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Another beautiful sunset. In the colored version, it shows up in golden colors. (Phototune of nearly \$900,000 for this year's water by Julianna Kosel)

Winburn retires after 33 years at Groton

Bv Dorene Nelson

Deb Winburn, third grade teacher in the Gro- well as the Futon Area School District, is retiring at the end ture Problemof the current school year after having taught Solving team here for 33 years.

"After graduating from Britton High School, I attended Northern State University where I received a degree in Elementary Education and Special Education as well as an endorsement the chance in Gifted Education," Winburn explained." to think cre-

"Before teaching in Groton, I taught first, second, and third grade for seven years in Watertown," Winburn said. "That was my first work with othinterview and my first job!"

"During my seven years of teaching in Watertown, I also worked at Roy Lake State Park are all imporduring the summer as a naturalist," she added.

"Then I married Alan Winburn and taught kindergarten in Barnard," Winburn smiled. "Throughout my teaching career, I have taught kindergarten, special and gifted education, title her with projects and assignments in school," reading, second grade, and third grade.

"When I started teaching in the Groton district, I was first hired as half-time special ed and half- time gifted education," she stated. "For twenty-two years, I was also the coordinator for Odyssey of the Minds and Destination

COMMUNITY BACKYARD TOURS

The 2022 summer is fast approaching and plans are being made for a new community project. The plan is to host a day of "Backyard Tours". Weather permitting, June 25,2022 from 2:00 -5:00 p.m. has been selected as the day of tours. Lemonade, cookies and bars will be offered by the Garden Club members to the touring guests. The club members are asking that any Groton residents who would like to offer support to the Groton Community Garden Club by showing off their hard work and pride in their back yards are encouraged to call Marjorie Overacker, 605-397-8562 or Linda Gengerke, 605-397-8184.

The Groton Community Garden Club was started in 1951. There are currently 15 members. The Garden Club meets monthly to work on projects to beautify the City of Groton. For many years they have chosen the "Yard of the Week" recipients. This project proved to be a positive inspiration to our town. The Groton community can be proud of their town, as many people work very hard to improve their yards on a yearly basis.

Club projects also include maintaining the circle of flowers at the city park. Also each year on Arbor Day a new tree is planted in the community. Trees have been planted at the City Park, Olive Grove Golf Course, Avantara Nursing Home, Baseball Park, Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the historical Episcopal Church. Main Street is decorated Each fall during homecoming with fall flowers, pumpkins and decorations.

Please support you community and OFFER your yard on this years new project "Backyard Tours".

Imagination as coach."

"All of these programs give students atively, problem solve, and ers," Winburn listed. "These



Deb Winburn

tant skills for students to have."

"My daughter Rylee was in Destination Imagination for a few years, and I saw that the skills she gained from that program helped she added.

"I moved into the classroom when there was a second grade opening in 1998," Winburn pit inside the airport property. That will cost explained. "I taught second grade with Sheryl \$4,000. The proposed building site would be

have been there ever since," she said. "I have council gave the go ahead for the water pit. enjoyed teaching with Kristi Anderson for four— The city's street resurfacing project will be teen years and the last four with Missi Smith." reduced in price. Prices came in higher than

and really like working with children," Winburn 56 blocks to be done, but the budget and the smiled. "I love to see the excitement on their cost will reduce that project down to 40 blocks faces when they learn something new. I est this year. The budget for street resurfacing is pecially love finding new ways to teach a skill \$125,000. that engages my students. Every day is a new day filled with many adventures!"

"I always wanted to be a teacher and love working with children," she admitted. "It is so wonderful to see their enthusiasm and excitement in the classroom when they are learning new things. I have also been very fortunate to teach in a great school system and community!"

"I have one daughter Rylee who is an ER nurse at Essentia Hospital in Fargo," she stated proudly. "She will graduate with her Family Nurse Practitioner Degree in June."

was born on March 16 in Fargo," Winburn community garden. It was suggested that the smiled. "She has already brought so much joy property south of the community center would to our family."

to spending time with my granddaughter," she would be 8'x22' and the charge would be \$10 admitted. "I also want to spend more time with plus water. More research will need to be done. my 86-year-old mother who lives in Veblen. I do plan on subbing next fall."

Winburn lives in Houghton with her husband Alan. He hauls gravel to townships as well as to private groups.

Garbage rates going up now, surcharge may be removed by **October**

The garbage rates will be increasing from \$13.50 to \$16.50 a month due to the increase in rates from Heartland Solid Waste Management. But there may be a glimmer of good

The city will be receiving grant monies to the project. That will pay for most of the \$1.3 million Ioan. Councilman David Blackmun said the way he figures it, by October, the monthly \$8.50 surcharge could be removed. In addition, there will be two loans that will be paid off this year resulting in freeing up \$60,000 a year.

Waste Water Superintendent Dwight Zerr put a request for an increase to his budget. His budget was slashed due to the change in the grant program which will now all go to water. There is an excess of about \$50,000 in the pool budget so the council authorized a transfer of \$30,000 from the pool fund to the waste water fund to help with getting some camera work done this year. That will help dictate what needs to be done next year. Zerr also pointed out that if there is future development, the city's lagoon will need to be expanded. The city already owns the land and a fourth cell could be added, but it is something that may need to be considered.

There was discussion on installing water services at the Groton Municipal Airport. City Supervisor Terry Herron reported that. BDM offered to bore the road and install a water an additional 1,300 feet north and the city "When the Groton school district reorganized would have to trench in a two-inch water line with Bristol in 2004, I moved to third grade and from the water pit to the building site. The

The city's street resurfacing project will be "Altogether I have taught for forty-one years expected. The original proposed project had

> There was discussion on the insurance for the spring baseball program. City Attorney Drew Johnson read a note from the South Dakota Public Assurance, which is the city's liability insurance carrier. It states that any outside group (defined as not being sponsored by the city), will need to have \$1 million liability insurance to protect this city's interest. Finance Officer Doug Heinrich will check with SD Public Assurance about securing insurance for the baseball program.

Valerie Baker and Beverly Sombke came be-"I now have one granddaughter, Emmy, who fore the council to discuss the possibility of a be a good place. But as discussion continued, "During my retirement I am looking forward other areas were also discussed. The plots

Justin Cleveland was promoted to Assistant Police Chief with a wage of \$28 an hour.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

Should the Vikings trade up into the top 10 of the First Round of the 2022 NFL Draft?

Last week, we discussed whether the Vikings should trade down in the first round of this year's draft. This week, we will discuss whether the Vikings should trade up into the top ten picks of the first round of this year's draft. Since the NFL merger in 1970, the Minnesota Vikings have only made a pick in the top ten of a draft ten times.

Of those ten top ten picks, four were made at the Vikings' original draft spot—the ninth pick in 1980, the seventh pick in 1982, the seventh pick in 2002, and the seventh pick in 2007.

Two of the top ten draft picks were received from trading away players in 1970, the Vikings traded quarterback, Joe Kapp, to the Boston Patriots for the tenth pick in the 1972 NFL Draft; and in 2005, the Vikings traded wide receiver, Randy Moss, to the Oakland Raiders for the seventh pick in the 2005 NFL Draft.

Of the four remaining top ten picks the Vikings have had in their history, the Vikings received those picks by moving back in the draft in some way—trading back from the second to the fourth pick in 1985, moving back from the seventh to the ninth pick in 2003 because the Vikings failed to make their pick before the time expired, trading back from the third to the fourth pick in 2012, and moving back from eighth to the ninth pick in 2014.

The moral of the story is that the Vikings have never traded up into the top ten of the NFL draft using only draft capital. Thus, if the Vikings were to trade up into the top ten of this year's draft, it would be a unique venture for the Vikings. The question now becomes why the Vikings would do such a thing for the first time in the franchise's history.

Often, NFL teams will trade into the top ten of an NFL Draft to draft a quarterback that they envision as the future of their franchise. Based on the Viking's decision to extend Kirk Cousins this offseason and the fact that many experts deem it to be a weak class at the quarterback position, all indications are that the Vikings will likely stay away from using their first-round pick on a quarterback.

There is likely only one position group that the Vikings would be willing to trade up into the top ten of this year's draft for and that position is cornerback. Currently, the Vikings' roster lacks a true #1 cornerback on its roster. Although Patrick Peterson has been a #1 cornerback in the past, it would be unwise for the Vikings to rely on a cornerback who turns 32 in July to guard the opponents' top wide receivers week-by-week. Also, Cam Dantzler lacks the prototypical speed to be a #1 cornerback, and newly signed Chandon Sullivan is used predominately as a slot cornerback.

This year's draft has two cornerback prospects who have true #1 cornerback potential. Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner of Cincinnati, and Derek Stingley Jr. of LSU have been unanimously touted by experts as the clear-cut, best two cornerback prospects in this draft. Gardner, who was a shutdown corner at Cincinnati, gave up a total of zero touchdowns in his college career. Stingley, who was the best cornerback in the country during his freshman year at LSU in 2019, declined in production during his sophomore and junior seasons. However, many experts believe he could become a top-five cornerback in the NFL if he returns to his freshman form.

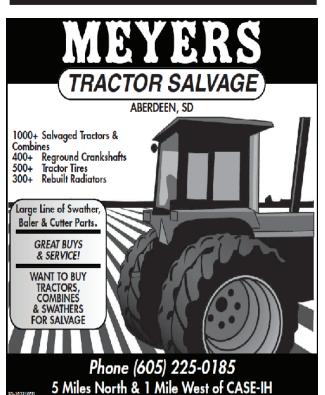
For the Vikings, if either of these two cornerbacks is available in the back half of the top ten of this draft, the front office might feel that they need to trade up to ensure they get one of these guys. Often, NFL teams are reluctant to give up a lot of draft capital for a non-quarterback in the draft, but the Vikings have such a dire need at cornerback that they might have to.



