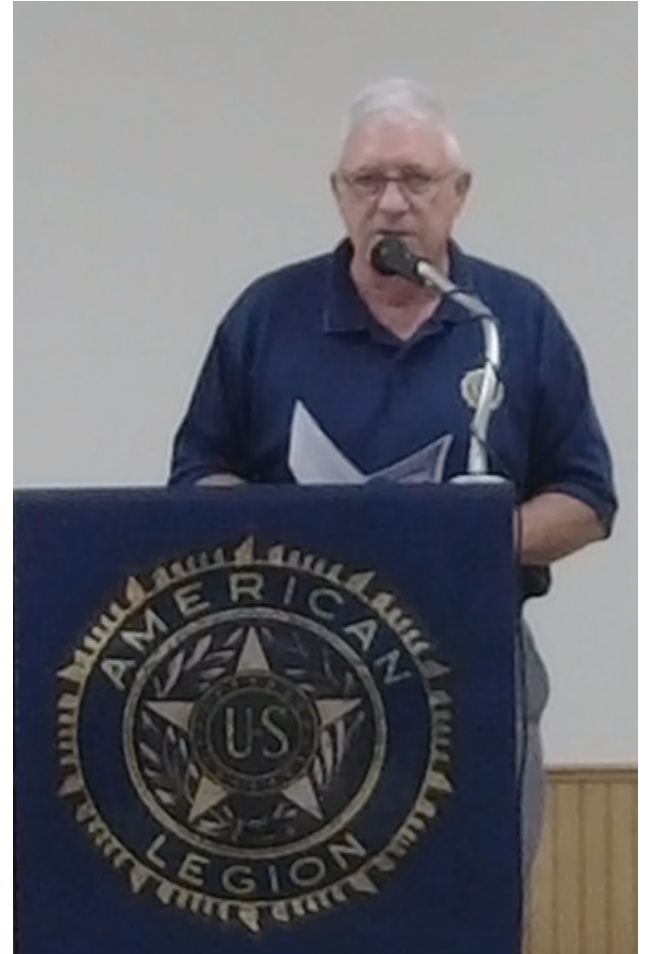




Members from Groton Unit 39 of the American Legion Auxiliary and one veteran's family placed flowers and staked 319 flags at the Groton cemetery. Please join us and the American Legion on Memorial Day to honor and remember our deceased veterans. (Photos by Jan Seibel)



Les Hinds was the guest speaker at the Memorial Day Program held at the American Legion Post home. The service was moved inside with the uncertainty of the weather. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video.)



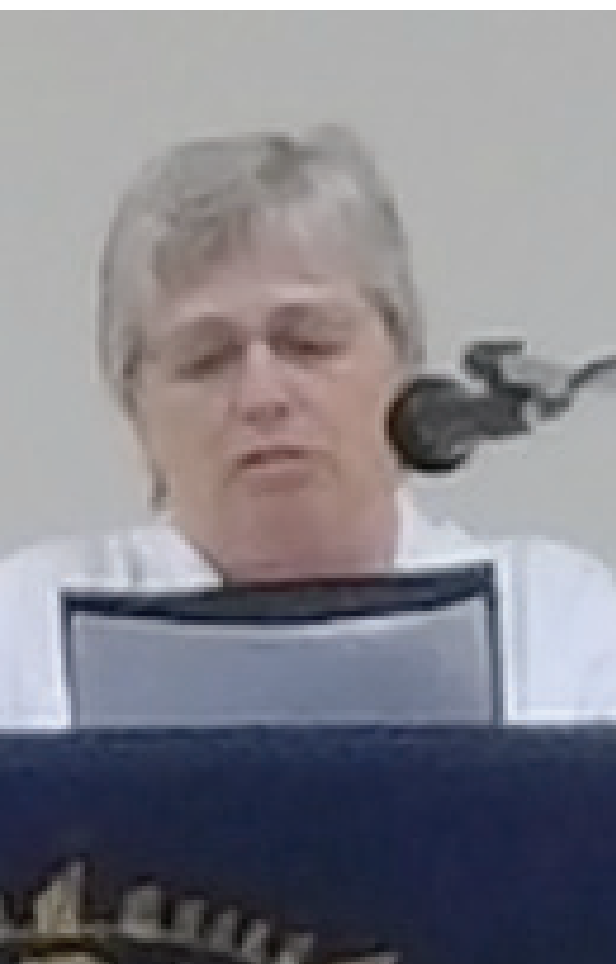
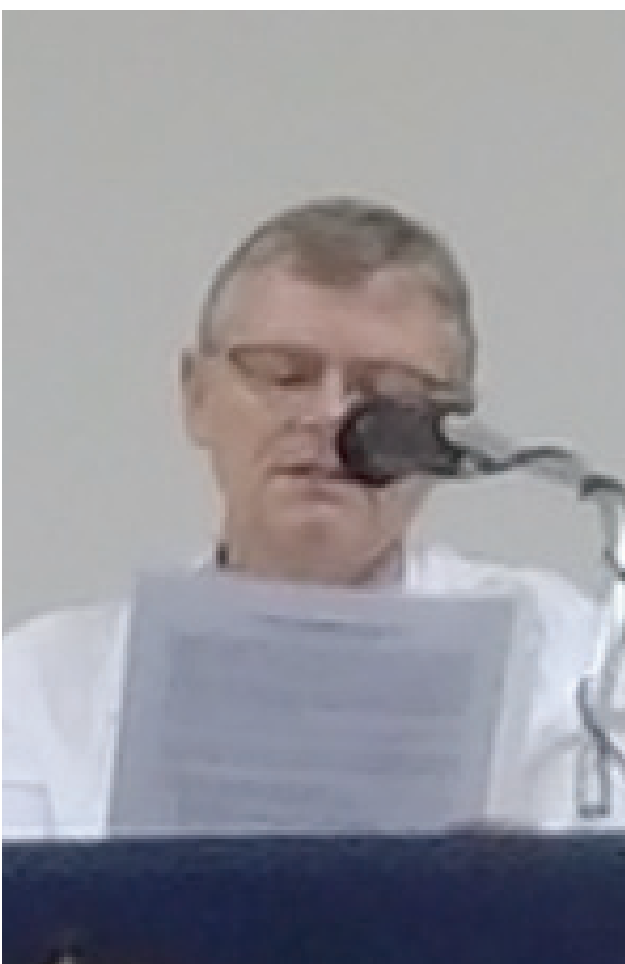
Legion Commander Robert Wegner was the Master of Ceremonies. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video.)

Guthmiller advances to state in girls golf

Carly Guthmiller will represent Groton Area at the State Golf Meet June 6-7 in Sioux Falls. The regional meet was held May 26 at Madison.

Guthmiller shot a 53 in the front nine and a 48 in the back nine for a total score of 101. She placed 14th. The top 19 advance to state.

Others participating from Groton Area were Carly Gilbert with a score of 119, Emma Schinkel with a 136 and Shaylee Peterson with a 139.



Debra McKiver and Tami Zimney did the reading of the Honor Roll.

(Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video.)

To all the cars I've loved before

My first car was a 1967 Pontiac Catalina with 400 cubic inches under the hood. She came to me as a rumor. A friend had heard that a widow who lived between Frederick and Hecla (SD) had a car for sale, so off we went. It was mine for \$200.

Like all first cars, it was love at first sight. Oh, the silver paint on the 11-year-old beast had already begun to fade—that was an issue with that paint in those days—and the tie rods and ball joints were loose; the upholstery had a couple of tears and it needed tires, but I worked at the Cenex gas station that summer, so I could get a deal. Plus, the boss let me put her on the hoist to pack wheel bearings and such whenever I wanted.

I Turtle-waxed her the first day, and then, I swear, I dusted The Gray Ghost, as one of my friends dubbed her, every morning, because you know the way wax attracts dust.

Someday, I'm going to make a list of every car I've owned, but you never forget your first. Or the second, because The Gray Ghost almost killed me just a few months later when I was back from SDSU for Thanksgiving. In all actuality, I killed it, and could have taken myself and four friends out that night. (Thank, you Lord.) Apparently, my college classes had not yet gotten to "common sense." The part where you don't drive 85 mph in the fog on unfamiliar roads with a snoot-full.

The salvage yard gave me \$200 for the wreck and let me keep the new tires and the five teeth on the floorboard I'd extracted on the steering wheel prior to my hospitalization. My mom laughed in relief, I think, when she saw me the next day with a featureless face, save for a multitude of stitches, swollen like a basketball.

After my face and wallet had sufficiently recovered I learned that Merlon Kotila had two cars for sale—a maroon 1964 Impala with just 60,000 miles on it, and a two-toned 1967 V-8 Impala—definitely the sharper car but with higher miles, and I suspected, more maintenance looming than a college student could afford.

Merlon moaned when I chose the '64 for \$600, because she was a beauty, and a good car is tough to give up. Six-banger, three on the tree. Dual antennas than made her look faster than she was. Interest rates were about 20% then, so that \$60-a-month payment went on until about last year.

I drove her four years. Jacked up the rear end with rubber wedges in the springs. Added the obligatory Jensen 8-track. The acoustics with those giant front and rear windows were fantastic. I replaced the fuel pump, water pump, and other parts as needed, but the Impala served me well. And, well, she became the love of my life. Like a thousand other Bozos out there, though, I sold her for \$100 out of fiscal desperation after I'd moved on to an immaculate 1975 Mercury Grand Marquis, a mafia staff car with a trunk that could hold three bodies, at least. Not that I tried.

