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Above: A silhouette of the twin towers in Groton early Friday morning.
Below: Fog rises off the pool Friday morning and temperatures dipped to 37 degrees.

(Photos by Paul Kosel)



Guthmiller is state-bound in golf

Carly Guthmiller placed 6th at Regions. She will go and play at state golf in Spearfish June 7th and 8th. The Region 1A Tournament was held Friday in Sisseton. Guthmiller shot a 101. Also participating in the regional tournament was Shaylee Peterson with a score of 142 (Courtesy

Photo)

Spotlight on Groton Area Staff



Name: Becky Erickson
Position: 6-12 Special Education Teacher / Junior High Basketball & Volleyball Coach
Length of Employment: 2011-Present

As part of the Groton Area School District's Special Education program, there are several teachers who work to help students with special needs succeed in their classes. This is done by giving them access to special accommodations and teaching them necessary skills in preparation for the transition into independent life.

In accordance with the school's Special Education policies, each student with special needs is given an Individual Education Plan, otherwise known as an IEP. Each IEP is different depending on the student's needs and goals, and gives teachers a guideline to follow for giving the student accommodations for classes. Whether it be a quiet place to work, an extended period for taking tests, or help with comprehending the coursework, the faculty who work in the Special Education department are ready and willing to provide students with assistance. One of these faculty members is Becky Erickson, who works as a Special Education teacher for students in Grades 6-12 and a Junior High Basketball and Volleyball Coach.

Ms. Erickson obtained her degree in Elementary Education and Coaching from Northern State University in 2009, along with her certification for Special Education, Middle School Science, Social Studies, and Math. She later obtained her Master's Degree in Teaching and Learning from NSU in 2015. Before starting her work at

Groton Area High School, she worked at the local Elementary School in the CARE classroom for a year. She also worked at Deubrook as a 6th Grade Teacher for a year.

In addition to providing accommodations for Special Needs students, Ms. Erickson also sets up and monitors apprenticeships for her students through the Project Skills program. She enjoys seeing her students grow and change throughout their time in her classes.

When Ms. Erickson is not working at the school or coaching Basketball and Volleyball, she can be found working on projects for her house, travelling, or spending time with her family.

Editor's Note: This is a continuing series compiled by Benjamin Higgins. Higgins who is working for the Groton Independent through the Project Skills program.

Poll shows South Dakotans support ballot initiative process and oppose lawmaker interference

Bart Pfankuch

South Dakota News Watch

Many South Dakotans feel that democracy is not working very well in America right now, but those same people are highly supportive of their own right to make law directly from the voting booth.

According to a recent statewide poll, a wide majority of South Dakota residents supports the citizen-led ballot-initiative process as a way to make laws or change the state constitution, and a significant majority said they don't want the state Legislature to make the process more difficult.

The poll was conducted in late April through a partnership between South Dakota News Watch and the Chiesman Center for Democracy at the University of South Dakota.

In the telephone poll of 500 South Dakota residents from across the state, 74.8% of respondents said they agreed or strongly agreed that "citizen ballot initiatives are an important part of the democratic process."

On a follow-up question, 62.6% of respondents said they disagreed or strongly disagreed that "the South Dakota Legislature should make it more difficult for citizen initiatives to get onto the ballot."

Those same respondents show strong dissatisfaction with democracy in America overall, with 64.9% reporting they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with how democracy is working in America right now.

The margin of error in the poll was plus or minus 4%; respondents were generally aligned with the overall population of the state in terms of age, gender and political party.

Compared with Republicans, Democrats and Independents were far more likely to support the ballot-initiative process, and people in the age range of 18-34 were more supportive than older respondents.

The same was true on the question regarding legislative interference in the process, with Democrats and Independents the most opposed to legislative action to make the process more difficult, and those in the 18-24 age range by far the most opposed to legislative interference.

The timing of the poll may have influenced the results. The survey was done six months after the November 2020 election in which South Dakotans voted for legalization of medical and recreational marijuana, but both measures have been challenged.

On medical marijuana, Gov. Kristi Noem pushed for a one-year delay of legalization and implementation, a proposal rejected by lawmakers. On recreational marijuana, Noem was the driving force behind a lawsuit challenging the legality of the measure now under consideration by the state Supreme Court.

Some users of social media have expressed deep disappointment that Noem and the Legislature have intervened to stall marijuana legalization, which passed with 70% of the vote for medical and 54% for recreational.



Amy Scott-Stoltz

Amy Scott-Stoltz, president of the League of Women Voters of South Dakota, said poll respondents seemed to express their understanding that ballot initiatives are critical in a state like South Dakota, where one party has

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-- Amy Scott-Stoltz, president of S.D. League of Women Voters

a supermajority over the legislative process.

Right now, the South Dakota Legislature is made up of 94 Republicans, 11 Democrats and no Independents.

The breakdown by chamber is 62 Republicans (89.6%) and 8 Democrats (11.4%) in the House of Representatives, and 32 Republicans (91.4%) and 3 Democrats (8.6%) in the Senate. This past session, three Senate committees — where the heavy lifting of the lawmaking process occurs — did not have a single Democratic member, including the judiciary, taxation and military and veterans-affairs committees.

That level of Republican control is significantly disproportionate to the statewide breakdown of voter registration by party.

As of early May 2021, there were about 584,400 registered voters in South Dakota. Broken down by party affiliation, there were about 280,500 Republicans (48%), 158,200 Democrats (27%) and roughly 141,500 Independents or those with No Party Affiliation (24%).

The outsized level of Republican control of the Legislature does not allow for a variety of voices to be heard or new ideas to arise, Scott-Stoltz said.

Not only do non-Republican lawmakers have little power to propose or pass legislation, Republicans also have a hard time breaking away from the wishes of party leadership, Scott-Stoltz said.

"Right now, 50 percent of the population may not be represented in the Legislature," she said.

Supermajority GOP control makes the ballot-initiative process the only viable way for non-Republicans to bring forth new laws or constitutional amendments, she said.

"The ballot initiative gives the people a way to pass their own laws," Scott-Stoltz said. "The state motto is, 'Under God, the people rule,' and the ballot initiative the best way to live that motto."

Rich initiative history in South Dakota

South Dakota was an early adopter of the process known as "direct democracy," in which citizens or the state Legislature can place a proposed law or constitutional amendment on a statewide ballot and let voters directly decide its fate.

In 1890, South Dakota held its first statewide ballot, which included a measure to cap state debt at \$500,000, another to give women the right to vote, and a third to restrict voting rights of some Native Americans. All three measures were put on the ballot by the state Legislature and all three were defeated.

Since then, the state has undergone changes to allow citizen-led initiatives to provide a way for voters to make their own laws outside the legislative process.

From 1996-2018, a total of 74 ballot measures made it to the statewide ballot, and voters approved about 40% of them.

In the past decade or so, the process has been used to enact a statewide ban on indoor smoking, increase the minimum wage for workers, require a balanced state budget, and expand gambling in Deadwood.

