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Dewatering has begun for the new water tower A big pump has been operating 24 hours a day at the site of the new water tower.

A big pump has been operating 24 hours a day at the site of the new water tower. You can see the big pipes above the ground with several white pipes in the ground as the area is dewatered for the new footings of the water tower. The new water tower will be about the same height as the existing one at 140 feet. The current tower holds 80,000 gallons while the new one will hold 125,000. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Hot Rod Overacker takes first

at BMX Nationals

Huntley (Hot Rod) Overacker placed first on Friday and Saturday at the BMX Hub City Nationals held August 7-9 in Aberdeen. Overacker took both days in the Intermediate division. He is the son of Jaymie and Jesse Overacker, Groton.

(Photo courtesy of Roger Overacker)

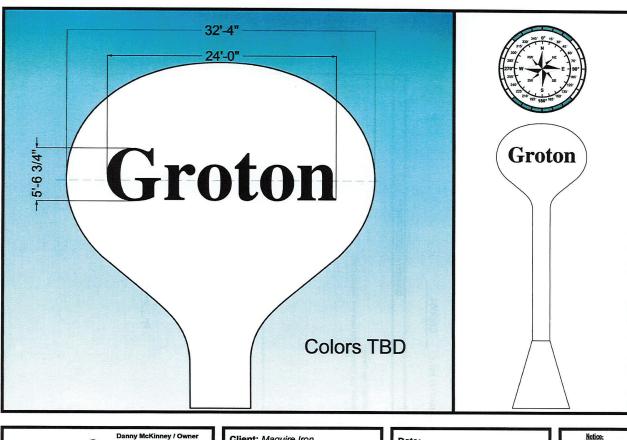
Carnival of Silver Skates Notice

On such hot days of summer it is hard to believe we are starting to plan for the 2021 Carnival of Silver Skates! With hopes that we will be able to hold the carnival, we will have the Registration and Costume Measurement days on Sunday, Sept 13 or Monday, Sept 14. If we are unable to hold the carnival due to COVID, we would refund all registration fees.

Please mark your calendars for SUNDAY, SEPT 13 from 11:00 to 3:00 or MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 from 4:00 to 6:00 for registration and costume measurement.

- * It will be at the warming house.
- * Skaters MUST be present.
- * Masks are required.

Registration forms will be coming home from school with students, so please be watching for those forms. We are excited to be finalizing plans for this year's 2021 Carnival. Thanks for your help!



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Notice:
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Renderings are approximate and an provided for a visual aid.
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The original proposal for the water tower is a white tower with black "Groton" letters. There was discussion of possibly having gold letters with a black outline for the letters. This is what was proposed with the original draft and any changes will cost considerably more money and would require a change order.





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EMPLOYMENT

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT, BLACK HILLS WORKS: AR, AP, GL, and tenant eligibility for HUD subsidized apartments. Four Year Accounting degree or comparable experience preferred. Salary DOE. M-F, Full Time and/ or Part Time. Benefits. Apply online at www. bhws.com

POTTER COUNTY is accepting applications for Highway and Weed Superintendent. For application and job description: pcaudit@venturecomm.net, 605-765-9408, or 201 S. Exene St. Gettysburg, SD 57442. Potter County is an EOE.

MAINTENANCE MANAGER: Timber Lake is seeking full-time Maintenance Manager. Contact City of Timber Lake at 605-865-3790 or cityoftl@tlsd.us. Wage depending on experience. Equal opportunity employer.

CONTRACT SALESPERSON Selling aerial photography of farms on commission basis. \$1,000 signing bonus! \$1,500-3,500 weekly proven earnings. Travel required. More info msphotosd.com or 605/882-3566.

MISCELLANEOUS

GOT LAND IN SOUTH DAKOTA? Our hunters will pay top \$\$\$ to hunt your land. Free info packet & quote. 1-866-309-1507. www.base-campleasing.com Promo code 331.

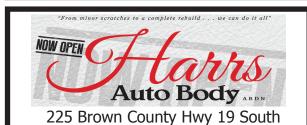






Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C. 1205 N 1st St., Groton 397-8204



Aberdeen: 605/725-4900

FORESTBURG PRODUCE, fresh locally grown cucumbers, tomatoes, zucchini, watermelons, muskmelon 870-2097. Miller Highway 14 & 45

Westport Town Lift Station Re-Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT WASTEWATER LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT RE-BID WESTPORT, SD

Sealed Bids will be received by the Town of Westport, 16 West Main St., Westport, South Dakota until 2 P.M. local time on the 2nd day of September, 2020 for the above referenced project. Bids shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents. The Town of Westport reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all Bids as set forth in the Bidding Documents.

At or shortly after the time named above and within the office of Clark Engineering, 3314 Milwaukee Avenue NE, Suite 2, Aberdeen, SD such Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed by the Town of Westport at an upcoming Town Board Meeting.

The Project includes the following Work: Removal of an existing dry/wet well lift station and replacing it by furnishing and installing a new duplex submersible lift station. Work includes, but is not limited to: F&I sanitary sewer manhole over existing 8" gravity PVC sanitary sewer line, bypass pumping of existing waste water flows into existing force main, removal of existing lift station and generator, F&I duplex submersible lift station, F&I 4" PVC Forcemain by conventional trenching, F&I modular block retaining wall and base course, remove and replace air release valve, and miscellaneous items for importing fill, grading, gravel restoration, seeding and dewatering.

The Work to be performed under this contract shall be substantially completed by October 15, 2021.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Documents. The Successful Bidder will be required to provide Payment and Performance Bonds as described

in the Bidding Documents.
Bidding Documents may be examined at the locations listed:

Town of Westport 16 West Main St. Westport, SD 57481 Ph: 605-290-5610 Clark Engineering Corp. 3314 Milwaukee Ave NE Ste. 2 Aberdeen SD 57401 Ph. 605-225-3494 Clark Engineering Corp. 1410 W Russell St. Sioux Falls SD 57104 Ph: 605-331-2505

The Bidding Documents may also be examined at the following locations: Aberdeen, SD Builders Exchange; Rapid City, SD Builders Exchange; Sioux Falls, SD Builders Exchange; Plains Builders Exchange, Sioux Falls, SD; Dodge Data & Analytics, Hot Springs, AR; Construction Plans Exchange of Bismarck-Mandan, Bismarck, ND; Construction Plans Exchange of Fargo-Moorhead, Fargo, ND, Dodge Data & Analytics, The Blue Book Building & Construction Network, constructconnect.com.

An electronic copy of the Plans and Specifications on a compact disc may be obtained from the Aberdeen office of Clark Engineering Corporation upon payment of \$40.00 to Clark Engineering for shipping and handling or Plans and Specifications may be downloaded from the HYPERLINK "http://www.clark-docs.com" http://www. clark-docs.com web site upon a payment of \$20.00. A printed 11" x 17" size set of Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Aberdeen office of Clark Engineering Corporation upon payment of \$100.00 to Clark Engineering for shipping and handling. All payments are non-refundable. Upón request, one copy of Plans and Specifications shall be furnished, without charge, to each Contractor resident in South Dakota who intends, in good faith, to bid upon the project.

