



# The Groton Independent

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## Bids accepted at Board Meeting

It was a really short school board meeting Monday night as the board then prepares for the upcoming school year.

Diesel/gas bids and newspaper quotes were accepted.

MJ's Sinclair was awarded the diesel and gas bid. Ken's of Groton also submitted bids. MJ's bids are listed with Ken's in ( ). #2 Diesel \$2.806 (2.895), #1 Diesel \$3.00 (\$3.148), Ethanol \$2.58 (\$2.658), Lead Free: \$2.832 (\$2.898), E85 \$1.54 (\$1.761).

The Groton Independent was designated as the official newspaper for the district. A bid was also submitted by the Reporter & Farmer of Webster.

Staff changes were approved with Emily Dinger moving from MS+15 to MS+30, Sarah Hanten from BS+15 to BS+30, and Janene Harry from BS+30 to BS+45.

Bus #11 was declared as surplus and to be disposed of. It is the oldest bus in the fleet and would now require in excess of \$2,000 in repairs and even then, there is no guarantee that it would pass inspection.

## SD-DOH Confirms Detection of the Delta Coronavirus Variant in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Health (SD-DOH) can confirm that the B.1.617.2 variant (the 'Delta variant') of COVID-19 has been detected in South Dakota. The findings were verified by an out-of-state laboratory, and while only one case of the variant has been identified in Edmunds County, it is safe to assume other cases across the state may exist.

"We are closely following this development and would like to reiterate, to all South Dakotans, the importance of getting tested and vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus," said Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Secretary of Health. "With easier access to the vaccine and testing, it has never been easier to protect yourself, your family and our communities."

Concerns of the 'Delta' variant appearing in the Great Plains region are that it is more easily spread from person-to-person, reduces the effectiveness of existing treatments, and reduces the protection of the COVID-19 vaccine. It's important to highlight that currently available vaccines have so far proven 100% effective against hospitalization and death from COVID-19.

"While COVID-19 case counts remain at an all-time low since the beginning of the pandemic, virus variants remain a threat diminished by increased vaccinations," added Malsam-Rysdon.

The 'Delta' variant was first detected in India in late 2020 and was first detected in the United States in March 2021.

## Temperature averages are increasing

Just for kicks and giggles, I pulled up the June 30, 2012 edition of the GDI to compare the average high and low. Back then, the average daily high was 82 degrees. June 30 of this year it is 84 degrees. The average low has also increased from 57 degrees in 2012 to 58 degrees this year.

## Spotlight on Groton Area Staff



**Name:** Vicci Stange  
**Position:** Table Talks Advisor

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."  
Matthew 18:20

In the community of Groton, faith plays a large role in our lives. No matter what you believe, we are all united in belief for a better world through our words and actions. Vicci Stange works with generous donors and kind volunteers to spread faith to the people of Groton through the Table Talks program.

Table Talks is a weekly meeting where students from the Groton Area High School can come together and enjoy a talk from a guest speaker, along with a complimentary lunch provided by the volunteer chefs who work with Mrs. Stange. During this time, students are given a small respite from schoolwork and studying to enjoy the company of their peers and hear from guest speakers about their own faiths and how their beliefs manifest in their lives.

Before she became a stay-at-home parent, Mrs. Stange worked as a Respiratory Therapist at Avera St. Luke's hospital in Aberdeen for fifteen years. When she attended church in Aberdeen, Mrs. Stange observed the members of the Bethlehem Lutheran church hosting a Table Talks program. In this case, the church would bus students from the nearby high school to the church during their lunch periods to enjoy a talk and meal. This program in Aberdeen served as inspiration for the current Table Talks program in Groton. Mrs. Stange found support and encouragement from the people who hosted the Table Talks in Aberdeen, who would give her advice and assistance in establishing the Table Talks program in her town.

Table Talks was started in 2014 and has been going strong ever since. With the recent COVID-19 outbreak, Mrs. Stange and the wonderful volunteers who help with Table Talks have worked to ensure the safety of students when they come to Table Talks through various precautions and safety measures. Before the recent outbreak, Table Talks was hosted at St. John's Lutheran Church, located across the street from the high school. During the 2020-2021 school year, Table Talks was hosted at the Groton Masonic Lodge.

Vicci Stange has continued to host Table Talks with the support of generous donors and the kind volunteers who cook the food served every week. Mrs. Stange wants the readers of the Groton Daily Independent to know that she is sincerely grateful for the support and appreciation the town of Groton has shown for the Table Talks program, along with the appreciation she has for the volunteers who she works alongside.

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**Name:** Greg Kjellsen  
**Position:** High School Math Teacher  
**Length of Employment:** 1988-2018, 2021-Present

As a fundamental part of standard public education, Math of all varieties and stages is taught in schools. From the fundamentals of counting taught in elementary school to the advanced calculus taught in college, Math is an essential part of a student's education.

While students may not always particularly enjoy learning about formulas and variables, Math is essential to continued success as an employee in almost every sector of work imaginable. It takes an individual with a particular breadth of knowledge to correctly and efficiently teach mathematics to the students of Groton Area High School, and Greg Kjellsen certainly fits the bill.

At Groton Area, Mr. Kjellsen teaches Algebra, Algebra 2, and Pre-Calculus. Mr. Kjellsen prefers to think of himself as a more traditional Math teacher, being a staunch believer that students should be able to perform calculations by themselves without heavily relying on external devices such as calculators.

Greg Kjellsen graduated from the University of South Dakota with a major in Math Education and a minor in Economics. Mr. Kjellsen worked as a Math teacher for thirty years at Groton Area High School before he took a small break working in the real estate sector for a year and spent two more teaching at Aberdeen Central. After that, he chose to return to teaching at Groton. The motivation for his return to Groton lies in his dedication to teaching students and the fulfillment he achieves by teaching others. During his previous time in Groton, Kjellsen was the head coach for Boys Basketball. He is going to return to coaching Basketball at the start of the next school year.

Mr. Kjellsen believes that the most important thing for students to understand before they graduate and move out into the world is that "hard work pays off". He said that attempting to take shortcuts to success will never end well and that it is only through determination and effort that students can obtain success

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# Drop in daycare openings putting financial and logistical hardships on South Dakota families

Danielle Ferguson  
South Dakota News Watch

A major decline in the availability of affordable child-care options in South Dakota has prevented some parents from entering the workforce and created financial and emotional hardships for low-income families and single parents trying to balance work and daycare needs.

Thousands of available daycare slots for children in South Dakota were lost during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Early Learner South Dakota, a statewide child advocacy group. The resulting lack of affordable child care is a barrier for parents trying to return to the workforce during a time when the state and nation are experiencing vast labor shortages and businesses are in great need of employees.

Families unable to find child care, especially now that the school year has ended, are sometimes forced to limit or completely cut one parent's job, and single parents are stuck paying a large portion of their income on out-of-home care.

Women in South Dakota have disproportionately left the workforce and are rejoining at a slower rate than men, according to statistics from the state department of labor, in part because of a lack of child care.

"Without child care, people can't work," said Pigeon Big Crow, program director for the Oglala Sioux Tribe Child Care and Development Program. "Without work, they rely more on social service programs. Having child care is vital to a local economy."

Affordable daycare was limited prior to the pandemic, but the scarcity became far worse during the COVID-19 pandemic and remains so amid the pandemic recovery.

South Dakota has one of the highest rates of working parents in the nation and a shortage of state-registered spots for families seeking out-of-home care. More than 75% of children are in families with all available parents working. The state is second in the nation only to Massachusetts for the percentage of children under 5 who are in a child care setting for more than 10 hours each week, at 68%.

Some rural counties have zero state-registered child care options, such as Mellette, Sully, Shannon and Hyde counties, according to the South Dakota Department of Social Services care search tool. Day County has the highest number of children younger than 6 per child-care slot, yet has just two state-registered options, one of which is an after-school program.

Families of the 51,000 children in need of daycare can pay anywhere from \$5,200 to \$8,700 per year for each toddler or infant they enroll, according to a report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. For many South Dakota families, that is a big expense relative to their income: almost half of South Dakota children under the age of six live in a household with an income below 200% of the federal poverty standard. Families that make the median income on average pay about 11% of their income toward infant child care, according to Kids Count.

The majority of state-registered providers and child care programs remained open and operational during much of the past year, but many still imposed some COVID-19 restrictions, even though the state did not require them. For many providers, that meant operational changes and decreased revenue.



**The Oglala Sioux Tribe Care & Development Program, shown here, has programs for tribal children to learn about math, technology, science, art and math. The tribal facilities transitioned to home-based care in March 2020 and reopened some centers in May 2021.** Photo: Courtesy OST

Child Care & Development Program

Many child-care facilities returning to a pre-COVID-19 capacity are struggling to find workers to care for more kids.

Parents and providers worried during the pandemic that widespread closures of daycare facilities could result. Many child-care providers were taking fewer kids because of capacity limits or because parents kept their children at home.

Some smaller home daycares couldn't afford to stay open, compounding a decade-long trend of a decrease in home care centers in South Dakota. An exact number of facility closures is unknown because centers that take fewer than 12 children do not have to register and therefore may not be tracked by the state. A survey from the Bipartisan Policy Center estimates that 60% of daycares nationwide closed because they couldn't afford to operate during the pandemic and many may not be able to return.

