

Community **Spread of COVID-ID** in Brown, **Marshall** counties

Brown and Marshall counties have now been considered community spread for CO-VID-19.

The COVID-19 virus has closed down businesses with many offering only carry out or curbside delivery, not allowing customers into the stores.

Even the churches have closed with services being livestreamed on Facebook or some other means of livestreaming.

People have been losing their jobs as stores close up. Congress has passed a stimulus of up to \$1,200 per adult and \$500 per eligible dependent. When the money will arrive varies by officials. Some say two weeks, other say it could take up to two months.

Local events have been canceled and they include the Easter Egg Hunt, the Dueling Piano Baseball Fundraiser, Firemen's Fun Night and the Spring Citywide rummage sales.

Since last Wednesday, the number of positive cases in South Dakota increased from 41 to 129. There are 12 who are hospitalized and 51 who have recovered. There were 3,903 negative tests.

Last week across the United States, 1,046 people have died from the COVID-19 virus. A week later, it has risen to 3,873.

The only known cure for the COVID-19 is to stay home. There is no magical cure for the virus. It will be your body's defenses against the virus.

There have been four positive cases in Brown County and one in Marshall County. The one in Marshall County has recovered and two in Brown County have recovered. There are two deaths recorded in the state.

South Dakota schools will be out until May 1st. But the peak of the virus is suppose to hit around May 8th before it starts its decline that will last into late June. Over 200 people could die from the virus in South Dakota.

Foertsch rings bell after final treatment

Teri Foertsch rings the bell after her final treatment. (Photo

Teri Foertsch has completed her journey with a clean bill of health. She was welcomed home Monday with a caravan through Groton on her way home.

According to her mom, Kathy Harry, Teri was diagnosed with Stage 1 breast cancer in January. She had surgery and then underwent chemotherapy every day except for Saturday and Sunday for a total of 21 treatments. She underwent radation treatment at Sanford in Sioux Falls where they have a machine that protects the heart during the nineminute treatment. Harry said that the machine at Sanford in Aberdeen does not have that protection. She said that doctors had found out that women who underwent breast treatment ended up having heart problems. Family and friends took her to Sioux Falls.

Foertsch had a few burns, but that will clear up now that the treatments are done. She experienced no nausea during the treatments.

Patti Woods, sister to Harry, lined up the caravan that went through Groton today. "Today was a good day," Harry said. They had contacted the Groton Area Elementary staff members where she works at, as well as family and friends to greet Foertsch with the caravan.

Foertsch posted on her Facebook page on Monday, "I completed my radiation journey today by ringing the bell! I would like to thank everyone that checked on me daily, rode with me to my appointments, brought food and had lunch with me while I was in Sioux Falls every day. I have learned that I have awesome family and friends and that I am stronger than I ever thought I was!"

- Paul Kosel



A caravan was held to welcome home Teri Foertsch for her final chemotherapy treatment.

(Photo by Tina Kosel)





Kim Weber made this sign on the **Groton Area Elementary School fence** facing SD 37. She worked on the project Monday afternoon to show the students that the faculty and staff miss their **students.** (Photos by Paul Kosel)





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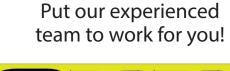






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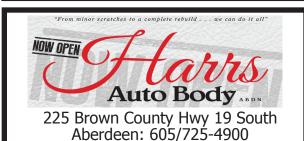
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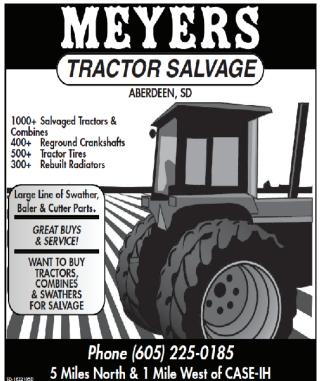
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Claremont Town Wastewater **Project Notice**

Notice of Public Hearing for the Town of Claremont Wastewater Improvement Project