BY:
Doreen Hertel
Finance Officer
PUBLISHING DATES:
August 12, 2020
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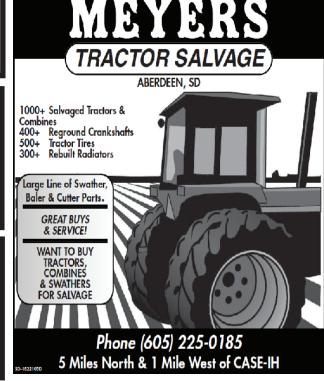
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Brown County Brewer Rezoning Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by Amber Brewer 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 September 1, 2020 at 8:50 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): East 30 Rods of South 55 Rods in the SE1/4 of Section 25-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (12891 388th 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. 171

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

(0819.0826)

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Brown County Bierle Rezoning **Notice**

NOTICE

Application has been made by Randy Bierle 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 September 1, 2020 at 8:50 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, "HAPI 2020-1 Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 6-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (1522 130th St NE)

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. 172

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

(0819.0826)

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Brown County Gabler Rezoning Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by Bradley Gabler and Brian Brakefield 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 September 1, 2020 at 8:50 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 1 & 2, Gabler-Brakefield

Addition in the NE1/4 of Section 22-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota; Lot 1, "Johnson South Subdivision" and Lot 1, "Johnson South 2nd Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of section 22-T122N-R64W, Brown County, South Dakota. (38585 139th St and 38579 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. 173

ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor (0819.0826)

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Brown County Titles 4-5 **Hearing Notice**

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMIS-STON

REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO SECOND REVISION

BROWN COUNTY ORDI-NANCE, TITLE 4 AND TITLE 5 A public hearing will be held

by the Brown County Commission on the 1st day of September 2020, beginning at 8:50 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, to consider an ordinance amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 4 Zoning, Chapters 4.01 – 4.07 and 4.32; Title 5 Subdivision Regulations, Chapter 5.01. The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office during regular business hours and is available on our website Brown.SD.US

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance

ATTFST.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

(0819.0826)

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Brown County Aug. 11, 2020 **General Meeting**

AUGUST 11, 2020 - GENERAL

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Kippley at 8:45 A.M. in the Community Room, Courthouse Annex Basement, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Fjeldheim (teleconference) and Sutton. Commissioner Wiese was absent. Commissioner Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the general meeting minutes of August 4th, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. CLAMS:

by to approve the following

Moved by Feickert, seconded Claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$223.12; AMG - Emergency \$548.47; Avera Aberdeen Family Physicians \$56.64; Avera St. Luke's \$2,304.34; Brevik Law Office \$233.40; Certified Languages \$938.85; Cogley Law Office \$4.00; Dakota Counseling Group \$2,002.90; Michelle Gaikowski \$91.80; GBR Interpreting \$60.00: Haar Law Firm \$33.80; Hughes Co. Sheriff \$25.00: Mark Katterhagen \$22.50; Magic Keith \$4,000.00; Kennedy, Pier, Loftus LLP \$582.00; Kuck Law Office \$29.00; Lucy Lewno \$265.00: LexisNexis \$150.00: LTR \$144,131.89; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$410.65; Darcy Lockwood \$22.50; Microfilm Imaging Systems \$1,224.00; Pauer Sound & Music \$4,915.00; PRIA \$60.00; Frederick Perez \$4,000.00; Sanford Health \$353.76: Scilaw Forensics \$2,800.00; SD DENR \$9,793.74; SD Dept. of Health \$1,050.00; Swampsong \$4,000.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$195.70; West Payment Center \$1,148,15; Yank ton Co. Sheriff Office \$100.00. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$54.61; All-American Publishing \$199.00; Argus Leader \$34.92; Hub City Radio \$300.00; Todd Co. Tribune \$23.46. Rentals: Ameripride \$384.35; Dakota Electronics \$388.85. Repairs & Maintenance: Ace Refrigeration \$264.69; Bahr Spray Foam \$12,495.00; Brick's TV & Appli-ance \$825.23; Butler Machinery \$14.14; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$4,506.10; Custom Sheet Metal \$90.00; Dakota Electronics \$216.00; DFP \$144.67; DMI \$15,020.97; Ecolab \$105.45; Eiler's Water Conditioning \$729.50; Farm Tire Service \$280.00; Farnam's \$149.98; Great Western Tire \$18.00; House of Glass \$2,998.33; Jensen Rock & Sand \$8.826.22: Lawson Products \$16.93; Pantorium \$490.18; RDO Équip.

\$52,849.42; TranSource Truck &

Equip. \$676.32. Supplies: AASLH

\$155.00; AgTegra \$22,713.13; Artz Equip. \$338.96; Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; Butler

Machinery \$420.08; Cartney

Bearing \$104.32; Cash-Wa

\$4,270.06; Century Business

Products \$84.55; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$3,731.06; DFP

\$791.74; Dakota Oil \$4,271.02;

DSG \$638.40; DMI \$401.92;

DPM Petty Cash \$55.66; Earth-

grains \$450.00; East Side Jersey

Dairy \$482.50; Farm Tire Service \$1,160.00; Farnam's \$206.50; Fastenal \$549.69: Great Western Tire \$7,865.00: Interstate All Battery Center \$63.00; Interstate Battery System of SD \$132.95; Jenson Rock & Sand \$3,835.37; Lawson Products \$227.87; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$147.69; Lucy Lewno \$8.00; Mac's \$156.11; Matheson Tri-Gas \$620.00; Matthew Bender & Co. \$187.56; Menards \$598.81; Midstates Printing \$571.81; Pantorium \$56.00; PowerPlan \$347.82; Pro Ag Supply \$144.47; Productivity Plus \$368.35; RDO Equip. \$2,386.35; Running's \$725.23; Satellite Tracking of People \$507.00; Lora Schaunaman \$86.14; SD Veteran's Service Officer's Assoc. \$100.00; Corrie Sprinkel \$6.49; TranSource Truck & Equip. \$3,742.19; Walth Safety Service \$61.95. Travel & Conf.: Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Office \$133.80; Mark Milbrandt \$478.00: SD Veteran's Service Officer's Assoc. \$100.00; Corrie Sprinkel \$16.00. Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,376.03; CenturyLink \$1,535.71; City of Hecla \$90.04; Exec. Mgmt. \$106.65; Midcontinent Communications \$234.22; Northern Electric \$86.00; NWPS \$70.39; Town of Frederick \$61.00; Web Water Development Assoc. \$160.93. Other: Dawn Breedlove \$225.00; John Kokales \$200.00; Jim Rawden \$200.00; Sarah Sumption \$100.00; Jay son Tollefson \$160.00; Joel Urban \$200.00; George Regan \$1,100.00; Silencer Central \$695.00; Tri-State Water \$480.00; Aberdeen City Fire Dept. \$92,655.85; Aberdeen Rural Fire \$17,133.75; Claremont Area Fire Dept. \$3,606.39; Columbia Area Rural Fire Dent \$8,537.64; Conde Rural Fire Dept. \$849.56; Frederick Fire Dept. \$7,659.01; Groton Area Fire Dept. \$16,625.92; Hecla Fire Dept. \$5,985.46; Stratford Fire Dept. \$6,576.10; Warner Fire Dept. \$6,917.29; Rachel Hayenga \$288.40; Taulelle Concessions \$875.00. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. HR REPORT: Moved by Fjeldhiem, seconded by Sutton to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Approve hiring of Angel Sanchez, as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$16.65 per hour; effective August 10, 2020. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried. LANDFILL FALL CLEAN UP -