Almost half of the family child care home operators in South Dakota who responded to a National Association for the Education of Young Children survey said they lost income last year because families who still used their services struggled to pay for care. One-third said parents couldn't pay any fees. About 33% said their operation wouldn't be able to remain open or reopen without financial support.

In the past year, slots for children at registered home agencies were lost at a quicker rate than in the previous six years. More than 1,800 slots were lost across the state in 2020, according to Early Learner South Dakota. From 2015 to 2019, about 2,900 spaces and 244 providers for in-home registered centers were lost, according to data from the Kids Count program at the University of South Dakota. In that same period, 19 new out-of-home daycare centers were added.

State-registered facilities have capacity for about half of children under 6 years old, according to Kids Count, and slots in home care options are on the decline. In 2010, there were 923 family child care homes registered with the state. In 2020, there were 403, according to Kids Count. As of June 2021, there were 377 family child care homes registered with the state, according to the Department of Social Services.

Whether that decline is because more family home care options are closing or because fewer are choosing to register with the state is unknown, said Xanna Burg, coordinator for Kids Count.

"Either way, the data tells us that there are fewer licensed or registered options for parents now than 10 years ago," she said in a statement.

At one point during the last year, Nahida Barwari lost half of the children who were enrolled at her state-registered, in-home daycare. At least four families kept their children at home.

Barwari, who has been a daycare provider for the last 21 years in Sioux Falls, said some parents were frustrated with extra protocols and fearful of infection spread, and she had to sanitize and clean more often.

"It was hard, very hard," she said.

Barwari was able to stay open during the pandemic, and is slowly seeing more parents bring their children back to her care. She has all the labor help she needs to eventually return to caring for 12 children, her full capacity as a state-registered family child care provider, because her husband and daughter are also licensed as child care workers.

"It's getting better," she said. "I think it's getting busier because people are tired of having to work and care for their child."

Parents across the state are seeking child care now more than ever with the school year ending, and with the continued closures of in-home care, more parents are turning to larger daycare centers.

"Parents are more willing to bring (their kids) into centers," said Lisa Carson, director of Apple Tree in eastern Sioux Falls. "What I've heard is a lot of in-homes have been closing down or don't know if they can stay open."

Carson, who used to be an in-home care provider, said she personally knows at least three in-home workers who had to close their business because of the pandemic.

Apple Tree has experienced a "rush" within the past few months, Carson said. She added that she's heard colleagues at other centers with larger capacities say the same.

"Everywhere else is getting pretty full," she said.

Carson struggled to find staff during the school year and was worried about a continued worker shortage when parents flooded phone lines in the spring, but she's starting to see an increase in interest from college students who are on summer break, she said.

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**Nahida Barwari and her husband smile with two children enrolled in their family child care center in Sioux Falls. Barwari lost about half of her enrolled children during the pandemic, but is slowly starting to see more kids re-enroll.** Photo: Courtesy of Nahida Barwari





**Staff for and children enrolled in the Oglala Sioux Tribe Child Care and Development Program prepare medicine bags of sage to take home and give as gifts in spring 2020, before the pandemic shut down in-person care centers across the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.** Photo: Courtesy OST Child Care & Development Program

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Big Crow said the Oglala Sioux Tribe Child Care and Development Program is having a difficult time recruiting workers, even with a \$500 sign-on bonus.

"It's taking a toll on the ones who are here because their hours are longer," Big Crow said. "I'm really concerned because I don't want to burn them out."

The development program operates six centers in five towns for Oglala Sioux Tribe members. In March 2020, the program switched to home-based care. Staff trained family members and other workers to provide home-based care and delivered meals and education materials to families.

"We're very relative-oriented here," Big Crow said. "If we hear of a relative who needs help, we raise our hands to help."

Some parents have been hesitant to re-enroll their kids in centers, some of which reopened five weeks ago, for fear of coming into contact with other families who aren't vaccinated. Some families prefer to continue in-home care from relatives. However, Big Crow said enrollment is starting to increase, and so is her need for staff. One location already has a waiting list seven children deep and another one is delaying its opening because of a need for workers.

The childcare industry has lost hundreds of thousands of workers nationwide. About 166,800 fewer people were working in child care in December 2020 than had been in those jobs at the same time in 2019, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. South Dakota does not track how many people work for child care programs, but the most recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics says there were about 2,400 people working in licensed child care agencies across the state in May 2020. Historical data was not available.

In 2020, child care workers in South Dakota had a median hourly wage of \$10.39, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, or the equivalent to making about \$21,600 per year if working full-time.

"Low wages for child care workers leads to staffing instability, making it challenging for child care businesses to retain workers and remain open," said Burg, with Kids Count.

Bethesda of Aberdeen, a daycare facility in northeastern South Dakota, chose to limit its capacity to the children of employees for the long-term care facility but was able to keep all of its daycare workers, said April Wirth, operations director of the daycare.

Workers were reassigned to other tasks within the long-term care facility until the need for more child care providers returned this spring. The daycare is almost back to its pre-pandemic capacity, and Wirth said she expects to need additional workers soon.

The decision to close care to the community was tough, she said, and the facility still hasn't regained all of the children who were formerly enrolled.

"We felt the right thing to do was to close to the community to try to keep the employees at the long-term care facility as safe as possible and still allow them to work because they were essential workers," she said.

In a Brookings County study of child care availability released in May 2021, the majority of responding parents said they had to contact at least three providers before finding an opening. One respondent said she called 21 facilities and was only able to find a slot nine months out from her request.

Another family had to take two children to two different facilities because they could not find a location with two openings. A single mother reported that she spent almost three-fourths of her monthly income on childcare. Some families chose to keep a parent at home because they couldn't find child care, and another parent had reservations about moving to Brookings over fears they wouldn't be able to find an opening.

The survey also showed that the majority of parents who responded use un-registered in-home day cares, but would prefer to take their child to a facility licensed by the state.

About 800 child care facilities are licensed, but Early Learner South Dakota and Kids Count estimate there are more than 2,000 daycare providers across the state. Only licensed providers are able to receive relief funds given to the state, such as those in the American Rescue Plan.

The South Dakota Department of Social Services received more than \$100 million for child care development and stabilization through the American Rescue Plan. That money can be used by providers for expenses such as personnel costs, rent, utilities, facilities maintenance, insurance, personal protective equipment, other health and safety practices and mental health services for child care provider staff and children.

"The State of South Dakota would likely have a hard time reaching out to more than half of the child care capacity in the state to promote these resources, because those child care providers are not registered," according to the brief from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe child care program is subsidy based, Big Crow said, and is the go-to option for families who need help paying for child care. Families receive aid based on income. CARES Act and American Rescue Plan funding is being used to pay 100% of the cost for families working in essential services and for families who just barely earn more than the threshold for aid but still can't afford child care, Big Crow said. Part of that money is also being used to expand services to tribal members living in Rapid City.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis report suggested that to improve South Dakota's child care infrastructure, the Legislature



**Apple Tree Children's Center in eastern Sioux Falls is quickly filling up with school letting out and more parents returning to work. Child care centers are among the industries that need workers amid a national labor shortage.** Photo: Courtesy Lisa Carson

should look at expanding already existing subsidy programs, consider requiring more agencies to register, research the current child care landscape more and bring more Native American, immigrant, and communities of color into conversations about improving child care.

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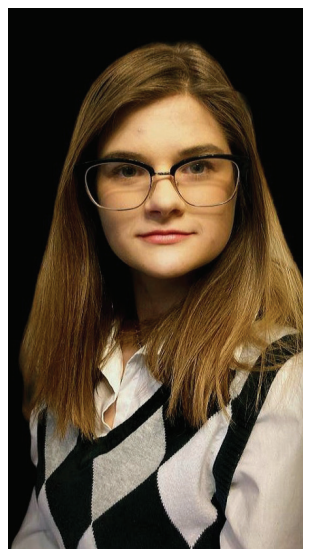
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**Fordham is on the Junior Advisory Council for Farmers Union Youth**

By Toby Kane for South Dakota Farmers Union

This last year, we all learned new ways of staying connected. High school students were hit especially hard, as many missed milestones and school activities. Students were forced to adapt to new ways of learning, communicating and staying social.

This year's South Dakota Farmers Union State Camp brought back some of the old ways of doing things, plus added a few new experiences.



**Alyssa Fordham**

"My first year at state camp was a fun experience. I didn't know anyone when I got there, but I made a lot of friends," says Gettysburg eighth-grade student Bobbi Eide. "The experience definitely couldn't be recreated virtually. I'm glad it was in person."

Cadence Konechne, an eighth-grade student from Kimball, adds, "It was nice to meet new people. I learned a lot about cooperatives and how they actually work. I also learned a lot about diversity and enjoyed meeting the new Junior Advisory Council."

The campers elected the Junior and Senior Advisory Council (JACs) and welcomed them in with a JAC induction ceremony. The ceremony did not take place last year due to COVID, so it's a welcome return to a longstanding tradition for the campers.

"I think it's important to make it a special evening for our new leaders," says Education Director Rachel Haigh-Blume. "It recognizes the work they've put in to earn the title of leader and inspires younger campers to do the same."

The JACs act as mentors and leaders for campers and help with key decisions and planning throughout the year. Meet this year's elected JACs:

**Alyssa Fordham**, Groton, S.D. she is the daughter of Michael and Tina Fordham.

Alyssa is looking forward to coming back to camp as a JAC to help plan and implement the team's ideas. She believes the camping program allows campers from all over the state to come together and make great friends in a welcoming environment. Camp has taught her many skills that impact her thinking and life, including the cooperative business model and how it impacts people locally. Alyssa participates in one-act plays, oral interpretation, Groton Leos Club and Destination Imagination.