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Holidays with family

According to the weatherman, we may be between blizzards. Here in McIntosh County we didn't get a ton of snow last week, but the wind exceeded the speed limit making conditions precarious for ranchers and livestock alike.

Fortunately, the wind was from the north, and thanks to my predecessors at my country home, the shelterbelt held back the drifts, and it was a good thing, too, because by the end of the week, I'd gone a bit stir crazy. We ran out of "wet pet food" so Gus the Wonder Pug was disappointed and Squirrel, the World's Grumpiest Cat, was apoplectic. Squirrel's 18 years old, which in dog years is dead. He used his remaining time to remind me that I'm an abject failure as a pet owner.



l'hat's Life by Tony Bender

Fortunately, on Saturday, I was able to get out of the yard without too much trouble, and that meant I could attend an early family Easter dinner at Mom's in Frederick, SD. The sun was out and I found myself smiling early into my drive. And, of course, family and a traditional rib-sticking meal prepared by Mom, were just what I needed.

I remembered one Easter when we were kids when we awakened on Easter Sunday to find that the Easter Santa had left each of us kids large treat-filled baskets. The pièce de résistance in each basket was a giant popcorn bunny—a giant popcorn ball, really—wrapped in different colors of cellophane. Funny, the things that become memories and the things that don't. After dinner, my brother-in-law Dennis reminded me of some subversive, lawless activity I'd engaged in, and wondered if I remembered. No. Probably because when outlawing is your norm, nothing stands out. Anyway, I try not to dredge up such memories because I'm unsure of the statute of limitations and extradition policies.

I suspect that my appearance at such gatherings has grown in import in the wake of a cancer battle and most recently, a broken hip. They just want to look at you, and believe me, I look gooooood. I had a friend interrogate me by e-mail about my saucy-looking date at a recent rock show. "What can I tell you," I said, invoking my brother Joel's mantra, "Chicks dig me."

These family gatherings have always been important and often memorable but every year there are losses to remind us that tomorrow isn't guaranteed. We've all endured a rough stretch. COVID shutdowns kept us apart. Now, the world stands on the precipice of a major war with the very real threat of nuclear weapons deployment. What a bizarre species we are, the only one that has created the tools for our own destruction. Our science exceeds our humanity. How can that not be a drag on

I stopped at the grocery store on my way home. It's been a while, so I was astonished by the effects of inflation, a result of a COVID hangover, a reduced workforce, some gouging, and the piles of cash the government threw at the problem. More money in the system means it has less value. You'd think we'd learn. There is no free lunch. And this is coming from a guy my neighbors are convinced is the second coming of Lenin. You know that stimulus check you got? You can use it to pay \$6 for a box of cereal. There's a time and a place for stimulus, a time for the Fed to raise interest rates to cool inflation, but the COVID stimulus was just plain sloppy and unevenly distributed.

> A lot of people who didn't need it simply padded their pockets.

I bought cat food which, if I'm remembering right, cost more than tuna, and somehow, I resent that. I don't mind feeding Gus because lord knows he's defended us from certain death at the hands of the U.S. Mail, UPS, FedEx, and cows. Squirrel is the epitome of societal drain. I have seen a mouse literally hide under the cat because it's the safest place in the house.

And so it goes. There's always enough sunshine to counterbalance the clouds, and the end result of the most recent blizzard is that it's moved several counties out of the drought category.

That's all for this week. The cat is yowling. © Tony Bender 2022



2022 FCCLA members recognized



QuiltersThe quilters this year were Alyssa Thaler, Julianna Kosel, Emilie Thurston, Trista Keith, Riley Leicht, Maddie Bjerke, Advisor Lindsey Tietz, Allyssa Locke, Brooklyn Imrie, Megan Fliehs and Kelsie Frost. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



2021-22 FCCLA Officers

The outgoing officers are Kelsie Frost, public relations officer; Brooklyn Imrie, historian; Claire Heinrich, treasurer; Maddie Bjerke, president; Kaylynn Overacker, vice president; Abby Jensen, secretary; and Ashtyn Bahr, social media

2022-23 FCCLA Officers

The FCCLA officers for the 2022-23 school year are Emma Bahr, vice president; Emily Overacker, public relations officers; Claire Heinrich, treasurer; Abby Jensen, secretary; KayLynn Overacker, president; Anna Fjeldheim, social media officer; and Carly Guthmiller, historian.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)





FCCLA Awards

Brooklyn Hanson was awarded the Rookie of the Year award, Maddie Bjerke was awarded the Officer of the Year award and Carly Guthmiller was awarded the FCCLAer of the Year. Senior Service Awards

Maddie Bjerke, Allyssa Locke, Kelsie Frost and Brooklyn **Imrie.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Top Quilters Maddie Bjerke and Allyssa Locke. (Photo



The quilters pictured with the sewer are Advisor Lindsey Tietz, Trista Keith, Emilie Thurston, Riley Leicht, Julianna Kosel, the sewer Dawn Breedlove, Allyssa Locke, Alyssa Thaler, Maddie Bjerke, Brooklyn Imrie and Kelsie Frost. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Dakota Layers Donates 6,480 Eggs to Feeding South Dakota

Dakota Layers donated 6,480 eggs to Feeding South Dakota as the result of a partner-ship with South Dakota State University Men's and Women's Basketball teams. The company committed to donate one dozen eggs for every free throw made in Frost Arena this past basketball season.

This year, 462 free throws were made, including the WNIT games. To show their continued support in the fight against hunger, Dakota Layers increased their total donation to 540 dozen or 6,480 eggs.

"Eggs are a good source of protein and a valuable nutritional product," said Jason Ramsdell General Manager of Dakota Layers. "We are proud of our continued partnership with SDSU which incorporates fun and team spirit as a way to ultimately give back to our communities across South Dakota."

Dakota Layers is a family-owned egg farm located just outside of Flandreau, SD. In addition to the SDSU Athletics partnership donation, they are an on-going supporter of Feeding South Dakota and have donated over 5 million eggs to the organization since 2008.

"These eggs are donated to our community members through our Mobile Distributions that take place across the state," shared Lori

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Dykstra, CEO of Feeding South Dakota. "The generosity of Dakota Layers ensures that what we can provide healthy foods to people who may not always have access to them. We are grateful for donations like this that help us in the fight to end hunger in our state."

This donation was made to Feeding South Dakota's Sioux Falls Distribution Center on Tuesday, April 19.

South Dakota Severe Weather Awareness week is scheduled for April 25-29.

During the week Brown County will be testing our entire network of outdoor warning sirens across the county. This this scheduled to happen on Wednesday April 27,2022.

Sirens will be activated at approx. 10:30am CDT

Please remember these are outdoor warning sirens and are only designed to alert those who are outside that something dangerous is happening in your area. Once you hear the siren activated you should go inside and turn to local media or NOAA weather radio to get more information.

If severe weather is in the area that day, we will not be doing the test.

Please take the time to review your severe weather awareness plans, evacuation plans, storm shelter location and supplies.

Schools and businesses are encouraged to take part in the tornado test and practice their drills.

Registration Still Open for \$20,000 Lesson Learned Teen Safe Driving Campaign

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota high school students still have time to enter this year's Lesson Learned teen safe driving campaign where they can win \$10,000 for themselves and



another \$10,000 for a school-sponsored activity or program.

Lesson Learned is in its sixth year and is held in April during Distracted Driving Awareness Month. It is sponsored by the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety and the South Dakota Broadcasters Association, which provides the prize money.

The deadline to enter is April 30. To partici-



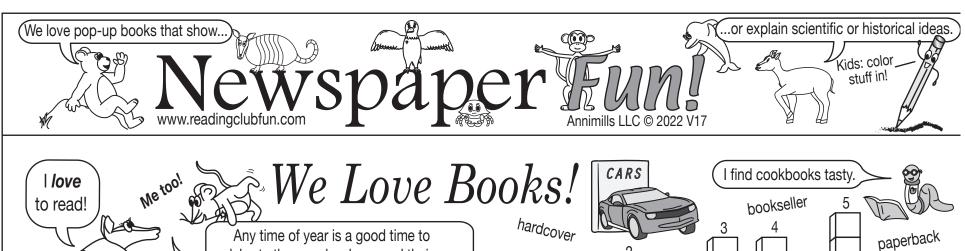
We wanted to thank everyone who has helped us out in the weeks following our house fire...the firefighters who spent the wee hours of the morning with us (Ortonville, Big Stone City, Odessa, and Clinton), our wonderful lake neighbors who helped us with housing, food, and big shoulders, and our loving families and friends who come to the lake or called just to chat us up and lightened our load. We have leaned heavy on our second families at Appleton Area Health and Valley Queen Cheese Factory, and they continue to prop us up every day. To our family and friends far and wide...Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado and Arizona we have heard and felt your prayers.

We are grateful to have you all in our lives.

Mickey and Cherie Johnson Rocky Ridge on Big Stone pate, students must complete a two-minute safe driving quiz at https://drivesafesd.com/lesson-learned. Once completed, their names will be entered into the drawing. They can also share the quiz with friends to get extra entries. The website also tracks participation rates of South Dakota schools.

Last year's winner was Austin Faw, a senior at Edmunds Central High School in Roscoe. He donated the \$10,000 school share to his school's athletic department.