WAIVE FEES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve waiving fees on all material types from Residential Users only during the Fall Residential Cleanup at the Brown County Landfill, to be held from August 28 – September 12, 2020. No large demo projects (houses, tree belts etc) will be allowed for free. No free waste will be accepted from commercial contractors or businesses (including mobile homes). Limit of four car or pickup tires. In the event circumstances beyond the control of Brown County (flood, tornado, fire, other) would occur during the FREE Cleanup period the Brown County Commission reserves the right to end the free cleanup period at such time and implement the regular fee structure. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

I FASES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following lease agreements: Annaliese August 29-30, 2020, SD Trapper's Association for lease of Expo Building September 11- 13, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ALCOHOL LICENSE TRANSFER SET HEARING DATE:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to set hearing date for transfer of Retail (on-sale) Liquor License, Dennis Jones DBA: Dakota River Ranch/Tacoma Park Place LLC, 5 acres NW corner of NW1/4 of 23-124N-62W, Brown County, SD to transfer to Tyler Jones ĎBA Dakota River Ranch/Tacoma Park Place LLC, 5 acres NW corner of NW1/4 of 23-124N-62W, Brown County, SD. Hearing set for September 1, 2020, at 8:45 a.m., Brown County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DOJ GRANT AGREEMENT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to authorize chair sign grant agreement with Department of Justice for BJA FY20 Coronavirus Emergency

Supplemental Funding Program

in the amount of \$58,008.00 for

projects related to coronavirus

response. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. ABATÉMENTS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the fol-lowing abatement for removal of mobile home: Robert Block @ \$57.89 BOLS #813 Park VLG Lt 2 Park VLG 1970 Champion 24x60 VIN#0502544032AB. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SUMMER FEST CONTRACT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following Summer Fest Contracts: Pauer Sound & Music (sound systems) @ \$4,915; and Aberdeen Curling Club (garbage service) @ \$5,000. All member present voting aye. Motion carried. LOTTERY PERMIT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to approve the following lottery permit: Aberdeen Hockey Association for split pot 8/16/2020 at the Brown County Fairgrounds Clubhouse. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION APPEAL:

Troy Holtey appealed Planning and Zoning Commission decision from July 21, 2020 Item 9, Vari-ance to Building Setbacks (Garage). Troy Holtey is request a zero foot variance. Commission request one week to research appeal. No action taken

PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2021 SET HEARING DATES:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to set hearing dates and authorize publication of the provisional 2021 budget. Public hearing is scheduled for September 1st, 2020, at 8:47 a.m. for the purpose of considering the provisional budget. Public hearings will be held as necessary until the adoption scheduled for September 29, 2020. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2021: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the provisional budget for 2021. Roll call vote: Feickert- Aye, Sutton Aye, Wiese - Absent, Kippley Aye, Fjeldheim – Aye. Motion

APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the application for occupancy submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 10, in section 25, township 124, range 64, Brown County, South Dakota for telecommunications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Highway Update:

Highway Department gave an update on temporary closure of County Highway 14 north of the soybean plant for work on the rail road crossing. Road is expected to be closed from Wednesday August 12 – Saturday August 15, 2020. NUISANCE COMPLAINT:

Discussion on nuisance com-

plaint regarding animal noise and pollution. Update on status of complaint and additional follow up needed. No action taken. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:40a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Columbia City Aug. 17, 2020 Special Meeting

City of Columbia Council Special Meeting

Monday - August 17, 2020

7:00 p.m. Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call – Corey Mitchell, Cole Kampa, Trevor Meints, Ellen Harr, Cara Dennert Unfinished Business - pet

ordinance – 2nd reading The council reviewed the proposed dog ordinance. Ellen Harr made a motion to pass the ordinance for the 2nd reading. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion

carried. With nothing further on the agenda, Cole Kampa made a motion to adjourn. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Next Meeting - September 1, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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Columbia City Limit Number of Dogs Allowed

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER __6_ OF THE CO-LUMBIA REVISED ORDINANCES REGARDING DOGS TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF DOGS WHICH MAY BE KEPT: THEREFORE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, SOUTH DAKOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Columbia Revised Ordinances Section_6-3_, Limit On Number of Dogs, is amended to read as follows:

6-3-6.1 Limit On Number of Dogs. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, or household, within the limits of the City of Columbia, to own or possess more adult dogs than are allowed pursuant to this Section.

Maximum Number Of Dogs. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person or household may own or possess more than three (3) adult dogs of any kind or size. For purposes of this section, an adult dog is any dog ten weeks old or older Litters of dog puppies do not violate the maximum adult dog limit from the time of birth until age ten weeks.

Exceptions. The maximum adult dog limit may be exceeded only if one of the following ex-

ceptions applies:

Non-Resident Visitor Exception. The city council recognizes that visitors to the City, such as hunters, may have more adult dogs than the maximum adult dog limit. Non-residents are not subject to the maximum adult dog limit. The purposes of this section, "non-resident" means a person who is present and residing in the City for less than 31 consecutive days.

(a) A resident or resident household is not in violation of the maximum adult dog limit when hosting a person who qualifies for the non-resident visitor exception.

(B) Licensing. A dog license

applicant must apply for a permit upon forms prescribed from time to time by the City Council. Applicants who do not meet all of the requirements of this section must be denied. Licensing may only be granted by the City

License Term and Fee. A dog license is a calendar-year permit, ending on December 31st. The annual fee will be set by the City Council by resolution from timeto-time. The initial fee will be prorated based upon the number of months left in the calendar vear. For example, if a license is granted during the month of June, the applicant would pay 7/12ths of the annual fee.

License Renewal. A dog license holder may apply for renewal in November or December for the following calendar year. Renewal applications will be reviewed by the City Council in the same manner as new applications.