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**Boys and Girls Golf Awards.**  
The girls awards are pictured above. Emma Schinkel as most improved, Carly Guthmiller as top medalist and Shaylee Peterson as most improved, and Coach Joel Guthmiller.  
Pictured below is Brevin Flihs as top medalist with Coach Joel Guthmiller. Not pictured is Lucas Simon as most improved.

(Courtesy Photos)



**Jenifer Fjelstad Named to Augustana University's Dean's List**

Augustana University announced that Jenifer Fjelstad of Groton has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year.  
The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who have a minimum of 12 credit hours with grade-point averages at 3.5 or above.

**Groton Legion Post #39 Defeats Sisseton Despite Allowing 3-Run Inning**

Despite allowing three runs in the fifth inning, Groton Legion Post #39 defeated Sisseton 13-3 on Tuesday. Ty Peterson and Levi Greseth powered the big inning with RBIs.  
Groton Legion Post #39 secured the victory thanks to seven runs in the third inning. Groton Legion Post #39 big bats were led by Peyton Johnson, Brodyn DeHoet, Jayden Zak, Jonathan Doeden, and Alex Morris, all sending runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.  
Groton Legion Post #39 tallied seven runs in the third inning. Johnson, DeHoet, Zak, Doeden, and Morris all moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.  
Morris earned the win for Groton Legion Post #39. The righthander surrendered three runs on five hits over five and two-thirds innings, striking out 12. Evin Nehls threw one-third of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.  
Isaiah Grimm took the loss for Sisseton. Grimm went four and two-thirds innings, allowing 11 runs on ten hits and striking out three.

Groton Legion Post #39 collected ten hits. Darien Shabazz, Zak, and Jackson Cogley each racked up multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Shabazz led Groton Legion Post #39 with three hits in five at bats.

Benicio Morales went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Sisseton in hits.

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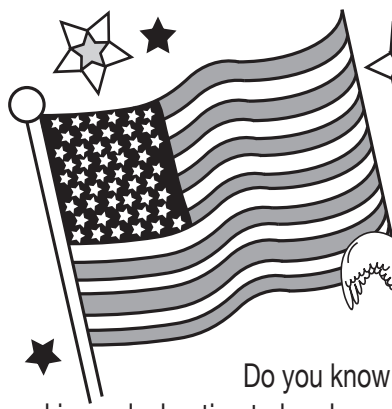
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## Fourth of July!

The Fourth of July is when the U.S. celebrates its independence and all the freedoms its people enjoy. It's a day for picnics, parades, swimming and fireworks. Have a ton of fun, everyone!

Do you know about the events that led up to the American colonies making a declaration to break away from British rule to be independent? It was a time of unrest and war, then peace and freedom. **Fill in this puzzle about key events:**

1. Before the American Revolution the \_\_\_\_\_ colonies in America were under British rule.
2. King George the III was only \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he claimed his throne.
3. King George wanted to raise some \_\_\_\_\_.
4. He placed too many \_\_\_\_\_ on the colonies, which had no vote in Parliament.
5. One day, angry colonists threw rocks and other items at British soldiers. The soldiers shot into the crowd, killing some people and wounding others. This event is called "The \_\_\_\_\_ Massacre." (1770)
6. Next, the King insisted that people pay their taxes on tea. Angry colonists dressed up like Native Americans boarded the British ships. They threw the tea into the harbor. This event is called the Boston \_\_\_\_\_ Party. (1773)
7. In 1775, the people of Lexington and Concord, Mass., gathered with guns to face arriving British soldiers. These clashes were the first of the \_\_\_\_\_ Revolution.
8. George \_\_\_\_\_ became the leader of the American armed forces.
9. The colonies of America declared themselves free from British rule on July 4, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The colonies became the United \_\_\_\_\_ of America.
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ surrendered to George Washington in October 1781, at Yorktown, VA.
12. A \_\_\_\_\_ treaty between America and Britain was finally signed in September 1783!

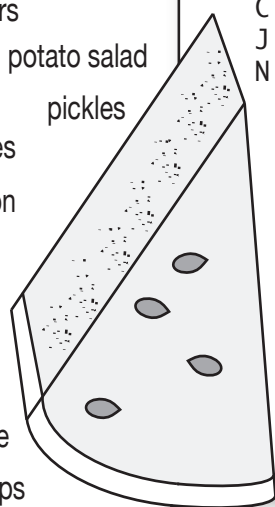
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**Let Freedom Ring**

## Picnics! Parties!

Find and circle these favorite Fourth of July foods:

- red flame grapes
- corn on the cob
- fried chicken
- barbecued ribs
- hamburgers
- potato salad
- iced tea
- pickles
- clam bakes
- watermelon
- ice cream
- hot dogs
- lemonade
- cherry pie
- potato chips



Just about everyone will enjoy a picnic or party.

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### Parading Down Main Street

The Fourth of July parade is passing along Main Street. Can you start at the float and find your way to the picnic in the park?

Love picnics!

## Fireworks!



What do you **see** when you go to the fireworks show?

Fill in the words with the vowels that are missing:

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What do you **hear** ?

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What do you **smell**?

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## Brown County June 22, 2021

### Meeting Minutes

JUNE 22, 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 and Kippley. Commissioner Wiese was absent. Commissioner Kippley 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.

**ORDINANCE 196 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adopt Ordinance 196: Applicant T&J Investments (Todd Muldoon) 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, "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). Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Kippley-abstain, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance Adopted.

**ORDINANCE 197 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to adopt Ordinance 197: Applicant Tim Reed requesting to rezone 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). Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance Adopted.

**ORDINANCE 198 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to adopt Ordinance 198: A TEMPORARY ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF LOCAL MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS AND/OR LICENSES

WHEREAS, a local government may enact an ordinance not in conflict with SDCL Chapter 34-20G, governing the time, place, manner, and number of medical cannabis establishments in the locality. A local government may establish civil penalties for violation of an ordinance governing the time, place, and manner of a medical cannabis establishment that may operate in the locality. A local government may require a medical cannabis establishment to obtain a local license, zoning permit, or registration to operate, and may charge a reasonable fee for the local license, zoning permit, or registration.

WHEREAS, Brown County, SD ("County"), makes a preliminary finding that the County's current regulations and controls may not adequately address the unique needs and impacts of medical cannabis establishments as defined in SDCL 34-20G-1;

WHEREAS, medical cannabis state laws under SDCL 34-20G are effective July 1, 2021. The South Dakota Department of Health shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 not later than October 29, 2021, as defined by SDCL 34-20G-72. During the time between July 1, 2021 and potentially as late as October 29, 2021, local units of government will not yet know standards for medical cannabis and will not be able to adequately assess the local zoning and licensing requirements necessary to approve local permits and to better ensure applicants have a more predictable permitting process and avoid stranded investments.

WHEREAS, the County makes a preliminary finding that the County needs further study of the relationship of medical cannabis establishments to the County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The public interest requires that the County study, analyze, and evaluate the impacts of medical cannabis establishments and to fully explore the impacts of any proposed regulations regarding medical cannabis establishments;

WHEREAS, the County makes a preliminary finding that it would be inappropriate for the County to issue a local permit or license to a medical cannabis establishment prior to the South Dakota Department of Health's promulgation of regulations governing the same;

WHEREAS, the County hereby exercises its authority under

SDCL 11-2-10 and SDCL 7-18A-8, to establish a temporary ordinance regarding the issuance of any local permits/licenses for medical cannabis establishments within the County;

WHEREAS, a temporary ordinance will ensure that more comprehensive zoning ordinance and building permit changes, licensing permits, and any proposed amendments to the County's Comprehensive Plan can be completely examined with adequate public input from citizens, business interests, and medical cannabis industry representatives;

WHEREAS, the County finds that a temporary ordinance is reasonable to preserve the status quo and prevent significant investment pending the outcome of the above study and any proposed regulations emanating therefrom;

WHEREAS, the County finds that the following ordinance is necessary to protect and immediately preserve the public health, safety, welfare, peace and support of the county government and its existing public institutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY Brown County, SD:

Section 1. Temporary Ordinance – Application for Local Permit/License

A medical cannabis establishment desiring to operate in the County shall be required to apply for a permit and/or license from the County. Applications for a local permit and/or license to operate a medical cannabis establishment, as defined by SDCL 34-20G-1, shall not be accepted until the South Dakota Department of Health has promulgated regulations as required by SDCL 34-20G-72. Any application received prior to such regulations being promulgated shall be denied.

Section 2. Immediate Effect.

This ordinance is necessary to protect and immediately preserve the public health, safety, welfare, peace, and support of the county government and its existing public institutions pursuant to SDCL 11-2-10 and SDCL 7-18A-8.

Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Ordinance Adopted.

**APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY:**

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following application for occupancy submitted by Northern Valley Communications for telecommunication purposes: occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 15, 10A, Township 127, Range 65, 64, 63, 62, Brown County, South Dakota; occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 3, in Section 21, 22, 26, Township 128, Range 65, Brown County, South Dakota; occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 6, Township 126, 127, Range 65, 64, Brown County, South Dakota; occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 10, 10A, Township 126, 127, Range 64, Brown County, South Dakota; occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 9, Township 126, 125, Range 64, 63, Brown County, South Dakota; occupancy of Brown County Highway Number 7, Township 126, Range 65, 64, 63, 62, Brown County, South Dakota. Section information is on file at the Highway shop. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT UPDATES:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, discussed with the Commission on-going road projects and department updates. No actions taken.

**JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to add Juneteenth (June 19th) holiday hours to employees' leave balances. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Roberta Nichols, Register of Deeds, met with the Commission to seek advice on what to do for marriage appointments that are scheduled on days that the states closed last-minute (e.g. weather related). Commissioner Kippley advised she will communicate with the state court administrator on different options. No actions taken.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the general meeting minutes of June 15, 2021. All members

present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following claims and payroll:

**PAYROLL:** Commission \$4,327.95; Auditor \$7,362.06; Treasurer \$13,599.18; SA \$24,352.13; SVAWA \$1,730.76; Maintenance \$8,713.87; Assessor \$14,636.39; Register of Deeds \$9,124.94; VSO \$4,528.86; GIS \$2,411.38; IT \$7,541.97; HR \$3,658.08; Sheriff \$43,271.51; Jail \$56,484.49; Court Security \$6,561.00; JDC \$23,785.22; Welfare \$2,982.62; Museum \$9,062.28; Parks/Fairgrounds \$5,931.74; Fair Board \$5,726.70; 4-H \$1,436.01; Weed \$4,085.87; Planning & Zoning \$3,864.71; Highway \$39,240.52; Dispatch \$32,582.82; Emergency \$4,160.96; Teen Court \$531.30; JDAI \$1,786.92; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,350.60; Landfill \$15,192.95; FICA \$21,505.45; Medicare \$55,029.50; HSA \$375.00; SDRS \$42,790.38. CLAIMS: Professional Fees: Darcy Lockwood \$15.00; Drew Becker \$200.00; Fire Safety First, LLC \$30.00; Heartland Funeral Home \$1800.00; Jodi Sudweeks \$74.80; Kristi Spitzer \$600.00; Lucy Lewno \$160.00; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Mitch Vilhauer \$1690.00; Pauer Sound & Music Inc \$600.00; Randy Buker \$200.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine Aberdeen \$79.00; SD Assoc of Assessing Officers \$1610.00; University of North Dakota \$2080; Yankton County Sheriff Office \$50.00; US Bank \$418.00.

Publishing: US Bank \$273.18. Repairs & Maintenance: Crawford M S & F Inc \$1001.00; Dakota Pump Inc. \$2035.10; Fire Safety First, LLC \$102.80; Gary Mcneil \$363.07; House of Glass \$435.97; Jason's Electric Inc \$851.99; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$2800.00; Locators & Supplies, Inc. \$28.15; Pierson-Ford Lincoln-Mercury \$56.45; Sanders's Sew-N-Vac, Inc \$106.99; Schwan Welding \$1416.33; Sewer Duck Inc \$190.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$54.46; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$984.80; US Bank \$1801.98. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$358.73; Agtegra Cooperative \$2340.63; Bonnie Bitz \$144.00; Carlsen Funeral Home & Crematory \$695.00; Cole Papers \$1178.15; Crawford M S & F Inc \$157.23; Kesslers \$135.36; Locators & Supplies, Inc. \$93.00; Lucy Lewno \$6.51; Marco Inc \$55.61; Menards \$323.66; Pitney Bowes Inc. \$126.00; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc. \$81.30; Runnings \$40.97; Titan Machinery \$275.63; Van Diest Supply Co \$141.75; West Publishing Corp. \$1785.86; US Bank \$14,076.62. Travel & Conference: Dale Kurth \$112.53; Darwin Bettmann \$15.24; David North \$105.48; Dennis Wiedebush \$33.84; Diane Lehr \$153.22; Duane Jark \$52.17; James Meyers \$28.50; Patrick Keatts \$34.11; SDSU Extension \$248.80; Stan Beckler \$18.33; US Bank \$2957.40. Utilities: City of Aberdeen \$1125.50; Dependable Sanitation \$348.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$220.30; Northern Valley Communication \$3337.09; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$1557.57; Qwest Corporation \$9.90; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$3128.61; US Bank \$1992.56. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$3312; Brad Hart \$150.00; Eugene Mitchell \$50.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc. \$175.56; US Bank \$61.94.

Others: SSD Assoc. of County Officials \$1346.00; Wex Health Inc. \$8000.00. Jury: Carol Aberle \$13.36; Alyssa Artz \$12.52; Christopher Ayers \$11.68; Brock Ball \$16.72; Miranda Beck \$10.84; Joyce Beckler \$21.76; Krystal Benning \$21.76; Marybeth Bird \$11.68; David Blake \$16.72; Steven Bullert \$14.2; Alan Chapman \$103.36; Jessica Collieran \$103.36; Terrence Cormier \$11.68; Jarrett Daly \$26.80; Patricia Darling \$11.68; Ryan Davis \$10.84; Natasha Dunker \$157.12; Cody Dvorak \$17.56; Amy Engelhart \$16.72; Elizabeth Fischbach \$10.84; Ryder Fuhrman \$105.04; Db Garber \$15.88; Karen Garreau \$12.52; Robert Goscicki \$105.04; Jenny Gross \$10.84; Krista Haaland \$10.84; Myron Haar \$13.36; Tammy Hagen \$39.40; Patricia Harms \$128.56; Joseph Harry \$36.04; Rhonda Haselhorst \$26.80; Alvin Haugen \$13.36; John Hepperle \$11.68; Alesa Heupel \$11.68; Randall Hjermstad \$31.00; Anthony Hoffman \$16.72; Kenneth Hollister \$22.60; Jared Jacobson \$11.68; Araceli Jimenez Magdalenos \$10.84; Glenda Johnson \$16.72; Tanner Johnson \$11.68; Connie Jung \$103.36; David Kanizar \$12.52; Emily Kanizar \$11.68; Kevin Kendall \$116.80; Paul Kleine \$10.84; Lisa Kraft \$11.68; Michelle Ludwig \$10.84; Allan Merkel \$158.80; Alice

Metzger \$19.24; Debra Moser \$10.84; Deborah Nez \$10.84; George Nora \$11.68; Randy Nordstrom \$11.68; Jason Oberfoell \$111.76; Philip Obrien \$10.84; Michelle Peck \$18.40; Boyce Pond \$10.84; Lauren Pretorius \$103.36; Keith Rath \$105.04; Craig Scheuffele \$14.20; Cynthia Schick \$11.68; Kristina Schwab \$11.68; Emily Sternhagen \$133.60; Wayne Theunissen \$26.80; Ashley Thone \$25.96; Amanda Thorstenson \$12.52; Tanner Venard \$12.52; Cathy Vetch \$13.36; Dannielle Walz \$19.24; Abbie Ward \$11.68; Thomas Wensmann \$15.88; Jody Werth \$11.68; Jeffrey Williams \$11.68; Amy Woods \$10.84; Todd Yerdon \$11.68; Robert Zerr \$10.84. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:** Moved by Sutton seconded by Kippley to approve the HR Office Report, which includes the following: Approve chair to sign the Samiuela Mouna agreement with Brown County, paying a total of \$5,414.00 directly to SDRS upfront. Samiuela Mouna will pay back his half as stated in the agreement. Approve hiring of Leslie Schaible as full-time Brown County Highway seasonal help effective June 1, 2021 @ \$13.61/hour. Approve hiring of Nichole Kranz as full-time Brown County Communications Dispatcher effective June 28, 2021 @ \$20.54/hour. Approve hiring of Elizabeth Collins as full-time Brown County Communications Dispatcher effective July 12, 2021 @ \$20.54/hour. Approve reclassification of Jordan Sutton from Brown County Landfill LG 4 non-CDL to Brown County Landfill LG 4 effective June 28, 2021 @ \$19.07/hour. Approve hiring of Joshua Matthew as full-time Brown County Highway LG 3 effective July 6, 2021 @ \$18.94/hour. Approve hiring of Dwain Otte as full-time Brown County Highway LG 3 effective July 12, 2021 @ \$18.94/hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASES:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve the following lease: Taylor, Jacki & Paul Wilson for lease of the Clubhouse on October 2, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FIREWORKS PERMIT:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the following fireworks display permit: Northern Plains Baptist Church for display at Richmond Lake Youth Camp on June 25, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIM ASSIGNMENT:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to authorize Auditor sign documentation to assign claim against an individual to Credit Collection Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SET HEARING DATE & AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING REZONE ORDINANCES:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to set hearing date and authorize publishing for the following rezone ordinances: Application has been made by Lyndse Dellman 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, "Bagley Subdivision" in the NW ¼ of Section 2-T128N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota (10048 404th Ave). Application has been made by Matt Oswald 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): The South 707' of the West 701' of the NW ¼ of Section 7-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota (13148 400th Ave). Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on July 13, 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. 199 & 200. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ABATEMENT:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the following abatement: Mark Hanse (assessed excess land) @ \$341.34. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PLATS:** Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION 35-21 JC LAND

COMPANY ADDITION

"Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "JC LAND COMPANY ADDITION IN THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 124 NORTH, 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 Sutton. Roll call vote Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION 36-21 RONNIE'S WAY ADDITION**

"Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "RONNIE'S WAY ADDITION IN THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 17, 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 11-6, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Sutton. Roll call vote Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION 37-21 FULL CIRCLE AG SUBDIVISION**

"Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota in regular meeting assembled that the plat of Full Circle Ag Subdivision in the NW ¼ and W ½ SW ¼ of Section 2, T125N, R60W of the 5th P.M. in the town of Claremont, Brown County, SD is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and all acts amendatory thereto." Seconded by Sutton. Roll call vote Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION 38-21 VOLZKE FIRST ADDITION**

"Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing VOLZKE FIRST ADDITION IN THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 11-T123N-R64W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Sutton. Roll call vote Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUTH DUMPSITE AGREEMENT:** The Board of County Commissioners discussed recent updates and changes on the purchase agreement for south dumpsite location. No actions taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:** Carl Perry, D-3 State Representative, met with the Commissioners to discussed updates about medical cannabis program by the state. No actions taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:35 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Jeannette McClain, Brown County Deputy Auditor  
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$194.53. 20148

## Brown County Ord. 196 Muldoon Rezoning

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 filed by T&J Investments (Todd Muldoon) 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 4.07 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)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.  
Notice of Hearing: June 2nd

and 9th, 2021

Passed First Reading: June 15th, 2021

Passed Second Reading: June 22nd, 2021

Adopted: June 22nd, 2021

Published: June 30, 2021

Effective Date: July 20, 2021

Doug Fjeldheim, Chair

Brown County Commission

ATTEST:  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County Ord. 197 Reed Rezoning

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 filed by Tim Reed 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 4.07 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)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: June 2nd and 9th, 2021

Passed First Reading: June 15th, 2021

Passed Second Reading: June 22nd, 2021

Adopted: June 22nd, 2021

Published: June 30, 2021

Effective Date: July 20, 2021

Doug Fjeldheim, Chair

Brown County Commission

ATTEST:  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County Ord. 198 Cannabis Permits

NOTICE OF ADOPTION  
ORDINANCE #198

A TEMPORARY ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF LOCAL MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS AND/OR LICENSES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Brown County Commissioners: Section 1. Temporary Ordinance – Application for Local Permit/License

A medical cannabis establishment desiring to operate in the County shall be required to apply for a permit and/or license from the County. Applications for a local permit and/or license to operate a medical cannabis establishment, as defined by SDCL 34-20G-1, shall not be accepted until the South Dakota Department of Health has promulgated regulations as required by SDCL 34-20G-72. Any application received prior to such regulations being promulgated shall be denied.

Section 2. Immediate Effect.

This ordinance is necessary to protect and immediately preserve the public health, safety, welfare, peace, and support of the county government and its existing public institutions pursuant to SDCL 11-2-10 and SDCL 7-18A-8.

Passed and adopted this 22nd day of June 2021.

Notice of Hearing: June 2nd and 9th, 2021

Passed First Reading: June 15th, 2021

Passed Second Reading: June 22nd, 2021

Adopted: June 22nd, 2021

Published: June 30, 2021

Effective Date: June 30, 2021

Doug Fjeldheim

Brown County, Chairperson

ATTEST:  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

This ordinance shall become effective upon the date of publication of this notice in the official newspaper, thereby repealing all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith unless a referendum in timely involved prior thereto.

Published once at the total approximate cost of \$21.55. 20151



# Women's Rights and Susan B. Anthony

A woman's place was in the home.

Susan Brownell Anthony helped make it possible for a woman's place to be in the home, office, state-houses, military, outer space and other places she might want to be.

Anthony (1820–1906) was a pioneer in the women's suffrage movement in the United States. Her work helped pave the way for the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. Also known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, the 19th Amendment granted women in the United States the right to vote when it was adopted on Aug. 26, 1920.

"It is not easy to realize that when Miss Anthony, a young woman of 33, started out as a pioneer reformer, with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, woman's place was so definitely in the home that Miss Anthony was still in public disfavor for having dared to voice her opinion at a local temperance meeting. Only men were supposed to talk in meetings," stated an article in the Feb. 14, 1937, Washington, D.C. Evening Star for the 117th anniversary of Anthony's birth.

"At that time the statute books of the United States carried many old laws which had come from old English law of the middle ages regarding women. If a married woman worked it was not legal for her to receive her own wages from her employer for that right belonged to her husband.

"If the husband chose to apprentice the children to work and live in strangers' homes without her consent, the law was on his side. He might even will them away after his death. The woman who dared to earn her living in any other work beside keeping boarders or teaching school found it difficult to maintain her reputation for respectability. Inasmuch as young women were not provided with the same educational advantages as their brothers, there was little prospect for their success in any career requiring training. As a teacher young Susan B. Anthony had worked for one-fourth of the

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salary given men occupying similar positions."

Other tributes to Anthony in the Evening Star stated that, "Unmarried women were 'spinsters,' usually dependent on family generosity ... Wives could not hold property in their own names and children, in case of divorce, belonged exclusively to the father."

"Today, due largely to Miss Anthony's efforts, such conditions seem unbelievable. Suffrage is universal. Women attend our greatest universities. There are more than 11,000,000 women employed in every conceivable occupation and hundreds of thousands of feminine lawyers, physicians and ministers. In the French cabinet, American Congress, English Parliament and council halls of Geneva women are steadily finding new opportunities for service," stated a 1936 article in the Evening Star.

Anthony grew up in New York. Her father, Daniel, was a Quaker who raised his children in the belief that women were equal to men and encouraged his children to be self-supporting. After her family was financially ruined during an economic downturn, Susan obtained a teaching position to assist her family financially.

The Anthony family was involved in the most important reform movements of the times – antislavery, temperance and women's rights.

The prejudice Anthony met everywhere against feminine participation in antislavery and temperance movements convinced Anthony that women could work effectively against slavery and liquor abuses only when they had obtained political and economic rights, stated a 1936 article in the Evening Star about Anthony.

"Like every advocate of change she met bitter opposition. 'Hen' and 'unsexed monster'

were her usual titles. Tomatoes and rotten eggs often greeted her speeches," according to the Evening Star.

In a telegram from Minneapolis in October 1889, Anthony stated, "The state (South Dakota) is bound by its constitution to submit the question of universal suffrage a year from this time, and we are going to concentrate all our forces in that state from this time on. All the best speakers all the best workers in the woman's suffrage ranks in the United States are to be turned into the field in South Dakota."

This news resulted in the comment in the Wichita Eagle, "Heaven help Dakota and her people."

Despite this comment, people came to see and hear Anthony when she came to South Dakota.

"Everybody wants to see Miss Anthony, and every one does who gets to the meetings in time or can find standing room or gaze at her from the windows," a suffrage worker wrote to The Woman's Journal in June 1890.

Despite the efforts of Anthony and other suffrage leaders, the amendment that would have enabled South Dakota women to vote in all elections was defeated at the Nov. 4, 1890, election.

Anthony died at her home in Rochester, N.Y., on March 13, 1906. Fourteen years after her death the cause in which she had spent more than 50 years won its greatest victory when the 19th Amendment became the law of the land.

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**It focuses on the lack of rights for women at the beginning of the 19th century. According to Ken Burns in the preface to "Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony," women in America born in the first fifth of the 19th century had fewer rights than a male inmate of an insane asylum."**

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

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\* In Tikrit, Iraq, there's a 6-foot-tall monument of a shoe that journalist Muntadhar al-Zeidi threw at then-President George W. Bush.

\* Speaking of shoes, a collector of same is called a Sneakerhead.

\* Researchers were able to mimic the voice of a 3,000-year-old Egyptian mummy by recreating much of its vocal tract using medical scanners, 3D printing and an electronic larynx. The mummy had little to say, however, even after all that time, as they produced just a single sound somewhere between the vowels in "bed" and "bad."

\* Magnolia plants are so ancient that they're pollinated by beetles, as they existed prior

to the appearance of bees.

\* A study by psychologists found that when 4- to 6-year-olds pretended to be Batman while doing a boring but important task, it helped them resist distraction and stay more focused. (We're trying this the next time we wash the dishes.)

\* Tootsie Rolls were added to soldiers' rations in World War II due to their ability to withstand all weather conditions.

\* In medieval games of chess, pawns that had been promoted to a queen were given the title of "adviser," so as to not imply that the king had more than one queen or was guilty of adultery!

\* Those tears you see in the Tin Man's eyes in "The Wizard of Oz" were made of chocolate syrup, as machine oil didn't photograph well.

\* Ancient Egyptians loved their cats so much that household members would shave their eyebrows as a sign of mourning when the cat died. Mourning ended when their brows had grown back.

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Thought for the Day: "I never thought in terms of being a leader. I thought very simply in terms of helping people." -- John Hume

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By Dominique Clare

The Minnesota Vikings check in to training camp in less than 1 month.

Since adding Sheldon Richardson to the roster, the Vikings have been relatively quiet. While their roster looks solid overall, they have nearly \$14M in cap space available which they can use to bring in an edge player, wide receiver, or another offensive lineman. The Vikings are currently in position to pick up a quality player that becomes available from any team now until the start of the season. As we get closer to final 53-man rosters, players that get cut on one team can be of a much greater need on another.

In addition to the cap space the Vikings currently have, they can still increase that number. There have been reports that Harrison Smith and the Vikings may reach a contract extension prior to the start of the season. If they can get that done, that can free up even more cap space for the Vikings to add some talent to their 2021 roster.

