



Those attending going counter clockwise were John Lowary; Terry Herron, Water and Street Superintendent; Dwight Zerr, Sanitary Sewer Superintendent; Loren Locken; Councilman David Blackmun; Groton Area Superintendent Joe Schwan, Deputy Finance Officer April Abeln; Assistant Finance Officer Kellie Locke; Councilman Karyn Babcock; Bruce Babcock; Loren Flihs and Tom Mahan both from the Groton Economic Development Corp. along with Dick Kolker sitting at the cart table; Councilman Brian Bahr, Travis McGannon; Heath Giedt; Councilman Jon Cutler; City Attorney (for 43 years) Drew Johnson; Finance Officer Hope Block; Kelly Dybdahl, Customer Relations Manager for Heartland Consumers Power District; Casey Crabtree, Director of Economic Development for Hearth Consumers Power District; and Groton Mayor Scott Hanlon. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Council approves \$2 million budget

The council approved the second reading of the 2022 appropriations ordinance. The city approved a \$2.027 million budget. Some of the items included in the budget is a new accounting program for the finance office for \$38,000, resurfacing the swimming pool for around \$200,000, leasing a digger truck for \$100,000, bury overhead lines and replace poles for \$200,000, a \$12,000 Chamber donation, \$18,000 for striping Main Street, a \$125,000 chip seal project, \$40,000 for sewer line cleaning, \$30,000 for a new pickup for the sewer department, \$10,000 to the baseball foundation, \$5,000 for a Dolphin pool cleaner, \$6,000 for a new diving board at the pool and \$36,000 for a hydro vac rental.

Todd Gay, electric superintendent, came before the council to discuss previous work experience for Landon Johnson. Johnson had previous work experience from jobs he had worked at prior to working for the city which is 1,000 hours. The council decided to have Johnson and Gay get the hours from the previous employers and present them at the next meeting. If approved, Johnson would complete his journey lineman hours by the end of 2022. "If he has it coming, we should give it to him," said Councilman Brian Bahr.

Ken Heir from IMEG Engineering talked about change orders and pay requests from the tower and pump house projects. There are a couple of issues that need to be taken care of so the council withheld a little over \$21,000 from the pay request for AB Contracting.

There is some insulation issues with the tower that need to be taken care of as well as there was a draft inside the tower piping area. The electrical panel also needs a state inspection. "The contractors intent is good, but we need to protect ourselves as well," Heir said. The council voted to withhold \$10,000 from a pay request for Maguire Iron.

All in all, it's looking good. Heir said.

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Groton looking for new housing development

Affordable housing was the main focus for the group that gathered Monday afternoon at the Groton Community Center. Community leaders, along with officials from Heartland Consumers Power District, were on hand to talk about the housing situation in Groton.

The last of the lots in the Olson Development have been sold and there is a need for more housing in Groton. "Communities have to decide what is mid-range in pricing," said Casey Crabtree, Director of Economic Development for the Heartland Consumers Power District (HCPD). HCPD provides supplemental power to the city of Groton. The city gets its electricity from WAPA and anything over that allocation is purchased from HCPD.

Crabtree said that HCPD has the necessary tools to help communities with housing development. "We need to get all the doors that we can get," he said. "We're not developers, but we can tell you what is working in other communities."

One of the main concerns is the price of putting the infrastructure (water, sewer, storm sewer, electricity) in the ground. "TIF (Tax Increment Financing) helps get the infrastructure in the ground without having to charge a crazy amount for a lot," Crabtree said. He also pointed out that HCPD has programs and offers zero percent financing for infrastructure. The maximum amount is a \$1.5 million loan and a \$300,000 grant.

"We want your community to be successful," Crabtree said. "And we have the tools to get things done with the current offerings on the market."

Bruce Babcock raised a number of questions. He said that HAPI Homes is a viable option for Groton as well as Governor Homes. Crabtree said a variety of houses is a good thing. It was also mentioned that Governor Homes are now 12-14 months out with only 150 being built a year.

"When you have an idea, then we'll start working with options," Crabtree said. It is ideal that 10 to 20 lots be considered for a development.