(C) Allowable Exceptions. An applicant for a dog license must meet at least one of the following exceptions:

New Resident Exception. A family previously owning more than the maximum adult dog limit moving from outside the City into a residence within the City may apply to keep one (1) extra adult dog until one of the dogs dies. When a dog dies, the residence must conform to the maximum adult dog limit. A family may not move temporarily out of the City and move back in to qualify for this exception. For purposes of this exception, "new resident" means a person who has not resided within the City for a period of twelve months preceding the application.

Sick Relative Exception. A family living within the City may apply to care for one (1) extra adult dog belonging to a relative of the permit holder if the

(D) One Exception At A Time. An applicant may not use more than one exception at a time to increase the number of adult dogs which may be kept. For example, a new resident could not use both the New Resident Exception and the Sick Relative Exception to house two extra dogs at his residence.

(E) Mandatory Conditions. All dog owner applicants and holders must comply with each of the following mandatory conditions at all times:

(1)Licenses. All dogs must have current city licenses.

(2)Shot records. All dogs must have current shot records and provide proof of records to obtain a city dog license. Section 2. Any and all or-

dinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed. CITY OF COLUMBIA, SOUTH

DAKOTA Corey Mitchell, Mayor

Passed First Reading:8/4/20 Passed Second Reading:8/17/20 Adopted: 8/17/2020

Published: 8/19/2020 Effective: 9/8/2020 ATTEST: Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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Brown County Tacoma Park Liquor License NOTICE OF HEARING FOR

TRANSFER OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the following applications is set for 8:45 A.M. on the 1st day of September, 2020 in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register a complaint on approval, may appear: Transfer Retail (on-sale) Liquor License: Dennis Ìones DBA: Dakota River Ranch/ Tacoma Park Place LLC to Tyler Jones DBA: Tacoma Park Place, LLC, 39849 127th St. Columbia, SD 57433 – 5 acres NE corner of NW 1/4 of 23-124N-62W, Brown County, SD. ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle Brown County Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of \$10.12. 19188



Frederick School Aug. 10, 2020 **Meeting Minutes** OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEED-

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

AUGUST 10, 2020 The meeting was called to order on August 10, 2020, at 7:04 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Dan Nickelson, Jon Ellwein, and Richard Achen. Alex Hart was excused. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/ Athletic Director Jeff Kosters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Janel Wagner.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of

Members of the public are allowed three minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.

Action 20-031 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve the agenda as amended: add Lake Region Conference custodial fund as #11; move original #11-#13 to #12-#14. All aye, carried.

Action 20-032 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held July 13, 2020 and July 30, 2020; July 2020 financial report, district bills and July 2020 payroll. All aye, carried.

Ending July 31, 2020	Fund \$674,576.24
Revenue: Taxes Local Sources Intermediate Sources Interest Federal & State	\$49,596.06 \$2,586.01 \$496.79 \$51.64 \$38,888.23
Total Revenue Disbursements Bills	
Payroll	\$99,395.07 \$159,558.35 \$606,636.62 \$258,036.75 \$15.19

Claims approved: July 2020 Payroll – General Fund salaries 54,420.52; Special Education salaries 5,846.81, Food Service 51.62. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 16,870.06; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 917.74; American Funds, retirement 1,140.02; Delta Dental, insurance 1,545.80; Express Collections, garnishment 495.67: The Standard, life insurance 264.43; Security Benefits, retirement 925.26; VSP, vision insurance 261.72; Wellmark, health insurance 16,610.00; SD Retirement 9,906.68; SD Retirement Supplemental, 465.26. General Fund: Aberdeen

American News, subscription 185.55; Amazon Capital Services, supplies 374.59; BlueTarp Financial/Mac's, repairs 28.87; Cole Papers Inc, supplies 361.46; Counselor Keri, counseling materials 52.60; Crawford Trucks & Equipment Inc, repairs 723.49; Custodial Account-FASD, Imprest reimbursement 126.50:

Dakota Broadcasting, advertising 499.80; Dakota Supply Group, filters 882.34; Demco Inc. supplies 476.92; DRN, tech support 69.50; EAI Education, supplies 129.95; Ellendale True Value, supplies 19.99; Farnam's Genuine Parts Inc, repairs 847.67; Foreman Sales & Service Inc, repairs 590.33; GDI News, publishing 589.83; Graphic Edge, lifting club shirts 495.02; Hauff Mid America Sports, sports equipment 789.15; Heuer Publishing Inc, Oral Interp script 37.00; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies 889.06; James Valley Telecommunications, telephone 239.73; Jostens Inc, yearbooks 759.00; Menards, supplies 742.95; Merchant Services, online lunch pymnt fees 40.80: Mid-American Research Chemical, supplies 3,217.03; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electricity 2,085.68; NFHS Learning Center, coach training 35.00; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc, filters 379.75; Oriental Trad-

Capital Outlay

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72.00; Running Supply Inc, repairs 7.27; Scholastic Inc, subscriptions 453.87; SchoolMate, elem planners 195.25; School Specialty, supplies 1,111.72; SD High School Golf Coaches Association, membership 10.00; SDBCA, membership 22.65; SDFBCA, membership 20.00; SDHSCA, membership 140.00; SDSTE, annual membership 30.00; South Dakota Department of Education, FY2020 FFVP overpayment 6.68; Teachers Pay Teachers, lesson planning 655.00: Town of Frederick, utilities 320.04; United States Postal Service, postage 23.95; WalMart, supplies 251.92. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, managed print contract 986.41; Cash-Wa Distributing, popcorn popper base/disposer 2.499.12: CommTech Inc, security cameras 42.37; Counselor Keri, counseling materials 66.00; Demco Inc, library partitions 1,886.26; Foreman Sales & Service Inc, bus 63,750.00; Graphic Edge GBB jerseys 528.36; Hauff Mid America Sports, sports equip-

Food Service

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Special Education Fund

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fice Solutions LLC, chair mats 280.87; M-F Athletics, javelins 795.50; Menards, drill/window blinds 695.45; Northwest Pipe Fittings Inc, faucets/water dispensers 12,179.11; Price Plumbng, disposer/water dispensers installation 794.00; Riverside Technologies Inc, access point replacement 18,075.82; School Specialty, classroom chairs 713.08; Target, chair/filing cabinet 124.98. Special Education Fund: McGraw-Hill LLC, classroom supplies 200.21; Teachers Pay Teachers, lesson planning 50.00. Food Service Fund: Ganje, Kristin, lunch money refund 18.80; Himanga, Alan, lunch money refund 97.25; Selzler, Darcy, lunch money refund 15.30. Imprest checks: Brown County Sheriff, fingerprinting 40.00; Division of Criminal Investigation, background checks

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The following reports were presented:

A. Jeff Kosters - Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic

B. Jessica Ringgenberg – K-8

Action 20-033 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve policy updates as pre-sented: BDDG – Minutes, DB Budget, DI – Fiscal Accounting and Reporting, DIB – Types of Funds, DIC – Financial Reports and Statements, DIE – Audits, DJ - Purchasing Procedures and DJC – Bidding Requirements. All aye, carried. Action 20-034 Motion by Nickelson, second by Achen to remove policy DJF - Purchasing

The board discussed the Back

to School Plan. No action taken.