The Town of Claremont is proposing to replace several blocks of wastewater lines in town, repairing the existing lift stations and repairing the lagoon. The Town of Claremont will be submitting a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Application in an amount up to \$1,000,000 to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The funding may be awarded in the form of a grant, loan, or a principal forgiveness loan; any portion of the loan that is not forgiven will have a term of up to 30 years at a rate of up to 2.75%. The amount and source of funds will be determined by the Board of Water and Natural Resources when the application is presented at a scheduled board meeting. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the proposed project, the proposed financing, and the source of repayment for the loan. The public is invited to attend and comment on the project.

The public hearing will be held at the Claremont City Hall @ 7:00pm on April 14th, 2020. Published once at the total approximate cost of \$12.73. 18803

Brown County March 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes March 24, 2020 – GENERAL

MEETING

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

Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes from March 17th, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims:

Professional Fees: Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$5,619.86; Kristi Brandt \$55.20; Dependable Sanitation \$20,480.06; Dohrer Law Office \$125.90; GBR Interpreting \$100.00; Haar Law Office \$37.40; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Kuck Law Office \$80.20; Lewis & Clark BHS \$712.00; Lucy Lewno \$240.00; LexisNexis \$150.00; Darcy Lockwood \$15.00; Olinger, Lovald, McCahren Van Camp & Thompson \$786.45; Matthew Payne \$200.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$311.00; SDACES \$15.00; US Records Midwest \$32,297.92; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$100.00; Yankton Co.

Treasurer \$393.00. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$217.39. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$1,110.00; Nardini Fire Equip. \$200.42: Pantorium Cleaners \$44.00; Pomps Tire Service \$701.68; Thee Glass Doktor \$138.00; Tru Green Chemlawn \$586.80. Supplies: Applied Concepts \$3,151.00; Dive Rescue \$1,500.00; DT Pharmacy \$3,048.44; EPG Companies \$7,893.68; Heartland Paper \$1,381.36; L.G. Everist \$5,590.90; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$107.68; Lucy Lewno \$6.50; Marco \$66.07; Menards \$193.61; Midstates Printing \$379.00; Midwest Card & ID Solutions \$191.11; Pheasantland Industries \$93.15; Pitney Bowes \$126.00; SD Secretary of State \$7.00; Thee Glass Doktor \$272.18. Travel & Conf.: City of Groton \$59.40; Sarah Jesz \$150.87; Ramkota-Pierre \$104.00; Candace Rohrbach \$522.48; Wesly Warning \$170.40. Utilities: CenturyLink \$2,313.21; Hub City Radio \$150.00; James Valley Telecommunication \$222.30; Midcontinent \$119.22: NWPS \$293.92: NVC \$252.78; Verizon \$3,176.91

Other: Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home \$1,611.00. All members present voting aye. Motion

HR REPORT:

Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Acknowledge resignation of Joshua Albright, Brown County Sheriff JDC Correctional Officer, part-time, effective March 31. 2020 and approve request to fill vacancy.; Approve hiring of John McQuillen as Brown County Sheriff's Department Transport Driver, as needed, effective March 25,

2020.: Approve transfer of Mike Lout from Brown County Landfill part-time to Brown County Landfill full-time at \$16.76 per hour, effective March 23, 2020.; Approve hiring of Richard Burns as Brown County Fairgrounds Seasonal full-time, starting at \$12.17 per hour, effective April 6, 2020.; Approve hiring of John Weig as Brown County Fairgrounds parttime help, starting wage \$12.11 per hour, effective May 4, 2020.; Approve hiring Stewart Swenson as Brown County Fairgrounds Seasonal full-time help, starting wage \$12.17 per hour, effective May 4, 2020.; Approve hiring Breanna Locke as Brown County Fairgrounds Seasonal full-time help, starting wage \$12.17 per hour, tentative effective May 6, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. FAIR CONTRACTS:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following fair contracts: Contracts presented include camping, booth rental and sponsorship. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried ORD 159 - ADOPTION:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve second reading and adopt Ordinance 159. An Ordinance to rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.14 Highway Commercial District (HC): Lot 1 "TR Land Management Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 4-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (13055 391st Ave). Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese- aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley – aye. Ordinance Adopted.