The next step is to find parcels of land that is available for potential housing. Tom Mahan from the Groton Development Corporation, said that the corporation may be interested in developing some of their property into affordable housing. It was mentioned that if it did materialize, that a petition would be made with the railroad to have a Groton designated as a quiet zone.

According to the United States Department of Transportation, "A quiet zone is a section of a rail line at least one-half mile in length that contains one or more consecutive public highway-rail grade crossings at which locomotive horns are not routinely sounded when trains are approaching the crossings. The prohibited use of train horns at quiet zones only applies to trains when approaching and entering crossings and does not include train horn use within passenger stations or rail yards. Train horns may be sounded in emergency situations or to comply with other railroad or FRA rules even within a quiet zone. Quiet zone regulations also do not eliminate the use of locomotive bells at crossings. Therefore, a more appropriate description of a designated quiet zone would be a "reduced train horn area.""

The meeting was recorded by GDILIVE.COM and is available in the 397news.com archives. Look under City Council for the link to the video.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

In week 10, the Vikings visited the Los Angeles Chargers in their brand new Sofi Stadium (US Bank Stadium on steroids). This was the game added to the new 17-game NFL schedule, and it would prove to be yet another tough matchup for the purple.

First Half:

Penalties, penalties, penalties. There were seven penalties in the first half, two hands to the face, one pass interference, and a holding call that wiped a touchdown off the scoreboard. These helped the Chargers keep it close in the first half.

All of the first-half scores occurred in the second quarter, with the Vikings hitting a pair of field goals while the Chargers kicked one in as well.

After the second Minnesota field goal, Eric Kendricks picked off a pass, giving the Vikings excellent field position. Kirk Cousins and the Vikings' offense took advantage, and with the help of a great play by Justin Jefferson, they found the end zone to go up by 10 points. Unfortunately, the Vikings' defense once again allowed points right before the half, giving up a touchdown and going into halftime with only a three point lead.

Second Half:

The second half did not start well for the Vikings. The Chargers would get the kickoff, and after a 10-play drive, they would score on a short pass to running back Austin Ekeler. The "here we go again" feeling was starting to come in for the thousands of Vikings fans in attendance. But this time, Kirk Cousins engineered a 9-play, 55-yard drive, and rather than

go for another field goal, Mike Zimmer gets aggressive. On fourth down, Cousins tosses a 1-yard pass over the middle to Conklin. Vikings take the lead 20-17.

Moving to the fourth quarter, the Vikings put together another long drive, scoring from a yard out on a Dalvin Cook dive. The scoring drive lasted 12 plays and 7:04 minutes. Vikings up 27-17.

It was now time the Viking fans had become all too familiar with- a nice lead in the fourth quarter and a conservative playbook.

The Vikings give up a field goal with 5:00 minutes to go, but for once the Vikings' offense were able to put together a game-ending drive to seal the win. Highlights included a long third-down conversion to Jefferson, a 17 yard gain by Thielen to set up fourth down, and instead of punting the ball deep from the Charger 39 yard line, Mike Zimmer decided to go out and win the game. A short toss to Dalvin Cook around the right side on fourth down sealed the victory, and the Vikings run out the clock in the "V"iking formation.

The final score of the game: Viking 27 - Chargers 20.

Statistical Leaders:

Kirk Cousins 25 for 37, 294 yards, 2 TD

Dalvin Cook 24 carries for 94 yards rushing, 1 TD

Justin Jefferson 9 catches for 143 yards, 0 TD

Tyler Conklin 3 Catches 2 TDs

Next game:

It's Packer week and US Bank Stadium will be hopping as the first place Green Bay Packers come to town. Aaron Rodgers missed the Packers' week 9 matchup, but returned in week 10 to help Green Bay beat Seattle 17-0. The Packers appear to have a good defense this season, giving up only 18 points per game. Offensively they are not as octane as people would expect, averaging only 21 points per game. Needless to say, when the Packers come to Minnesota, get ready for a memorable game. The Vikings try to get to .500 and keep the playoffs in their sight.

SKOL!!!