Procedures (now inclusive in Policy DJ). All aye, carried. Action 20-035 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to accept

#21-10. All aye, carried. Action 20-036 Action by Ellwein, second by Nickelson to approve the opening of the Lake Region Conference custodial

Open Enrollment application

fund account. All aye, carried. Action 20-037 Motion by Achen, second by Nickelson to approve the amendment of salaries on contracts for extracurricular advisors, bus drivers and coaches. All aye, carried.

The school board would like to extend their appreciation to Brad and Alex Hart for their work on the removal of the old playground equipment in preparation for the upcoming remodeling project.

Áction 20-038 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President Janel Wagner, Business Man-

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By Trudy Lieberman, Community Health **News Service** Testing! Testing! That's what the experts say is necessary to move the country

Testing

back to normalcy. Almost daily, local TV stations in New York City where I live run public service announcements urging viewers to get a test for COVID-19. Those announcements tell how to find a testing site, and most point out that the tests are free.

Many New Yorkers, as well as people in other states, are undoubtedly confused about the kinds of tests available, wonder about the delays in getting results, and worry about the tests' reliability. The recent experience of Gov. Mike DeWine of Ohio, who first tested positive for the virus and then negative on subsequent tests, illustrates the potential problems with the tests' accuracy.

To sort all this out, I contacted Teresa Carr, an independent health and science journalist I had worked with at Consumer Reports who had just written "A Consumer's Guide to Getting Tested for the Coronavirus.'

The place to begin, she points out, is to distinguish between the two types of tests currently available, which people often confuse because the talking heads on television don't always make clear what they are talking about. Some tests are diagnostic and tell you whether you have an active viral infection that may require treatment or a quarantine. Others are antibody tests.

Antibody tests, which are not diagnostic tools, reveal whether your blood contains antibodies that can show that you were infected by the virus in the past. "These tests can't tell you if you're contagious or if the antibodies will cause you to be immune to future infections," Carr said. "This disease has only been around since February, and we have to do more research."

She explained that some people have COVID symptoms for a long time. They may go on for months and wax and wane. In those cases, are people exhibiting a long course of the same infection or several separate infections? "It's really not clear what the antibody tests means at this point."

Antibody tests are blood tests, unlike the 4 Groton Independent Wed., Aug. 19, 2020 more meaningful diagnostic tests that are rec-

ommended as an important way to fight the disease. Since the virus attacks the respiratory system, diagnostic tests – so called PCR tests – hunt for the virus that may be present in your nose and throat. A health care worker collects a sample by inserting a 6-inch swab through a nostril and obtaining some cells from the upper part of your throat.

Another, simpler test is less invasive. The swab reaches only an inch or so inside the nose and is more comfortable for the patient. Experts now believe the simpler test may work almost as well, but health care workers giving the test may also swab the back of your throat to obtain a more robust sample.

Carr told me that the FDA has now authorized do-it-yourself tests. "It's a shallower nasal swab test "but not quite as accurate." Another test requires users to spit in a test tube and send it to the lab. Both these kinds of tests are "probably pretty good," Carr says, and have been useful in places where testing materials have been in short supply.

Gov. DeWine reports that the first test he took, which gave a false positive result, was an antigen test. His later tests were PCR tests that, as I've explained, examine virus cells taken from a patient's nasal passages. DeWine called the PCR test "very, very, very reliable," and added, "People should not take away from my experience that testing is not reliable or doesn't really work."

In fact, testing and contact tracing, the practice of following up with people who have been in contact with a person who has tested positive for the disease, are major defenses against the spread of the virus. People identified through contact tracing are advised to self-isolate or get tested themselves.

Carr told me that the length of time people wait to get their test results "varies quite a lot" with some people waiting as long as two weeks to find out if they have the disease. In general, though, you can expect a test result within a week. But if you think you have CO-VID, "you really need to be quarantining the whole time" you are waiting for results.

Carr had a last piece of advice: "Nobody should have to pay for their tests." Under new laws passed this spring, COVID testing is now free with no cost sharing. Congress has made it possible for those without insurance to get free tests through their state Medicaid programs. Check with your state since a few states have not yet adopted that policy.

What has been your experience with testing? Write to Trudy at trudy.lieberman@gmail.com.

Financially strapped renters in S.D. seek help avoiding eviction amid pandemic Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch

Many people who rent homes or apartments Dakota may soon face a tidal in South Dakota are hurting financially during the pandemic, causing large numbers of renters to ask for public assistance or charitable help to stave off eviction and maintain a stable residence.

More than twice as many South Dakotans have looked to taxpayers or charities to cover at least one month of rent in the first half of 2020 compared to all of 2019, and new surveys from the U.S. Census Bureau suggest the need for rent assistance will rise as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

In the middle of July, the Census Bureau, which has been conducting weekly pulse surveys of U.S. households since April, estimated 30%, or about 42,000 of South Dakota's roughly 139,000 renters had little or no confidence that they'd be able to make their August rent payment.

Meanwhile, the 211 Helpline Center has fielded more than 7,000 calls from people needing help making a rent or mortgage payment during the first seven months of the year, more than double the number of rent-assistance calls the organization saw in all of 2019.

who never thought they'd need help keeping

a roof over their heads.



Betsy Schuster

struggled making rent and then all of a Betsy Schuster, vice president of program development for the helpline center.

It's really humbling if you've never struggled making rent and then all of a sudden you're struggling."

Betsy Schuster, 211 Helpline Center

"I do believe it's all across the board."

for assistance programs of all types and has seen its call volume skyrocket since March, when the pandemic hit and many people lost their jobs or income streams.

The statewide 211 Helpline Center, a hub of assistance programs for those in need, had fielded 43,100 calls for help, that's roughly two-thirds of the center's normal yearly call volume, Schuster said.

Housing has long been one of the top needs for the people the Helpline Center works with, Schuster said. A long-term shortage of affordable housing has driven up the price of rent for many South Dakotans, while at the same time wages have largely stagnated. Prior to the pandemic, as many as 32% of South Dakotans were considered rent burdened by the U.S. Census Bureau, meaning they were paying 35% or more of their monthly income just to keep a roof over their heads.

Now, as federal pandemic relief programs have expired and big questions remain over the aid package President Donald Trump has tried to create through executive order, South wave of rent delinquency and potential evictions.

Using its weekly household pulse survey, the Census Bureau estimated that more than 30,000 of the state's renters hadn't made their July rent payment using their own money. Thousands of homeowners, too, were behind on mortgage payments with more 31,000 estimated to have missed their July payment. About 40% of South Dakota households have seen incomes drop during the pandemic, census data show.