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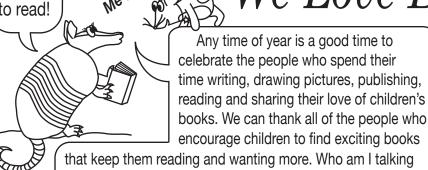
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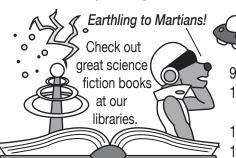


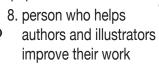
about? Authors, illustrators, booksellers, storytellers, teachers and, of course, librarians! Check your newspaper and library for listings of fun events.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle about books:

- 1. book from the first set that was printed
- 2. draws the pictures to help the story come alive
- 3. yearly award for best American children's book
- 4. helps you find lots of different books
- 5. sells copies of a book to readers
- 6. strong binding that can protect the book
- 7. soft, less costly binding, often made of thick paper

What Kinds of Books?





9. thinks up and writes the story

10. yearly award for best

American picture book for children

11. most important person reading

Mystery Dog can find out anything!

He wants to let kids know what kinds

of books they can find at the library to borrow. *Three letters* of the alphabet

are mysteriously missing from the

the missing letters?

words in Mystery Dog's list. Can you

help him by filling in the blanks with

(Hint: one letter is a vowel, one is a consonant

and one can be used as a vowel or consonant!)

3. Geogr ___ ph ___

1. nimals

2. We ___ ther

4. ___ ports

HI ____ tory

6. Biogr ___ ph

Non-Fiction Books (real)

12. prints, binds and markets books

What Did the Characters Do?

Ideas

books!

spring to life

I warm

up with

sports

books.

We all have our favorite Mother Goose nursery rhymes! Writers and artists have created many different books using Mother Goose verses. Can you match these characters to the phrases that tell what they did?

- 1. Old Mother Goose
- 2. Peter Piper
- 3. Humpty Dumpty
- 4. Jack and Jill
- 5. Little Jack Horner
- 6. Jack Sprat
- 7. Old Mother Hubbard
- 8. Cow
- 9. Little Bo-Peep
- 10. Blackbirds
- 11. Simple Simon
- 📺 12. Baby

- A. jumped over the moon
- B. picked pickled peppers
- C. would fly on a gander
- D. were baked in a pie for the King

6 librarian

Caldecott

you

illustrator

Books

are fun to

share with

friends!

- E. went to get a pail of water
- F. looked everywhere for her sheep
- G. was walking to the fair
- H. could not eat fat
- I. wasn't careful on the wall
- J. rocked in a cradle on a tree branch
- K. wanted to give her a dog a bone
- L. liked to eat Christmas pie

Fiction Books (not real) 1. Fant __ sy

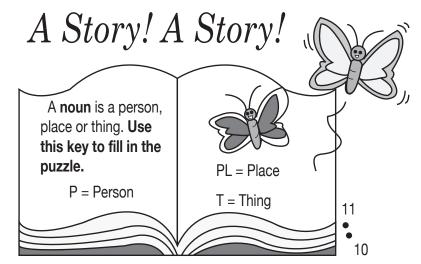
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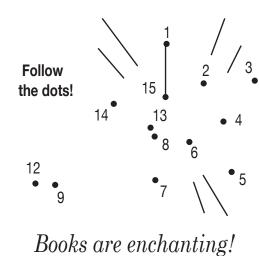
Dog

- 2. Sc ___ ry
- 3. My ___ tery
- 4. Folk and Fair Tales
- Sports ___ tories
- 6. Hi ___ torical Fiction

Where can you find a story? Who will tell you one? What contains a story? Read each item below. Is it a person, place or thing? Use the key to fill in the blanks. (Hint: there are 4 people, 4 places, 4 things.)

1. ____ librarian 7. ___ newspaper 8. ___ public library 2. ____ store 3. DVD 9. ____ storyteller 4. classroom 10. ____ magazine 11. ____ grandparent book 6. friend 12. ____ bookmobile





Brown County April 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

APRIL 12, 2022 - GENERAL MEETING

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

APPŘOVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC

COMMENT:

Opportunity for public comment was given. No public comment.

ORDINANCE 216 - MINI AG REZONE - FIRST READING:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve first reading of Proposed Ordinance 216, Applicant Troy Schaffer requesting to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG): Lot "Feickert's Second Subdivision" in the SE1/4 of Section 20-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID AWARD - SPRAY FOAM CONTRACTORS:

Bid reviewed and recommended as follows: Accept bid from Bahr Spray Foam for I" with no coating in the amount of \$34,333.20 rejecting Bahr Spray Foam 1" with coating in the amount of \$46,355.92 with no coating in the amount of \$68,666.40, Spray foam 2" with coating in the amount of \$80,689.12, also rejecting bids from TW Construction as follows: 1" no coating in the amount of \$37,142.92, 2" no coating in the amount of \$72,245.03, 1" with coating 68,342.92, 2" with coating \$103,455.03. The board has questions on the project funding and timeline. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to defer bid award and discuss at the April 19th Commission meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR SEALED PRO-POSALS OPENING - WAGE STUDY:

Place and time as advertised, to open read and consider sealed proposals for a classification and compensation study for Brown County, South Dakota. One RFP was received from Condrey & Associates, Inc in the amount of \$37,500. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to defer bids for review at the April 19th, 2022 meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. MIŇUTES:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the general meeting minutes of April 5th, 2022 and the special meeting minutes of April 1st, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fieldheim to approve the following claims and payroll:

Payroll: Commission \$4,503.96; Auditor \$9,637.93; Treasurer \$12,821.53; SA \$26,084.38; SVAWA \$0.00; Maintenance \$9,975.77; Assessor \$15,215.89; Register of Deeds \$8,028.80; VSO \$4,168.64; GIS \$2,483.72; IT \$7,507.61; HR \$4,061.37; Sheriff \$41,968.22; Jail \$56,372.48; Coroner (Voucher) \$0.00: Court Security \$6,149.80; JDĆ \$28,735.88; Welfare \$2,161.43; Museum \$9,272.48; Parks/Fairgrounds \$4,095.74; Fair Board \$4,720.00; 4-H \$620.00; Weed \$918.14; Planning & Zoning \$6,531.44; Highway \$43,646.74; Dispatch \$34,259.85; Emergency \$4,285.81; Teen Court \$528.96; JDAI \$1,846.15; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,251.77; Landfill \$14,324.87; MÁTCHING BENEFITS: FICÁ \$21,857.66, Medicare \$5,111.87,

Discovery HSA \$915.84. CLAIMS: Insurance: SD UN-EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DI-VISION \$15,102.86, Professional Fees: Aberdeen Cardiology \$28.71; Aberdeen ENT \$84.98; Aberdeen Orthopedics \$225.53; Armstrong Forensic Laboratory, Inc. \$220.00; AVERA ST. LUKE'S \$1,034.14; CARRELS & BAIN FAMILY DÉNTAL CENTER, LLC \$299.86; DAKOTA COUNSEL-ING GROUP, LLC \$2,100.00; DEAN SCHAEFER COURT RE-PORTING \$93.00; Fairfield \$167.52; FOX & YOUNGBERG PC \$369.70; HELMS & ASSO-CIATES INC \$932.60; KARPEL SOLUTIONS \$45,150.00; LAN-GUAGE LINE SERVICES INC. \$855.56; LEXISNEXIS RISK DATA MGMT INC. \$150.00; PROFES-SIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACAD-EMY \$1,695.00; REGISTRATION MAX, LLC \$750.00; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$25.00; Sanford Clinic \$672.77; SANFORD CLINIC AB-ERDEEN \$290.09; SANFORD HEALTH \$575.40; Sanford Health Network \$2,440.38; SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDI-CINE ABERDEEN \$114.00; SARA ZAHN \$20.40; SD DEPT OF HEALTH \$1,885.00; WEST PUBLISHING CORP. \$275.05; WEX HEALTH INC. \$179.85, Publishing: ABERDEEN PUB-LIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION, INC. \$400.00; HEARTLAND AS OF FAIRS, FESTIVALS & EVENTS \$400.00; HUB CITY RADIO \$300.00; LEE ENTER-PRISES \$19.99, Repairs & Maintenance: ABERDEEN AUTO CENTER, INC. \$224.95; ARTZ EQUIPMENT \$32.10; ASPHALT ZIPPER, INC. \$42.59; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$4,697.16; CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIP-MENT \$451.44; DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC \$978.40; DIESEL MACHINERY \$6,628.73; HOVEN AUTO REPAIR INC \$307.08; JALENE M. PALMER \$1,474.80: LIEN TRANSPORTATION COM-PANY \$645.00; MARK KOLB \$170.00; MB LLC \$250.00; PAN-TORIUM CLEANERS INC. \$28.00: PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES, GARMENT DIVISION \$14. PIERSON-FORD-LINCOLN -MER-CURY \$2,392.90; R.D. OFFUTT COMPANY \$28,599.83; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. - AG \$999.64 STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA \$590.64; STEVEN LUST AUTO-MOTIVE \$70.00; TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC. \$8,870.33, Supplies: AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE \$99,479.17; AR-LIN ZOELLNER \$1,930.00; ARTZ EQUIPMENT \$510.46; ASPHALT ZIPPER, INC. \$380.50; BENCO EQUIPMENT CO \$2,550.00; BUT-LER MACHINERY CO \$4,799.06; CENTURY BUSINESS PROD UCTS \$4,076.53; COLE PAPERS 111.72; CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT \$1,504.05; DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC \$1,463.84: DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP \$91.33 EARTHGRAINS BAKING CO. INC \$758.17; EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY, INC \$1,012.92; FARNAMS GENUÍNE PARTS INC \$136.15; FEDEX \$17.73; FOX & YOUNG-BERG PC \$2.72; GCS SERVICE, INC. \$18.42; INTERSTATE BAT-TERY SYSTÉM OF SD \$567.80;