Lawmakers have taken several steps in recent years to alter the petition-circulation and ballot-measure process, moves that supporters say make the process more fair but that opponents say are attempts to restrict access to the statewide-ballot process.

In November 2018, South Dakota voters approved Initiated Measure 24 that would ban out-of-state contributions to ballot-measure campaigns; a judge later ruled it unconstitutional.

Also in 2018, lawmakers referred a constitutional amendment to the statewide ballot to require a 55% passage threshold for future initiatives, which voters defeated. A separate measure to require future ballot measures to contain only one topic was passed.

In the latest legislative session, lawmakers passed and the governor signed a law to create a registry of petition circulators, require them to wear badges, and make some of their personal details, including phone number and email address, public information. A judge recently ordered a stay on part of that legislation. Lawmakers last session also passed a law requiring ballot language on petitions to be printed in at least 14-point type size.

Former House Speaker Mark Mickelson, a Republican from Sioux Falls, was a primary supporter of IM 24 and the single-subject measure on the ballot in 2018.

In an email to News Watch, Mickelson said he felt then and still does that the South Dakota initiative and constitutional-amendment process is vulnerable to outside interests.

"The current ballot initiative measure [process] is not really being used by grass-root South Dakotans but rather has been co-opted by out-of-state, moneyed interests that use our inexpensive media markets and low signature gathering requirements as a way to test out their ideas," Mickelson wrote.

"I do think we should protect our constitution from this process as much as possible, which is hopefully what the 2018 single-subject constitutional amendment did. Any mistakes that are made in statute can more readily be considered for fine tuning," Mickelson added.

DISPROPORTIONATE REPUBLICAN CONTROL OF THE LEGISLATURE

Members of the Republican Party have a supermajority in the state Legislature, but their level of party control does not match with the party affiliation of registered voters across South Dakota. Republicans make up about 90% of the legislative roster but only 48% of registered voters.

LEGISLATIVE PARTY REPRESENTATION
House: 62 Republicans, 8 Democrats — 88.6% GOP/11.4% DEM
Senate: 32 Republicans, 3 Democrats — 91.4% GOP/8.6% DEM

SOUTH DAKOTA VOTER REGISTRATION
Republicans — 48.0%
Democrats — 27.1%
Independent/NPA — 24.2%
Libertarian/other — 0.7%

Source: South Dakota Secretary of State

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Lee Schoenbeck

Senate President Lee Schoenbeck, R-Watertown, said recent legislative action regarding ballot initiatives has been aimed at protecting the integrity of the initiative process.

Schoenbeck said he wasn't surprised by the poll responses that showed strong general support for

the citizen-led ballot-initiative process.

Although he said he supports the right of citizens to bring measures to a statewide vote, Schoenbeck said the process has been hijacked by out-of-state groups that use South Dakota as a testing site for ballot measures that may eventually be brought forward in numerous other states.

Schoenbeck said the state's relatively inexpensive advertising rates in statewide media and a low signature-collection threshold have made the state vulnerable to national advocacy campaigns that seek to pass laws that state legislatures will not.

"South Dakota strongly supports its citizens' right to legislate at the ballot, but out-of-staters are using us because we're a cheap media market, and I don't like us being their petri dishes," Schoenbeck said.

Schoenbeck also told News Watch that he believes recent ballot measures have been too long and sometimes address more than one topic, making it hard for voters to know exactly what a measure will do and hard for them to make a fully informed decision. The 2020 Initiated Measure 26, which would legalize medical marijuana, contained 96 separate sections of information in its full form.

"These people are dragging out these ballot measure that are 25 pages long when you could do it in two paragraphs," he said. "The only reason you add volume is to confuse or to hide the full issues."

Schoenbeck backed a joint resolution in the last legislative session to put a measure on an upcoming statewide ballot that would require a 60% majority vote for some measures to pass instead of the 50% threshold now in place. That measure would apply to initiatives that create new taxes, raise taxes or cost more than \$10 million if implemented. Schoenbeck drew criticism for successfully amending the resolution to put the measure on the next primary election ballot that is typically dominated by Republican voters.

Schoenbeck said the News Watch/Chiesman Center poll question about whether the Legislature should make it harder to get measures on the ballot had an inherent bias and was destined to have responses in strong disagreement.

He said a rephrased question about whether the Legislature should make the initiative process more fair and keep advocates from outside the state from hijacking the process would have been strongly supported.

"Fairness isn't easy to get," he said. "We can be lazy, disregard fair and make it really easy, but fair should mean that if you want me to sign the petition and put something on the ballot, you should have a readable version of what you're proposing."

National attacks on initiative process

Lawmakers, mostly Republicans, in other U.S. states have been increasingly proposing or passing laws to make it harder for citizen-led initiatives to get on the ballot or make it easier to alter or throw out the results, according to the progressive Ballot Initiative Strategy Center. The center is tracking 125 bills in 28 states that would make it harder to get initiatives on the ballot or for them to pass.

South Dakota lawmakers are part of a nation-

al increase in the frequency with which state legislatures alter or throw out completely ballot initiatives that have been passed by voters.

According to the election-tracking website ballotpedia.org, voters in U.S. states passed 43 statewide initiatives from 2010-2015 and legislatures altered 9, or about 21% of the total. From 2015-2018, state voters approved 56 initiatives, of which 19, or 34%, were altered by legislatures.

The South Dakota Legislature in 2017 voted to repeal Initiated Measure 22, a ballot initiative that would have created an ethics commission, implemented public funding of election campaigns and increased regulation of lobbying. The measure passed with about 52% of the vote, but lawmakers repealed the act and then-Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed the repeal.

One instance of out-of-state interests using the South Dakota initiative process to further their national goals came in 2018, when South Dakota became one of many states to vote in favor of the constitutional amendment known as Marsy's Law. The measure, proposed and backed by out-of-state interests, expanded notification efforts for crime victims and enhanced victim privacy rights, but has since created challenges for law enforcement, the courts and the news media in determining what criminal information can be made public.



Rick Weiland

Rick Weiland of Sioux Falls, a former Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, has led a number of ballot-initiative efforts and is now part of a group called Dakotans4health that is pushing a ballot measure to expand Medicaid eligibility.

Weiland said respondents in the News Watch/Chiesman poll support the initiated-measure process because they lack confidence in the state Legislature to enact sensible legislation on a variety of issues. Weiland said recent versions of the Legislature have spent an inordinate amount of time legislating on moral issues or, for example, trying to limit the rights of transgendered people.

"The Legislature is out of step with the voters, I think that's obvious," Weiland said. "Are these ideas that citizens are launching in the state of South Dakota bad for the state? No, but they just can't get them done in Pierre."

Weiland said he also is not surprised by poll results showing opposition to legislative efforts to make the ballot-measure process more difficult. He said voters are fully aware and do not appreciate that lawmakers tried to reduce the minimum wage for some younger workers after voters had passed the higher pay rate, and that lawmakers tossed out the IM22 ethics commission and lobbying reforms.

"There's been an unrelenting attempt by the Legislature to undo the citizens-initiative process," Weiland said. "They'll say it's accountability but we just look at it as a suppression of democracy. They really don't like the voters taking this legislative power into their own hands when the Legislature fails to act."