So far, 2020 has not seen an avalanche of evictions. The months of April, May and June actually saw fewer, about 288, eviction petitions filed with the state's court system than the same months in 2019, which saw 316 petitions filed, said Greg Sattizahn, state court administrator.

At least part of the reason Many of the calls have been from people eviction numbers have stayed low is thanks to South Dakota's philanthropic community. Charity organizations across the state have scrambled to help people keep their homes, "It's really whether they rent or own. The Sioux Falls Area humbling if Community Foundation, for example, created you've never the One Sioux Falls Fund with \$3.3 million specifically aimed at helping people avoid eviction due to pandemic-related financial stress.

By Aug. 12, the One Sioux Falls Fund had sudden you're helped 3,300 individuals or families in Lincoln, struggling," said Turner, McCook and Minnehaha counties stave off eviction, said Kelly Sprecher, communications manager for the foundation.

But charitable funding has limits. In many cases, Schuster said, each household is limited to two months of help or a maximum of \$2,000. The pandemic has already caused financial upheaval for more than five months, and now, many in the housing sector are beginning to worry that a rash of evictions may be coming soon.

"There's an assumption that charity will take care of it, that people can go to the mission and get back on their feet," said Sarah Stout, The 211 Helpline Center acts as a sort of hub a volunteer organizer with the West River Tenants United, a tenant advocacy group based in Rapid City. "There are programs that will help people, but there are lots of gaps in those programs."

Heavy reliance on charity

Landlords and property managers generally do not want to kick people out of their residences. Empty units, whether apartments or houses, don't generate revenue for their owners and eviction is an expensive and emotional

"I think most landlords, as long as you communicate with them, want to work with the residents because they don't want their tenants to leave," said Amy Ibis, a property manager with Vantis Commercial in Sioux Falls. "It costs them more money to have a vacant apartment and to have to go through that eviction process, versus working with someone."

In many cases, Ibis said, a property manager will help tenants who are struggling if the tenant gives them a heads up that they'll be late with rent. Property managers can sometimes



Prior to the pandemic, a third of South Dakotans were considered "rent burdened," meaning they were paying 35% or more of their monthly income on rent and therefore unable in many cases to afford a nice rental home, such as this one in Rapid

City. Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch

help their tenants find financial help, she said. "We have programs in place, in South Dakota, that are there to help these tenants,"

said Ibis, who also serves as chair of the South Dakota Multi-Housing Association board of directors. "And as long as they do go through the paperwork and get it done, they typically get the assistance that is needed."

Dedicated rent-assistance charities, such as the One Sioux Falls Fund, have popped up across South Dakota since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March. Those groups have already helped thousands of renters stave off eviction. Many of the new funds added their services on top of public assistance programs already available in many areas from govern-

> ment agencies, which strengthened the safety net, said Schuster.



Amy Ibis

'Our communities across the state have just been phenomenal," Schuster said. "I just encourage anyone that is struggling with rent to definitely give 211 a call. We can look at what's in your area to see what is the normal standing resource to help with different payments, and then if there have

been special programs that have been identified to help.

One of the biggest COVID-19 specific rent assistance funds outside of Sioux Falls is the Beadle County Rental Assistance fund. It sprang into being when billionaire T. Denny Sanford gave \$75,000 to the Huron Community Foundation to help the community respond to the pandemic. The Huron Community Fund added another \$15,000 to the rental assistance fund and helped set up a volunteer committee to administer the money.

Assistance from the Beadle County fund is solely dedicated to people who have lost their jobs or seen their incomes dry up due to the

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pandemic, said Rhonda Kludt, a member of the fund oversight committee. But before the fund will write a check for someone in need, that person needs to apply, their former employer will be asked if the job loss was due to COVID-19, and they must show that they are

"We're very cognizant of making sure that the money goes where it is most needed," Kludt said.

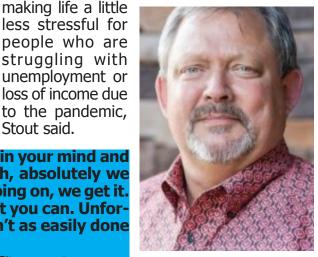
So far, the fund has paid rent for 62 of 160 applicants. Another 10 applications for assistance were still pending as of Aug. 11. Demand for assistance from the Beadle County fund also appeared

to be increasing in just after emergency as it is said." federal unemployment benefits ran out, Kludt said.

"The first response in your mind and early August, even in your heart is, 'Yeah, absolutely we as South Dakota's understand what's going on, we get it. economy continued We'll let you pay what you can. Unforto reopen, but also tunately, that just isn't as easily done

-- Todd Hollan, Rapid City property manager

Stout said.



Todd Hollan

assistance both for landlords and tenants. In

Sioux Falls, though, the Sioux Falls Tenants

an eviction moratorium would, temporarily at

least, give tenants a leg up in conflicts with

landlords. And could go a long way toward

petition was rejected.

"On August 10, we had eight or nine new applications come in, which is an incredibly large number for one day," Kludt said. "I have to believe that it is a direct result of the loss of the extra unemployment money."

No easy answers for renters

In Rapid City, the NWE Management Company is not aware of an increase in the number of tenants falling behind on rent.

"It's surprising to me that things have gone so well for so long," said Todd Hollan, a property manager with NWE, which has about 1,200 apartments.

Several of NWE's tenants have contacted their property managers over the last several months to report that they were going to have **By Dana Hess** trouble making their payments. But early on during the pandemic, NWE made the decision to stop charging late fees, provided a payment was made within a month of when it was first

"We needed to give tenants opportunities to do what they can do the best way they can do it to stay current," Hollan said.

Simply stopping collection of all rent for all tenants, though, was and remains out of the question, he said. Some of the buildings NWE manages are mortgaged and all of them need maintenance — both routine and in emergencies. NWE needs continuing rent payments to cover those costs, and in some cases, the bank that loaned money to buy or build the apartments gets involved in decisions about rent collection.

"The first response in your mind and in your heart is, 'Yeah, absolutely we understand what's going on, we get it. We'll let you pay what you can," Hollan said. "Unfortunately, that just isn't as easily done as it is said."

renant rights advocates, though, say a bianket eviction moratorium is necessary during the pandemic because even though eviction rates haven't increased, people are still being kicked out of their homes even as a deadly virus spreads throughout their communities and affordable housing remains in short supply.

"It's not an overwhelming number. It's usually a handful of people a week, but that's still significant," Stout said.

In Minnesota, landlords have been banned from evicting tenants for non-payment of rent during the pandemic. Experts in that state estimate that as many as 5,800 evictions have been prevented by the moratorium. The Minnesota eviction moratorium does allow landlords to evict tenants if they endanger other residents or if they cause lots of property damage.