COVID-19 DISCUSSION: County commission, annex department heads and emergency management discussed steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and how we can safely conduct essential courthouse business. The Brown County Courthouse is open to the public, but we are asking the public to request service online, by phone, email and mail when possible.

SESSION: Commission informational work session is scheduled for March 26, 2020 at 3pm. with Gallagher in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex.

COMMISSION INFORMATION

HIGHWAY TRAILER PUR-CHASE:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to authorize purchase off Sourcewell Contract # 121918-TKI. Highway will purchase 2020 Trailking Bottom Dump Trailer from Butler Machinery in the amount of \$51,735.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BUDGET SUPPLEMENT- SET

HFARING: Moved by Sutton, seconded

by Wiese to authorize advertising and set public hearing for consideration of budget supplement as follows: Modernization and Preservation Fund 251.5.163.422 @ 32.297.92 funded by undesignated surplus cash in the Modernization and Preservation Fund 251.1.101.99. Hearing set for April 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., Brown County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the supplements. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID - WATER TANK - SET

HEARING DATE: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising and set hearing date to open, read and consider sealed bids for Domestic Hot Water Storage Tank & Pump Improvements. Hearing set for April 14, 2020 at 8:45 a.m., Brown County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. All members present voting aye. Motion

PLATS: RESOLUTION: 13-20 JT Hanson Farm Addition Commissioner Fjeldheim of-

fered the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "JT HANSON FARM AD-DITION IN THE SE1/4 OF SEC-TION 9, TOWNSHIP 126 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 of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Wiese: Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese- aye,

Fieldheim- ave, Kippley - aye. Resolution Adopted. RESOLUTION: 14-20 JT Janson Farm Second Addition

Commissioner Fieldheim offered the following resolution:

"Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "JT HANSON FARM SEC-OND ADDITION IN THE SW1/4 OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 126 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 of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Wiese: Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert - aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese- aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley – aye. Resolution Adopted. RESOLUTION: 15-20 BRS First

Addition to Block 7, Prairiewood

Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following resolution:
"Be it resolved by the board

of county commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing BRS First Addition to Block 7, Prairiewood Village in the NE1/4 of section 33-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 11-2-2, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese: Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert - aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese- aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley – aye. Resolution Adopted. ŔESÓLUTION: 16-20 Luke's

Landing Addition Commissioner Fjeldheim of-

fered the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "LUKE'S LANDING ADDITION IN THE N1/2 OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 123 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 of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese: Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert - aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese- aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley – aye. Resolution Adopted. RESOLUTION: 17-20 Neva

and Frank Sieh Subdivision Commissioner Fjeldheim of-

fered the following resolution: 'Be it resolved by the board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing: Neva and Frank Sieh Subdivision in the W1/2 SW1/4 of section 12-T122N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments therof." Seconded by Commissioner Wiese: Roll cáll vote: Commissioner Feickert aye, Sutton- aye, Wiese- aye, Fjeldheim- aye, Kippley – aye.

Resolution Adopted.

REZONE ORDINANCES- SET EARING DATE:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising and set hearing date for the following rezone ordinances:

ORD 160 – Application has been made by Clarence Habeck to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 14, 2020 at 8:55 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lots 1 & 2, "C&L Habeck's 1st Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 27-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12854 & 12862 391st Ave) 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. 160.

ORD 161 - Application has been made by Keith Miller to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 14, 2020 at 8:55 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): "K. Miller Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 15-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38514 139th 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. 161.

ORD 162 - Application has been made by Jeff Hanson to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 14, 2020 at 8:55 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lot 2, "JT Hanson Farm Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 9-T126N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39698 114th 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. 162.