Some South Dakotans are bothered that even though voters overwhelmingly supported legalization of medical marijuana via a statewide ballot initiative, the governor and some lawmakers tried to delay legalization by a year. Photo: News Watch file

The League of Women Voters of South Dakota is engaged in an effort to collect signatures to put a measure on the 2022 ballot that would create a redistricting commission that Scott-Stoltz said would reduce gerrymandering and restrict lawmaker influence over the critical process of drawing their own legislative boundaries.

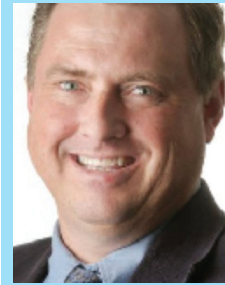
Other ballot measures proposed for the 2022 election year include a proposal to expand Medicaid eligibility for more low-income residents and another that would open primary elections to non-affiliated candidates and voters.

Scott-Stoltz said the entire process to get a measure on the statewide ballot is difficult, time-consuming and expensive, and has been made more cumbersome in recent years by lawmakers.

"Doing a ballot measure right now is already complicated and difficult and has many roadblocks put up in front of us that seem to be roadblocks solely for roadblocking sake," she said. "Making it more difficult just seems counterproductive to the way South Dakota is supposed to be, where the people should have the strongest voice, not the party leaders."

ABOUT BART PFANKUCH

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of where the pollution might be coming from. There are of course many other threats to pets even if you don't live near a pollution "point source." In one study, researchers found that the brains of dogs exposed to the heavy and constant air pollution of Mexico City had significantly elevated inflammation and pathology profiles (including neurofibrillary tangles that cause Alzheimer's in humans) compared to dogs from more rural, less polluted regions.

Since our pets spend lots of time walking and running through—not to mention rolling around in and even nibbling on—the grass, it's not surprising that they are much more likely to pick up and ingest contaminants than their owners. If your dog or cat develops a skin rash, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive salivation, dilated pupils, lack of coordination, or respiratory difficulties, it may be related to chemical exposure. Regarding longer-term effects, one study in Massachusetts showed that dogs whose owners used pesticides in their own yards had a 70 percent higher chance of developing malignant lymphoma. Indeed, one-third of the 700 dogs in the study were diagnosed with this typically terminal canine cancer.

If your dog or cat wants to run free in a neighbor's yard or at the park, wait 24-72 hours after the lawn in question has been treated with chemicals of any kind (fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides) to minimize exposure to and ingestion of potentially hazardous substances. You can also lobby your neighbors and local officials to give up the harsh synthetic chemicals; some will be more open to the idea than others, so make sure you have a good way to protect your pets even if your requests aren't complied with.

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Jump! Leap! Hop!

Dolphins leap through the air to save energy.

Humans Jump Too!

Five Little Jumping Monkeys

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed
One fell off and bumped his head
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said
"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

Oops!

Spiderman

These animals do not jump.

1. hopperscotch players
2. high jumpers
3. deep sea divers
4. ballet dancers
5. basketball players
6. skydivers
7. gymnasts
8. stunt people
9. cheerleaders

a. jump into the ocean
b. hop in the squares
c. bounce and turn on a trampoline
d. jump off buildings in movies
e. jump as high as they can over a set bar
f. leap into cartwheels
g. jump out of airplanes
h. leap into the air
i. jump to reach the hoop

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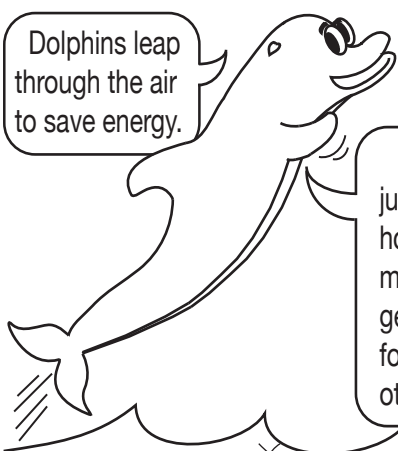
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Have you ever done the broad jump?

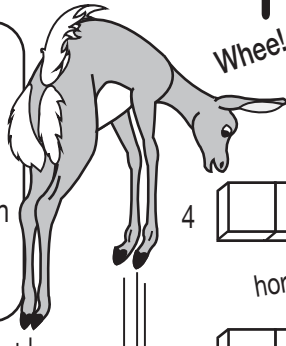
Kids: color stuff in!



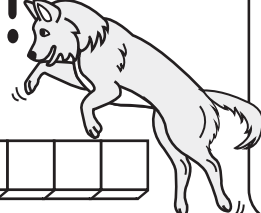
Dolphins leap through the air to save energy.



Almost every animal jumps, leaps, springs or hops. Animals **jump** to move to somewhere, to get out of danger, to catch food or to show off for others.



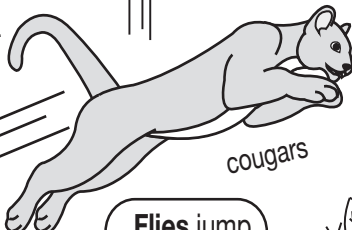
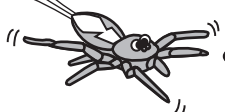
Whee!



I am a **jumping mouse**. I weigh under an ounce and am 3 to 4 inches long. I can jump up to 13 feet!

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle with the names of animals that **can jump!**

Spiderman Spiderman



cougars

Flies jump backward when they take off.



When a little worm living inside a "Mexican Jumping Bean" moves, it makes the bean look as if it is jumping.



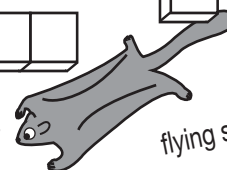
ACROSS:

- 3. can jump up to 20 feet out of the water; easier for them to move through air than water – it saves energy
- 4. live all around us; they jump using a silk line
- 6. active during the day, they blend into the grass, and jump using their "spring-loaded" legs
- 7. also called mountain lions; can leap up to 18 feet in the air and as far as 40 feet
- 9. carry their young in their pouches; they are from Australia
- 10. can be trained to race and jump over obstacles in a certain amount of time
- 11. are antelopes; most live in Africa

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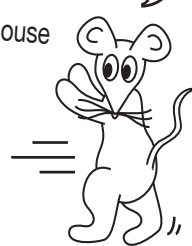
- 1. a rodent; can jump up to 12 feet; likes to eat grass seeds and fruits
- 2. do not really fly; a loose fold of skin between their front legs and hind legs lets them glide from tree to tree
- 5. are active at night; can jump up to 20-30 times their body length, or about 3 feet
- 8. hop along everywhere except in Antarctica; they like carrots

Wheeee!