This week, we continue our roster breakdown with the offensive line. I will talk about who I project at each spot right now.

**Christian Darrisaw (Left Tackle)** – The Vikings were aggressive in addressing the offensive line in the draft this year. With the 23rd overall pick they selected Darrisaw out of Virginia Tech. He is an exceptionally large and powerful tackle. He is ready to start from the get-go and I expect him to be the starting left tackle for the Vikings for many years to come.

He is filling a void left by Riley Reiff who the Vikings cut to create cap space. Reiff had a rather good year last season, so the Vikings need production from Darrisaw right away. The expectations are high for the young tackle.

**Ezra Cleveland (Left Guard)** – Last season the Vikings took Ezra Cleveland in the second round of 2020 NFL Draft. Cleveland didn't start right away, but when he got his chance, he proved to be a solid choice.

He is a versatile lineman. The original though was that he was going to replace Reiff at left tackle. Now with Darrisaw on the roster, Cleveland has settled into the left guard spot. This is scary and exciting at the same time. The left side will have two very young players in Darrisaw and Cleveland, and while there will be some growing pains early in the season, they could be a very strong duo in time.

**Garrett Bradbury (Center)** – The center position has had a little bouncing around in recent

history. The Vikings feel like Bradbury has an opportunity to lock down that spot. He has shown that he can provide consistent play.

He has not lived up to the 1st round hype, but he is still young. I struggle completely judging him with so much turnover on the offensive line. This is a make or break it year for Bradbury.

**Dakota Dozier (Right Guard)** – This isn't who I want to start at right guard but rather who I think will open the season at the position for the Vikings. Dozier simply was not good last season. This is a position where I hope someone else can take this spot. Based on what I have seen from camps, it looks like Dozier will get the early nod at right guard.

**Brian O'Neill (Right Tackle)** – O'Neill is an example of a pleasant surprise. The Vikings grabbed him in the second round in 2018 and he has become one of the best right tackles in the NFL. He is now the best offensive lineman on the Vikings, and the one player who doesn't have any cause for concern along the o-line. If you would have told me that would be the case in 2018, I would have laughed.

The rest – I mentioned earlier that Dozier isn't who I want to start at right guard. The Vikings selected Wyatt Davis out of Ohio State in the 3rd round. Davis is who should (and will) beat out Dozier as the starter at some point this season.

Another name that could factor into a starting role is Mason Cole. He started several games for Arizona. The addition of Cole to this group sadly makes the guard unit the most competitive it's been in recent history.

For tackle depth the Vikings have Rashod Hill. He is a solid backup that Vikings fans should feel comfortable with getting minutes in any short-term situation.

### Prayers for witt

I've been blessed to have a handful of what you might call best friends. I call them foxhole friends, those who have your back through thick or thin, up or down, in hell or high water. But if ever there were a "best" foxhole friend, Bernie Witte might be at the top of the list. I call him Witt—the whole gang back in Frederick, SD, did—and he calls me Bones. You know, Tony, Boney, Bones, the natural evolution of nicknames.

Even then I knew our gang was special, but over the years I've become even more certain of it. You can have friends, sure, but loyalty is another category, and that's what made our gang special.



### That's Life

by Tony Bender

When I was 18, back from college for Thanksgiving, Witt, along with Gare Bare, Al Cat, and Bulowski were riding with me at a very ill-advised rate of speed through the fog on an unfamiliar road. We'd all been drinking. I hit a railroad embankment at 85 mph. No seatbelts.

We all lived—a miracle—but I had one of those out-of-body experiences and a choice, an ethereal voice told me, to leave this existence or go back. "I have to help my friends," I told the disembodied voice, and in that instant, I un-slumped myself from behind the wheel, oddly at peace. But it was bedlam. Lots of blood, and we scrambled out of my 1967 Pontiac Catalina before it exploded as all wrecked cars did on television back then.

Bulowski, bleeding from his lip, hatched a plan to tell the cops that some stranger, now on the run, had been driving. Witt, however, leaped behind the wheel to drive us all away so I wouldn't get into trouble. Witt had hit his head pretty hard. That car wasn't going anywhere.

But that's when you understand loyalty. You can imagine how we all felt when we learned that Witt had bladder cancer, something most commonly related to smoking. Just one time, I saw him clowning with a cigarette in his mouth, and it was that night. When Gare Bare and I went to look at the car after I got out of the hospital, Witt's cigarette was pasted to the windshield with his blood. Gare retrieved the five teeth I'd lost, planning to make some kind of voodoo necklace out of it, he claimed, but for all I know they remained in his dresser drawer until he died unexpectedly of a heart attack in 2019.

I can't tell you that it hasn't been tough. Witt's endured a massive load of chemotherapy to knock the cancer back before surgery, but he's one of the toughest guys I've ever known. A 165-pound all-conference guard in football, coach of a state championship football team in Wyoming, someone who would have excelled at other sports had he not been dedicated to the family farm.

We've been texting back and forth. Having just recovered from esophageal cancer, I'm intimately familiar with the process. The waiting rooms filled with slow-walking, frail zombies, and the fear that soon enough that may be you. But, I made it to the other side, cancer-free, and I told him that he's always been tougher than me and that if anyone can beat this thing, it's him. I understand his motivations, too, because mine are the same; you want to be around for your kids, and you'll fight like hell to do that.

I believe in prayers or good vibes or positive thinking or whatever you want to call it, because many were sent my way, so do one thing when you're done reading this, say one for my foxhole friend.

In the emergency room, it looked pretty bad with a team of doctors and nurses hovering, trying to put my head back together. You may rightfully judge whether they entirely succeeded. As I was lying there, the doors burst open. It was Witt. Instantly, two orderlies grabbed him as he shouted, "I've got to see Bones before he dies!" They dragged him out. Minutes later the door burst open again. This time Witt dragged four people into the room. I pushed the doctors away and sat up, clamps hanging from my face, and mumbled toothlessly, "Hey, Witt, I'm going to be okay."

He slumped happily, still bleeding profusely from his split forehead, and they dragged him out. That's loyalty. That's love. And if that counts for anything, and you know it does, Witt's going to be okay, too. But pray.

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## Groton Jr. Teeners Takes High-Scoring Game From Cyclones SF Cyclones 13U Blue 13U, 10-9

The base paths were crowded today for both offenses in a high-scoring game where Groton Jr. Teeners came out on top against Cyclones SF Cyclones 13U Blue 13U, 10-9.

Groton Jr. Teeners got on the board in the first inning when Korbin Kucker singled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run.

Gavin Englund earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners. Englund surrendered zero runs on one hit over one inning, striking out two and walking one.

Nick Riedemann took the loss for Cyclones SF Cyclones 13U Blue 13U. Riedemann lasted one and one-third innings, allowing two hits and two runs while striking out three and walking one.

Lawson Hensley started the game for Cyclones SF Cyclones 13U Blue 13U. The bulldog allowed nine hits and eight runs over three and a third innings, striking out five and walking one. Brevin Flihs started the game for Groton Jr. Teeners. The pitcher surrendered nine runs on eight hits over four innings, striking out four.

Groton Jr. Teeners collected 11 hits. Braxton Imrie, Teylor Diegel, and Kucker all had multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners. Diegel and Imrie each collected three hits to lead Groton Jr. Teeners. Imrie led Groton Jr. Teeners with two stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with five stolen bases.

Jakob Steen went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Cyclones SF Cyclones 13U Blue 13U in hits. Cyclones SF Cyclones 13U Blue 13U tore up the base paths, as three players stole at least two bases. Steen led the way with three.

## Watertown Runs Away With Early Lead In Victory

Groton Jr. Teeners fell behind early and couldn't come back in an 8-0 loss to Watertown on Saturday. Watertown scored on a single by Talan Jurgrns, a single by Nash Berg, and a walk by Nathan Briggs in the first inning.

The Groton Jr. Teeners struggled to contain the high-powered offense of Watertown, giving up eight runs.

Watertown got things moving in the first inning, when Jurgrns singled on a 0-1 count, scoring one run.

A single by Korbin Kucker in the fourth inning was a positive for Groton Jr. Teeners.

Spencer Wienties was credited with the victory for Watertown. The fireballer went four innings, allowing zero runs on one hit, striking out one and walking one.

Kellen Antonsen took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners. The righty allowed one hit and zero runs.

Kucker went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners in hits.

Watertown racked up four hits on the day. Berg and Jurgrns each collected multiple hits for Watertown. Watertown didn't commit a single error in the field. Mitch Olson had five chances in the field, the most on the team.

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## Big First Inning Propels Groton Jr Legion Win Over WIN

11 runs in the first inning led Groton Jr Legion past WIN 16-2 on Saturday. Kaleb H, Tate L, Jordan B, Dillon A, Andrew M, and Braden A all moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Ryan G earned the win for Groton Jr Legion. The ace lasted one and two-thirds innings, allowing three hits and two runs while striking out two. Colby D threw one and one-third innings in relief out of the bullpen. Colby recorded the last four outs to earn the save for Groton Jr Legion.

Gavin took the loss for WIN. The bulldog allowed ten hits and 15 runs over three innings, striking out two.

Groton Jr Legion collected ten hits. Dillon, Cade L, and Tate all collected multiple hits for Groton Jr Legion. Tate, Cade, and Dillon each collected two hits to lead Groton Jr Legion. Groton Jr Legion was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Cade made the most plays with three. Groton Jr Legion tore up the base paths, as four players stole at least two bases. Cole S led the way with seven.