ORD 163 - Application has been made by Jeff Hanson to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Court-house Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 14, 2020 at 8:55 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lot 2, "JT Hanson Farm Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 10-T126N-R62Wof the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11396 397th Ave). 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. 163.

ORD 164 - Application has been made by A.) Jamie Jones and Steven Goetz, B.) Bruce Jones and Sandy Jones to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 14, 2020 at 8:55 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): A.) "Lockwood's Outlot " in the NE1/4 of Section 24/ T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37963 133rd st) B.) "Jones's Outlot 1" in the NE1/4 of Section 24-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (37965 133rd 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. 164. ORD 165 - Application has been made by Paul Meyers to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 14, 2020 at 8:55 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.16 Heavy Ìndustrial District (H-1): Lot 2 "Luke's Landing Addition" in the N1/2 of Section 13-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13245 394th Ave). 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. 165. All members present voting ave. Motion carried. EXECÚTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session to discuss legal per SDCL 1-25-2(3). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:24 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor Published once at the total ap

proximate cost of \$153.39.18804

Brown County Ord. 159 TR Land Mgt.

ORDINANCE #159 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION **BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-**ES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DE-SCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title , Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by TR Land Management 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 4.14 Highway Commercial District (HC), said property described as follows: Lot 1 "TR Land Management

Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 4-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (13055 391st Ave)

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: March 4 and 11, 2020 Passed First Reading: March

17, 2020 Passed Second Reading:

March 24, 2020 Adopted: March 24, 2020 Published: April 1, 2020

Effective Date: April 21, 2020 Rachel Kippley, Chair **Brown County Commission** ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County

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Brown County Ord. 165 **Meyers Rezoning** NOTICE

Application has been made by Paul Meyers to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 14, 2020 at 8:55 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.16 Heavy Industrial District (H-1):

Lot 2, "Luke's Landing Addition" in the N1/2 of Section 13-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13245 394th Ave)

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 rezon ing the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 165

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Ord. 164 Jones Rezoning

NOTICE

Application has been made by A.) Jamie Jones and Steven oetz, B.) Bruce Jones and Sandy Jones to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 14, 2020 at 8:55 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

"Lockwood's Outlot 1" in the NE1/4 of Section 24/T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37963

B.) "Jones's Outlot 1" in the NE1/4 of Section 24-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (37965

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 rezon-

ing the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordi-

nance No. 164 ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, **Brown County Auditor**

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Brown County Ord. 163 **Hanson Rezoning**

NOTICE

Application has been made by Jeff Hanson to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 14, 2020 at 8:55 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 2, "JT Hanson Farm Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 10-T126N-R62Wof the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11396 397th Ave)

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. 163

ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, **Brown County Auditor**

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Brown County Ord. 162 **Hanson Rezoning**

NOTICE

Application has been made by Jeff Hanson to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 14, 2020 at 8:55 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 2, "JT Hanson Farm Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 9-T126N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39698 114th 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. 162

ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Ord. 161 Miller Rezoning NOTICE

Application has been made by Keith Miller to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 14, 2020 at 8:55 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation

Mini-Ag District (M-AG):
"K. Miller Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 15-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38514 139th St)

District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07

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 rezon ing the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 161

ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Ord. 160 **Habeck Rezoning**

NOTICE

Application has been made by Clarence Habeck to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 14, 2020 at 8:55 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation

District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lots 1 & 2, "C&L Habeck's 1st Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 27-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12854 & 12862 391st Ave)

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

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Hot Water System at Courthouse Bid

NOTICE TO BIDDERS 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 St Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:45 A.M. on April 14th, 2020, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Brown County Courthouse Domestic Hot Water Storage Tank & Pump Improvements in accordance with specifications.

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 Courthouse Domestic Hot Water Storage Tank & Pump Improvements" to be opened on April 14th, 2020.