flying squirrels

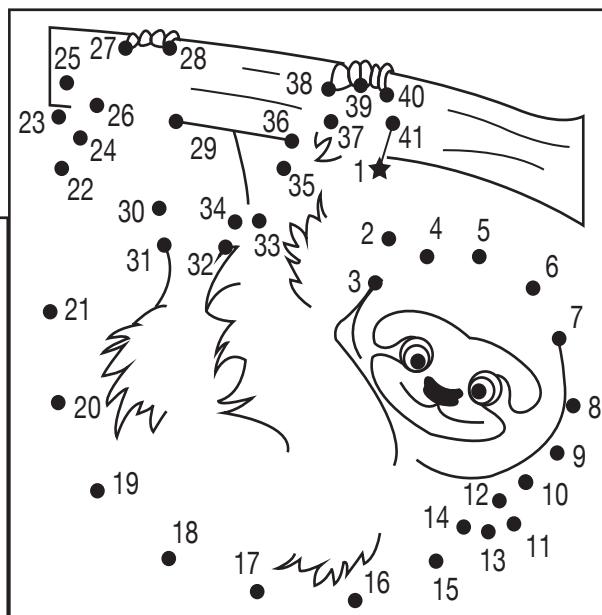
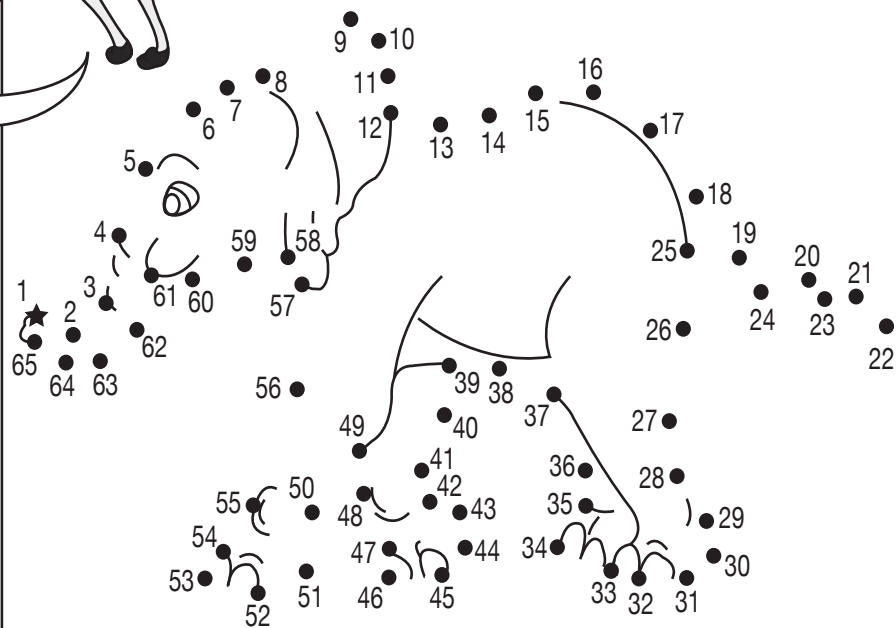
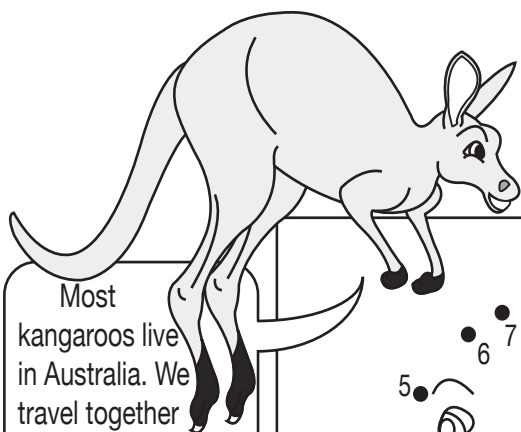
jumping mouse



Most Animals Jump!

Most animals can jump. Did you know that some cannot jump? **Follow the dots to see two that do not jump.** One is too heavy and the other is too slow.

Most kangaroos live in Australia. We travel together in "mobs." We like to eat grass and shrubs. We can jump up to 40 feet in distance and 10 feet high. We can hop as fast as 40 miles per hour for a short time. We use our tails to push us and to help us jump.



Unscramble the letters to name two animals that **cannot jump**:

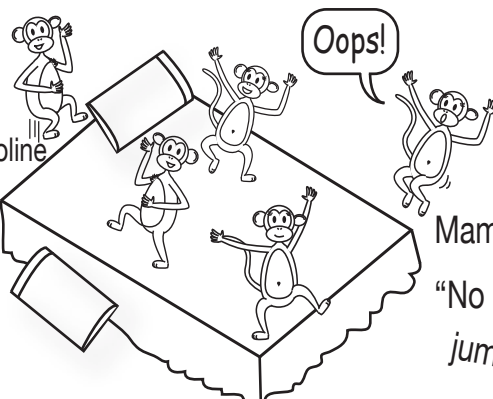
- 1. _____
 - 2. _____
- H N
T L P
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Humans Jump Too!

Humans jump to move to a new spot or to get out of danger. They also jump for fun, to compete, entertain and exercise!

Match the people below to what they do:

- 1. hopscotch players
 - 2. high jumpers
 - 3. deep sea divers
 - 4. ballet dancers
 - 5. basketball players
 - 6. skydivers
 - 7. gymnasts
 - 8. stunt people
 - 9. cheerleaders
- a. jump into the ocean
 - b. hop in the squares
 - c. bounce and turn on a trampoline
 - d. jump off buildings in movies
 - e. jump high over a set bar
 - f. leap into cartwheels
 - g. jump out of airplanes
 - h. leap into the air
 - i. jump to reach the hoop



Oops!

Five Little Jumping Monkeys

Can you fill in this beloved childhood rhyme about monkeys jumping?

Five little monkeys _____ on the _____.

One fell off and bumped his _____.

Mama called the doctor and the doctor _____.

"No more monkeys _____ on the _____."

jumping head said bed bed jumping



By Jordan Wright

The draft is over, training camp is underway, and before you know it, August will be here and the Vikings will be playing their first pre-season game. To get you ready for the 2021 season, we'll break down the Vikings' roster position by position. The Minnesota Vikings' roster will look quite a bit different than it did last season. Between free agents who were brought in, rookies who were drafted, and injured players returning, there will be plenty of new faces in purple and gold this year.

This week, we begin our roster breakdown with the quarterbacks.

Kirk Cousins – there is little doubt Cousins will be the starting quarterback for the Minnesota Vikings entering week one of this season. Last season, Cousins started all 16 games for the Vikings. He completed 349 out of 516 passes (67.6%) for 4,265 yards, 35 touchdowns and 13 interceptions. The Vikings' poor defense led to added pressure on Cousins' shoulders, but the veteran responded with career highs in touchdown passes and yards per attempt (since 2015 when he became a full-time starter for Washington).

Cousins' stats are consistently some of the best in the NFL, and he has overcome the nar-

rative that he can't win big games. Add that to the fact he is only 32 years old, it would seem like he would be locked in as the Vikings' starter for the next 5-8 years. However, the Vikings made waves this offseason when they drafted a QB in the third round of the draft. The reason? Money. Cousins will count \$31 million against the cap this season, and an astronomical \$45 million next season (both years are fully guaranteed). The Vikings feel like Cousins is good but not great – he can put up stats but is unable to overcome deficiencies around him. This has led the team to search for his replacement, and while they tried and failed to move up in the draft to get Justin Fields, they eventually drafted...