KEN'S SUPERFAIR FOODS \$29.97; KESSLERS \$9.99; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$345.66; MENARDS \$656.94; MIDSTATES PRINTING \$218.07 MINN-KOTA COMMUNICATIONS INC \$37,980.04; PANTORI-UM CLEANERS INC. \$56.00; PHEASANTLAND INDUSTRIES, GARMENT DIVISION \$221.75 PIERSON-FORD-LINCOLN -MERCURY \$4,122.66; PRECISION KIOSK TECHNOLOGIES \$2,700.00; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. - AG \$7.088.66; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$19,316.05; RUN-NINGS \$222.99; SANDERS'S SEW-N-VAC, INC \$137.48; SAT-ELLITE TRACKING OF PEOPLE LLC \$1,833.00; SD DEPT OF REVENUE & REGULATION \$3.00; SD SECRETARY OF STATE \$7.00; SHARE CORP \$411.00; TERRY L. LARSON \$159.99; TRAN-Source truck & Eqúipment, INC. \$5,335.17; US FOODS \$8,437.54; WEB WATER BOT-TLÍNG COMPANY \$60.00, Travel & Conference: AmericInn Mitchell, SD \$389.96; DAVID HUNTER \$84.48: MARK MILBRANDT \$216.00; PATRICIA KENDALL \$240.00, Utilities: CITY OF AB-ERDEEN \$1,213.17; CITY OF HECLA \$1,79.23; ECONOMY PROPANE LLC \$2,216.28; MID-CONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$95.39; NORTHERN ELECTRIC COOP, INC \$766.69; NORTH-WESTÉRN ENERGY & COMMU-NICATIONS \$1,938.94; STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA \$106.56; TOWN OF FREDERICK \$76.00 WEB WATER DEVELOPMENT ASSOC. INC. \$85.67, Rentals: ARAMARK UNIFORM & CAREER APPAREL GROUP, INC \$394.81,

voting aye. Motion carried. HR RÉPORT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the fol-

Others: SD DEPT OF AGRICUL

TURE & NATURAL RESOURCES \$4,395,95. All members present

lowing Human Resource Report: Acknowledge employment ending for Jakob McKittrick as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; effective March 28, 2022, and approve the request to fill the vacancy.

Acknowledge transfer of Johann Kolb from Brown County Tail Correctional Officer to Brown County JDC Correctional Officer; effective April 1, 2022

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

WEED AND PEST BOARD

REAPPOINTMENT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to reappoint Tyler Bierman to the Brown County Weed and Pest Board for a three-year term through March 31, 2025. All members present voting age. Motion carried.

LEASES: Moved by Feickert seconded by Wiese to approve the following lease agreements: DTOM Veteran's Ranch for lease of Fairgrounds April 5th, 2022; State of South Dakota State Patrol AKA Highway Patrol for lease of 2914 and 2916 Industrial Ave April 13th and 14th, 2022 with insurance and indemnity clauses stricken; Prairie Partner's Master Gardner's for lease of Home Arts Building for Plant Sale May 7th, 2022; Brian LaCroix for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp June 10-12, 2022. All members present voting age. Motion

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT **OUARTERLY REPORT:**

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve, and authorize chair sign second quarter grant report. All members present voting aye. Motion

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to go into executive sonnel). All members present voting ave. Motion carried. The Chair declare the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:53 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County April 12, 2022

County Equalization
APRIL 12, 2022 – BROWN
COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZA-

This being the second Tuesday, April 12, 2022, the Brown County Commission organized themselves as the Brown County Board of Equalization, in accordance with SDCL 10-11-25, at 11:00 A.M. in the Community Room, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Oaths of office were taken by Commissioners Mike Wiese, Mike Gage, and Dennis Feickert. Director of Equalization Gene Loeschke was present. Auditor Cathy McNickle called the meeting to order and called for nominations Commissioner Feickert nominated Mike Wiese as Chair for the 2022 Brown County Board of Equalization. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage that nominations cease, and a

the 2022 Brown County Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Gage nominated Commissioner Feickert as Vice-Chair for the 2022 Brown County Board of Equalization. Moved by Gage, seconded by Wiese that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot is cast for Commissioner Feickert as Vice-Chair of the 2022 Brown County Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye.

unanimous ballot be cast for

Commissioner Wiese as Chair of

for Chairman.

Motion carried. ASSESSMENT FREEZE - EL-DERLY AND DISABLED:

Moved by Gage, seconded by Feickert to instruct the Director of Equalization to reduce values on all properties qualifying for Assessment Freeze for the Elderly and Disabled for 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ASSESSMENT FREEZE -PARAPLEGIC:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to instruct the Director of Equalization to reduce values on all properties qualifying for Paraplegic Exemption for 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ASSESSMENT FREEZE PARAPLEGIC VETERAN:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to instruct the Director of Equalization to reduce values on all properties qualifying for Paraplegic Veteran Exemption for 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. ASSESSMENT FREEZE – 100%

DISABLED VETERAN:

Moved by Gage, seconded by Feickert to instruct the Director of Equalization to reduce values properties qualifying for 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption for 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. TAX EXEMPT STATUS:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to approve the following tax exempt properties and tax exempt status changes:

Applications submitted per SDCL 10-4-15 for 100% Tax Exempt Status (complete listing available for public inspection Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Director of Equalization Office, 25 Market Street Ste 6, Aberdeen, SD). All members present voting aye.

Motion carried. New Tax Exempt Status, as requested, for the following new applications at 100% exempt: Aberdeen City #32: ABERDEE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LT 1 ADC 2020-2 SD NE 16-123-63 (LT 1 ABDN DEV CORP 1999-ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LT 2 CCC ADD (LT 1 SPEE-DEE ADD NE 16-123-63); ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT ÓRPORATION LT 1 ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT CORP 2013-1 SD (BK 5 ABDN INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVÉLOPMENT CORPORATION

IT 3 BK 1 ABDN INDUSTRIAL PARK EAST ADD NE 16-123-63; ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT CÓRPORATION LT 2 BK 1 ABDN INDUSTRIAL PARK EAST ADD NE16-123-63; ABERDEEN DE-VELOPMENT CORPORATION LT 3 ADC 2019-1 1ST SD NE 16-123-63 (LT 1 ADC 2018-1 1ST SD); ABERDEEN DEVELOP-MENT CÓRPORATION LT 1 BK 7 ABDN INDUSTRIAL PARK EAST ADD NE 16-123-63; ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 16-123-63; ABERDEEN DEVEL-OPMENT CORPORATION LT 5 ADC 2020-1 1ST SD NE 16 63; ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT CÓRPORATION LT 1 MIDSTATES PRINTI NG/ADC SD ABDN IN-DUSTRIAL PARK EAST ADD (L2B7); ASPIRE LT 10 BK 42 2ND ADD; ASPIRE LT 1 MARTIN'S 1ST CONS SD (LT 94-95 MORNING HTS ADD); AVERA ST LUKES LT B OF LT 2 HOWARDS OL B NE 14-123-64 (7.36 A); AVERA ST LUKES LT 7-12 BK 83 HAGERTY & LLOYDS ADD & S 150' LT 2-4 ST LUKES RPL BK 83 HAGERTY & LLOYDS ADD: FOHO I, LLC LT 21 RPL BK 1 HUFFMANS 2ND ADD; MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF

ABERDEEN HOWARD'S OL A NE 1/4 14-123-64 & THE STRIP OF AND IMMEDIATELY E OF SAID OL BETWEEN THE OL & THE W LINE OF RR R/O/W; SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH LT 3 AMERICAN NEWS 1ST SD (BK 18 1ST ADD); SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH LT 1 SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH 2ND SD SW 6-123-63 (LT 10 GUGLES 1ST SD); THE AB-ERDEEN STORE LLC UNIT 1 MALCHOW PLAZA CONDO OF LT 1 MALCHOW'S 1ST ADD (LT 1-5 BK 31 1ST ADD); THE ABERDEEN STORE LLC UNIT 2 MALCHOW PLAZA CONDO