Brown County Commission Vacancy

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO FILL VACANCY ON BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION. The Brown County Commission provides this notice of its intention to fill a vacancy on the Brown County Commission. The vacancy will be filled by appointment of a qualified person for Brown County Commission, at large. Any person interested in the appointment to the Brown County Commission must be a registered voter of Brown County. Any person interested in the appointment must file a letter of interest with the Brown County Auditor, by 5:00 p.m. on December 3, 2021. The letter of interest should include the following information: a. Reason(s) of interest in the appointment; b. The applicant's perceived community priorities; c. The applicant's commitment to attend weekly meetings; and d. The applicant's board experience, if any. Questions may be directed to the Brown County Auditor at (605) 626-7110 or Cathy McNickle@BrownCounty.SD.Gov

Attest: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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Pre-thanksgiving quiz

Hey kids, before we break for Thanksgiving, it's time for another Official Tony Bender Super Brain Quiz, sponsored by Brunhilda's Cooking Lard, Powdermilk Biscuits, Grain Belt, and Karen & Brandon, who've "just about had it up to here" with your slanders. Well, let's see if you've been paying attention to the fake news. And yes, this will go on your permanent record.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

- According to recent state figures, student reading comprehension has fallen significantly in North Dakota because:
 - Hacked by South Dakota to make us look bad
 - Thanks, Biden.
 - Rob Port uses too many big words.
 - God's will
- President Joe Biden created an international incident when he met with British royalty and:
 - Cut the cheese
 - Cut in line at buffet
 - Launched the ol' Delaware Destroyer
 - Tried to extradite Prince Andrew
- What to do with the \$350 state income tax break from the ND legislature:
 - Gas up
 - Stock up on toilet paper
 - More ammo
 - Send to Joel Osteen
- Senators John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer voted for the infrastructure bill but Rep. Kelly Armstrong didn't because:
 - Didn't understand the question
 - Against his religion
 - Thought it might be a trick
 - Infrastructure is a slippery slope
- The state legislature just banned the teaching of Critical Race Theory in North Dakota because:
 - It had everyone's giblets in a twist.
 - Prefer white meat
 - Will look good on resume
 - Might be a gateway to jazz
- For Thanksgiving, Gov. Doug Burgum will pardon:
 - A turkey
 - A pheasant
 - Peasants
 - Lynn Anderson
- President Biden's approval rating is:
 - 98.6
 - 420
 - Being unfairly treated by gravity
 - Still higher than the number of teeth in the average NASCAR fan's mouth.
- The Chahinkapa Zoo in Wahpeton has been stripped of national accreditation because:
 - Too hard to spell
 - Zookeepers subversively teaching Critical Rino Theory
 - Tigers and bears sleeping together
 - Camels always humping
- Liberals' favorite Thanksgiving dish:
 - Tofu Turkey
 - Crow
 - Gizzards
 - Pilgrim babies
- Top reason for a 17-year-old to travel across state lines with an AR-15.
 - Low on ammo for the AK-47
 - Castle Doctrine
 - Feared Biden would confiscate gun while he was away.
 - To shoot a man in Reno just to watch him die

Bonus: Talk show host Joe Rogen recently revealed that he's flexible enough to:

- Chew his toenails
- Vote Dem
- Convince Aaron Rodgers of just about anything
- Not touching that with a six-inch pole

Answers: 1. B; 2. A; 3. A; 4. D; 5. D; 6. C; 7. C; 8. A; 9. D; 10. B; Bonus: A. Grades: 11-9 correct: Excellent! You get the wishbone! 6-8 correct: You've been redistricted back to third grade. 3-5 correct: A waste is a terrible thing to mind. 0-2 correct: This is why you've been on double-secret probation all along.
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City Council

Continued from front

Plans are being updated for the next project which painting the reservoir and the water expansion project. It should be ready to bid right after the first of the year.

There was discussion on removing the no-parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Main Street. Street Superintendent Terry Herron was not in favor of doing that. Street striping is planned for the downtown area for next year.

The city will accept an intern(s) for City Hall and Wage Memorial Library from January through May 2022.

