordinances is hereby amended

to change the zoning on the

following described property

from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural

Preservation District (AG-P) to

Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural

District (M-AG), said property

described as follows:

Lot 2, "Bruns Hanson Addition"

in the SW1/4 of Section

32-T127N-R62W of the 5th P.M.,

Brown County, South Dakota

(39546 112th St)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by

the Brown County Commission,

Brown County, South Dakota that

the zoning official for the County

of Brown is hereby authorized to

change the official zoning map

for Brown County to reflect this

Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: June 5 & 12, 2019

Passed First Reading: June 18, 2019

Passed Second Reading: June 25, 2019

Adopted: June 25, 2019

Published: July 3, 2019

Effective Date: July 23, 2019

Doug Fjeldheim, Chair

Brown County Commission

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Ord. #138 Patten Rezoning NOTICE

Application has been made by Doris Patten 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 16, 2019 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG):

Lot 1, "D Patten Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 28-T126N-R63W of the 5th P.M.,

Brown County, South Dakota (39044 117th St)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 138.

ATTEST: –
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Fairgrounds Hay Cutting Bids

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
HAY CUTTING ON COUNTY LAND

BROWN COUNTY FAIR-
GROUNDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be opened for consideration at 8:50 a.m. on July 16, 2019 in the Brown County Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD for hay cutting on County land – approximately 24 acres located at the Brown County Fairgrounds-Lot 1First Replat of Dahme Northview Addn, located in the SE 1/4 Sec 1-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD; with a minimum bid of \$60.00 per acre. Two additional one-year options (2020, 2021) may be exercised at the discretion of the Brown County Commission, provided notification in writing is received in the Brown County Auditor's Office by November 1st of the year preceding the option. All hay bales are to be removed no later than two weeks prior to the Brown County Fair. Envelopes containing proposals shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401, and are to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Proposal for Hay Cutting at Brown County Fairgrounds."