Prime bidders will be required to attend a pre-bid walk thru held on April 3rd at 10 A.M. local time. Bids from prime bidders not in attendance will not be accepted. Bidders are to meet in front of the courthouse on the south side.

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 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 à 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 any informalities of irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Éxcise and State

Plans and specifications are on file at Mettler Sichmeller Engineering, 801 Railroad Ave. SF Aberdeen, South Dakota. Please call 605-225-4344 to request a copy by e-mail.

(0401.0408) ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle Brown County

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Brown County Budget

Supplement NOTICE OF HEARING 2020 BROWN COUNTY BUDGET SUPPLEMENT

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Commission on the 14 day of April beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Court house Annex, Aberdeen, SD to consider supplementing the 2020 fiscal year budget, as follows: Modernization and Preservation Fund 251.5.163.422 @ 32,297.92 funded by undesignated surplus cash in the Modernization and Preservation Fund 251.1.101.99. The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the supplements.

ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County County

Equalization NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNTY EQUALIZATION

BOARD Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as a County Board of Equalization (SDCL 10-11-25) of Brown County, SD will meet in the Commissioners' Chambers in said County on TUESDAY, the 14th day of April, 2020, (being the second Tuesday in Ápril) for the purpose of reviewing, correcting and equalizing the assessment of said County for year 2020.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assess ment are required to submit written notice to the County Auditor no later than April 7, 2020. Cathy McNickle, County Audi-

tor, Brown County, SD Dated this 1st day of April, 2020

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Brown County Consolidated **Equalization**

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CONSOLIDATED EQUALIZA-TION BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commis-sioners, Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeen School Board, sitting as a County Board of Equalization (SDCL 10-11-66) of Brown County, SD will meet in the Commissioners' Chambers in said County on TUESDAY, the 14th day of April, 2020, (being the second Tuesday in April) for the purpose of reviewing, correcting and equalizing the assessment of said County for year 2020.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assess-ment are required to submit written notice to the County Auditor no later than April 7, 2020.

Cathy McNickle, County Auditor, Brown County, SD Dated this 1st day of April,

2020 (0401.0408)

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approximate cost of \$19.39.

Groton City Soft Drinks **Bid Notice**

Advertisement for Bids City of Groton is seeking proposals for non-alcoholic beverages to be sold at the Groton Baseball Complex for the seasons in 2020, 2021, and 2022. These will include carbonated soft drinks and non-carbonated soft drinks, juices, water, tea, and enhanced isotonic drinks The drinks must be provided in 16 to 20 oz bottles. The products will be delivered to the Groton Baseball Complex. Coolers or vending machines must be provided.

Proposal A is for an exclusive contract for the 3 years.

Proposal B is for a shared contract for the 3 years. Proposals are due at City Hall,

209 N Main St (PO Box 587) Groton, SD 57445 by April 20, 2020 at 5pm in sealed envelopes marked BID. Contracts will be awarded at the April 21, 2020 City Council meeting. (0401,0408)

For any questions please contact City Hall at 397-8422. Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$18.80.





By Andrew Ellsworth, MD ~ Prairie Doc® Persp

Lessons from Pandemics Past

When I come home from a day at the clinic and hospital, there is no better feeling than my children running up to give me a big hug. For the past couple of weeks, I have had to remind them to stop, and just do an air hug until I have had a chance to change clothes and shower. The idea is to wash away any germs and decrease the risk of getting my family sick after working with several patients and sick people during the day. Maybe these efforts are too much, or maybe they are not

The Covid-19 virus spreads through respiratory droplets, from talking, coughing, or sneezing, and appears to also spread via a fecal-oral route. The fecal-oral route is how the stomach flu often spreads, and many of us know how easily that circulates through families and daycares. Someone who has been to the bathroom may touch a doorknob or a serving spoon, which someone else touches before eating, and they may become infected. That's why we need to wash our hands well and avoid touching our face and our food.