The council passed first reading of updated city ordinances that were reviewed by the finance office during the past four months. It is a review that needs to be done every 10 years. One thing that was mentioned was eliminating the budget billing starting January 1, 2022.

Liquor licenses were approved for all current license holders.

It was decided not to pay the council for their time at the economic development meeting and that the money would be donated to the Family Crisis Fund. Mayor Scott Hanlon reported on the meeting.

The Holiday Lighting Contest was approved with \$100 for first, \$75 for second and \$50 for third with credits on the utility bills. The transit will take people from Avantara and Rosewood Court around town to do the voting.

Kelsie Frost was hired as the skating rink manager with attendants being Shalyn Foertsch, Emma Schinkel, Carly Guthmiller, Ashley Johnson, Cadence Feist and Karsyn Jangula.

Water

**Annual Members Meeting
WEDNESDAY, December 1, 2021
Dakota Event Center
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Registration 1:00 PM
 Business Meeting 2:00 PM

Agenda
 Chair Report
 Audit Report
 General Manager Report

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Brown County
Nov. 9, 2021
Meeting Minutes
 NOVEMBER 9, 2021 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

FIRST READING ORDINANCE 205 (Medical Cannabis): Moved by Sutton seconded by Wiese to approve first reading of Ordinance 205, an ordinance amending Title 4, second revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to issue medical cannabis establishment permits and/or licenses setting an amount of \$5,000 processing license fee and \$2,500 refund should the permit/license get denied. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL CELL 4 CHANGE ORDER: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve Change Order #1 for Landfill Cell 4 Construction Project, increasing total of project by \$82,484.26 (total project @ \$2,020,541.83). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL CELL 4 PROJECT PAY ESTIMATE #4-FINAL: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve pay estimate #4-Final for Baranko Brothers in the amount of \$240,275.25 for cell four construction at the landfill. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FEDERAL AID GRANT FUNDED GUN RANGE: Jacquie Ermer of SD GFP met with the Board of Commissioner to discuss about Federal Grants available to fund a Gun Range for the county. Members of the public aired out their concern on building a new range on a suggested location west side of the county by the Landfill area. The Board of Commissioner advises to check for a possibility of expanding the existing Sportsman Club gun range south side of the city and to discuss it further with any parties involved. No actions taken.

COUNTY BURN BAN SET HEARING DATE: Scott Meints, Brown County EM Director, discussed with the Commission changes on the County Burn Ban Ordinance. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to set hearing date and authorize publishing for amending title 18 Fire Safety, second revision Brown County Ordinances. A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Commission on the 30th day of November 2021 beginning at 8:48 a.m. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Brown County Ordinance No. 206. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSION VACANCY PROCESS AND TIMELINE: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor, discussed with the County Commissioner process and timeline on filling out vacant position for County Commissioner with Commissioner's Kippley's resignation. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising for notice of intention to fill vacancy on Brown County Commission. Any person interested in the appointment must file a letter of interest with the Brown County