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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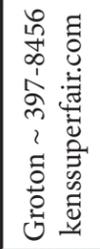
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2019 July Groton Summer Recreation Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>7 2:00 p.m.: Legion at Redfield, (DH) 2:00 p.m.: U12 Midgets vs. Backous & Pierre at Manor Park</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  <p>Groton 397-2726</p> </div>	<p>8 5:00 p.m.: Junior Teeners host Sisseton, (DH) 6:00 p.m.: U8 Pee Wees at Webster, (DH)s (R,B) 6:00 p.m.: Junior Legion at Northville, (DH) 6:00 p.m.: T-Ball Scrimmage (both) Softball at Mellette (U8 at 5 p.m. (1 game), U10 at 6 p.m. (1 game), U14 at 7 p.m. (2 games))</p>	<p>9 5:30 p.m.: Legion hosts Aberdeen, (DH) 5:30 p.m.: U8 Pee Wees vs. Borge at Manor Park (R) 6:30 p.m.: U12 Midgets vs. Borge at Manor Park Softball U14 hosts Frankfort, (DH), 6 p.m. Olive Grove: Bridge – Noon Olive Grove: 6 pm Ladies League</p>	<p>10 5:30 p.m.: U8 Pee Wees host Warner, (DH) (R) 6:00 p.m.: U8 Pee Wees host Jacobson, (DH) (B) 6:00 p.m.: T-Ball at Columbia (Gold) Olive Grove: Kids Lessons Olive Grove: 6 pm Men's League</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>11 6:00 p.m.: Legion at Castlewood, (DH) 6:00 p.m.: T-Ball at Claremont (Black) Softball hosts Webster (U10 at 6 p.m. (1 game), U12 at 7 p.m. (2 games)) Softball hosts Faulkton, (DH), 6 p.m.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>12 Legion at Clark Tourney U12 Midgets State Tournament, TBD U10 Pee Wees State Tournament, TBD</p>	<p>13 Legion at Clark Tourney U12 Midgets State Tournament, TBD U10 Pee Wees State Tournament, TBD 1:00 p.m.: Locke Electric Amateurs at Mt. Vernon (Tentative)</p>
<p>14 Legion at Clark Tourney U12 Midgets State Tournament, TBD U10 Pee Wees State Tournament, TBD 1:00 p.m.: Locke Electric Amateurs vs. Groton 2 Amateurs Summer Fest at City Park, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p>	<p>15 6:00 p.m.: U8 Pee Wees host Sisseton (R,B)</p>	<p>16 5:30 p.m.: Junior Legion at Clark, (DH) Softball hosts Ipswich (U8 at 6 p.m. (1 game), U10 at 7 p.m. (2 games)) Olive Grove: 6 pm Ladies League</p>	<p>17 7:00 p.m.: Legion hosts Sisseton Olive Grove: Kids Lessons Olive Grove: 6 pm Men's League</p>	<p>18 5:00 p.m.: Junior Legion hosts Aberdeen, (DH) 6:00 p.m.: U8 Pee Wees vs. Jacobson at Manor Park, (DH) (B) 6:00 p.m.: T-Ball Scrimmage (both) Olive Grove: Pro Am, 8 am & Noon</p>	<p>19 State Junior Teener Tournament in Elkton 6:00 p.m.: Junior Legion at Faulkton, (DH)</p>	<p>20 State Junior Teener Tournament in Elkton</p>
<p>21 State Junior Teener Tournament in Elkton 1:00 p.m.: Groton 2 Amateurs host Redfield 4:00 p.m.: Locke Electric Amateurs at Northville C&MA VBS</p>	<p>22 5:00 p.m.: Junior Legion at Aberdeen, (DH) C&MA VBS</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>23 6:00 p.m.: Locke Electric Amateurs host Aberdeen Olive Grove: Bridge – Noon C&MA VBS</p>	<p>24 Olive Grove: Kids Lessons Olive Grove: 6 pm Men's League C&MA VBS</p>	<p>25 C&MA VBS</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>26 Olive Grove: Ferney Open, 18 holes</p>	<p>27 Olive Grove Golf Course 30th Celebration</p>
<p>28 Olive Grove Golf Course 30th Celebration</p>	<p>29 (Preorders taken for GGA Burger Feed)</p>	<p>30 Amateur Districts in Groton Olive Grove: 6 pm Ladies League</p>	<p>31 Amateur Districts in Groton Olive Grove: Kids Lessons Olive Grove: 6 pm Men's League Olive Grove: Noon: GGA Burger Feed</p>	<p>26 Olive Grove: Ferney Open, 18 holes</p>	<p>27 Olive Grove: Ferney Open, 18 holes</p>	<p>28 Olive Grove Golf Course 30th Celebration</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">  <p>Becky Kotzer, Owner 605/216-8894 Home of custom apparel, personalized gifts and accessories & all your fund raising needs.</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  <p>Groton American Legion Post #39 Lounge: 397-2603 • Downtown Groton</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">  <p>Hanlon Brothers Gravel Hauling New & Cleaning of Stockdams with our 60' reach reach hot 605/395-6531</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Doug and Wanda Hamilton are proud to support Groton Baseball/Softball</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Jungle Burgers are Awesome! Toppings are mushrooms, onions, Jalapeño peppers, pickles, tomatoes, 5 cheeses and 3 sauces Dine-in Offer Only. Served with waffle fries Jungle Lanes & Lounge - Downtown Groton</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Professional Management Services, Inc. 1111 N Main, Downtown Groton 605/397-3333 (FEED)</p>  </div>	<p>July 30 - Aug. 2 Amateur Districts in Groton Thursday, Aug. 1 6:00 p.m.: Junior Legion hosts Northville, (DH) August 5-18 State "B" Amateur Tournament at Mitchell August 9-11 State Junior Legion Tourney in Groton</p>

Risk of death on S.D. highways rises during Fourth of July holiday

By: Bart Pfankuch

A new study proves what many drivers and law enforcement officials already believed: that the rate of highway fatalities, including alcohol-related fatalities, rises significantly during the annual Fourth of July holiday across the United States and even more so in South Dakota.

The rate of highway deaths during the Independence Day holiday travel period in the U.S. rises by 27% compared with comparable non-holiday time frames, and jumps by 46% in South Dakota, the study found. Meanwhile, the data analysis showed that alcohol-related driving fatalities jumped by 30% across the country and by 67% in South Dakota during the holiday period, the fourth-highest rate increase in the country.

The study – which examined data from 165,000 fatal crashes across the country from 2013-17 – found that a single three-hour time frame is the deadliest during the Fourth of July holiday travel period in America: from 9 p.m. to midnight on July 4.