OF LT 1 MALCHOW'S 1ST ADD

(LT 1-5 BK 31 1ST ADD);THE ÀBERDEEN STORE LLC INTEREST OF COMMON AREAS MALCHOW PLAZA CONDO OF LT 1 MALCHOW'S 1ST ADD (LT 1-5 BK 31 1ST ADD); THE ABERDEEN STORE LLC 25% INTEREST OF COMMON AREAS MALCHOW PLAZA CONDO OF LT 1 MALCHOW'S 1ST ADD; Partial Tax Exempt Status,

as requested, for the following applications: CITY REQUESTS FOR LESS THAN 100%; ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT CORP LT 2 BK 1 CENTENNIAL COMMONS ADD SE 17-123-63 at 69.85%; ACT 2 INC #2 MIDWEST CAPITOL PROJECT OF LT 10-12 BK 27 1ST ADD at 63%; ACT 2 INC #3 MIDWEST CAPITOL PROJECT OF LT 13-18 BK 27 1ST ADD EX MEZZANINE HALLWAY UNIT 3 at 63%; ACT 2 INC MEZZANINE STORAGE UNIT 4A #4 MIDWEST CAPITOL PROJECT OF LT 13-18 BK 27 1ST ADD at 63%; AVERA ST LUKES LT 4 HAGERTY & LLOYDS 3RD SD SE 13-123-64 at 32.03%; AVERA ST LUKES LT 3 AVERA-LAND-O-LAKES 2ND SD (B72 H&L & OL 2 LANES) at 40%: AVFRA ST LUKES LOT 1 AVERA LAND-O-LAKES 2ND SD at 72.33%; AVERA ST LUKES LOT 2 AVÉRA LAND-O-LAKES 2ND SD at 39.52%; AVERA ST LUKES LT 1 AVERA ST LUKES ADD (B86, 87, & 96 H&L ETC) at 99.28%; AVERA ST LUKES PORTION OF BK 83 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD & ETC. (SEE R.O.D. FOR FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION) at 40%; AVERA ST LUKES LT AVERA ST LUKES 2ND SD (BK 73 & 82 H&L) at 73.9%; AVÈRA ST LUKES LT 1 AVERA ST LUKES 2ND SD (BK 73 & 82 H&L) at 79.3%; FIRST UNITED METH-ODIST CHURCH LT 12-13 BK 29 SD OF LT 4-5 BK 29 1ST ADD & LT 12-13 BK 29 2ND ADD at 33%; LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE LODGE #590 LT 1-8 & ALL OF 90%; # 23 WARNER TWP RE-QUESTS FOR LESS THAN 100%; FOUNDATION FOR YOUTH FIRE ARMS SAFETY INC N 820' OF SE 15-122-64 E OF RR EX HWY at 80%; # 33 GROTON CITY RE-**OUESTS FOR LESS THAN 100%** GROTON AMERICAN LEGION POST # 39 LT 22-25 BK 11 ORIG PLAT GROTON at 60%; GROTON COMMUNITY TRANSIT INC. LT 9-12 BLK 10 ORIG PLAT GROTON at 75%; # 35 HIGHLAND TWP REQUESTS FOR LESS THAN 100%; ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS (HIGHLAND) ST JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OL LOTS 1 & 2 SW 24-

122-65 at 85% Remove tax exempt status from properties no longer qualifying (complete listing available for public inspection Monday Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Director of Equalization Office, 25 Market Street Ste 6, Aberdeen, SD).

All members present voting ye. Motion carried.

RECESS:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to recess the Board of Equalization recessed until 11:00 a.m. on April 19, 2022.

Cathy McNickle - Brown Coun-Auditor

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Frederick Town April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Town of Frederick

April Minutes The Frederick Town Board meeting was held Wednesday night, April 13, 2022, in the Frederick Community Center with Chairman Campbell, Board member Millard, Utility Manager Bakeberg, FO Bruns and Chief Deputy Officer Dave Lunzman of the Brown County Highway Patrol. The meeting opened at 7 PM with Campbell leading in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell. Motion Carried.

The financials were approved with a motion by Campbell/Millard. Motion Carried.

Approval of the April Accounts Payable was made by Millard/

Campbell. Motion Carried. MDU, Sts \$614.56 Mun Bldg \$206.15 EBL \$378.83 BP \$17.82, \$1,543.88, SP \$34.89 Wtr \$260.60 Swr \$31.03; A. Gunther, Assist EBL, March wage \$50 \$3.10 SS \$.73 Med EBL, \$46.17; Badger Meter, 62 shpd LTE & 116 shpd 1xRTT service units Wtr, \$158.42; Century Bus Prod, Printer lease and copies Gen'l, \$88.55; Community Store,

Supples Mun Bldg, \$24.92; D.

Bruns, CC, Mar+scheduling \$186 Fed \$10 SS \$11.53

Med \$2.70 CC, \$161.77; D.

SS \$99.20 Med \$23.20 FO, \$1,337.60; Dependable San Inc, March garbage charges Garb, \$1,657.00; EFPT, 941 taxes April Fed \$238 SS \$664.76 Med \$155.50, \$1,058.26; FDC, Econ Dev April Econ Dev, \$1,200.00; 1st Nat'l Bank, WWP loan April WWP, \$3,763.00; Frohling Law Office, Revised Law Enforcement Contract Gen'l, \$55.00: GDI, Vacancy Notice, Feb & Mar Mins, Equal Mtgs, \$94.44; J. Kosters, Brd Mem, Mar+2 mtgs \$150 SS \$9.30 Med \$2.18 Gen'l, \$138.52; J.C. Campbell, Inc., Property, Liability, Crime, Auto, Terrorism Ins. Gen'l, \$8,652.00; J.C. Campbell, Inc., Additional insurance premuim for truck purchased from JM Electric, \$339.00; JM Electric Inc., 2009 \$35.00, JM Electric Iric., 2009 Ford F250 Utility Pick-up Truck, \$8,500.00; JVT, Gen'l \$217.72 EBL \$50.77 Wtr \$49.27 FO \$62.75, \$380.51; M. Cox, Libr, Mar \$720 Fed \$43 SS \$44.64 Med \$10.44 EBL, \$621.92; M. Heine, AFO, Mar+1 mtg \$1300 Fed \$33 SS \$80.60 Med \$18.85 FO, \$1,167.55; Menard's, Supplies Mun Bldg \$74.92 Sts \$38.43, \$113.35; R. Bakeberg, UT Mgr, Mar \$980 Fed \$12 SS \$60.76 Med \$14.21, Wtr/Sts/ Swr, \$893.03; R. Bakeberg, VA, Veh Allow Wtr/Sts/Swr, VA, Veh Allow Wtr/Sts/Swi, \$75.00; R.S. Campbell, Chrman, Mar+2 mtgs \$175 SS \$10.85 Med \$2.54, Gen'l, \$161.61; Savings Account , Auto dep to Savings #25 April, \$200.00; SD Dept of Health, Coliform test Wtr, \$30.00; SD Dept of Rev, March Sales Tax Garb, \$76.95; SDARWS, Annual Association dues Water, \$360.00; T. Millard, Brd Mem, Mar+3 mtgs \$200 SS \$12.40 Med \$2.90 Gen'l, \$184.70; USDA-RD, Water Repair Loan April Wtr Repair , \$475.00; WEB Water, 691,800 gals, Wtr, \$3,711.42; TOTAL AC-COÚNTS PAÝABLE APRIL 2022, ,

Bruns, FO, Mar \$1600 Fed \$140

37,269.57 Bakeberg gave a utility report including the endpoints being replaced on all the water meters.

Chief Deputy Lunzman re-ported on the Sheriff's office of patrolling Frederick on a regular basis. He shared the itinerary of the episodes that took place the first 2 weeks in April and asked for other requests or recommendations. The city is pleased with their coverage and has entered into a contract with the Brown County Sheriff's office for regular patrolling of Frederick.

A motion was made to charge the new owner at 404 6th Street for all utility charges since purchase in October of 2021. The city was not notified of purchase and therefore needs to return charges automatically withdrawn from previous owner's account. Motion made by Campbell/Millard. Motion Carried.

The Schlosser/Sumption rezoning Ordinance will have its' 2nd reading at the May meeting.

The Frederick 2021 Annual Report was accepted with a motion by Campbell/Millard. Motion Accepted.

The Emma Burnham Library 1st Quarter report was accepted with a motion made by Millard/ Campbell. Motion Accepted.

2nd Reading of Ordinance #222 "Official Status to Officers was approved with a roll call motion; Millard, Aye; Campbell, Aye. Motion Approved.

New LED lights in the FO were put on hold till May meeting when Troy will have an appraisal

The opening for an assistant to Utility Manager Bakeberg will be included in the utility bills.

Those not keeping their promises for paying overdue utility bills will be shut off this week.

Motion to adjourn meeting 1M/SC at 8:21. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns, Frederick Finance Officer

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Brown County April 12, 2022 Consol. Equalization

APRIL 12, 2022 - CONSOLI-DATED BOARD OF EQUALIZA-

Members of the Brown County Commission, and Aberdeen School District 6-1, Auditor Cathy McNickle, and Director of Equalization Gene Loeschke met for the consolidated board of equalization. A quorum was not established. The meeting will be re-noticed for April 26th, 1:00 PM at the Brown County Courthouse Commission Chambers. 25 Market St. Aberdeen, SD 57401. (SDCL 10-11-25).

Oaths of Office were taken by Brown County Commissioners, Mike Wiese, Dennis Feickert, Mike Gage, and Aberdeen School Board Member Duane Alm.

Cathy McNickle - Brown County Auditor

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Stratford Town Beverage

License Hearing NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENS-

ES TOWN OF STRATFORD NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Town Board in and for the Town of Stratford, South Dakota, will meet on the 27th day of April, 2022 at the hour of 7:00 PM at the Stratford Community Center to consider the following new Alcoholic Beverage Licenses which have been presented to the Governing Body and filed in the Finance Office as listed herein:

Stratford Community Theatre of 293 Rondell Ave, Suite 1 Operating at 291 Rondell

Stratford, SD 57474

New 2022 On-Sale and Package Off-Sale Liquor License New 2022 Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage & SD Farm Wine

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT any person, persons, or their attorney may appear and be heard at said scheduled public hearing if they are interested in the approval or rejection of any such applications.

Dated at Stratford, South Da-kota this 19th day of April, 2022 Suzanne Moen Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$11.96. 21129

Stratford Town March 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Town of Stratford Minutes of March 14, 2022 Meeting

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on March14, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Community

Hall. Those in attendance were Bourassa, L Jark, Prickett,

Prickett called the meeting

Previous Meeting Minutes reviewed - Bourassa made the motion to approve, Jark seconded the motion.