Auditor, by 5 pm on December 3, 2021. For any questions and information, may contact the County Auditor's office. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the general meeting minutes of November 2, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS & PAYROLL: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following payroll & claims: PAYROLL Commission \$4,327.95; Auditor \$8,983.90; Treasurer \$13,856.30; SA \$25,575.05; SVAWA \$1,575.00; Maintenance \$7,569.11; Assessor \$14,807.05; Register of Deeds \$7,448.00; VSO \$4,022.49; GIS \$2,411.38; IT \$7,250.89; HR \$3,696.08; Sheriff \$39,481.83; Jail \$52,055.96; Court Security \$4,933.12; JDC \$20,920.70; Welfare \$2,982.62; Museum \$9,076.07; Parks/Fairgrounds \$4,394.67; Fair Board \$631.61; 4-H \$631.59; Weed \$4,105.62; Planning & Zoning \$5,892.71; Highway \$41,010.53; Dispatch \$32,184.60; Emergency \$4,160.96; Teen Court \$230.23; JDAI \$1,846.15; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,271.53; Landfill \$16,681.05; MATCHING BENEFITS FICA \$20,450.53; Medicare \$4,782.80; HSA \$966.72; Health Insurance \$106,418.51; Dental Insurance \$7,751.00; Life Insurance \$1,071.34; Retirement \$22,428.00. CLAIMS Professional Fees: AVERA ST. LUKE'S \$11,803.80; BRICK'S TV & APPLIANCE \$3,566.25; CGI \$287.84; FOX & YOUNGBERG PC \$603.90; GARY MCNEIL \$838.50; HELMS & ASSOCIATES INC \$312.95; HOUSTON ENGINEERING, INC. \$2,677.38; KRISTI BRANDT \$52.20; LEXIS-NEXIS RISK DATA MGMT INC. \$150.00; MICHELLE GAIKOWSKI \$944.20; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC. \$3,917.00; SANFORD HEALTH \$60.00; SD DEPT OF HEALTH \$3,785.00; WEST PUBLISHING CORP. \$275.05; YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$50.00; YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER \$125.00. Publishing: GROTON INDEPENDENT \$484.43; HUB CITY RADIO \$300.00. Repairs & Maintenance: BRENT A FISCHER \$562.50; CONSOLIDATED READY MIX, INC. \$3,140.00; DAKOTA DOORS INC \$3,057.31; DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC \$519.33; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP \$37.13; DIESEL MACHINERY \$11,340.00; DOUBLE D BODY SHOP INC \$2,054.04; EILERS WATER CONDITIONING & LAWN IRRIGATION \$190.00; FARNAMS GENUINE PARTS INC \$116.39; GRAHAM TIRE INC \$683.80; HAAR PLUMBING & HEATING INC \$92.82; HF JACOBS & SON CONSTRUCTION INC \$89.29; HOUSE OF GLASS \$104.67; HOVEN AUTO REPAIR INC \$340.34; HUB CITY ROOFING \$155.00; MB LLC \$250.00; MUTH ELECTRIC INC \$615.87; PRO WINDMILL INC. \$690.00; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. - AG \$10.00; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$212.50; RUNNINGS \$153.26; SEWER DUCK INC \$500.00; TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC. \$2,325.60; VOSIKA FENCING \$1,066.38; WALTH SAFETY SERVICE INC \$1,956.05; WOODMAN REFRIGERATION, INC \$461.74. Supplies: ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC. \$14,704.80; AGTEGRA CO-OPERATIVE \$34,044.10; BAKKEN BUILD MAINTENANCE \$500.00; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$85.44; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$16.78; COLE PAPERS; \$355.48; CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT \$1,206.62; DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC \$692.29; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP \$365.00; DIESEL MACHINERY \$609.39; DOOLEY ENTERPRISES, INC. \$1,652.20;

EARTHGRAINS BAKING CO. INC. \$837.72; EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY, INC \$790.07; FARNAMS GENUINE PARTS INC \$12.58; FOX & YOUNGBERG PC \$3.33; GREAT WESTERN TIRE INC \$6,334.20; JENSEN ROCK & SAND INC \$107,314.58; MIDSTATES PRINTING \$128.91; PANTORIUM CLEANERS INC. \$84.00; PERFORMANCE RENTALS LLC \$12.00; PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE, INC. \$227.06; PRECISION KIOSK TECHNOLOGIES \$2,700.00; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. - AG \$988.97; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$4,158.00; Safe Life Defense \$1,536.30; SATELLITE TRACKING OF PEOPLE, LLC \$1,631.50; TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC. \$1,271.95; TRI STATE WATER \$35.00; TYLER BUSINESS FORMS \$476.50; US FOODS \$8,174.70; WALTH SAFETY SERVICE INC \$270.00. Travel & Conference: HEARTLAND ASSOC OF FAIRS, FESTIVALS & EVENTS \$155.00; Ron Keller \$449.90; SAFE HARBOR \$575.00. Utilities: AT&T MOBILITY \$250.81; CITY OF ABERDEEN \$1,683.41; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$124.51; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS \$1,811.60. Rentals: H & H FARMS \$250.00; LES FROHLING \$200.00; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$143.00; RON JACOBSON \$250.00. Others: SD DEPT OF ENVIROMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES \$4,698.31. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following HR report: Acknowledge retirement of Dennis Van Heerde, full-time from Brown County Highway Department effective September 3, 2021. Request to fill. Approve promotion of McKenzie Bierman, from Brown County 4-H and Fair Administrative Assistant to Brown County Fair Administrative Assistant @ \$20/hour effective November 2, 2021. Request to fill. Roll call vote: Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-abstain, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried.