“If you think about the nature of the Fourth of July holiday, people are out drinking and watching fireworks and being out later, and they’re more distracted behind the wheel than normal,” said Brian Beltz, lead researcher for the California-based data analysis firm 1point21 Interactive. “There’s more people on the roads, and they’re out later and it turns out more are impaired than usual on the roads.”

Beltz performed the study on behalf of a law firm that sought data on highway fatalities. Beltz said he looked at national data to show trends that would not be revealed in state data that may not be statistically valid due to low numbers.



The American Automobile Association predicts record levels of travel on U.S. roadways during the 2019 Fourth of July holiday. Two days before Independence Day, traffic had already picked up on some South Dakota highways, including this stretch of Interstate 90 in Meade County. Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch

In examining fatal-crash data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from 2013-17, Beltz found that 1,923 fatal crashes resulted in 2,110 deaths across the country during the Fourth of July holiday period, which ranges from 30 hours in some years to 102 hours and allows for travel before and after the actual holiday. South Dakota had 12 holiday period fatalities during that five-year time frame, state data show.

Beltz broke down the data for each day of the year, then compared the holiday period with other days to create a percentage increase in fatalities during the holiday travel period. The data Beltz used matches up with fatality records compiled by the state of South Dakota.

Lee Axdahl, director of the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety, said summertime

holidays such as the Fourth of July and the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends have a confluence of events that make roadway travel more dangerous than at other times.

Particularly during the Fourth of July holiday, when local and non-local family gatherings are common, far more motorists are on the road overall and some may not be familiar with their surroundings, Axdahl said.

High traffic counts seem highly likely across the country this year, with the American Automobile Association predicting that nearly 49 million people – which would set an annual record – may take to the roads during the Fourth of July holiday this year.

Compounding the risks associated with high volumes of travelers is a propensity of people to drink alcohol or use drugs at holiday parties, barbecues and fireworks shows, Axdahl said. Once an impaired person gets behind the wheel, the risk level rises sharply for that person, his or her passengers, and people in other vehicles, Axdahl said.

“When you’re impaired, the opportunity to make a bad decision is exponentially increased,” he said. “It’s not unusual to see an alcohol-related crash that involved high speeds, or to see an alcohol-related crash where a seat belt isn’t used.”



Lee Axdahl, director of the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety, said fatalities are down so far this year in South Dakota and he urges drivers to be cautious on state roads that are sure to be busy over the Fourth of July holiday period. Photo: Courtesy S.D. Office of Highway Safety

“When you make bad decisions, you may not be the person that gets seriously injured or killed in the crash, and it could be someone else or someone else’s family. These things happen in a heartbeat, and nobody wakes up and says today is my day.” -- Lee Axdahl, director of S.D. Office of Highway Safety

South Dakota crash data support the idea that impaired drivers are not only more likely to crash but are also more likely to die. In 2017, alcohol was a factor in only 5.6% of total crashes but played a role in 40.5% of fatal crashes. Fatal wrecks involving impairment were also concentrated in the 21-39 age group, with 27 of the 49 recorded alcohol-related deaths falling into that age range in 2017.

Axdahl said the state Highway Patrol would have more officers on duty during the holiday period, and officials from city and county law enforcement agencies say they also are increasing patrol efforts.

Yet Axdahl said good decision-making by all who take to the road – those who imbibe and those who do not – is critical to reducing the risk of injury or death during the upcoming Fourth of July travel period that starts at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, July 7.

Axdahl noted that his research shows that at any given time in South Dakota, one of 17 drivers encountered on the highway has a DUI conviction on his or her record.

“When you make bad decisions, you may not be the person that gets seriously injured or killed in the crash, and it could be someone else or someone else’s family,” he said. “These things happen in a heartbeat, and nobody wakes up and says today is my day.”

Beltz said his research also showed that pedestrian fatalities increased by 46% during the Fourth of July holiday time frame, and that half of those deaths took place in a four-hour period starting at 9 p.m. on July 4. South Dakota has reported no pedestrian fatalities during the holiday period over the past decade, according to state traffic data.

In South Dakota in 2018, during a Fourth of July holiday period that was only 30 hours because it did not include a weekend, the state saw 57 motor vehicle accidents, six of which were alcohol-related, according to Tony Mangan, spokesperson for the Department of Public Safety. From 2008-2017, the state saw 19 fatal crashes and 20 deaths as well as 475 injuries from wrecks during those Fourth of July periods.