Helms & Associates Water and Wastewater Projects - Identified projects as listed in the reports The suggested Wastewater

project - 4.4.2 fencing and road Possibly televise to check for obstructions or other issues. Discussed flushing sewer lines outside of the project.

The suggested Drinking water project - 4.3.2 also 4.4.2 covered (source/distribution) 5.3.2 and

Motion to authorize Prickett to sign State Water Plan application, motion by Jark, 2nd by Bourassa Sump pump purchased - along with WIFI-enabled sen-

Prickett to discuss storage with the theatre group.

Discussed possibility of renting the back storage to the legion for \$50/month.

Motion to pay bills by Prickett, 2nd Jark (minus Helms) Equalization meeting on March 23rd at 7:00 pm

Add March 24th to the Special Event License approved. Motion by Bourassa, 2nd by Jark Special Event License approved for Legion District Meeting March 26th Jensen property will be up for auction next year.

Water raté increase - WEB increase, motion to increase to \$5/1000 gallons to begin May 1, 2022 by Prickett, 2nd by Jark. Artesian well - Lloyd to get

update on best method to cap. Adjourned at 8:45 pm by until Equalization, sec ond by Bourassa. Next regular meeting will be April 18, 2022 7:00 PM

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Stratford Town Feb. 15, 2022 **Meeting Minutes**

Town of Stratford Minutes of February 15, 2022 Meeting

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM

Community Hall. Those in attendance were Bourassa, L Jark, Prickett, Moen, Helms & Associates. Prickett called the meeting to order.

Helms & Associates presented the Preliminary Engineering Report for water and wastewater improvement recommendations

Board to review reports and send any corrections to Brandon at Helms & Associates. By April 1 need to decide if Stratford should be on state water plan (need to

be on 3 months before funding) Next phase of renovation project includes Furnace & A/C \$4,000-may or may not in-

clude duct cleaning (Generator separate) Need additional details from SCT. Need bid for Air Conditioner

for Insurance claim. Prickett to follow up.

Hanlon Brothers - check returned as the gravel was for the township, not the city.

Basement - sump pump issues were discussed. The men's stool in the main restrooms has been running, approved updating both Men's & Women's toilets to the high-rise/handicap accessible type. Moen will arrange

purchase and installation. Sump - may need 2nd unit for backup, possible unit outside in pipe to keep water away from building, motion to pur chase 1/2 horsepower pumps should call Palmers to ask about warranty.

Storage being created above the bathrooms-need to review items from storage. Meeting adjourned by Prickett, second by Bourassa

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Stratford Town Feb. 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes February 2, 2022

Review meeting minutes - November 15th anď 29th. Motion to approve by Prickett, 2nd by

Hanlon gravel - May have paid for gravel for the township.

Krueger gravel - \$624.60 to be paid by Jark, \$208.20 to be paid by city, approved amounts \$1041 + 416.40

Buzz McNeil - Jark paid additional \$200 out of personal and \$500 was billed. Jark would like to be reimbursed and also something for the time and fuel he used. \$400 payroll to Jark

Land transfer with city attorney. Plan to have for next meeting. Johnson properties - Jark to get update for next meeting.

Tony Waldner - like to build in Stratford, Jark would like to platt old school property at 100' lots instead of 50' will need sewer (from Taylor alley over) Jark proposed paying for 1/2 to bring straight line over. When the lot is purchased and building begins, the city will discuss approval.

Finding curbstops for water to turn off lots on the NE part of town. Talk to Helms about new builds. (Should review current ordinances and how to recover costs for new builds.)

Basement sump pump under old section-was not pumping water, Waldner hooked up a different pump and it pumped down. Need to review, possible Approved bills Motion by Prick-

ett, 2nd by Jark Next meeting 2/15/22 with Helms

Dayton - approved, Fire special event 2/11, birthday 2/12-prickett (approved) , Dates OK–March 26th Le-

gion special event, (need) play request dates approved (need

Pullman-when weather improves will get on the schedule Doors for front of hall discussed. Don't feel that the entry way is the best location. Motion to adjourn by Prickett, 2nd

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Stratford Town Nov. 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

November 2021 Meeting Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on November 15, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the Community Hall.

Those in attendance were Bourassa, L Jark, Prickett, Moen Hanlon Brothers - Prickett had a discussion regarding the

gravel bill. Hanlon documentation shows all loads were delivered. Agreed to pay full bill \$3400; motion by Jark, 2nd

by Bourassa More gravel being delivered by Kruger's - 3-20 yard loads to be delivered 11/16/21, plus 2 dump loads = 5 total (one dump load in pile at Jark's shop delivered and one North of the fire hall). Two loads to the alley behind the bee--Jark to pay for those loads. Motion by Bourassa to pay Kruger amount to be determined,

2nd by Prickett. Previous meeting minutes -Prickett motion to approve, 2nd Bourassa

Smoke test - 8 locations (outside of home sewer vents) marked for leaks/old sewer

hookups Water - still monitoring Johnson properties - Attorney certified letter or city removes

Approved to have Jark follow up with his attorney to find out the best way to move forward.

Murray properties - Prickett had a discussion with L. Murray. the properties and do what is Old railroad property

They want to stay involved with

approval to use hall and spe-

Adjourn to be continued...

(Paperwork for transferring

Johnson Properties Wednes-day meeting at 11:00 - Jark with

his attorney (offer to buy Jeff &

2 toilets for East bathrooms

Will pay Buzz McNeil to clean

Motion to pay bills for Decem-

Waiting to hear from well

vendors to get the line capped

Dusty Schley - mapping for smoke test, cisterns and curb

stops, etc. to help with locating.

Asking that we flag as things are

identified. Also mark the location

for the centennial time capsule

Alcohol, motion by Jark, 2nd by

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Stratford Town

Oct. 21, 2021

Meeting Minutes

October 2021 Meeting

Town of Stratford Minutes of

Stratford Town Board of Trust-

ees met in regular session on

October 11, 2021, at 7:00 PM in

L Jark, Prickett, Moen and Helms

in attendance were Bourassa,

Prickett called the meeting

Raymond Stange - clean trees

up on the East side of the reser-

voir (dead trees) Stange to pay

ates--window for funding. Water

study, wastewater? (1997) lines

and pump maintained, lagoon

cells might need to be reviewed.

Dept of Ag for water 80% grant

their study is \$10k (our portion is

\$2k) Facility plan - background of

the town, wetland information,

entire system is reviewed--in,

out, metering--how old, what

kind. Study doesn't lock us into anything. Could determine if

we need to replace lines. Use

maps we have, flow test where

they can (hydrants), pressure

testing at houses water system

(early 80's) own to property line

Should be done by early

spring to get funding rolling 2nd

round (contract states 7/31/21).

NECOG would take care of the

Review lines, pumps, under-ground lagoons for wastewater

Discussion about pursuing wa-

ter and wastewater study - mo-

tion by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa

proving, still work to do. Will

send billing options to delinquent

Accounts receivables are im-

Bill presented for work com-

pleted by residents using their

choice of vendor for water line

work. Approved contractor was

not used. No permission to tie

into the water system. City will

nance--need to get final num-

bers from the county Tower--no

regular scheduled meeting on

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Stratford Town

Sept. 1, 2021

Meeting Minutes

September 2021 Meeting

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in attendance were Bouras-

Water/wastewater projects

American Rescue Plan/Act

Water meter/water lines, sew-

ARPA - DENR/DANR programs

sa, L Jark, Prickett, Moen and

NECOG representative. Prickett

called the meeting to order.

NECOG - Ted Dickey

drinking water

ees met in regular session on

September 1, 2021, at 7:00 PM

in the Community Hall. Those

update on sale of property

ovember 8th, 2021.

opportunity provider.

Annual appropriation ordi-

Adjourn @ 8:41 pm until next

grant through the Dept of Aq.

eparate money)

Brandon from Helms & Associ-

the Community Hall. Those

& Associates representative.

to order.

for work done.

(curb ston)

reimburse

Coyote Hunt Special Event

Adjourn until January 10th @

(near tennis courts/slide).

Bourassa

off Still need a date

up trees on the South side of

ber by Prickett, 2nd by Bourassa.

John's properties/buildings)

(\$300)

November 29th (with December

cial event license for Legion

business) November 29th

roperty to John Ellingson)

applicable through them) Register with SAM by 9/18/21 (new date 10/18/21)

Engineer to work with - Water/Sewer - smoke tests? (1997 install) Groundwater into sewer system will give recommendations and cost estimates

er lines, lagoon - should be eli-

gible apply for small community

planning grant (overground not

NECOG will give additional ideas for funding after study is completed

Will send Engineering list to us Land and water conservation fund - playgrounds April 30th, 2022 (SDML)

Street Light - received quote for light for lift station. Quote was signed and will be mailed.

Hydrant at the ballpark/memorial has been replaced with a frost-free hydrant. There is no curb stop.

New door or window cover is needed for the concession stand (maybe an exterior door or plywood). NVC/JVC Tower -- need to

follow up with Ellingsons about payment for land sale.

Suggestion made to spend \$1000 on trees and \$5000 for roads after payment is received Jark to check on distribution

of payment for the Mossbrucker

Still waiting to hear from Pullman's about working on the Artesian well. Call has not been made to Stretch's; Moen to follow up.

Motion to approve minutes from July meeting by Prickett, second by Bourassa.