Kellen Mond – the former No. 1 dual-threat recruit in the country, Mond had a great career at Texas A&M. After finishing 9-1 in a shortened 2020 season, Mond was invited to the Senior Bowl where he was named MVP of the game. Early in his career, there was a lot placed on Mond's shoulders and his play was inconsistent as a result. However, the Aggies added more play-action in 2020 to go along with a strong run game, and he flourished. He won't be asked to contribute much this season, and could potentially sit next season as well if he isn't ready to start or the Vikings aren't able to find a trade partner for Cousins.

The Vikings will likely enter the 2021 season with Cousins and Mond as the only two QBs on the roster, leaving Jake Browning and Nate Stanley to battle it out for a spot on the Vikings' practice squad.

Jake Browning – a second-year player, Browning was an undrafted free agent out of Washington. While he put up big numbers in college, he had multiple shoulder injuries during his career which put a damper on his arm strength. He excels in a pro-style offense and has nice touch on his throws, but because of his limitations he doesn't strike fear in any opposing defenses.

Nate Stanley – another second-year player who is a former undrafted free agent, Stanley has the arm strength Jake Browning lacks but has never been able to put it all together. Stanley's lack of mobility and field vision led to him having a sub-60% completion percentage in college. While he has more potential than Browning, he wouldn't be the ideal candidate to start in an emergency.

Lake Area Technical College announces graduates receiving degrees

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Lake Area Technical College Commencement ceremony was held Friday, May 14, 2021 with 842 graduates receiving degrees. The commencement address was given by South Dakota Secretary of Labor and Regulation, Marcia Hultman and congratulations were shared by South Dakota State Board of Technical Education Executive Director, Nick Wendell.

The following students were presented their diplomas by Lake Area Technical College President, Michael Cartney, with hometown, name and major: Groton: Clark S. Gibbs, agriculture; Jeremy R. Johnson, agriculture; Hannah K. Lewandowski, business associate; Taryn K. Rossow, business associate; Peyton B. Johnson, custom paint & fabrication; Brenna E. Johnson, financial services. Bristol: Cole G. Johnson, custom paint and fabrication. Bath: Emily K. Blocker, financial services.

Miss South Dakota Competition Returns



Kaitlin O'Neill
Daughter of
Robin O'Neill and
Steve O'Neill

Fifteen young women from across the state will compete June 3 - 5, for thousands of dollars in scholarships and the role of Miss South Dakota. The new Miss South Dakota will take home at least \$8,000 in scholarship money and will represent South Dakota at the Miss America Competition. Nearly \$35,000 will be awarded in scholarship funds to the women competing this year.

Kaitlin O'Neill, 24, Miss Dakota Plains, Groton, Talent: Ballet, Social Impact Initiative: Healthy Mind, Healthy Body, Healthy You, is one of the candidates.

Preliminary competitions will be June 3 and 4, and finals will be held June 5, all at 6:00 p.m. The pageant finals on June 5 will be livestreamed. The Miss South Dakota's Outstanding Teen competition will be held June 5 at 1:00 p.m. All competitions are at the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center, on the South Dakota State University campus in Brookings.

The theme this year is "C'mon Get Happy." The competition celebrates its 74th anniversary and returns to Brookings after a one-year hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pageant will feature Amber Hulse of Hot Springs, Miss South Dakota 2019. Amber represented South Dakota at the Miss America Competition in December 2019 at the Mohegan Sun in Connecticut.

She spent the year advocating for her social impact initiative, "Operation Overload" – focused on guiding youth through the career planning process by helping students meet their full potential and realize opportunities for further education and career goals.

The pageant's ever-popular silent auction, which raises funds for scholarships, has gone online this year, and is available at: <http://bit.ly/2021SDauction>.

The candidates will be judged on a private interview with the judges (35%), talent (35%), evening wear/red carpet (15%) and on-stage interview (15%).

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Brig. Gen. Ronald W. Mielke was the guest speaker at the Groton Memorial Day Service. He is a 1960 GHS graduate.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Dohman Recognized for 50 years of service



Leslie Dohman was honored on Memorial Day for his 50 years of service to the Groton American Legion Post #39. Legion Commander Bob Wegner is presenting Wegner with the certificate at the luncheon held after the cemetery ceremony. The Legion Auxiliary provided a lunch at the Legion home. (Photos from Tammy Dohman's Facebook Page)



Jennifer Wells Wagemann was the guest speaker at the Columbia Memorial Day Program. (Photo by Cara Dennert)



Columbia junior members were doing the Ceremony of the Cross. Pictured are Alicia Davis, Lilly Davis, and Leslee Davis. (Photo by Cara Dennert)

Brown County Cannabis Permits

BROWN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE #198; A TEMPORARY ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF LOCAL MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS AND/OR LICENSES The Brown County Planning Commission and the Board of Brown County Commissioners will hold a joint public hearing on Tuesday June 15th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brown County Courthouse, Community Room located at 25 Market St, Aberdeen, SD. All interested persons are encouraged to attend in person and comment on Ordinance #198; A temporary ordinance regarding the issuance of local medical cannabis establishment permits and/or licenses. After the public hearing,

the Planning Commission may pass a resolution recommending approval of Ordinance #198 with or without amendment, to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners may have first reading of Ordinance #198 by title and set a 2nd reading date. The proposed Ordinance #198 will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office, 25 Market St, Aberdeen, SD. Written comments may be filed by emailing the Auditor at cathy.mcnicke@browncounty.sd.gov or by mailing them to the Auditor at 25 Market St. Suite 1, Aberdeen SD, SD 57401. Comments should be received on or before noon on June 15th, 2021. ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor (0602.0609)

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Groton Jr. Teeners Loses Lead Early In Defeat

Groton Jr. Teeners watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 7-3 loss to Mobridge on Tuesday. Mobridge scored on a single by Kellen Pfitzer, a groundout by Gracie Faehurich, and a single by Jarett Amdahl in the first inning.

Groton Jr. Teeners lost despite out-hitting Mobridge four to two.

Mobridge opened up scoring in the first inning. Pfitzer drove in one when Pfitzer singled.

Andrew Ulmer got the win for Mobridge. The hurler surrendered one run on three hits over three innings, striking out five and walking one. Pfitzer threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Drew Thurston took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners. The righthander went two-thirds of an inning, allowing four runs on two hits.

Brevin Flihs, Braxton Imrie, Korbin Kucker, and Kellen Antonsen all had one hit to lead Groton Jr. Teeners.

Groton Jr. Teeners Holds Off Mobridge As 9-Run Deficit Is Nearly Erased

Groton Jr. Teeners got out to a nine-run lead in the third inning and held on for a 10-8 victory over Mobridge on Tuesday. Mobridge scored seven runs in the failed comeback. Kellen Pfitzer, Shane Henderson, Pfitzer, Andrew Ulmer, Brady Longbrake, and Jackson Eisemann came through with RBIs to lead the rally.