ALCOHOL-RELATED DEATHS OVER FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY

This chart shows the percentage of highway fatalities that are alcohol-related for the five states with the highest percentages in the nation with national ranking, and among South Dakota neighboring states from 2013-17.

State	Fatalities	Alcohol-related %/Rank
North Dakota	7	7 100%/No. 1
Montana	11	9 82%/No. 2
Alaska	7	5 71%/No. 3
South Dakota	9	6 67%/No. 4
Oregon	35	23 66%/No. 5
Wyoming	10	5 50%/No. 16
Iowa	25	12 48%/No. 19
Nebraska	11	5 45%/No. 21
Minn.	21	8 38%/No. 32

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Alcohol was determined to be a factor in a horrific wreck that occurred during the holiday period near Yankton last year. According to a state crash report, five people were killed in a head-on crash on South Dakota Highway 50 about three miles east of Yankton around 1:20 a.m. on July 4, 2018, when a car fleeing from police crossed into an oncoming lane.

Two men from Sioux Falls died in the fleeing vehicle, and a married couple from Yankton and a 10-year-old girl passenger in the oncoming vehicle also died in the wreck. Mangan said an investigation showed the fleeing vehicle driver was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash.

Lt. Dave McIntire of the Sioux Falls Police Department said his agency had not responded to any fatalities in the Fourth of July holiday period over the past several years.

McIntire said increased local traffic during the holiday, especially after fireworks shows that end after dark, is the most likely cause

for an increased risk of vehicle collisions during the holiday. He also pointed to distracted driving by people using their phones to text, talk or search online behind the wheel as another risk factor for holiday drivers.

McIntire said he'd seen a culture shift away from drunken driving, but added that Sioux Falls Police will have 10 additional officers on the road during the holiday this year to watch for drivers who are impaired for any reason, including the use of opiates or methamphetamines. Patrol officers are trained to recognize the effects of drug use on drivers, McIntire said.

The launch of low-priced taxi services such as Lyft and Uber in the Sioux Falls market over the past couple years has also led to a drop in DUI arrests in the city, McIntire said. "The advent of Lyft and Uber, with very cheap and affordable ways to get home and the great convenience of those; we saw a noticeable drop in DUI arrests," he said. "A cab was an expensive option back in the day, and now you can get a ride across town for seven bucks."



Law enforcement agencies across the state are hoping that good decision-making by drivers and heavy enforcement by authorities will reduce the risk of accidents during the Fourth of July holiday time frame. Photo: Courtesy S.D. Office of Highway Safety

Lt. Dustin Morrison of the Pennington County Sheriff's Office said law enforcement agencies are well aware that alcohol impairment and other distractions make roadway travel dangerous for all motorists during the Fourth of July holiday period.

The agency is upping its patrol presence by about 15 percent over the holiday and the following weekend this year, Morrison said.

Sheriff's officers will be "proactive" in seeking out drivers who may be impaired or a danger to themselves or others, Morrison said. That typically involves watching for traffic violations such as speeding, failure to maintain a lane or not obeying traffic signals, since impaired drivers tend to break traffic laws more frequently than sober drivers, Morrison said.

"Obviously, if somebody is speeding, then we'll address the speeding and sometimes we look for other violations," Morrison said. "By enforcing traffic laws on the books, if people are out there driving drunk, those things will be more prominent."

Despite increased risks during summer holidays, Morrison said most drivers are not impaired and tend to drive safely.

"What we find is that a lot of people are being responsible," he said. "The statistics show the tragedies, but there's still a lot of people out there making good decisions and designating a sober driver."

HOLIDAY ROAD RISKS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Here is a snapshot of crashes with injury or fatality, total injuries and total fatalities from six holiday travel periods in South Dakota in 2017.

Holiday	I/F	Crashes	Deaths	Injuries
Memorial Day	24	6	30	
Fourth of July	51	3	70	
Labor Day	23	1	32	
Thanksgiving	33	3	38	
Christmas	21	2	30	
New Year's	26	0	35	

Source: S.D. Department of Public Safety

Capt. Joe Bosman of the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office said adding extra officers during high-traffic holidays increases the likelihood of catching impaired drivers but also allows other officers to respond to calls not related to traffic or DUI enforcement.

"It allows officers, especially for our agency, which is still responsible for answering 911 calls for service, to focus on traffic enforcement actions and not be bouncing from call to call on things like fireworks violations or car-versus-deer accidents," Bosman said. "Otherwise, they're tied up on other things that reduce their focus on looking for detection of impaired drivers."