Properties have been sold in town. Will need to get buyer contact information for water/ sewer billing. Buildings should be inspected for damage from the hail/thunderstorm. Moen to follow up.

The ice machine was dis-

cussed and it is believed the theatre will be replacing the current one. Prickett motioned to pay bills

for the months covering August and September, Jark seconded. Dakota Pump & Control (sewer clean out) \$989.80, Dept of Health \$30, Green Apple Septic Tank Service (sewer clean out) \$800, JVC (phone) \$43.20, Ken's (buns) \$70.08, NÉSD Econ Corp

\$767.42, NW Energy \$1139.20, SD DENR \$30.75, Sewer Duck (sewer clean out) \$325, United Fire Group \$424, USDA Rural Development \$956, WDM (water sampling) \$1377.54, WEB Water \$5016.49

Special Event license from Stratford Community Theatre for September 10-12, 2021; motion to approve by Prickett, seconded by Jark.

Motion to adjourn by Prickett and second by Bourassa. Next regular meeting is October 11 at 7:00 pm. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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Stratford Town **April 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes**Town of Stratford Minutes of

April 18, 2022 Meeting

Stratford Town Board of Trustees met in regular session on April 18, 2022, at 7:00 PM in the Community
Hall. Those in attendance

were Bourassa, L Jark, Prickett, Moen, guest D. Hoeft.

Meeting wa called to order by Prickett.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to anprove by Prickett, 2nd by Jark. Storage above restroo

not be pursued as the space is not needed for the city. Jark to follow up on capping the artesian well. Bourassa to

check with Pullman's again. Mowing bid received - closes May 9th. Motion by Bourassa to approve this bid pending receipt

of other bids, second by Jark. D. Hoeft requested permission to clean out the ditch along 4th St (Dayton Ave South).

At the intersection of Dayton & 4th, will install a culvert as well as another culvert for the city at the same time. This work will be started after the lots are surveyed. Prickett or Bourassa to get culverts when needed (should need 60' can get from Jensen Rock & Sand). Gravel – for consideration at a later time on Dayton Ave.

Replace culvert by Arrowsmith Honey-requested Hoeft to repair/replace as needed. FINANCE REPORT:

Bills presented for the month: Brown County Register of Deeds (land sale) \$19, Dept of Health (water testing) \$75, Fischbach Law Office (land sale) \$708.75 Menards (materials/tools for roof project) \$1627.36, SD Public \$1006.67; Automatic Withdraw

als: JVC (phone) \$42.51, NESD Economic Corp \$383.71, Northwestern Energy \$1127.68 + \$58.93 (water/sewer), United Fire and Casualty \$424, Rural Development Sewer Loan \$478, WEB Water \$1134.74. Motion to pay bills by Prickett, 2nd by Jark.

Would like to talk with Waldner Construction regarding current work and new estimate for roof. Request to operate the bar once per week for meals. Moen to follow up with the state office on options. Hall use requests approved-Erickson, Ellingson, D Jark, Stange (tables/chairs)

Prickett reappointed for a 3-year term. Motion by Bourassa, Jark 2nd.

WDM contract signed for water testing. Grant awards signed for water and wastewater studies. Adjourn at 9:00 PM, next meeting May 9th at 7:00 pm

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pproximate cost of \$22.90.

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the Finance Officer or mail to: Town of Stratford Attn: Mowing Bids 293 Rondell Ave Stratford, SD 57474

1. Ball Park and picnic area

2. City Park

3. Lots West of the old fire hall Bids will be opened at the meeting on May 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Suzanne Moen, Finance Of-

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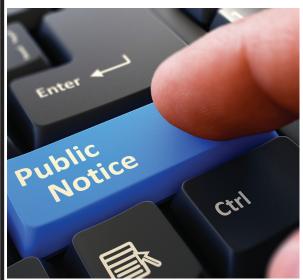
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Federal money provides much-needed boost to capacity of Lewis & Clark water system

Stu Whitney South Dakota News Watch

The Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, which serves Sioux Falls and other population centers in eastern South Dakota, has received a record amount of federal funding at just the right time to accommodate surging populations and drought conditions.

The new money will move the original system closer to full completion while also making possible expansion that is crucial in the processing and delivery of fresh water to much of southeastern South Dakota.

Tapping into an aquifer adjacent to the Missouri River south of Vermillion, the wholesale provider serves 15 community members in South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota - including Sioux Falls and neighboring cities Harrisburg, Lennox and Tea. Though Sioux Falls has other water sources such as the Big Sioux Aguifer, smaller cities that rely solely on Lewis & Clark such as Beresford, Centerville and Parker exceeded their expected amount of water usage last summer.

That increase in demand could challenge the system's ability to collect, treat and deliver water for residential and agricultural use at a time when nearly half of South Dakota faces either severe or extreme drought conditions, according to data from the National Drought Mitigation Center.

The enhanced system that Lewis & Clark has been trying to complete since breaking ground in 2003 – which treats the water and stores it in wells before distributing it through pipelines – would deliver a total of 44.1 million gallons a day to its members and reach an estimated 350,000 people. But that project is not yet complete.

Last year, Lewis & Clark ran at a maximum capacity of 32.2 million gallons a day and came close to hitting that amount of usage during the summer months, forcing administrators to consider throttling back distribution.



Troy Larson

"We put out a plea to members to voluntarily reduce their consumption to the degree they were able," said Troy Larson, director of the water system. "Their collective efforts brought us back from the brink."

Beyond completing the original blueprint, which could happen in the next few years, expansion of the sys-

tem is already planned, with increased storage and the goal of pushing capacity to 60 million gallons a day by 2030, a project funded by the system's members.

"That expansion is driven by the drought," said Larson. "But just because we're starting it now doesn't mean it will be done tomorrow. It's not a phased deal. Until we finish, there won't be an additional drop of water beyond those (44.1 million) gallons."

That could make for an interesting summer, especially with construction of a new collector well near the Missouri River south of Vermillion slowed by shipping delays. The well, built to extract and process groundwater from the aguifer, was scheduled to be completed in early June but could now stretch into September, adding stress not just on residential use



This is one of two 7.5 million gallon fresh water reservoirs located near the city of Tea, just outside Sioux Falls. The **Lewis & Clark Regional Water System** has a current capacity of about 32 million gallons a day. Photo: Courtesy Lewis & Clark system

but agricultural and economic development.

Jesse Fonkert, president and CEO of the Sioux Metro Growth Alliance, said his group has had to turn away several agriculture-based development projects in the Sioux Falls area over the past year because of the inability to meet large-scale water demands.

"There are several that we got to the final stage on, but the water component is key," said Fonkert. "The state is doing a good job of going out and recruiting these projects, but the challenge locally is having enough land and utility to seal the deal."

Infrastructure package provides boost

Ever since the Lewis & Clark system received congressional authorization in 2000, federal funding has dictated the pace of construction, keeping some communities waiting for service. The spigot of spending slowed considerably after an earmark ban was passed in 2011, preventing Congress from allocating a certain amount of money for a specific project. That led to seven consecutive years, from 2011 to 2017, of Lewis & Clark receiving less than \$10 million to add pipeline, reservoirs and pump stations to the project.

"We were struggling mightily to make any progress at all," said Larson, who closely followed legislative efforts to pass a major infrastructure package in Washington following the 2021 reinstatement of earmarks with new safeguards.

The vision became reality last November, when President Joe Biden signed a \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law that led to a record \$75 million investment in the Lewis & Clark project for fiscal year 2022 through the Bureau of Reclamation.

That will allow service to be extended to Madison in South Dakota, as well as northwest Iowa communities such as Hull, Sioux Center and Sheldon, meaning the original blueprint (with more infrastructure funding likely in the next two years) could be completed by 2025.

"I remember when I was hired (in 2003) going to Sheldon and Sibley and Madison and not being able to tell them what decade they would get water, let alone what year," said Larson. "I would like to say that it was drought or momentum that made the difference, but the stars finally aligned with the political will to pass an infrastructure bill. It was a gamechanger for us."

Rounds, both Republicans, voted against the infrastructure measure, though they worked early in the process to get projects such as Lewis & Clark included. Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Io-

wa, voted against it, while Chuck Grassley was one of 19 Republican senators who supported it. In the House, Republican South Dakota Rep. Dusty Johnson voted against it, calling the bill's overall spending "unsustainable," an opinion echoed by Thune in a statement following his vote.

"I have said from the very beginning that this bill should be fully paid for, and unfortunately, that is not the case," said Thune. "While I support investments in our nation's infrastructure, I could not support this final product that will further increase the national debt and financially burden future generations."

Another federal stimulus package, the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan signed by Biden in March 2021, will boost Lewis & Clark's expansion plans, which carry a price tag of about \$100 million. The work was to be funded by members, a cost that gets passed to consumers, so states were asked to help defray those costs using ARPA funds.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds recently announced \$12 million in state ARPA funds that will complete that state's commitment to the expansion project, while Lewis & Clark hopes to secure \$350,000 from Minnesota for its more modest share of system infrastructure.

South Dakota, which Larson calls the "heart and lungs" of the project, was asked for \$43 million for expansion and has allocated \$13.1 million so far - part of \$600 million of ARPA funds earmarked for local water and wastewater infrastructure grants. In all, the state's Board of Water and Natural Resources recently approved \$1.1 billion of funding in grants and loans for drinking water and wastewater projects, with more than 90 organizations receiving funding.

Preparing for the worst

There's an old saying that whiskey is for drinking and water is for fighting over. For David Ganje, a Rapid City lawyer who specializes in water and energy regulation, that sentiment rings particularly true during times of crisis, such as a drought.