## Groton Jr Legion Takes The Game Over Frederick In A Blow-Out Victory, 14-3

Groton Jr Legion had no trouble on offense today, winning big over Frederick 14-3

Frederick fired up the offense in the first inning, when Jerico King singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring two runs.

Groton Jr Legion evened things up at two in the bottom of the first inning when Colby D singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

Groton Jr Legion pulled away for good with seven runs in the second inning. In the second Andrew M singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run, Groton Jr Legion scored on a stolen base during Braden A's at bat. Then Braden doubled, driving in one, Colby doubled on a 2-0 count, scoring two runs, and Logan R singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run.

Dillon A pitched Groton Jr Legion to victory. Dillon went five innings, allowing three runs on five hits and striking out six.

Darrel Yost was on the mound for Frederick. The pitcher allowed 14 hits and 14 runs over three innings, striking out one. Micah Kranzler threw one inning in relief.

Groton Jr Legion tallied 15 hits on the day. Andrew, Colby, Braden, and Tate L each collected multiple hits for Groton Jr Legion. Andrew led Groton Jr Legion with three hits in three at bats. Groton Jr Legion was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Cade L made the most plays with six.

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## With Braden On The Mound, Groton Jr Legion Shuts Out Smitty's Jr. Legion

Braden A had all the right stuff on Sunday for Groton Jr Legion, allowing zero runs and besting Smitty's Jr. Legion by a score of 2-0

The pitching was strong on both sides. Braden struck out six, while Smitty's Jr. Legion pitchers sat down eight.

A single by Dingman in the second inning was a positive for Smitty's Jr. Legion.

Braden pitched Groton Jr Legion to victory. The pitcher lasted seven innings, allowing five hits and zero runs while striking out six.

Kusler took the loss for Smitty's Jr. Legion. Kusler allowed five hits and two runs over six and a third innings, striking out eight and walking one.

Tate L went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Jr Legion in hits.

Dingman led Smitty's Jr. Legion with two hits in three at bats.

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## Groton Legion Post #39 Beats LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth By 13 Runs

Groton Legion Post #39 had everything working on Monday, winning big over LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth 14-1

Groton Legion Post #39 notched six runs in the fifth inning. Jackson Cogley, Darien Shabazz, Chandler Larson, and Brodyn DeHoet each had RBIs in the frame.

Alex Morris toed the rubber for Groton Legion Post #39. The righty went five innings, allowing one run on four hits, striking out eight and walking zero.

Colin F was on the hill for LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth. The pitcher allowed eight hits and eight runs over four innings, striking out two. Jesse K threw one inning out of the bullpen.

Groton Legion Post #39 scattered 12 hits in the game. Shabazz, Peyton Johnson, and Jonathan Doeden each managed multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Johnson and Shabazz each managed three hits to lead Groton Legion Post #39. Groton Legion Post #39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Pierce Kettering had the most chances in the field with eight.

## Jackson Throws Shutout As Groton Legion Post #39 Defeats LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth

Jackson Cogley didn't allow a single run against LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth, throwing a complete game shutout and leading Groton Legion Post #39 to a 14-0 victory on Monday

Groton Legion Post #39 secured the victory thanks to 11 runs in the third inning. Groton Legion Post #39's offense in the inning came from singles by Brodyn DeHoet, Jonathan Doeden, DeHoet, Pierce Kettering, and Cogley, doubles by Alex Morris and Jayden Zak, a sac fly by Cogley, and an error on a ball put in play by Zak.

Groton Legion Post #39 notched 11 runs in the third inning. Morris, DeHoet, Zak, Cogley, Doeden, and DeHoet each had RBIs in the big inning.

One bright spot for LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth was a single by Ben G in the first inning.

Cogley was the winning pitcher for Groton Legion Post #39. The pitcher allowed two hits and zero runs over three innings, striking out three and walking one.

William C took the loss for LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth. William allowed 12 hits and 13 runs over two innings, striking out one and walking one.

Groton Legion Post #39 racked up 14 hits in the game. DeHoet, Kettering, Doeden, and Morris each racked up multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Kettering and DeHoet all had three hits to lead Groton Legion Post #39. Groton Legion Post #39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Morris had three chances in the field, the most on the team.

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### Health Care Access for Rural Americans

For most of us, seeing the doctor means making a trip to the local clinic to see our primary care physician in person, but an increasing number of patients are seeing their doctor remotely by telehealth, using two-way video telecommunication technology.

The popularity of telehealth services soared during the COVID pandemic much like Zoom and similar technologies. Historically, patients and health care providers alike have been reluctant to adopt it, but federal health policy changes have removed many of the barriers to telehealth access and have promoted its use in both primary and specialty care.

According to the National Institutes of Health, twenty percent of us live in rural America where less than ten percent of physicians practice. I personally have known patients who live more than one hour from their primary physician and more than three hours from a medical specialist. Taking time off work and the travel expense required cause many patients to delay seeking care until their acute illness becomes complicated or their chronic condition deteriorates.

Thankfully, as telehealth services have grown, time and expense of travel to a specialist have decreased and access to care has increased for many. Rural emergency physicians and hospitalists utilize telehealth services for additional support and expert opinions for issues ranging from acute trauma and cardiac arrests to coordination with critical care specialists regarding the optimal management of a patient's ventilator. Although not every specialty is available, the advent of telehealth has afforded many outpatients the opportunity to stay in their hometown and see a specialist.

While my patients and I have had many positive experiences with telehealth, none exemplifies the power of a remote video connection better than one of my first encounters with a critically ill COVID patient in my local ICU last Fall. Moments after placing a call to my telehealth affiliate, I was video chatting with a critical care specialist in Seattle – America's first COVID epicenter. I was in my central South Dakota rural ICU wearing my PPE standing beside my patient who was now on a ventilator struggling with a disease I had never seen or treated and in the room with us virtually, but 1300 miles away, was a specialist with six months of experience treating dozens of patients like the one before me.

There will never be a replacement for in-person health care and a physical examination is required for proper diagnosis in most cases, but I urge you to keep an open mind to seeing a physician remotely by telehealth when necessary and consider the power it can add to your overall health care.

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-- J. Wilson, Summertown, TN

Now is a great time to make the jump into an electric vehicle (EV)—those futuristic new cars that run solely on electricity instead of gasoline. Of course, EVs are still more expensive than their gas-powered counterparts, and recharging facilities can be few and far between. But those gaps are shrinking, and if you can live with a few trade-offs, you'll be saving money down the line by avoiding the gas station altogether while helping wean humanity off of fossil fuels.

If you haven't surveyed the EV landscape in a while, you'll be shocked at all the choices available nowadays. Thirteen different automakers now offer American consumers some 19 different flavors of an all-EV drivetrain. Tesla remains king of the hill, currently offering three different models that get at least 300 miles per charge. While Teslas aren't the cheapest of the EV lot, ranging in price from \$40k all the way up to \$120k, the savings in gas money if you drive a lot may more than make up for the premium pricing.

According to the website Zutobi.com, Teslas are also the cheapest to drive, racking up about \$3 in electricity costs on average for every 100 miles driven—meaning that your total fuel expense for a cross country trip of 3,000 miles would be about \$100. (Finding places to recharge every 300 miles might be a challenge, especially in those states less inclined toward supporting green vehicles.)

Tesla is far from the only EV game in town. Audi, BMW, Ford, Jaguar, Mini Cooper, Nissan, Polestar, Porsche, Volvo, Kia, Hyundai and Chevrolet all have horses in the race. If range is your thing and you don't want a Tesla, try Ford's Mustang Mach-E California Route 1, a two-seater that can go 305 miles on a charge, and signals the classic American car company's newly announced commitment to a future full of EV drivetrains. Other good choices with range in mind are Chevrolet's Bolt EV, which tops out at 259 miles per charge, and Hyundai's Kona Electric at 258 miles per charge.

If saving money up-front is your primary concern, the best deals going in EVs include the Mini Cooper Electric Hardtop 2 Door, Nissan's Leaf, Hyundai's Ioniq and Chevy's Bolt EV—each going for a suggested retail price of around \$30k. The downside to several of these cheaper EVs is shorter range—the Mini Cooper can only make it 110 miles before it needs a recharge. But if you use it for short to medium length daily commute, especially to a place where it can recharge all day, then the money saved up front can go straight into the piggy bank. Another factor to keep in mind is that Americans who purchase a new EV or PHEV can still get a tax credit for up to \$7,500 from Uncle Sam depending on the automaker and the number of EVs they've sold to date.

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**If you are looking for a lower price tag and a decent amount of range in a new EV, Chevrolet's Bolt is among the better bets.** Credit: Stephen Rees, FlickrCC.

## Brown County Compactor Surplus

NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE

Notice is hereby given for surplus auction. Auction to consist of the following Brown County Landfill department surplus: 2002 Bomag 772 RB Landfill Compactor. Bids may be submitted online at Purplewave.com. Auction to conclude July 13, 2021. For information please contact the Brown County Landfill at (605)380-0111.

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## Brown County Dellman Rezoning Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by Lyndse Dellman to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on July 13, 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 (M-AG):

Lot 1, "Bagley Subdivision" in the NW ¼ of Section 2-T128N-R61W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (10048 404th 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. 199.