Bats blistered as Groton Jr. Teeners collected eight hits and Mobridge tallied four in the high-scoring game.

Mobridge scored four runs in the fifth inning. The big inning for Mobridge came thanks to by

Pfitzer and Ulmer, a walk by Henderson, and a single by Longbrake.

Taylor Diegel took the win for Groton Jr. Teeners. The righty went four innings, allowing two runs on one hit and striking out ten. Gavin Englund and Jarrett Erdmann entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Eisemann took the loss for Mobridge. The pitcher lasted two innings, allowing three hits and six runs while striking out five.

Diegel went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners in hits.

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By Andrew Ellsworth, MD ~ Prairie Doc® Perspectives

Grandpa Was at Peace

My last conversation with Grandpa was over the phone. He was sick and dying. I was 1,200 miles away in residency, learning how to be a family physician. I was not going to make it home in time to see him one last time.

We did not know exactly what was wrong. Sure, he could have had more tests and been admitted into the hospital, but that was not what he wanted. Thankfully, a family friend and physician had talked to my grandparents about their end-of-life goals. This discussion helped Grandpa realize what was important to him, like his faith and being with Grandma, and what was not, like spending time in doctor's offices and hospitals.

Even though I was a physician in training, I supported his choice. He was in a peaceful place, listening to music, talking with Grandma and other friends and family.

Most people want to die at home. However, only 20 percent do. When it comes to dying, some advance planning may make a world of difference.

It does not require an official document or appointment with a lawyer to make plans for how you would like to spend your final days. It does not even necessitate a visit with your doctor, although all the above may help. The most important thing is talking to your loved ones about your wishes and goals of care.

How do you know when to have this talk, how to bring up the topic, and what to say during the conversation? How and when do you say "enough is enough" when it comes to searching for a cure, a surgery, a treatment, or spending a few more nights in the hospital? Discussing these questions may not be easy, but it is more productive and less stressful to have the conversation now rather than during a crisis.

Start with scheduling an appointment with your doctor for the sole purpose of talking about your end-of-life goals, expectations, and values. Then, together, adjust your care plan accordingly. Revisit these discussions periodically with your family and your healthcare providers.

It was tough not being there with Grandpa, but he was at peace, so I was at peace. This past year, many others have had to say goodbye remotely or did not even have the chance. This is a reminder for us all to have meaningful conversations, to tell our loved ones how much they mean to us, and to cherish the time we do have together.

Andrew Ellsworth, M.D. 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.

AUCTIONS

SURPLUS ONLINE ABSOLUTE AUCTION: Todd County School District & City of Mission, SD. Wednesday, June 9, 2021 to Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 6:00 pm with soft close. Several school buses, vehicles, JD 2640 tractor w/loader, rotary mower, snowmobiles, trailers, propane tanks, fire trucks, much more. More information: lockrealty.net or www.lockrealtyandauctions.hibid.com

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EMPLOYMENT

CITY OF CHAMBERLAIN JOB OPENING- City Administrator. The City of Chamberlain is seeking a positive, proactive, self-starter to join our growing community. Located at the I-90 crossroad of SD where East meets West overlooking the beautiful Missouri River where outdoor activities explode and a great way of life abounds. While receiving excellent wages and benefits, the City Administrator will work with the City Council to continue a positive trajectory for the community and help establish and implement policies and changes to meet our community's needs. Contact Nicky at 605-234-4401 for more information.

DENTAL HYGIENIST Are you a dental hygienist looking for a change? Delta Dental of South Dakota's Mobile Program is looking to hire a dental hygienist who will work under collaborative supervision in southwest South Dakota, primarily on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. This hygienist will join a team providing preventive services and oral health education in schools, Head Starts, etc. Extensive travel is required. Excellent salary and benefits including health, dental, vision, life/long term disability insurance, paid holidays, vacation/sick leave, 401k, and more. Opportunity for summer weeks off is available. The target start date for this position is August 1, 2021. For more information visit www.deltadentalsd.com. Submit a cover letter and resume to: summer.sporrer@deltadentalsd.com. Questions? Contact Summer Sporrer at 605-494-2569.

BOWDLE SCHOOLS is seeking a Grade 7-12 Agriculture/FFA teacher. Call/email Hector at 605.285.6272 or Hector.Serna@k12.sd.us. Pay depends on experience. EOE.

EDITOR POSITION for Hill City weekly newspaper in the Black Hills. Experience writing, editing and photography a plus. Pagination skills helpful, but will train. Full-time position with some benefits. Send resume: custerchronicle@gwtc.net EOE

FT AND PT PARAMEDIC POSITIONS at Emmons County ALS Ambulance. Offers health, dental, vision, 401K, and flexible hours and a \$2,500 sign on bonus. Contact: Nolan Anderson at 701-254-3154 or nanderson@lintonhospital.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: GEDDES FARMERS ELEVATOR in Geddes, SD. General grain elevator duties. Health & Vision Insurance, Vacation, Sick & Personal Leave, IRA. 605-337-2561

OPENING FOR ENTERPRISE FACILITATOR: Southeast enterprise Facilitation Project (SEFT), a non-profit 501(c)3 seeks a highly self-motivated individual to assist new, expanding and/or retained businesses in SE SD. This is a full-time position. Additional information on Enterprise Facilitation can be obtained at sefp@southeastern.coop, or call 605-648-2909. THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JULY 1, 2021.

Help Wanted at Groton Area

The Groton Area School District is seeking qualified and motivated individuals for the following position for the 2021-2022 school year.

Transportation Director. The Groton Area School District has an opening for the position of Transportation Director. This position is full-time year round with a comprehensive benefits package and salary dependent on education and experience. Criminal background check and pre-employment drug test required. Applicant must hold valid South Dakota Commercial Driver License with School Bus and Passengers endorsements and clean driving record. Interested parties should complete and submit the auxiliary staff application form. Open until filled.

Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional. The Groton Area School District is seeking applicants for the position of Special Education Paraprofessional. Starting salary is \$12.10/hour and position includes comprehensive benefits package. Criminal background check required. Interested parties should complete and submit the auxiliary staff application form. Open until filled.

MS/HS Special Education Paraprofessional. The Groton Area School District is seeking applicants for the position of Special Education Paraprofessional. Starting salary is \$12.10/hour and position includes comprehensive benefits package. Criminal background check required. Interested parties should complete and submit the auxiliary staff application form. Open until filled.

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Westport Town Vacating Alley Notice

City of Westport
P.O. Box 18
Westport, SD 57481
RESOLUTION NO. 14 and
Order Vacating alley

WHEREAS, the petition of Donald H. Schlosser and Deborah J. Schlosser has been filed with the city finance officer of the City of Westport and was presented to the city council on the 1st day of June, 2021, asking that a portion of the dedicated alley that appears on the plat of record be vacated, described as:
That portion of the alley running through said Block 9, lying parallel and adjacent to Lot 2, Hinz Second Addition to Westport, and parallel and adjacent to the South 75' of Lot 1, Hinz Second Addition to Westport, all in Brown County, South Dakota, contains 1,200 square feet +/-, 0.03 Acres +/-.