Fifteen years ago, I had a chance to buy another '64 at a car show in Aberdeen, SD—cheap—and I still don't know why I didn't. Yes, I do. Two kids. A business loan and a mortgage. Still... As I look back, I realize that one seldom regrets the toys you did buy. The ones you let get away, though...

I was on I-94 last week in my Audi convertible (see, I've never gotten past my infatuation with cars) when I came upon a semi carrying half a dozen restored vintage cars including a cream-white '64 Impala with maroon trim and dual antennas. I followed for a while, drooling and conspiring as to how I might hijack the load, before reality regained control.

When I passed, I honked like a madman in appreciation, but afterward I worried that the driver might think I was some kind of road-raging jerk. No, he had to know how epic his cargo was. He had to know.

A year ago today, I sold my pristine shiny black V-8 2000 Mustang convertible after 20 years of ownership because I thought I couldn't justify two convertibles in North Dakota. Sigh. Some guys never learn. Logic and common sense have no place when it comes to cars.

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That's Life

by Tony Bender

Weekly Vikings Roundup: Free Agent Chatter

By Duane & Jack Kolsrud

It's that time of year when NFL teams start filling holes with free agents that are still available. In previous years, the Vikings were not usually suitors but with the new regime in place, let's look at a few of the players they may have an interest.

The player most often mentioned in the social channels seems to be center JC Tretter. Tretter was drafted by the Packers in 2013 in the fourth round and later moved to Cleveland in 2017. The Browns released him earlier this year with one year left on his contract. One of the weakest links on the offensive line has been at the center position. Not since Matt Birk have the Vikings had a pro bowl type center, and getting a veteran in this position could help shore up the line. It is the hottest rumor, but it seems the staff is happy with their current roster, at least until OTA evaluations are complete.

Next on the list may be Akiem Hicks. The Bears massive defensive lineman stands at 6'4" and 335 pounds. Hicks was drafted by the Saints in 2013, moved to the Patriots in 2015 and eventually the Bears in 2016. Like many players that fans become enamored with when they have big games against the home team, Hicks is the poster child for Viking fans. He totally dominated the Viking offensive line, but that could have been the ineptitude at the right tackle position for the Vikings. His career stats are not impressive, and with O'Connell as the new head coach, there may not be any pre-concieved views on Hicks. Hicks would be an upgrade from Dalvin Tomlinson but probably not enough for Kwesi to pull the trigger.

The next player could be a stretch but could be a late season insurance policy just in case the Vikings experience an injury at the wide receiver position. Odell Beckham Jr. is coming off a revival season of sort after departing the Browns and went on to help the Rams get to the Super Bowl. OBJ was having a great game, scored a touchdown early in the game but later tore his ACL and watched the second half from the sidelines. Coach O'Connell saw the good side of Beckham, and he'd bring a pair of hands we haven't seen in purple since Moss and Carter. It would intriguing to add OBJ to the Jefferson and Thielen duo, but it is unlikely that Vikings could get him in under the salary cap restraints.

The final two free agents have a history with the Vikings but no history with the new regime.

Anthony Barr is still out there and played some of his best football at the end of last season. He was healthy and was making plays we were missing for the better part of the last past two seasons. Nobody is quite sure why he has not signed yet, but speculation is that the nagging injuries that kept him off the field over the past three seasons are enough for teams to pass on him now at 30 years old.

The other player is Riley Reiff. Reiff signed a one year deal with the Bengals last season only to miss out on their run to the Super Bowl due to a season ending injury in Week 12. Reiff loved playing for the Vikings, is from South Dakota but was a salary cap casualty in 2021 that sent him to a new team.

It's anyone's guess if the Vikings make an move on any of these players. Some could fit and help the Vikings in 2022, but it comes down to need and salary cap. The new regime has been pretty quiet since the draft, and after a couple of weeks of OTA's, they may be feeling good at what they are seeing and the positivity coming from both the veteran and younger players.

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Brown County May 24, 2022

Meeting Minutes MAY 24, 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 Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the agenda with the removal of the Disaster Declaration as the declaration is no longer necessary. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

An opportunity for public comment was given.

DEMOKOTA BEEF REQUEST TO DRAIN WEST CELL OF LAGOON INTO MOCCASIN CREEK FOR REPAIRS:

Discussion on the request from Demkota Beef to lay pipe along 388th Ave to drain west cell of the lagoon into Moccasin Creek. Questions arose over if the county or township has the authority to issue a permit. It was determined the township has authority to issue permits along township roads. No action from Brown County Commission.

ORDINANCES 218- MINI AG REZONE – SECOND READING/ADOPTION:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adopt ordinance 217, Applicant Jared Steger to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG): "Boels Addition" in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 32-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38980 142nd ST, Warner). Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Sutton – aye. Ordinance Adopted.

ORDINANCE 218 – MINI AG REZONE – FIRST READING:

Moved by Gage, seconded by Feickert to adopt ordinance 218, applicant Edwards Legacy Family Limited Partnership to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG): Proposed Lot 1, "Bauer-Edwards First Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 10-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Sutton – aye. Ordinance Adopted.

BRIDGE REINSPECTION:

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution:

PROGRAM RESOLUTION R19-22

FOR USE WITH SDDOT RETAINER CONTRACTS
WHEREAS, 23 CFR 650 Subpart C, requires initial inspection of all bridges and reinspection at intervals not to exceed two years with the exception of reinforced concrete box culverts that meet specific criteria. These culverts are reinspected at intervals not to exceed four years.

THEREFORE, Brown County is desirous of participating in the Bridge Inspection Program.

The County requests SDDOT to hire IMEG (Consulting Engineers) for the inspection work. SDDOT will secure federal approvals, make payments to the Consulting Engineer for inspection services rendered, and bill the County for 20% of the cost. The County will be responsible for the required 20% matching funds.

Seconded by Commissioner Feickert. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Sutton – aye. Resolution Carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Dirk Rogers Highway Superintendent gave an update on upcoming road and bridge projects.

GENERAL FUND OPERATING TRANSFERS:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the following operating transfers as adopted in the 2022 budget from the General Fund (101-911-191) in total amount of \$4,602,076.86 to the following: Road and Bridge Fund (201-371) @ \$4,026,000; E-911 Fund (207-371) @ \$450,000.00; EM Fund (226-371) @ \$116,076.86; 24/7 Teen Court (230-371) @

\$10,000. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL U.S. FLAG RETIREMENT DROPBOX:

Cathy McNickle, County Auditor presented a temporary dropbox for the retirement of U.S. Flags. The dropbox is located in the courthouse annex entryway and is available during normal business hours. The dropbox is sponsored by the National Association of Counties, SD Association of County Officials, and the SD Association of County Commissioners.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL:

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

Payroll: Commission \$4,503.96; Elections (Voucher) \$2,696.25; Auditor \$9,337.93; Treasurer \$13,025.53; SA \$25,697.43; SVAWA \$0.00; Maintenance \$10,134.01; Assessor \$15,275.89; Register of Deeds \$8,242.40; VSO \$4,143.28; GIS \$2,483.72; IT \$7,563.61; HR \$4,061.37; Sheriff \$41,999.52; Jail \$47,914.38; Coroner (Voucher) \$0.00; Court Security \$7,394.60; JDC \$27,827.10; Welfare \$2,161.43; Museum \$10,414.67; Parks/Fairgrounds \$4,660.84; Fair Board \$4,462.94; 4-H \$310.93; Weed \$4,202.14; Planning & Zoning \$5,681.44; Highway \$42,771.28; Dispatch \$32,271.84; Emergency \$4,285.81; Teen Court \$383.04; JDAI \$1,846.15; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,379.26; Landfill \$14,863.57. **MATCHING BENEFITS:** FICA \$21,630.87, MEDICARE \$5,058.83, Discovery_HSA \$864.96.

CLAIMS: Insurance: SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE \$216.52; Professional Fees: CHRISTY GRIFFIN-SERR LAW OFFICE \$18,184.75; DREW BECKER \$200.00; IMEG Corp \$4,815.68; SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE ABERDEEN \$98.00; SD DEPT OF HEALTH \$1,180.00; WEST PUBLISHING CORP. \$275.05; Publishing: ARGUS LEADER \$20.37; GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc. \$483.00; GROTON INDEPENDENT \$229.86; Repairs & Maintenance: Debby Schlosser \$200.00; DOERR'S TREE SERVICE \$6,500.00; HF JACOBS & SON CONSTRUCTION INC \$2,110.54; HUB CITY ROOFING \$3,850.00; JENSEN ROCK & SAND INC \$17,388.75; KIRBY KIESZ \$102.00; OVERHEAD DOOR \$86.73; RINGENBERG ELECTRIC INC \$13,719.61; STEVEN LUST AUTOMOTIVE \$64.99; SUPERIOR JETTING INC \$3,854.32; WOODMAN REFRIGRATION, INC \$6,138.51; Supplies: AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE \$2,803.57; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$106.25; CINDY MITCHELL \$80.92; DACOTAH PRAIRIE MUSEUM \$46.24; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP \$383.48; ELECTIONS SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE LLC \$10,770.25; FASTENAL CO \$66.58; J GROSS EQUIPMENT \$83.30; JENSEN ROCK & SAND INC \$16,648.52; KAREN SWANK \$24.00; KIRBY KIESZ \$340.50; MENARDS \$190.00; MIDSTATES PRINTING \$122.00; POMPS TIRE SERVICE, INC \$26.50; Ryan McClain \$99.96; SD BUREAU OF ADMIN - STATE FLAG ACCT \$141.74; TOWN & COUNTRY BUILDING SUPPLY \$347.71; Travel & Conference: BRIANNA HAUGEN \$426.44; CITY OF GROTON \$165.94; ERNEST THOMPSON \$426.44; JENNIFER STODDARD \$406.44; Natrona County Sheriff's Office \$500.00; REGENCY MIDWEST VENTURES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP \$109.99; Utilities: DEPENDABLE SANITATION INC \$513.00; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES CO \$33.31; NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATION \$311.09; Jury: Brian Allbee \$930.24; Corey Herman \$361.76; David Williams \$864.28; Derek Elverud \$930.24; Gary Sundermeyer 981.92; Harold Duncan \$945.36; Kendrick Heilman \$735.28; Kyler Ell \$1,135.60; Lauren Tobin \$930.24; Lisa Peterson \$964.24

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes of May 17th, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Human Resource Report:

Acknowledge employment ending for Christian Van Oss, Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, fulltime; effective May 16, 2022. Request to fill.