Unfortunately, the virus can spread from people that do not have symptoms, or before they have symptoms which is why, I worry, I may not be doing enough to protect my family from the one person who puts them at the biggest risk: me. Some doctors and nurses are deciding to avoid their families altogether and live in the garage or the basement when they come home. I haven't decided to do that yet, but maybe I should, or maybe I will.

Pandemics and disease have separated families for longer than the history books can tell us. Before they knew the cause, our ancestors knew that if someone had smallpox, quarantine and fire were the only ways to help prevent the spread. People, houses, and entire cities were quarantined. Disease has arguably decided more wars than the battles themselves. During the 1918 influenza pandemic, soldiers from Fort Riley carried the disease to other American military bases and from there, to the battlefront in Europe.

These lessons of history helped us learn about how to control disease. Advancements in infection control, medicines, and vaccinations have turned the tide and made many diseases a distant memory. For Covid-19, we do not yet have proven medications or a vaccine. However, we are learning more every day how to help those who are sick and how to better prevent the spread. In the meantime, my family and I will continue to practice social distancing and similar efforts to do our part to flatten the curve and slow the spread, to give us time to find treatments to combat this current scourge on humanity.

Andrew Ellsworth, MD is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices family medicine in Brookings, South Dakota. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit www.prairiedoc.org and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streaming on Facebook and broadcast on SDPB most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

From the Prairie Doc® Staff:

Dear Friends - It is with a heavy heart that I write this message after the passing of Dr. Richard P. Holm, founder of Prairie Doc® Perspectives

It is important to note that shortly after his diagnosis of pancreatic cancer nearly four years ago, Rick and his wife Joanie, co-founders of the Healing Words Foundation established a plan to continue their legacy of service. Rick and Joanie took steps to assure that the work of the Prairie Doc® will go on. Four physicians have agreed to take on the role of hosting Prairie Doc® radio and television programs, as well as authoring the weekly newspaper essays. Rick wanted everyone to know that, while he originally developed the Prairie Doc® programs and had been known by many as "THE" Prairie Doc®, he felt he was always surrounded by a "team of Prairie Docs." He and Joanie recorded this special YouTube video to help convey this message: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vD-24I3huXE

What would you be doing this weekend, if the world hadn't fallen apart?

I was on my second video conference of the day earlier last week and

a peer in the meeting said, "Time-out! I need to ask everyone a question." We all agreed, and he said, "What would you be doing this weekend, if the world hadn't fallen apart?" Some people answered by saying they would be meeting with friends or family for a meal. Others offered special events like getting fitted for their wedding dress. Many mentioned normal things -- laundry, cooking, kids, housework, or binge-watching Netflix. But, whatever the answer, we all agreed the way we are living and working today is much different than one month ago.

So, what if I changed that question just a bit and asked you, "How is your community doing after the world fell **Paula Jensen** apart?"

Things are changing quickly around Dakota Resources / Dakotas us -- what we knew to be true yesterday, might not be true today and our

tomorrow is unclear. And, I'm told change is something rural communities don't do very well.

Rural communities are often publicly criticized for being slow to change. We prove that point by making disparaging remarks about our own hometowns and are quick to reject new ways of getting things done. Too often people around us say, "We're fine the way we are." Those actions lead the world to believe we are in a holding pattern. It sends a negative message that rural communities are not worthy of investment. And, if those mindsets are believed locally it leads toward a path of decline.

My life's work is focused on empowering and connecting rural communities. To support that work, I recently learned a new facilitation practice called Strategic Doing. It is based on four principles of collaborative action that can lead to change in our organizations, communities, and society. We believe... 1) we have a responsibility to build a prosperous sustainable future for ourselves and future generations; 2) no individual, organization or place can build that future alone; 3) open, honest, focused and caring collaboration among diverse participants is the path to accomplishing clear, valuable, shared outcomes; and 4) in doing, not just talking - in alignment with our beliefs. (reference: https://strategicdoing.net)

When I think about rural's relationship with change, the Strategic Doing practice excites me! It has the potential to help diverse groups of people create lasting change through a new way of working together. Strategic Doing isn't about fixing the old system – it's about designing what's next based on what is valued most!