A similar statewide eviction moratorium was never on the table in South Dakota. Gov. Kristi Noem instead emphasized the use of financial

ABOUT NICK LOWREY

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S.D. Newspaper Association

BROOKINGS — A new school year means a new set of goals for the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

Goals for the coming year were approved by the SDHSAA's board of directors at its August meeting on Thursday. The Pierre meeting was preceded by a strategic planning session Wednesday where the goals were discussed at length. Both meetings were live streamed on the internet.

The goals include studying management fees for state events, exploring new sports and activities, examining the way in which schools' daily membership is counted and a review of the association's website.

As part of its study of management fees, the association will study new revenue sources that would help member schools deal with the costs of hosting state tournaments. The association has made a deal with a vendor for the sale of T-shirts and merchandise at state events. However, with the pandemic throwing schedules into disarray, SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos said it didn't seem like the best time to be making changes to the management fees.

With the prospect of no fans at some events, Swartos said fees could be considerably lower. If state events are canceled again, there would be revenue losses from the television contract, merchandise sales and gate receipts.

Casey Meile of the Sioux Falls School District told the board that there has to be a change in the system. He said the Sioux Falls district lost \$30,000 when it hosted the state wrestling tournament.

"I don't think a school should have to lose that amount of money," Meile said.

SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand said the current system for state tournaments is "backwards." İn other states, community chambers of commerce bid on being able to host events.

"That's probably something we need to take 6 ♦ Groton Independent ♦ Wed., Aug. 19, 2020 a strong look at," Krogstrand said.

"Our model itself is a little bit backwards," said Swartos, noting that communities benefit Rights Union petitioned the City Council to from the tournaments while the schools are create a local eviction moratorium in May. The stuck with the costs.

According to Swartos, it's tough for school While it wouldn't solve all of the problems, officials when they go to their school board and say, "We're hosting this for the association. Here's our bill for it."

> The goal of exploring new sports to sponsor saw some success recently with the addition of girls' wrestling at the association's April meeting. Last year the association also made progress on judging interest in girls' softball and e-sports, but that effort will have to carry over into the new school year.

> Swartos said he has fielded calls expressing interest in the association sanctioning hockey, swimming and diving, rodeo, trap shooting, bass fishing and boys' volleyball.

> The association will also study the way average daily membership or ADM is counted in schools. That number determines a school's classification for sports.

> SDHSAA will study ADM modifiers like free and reduced lunches, a small school factor and a success factor. Swartos said he was interested in knowing more about a system that adjusts ADM based on the number of reduced and free lunches served at a school.

> "ADM is kind of a touchy subject to start with," said board chairman Craig Cassens of Faulkton, as schools are protective of the process that determines who their opponents will be in sports.

> Board member Randy Soma of Brookings said that students who qualify for free or reduced price lunches often have to work to help out their families and can't participate in sports or activities.

> "A lot of times those kids are not out for anything," Soma said.

> Another goal for the year is beginning the process of developing a new website. The current site is 12 years old, Swartos said, and a new one would likely cost as much as \$25,000.

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Effects of pandemic safety measures being felt as sports seasons begin

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

BROOKINGS — As high school sports practices start up across South Dakota, coaches, athletes and administrators are realizing that it's not business as usual during a pandemic.

The South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors heard reports about the start of fall sports Thursday at their August meeting in Pierre. The meeting was live streamed on the internet.

One safety measure in football has been particularly vexing.

The problem is "how the heck to keep each kid with their own water bottle," said SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand. "That's required some creativity."

While it's important to keep players from sharing a water source, Krogstrand said most of the responsibility will fall to players. He said if they can each keep track of their own helmets, they can probably keep track of their own water bottles, too.

SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director Jo Auch said she has cautioned volleyball officials to wear masks if the school district where the match is being played mandates masks.

"This is what's best for the sport right now," Auch said.

Looking forward to large cheer and dance competitions, Auch advised that teams should be brought into the facility three at a time. They should warm up, perform and leave.

Auch said she didn't know if fans could stay or should leave after the team they're rooting

"I don't have a good answer for that," Auch

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said. "Those are some of the growing pains we're going to have to deal with."

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Fine arts feeling effects of pandemic

By Dana Hess

For the S.D. Newspaper Association

BROOKINGS — Just like high school sports, fine arts are feeling the effects of the pandemic as oral interp contests and the high school journalism convention have been moved online and All-State Chorus and Orchestra has been postponed to next year.

Those actions were taken Thursday as the South Dakota High School Activities Associa-

tion board of directors met in Pierre.

According to a proposal from SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director Brooks Bowman, 85 percent of journalism advisers preferred holding the journalism convention online.

"Virtual workshop sessions can be easily administered," Bowman's proposal said.

Oral interp coaches and activities directors were split 50-50 when asked if they preferred activities directors voted to postpone All-State in-person or virtual oral interp contests. The association's speech advisory committee voted 6-1 to move the contests online.

The National Speech and Debate Association Sioux Falls. has developed a platform for virtual perfororal interp contests will be held there. If not, and must be submitted to SDHSAA by Oct. 15.

video-recorded performances may be used.

"Although we would all prefer to provide inperson activities, the ability to move some of our fine arts activities to a virtual format still allows us to provide performance and competitive opportunities to our member schools," Bowman said.

Just more than 50% of music directors and Chorus and Orchestra. The Music Advisory Committee voted unanimously to postpone. The event will be held April 19-20, 2021, in

Chorus auditions will be held locally and vocal mances, according to Bowman's proposal. If it directors must submit their quartets by Oct. proves to be viable, district, region and state 9. Orchestra auditions will be video-recorded