Acknowledge resignation of Anita Hedrington, Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; effective May 27, 2022. Request to fill.

Acknowledge resignation of Sheldon Noess, Brown County State's Attorney's office, full-time; effective July 29, 2022. Request to fill.

Approve hiring of Monica Hein as Brown County Jail/JDC Nurse, full-time; starting salary \$63,000; effective May 23, 2022. Additional increase after the probationary period, see attached document.

Approve hiring of Andrew Coughlin as Brown County Fair intern, full-time; starting wage \$12.85/hour; effective May 31, 2022.

Approve amendment to wage on 05.10.22 HR report: Hiring of Brandi Trusty as Brown County Deputy Treasurer, full-time; starting wage \$16.55/hour; effective May 16, 2022.

Approve promotion of Dawn Allam from Brown County Dispatcher to Brown County Communications Shift Supervisor; starting wage \$26.04/hour; effective May 29, 2022.

Approve promotion of Aaron Gasser from Brown County Dispatcher to Brown County Communications Shift Supervisor; starting wage \$26.04/hour; effective May 29, 2022.

Approve hiring of Noah Miller as Brown County 4-H intern, full-time; starting wage \$12.85/hour; effective May 25, 2022.

Approve hiring of Anthony Miller as Brown County Fairgrounds seasonal worker, part-time; starting wage \$13.50/hour; effective May 31, 2022.

Approve hiring of Caden Shelton as Brown County Fairgrounds seasonal worker, part-time; starting wage \$13.50/hour; effective May 31, 2022.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS:

RESOLUTION: 20-22 CARLSON ADDITION

Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: Be it resolved by the board of county commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "CARLSON ADDITION IN THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 125 NORTH, RANGE 62 West of the 5th P.M., in Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Sutton – aye. Resolution Adopted.

RESOLUTION: 21-22 PRAIRIE POINT FIRST ELM LAKE ADDITION

Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: Be it resolved by the board of county commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "PRAIRIE POINT FIRST ELM LAKE ADDITION IN THE S1/2 SE 1/4 OF SECTION 8 T128N R65W OF THE 5TH P.M., in Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Sutton – aye. Resolution Adopted.

RESOLUTION: 22-22 MEHLHAFF FIRST ADDITION TO RICHMOND LAKE

Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: Be it resolved by the board of county commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the showing "MEHLHAFF FIRST ADDITION TO RICHMOND LAKE IN THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 25 T124N R65W OF THE 5TH P.M. in Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Sutton – aye. Resolution Adopted.

RESOLUTION: 23-22 BARBER'S THIRD SUBDIVISION

Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: Be it resolved by the board of county commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the showing "BARBER'S THIRD SUBDIVISION" in the SW1/4 of Section 31, Township 124 North, Range 64 West of the 5th P.M., in Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Sutton – aye. Resolution Adopted.

RESOLUTION: 24-22 NCD BIN SITE ADDITION

Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: Be it resolved by the board of county commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the showing "NCD BIND SITE IN THE SW1/4 SE 1/4 OF SECTION 10, T127N, R60W OF THE 5TH P.M., in Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Sutton – aye. Resolution Adopted.

LOTTERY PERMIT:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following lottery permit: Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen for lottery June 20, 2022 at Moccasin Creek Country Club. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following lottery permit: Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen for lottery June 20, 2022 at Moccasin Creek Country Club. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Gage to go into executive session to discuss personnel per SDCL 1-25-2(4) Contracts. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Entertainment Consultants

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Morris Delivers Four Hits to Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Victory Over Sisseston 14u

Four hits from Nicholas Morris paved the way to victory for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U over Sisseston 14u 15-5 on Thursday. Morris doubled in the first, singled in the second, singled in the third, and singled in the fourth.

Sisseston 14u scored four runs in the fifth inning, but Groton Jr. Teeners 14U still managed to pull out the victory. Sisseston 14u batters contributing to the big inning included Hayden Hellwig, Bremer Despejler, Cash Opsal, and Derek Karst, all sending runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

In the first inning, Groton Jr. Teeners 14U got their offense started when Groton Jr. Teeners 14U scored on a stolen base during Morris's at bat. Then Morris doubled.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U tallied six runs in the third inning. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U's big bats in the inning were led by singles by Karsten Flihs and Nick Groeblichhoff, a walk by Gavin Englund, and a double by Tristin McGannon.

Kellen Antonsen was credited with the victory for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Antonsen lasted four and two-thirds innings, allowing six hits and five runs while striking out six. Jarrett Erdmann threw one-third of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Hellwig took the loss for Sisseston 14u. Hellwig allowed nine hits and seven runs over two innings, striking out two.

Lj Crooks started the game for Sisseston 14u. The pitcher went two innings, allowing eight runs on eight hits and striking out two

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U collected 17 hits on the day. Morris, Flihs, Antonsen, Erdmann, and McGannon all managed multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Morris went 4-for-4 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U in hits. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U stole 17 bases during the game as four players stole more than one. Morris led the way with four. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Flihs made the most plays with eight.

Groton Jr. Teeners Takes Victory Over Sisseston

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U was victorious over Sisseston 14u, 8-5

In the first inning, Groton Jr. Teeners 14U got their offense started. Nicholas Morris drove in two when Morris singled.

Gavin Englund took the win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The righty went two innings, allowing one run on one hit and striking out three. Lincoln Krause and Karsten Flihs entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Carter Stickland took the loss for Sisseston 14u. Stickland lasted four innings, allowing 11 hits and eight runs while striking out three.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U racked up 11 hits. Flihs, Karter Moody, Tristin McGannon, and Nick Groeblichhoff all managed multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groeblichhoff, McGannon, Moody, and Flihs each managed two hits to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Flihs led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with three stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with 13 stolen bases.

Sisseston 14u saw the ball well today, racking up six hits in the game. Reggie Lincoln and Justin Muehler each managed multiple hits for Sisseston 14u. Sisseston 14u was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Tyler Munson made the most plays with three.

Locke Electric can't catch up to Clark Traders

Locke Electric fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 16-6 loss to Clark Traders on Saturday. Clark Traders scored on a wild pitch during Wesley Jones's at bat, a walk by Bryce DesLauriers, and a fielder's choice by Andrew Magedanz in the first inning.

Despite the loss, Locke Electric did collect eight hits in the high-scoring affair. Unfortunately, Clark Traders had ten hits on the way to victory.

Clark Traders got things started in the first inning. Aaron Severson's wild pitch allowed one run to score for Clark Traders.

Clark Traders scored six runs in the sixth inning. The offensive firepower by Clark Traders was led by Rhett Florey, Tyler Brinka, Bryce DesLauriers, and Bradyn Rusher, all driving in runs in the frame.

Rhett Florey was on the mound for Clark Traders. The righty allowed four hits and four runs over five innings, striking out five and walking zero.

Severson was on the hill for Locke Electric. Severson surrendered six runs on five hits over five innings, striking out four. Spencer Locke and Wilson Bonet entered the game as relief, throwing one inning and one inning respectively.

Locke Electric scattered eight hits in the game. Evan Erickson and Heath Giedt each collected multiple hits for Locke Electric. Giedt and Erickson each collected two hits to lead Locke Electric.

Clark Traders totaled ten hits in the game. Tyler Brinka, Brent Griffith, and Wesley Jones each had multiple hits for Clark Traders. Tyler Brinka went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Clark Traders in hits.

Post #39 claims victory over W.I.N.

Groton Legion Post #39 easily dispatched W.I.N. 14-4 on Wednesday

W.I.N. got on the board in the first inning when Quinton Fischbach singled on a 1-1 count, scoring one run.

In the bottom of the first inning, Groton Legion Post #39 tied things up at two when Colby Dunker drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post #39 pulled away for good with one run in the third inning. In the third Bradin Althoff singled on a 0-1 count, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post #39 tallied three runs in the sixth inning. Dunker and Ryan Groeblichhoff all contributed in the big inning with RBIs.

Pierce Kettering led things off on the mound for Groton Legion Post #39. The righty lasted four innings, allowing four hits and four runs while striking out four.

Fischbach led things off on the pitcher's mound for W.I.N.. Fischbach went three and two-thirds innings, allowing five runs on three hits and striking out eight. Aiden Hoffman threw two innings out of the bullpen.