LEASES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the following lease agreement: Premier Equipment, Bowdle, SD for lease of one People Mover on November 6, 2021; South Dakota AGC for lease of Expo Building on September 29, 2021. Roll call vote: Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-abstain, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMITS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the following lottery permit application: Aberdeen Hockey Association for a raffle on February 27, 2021 at the Brown County Fairgrounds (Odde Ice Center); Stratford American Legion Post #207 for a raffle on January 9, 2022, in Stratford, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2022 LANDFILL TIPPING FEE: Commissioner Sutton offered the following Resolution:
RESOLUTION #56-21
 WHEREAS, Title 3, Solid Waste Management System, Chapter 3.07010 of the Second Revision Brown

County Ordinances, effective March 12, 1997, as amended, requires the Board of County Commissioners to establish the fees for use of the landfill.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Solid Waste Tipping Fee Schedule shall be effective January 1, 2022:
SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEE SCHEDULE

PRICES EXCEPT MINIMUM CHARGE DO NOT REFLECT APPLICABLE SALES TAX
 ALL LOADS MUST BE TARPED AND SECURED
 ALL WASTE MUST BE SORTED AND PUT INTO PROPER AREAS

Type: - Fee
 Appliances: Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers with or without FREON - \$12.50 per item
 Asbestos1: Friable - Powdery or Dusty state, can be crumbled and reduced to powder by hand - \$ 5.00 per bag
 Compost: Grass, Leaves and Light Garden Residue - FREE
 Contsoil: Gas and Diesel Contaminated Soil (notification and analysis required before disposal) - \$14.00 per ton
 Contsoilsp: Contaminated Soil Special (i.e., NW Energy, Coal Gasification) - \$38.00 per ton
 E-Waste: Electronic Waste - TV's, Computers, Copiers, Printers, etc. - \$100.00 per ton
 MSWRB: Rubble waste placed in Unit 1 - \$20.00 per ton
 INDSW: Industrial Solid Waste - \$38.00 per ton
 MSW1: Municipal Solid Waste - IN COUNTY (Paper, plastic, cardboard, carpet, upholstered

furniture, mattress, box springs, etc.) (Check with Landfill for material not accepted) - \$38.00 per ton

MSW2: Municipal Solid Waste - OUT OF COUNTY (same as MSW1) - \$38.00 per ton

MSWCR: Rural container site collection waste - Assess per ton

MSWDA: Carcasses (notification required prior to dumping) - \$38.00 per ton

MSWRB1: Asphalt Shingles - \$20.00 per ton

MSWRB2: Heavy debris, concrete, dirt, rocks etc. \$14.00 per ton

Rubble 3: Pallets - \$38.00 per ton

Mobile Homes: all sizes - \$250.00per unit

Scrap Metal: Metals - \$20.00 per ton

Sludge: Sump waste (analysis may be required) - \$20.00 per ton

Tires: Large quantities priced per ton - \$200.00 per ton

Tires Count: Car and light truck - \$2.50 per tire

Tire Shreds: Shredded tires (cell disposal) - \$38.00 per ton

Tree Chips: Wood chips from trees - \$14.00 per ton

Trees1: Trees less than 8 inches in diameter - \$20.00 per ton

Trees 2: Trees more than 8 inches in diameter (must be 8' or shorter in length) - \$14.00 per ton

Minimum Charge (except on per item fees) 4.5 % Sales Tax included - \$ 5.00 per ton

The following items are accepted free: Grass and Leaves, Lead Acid Batteries, Waste Oil/Antifreeze (Residential Only)

Dated this 9th day of November 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