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213 Coroner 214 Court Security	41,830.00 227,748.36										
215 Juvenile Detention	957,803.53										
221 Fire Protection	17,000.00			256 625 97							ļ
222 Emergency & Disaster Services 225 Communications Center (911)			1,390,000.00	256,625.87							
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	5,673,987.62	-	1,390,000.00	256,625.87	-	-	-	113,408.10	-	<u> </u>	-
300 Public Works 311 Highways, Roads, & Bridges		8,804,180.69									
322 Solid Wastes											4,234,568.16
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS 400 Health & Welfare		8,804,180.69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,234,568.16
411 Support of Poor	253,177.65										
421 County Nurse 424 Ambulance	19,000.00 1,500.00										
433 Care of Aged	-										
434 Domestic Abuse	75 000 00				12,500.00						ļ
441 Mentally III 442 Aspire/Live/Dakoatabilities	75,000.00 14,428.00										
443 Drug Abuse	25,000.00										
444 Mental Health Centers 445 Mental Illness Board	37,080.00 30,000.00										<u> </u>
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	455,185.65	-	-	-	12,500.00	-					
500 Culture & Recreation 511 Public Library	15,800.00										
512 Historical Museum	355,235.28										
521 Recreation Program	5,000.00										
522 Parks 523 Exhibition Building O & M	92,748.54 370,798.58									·	<u> </u>
524 County Fair	1,160,035.42										
526 Area IV Nutrition 527 Community Transit	1,500.00 2,000.00										
TOTAL CULTURAL & RECREATION	2,003,117.82		-		-	-		-	-		-
600 Conservation of Natural Resources 611 4-H Coordinator	83,919.80										
615 Weed Control	195,519.64										
TOTAL CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES	279,439.44	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
700 Urban & Economic Development											
711 Planning & Zoning 712 Urban & Rural Development	185,984.34 25,569.38										
721 Tourism, Ind. & Rec. Developme	18,250.00										
TOTAL URBAN & ECONOMIC DEVELOR 750 Payments to other Governments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
800 Debt Service										904,239.15	
911 Operating Transfers Out TOTAL OTHER USES	4,424,514.66 4,424,514.66									904,239.15	-
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	19,325,292.00	8,804,180.69	1,390,000.00	256,625.87	12,500.00	33,660.00	69,655.76	113,408.10	30,500.00	904,239.15	4,234,568.16
Cash Balance Applied	1,659,380.00	200,000.00	60,000.00	30,000.00	,	18,160.00	,	,	10,300.00	-	1,667,068.16
311 Current Property Tax Levy Less 25% to Cities	15,356,929.00 (22,171.00)			(·						
311 TIF Property Taxes										904,239.15	
312/319 - Other Taxes	140,000.00	800,000.00								004 222 45	6,500.00
NET TOTAL TAXES 320 Licenses & Permits	15,474,758.00 64,500.00	7,000.00	-		7,500.00			-		904,239.15	6,500.00
330 Intergovernmental Revenue	578,200.00	4,017,600.00	880,000.00	62,000.00	2,000.00	14,500.00	69,655.76	-	20,000,00		40,000.00
340 Charges for Goods & Services 350 Fines & Forfeits	2,340,175.00 42,300.00	2,000.00			3,000.00		<u> </u>	70,000.00	20,000.00		1,800,000.00
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	170,000.00	2,000.00		100.00		1,000.00			200.00		721,000.00
370 Other Financing Sources TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	13,100.00 3,208,275.00	3,775,580.69 7,804,180.69	450,000.00 1,330,000.00	164,525.87 226,625.87	12,500.00	15,500.00		43,408.10 113,408.10			2,561,000.00
SUBTOTAL	20,342,413.00	8,804,180.69	1,390,000.00	256,625.87	12,500.00	33,660.00	69,655.76	113,408.10	30,500.00	904,239.15	4,234,568.16
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NET MEANS OF FINANCE	19,325,292.00	8,804,180.69	1,390,000.00	∠30,025.87	12,500.00	JJ,000.UU	09,005.76	113,408.10	30,500.00	504,239.15	4,234,308.16

	Proprietary Fund Landfill Fund
Net Assets, January 1	4,135,035.51
Estimated Revenue	2,314,140.00
Less Expenses	-2,363,292.23
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ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, will meet in the Courthouse at Aberdeen South Dakota on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 8:47 A.M for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the year 2021 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 29th day of September, 2020. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.



U8 Pee-Wees

Back Row: Jace Hofer, Gavin Hanten, Major Dolan, Axel Abeln, Logan Olson, Ryder Schwan, Eli Heilman, Connor Kroll,

Trayce Schelle, Carter Boerger

Front Row: Brantley Belden, Boston Kurth, Deylon Johnson, Rylan Blackwood, Graham Rose, Ivan Schwan, Bentley Ehresmann, Haden Harder, Mason Locke, Hank Hill, Dawson Feist Missing: Drew Fjeldheim, Asher Zimmerman, Brody Zimmerman

Coached by Matt Locke (not pictured) with help from Seth Erickson, groundskeepers and volunteer dads. (Photo by April Abeln)



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Seek Help for Urinary Incontinence

Just because something is common does not mean it is normal. Many diseases are common nowadays, yet few would consider them normal. For example, while obesity and diabetes are ram-



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pant, none would argue that these conditions are normal or should go untreated. However, when it comes to problems of the urinary tract, this is often the case. Millions of individuals suffer from urinary incontinence – the involuntary loss of urine. Leakage can occur due to a strong "gotta go, gotta go" urge, activity such as coughing or laughing, or even without awareness. Few people seek treatment for these bothersome, yet very treatable, conditions.

On average, patients wait six years or more to bring these urinary complaints to their physicians. And some never do. Many are under the impression that incontinence is a normal part of aging, or something one must simply live with. This could not be further from the truth. Leakage itself is rarely dangerous, however serious consequences can arise from incontinence. Waking frequently at night or rushing to the bathroom can lead to falls, which in turn can result in injury and even the need for nursing home care.

These situations, while dangerous, are oftentimes completely preventable. The first step is a careful history and physical examination by a specialist. People leak for a multitude of reasons, and successful treatment depends upon correct diagnosis. Most types of leakage can be eliminated or cured. Depending on the cause, often a trial of simple behavioral modifications can do the trick. These may include limiting fluid intake, avoiding bladder irritants or urinating on a set schedule. Pelvic floor physical therapy may also be an option.

Some patients with a constant urge to urinate, frequent urination, or night waking may require the help of a medication. And not all medications have bothersome side effects. Fortunately, other options do exist. If medication does not work or is not appropriate, we have a multitude of office-based procedures in addition to minor surgical ones. For leakage with activity, a ten-minute procedure can cure leakage for years to come. Not every treatment option is appropriate for every patient, but the bottom line is that options do exist.

It saddens me to think of the number of individuals who suffer in silence with these and other very treatable complaints. And while these conditions affect up to half or more of all adults, they are not "normal". If you are bothered by urinary complaints, be sure to let your doctor know and seek out the help of a urologist who specializes in pelvic medicine. Your quality of life could improve dramatically, and you will be glad you did.

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Upcoming Events

Wed., Aug. 19: First Day of School Thurs., Aug. 20: Boys Golf at Milbank, 10:00 Fri., Aug. 21: Football hosts Mobridge-Pollock, 7:00 Fri., Aug. 21: Boys and Girls Soccer at Belle Fourche Sat., Aug. 22: Boys and Girls Soccer at St. Thomas More Tues., Aug. 25: Boys Golf NEC at Groton, 10:00 Thurs., Aug. 27: Volleyball at Britton-Hecla, C at 5:15 Fri., Aug. 28: Football hosts Ell./Edgeley-Kulm, 7:00 Sat., Aug. 29: Boys and Girls Soccer hosts Vermillion Tues., Sept. 1: Boys Golf @ Lee Park Golf Course, 10 a.m. Tues., Sept. 1: Volleyball hosts lpswich, 6 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 3: Cross Country at Redfield, 10 a.m. Fri., Sept. 4: Football hosts Webster Area, 7 p.m. Sat., Sept. 5: Boys and girls soccer at Tea Area



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