Groton Legion Post #39 totaled 13 hits. Tate Larson, Evin Nehls, Althoff, and Kettering each managed multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Larson went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Groton Legion Post #39 in hits. Kettering led Groton Legion Post #39 with four stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with 13 stolen bases.

Fischbach led W.I.N. with two hits in three at bats.

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Groton Post #39 Jr. Legion defeats W.I.N. in blow-out victory

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion sailed to an easy victory over WIN 9-2 on Thursday
Groton Post 39 Jr Legion fired up the offense in the first inning. Colby Dunker drew a walk, scoring two runs.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion notched three runs in the fifth inning. Groton Post 39 Jr Legion's big bats in the inning were led by a walk by Caden McInerney, by Dunker, and an error on a ball put in play by Logan Ringgenberg.

Ryan Groeblichhoff led the Groton Post 39 Jr Legion to victory on the pitcher's mound. The righty allowed three hits and one run over three and a third innings, striking out five. Korbin Kucker and McInerney entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

#6 took the loss for WIN. The bulldog went one and two-thirds innings, allowing one run on three hits.

#11 started the game for WIN. The pitcher allowed one hit and five runs over two innings, striking out five

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion racked up eight hits. Groeblichhoff and Bradin Althoff each collected multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion. Groeblichhoff went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Post 39 Jr Legion in hits.

Runs at a premium as Post #39 Jr. Legion beats Lake Norden

Both teams were strong on the mound Friday, but Groton Post 39 Jr Legion defeated Lake Norden 3-2. Groton Post 39 Jr Legion pitchers allowed just three hits to Lake Norden.

Lake Norden captured the lead in the first inning. Aiden Abraham singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

In the top of the second inning, Groton Post 39 Jr Legion tied things up at two.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion took the lead for good with one run in the fourth inning. In the fourth an error scored one run for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion.

Bradin Althoff was credited with the victory for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion. Althoff went five innings, allowing two runs on three hits and striking out eight. Caden McInerney threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Tyson Stevenson took the loss for Lake Norden. The pitcher lasted seven innings, allowing three hits and three runs while striking out seven.

Ryan Groeblichhoff, Korbin Kucker, and Dillon Abeln all had one hit to lead Groton Post 39 Jr Legion.

Abraham went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Lake Norden in hits. Dawson Noem led Lake Norden with two stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with four stolen bases.

Lake Norden captures lead early to defeat Post #39

Groton Legion Post #39 watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 15-3 loss to Lake Norden on Thursday. Lake Norden scored on a single by Cameron Thue, a walk by Carson Pederson, and a groundout by Ryker Warrington in the first inning.

Groton Legion Post #39 lost despite out-hitting Lake Norden seven to five.

Groton Legion Post #39 opened up scoring in the first inning, when Bradin Althoff singled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run.

Dawson Noem got the win for Lake Norden. The fireballer lasted three and two-thirds innings, allowing five hits and two runs while striking out six.

Tate Larson took the loss for Groton Legion Post #39. The righthander.

Groton Legion Post #39 tallied seven hits in the game. Douglas Heminger, Pierce Kettering, and Althoff each collected multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Althoff, Kettering, and Heminger each managed two hits to lead Groton Legion Post #39.

Tyson Stevensen led Lake Norden with three stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with eight stolen bases.

Military Child's Table Setting Ceremony

"We will begin today with a ceremony to honor our military children.

"Our United States military members answer the call to service every day as they defend freedom around the world. That service often comes at a great personal sacrifice, not only for the service member, but also for their family, their children.

"When an Air Force officer was asked what he needed in Ira, he said, 'Please don't send cookies, care packages, or socks. Just help take care of our children.' Our country has always supported its military in times of war through community efforts. We have a great capacity to care for the home front. Now is the time for a new Victory garden.

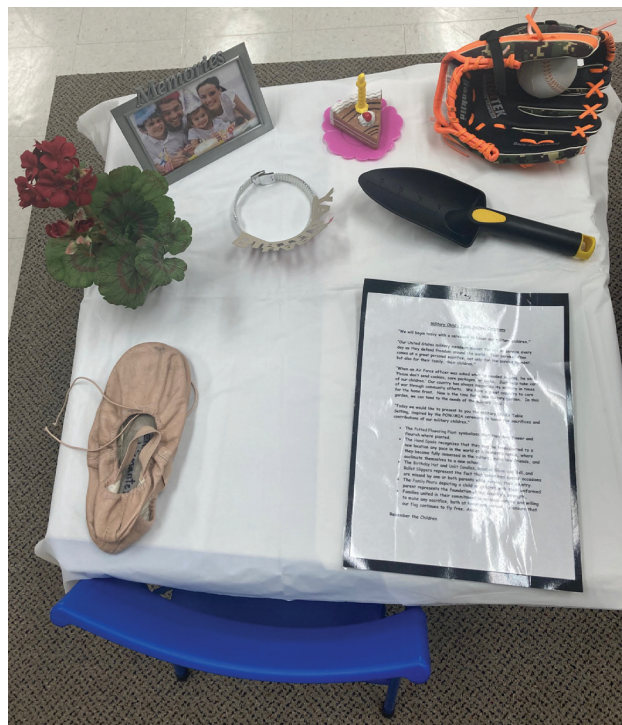
In this garden, we can tend to the needs of the military child.'

"Today we would like to present to you the Military Child's Table Setting, inspired by the POW/MIA ceremony to honor the sacrifices and contributions of our military children."

The Potted Flowering Plant symbolizes that they may flower and flourish where planted.

The Hand Spade recognizes that they may be transplanted to a new location any pace in the world at a moment's notice, where they become fully immersed in the culture, make new friends, and acclimate themselves to a new school.

The Birthday Hat and Unlit Candles..Baseball



Glove and Ball...and

Ballet Slippers represent the fact that sometimes special occasions are missed by one or both parents while serving their country.

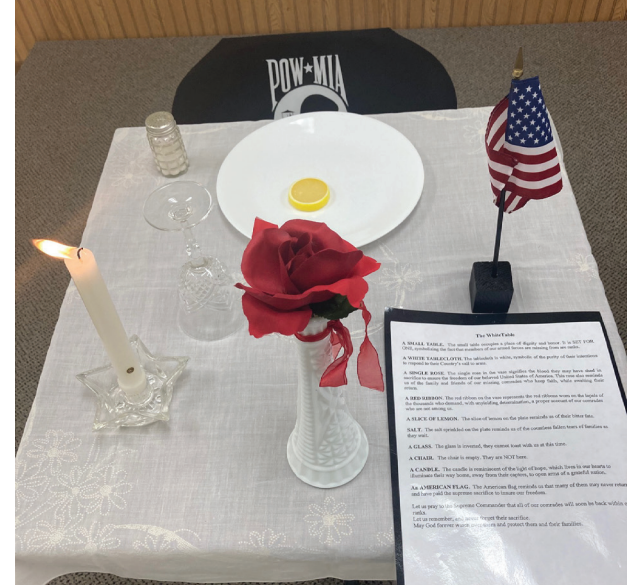
The Family Photo depicting a child or children with their uniformed parent represents the foundation of our country's strength...

Families united in their commitment to national service and willing to make any sacrifice, both at home and abroad, to ensure that our flag continues to fly free. Amen

Remember the children

Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden club met at the home of Laurie Mitchell. She opened the meeting with roll call answered by 10 members with what they love about spring. The group will start their year in January instead of June Arbor Day was celebrated on Tuesday May 24th at 1:00 pm at the city park to plant the tree. Members cleaned the circle on May 19th, at 9am. The next meeting will be with Deb McKiver on June 20th at 6:30 pm, and she will give the program. Following the meeting Eunice McColister gave the program "How to keep your flowers from Wilting."



The White Table

A SMALL TABLE. The small table occupies a place of dignity and honor. It is SET FOR

ONE, symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from are ranks.

A WHITE TABLECLOTH. The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their Country's call to arms.

A SINGLE ROSE. The single rose in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep faith, while awaiting their return.

A RED RIBBON. The red ribbon on the vase represents the red ribbons worn on the lapels of the thousands who demand, with unyielding determination, a proper account of our comrades who are not among us.

A SLICE OF LEMON. The slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.

SALT. The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless falling tears of families as they wait.

A GLASS. The glass is inverted, they cannot toast with us at this time.

A CHAIR. The chair is empty. They are NOT here.

A CANDLE. The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to open arms of a grateful nation.

An AMERICAN FLAG. The American flag reminds us that many of them may never return, and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom.

Let us pray to the Supreme Commander that all of our comrades will soon be back within our ranks.

Let us remember, and never forget their sacrifice.

May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families.