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## Brown County Oswald Rezoning Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by Matt Oswald to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on July 13, 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 (M-AG):

The South 707' of the West 701' of the NW ¼ of Section 7-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13148 400th 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. 200.

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## Groton Legion Post #39's Early Lead Over LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth Sets Stage For Victory

Groton Legion Post #39 grabbed an early lead on its way to a 12-6 victory over LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth on Monday. Groton Legion Post #39 scored on a walk by Brodyn DeHoet, a walk by Jackson Cogley, a single by Jayden Zak, and a walk by Jace Kroll in the first inning.

LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth scored four runs in the sixth inning, but Groton Legion Post #39 still managed to pull out the victory. LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth batters contributing to the big inning included Danny F, Ben G, and Colin F, all knocking in runs in the inning.

Groton Legion Post #39 notched five runs in the third inning. The offensive firepower by Groton Legion Post #39 was led by Pierce Kettering, Alex Morris, and Chandler Larson, all driving in runs in the frame.

Peyton Johnson pitched Groton Legion Post #39 to victory. The southpaw surrendered six runs on five hits over six innings, striking out nine. Darien Shabazz threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Boston M took the loss for LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth. The righthander allowed six hits and nine runs over three and two-thirds innings, striking out five.

Groton Legion Post #39 had nine hits in the game. Morris and Zak all managed multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Morris went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Groton Legion Post #39 in hits. Morris led Groton Legion Post #39 with three stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with seven stolen bases.

Ben led LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth with two hits in three at bats.

## Morris's Walk-Off Gives Groton Legion Post #39 Victory Over LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth

It came down to the wire on Monday, with Groton Legion Post #39 taking victory on a dramatic walk-off single in the late innings that sealed their victory over LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth. The game was tied at two with Groton Legion Post #39 batting in the bottom of the fifth when Alex Morris singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Jackson Cogley struck out six, while Jesse K sat down three.

Groton Legion Post #39 opened up scoring in the first inning. Jonathan Doeden tripled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run.

LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth evened things up at two in the top of the fourth inning. Jesse drove in one when Jesse singled.

Cogley pitched Groton Legion Post #39 to victory. The righty lasted five innings, allowing two hits and two runs while striking out six.

Jesse took the loss for LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth. Jesse allowed six hits and three runs over four innings, striking out three.

Morris, Douglas Heminger, Darien Shabazz, Doeden, Pierce Kettering, and Cogley each collected one hit to lead Groton Legion Post #39. Groton Legion Post #39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Kettering had the most chances in the field with six.

LEGION Claremont Honkers Youth didn't commit a single error in the field. Colby D had four chances in the field, the most on the team.

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## SDSU Extension Urges Testing for Nitrate Due to Drought

Brookings, S.D. - More than 63% of South Dakota is now labeled as being in a Severe Drought (D2) or Extreme Drought (D3) region. While the intense heat and lack of precipitation is creating an adverse growing season for farmers, the weather conditions are also not conducive for putting up high-quality forage either.

"With the current drought conditions across the state, the risk of high nitrates in forages is increased due to slowed photosynthesis and conversion of nitrate into proteins," says South Dakota State University (SDSU) Extension Cow/Calf Field Specialist Adele Harty.

SDSU Extension encourages producers to get standing forages tested before being harvested for hay or grazing. Available at various SDSU Extension locations and veterinary clinics across the state (extension.sdstate.edu/nitrate-quicktest-forages), the Nitrate QuikTest for Forages allows producers to make decisions based on the presence or absence of nitrates and appropriate timing for cutting.

"This is a qualitative test," Harty says. "Therefore, if the results are positive, the recommendation will be to wait a few days and bring an additional sample in for re-testing. If it is negative, the hay can be cut without risk of nitrates."

If the hay has already been cut and it tests positive, Harty says the recommendation is to send a core sample in after the hay is baled so that a representative sample can be collected and sent to a lab for quantitative analysis prior to feeding.

A representative sample needs to be taken from different areas across the field to reflect topography and soil differences, as these factors can affect nitrate levels. Harty advises selecting plants from at least 10 different areas and cutting the plant at ground level or pulling it out of the ground so that the lowest growth nodes can be tested, as the highest concentration of nitrate is in the lowest third of the plant. The more representative the sample, the better the test will work to identify potential nitrate concerns, she says.

"Be diligent about testing forages prior to haying or grazing to prevent the negative impacts that nitrates can cause, specifically in ruminant animals," Harty says. "If crops, such as wheat, fail to make grain, and producers plan to utilize them for a hay crop, test them for nitrates prior to harvest to determine their safety level. The higher the level of ni-

trogen fertilizer that is applied, the higher the risk for nitrate toxicity. Always err on the side of caution and have feeds tested."

To get a Nitrate QuikTest completed, contact your local Regional Extension Center (extension.sdstate.edu/nitrate-quicktest-forages). For specific questions on the test, contact Harty at 605-394-1722 or Adele. Harty@sdstate.edu or Jaelyn Quintana at 605-394-1722 or Jaelyn.Quintana@sdstate.edu.

### FISCAL YEAR 2022 FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2 BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the School Board of the Frederick Area School District will conduct a public hearing at the Frederick School Library in Frederick, South Dakota on Monday the 12th of July, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of considering the foregoing Proposed Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, and its supporting data. Janel Wagner, Business Manager, Frederick Area School District #6-2, Frederick, South Dakota

FISCAL YEAR 2022 FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2 BUDGET

TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....		GENERAL	CAPITAL OUTLAY	SPECIAL EDUCATION	FOOD SERVICE	DRIVERS EDUCATION	TOTAL
1110	Elementary Programs .....	\$468,516	\$61,611				\$530,127
1120	Middle/Junior High Programs.....	\$117,116	\$6,600				\$123,716
1130	High School Programs.....	\$260,402	\$9,585				\$269,987
1220	Special Education Programs .....			\$246,432			\$246,432
1270	Title I Program.....	\$52,357					\$52,357
2120	Guidance Services .....	\$60,129					\$60,129
2140	Psychological Services .....			\$4,037			\$4,037
2150	Speech Pathology Services.....			\$9,477			\$9,477
2170	Student Therapy Services .....			\$22,000			\$22,000
2210	Improvement of Instruction Services .....	\$6,250					\$6,250
2220	Educational Media Services .....	\$70,458	\$7,570				\$78,028
2310	Board of Education Services.....	\$72,234					\$72,234
2320	Office of the Superintendent Services .....	\$90,899	\$300				\$91,199
2410	Office of the Principal Services .....	\$155,585	\$4,106				\$159,691
2490	Other Support Services.....	\$250					\$250
2520	Fiscal Services.....	\$91,775	\$5,945				\$97,720
2530	Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services.....						\$0
2540	Operation & Maintenance of Plant Services.....	\$226,647	\$26,519				\$253,166
2550	Student Transportation Services .....	\$109,932					\$109,932
2560	Food Services.....	\$9,000	\$1,775		\$96,035		\$106,810
2710	Special Education Administrative Costs.....			\$5,285			\$5,285
2730	Special Education Transportation Costs .....			\$400			\$400
2740	Special Education Transportation Costs .....			\$800			\$800
3900	Other Community Services.....					\$4,872	\$4,872
6100	Male Activities .....	\$29,875	\$8,809				\$38,684
6200	Female Activities .....	\$16,758	\$2,793				\$19,551
6500	Transportation.....	\$10,933			\$265		\$11,198
6900	Combined Activities .....	\$128,995	\$20,758		\$69,700		\$219,453
7000	Contingencies .....	\$10,000			\$75,665		\$85,665
8110	Transfers Out to General Fund.....	\$366,125			\$20,370		\$386,495
8110	Transfers Out to Food Service.....	\$20,370					\$20,370
8110	Transfers Out to Drivers Education.....	\$2,622					\$2,622
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....</b>	<b>\$2,011,103</b>	<b>\$522,496</b>	<b>\$288,431</b>	<b>\$96,035</b>	<b>\$4,872</b>	<b>\$2,922,937</b>
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE .....		GENERAL	CAPITAL OUTLAY	SPECIAL EDUCATION	FOOD SERVICE	DRIVERS EDUCATION	TOTAL
1000	Local Sources.....	\$941,685	\$557,311	\$253,150	\$5,700	\$2,250	\$1,760,096
2000	Intermediate Sources .....	\$6,500					\$6,500
3000	State Sources.....	\$603,606			\$265		\$603,871
4000	Federal Sources.....	\$86,717			\$69,700		\$156,417
	<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE .....</b>	<b>\$1,638,508</b>	<b>\$557,311</b>	<b>\$253,150</b>	<b>\$75,665</b>	<b>\$2,250</b>	<b>\$2,526,884</b>
5110	Transfers in from General Fund .....	\$366,125			\$20,370	\$2,622	\$399,117
5110	Transfers in from Capital Outlay .....	\$366,125					\$732,250
	<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED INTER-FUND TRANSFERS.....</b>	<b>\$732,250</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$20,370</b>	<b>\$2,622</b>	<b>\$755,242</b>
	<b>CASH RESERVES .....</b>	<b>\$6,470</b>	<b>-\$34,815</b>	<b>\$35,281</b>			<b>\$6,936</b>
	<b>TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE .....</b>	<b>\$2,011,103</b>	<b>\$522,496</b>	<b>\$288,431</b>	<b>\$96,035</b>	<b>\$4,872</b>	<b>\$2,922,937</b>

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