And, what I discovered in the past few weeks, because of the shifts due to the pandemic, has been quite the opposite of the criticism - rural is slow to change. I have observed rural communities, with well-connected economic development professionals and progressive local leadership, respond quickly to learn new technology so they could connect proactively with numerous partners to meet the immediate and future needs of the community. Rural leaders and their partners are naturally stepping into pieces of the Strategic Doing process to ask the questions: What could we do? What should we do? What will we do? and Who will do it?

The real test for all of us in rural communities will be based on how we continue to embrace change -- new ideas, new supportive practices, new technology, new leaders and new ways to lead -- after the pandemic has gone.

Having a passion for community leadership and development is what

drives Paula Jensen's personal and professional life. Paula resides in her hometown of Langford, South Dakota, population 318+. She serves as a Strategic Doing practitioner, grant writer and community coach with Dakota Resources based in Renner, South Dakota. Dakota Resources is a mission-driven 501c3 Community **Development Financial Institution** working to connect capital and capacity to empower rural communities. Contact her at paula@ dakotaresources.org.

GDI Living Heart Fitness Center 13 N Main, **Downtown Groton** Call or Text Paul at

605/397-7460 for membership info



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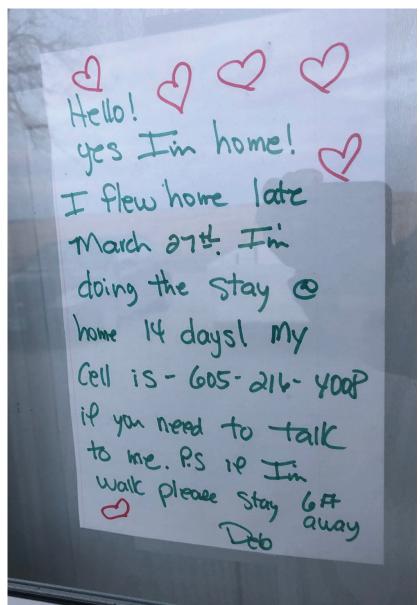
McKiver is in self quarantine



Deb McKiver is one of the snowbird that has returned home. Deb said that her son, Nick Olson, was animate about being in self quarantine for 14 days.

She took a flight home, wearing gloves and a face mask on the plane. You can see your silhouette in the window above and the bottom photo is of the sign she has on her door.

She said it won't be that bad as he can work around the yard and she warns people when she is out for a walk to stay at least six feet away.





The Life of Richard E. Helmer

December 16, 1926 - March 26, 2020 **Husband of Norma Helmer**

"In life, we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place, no one else will ever fill."

Richard E. Helmer of Groton, SD, age 93, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at Strand Kjorsvig Living Center in Roslyn, SD. Family members have decided that due to COVID-19, no services will be held at this time. His family has gathered to pray and share memories. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Richard Ellwin Helmer was born on December 16, 1926, to Henry and Mable (Wilmsen) Helmer in Andover, SD. He attended Andover High School, graduating in 1944. He was then drafted into the US Army. He was stationed in the Philippines and the 20th Air Force Base in Guam as a Motor Pool Sgt. Richard received the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal and the Victory Medal. With pride, when asked what his favorite service memory was, Richard said, "My captain said, 'Helmer, sew up that Japanese prisoner's head!', and I DID!" For 74 years, he was a member of the American Legion, Post 258. Richard returned to the Andover area and began his farming career.



ver for a short time, and then purchased their farm in 1955. To this union, four children, Deborah, Rich, Pamela, and Cheryl were born. Richard was a wonderful father to his four children when they were growing

On December 23, 1988, he married

Norma Lemmon at Webster, SD. He farmed and worked at the Andover Garage (he was so proud to say that he never missed a single day of work) and retired at the age of 62. They made their home in Andover and later moved to Groton, SD in 2016.