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**Frederick Area School District
Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, Cash Balances and Payroll**

| Ending April 30, 2022 | Capital Outlay Fund | Special Education Fund | Food Service Fund | Drivers Ed Fund | Governmental & Enterprise Fund Act. Totals | Custodial Fund | Ovid Stevens Scholarship Fund | Fiduciary Funds Account Totals | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Beginning checking Balance | \$324,989.29 | \$415,977.95 | \$113,998.22 | (\$1,254.00) | \$2,375.62 | \$856,087.08 | \$8,143.96 | \$0.85 | \$8,144.81 |
| Receipts: | | | | | | | | | |
| Local Sources | \$8,287.40 | \$3,800.00 | | \$195.00 | | \$732.85 | | | |
| County Sources | \$80,768.91 | \$46,761.21 | \$21,115.46 | | | | | | |
| State Sources | \$50,523.00 | | \$416.98 | | | | | | |
| Federal Sources | | | | \$18,617.11 | | | | | |
| Interest | \$34.00 | | | | | \$0.43 | | | |
| Total Receipts | \$139,613.31 | \$50,561.21 | \$21,532.44 | \$18,812.11 | \$0.00 | \$733.28 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Disbursements | | | | | | | | | |
| Bills | \$28,346.40 | \$2,663.96 | \$4,907.48 | \$6,338.79 | \$60.47 | \$2,191.82 | | | |
| Payroll | \$131,330.37 | | \$25,930.99 | \$5,704.28 | | | | | |
| Total Disbursements | \$159,676.77 | \$2,663.96 | \$30,838.47 | \$12,043.07 | \$60.47 | \$2,191.82 | \$0.00 | \$2,191.82 | |
| Total checking balance | \$304,925.83 | \$463,875.20 | \$104,692.19 | \$5,515.04 | \$2,315.15 | \$881,323.41 | \$0.85 | \$6,686.27 | |
| Beginning investment balance | \$273,893.58 | \$1,933,634.20 | \$1,446,175.05 | | | \$3,653,702.83 | \$27,419.15 | \$27,419.15 | |
| Interest | \$703.13 | | | | | | | | |
| Total investment balance | \$274,596.71 | \$1,933,634.20 | \$1,446,175.05 | | | \$3,654,405.96 | \$27,419.15 | \$27,419.15 | |
| Ending Fund Balance | \$579,522.54 | \$2,397,509.40 | \$1,550,867.24 | \$5,515.04 | \$2,315.15 | \$4,535,729.37 | \$27,420.00 | \$34,105.42 | |

**Frederick School
May 9, 2022
Meeting Minutes**
UNOFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
MAY 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order on May 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Alex Hart, Jon Ellwein and Eric Sumption. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Kusters, K-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Janel Hettich.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Al-

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

Action 22-107 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to approve the agenda as amended: change Resignation to Resignations on #17; and add SY2223-8 and change Open Enrollment Application to Open Enrollment Applications on #19. All aye, carried.

Action 22-108 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held April 13, 2022, April 2022 financial

report, agency accounts and investments, district bills and April 2022 payroll. All aye, carried.

Claims approved: April 2022 Payroll – General Fund salaries 72,497.08; Special Education salaries 17,342.45; Food Service salaries 3,626.89. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 25,799.44; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 428.36; Wellmark, health insurance 18,015.00; SD Retirement 14,607.98; SD Retirement Supplemental, 4,493.48. General Fund: Aberdeen Asphalt, Inc, snow removal 1,947.50; Aberdeen Awards, letter pins 100.00; Agtegra Bath Fertilizer, fuel 9,586.91; Amazon Capital Services, repairs 675.90; American Red Cross Training Services, staff CPR training 910.00; Boston Fern, graduation flowers 100.00; BP, fuel 154.04; Cash-Wa Distributing Co of Fargo, LLC, Fresh Fruits & Vegetables program 822.11; Championship Productions, coach training refund (39.99); Cole Papers Inc, supplies 2,329.73; Cole Papers Inc, supplies 693.78; Custodial Account-FASD, Imprest reimbursement 900.00; Dakota Supply Group, supplies..... 635.30; Delta Airlines, travel 1,694.40; Eide Bailly LLP, audit 6,105.89; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, registration fees 615.00; Farmers Union Oil, repairs 793.40; GDI News, publishing 270.15; Grammarly, subscription 139.95; Hettich, Janel, conference meals 54.00; Howard Wood Dakota Relays, track meet entry fee 100.00; James Valley Telecommunications, telephone 238.90; Jostens Inc, graduation supplies 78.90; Kessler's, supplies 108.68; Knight Truck & Trailer Sales, repairs 1,646.00; Menards, shelf 101.38; Merchant Services, online lunch payment fees 31.99; Mid-American Research Chemical, supplies 2,153.62; Midstates Group, music awards 97.50; Midwest Pest Control, pest control 62.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electric 3,959.07; Oriental Trading, supplies 39.92; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 262.00; Pioneer Athletics, supplies 374.40; Platinum Auto Spa, car wash 12.00; Quality Inn & Suites South, FCCLA travel adjustment (23.00); Ramkota Hotel, travel 216.00; Running Supply Inc, supplies 65.94; SD High School Activities Association, rule books 79.00; South Dakota Medicaid, admin fee 33.33; Taylor Music Inc, supplies 21.30; Titan Machinery,

repairs 373.21; Ulmer, Maggie, supplies 38.97; Yesway, fuel 76.74 Total \$39,385.92. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, managed print contract 693.96; American Time, clock 166.05; Hauff Mid America Sports, track uniforms 1,920.00 Total \$2,780.01. Special Education Fund: Avera St Luke's, therapy services 2,692.80; Custodial Account-FASD, Imprest reimbursement 444.00; student family member, mileage 75.60; USD Center for Disabilities, autism training registration 750.00 Total \$3,962.40. Food Service Fund: Cash-Wa Distributing Co of Fargo, LLC, food/supplies 5,077.59; Cash-Wa Distributing of Kearney Inc, food 27.75; Community Store, food 14.37; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 48.62; SNASD, conference registration 441.20 Total \$5,609.53. Imprest checks: Aberdeen Catholic Schools, track meet entry fees 75.00; Camp Dream Makers, registration fee 444.00; Faulkton Area School District, golf entry fees 15.00; Groton Area School District, track meet entry fees 150.00; Hitchcock-Tulare School District, track meet entry fees 100.00; Ipswich School District, track meet entry fees 100.00; Redfield School District, track meet entry fees 125.00; SDCA, conference registration fee 335.00 Total \$1,344.00. Custodial Fund: Hoffman, Nathan, Build Your Base reimbursement 760.30 Total \$760.30.

Reports were given by Mr. Kusters and Mrs. Ringgenberg. Ms. Hettich reported the Fiscal Year 2022 audit was accepted by the SD Auditor General. Mr. Sumption had no report for the North Central Special Education Cooperative.

Ms. Tamie Nickelson was called on and presented an informational document to the board regarding a STEM program. No action taken.

Action 22-109 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve an amendment to Chandler Cox's 2021-2022 contract to add three hours per week from 5/23/22 through 5/31/22, and to add eight hours per week from 6/1/22 through 6/30/22. All aye, carried.

Action 22-110 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve carpet installation in the fifth and sixth grade classrooms; approved to issue checks for flooring materials and installation. All aye, carried.

Action 22-111 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to

approve the Superintendent to sign the Professional Services Agreement for Sports Ticket Live LLC. All aye, carried.

Action 22-112 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to allow James Valley Telephone to purchase the district-owned spectrum license. All aye, carried.

Action 22-113 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to approve summer radio advertising-same as previous years. All aye, carried.

Action 22-114 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve Bus Order Agreement for the purchase of a 14-passenger Chevrolet Collins mini-bus from Foreman Sales. ESSER II amendment will be made to request reimbursement. All aye, carried.

A discussion was held with community members regarding the construction of a new crow's nest at the football field. No action taken.

A discussion was held regarding a potential HVAC update project for the locker room area. No action taken.

Action 22-115 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to submit the following votes for the SDHSA 2022 Amendments: Yes for #1-6; No for #7. All aye, carried.

Action 22-116 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to accept resignations for Jessica Ringgenberg – Drama Club Advisor, and Janel Hettich – Business Manager, both effective June 30, 2022. All aye, carried.

Action 22-117 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to accept the following 2022-2023 administrative contracts, certified contracts, and employment agreements with salaries to be published in July 2022: Taylor Achterberg-teacher; Jennifer Anliker-teacher; Crystal Arthurs-teacher, FCCLA advisor; Richard Bakeberg-bus driver; Janelle Barondeau-teacher, Assistant Track coach, Head Cross Country coach; Julie Brotzel-Technology Coordinator; Mark Christianson-bus driver; Thersia Cox-Assistant Custodian/Concessions Manager, bus driver; Jennifer Dallmann-teacher; Janet Elsen-paraprofessional; Ashley Gunther-Assistant cook; Faye Gunther-Head cook; Wayne Haas-Assistant Track coach; Morgan Hoffman-teacher; Alura Johnson-Assistant Volleyball coach; Marie Knutson-paraprofessional; Christine Kusters-teacher, Special Education Director; Jeffrey Kusters-Athletic Director, Head Football coach,

Head Girls Basketball coach, Head Golf coach, bus driver, Driver's Education teacher; Zachary Kusters-Head Custodian; Sharon Langley, teacher; Jennifer Little-teacher; Melissa Meidinger-teacher; Marty Morlock-teacher, Assistant Football coach, Head Track coach, Grounds Maintenance; Don Nickelson-Head JH Boys Basketball coach, Brock Pashen-teacher, Yearbook advisor, Head Boys Basketball coach; Jennifer Pashen-teacher; Caitlin Podoll-teacher; Lance Podoll-Bus Supervisor, bus driver; Traci Reineke-paraprofessional; Jessica Ringgenberg-K-8 Principal; Megan Russo-Assistant Track coach; Ashley Schmidt-counselor; Sarah Sumption-teacher, Assistant Cross Country coach, Science Fair advisor, Assistant Girls Basketball coach; Stacey Sumption-Administrative Assistant; Warren Sumption-Assistant JH Boys Basketball coach; Bryson Thorpe-Assistant JH Boys Basketball coach; Paula Tschosik-teacher; Maggie Ulmer-teacher; Keith Underberg-bus driver; Leesa Ware-Head Volleyball coach; and Tonya Zinter-teacher. All aye, carried.