Bosman urged all drivers to be cautious and focus on safety while on the road during the holiday period, including following the speed limit, staying aware of drivers around them and taking extra care at intersections.

"We educate the public and make them aware that we're going to be out in extra force and that it's not worth it for you to hurt someone else or your family members or yourself," Bosman said. "But it's also about not being placed under arrest, which can be devastating

for people."

Axdahl, the state highway safety director, said traffic statistics show fewer deaths have occurred on state roads so far this year compared with last, and he is hopeful the state will see a safe Fourth of July holiday.

Axdahl, who is getting married on July 4, told News Watch he would ensure that all participants in his wedding have a sober ride home if they drink alcohol during the celebration. "Everybody that will be there will have a designated driver," he said.

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Skin cancer questions

Q: What are some types of skin cancer?

A: The three major types are basal cell, squamous cell and malignant melanoma.

In general, one in five, or 20 percent of people in the U.S. have had or will have some type of skin cancer. In Australia where the sun is intense, two out of three skin cancers are basal cell, one in four are squamous cell, and one in twelve are malignant melanoma.

Q: Should I go to a dermatologist for screening?

A: The dermatologist is the most experienced with skin cancer, but primary care providers can help, too. Realize, however, that the first person to discover skin cancer should be you, along with a partner to look over places you cannot see. Self-screening is especially important for those at high risk for skin cancer.

Q: Who is at high risk for skin cancer?

A: At highest risk would be anyone who has had a bad sunburn or excessive lifetime sun exposure, especially when young, and those with light complexion, freckles, blue eyes, blond or red hair. At higher risk for malignant melanoma are those with many moles, with a prior personal history of skin cancer, and with a family history of malignant melanoma.

Q: Does sunscreen help prevent skin cancer?

A: This is widely presumed to be true but not yet scientifically proven. In fact, some speculate that people who use sunscreen may feel emboldened to expose themselves to more hours of damaging sunlight. Also, using sunscreen to shield skin from sunlight may possibly result in vitamin D deficiency. All that said, it is my opinion there is enough evidence to use sunscreen all year long and, if you live in the northern climates, take 2000 IU of vitamin D daily.

Q: How do I know when to go to the doctor?

A: The ABCDE mnemonic helps in knowing when a skin lesion might be dangerous. A: asymmetry or irregularly shaped; B: border fuzzy not sharp; C: more than one color in it; D: diameter wider than pencil width; and E: lesion evolving or changing. It is common to mistake a benign and safe look-a-like seborrheic keratosis for a possible malignant melanoma. Seborrheic keratosis is light brown to black, raised, and waxy. If one can partially peel or scratch off waxy material with a fingernail, then it is likely a benign keratosis. Malignant melanomas can be either flat or nodular...but never waxy.

No question, if ever you are in doubt, see your doctor.

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Groton Senior Citizens

Groton seniors met June 10. Eleven members were present. President led the flag pledge. We had a short meeting. Flowers were planted. One tree replaced. A get well card was signed by all for David Kleinsassor. He had surgery on his hand. Meeting adjourned. Cards were played and the winners are Canasta- Beulah Hoops and Pat Larson, Pinochle- David Kleinsassor, Whist- Elda Stange. Lunch was served by Eunice McColister and Elda Stange. Door prizes went to Don Darwin, Marilyn Thorson and Ruby Donavon. June 17 in attendance were thirteen members. A sympathy card was signed by all for Marilyn Thorson in the death of her godson. Cards were played the winners are Canasta- Marilyn Thorson and Beulah Hoops. Pinochle- Bev Sombke, Whist- Elda Stange. Door prizes - Beulah Hoops, Darlene Fischer, and Elda Stange. Lunch was served by Ruby Donavon and Lee Schinkel. JUNE 24- Seniors met for pot luck dinner. Fifteen members were present. One visitor Ruby Donavon's son. Flag pledge was said. Bingo was played after dinner and David Kleinsassor won black out. Cards were played after bingo. Door prizes went to Grace Albrecht, Marilyn Thorson and Pat Larson. A get well card was signed by all for Jan Raap.

STIP PUBLIC MEETINGS

S.D. Dept. of Transportation has developed a Tentative 2020-2023 Four-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this time period. Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public meetings will be held on the following dates and locations to receive public comment on the tentative program.