Richard's survivors include his devoted wife, Norma Helmer; mother of loving stepchildren Bobbie (Steve) Talcott, Sioux Falls, SD; Deanna (Jeff) Spooner, Marysville, WA; Sandy (Ron) Hurst, Andover, SD; and Michael Lemmon (Laura Henry) Darrington, WA. Grand-

children include Ryan (Nichole) Talcott, Sioux Falls, SD; Jesse (Keri) Talcott, Sioux Falls, SD; Scott (Lyndsay) Talc-

They lived in Ando- emy) Urdahl, Watertown, SD; Mindy (Jacob) VanderVorst, Claremont, SD; Jeremiah Hurst, Andover, SD; Luke Lemmon, Molly Lemmon, Darrington, WA. He has many great grandchildren and neighborhood grandchildren.

Richard is also survived by his children, Deborah (Robert) Utecht, Naperville, IL; Rich (Dee) Helmer, Geneva, IL; Pamela (Bruce) Merkel, Andover, SD; and Cheryl Wold, Aberdeen, SD; his grandchildren; Eric Utecht, Brad (Claire) Utecht, Lanny (Becki) Merkel, Brett Merkel, Nicolas (Maggie) Helmer, Julia Wold, and Jordan Wold; and his great grandchildren Justin Merkel, Lillian Merkel, Mac Merkel, and Penelope Helmer.

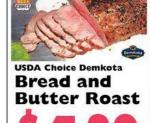
He is survived by his brother Colonel Donald Helmer, San Antonio, TX and sister Joyce Skiles, Chattanooga, TN. He was proceeded in death by his parents; brothers Leon, Orville, and Norman; sisters Dorothy, Beatrice, and Barbara; and one son-in-law, Daniel Wold.

Condolences may be directed to the family in care of Norma Helmer, 203 E. 2nd St., Groton, SD 57745.

An online guestbook and obituary are available at www.pricefuneralchapel.net.







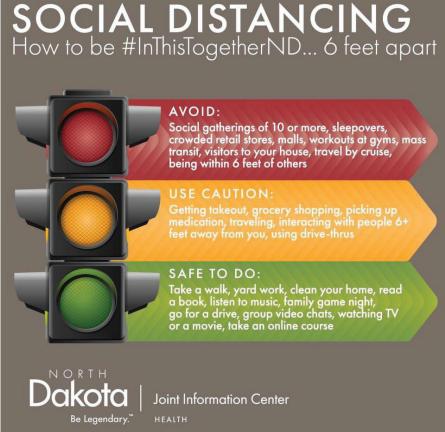












Brown County Land Auction

30 Acres Prime Cropland---Columbia Twp.

We will offer the following **On Site at Public Auction** from Columbia, South Dakota go 4 and one half miles East on Larson Road then turn South through the field and go one half mile South which puts you at the Northwest Corner of the Property. If weather prevents access to the land on sale day the auction will be held along Larson Road one half mile to the North.

Tuesday — April 14th. ---1:00 P.M.

This is just an amazing opportunity to buy **high quality farm**land on the west bank and adjacent to Putney Slough. The land is mostly all tillable and consists generally of Great Bend and Beotia Silt Loams with Productivity Indexes of be**tween 88 and 95**. Soils don't get much better than this in this highly sought after area. Access to this land is through the field on the North at the half mile line. Taxes are just \$420.45.

Legal: The NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31-125-61 Brown County, So. Dak.

Terms: A **15%** nonrefundable down payment due the day of sale with the balance due in full at closing on or before **May 12th, 2020**. Title insurance and title company closing fee split equally. Buyer to pay all 2020 tax due 2021. Buyers are required to do their own due diligence in every respect as the property is sold as is with no guarantees of any kind other than clear and marketable title. **Hansen Land & Auction** is the agent of and represents the seller in this transaction. See you at the auction---Thanks!!

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