WHEREAS, the city council held a hearing on the above resolution on the

1st day of June, 2021, at City Hall in Westport, South Dakota, at the time and place for said hearing on the petition, after having the same published once per week for two successive weeks in the legal newspaper for the City of Westport; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by unanimous vote of the city council of the City of Westport, Brown County, South Dakota, that the above foregoing petition describing the above foregoing city alley be hereby vacated.

Passed this 1st day of June, 2021.

Mitch Wilson
City Mayor
Attest: Doreen Hertel
City Finance Officer
(0602.0609)

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Brown County May 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MAY 25, 2021 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION – REZONE ORDINANCE 191: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to adopt ordinance 191: Applicant Scott Kampa requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG) Kampa Outlot A of "Kampa Outlot A" in the NW ¼ SW ¼ Section 31-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13556 400th Ave). Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance adopted.

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION – REZONE ORDINANCE 192: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to adopt ordinance 192: Applicant Scott Rozell requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG) Lot 1, "L.B. Addition" in the NE ¼ of Section 1-T121N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14201 382nd Ave). Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance adopted.

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION – REZONE ORDINANCE 193: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to adopt ordinance 193: Applicant Ed Mensinger requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.14 Highway Commercial District (HC) W ½ of the East 32 Rods of the South 20 rods lying next North of the South 50' of the SW ¼ of Section 15-T123N-R63 W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (5405 E Hwy 12). Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance adopted.

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION – REZONE ORDINANCE 194: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adopt ordinance 194: Applicant Bill Kirschenmann requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG) to Chapter 4.16 Heavy Industrial District (H-I) Gisi's Lot A of "Outlot No. 1, Winter's Outlots" in the NE ½ of Section 22-T453N-R64W, except R.O.W., of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (627 385th Ave S). Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance adopted.

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION – REZONE ORDINANCE 195: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to adopt ordinance 195: Applicant Kamen Equipment (Jerry Kamen) requesting to rezone the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.14 Highway Commercial District (HC) Lots 1&2, "Kamen First Subdivision" in the SW ¼ of Section 23-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13980 & 13998 386th Ave). Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance adopted.

NEW ANGUS BEEF PLANT RESOLUTION FOR SOLID WASTE PERMIT: Representatives from New Angus LLC met with the Commission to discuss a resolution for them to be able to establish an irrigation pivot to a county resident's property for the purpose of solid waste management. More information as requested by the County Commissioners' set to be discussed on next meeting. No actions taken.

MINUTES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve the general meeting minutes of May 18, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following payroll & claims:
Payroll: Commission \$4,327.95; Auditor \$6,968.14; Treasurer \$13,771.93; SA \$23,565.48; SVAWA \$1,730.76; Maintenance \$7,862.07; Assessor \$14,471.52; Register of Deeds \$9,124.95; VSO \$4,617.91; GIS \$2,411.38; IT \$7,551.75; HR \$3,700.83; Sheriff \$39,395.77; Jail \$50,566.90; Court Security \$5,936.02; JDC \$22,468.11; Welfare \$2,982.62; Museum \$8,098.02; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,176.00; Fair Board \$2,279.16; 4-H \$664.17; Weed \$3,864.71; Highway \$39,537.45; Dispatch \$26,389.59; Emergency \$4,160.96; Teen Court \$433.90; JDAI \$1,786.92; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,512.69; Landfill \$15,400.40. Claims: Professional Fees: Drew Becker \$200; Cogley Law Office \$7,656.25; Dohrer Law Office \$7,656.25; Christopher Haar \$7,070.31; Kuck Law Office \$7,070.31; Jerald McNeary \$7,070.31; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$7,070.31; Taliarferro Law Firm \$7,656.25; Sara Zahn \$78.

Repairs & Maintenance: HF Jacobs & Sons Construction \$5,680; Titan Machinery \$22.30 Supplies: 446-Praxair Distribution Inc \$502.44; HF Jacobs & Sons Construction \$43,877.24; Titan Machinery \$293.23; True-North Steel \$928.05. Utilities: Dependable Sanitation \$165. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following fair contracts: Hub City Radio (Ads) @ \$8,410; TAS Inc Todd Armstrong Shows, Inc (Carnival) @ percent of sales. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve Brown County Sheriff's Report for the month of April. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following lease agreement: Sacred Heart Church for the lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp using the Lodge on August 1, 2021; Aberdeen Running Club for the lease of the Fairgrounds for the Beer Running Event on May 27, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS: RESOLUTION 28-21 RILEY ADDITION
Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution:
"Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "RILEY ADDITION IN THE S ½ OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 123N, RANGE 63W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY,

SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote Commissioner Feickert – aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese- aye, Kippley – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 29-21 T&J INVESTMENTS SECOND ADDITION
Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution:

"Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "T&J INVESTMENTS SECOND ADDITION IN THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 124N, RANGE 63W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-6, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote Commissioner Feickert – aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese- aye, Kippley – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 30-21 DEAN LARSON SUBDIVISION
Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution:

"Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "DEAN LARSON SUBDIVISION, IN THE SW ¼ OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 126N, RANGE 60W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote Commissioner Feickert – aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese- aye, Kippley – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 31-21 TODD ROSEBROCK FIRST SUBDIVISION
Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution:

"Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "TODD ROSEBROCK FIRST SUBDIVISION IN THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 123N, RANGE 63W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-2-2, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote Commissioner Feickert – aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese- aye, Kippley – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

SET HEARING DATE AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTIZING REZONE ORDINANCES:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to set hearing date and authorize publishing for the following rezoning ordinances: Application has been made by T&J Investments (Todd Muldoon) to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lot 1, "T&J Investments Second Addition" in the NE ¼ of Section 30-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota (12845 389th Ave). Application has been made by Tim Reed to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): "Reed's Outlots 1&2" in the SW ¼ of Section 30-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota (39408 129th St & 12894 394th Ave). First hearing to be held at the Richmond Lake Youth Camp 37925 Youth Camp Rd, Brown County, South Dakota on June 2, 2021 @ 8:46a.m. Second hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on June 9, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. 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. 196 & 197. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel per SDCL 1-25-2(1). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared executive session closed with no action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSION SOUTH DUMPSITE LOCATION: Commissioners talked about updates on the contract agreement for the new south dumpsite location. No actions taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/DISCUSSION MEDICAL MARIJUANA ORDINANCE: Commissioners discussed about an ordinance regarding the issuance of local medical cannabis establishment permits and/or licenses. Public hearing date will be scheduled. No actions taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:57 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Jeannette McClain, Brown County Deputy Auditor
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Brown County Ordinance 191 Kampa Rezoning

ORDINANCE #191
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Kampa Outlot A of "Kampa Outlot A" in the NW ¼ SW ¼ Section 31-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13556 400th Avenue)

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.