MULTIPLE INTERMENT REQUEST: Moved by Feickert seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chair to sign Burial Permission Form submitted for burial at Riverside Memorial Cemetery to use Block 48, Lot 1, Grave Space L for multiple interment. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve following out of state travel request: Rachel Kippley & Mackenzie Bierman for IAFE Conference out of state on Nov 28 - Dec 2, 2021. Roll call vote: Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-abstain, Fjeldheim-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS BACK-UP 911 LOCATION: Duane Sutton, opens up to the Commission about having a back-up 911 location. Scott Meints, EM Director agrees to it and advises that we already have a certain location in the Courthouse to set-up a back-up 911 area. No actions taken.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:43 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Jeannette McClain, Brown County Deputy Auditor

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BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE #206 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 18 FIRE SAFETY, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, The Board of Brown County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday November 30, 2021, at 8:46 a.m. at the Brown County Courthouse, Commission Chambers located at 25 Market St, Aberdeen, SD. All interested persons are encouraged to attend in person and comment on Ordinance #206; An ordinance amending title 18 Fire Safety, second revision Brown County Ordinances. After the public hearing, the Board of County Commissioners may have first reading of Ordinance #206 by title and set a 2nd reading date. The public is invited to attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to title 18 Fire Safety.

ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor. (1117.1124)

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Kennedy Hansen



First Team All-State
Riley Leicht



"Heart and Soul" Award
Ani Davidson
Madeline Fliels



"Miss Hustle"
Trista Keith
Allyssa Locke



Offensive MVP
Riley Leicht



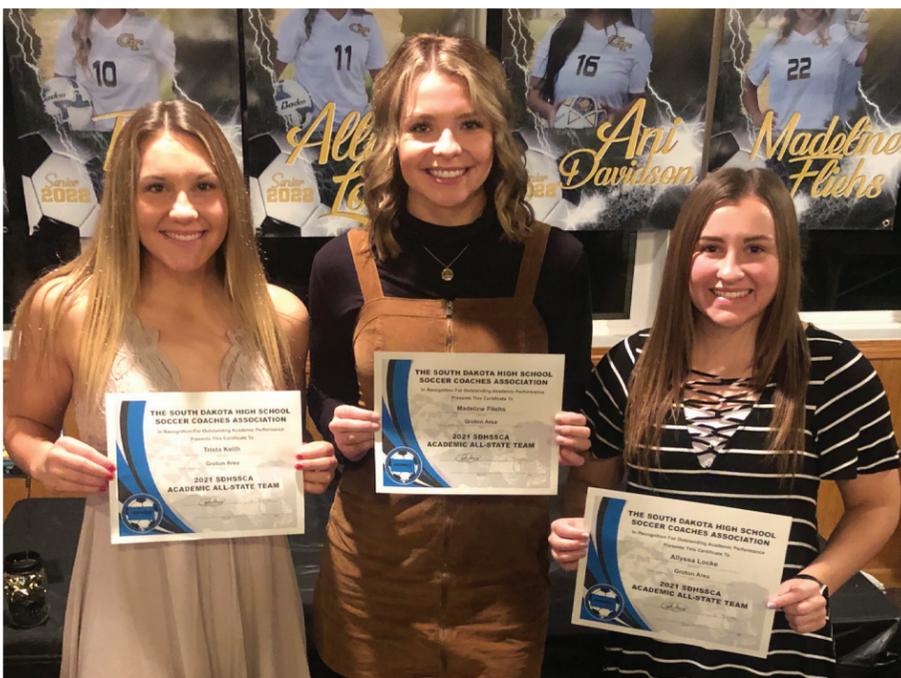
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Running a full load of dishes in the dishwasher is much greener when it comes to energy and water usage than handwashing the same amount of dishes.

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Dear EarthTalk: My husband thinks it's better for the planet to hand-wash dishes in the sink, but it seems to me using the dishwasher is more eco-friendly. Can you settle this debate for us? -- Chris B., Bowie, MD

Hands-down, the dishwasher is the way to go, not only from the standpoint of water waste and energy use but also to preserve your own sanity. Who needs to be scrubbing, rinsing and drying dishes all day when an efficient machine can do the work? Modern dishwashers use much less water and energy than their forebears, so you can clean up after your meals and snacks quickly and without guilt just by filling up the dishwasher and hitting the "start" button.