Action 22-118 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve Open Enrollment applications #SY2223-7 and #SY2223-8. All aye, carried.

Ms. Hettich presented the preliminary Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

The school board would like to congratulate the participants at the NSU Math Contest, including in the Geometry division a 5th place finish for Olivia Morlock and honorable mentions to Sofi Losure and Chloe Arneson. Congratulations to the participants at the Howard Wood track meet, and thank you to the Men's Community Club for their contribution to fund the hotel stay in Sioux Falls.

Action 22-119 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to enter Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) – Employee Matters at 8:56 p.m. All aye, carried.

Exit Janel Hettich at 9:01 p.m. President Schlosser declared Board out of Executive Session at 9:52 p.m.

Action 22-220 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President Janel Hettich, Business Manager

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Groton Legion Auxiliary Members helping to serve lunch after the Memorial Day Service are Lori Giedt, Coralea Wolter, Karen Wolter, Marjorie Overacker and Wendy Cooper. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

**Frederick Town
May 13, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Town of Frederick
May Minutes

The City of Frederick held their May meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2022, in the Frederick Community Center. Chairman R. Scott Campbell opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance with Board Member Troy Millard, Frederick Area Fire Chief Kevin Barton, Utility Manager Richard Bakeberg, citizen Beth Smith, Finance Officer Diane Bruns and later Board Member Jeff Kusters and Tami Nickelson, former FASD #62 Librarian.

Minutes of the April meeting were amended and accepted and approved by Millard/Kusters. Motion Carried.

The Financial Statements were accepted as written and approved by Campbell/Millard. Motion Carried.

Approval of the May Accounts Payable was made by Millard/Kusters. Motion Carried.

MDU, Sts \$603.93, Mun Bldg \$136.60, EBL \$214.07 BP \$15.66, \$1,219.48; , SP \$30.75, Wtr \$181.02, Swr \$37.45 ; A. Gunther, Assist EBL, April wage, \$60 \$3.72 SS, \$.87 Med, EBL, \$55.41; Aberdeen Asphalt, Inc., Move snow Dec-Mar, Loader at Voeller's, No Chrg for 4 hrs at dump Sts, \$1,167.50; American Solutions, 3-pg duplicate Bldg Perm., Copy paper Gen'l, \$237.67; Badger Meter, Water Meter Fees, Wtr, \$191.53; Br Cty Sheriff Office, Police patrol April Gen'l, \$1,041.67; Century Bus Prod, Printer lease and copies Gen'l, \$98.68; D. Bruns, CC, Apr+scheduling, \$168, Fed \$9 SS \$10.42 Med \$2.44 CC, \$146.14; D. Bruns, FO, Apr+mileage \$1658.24 Fed \$140 SS \$102.81 Med \$24.04

FO, \$1,391.39; Dependable San Inc, April garbage charges Garb, \$2,079.00; EFPT, 941 taxes May, Fed \$218.50, SS \$761.44 Med \$139.40, \$1,119.34; Farmer's Union Oil Co, 297.3 gals propane EBL, \$594.83; FDC, Econ Dev Mayl, Econ Dev, \$1,200.00; Floyd Mertz, Refund for WD from bank account for UT Wtr, \$380.00; 1st Nat'l Bank, WWP loan, May, WWP, \$3,763.00; GDI, April Mins, Annual Rprt, Public Process Hearing Notice, Subscrptn, \$350.71; J. Kusters, Brd Mem, April wage, \$50 SS \$3.10 Med \$.73, Gen'l, \$46.17; JVT, Gen'l \$178.22, EBL \$50.77, Wtr \$52.77, FO \$66.26, \$348.02; M. Cox, Libr, Apr, \$666 Fed \$33, SS \$41.29 Med \$9.66, EBL, \$582.05; M. Heine, AFO, Apr, \$1250, Fed \$28 SS \$77.50 Med \$18.13, FO, \$1,126.37; Menard's, Recip. Saw and blades, Sts, \$155.48; R. Bakeberg, UT Mgr, Apr \$828 Fed \$8.50, SS \$45.14, Med \$12.01, Wtr/Sts/Swr, \$779.35; R. Bakeberg, VA, Veh Allow, Wtr/Sts/Swr, \$75.00; R.S. Campbell, Chrman, Apr wage, \$75 SS \$4.65 Med \$1.09, Gen'l, \$69.26; Savings Account, Auto dep to Savings #25, May, \$200.00; DRN Readi Tech, Tech service on PC start button Gen'l, \$46.16; SD Dept of Health, Coliform test, Wtr, \$15.00; SD Dept of Rev, April Sales Tax, Garb, \$76.95; T. Millard, Brd Mem, Apr wage, \$50 SS \$3.10 Med \$.73, Gen'l, \$46.17; USDA-RD, Water Repair Loan Mayl, Wtr Repair, \$475.00; USPS, Stamps, \$174.00; Victor Lundeen Co, 3 Receipt Books Gen'l, \$72.20; WEB Water, 696,300 gals, Wtr, \$3,728.03; Alpha Circle, Wayside Cemetery Foundation grant distribution, \$5,259.86; TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, MAY 2022, \$28,311.42.

Old business included UT Mgr's report saying he will be opening the bathrooms at the

park in a couple weeks. He will be re-erecting signs on streets that need them and the license for the newly purchased D250 Ford Pick-up have not arrived yet.

No word from Frederick Forward, Emma Burnham Library or the Historical Society.

The All-School Reunion is Saturday, June 25 and includes an early 5K Run, Picnic at Noon, Bake Sale at Museum, Car Show in the evening along with a Street Dance sponsored by the FAFD on Main Street with "Three 57" out of Fargo playing until 1 PM. Alcohol will be served and Main Street will be blocked off from 3rd Avenue to the alley running N/S between 3rd and 2nd Avenues.

Other Old Bus included the 2nd reading approval of the Schlosser/Sumption rezoned property from Highway Commercial to Agricultural. Roll call was Campbell, Aye; Millard, Aye; and Kusters Aye. Motion Carried.

Proposal for LED lights in the Finance Office will be presented in June. Chief Deputy Officer Dave Lunzman sent a breakdown of the stops and watches in Frederick and mentioned the bill will be monthly.

Old Bus for the WWP; The meeting was turned over to Ted Dickey of NECOG at 7:05 PM, whom was on the phone from Aberdeen. He clarified that the 'Public Progress Hearing Notice' had been published at least seven days prior to tonight's meeting. There have not been any questions of financing or funding received through the Frederick Finance Office and there were no questions by the council for, or against the Close Out. The Public Progress Hearing is Closed Out. A final check previously approved will be written to Dahme Construction Co., Inc., excluding all liquidated damages.

After discussing future funding, the meeting was turned back over to Chairman Campbell.

Beth Smith represented herself and many neighbors who understandably stayed home this very stormy evening. They would like to see the house at 303 2nd Avenue completely removed. This property is in violation of Title 12 and some Title 7 of City Ordinances and has had a letter sent to them previously. Another Certified letter will be sent giving them a certain amount of time to respond before the city can move forward. The vehicle in front of the property was noted also.

A motion was made to have Troy set up time for city cleanup getting a metal and rubble dumpsters set up and they declared 2 sanders behind Community Center as surplus property. Motion made by Kusters/Campbell. Motion Carried.

A grant distribution was presented to Alpha Circle for care of the Wayside Cemetery from the SD Community Foundation through the City of Frederick. This contribution is explicitly for the furtherance of charitable purposes concerning Wayside Cemetery.

Jeff Kusters read the Oath of Office for his next 3-year term as Frederick Board Member.

Nomination for election of Board Chairman made by Kusters for Campbell and Millard elected nominations cease. Campbell continues as Board Chairman. The designated bank nominated by Millard/Kusters with Campbell obtaining continues to be 1st National Bank of Frederick, our legal newspaper will be the GDI and Dana Frohling in Britton, SD, will continue to be Frederick's Attorney.

Tami Nickelson, whom was missed on the agenda, would like to get her foot back in the door at the Emma Burnham Library

and has some ideas for children's stories. The Frederick board suggested she appeal to the Emma Burnham Library board. Nickelson also questioned land on their property where construction equipment was parked and now drains in the snow and rain, could they get some gravel? Other items were gravel at the end of 1st st and the alley behind 2nd Avenue among other strategic locations.

The board went into Executive Session with a motion by Millard/Kusters at 7:50 PM. They declared themselves out of Executive Session at 8:10.

Correspondence included a job wanted notification for assistant to the UT Manage that did not get into the UT bills but will be in June.

Emergency Management Public Town Halls discussing Public Assistance; Survey of Public Employment and Payroll, Census Bureau, completed; Transportation Alternatives Funding Available from DOT and SLFTR Compliance Report for Covid-19 money completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 by Millard/Kusters. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns, Frederick Finance Officer

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**Stratford Town
Water & Sewer
Hearing**

Notice of Public Hearing for the Town of Stratford Water & Sewer Improvements Project

The Town of Stratford is proposing to update their water & wastewater system. The proposed wastewater improvements under their wastewater collection system includes televising inspections. They are also propos-

ing treatment facility improvements which includes access road and fencing updates. The proposed water improvements include updates to their water source which entails becoming a Class A bulk user. Updates to their water storage includes a new 20,000-gallon ground storage tank, pumping station, and a transmission line. Lastly, updates to their water distribution would include water meter installation, and a new 6" PVC Distribution system.