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Doug Fjeldheim, Chair
Brown County Commission
ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Ordinance 193 Mensinger Rezoning

ORDINANCE #193
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.14 Highway Commercial District (HC):

W ½ of the East 32 Rods of the South 20 rods lying next North of the South 50' of the SW ¼ of Section 15-T123N-R63 W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (5405 E Hwy 12)

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.

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Brown County Ordinance 194 Kirschenmann Rezoning

ORDINANCE #194
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property from Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG) to Chapter 4.16 Heavy Industrial District (H-I):

Gisi's Lot A of "Outlot No. 1, Winter's Outlots" in the N ½ of Section 22-T453N-R64W, except R.O.W., of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (627 385th Ave S)

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.

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Brown County Commission
ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Ordinance 192 Rozell Rezoning

ORDINANCE #192
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 1, "L.B. Addition" in the NE ¼ of Section 1-T121N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14201 382nd 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.

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ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Ordinance 195 Kamen Rezoning

ORDINANCE #195
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (HC):

"Reed's Outlots 1&2" in the SW ¼ of Section 30-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39408 129th St & 12894 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. 197.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
(0602.0609)

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ty Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Kamen Equipment (Jerry Kamen) 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 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.14 Highway Commercial District (HC):

Lots 1&2, "Kamen First Subdivision" in the SW ¼ of Section 23-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13980 & 13998 386th 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.

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Brown County Commission
ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Muldoon Rezoning Notice

NOTICE
Application has been made by T&J Investments (Todd Muldoon) to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. First Hearing to be held at the Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge at 37925 Youth Camp Rd, Brown County, South Dakota on June 2, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. Second Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, 25 Market St. Brown County, South Dakota on June 9, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (HC):

Lot 1, "T&J Investments Second Addition" in the NE ¼ of Section 30-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12845 389th 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. 196.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
(0602.0609)

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Brown County Rich. Lake Camp Rezoning Notice

NOTICE
Application has been made by Tim Reed to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. First Hearing to be held at the Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge at 37925 Youth Camp Rd, Brown County, South Dakota on June 2, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. Second Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, 25 Market St. Brown County, South Dakota on June 9, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (HC):

"Reed's Outlots 1&2" in the SW ¼ of Section 30-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39408 129th St & 12894 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. 197.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
(0602.0609)

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Brown County Ordinance 196 Groton Independent

ORDINANCE #196
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (HC):

"Reed's Outlots 1&2" in the SW ¼ of Section 30-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39408 129th St & 12894 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. 197.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Ordinance 197 Groton Independent

ORDINANCE #197
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (HC):

"Reed's Outlots 1&2" in the SW ¼ of Section 30-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39408 129th St & 12894 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. 197.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
(0602.0609)

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Adjustment made to airport lease; water surcharged passes first reading

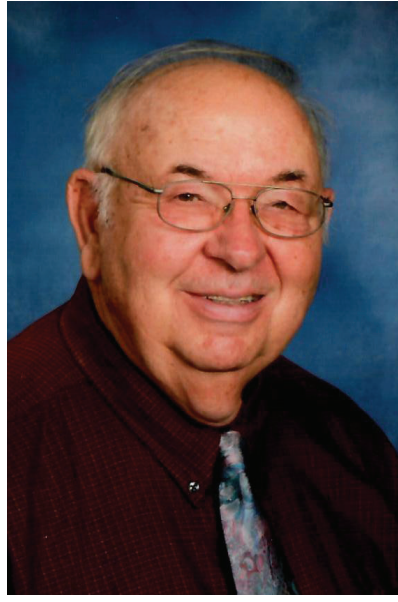
An adjustment to the Groton airport land lease was made due to the expansion of the airport. The farmable land was reduced from 105 acres to 95 acres. A modified lease was made up to reflect the change, reducing the cash rent by about \$1,800. In addition, a two-year extension on the amended lease agreement will be presented when the contract comes up in September. Grant Rix has the current lease.

The council approved a resolution for Kolker First Subdivision along the west side of the golf course property. The property will be sold off to the neighboring properties.

The council had previously passed a resolution passing on a water rate surcharge of \$7.85 per month. The rates are then put into the ordinance so the council had to pass a change in the ordinance to reflect the already passed resolution. It will take effect in July 1 and run through July of 2051. The money will be used to pay on the loan for an expanded water project to loop the Olson Development, for loop on the south edge of town and for the reservoir to be painted. Doug Hamilton asked why the whole town has to pay for a water loop across US 12 that only affects that part of town. Councilman David Blackmun agreed and that in the future, developers will need to make sure a water and electrical loop is put into place. It is something that planning and zoning will need to investigate. The motion to approve first reading on the water rate ordinance passed 3-2 with councilmen David Blackmun and Shirley Wells voting no.

The Legion donates \$500 for pool passes each year. Doug Hamilton said the \$500 should not go through Family Crisis. "We have enough confidence in the ladies up there to make the decisions." Councilman Karyn Babcock said if there is a denial or someone feels uncomfortable asking for help at the pool, they can apply through the city crisis fund for help as a backup.

The Life of Dale Wolter



Services for Dale Wolter, 80, of Groton will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 3rd at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Pastor Kari Foss will officiate. Inurnment with military honors will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday at the church from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Family requests casual dress for the services.

Dale passed away May 27, 2020 at his home in Groton.

Dale DeWayne Wolter was born in Aberdeen on February 2, 1941 to Russell and Cora (Hunstad) Wolter. At the age of 3, he moved with his family to the farm near Groton. He attended school in Groton, where he had been active in FFA. Dale graduated in 1959 and continued his education at Northern State University for three years. In November of 1963, he enlisted in the US Army and served until his honorable discharge in December of 1964. Following, he returned to Groton where he worked construction for several years including work on the 3M and Federal Building. On June 29, 1973, he was united in marriage with Karen (Clopine) Baker. The couple made their home in Groton where Dale farmed with his father. He retired in the fall of 2020.

Dale was a member of the Groton American Legion Post #39, where he served on the Honor Guard for many years. He also belonged to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, the Masonic Lodge and Feather and Fin. He enjoyed playing cards, hunting, fishing and woodworking.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Karen of Groton, his children, Keith (Mayme) Baker of Groton, Collette Baker of San Francisco, CA, Coralea Wolter of Groton, two grandsons, Allen (fiancé Alicia Soberall) and Rayne Baker, his sisters, Aloise (Gene) Brolin of Groton, Anita Kohrer of Bloomington, his chosen family, Ann (Craig) Kolb of Groton and their children, McKensy (Tony) Konold, Brad (Chelsey) Sheridan and his precious lap dog, Ruthie.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his son, Kervin. Honorary Urnbearers will be his Morning Coffee and Breakfast Crew. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to begin a scholarship. www.paetznick-garness.com

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Groton Chamber earns Never Satisfied Grant

The Groton Chamber of Commerce received a \$2,000 grant from Poet as part of the Never Satisfied Grant. The money will be used for new trash receptacles along with some courtyard planters on Main Street. Pictured are Kellie Locke, Hope Block, April Abeln, Carol Kutter, Kelly Kjelden from POET, Ashley Smith and Lori Westby. (Courtesy Photo)

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