It's not surprising that many of us still think hand-washing is better, given that the dishwashers of yesteryear used 10-15 gallons of water per cycle. But dishwashers sold today in the United States can only use a maximum of five gallons per cycle per the mandate of the U.S. Department of Energy. And to qualify for one of the federal government's EnergySTAR labels identifying especially efficient appliances, dishwashers must max out their water use at 3.5 gallons per cycle.

Meanwhile, handwashing the same number of dishes, pots and pans as you can fit in the dishwasher typically "consumes" some 27 gallons of water, according to a study by researchers at Germany's University of Bonn. (They also found that some people can handwash a load of dishes with as little as 8.7 gallons of water while others use as many as 116 gallons!)

"The average kitchen faucet has a flow rate of 2.2 gallons per minute, meaning that you'd only have two minutes to wash an entire dishwasher's worth of dishes to match a dishwasher's water efficiency," reports Savannah Sher on BobVila.com. "It would be nearly impossible to use less than five gallons of water to hand wash a full load of dishes."

And if you're going to use the dishwasher anyway, save yourself even more hot water by skipping the sink pre-rinse and just loading those dirty dishes right into the bottom rack.

"Scrape big chunks of leftover food into the trash, but pre-rinsing isn't necessary with modern dishwashers because they have sensors that adjust the wash cycle based on how dirty the dishes are," says Consumer Reports' Perry Santanachote. In fact, unnecessary pre-rinsing can waste about 6,000 gallons of water per household per year.

These efficiency gains only apply to running your dishwasher when it's full. Rather than running the dishwasher with a half-load, wait until it fills up before hitting start. (Some units have a "rinse and hold" feature that pre-rinses what's in there so it's easier to clean when it does fill up later.) Of course, some items—cutting boards, silver flatware, cast iron cookware, non-stick pans—will still require handwashing, but you can always try to minimize your use of them accordingly.

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Healthy Eating Is Success

Obesity affects approximately 40 percent of American adults, and I've been one of them for nearly as long as I can remember. There are innumerable schemes that promise effortless, or nearly effortless, weight loss, and many diets that claim to be the best approach.

Most of us recognize that if something seems too good to be true, it probably is. It's much simpler to identify the miracle potion advertised on our social media feed as snake oil, than it is to sort through all the conflicting and seemingly changeable advice on what makes a healthy diet. Should we be cutting out fat, or cutting back on carbs? Is there a particular combination of foods or spices or supplements we should be eating to be slim and trim and healthy?

In truth, obesity is a tenacious disease, and many people successfully lose weight with any of a multitude of diets. Many people are also unsuccessful with those very same diets.

Between my second and third years of medical school, I had a month without work or structured academic obligations to study for the important Step 1 board exam. Every morning, I would get up and exercise for an hour before I hit the books. I would prepare healthy meals, and snack on carrots and celery while I read. I was determined to lose some of my excess pounds and set a good example for my future patients.

At the end of that month, I'd lost two pounds. This was not at all what I had anticipated. I was frustrated, angry, and hurt. I felt that my efforts had failed. I felt that "I" had failed.

Let's think about what "success" means. Although we may want to get down to our ideal body weight, very few people with obesity actually achieve that goal, especially without surgical help. From a medical perspective, losing just five to ten percent of your body weight improves your health in a variety of ways. More importantly, the lifestyle changes that can lead to that weight loss have health benefits of their own.

With the wisdom of nearly 30 years in medicine, I realize that by focusing on the scale, I hadn't seen something even more important. Eating fruits and vegetables reduces the risk of heart disease, strokes, cancer, and many other chronic diseases. Daily exercise strengthens hearts and bones. In short, even without weight loss, exercise and a healthy diet are good for you.

Experts may debate the nuances of the "best" diet, but there are some fundamentals which can bring success with or without the loss of pounds. Eat a variety of produce, and lots of it. Watch the sodium. Minimize processed foods. Avoid added sugars and trans fats. Your diet isn't something you are "on" or "off". Your diet is the way you nourish your body every day, and success is the choices you make that support your health.

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