Since Lewis & Clark relies heavily on public funding, Ganje has called for more accountability from the water provider on matters such as aquifer levels and priority of use for states and communities. Though the Missouri River is regarded by many as an inexhaustible resource, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has pointed to low levels in major reservoirs this spring and a decrease in power generation from dams.

Lewis & Clark uses 11 vertical wells that tap

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One of four solids contact basins at South Dakota senators John Thune and Mike the Lewis & Clark water treatment plant near Vermillion. The system is planning an expansion to distribute 60 million gallons a day across three states by 2030.

Photo: Courtesy Lewis & Clark system



Workers connect a 54-inch pipe as part of the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System. The base project recently received \$75.5 million in federal funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed in **2021.** Photo: Courtesy Lewis & Clark system

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into the Elk Point Aquifer, hydraulically connected to and recharged by the Missouri River near Vermillion. Larson pointed out that water rights are granted by the state, with aquifer levels monitored by the South Dakota Geological Survey and the Department of Agriculture and National Resources.

But Ganje contends that "no water resource should be assumed to be inexhaustible," calling for public analysis of which Lewis & Clark members have priority of water rights during times of drought and other emergencies, when shut-down orders can potentially occur.

"When you're serving a contract between various government agencies and systems in different states, there needs to be a publicly available document regarding the priority of use in the event of shut down or reduced use," said Ganje. "In the case of Lewis & Clark, I've never seen such a document."

Larson said that type of agreement exists among members. If the system has to reduce the delivery of water, he said, it happens proportionally based on the amount each member is signed on to receive.

Such a scenario could occur this summer, if 2021 was any indication. Tea, a fast-growing community of about 7,000 residents just southwest of Sioux Falls, has a contract for 1.1 million gallons per day and reached 1.008 million gallons one day last June. The city averaged 837,461 million gallons a day that month, up from 433,706 in June of 2018.

Thad Konrad, Tea's maintenance supervisor, said normal usage most of the year is about a third of capacity. But summer heat, especially in drought conditions, leads to heavy lawn watering in late July and August. The city has been a major advocate for Lewis & Clark expansion, of which Tea will receive a proportional amount.

"We're concerned, but it's not like people are going to run out of drinking water," said Konrad. "A lot of it comes from a few people who dump 80,000 gallons a month on their yards. If everyone would just water normally, it wouldn't be as much of a problem."

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Groton Area Loses Lead Early in Defeat to Howard

Groton Area watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 6-3 loss to Howard HS Tigers on Saturday. Howard HS Tigers scored on a single by Luke Koepsell in the first inning, a groundout by Jace Sifore in the first inning, a double by Kade Shumaker in the first inning, and a double by Griffin Clubb in the second inning.

In the first inning, Howard HS Tigers got their offense started. Koepsell singled on a 2-0 count, scoring one run.

Jack Neises earned the victory on the hill for Howard HS Tigers. The righthander allowed one hit and zero runs over four innings, striking out five and walking zero. Logan Mentele threw three innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Jackson Cogley took the loss for Groton Area. Truss Pros in Britton is looking to hire Cogley surrendered five runs on six hits over

Colby Dunker led Groton Area with two hits

Howard HS Tigers totaled eight hits in the game. Clubb and Ryder Erickson all collected multiple hits for Howard HS Tigers.

Hoover Collects Four Hits as Groton Area Defeats Varsity Rebels

Kaleb Hoover would not be denied at the plate on Saturday, picking up four hits and leading Groton Area to a 12-3 win over Oldham-Ramona/Rutland/Arlington Varsity Rebels. Hoover singled in the second, doubled in the third, singled in the fifth, and doubled in the seventh.

Groton Area grabbed an early lead. Groton Area scored on a single by Bradin Althoff in the first inning, a single by Pierce Kettering in the second inning, a groundout by Jackson Cogley in the second inning, and a single by Jordan Bjerke in the second inning.

Groton Area took the lead for good with four fight for you! 866-709-7689 (Hours: Mon-Fri runs in the second inning. In the second Kettering singled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run, Cogley grounded out, scoring one run, and Bjerke singled on a 1-2 count, scoring two runs.

Kettering was the winning pitcher for Groton Area. Kettering surrendered two runs on two installs. Senior & Military Discounts available. hits over two innings, striking out two. Dillon Abeln and Hoover entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game

> Kadyn Geherls took the loss for Oldham-Ramona/Rutland/Arlington Varsity Rebels. Geherls went five and two-thirds innings, allowing nine runs on 11 hits and striking out two.

Groton Area scattered 14 hits in the game. ADVERTISE IN NEWSPAPERS statewide for Hoover, Abeln, Brevin Fliehs, and Althoff all only \$150. Put the South Dakota Statewide managed multiple hits for Groton Area. Hoover Classifieds Network to work for you today! led Groton Area with four hits in four at bats. (25 words for \$150. Each additional word \$5.) Fliehs led Groton Area with two stolen bases, Statewide Full Digital Ad is \$300 for 1 week. as they ran wild on the base paths with 11 stolen bases. Groton Area was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Hoover had the most chances in the field with

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EARTHTALK®

Dear EarthTalk: Could climate change really be making my allergies worse? -- L. Pulaski, New Bern, NC

Pollen may be an unfortunate contributor to poor health in the first place, but there are signs that this nuisance will become worse. Warm weather contributes to an uptick in pollen count, and air pollution can concentrate it. Climate change is now a known contributor to changes not only in the seas and atmosphere but also modifying the life cycles and even biological processes of everyday plants.

In fact, carbon dioxide pollution is especially pernicious in this regard. Not only does it cause the vast majority of global warming in general, but it also has a strong connection with aller- **getting worse in recent years, climate** gens. Plants grow bigger in the presence of more carbon dioxide, a potent greenhouse gas. change may indeed be to blame. Credit: Pavel In the process, they produce more flowers with greater amounts of pollen. Combining larger Danilyuk, Pexels.com.



Caption: If you've noticed your allergies

plants, more flowers and more pollen means longer allergy seasons.

Furthermore, some plants will produce more pollen when they are concentrated in urban "heat islands" which trap and concentrate heat. Examples of plants affected by this include poison ivy and ragweed. Poison ivy grows in greater abundance and larger sizes. It also produces more irritants such as the chemical urushiol in these conditions. Ragweed produces more pollen when temperatures rise and possibly even produces more irritants then as well.

Another type of irritant we need to worry about is mold, especially in household materials such as walls or insulation materials. Persistent mold exposure can result in infection and other breathing troubles. Carbon dioxide production, fluctuating moisture levels and temperature shifts—all typical of our new climate—enable mold growth even more.

The pernicious grip of allergies on human health has been around for millennia, but it takes little imagination to understand that this budding health crisis will become increasingly insidious. The research clearly shows that pollen seasons are lengthening.

While reducing climate change will take concerted global effort, there are some ways we can reduce the impact of allergens on our own health. For starters, try landscaping with trees that produce less pollen, such as female trees and bushes when landscaping. Ways to support policy and civil society initiatives include donating to asthma and allergy research centers such as the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America to help understand further causes plus mitigation. Understanding what triggers allergen production and how we are affected by it will help everyday people live healthier, happier lives.

Allergies may be worsening, but losing hope over the climate change fight as a whole would be a wrong turn. Allergy shifts are simply a difficult wakeup call to invest in further climate efforts. Reducing emissions will lessen the production of greenhouse gasses that lead to warming temperatures and pollen production.

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The Skin You're In

Skin is the largest organ in the human body, but it's easy to take it for granted. Unless we notice pain or itching or funny spots, most people don't give it much thought.



Debra Johnston, MD

However, the skin is critically important. It helps regulate our body temperature and fluid and electrolyte balance. It provides us critical information about our environment, and it protects us from invasion by the sea of germs we encounter every day. Some of the sickest patients doctors ever treat are those who have had significant skin loss, whether due to illness like toxic epidermal necrolysis, or injury like burns.

This important organ can give doctors clues to diseases elsewhere in the body. Rashes might suggest celiac disease, or an overactive immune system, or internal cancers. Skin discoloration might alert us to liver diseases, hormonal conditions, or dangerous exposures.

The skin itself is subject to diseases. Genetics plays a role in conditions like eczema and psoriasis. Sometimes our habits can set the stage for skin problems. Sun exposure increases the risk of skin cancer, but it also accelerates the development of wrinkles. Smoking does, too.

So, what can we do to protect our skin, especially as summer approaches?

One big step is to protect it from the sun. Sunscreen is very useful! Use one that blocks both UVA and UVB light. Choose SPF 30 or higher, and don't forget to re-apply every two hours. Most sunscreens break down when exposed to the sun, so even if you are wearing SPF100 it won't last through the afternoon. Sunscreen takes about 15 minutes to bind to your skin and protect you, so put it on before you head out. Use enough: the average adult needs at least a shot glass worth for each application. One bottle might not last your family through the whole weekend at the lake. Water resistance is useful, but sunscreen is never truly waterproof, so re-apply after swimming or sweating. Ultraviolet light penetrates cloud cover, so sunscreen is important even on overcast days. Don't forget your lips: many skin cancers develop there, so wear lip balm with SPF.

Sunscreen isn't the only protective measure you can take. Consider the tried-and-true approach of covering up. Wear long sleeves and wide brimmed hats. Stay inside, if you can, especially during the parts of the day with the most direct sunlight.

Your skin has a big job, protecting you from the environment. You can return the favor, and protect it, too.

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