The Town of Stratford receives its water from WEB Rural Water. The current water rate is \$45 per 5,000 gallons. Sewer rates come in at \$36 per 5,000 gallons. The City will be submitting a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Application in the amount of \$3,498,800.00 to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources along with a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Application in the amount of \$128,220.00. The funding may be awarded in the form of a grant, loan, or a principal forgiveness loan. Any portion of the water loan that is not forgiven will have a term of up to 30 years at a rate of up to 2.125% while wastewater will have a term limit up to 30 years at a rate up to 2.125%. The amount and source of funds will be determined by the Board of Water and Natural Resources when the application is presented at a scheduled board meeting. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the proposed project, the proposed financing, and the source of repayment for the loan. The public is invited to attend and comment on the project.

The public hearing will be held at the City Hall @ 7:00 pm on June 13, 2022.

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**Brown County
 Notice of
 Primary Election**

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION
 A Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in all the voting centers in Brown County.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central time on the day of the election.

The polling place vote centers of this county is as follows:
 1-1 AmericInn Event Center, 301 Centennial St S, Aberdeen, SD 57401

1-2 Best Western Ramkota, 1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401

1-3 Brown County Community Courthouse, 25 Market St Aberdeen, SD 57401

1-4 Columbia Legion, 102 N Broadway St, Columbia, SD 57433

1-5 Westport Town Hall, 13 W Main St, Westport 57481

1-6 Warner Community Center, 11 W Main St, Warner 57479

1-7 Stratford Community Center, 293 E Rondell Ave, Stratford 57474

1-8 Groton Community Center, 109 N 3rd St, Groton 57445

1-9 Claremont City Hall, 606 6th Ave, Claremont 57432

1-10 Hecla Community Center, 206 Main St, Hecla 57446

1-11 Frederick Community Center, 2nd Ave, Frederick 57441

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact

the county auditor at 605-626-7110 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.

Attest: Cathy McNickle, County Auditor Brown County (0525.0601)

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**Brown County
 Legacy Rezoning
 Notice**

ORDINANCE #218
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Edwards Legacy Family Limited Partnership is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG):

"Boesl Addition" in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 32-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38980 142nd ST, Warner)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission,

Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: May 4th and 11th, 2022

Passed First Reading: May 17th, 2022

Passed Second Reading: May 24th, 2022

Adopted: May 24th, 2022

Published: June 1st, 2022

Effective Date: June 21st, 2022

Duane Sutton - Chair, Brown County Commission ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County
 Steger Rezoning
 Notice**

ORDINANCE #217
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Jared Steger is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG):

"Boesl Addition" in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 32-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38980 142nd ST, Warner)

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Duane Sutton - Chair, Brown County Commission ATTEST: Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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**Columbia City
 Vacating Roadway
 Notice**

RESOLUTION AND ORDER VACATING ROADWAYS/ALLEY

The City of Columbia, Brown County, South Dakota, having presented the following Resolution and Order and moved for its adoption:

Whereas, the City of Columbia, Brown County, South Dakota having been requested to vacate the existing public right-of-ways, which includes the dedicated right-of-ways, alleyways and any right-of-way acquired by deed(s) lying as follows:

1) The alleyway of Block 10, Original Plat of Columbia, Brown County, South Dakota running north and south from Baldwin Avenue to Townsend Avenue.

That said public alleyway being approximately 16 feet wide and 300 feet in length.

2) The alleyway of Block 9, Original Plat of Columbia, Brown County, South Dakota running north and south from Townsend Avenue to Ismond Avenue of said Block 9.

That said public alleyway being approximately 16 feet wide and 300 feet in length.

3) The eastern portion of the Baldwin Avenue Road right-of-way between Block 10 and Block 11, Original Plat of Columbia, Brown County, South Dakota running east and west from the west right-of-way line of the alleyway in Block 10 being vacated in #1 above to the west right-

of-way line of South Broadway Street.

That said public street right-of-way being approximately 66 feet wide and 158 feet in length.

4) The Townsend Avenue Road right-of-way between Block 9 and Block 10, Original Plat of Columbia, Brown County, South Dakota running east and west from the east right-of-way line of South James Street to the west right-of-way line of South Broadway Street.

That said public street right-of-way being approximately 66 feet wide and 296 feet in length.

And further said Petition being in proper form and executed by Dean L. Buntrock the authorized signer for Columbia Park, LLC, an owner of adjacent land to the roadways and alleyways being vacated; and further it having been determined that vacating said existing public right-of-ways which includes the dedicated right-of-ways, alleyways and any right-of-way acquired by deed(s) will better serve the public convenience; and that no one appearing in opposition; and said Council Members having considered said matter and being fully advised in the premises and considering it advisable to do so;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That the existing public right-of-ways which includes the dedicated right-of-ways, alleyways and any right-of-way acquired by deed(s) lying as follows:

1) The alleyway of Block 10, Original Plat of Columbia, Brown County, South Dakota running north and south from Baldwin Avenue to Townsend Avenue.

That said public alleyway being approximately 16 feet wide and 300 feet in length.

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It is further ordered that said Resolution shall be published in the official/legal newspaper of the respective City of Columbia once per week for two consecutive weeks; and that after such publication, such right-of-ways shall be, after a lapse of thirty days after the last publication thereof, vacated without further proceedings unless appealed as provided by law; and that the Finance Officer herein is further ordered and directed to cause to be recorded a true and correct copy of this Resolution and Order in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Brown County, South Dakota.

It is further ordered that all bridges, guard rails and culverts are hereby deemed to revert to and become personal property and possession of the City of Columbia.

The Motion was made by Council Member Ellen Harr and was seconded by Council Member Emily Eichler and upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Council Members: Ellen Harr, Yes Emily Eichler, Yes Trevor Meints, Yes Cole Kampa, Not present Passed this 16. day of May, 2022.

Published this 25th day of May, 2022 and this 1st day of June, 2022.

Mayor ATTEST: Finance Officer

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ELECTION DAY
 Tuesday, June 7th



There are multiple voting districts in Brown County, SD. Below is a consolidated sample ballot showing all races in Brown County. Voters may only vote for the candidates in the district they are registered. The official ballot will only display your district candidates. Please contact the Brown County Auditor or visit the Voter Information Portal at SDSOS.GOV to find your district and view your exact sample ballot.

SAMPLE COMBINED PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

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| INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER: To vote for a person FILL IN the oval (●) next to the name. Use only a pencil or pen. If you make a mistake, give the ballot back and get a new one. DO NOT cast more votes than are allowed in each race. | | |
| REPUBLICAN BALLOT | For State Representative District 03 You may vote for up to <u>two</u> or leave it blank. ○ Kaleb W Weis ○ Brandei Schaeffbauer ○ Richard Rylance ○ Carl E. Perry | For Precinct Committeeman Precinct 06 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ George Paul Dennert ○ Douglas Roggow |
| For United States Senator You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ John R. Thune ○ Bruce Whalen ○ Mark Mowry | For State Representative District 23 You may vote for up to <u>two</u> or leave it blank. ○ Scott Moore ○ Brandon Black ○ Gregory Brooks | For Precinct Committeeman Precinct 07 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Kyler Dinger ○ Steven Lust |
| For United States Representative You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Dusty Johnson ○ Taffy Howard | For County Commissioner At Large You may vote for up to <u>three</u> or leave it blank. ○ Mike Russell ○ Drew Dennert ○ Mike Gage ○ Mike Wiese | For Precinct Committeeman Precinct 08 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Brandon Black ○ Gregory Brooks |
| For Governor You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Steven Haugaard ○ Kristi Noem | For Precinct Committeeman Precinct 09 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Andrew Bergan ○ Rickey L. Hansen | For Precinct Committeeman Precinct 10 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Daniel Richardt ○ Timothy Prater ○ Justin Rezzatto |
| For State Senator District 01 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Michael H. Rohl ○ Joe Donnell | For Precinct Committeeman Precinct 12 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Darren Engelhart ○ Jeffrey T. Sveen | For Precinct Committeeman Precinct 13 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Jeffrey Kippley ○ Patrick G Rohl |
| For State Senator District 03 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Al Novstrup ○ Rachel Dix | For Delegates to State Convention You may vote for up to <u>three</u> or leave it blank. ○ Ashton Dennert ○ Charlene Cornelius ○ Tabor Schabot ○ Ron Cornelius ○ Drew Dennert ○ Jack Hieb | For Precinct Committeewoman Precinct 16 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Kayla Weis ○ Debora J Ross ○ Barbara Evans |
| For State Senator District 23 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Bryan J. Breitling ○ Spencer Gosch | For Precinct Committeeman Precinct 03 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Daniel Kaiser ○ Heath Johnson ○ Dave Lunzman | For Precinct Committeewoman Precinct 17 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Shannon Broderson ○ Anne Miller |
| To find your assigned voting districts contact the Brown County Auditor or visit the Voter Information Portal at SDSOS.GOV | Published once at the total approximate cost of \$362.50. 21235 | For Precinct Committeewoman Precinct 19 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Glenna M. Remington ○ Krissi Zak |



Use the Voter Information Portal through the Secretary of State's Website to view your sample ballot online <https://vip.sdsos.gov/VIPLogin.aspx>