July 9, 2019AmericInn..... Aberdeen7:00 PM (CDT)
 July 10, 2019Highland Conference Center..... Mitchell.....7:00 PM (CDT)
 July 11, 2019Ramkota Hotel Rapid City.....7:00 PM (MDT)
 July 15, 2019Ramkota Hotel..... Pierre7:00 PM (CDT)
 July 18, 2019Webinar..... Visit www.sddot.com for a link to participate.....2:30 PM (CDT)

Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting. For more information please go to www.SDDOT.com

City Council

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the stop signs. Finance Officer Hope Block said the option to revisit the situation is already on the agenda. The council tabled the matter to the next meeting when a motion to rescind the motion for the two additional stop signs.

The pool managers came before the council to request three nights of moonlight swim. It would run from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. and would be July 11, July 25 and Aug. 8. Kami Lipp said concessions would be sold and possess would not be allowed. The hours are the same as a birthday party. It would be for ages 14 and up. Kellie Hanson said she would volunteer her time as a lifeguard. There is also the possibility of a movie.

On the say of the summer fest, Lipp suggested having games at the pool from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with free admission (free will offering). "Try it and see how it goes," she said. The council gave the okay to all events.

Terry Herron reported that work has started on State Street and the curb and gutter on Third Avenue West west of State Street has been installed. A storm sewer is being installed on the north end of State Street. He said that he hopes they can get some gravel on State Street before it rains again. About 200 feet of curb on the baseball side is going to be replaced as it has broken and shifted.

Herron talked about Seventh Avenue and First Street where there are issues with the sidewalks. The fillets and sidewalks in that area need to be replaced. Jacobs Construction could do the work while they are in town. The City will receive a check for \$5,100 from Jacobs from the gravel that was sold tearing up State Street. The cost to fix it is \$18,426, but that cost could get down to \$10,000 or less. Councilman

David Blackmun said that this is an emergency fix that needs to be done. It will be placed on the next meeting agenda so finance officer Block can find where the money is going to come from.

There was discussion on water in the cemetery in the catholic section by SD37. A pipe could be installed, but a permit from the state would be needed to install a pipe in the right-of-way. A permit will be sought to drain the water with drain tile from that area to the highway ditch which will then flow south.

Dwight Zerr said one of the pumps at the Aspen Lift Station was going bad. It was taken to Watertown where new bearings were installed. The lagoon has been drained a couple of times now. "This is an exceptional year with all of this water," Zerr said. "We're hanging in there, though."

Police Chief Stacy Mayou did not have much to report from the police department. He said there was a chase where the officers had to use the stop stick, which had to be replaced for \$473. Councilman Jay Peterson suggested that the speed sign on Fifth Avenue be moved west to the next intersection.

Governor Noem declared July 5th as a holiday and to close the offices. The council agreed to do the same for the City of Groton - to close it down July 5th in addition to the normal July 4th.

Mayor Scott Hanlon and Councilman Karyn Babcock were authorized to attend a Groton Leadership Institute in Chicago. GrowSD is paying for the airplane tickets and the registration. The council gave the okay to pay for the rooms in the amount of \$440 each. The city will receive a \$4,000 grant. They will go in October

A Presidential Disaster Declaration for the 2019 spring flooding meeting will be held July 8 in Aberdeen and the council gave the okay for the Finance Officer Hope Block to attend the meeting.

The council appointed SD Fit and the First State Bank as official banks.

Quotes were read from both Groton papers. The Groton Independent quoted a legal line rate of .304 while the Dakota Press was .28. Classified rates were \$3 flat fee from the Independent, \$3 minimum with 10 cents per word over 20 words for the Dakota Press. Display ad rate is \$3.50 per column inch for the Independent and \$3 per column inch for the Dakota Press. After further discussion and learning that the Dakota Press has not submitted invoices and affidavits on a timely matter, the council decided to appoint both papers and accept the respective quoted rates.

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How are Americans celebrating the Fourth of July? What are you doing? Famous People Pop Quiz

1. Betsy Ross is said to have sewn the first American flag.

2. Hot dog! Fire up the grill.

3. Yeah, clams... make sure it's clams.

4. Menu: Clam chowder, Steamed clams, Corn on the cob, Small red potatoes, Roasted onions, Lemonade, Blueberry pie.

5. A cool slice of watermelon on a hot July day makes life just ducky.

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