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| For Precinct Committeeman Precinct 15 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Michael Rohl ○ Ken Bjur | For Precinct Committeewoman Precinct 17 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Shannon Broderson ○ Anne Miller | Constitutional Amendment The following amendment to the State Constitution is submitted to the voters by the legislature. The amendment will not become effective unless approved by majority vote. Constitutional Amendment C Title: A Constitutional Amendment Requiring Three-Fifths Vote for Approval of Ballot Measures Imposing Taxes or Fees or Obligating over \$10 Million. Attorney General Explanation: Currently the constitution requires that any new tax or tax increase must be approved either by voters or by two-thirds of the members of each legislative branch. To be approved by voters, such a measure must obtain a majority of the votes cast. This constitutional amendment requires that any initiated measure, proposed constitutional amendment, or referred measure imposing or increasing taxes must obtain three-fifths of the votes cast to be approved. This constitutional amendment also adds the requirement that any initiated measure, proposed constitutional amendment, or referred measure obligating the state to appropriate \$10 million or more in any of the first five fiscal years must obtain three-fifths of the votes cast to be approved. This constitutional amendment additionally requires any initiated measure, proposed constitutional amendment, or referred measure which imposes or increases fees to obtain three-fifths of the votes cast to be approved. ○ Yes Vote "Yes" to adopt the amendment. ○ No Vote "No" to leave the constitution as it is. |
| For Precinct Committeeman Precinct 16 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Michael Evans ○ Kaleb Weis | For Precinct Committeewoman Precinct 19 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Glenna M. Remington ○ Krissi Zak | NONPOLITICAL BALLOT |
| For Precinct Committeeman Precinct 17 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Keith Miller ○ Kevin Gerard Weig | Aberdeen School District 6-1 For School Board Member You may vote for up to <u>two</u> or leave it blank. ○ Gayle Bortnem ○ Mike Bockorny ○ Duane Alm | For City Council Aberdeen Northeast District five year term You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Erin Fouberg ○ Mark Remily ○ Andy Schaanaman |
| For Precinct Committeeman Precinct 19 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Jesse Zak ○ Brandon Bible | For City Council Aberdeen Northwest District five year term You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Charlotte Liebelt ○ Jon Boon McNutt | For City Council Aberdeen Southeast District five year term You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Chad Nilson ○ Kyle Walz ○ David Novstrup |
| For Precinct Committeewoman Precinct 03 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Mary Jane "MJ" Lunzman ○ Joni Hansen ○ Laura Zylstra Kaiser | For Precinct Committeewoman Precinct 07 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Sophie Doeden ○ Lia Dinger | To find your assigned voting districts contact the Brown County Auditor or visit the Voter Information Portal at SDSOS.GOV |
| For Precinct Committeewoman Precinct 12 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Heidi Engelhart ○ Mary Jorgensen | For Precinct Committeewoman Precinct 15 You may vote for <u>one</u> or leave it blank. ○ Monica Meyer ○ Jan Bjur | Published once at the total approximate cost of _____. |

Johnson places 13th in state triple jump

Aspen Johnson placed 13th at the State A Track Meet held last weekend in Sioux Falls. She placed in the finals of the triple jump. Andrew Marzahn placed 13th in the prelims of the 200m dash. The girls 3200m relay team placed 20th in the finals while the boys 3200m relay team placed 16th in the finals.

200 Meters Class A - Prelims: 13. Andrew Marzahn, 23.62.

4x100 Relay Class A - Prelims: 15. (Andrew Marzahn, Keegen Tracy, Kaden Kurtz, Teylor Diegel), 45.80

4x200 Relay Class A - Prelims: 13. (Andrew Marzahn, Keegen Tracy, Kaden Kurtz, Teylor Diegel), 1:36.11

4x400 Relay Class A - Prelims: 16. (Andrew Marzahn, Keegen Tracy, Kaden Kurtz, Cole Simon), 3:38.07

4x800 Relay Class A - Finals: 16. (Cole Simon, Keegen Tracy, Jacob Lewandowski, Lane Tietz), 8:50.43

High Jump Class A - Finals: Jackson Cogley, NH

Womens Results

4x400 Relay Class A - Prelims: 15. (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hansen, Kella Tracy, Laila Roberts), 4:20.48

4x800 Relay Class A - Finals: 20. (Kella Tracy, Faith Traphagen, Taryn Traphagen, Rylee Dunker), 10:33.67

SMR 200-200-400-800m - [2-2-4-8] Class A - Prelims: 20. (Laila Roberts, Kennedy Hansen, Jerica Locke, Faith Traphagen), 4:36.03

Triple Jump Class A - Finals: 13. Aspen Johnson 32-07.50

May Rain Above Normal

The amount of rain that has fallen in Groton for the month of May is much above normal for the year. The the month of May, Groton received 4.68 inches of rain, over an inch above the normal of 3.28 inches. Much of that is thanks to the rain this past weekend of a total of 2.20 inches.

That puts the yearly total to 11.18 inches, well above the average of 7.25 through the end of May.

The warmest temperature for May was 84.7 degrees on May 27th. The low as 33.6 degrees on May 22. The average temperature for May was 57.6 degrees. The normal is 57.3 degrees.

Groton Senior Citizens

The Groton Senior Citizens met for a meeting and for cards on May 9, 2022. There were 12 members present. President Sarge Likness opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Two get-well cards were signed by all for Dorene Nelson and Arlys Kluess. Flowers were planted by the community center. Meeting was adjourned and cards were played. The winners were Ruby Donovan in pinochle, Dick Donovan in whist, and Marilyn Thorson and Eunice McColister in canasta. Door prize winners were Bev Sombke, Marilyn Thorson and Elda Stange. Lunch was served by Tony Goldade.

The group met May 16 for its meeting and cards. There were 13 members present. President Sarge Linkess opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The winners of the card games were Bev Sombke in pinochle, Darlene Fischer in whist and Eunice McColister and Pat Larson in canasta. Door prize winners were Ruby Donovan, Pat Larson and Bev Sombke. Darlene Fischer served lunch.

The Groton Senior Citizens met May 23 for their monthly potluck dinner. There were 14 members present. President Sarge Likness led the Pledge of Allegiance and the table prayer. After dinner, Bingo was played. Dick Donovan won black-out. Cards were played. Door prizes were awarded to Darlene Fischer, Bev Sombke and Marilyn Thorson. Ruby Donovan's birthday was celebrated with ice cream and a birthday cake made by Bev Sombke. The group sang Happy Birthday to Ruby.

- Elda Stange

USD Announces Spring 2022 Dean's List and Academic Honors

VERMILLION, S.D. -- More than 2,100 students at the University of South Dakota are being honored for their high achievement during the spring 2022 semester with the release of the Dean's List and Academic Honors.

Full-time, undergraduate students are named to the Dean's List if they received a 3.5 GPA for courses they took in the spring 2022 semester, and they had no incomplete or failing grades. Those on the Dean's List are Ashley Rose Gustafson and Alyssa Jane Keough of Claremont, Jenna Ann Kersting of Groton, and Benjamin Thomas Fischbach of Warner.

For part-time students, those with fewer than 12 credit hours, the recognition is called Academic Honors. Those with Academic Honors are Jackson Robert Oliver of Groton and Bess Coral Hogue Seaman of Warner.

The Life of Roger Johnson



Services for Roger (aka Butch or Red) Johnson, 77, of Groton will be at 10am on Friday, June 3, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton. Visitation will be held at the church on Thursday from 5pm-7pm followed by a prayer service at 7pm. Roger will join his wife, Diane, in burial at Sunset Memorial Gardens of Aberdeen.

Roger transitioned from this life peacefully on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at his home surrounded with love and admiration from his family.

Roger Frank Johnson was born on October 5, 1944, on a farm near Claremont to Lambert and Florence (Carlson) Johnson. At six months old, his family moved to the current family farm north of Groton where Roger and Diane resided until 2020. Roger attended a country school near Claremont until high school when he made the switch to Groton High. Roger helped on the family farm until his father passed. At that time, he stepped up to help his mother and run the farm. Roger's sister, Barb Morris, brought her good friend, Betty Diane Wolery, home for Easter one year. Roger was tasked with picking the gals up from the train station. It was not quite love at first sight but something stuck as they were united in marriage February 26, 1967, in Joplin, Montana. Together they began their life on the Johnson farm and were blessed with three children- Shane, Darcy, and Matt. Throughout the years, they raised a variety of crops and many different animals. Roger was a steward of the land in every sense of the word. As if farming wasn't a full-time enough gig, Roger chose to take on several different outside jobs through the years to best provide for his family. In addition to farming, Roger started and ran a custom crop spraying business, worked the night shift for several years at Horton's in Britton, served as the Brown County Weed and Pest Supervisor, and also owned and operated a gravel business. Roger retired from farming in 2014 and continued his gravel business until 2019. He and Diane moved to Groton in 2020 where he lived at the time of his passing.

Anyone who knew Roger would describe him as gentle, but the man also always lived life full throttle. He loved tinkering with toys and enjoyed snowmobiling, cars, side-by-sides, boats, and motorcycles. Roger even surprised the family when he showed up to one of the grandson's high school proms with "Hemi" tattooed on his right arm. Roger loved connecting with others and could seldom be found without a cup of coffee and a hand of cards. Roger and Diane took great joy in traveling, whether it was to the Panama Canal (complete with 938,492 pictures to show upon their return home) or to grandchildren's activities. Nothing made Roger prouder than to tell others about his family's accolades.

Roger was deeply loved and will be sorely missed. Celebrating his life are his three children; Shane Johnson (Angie Sombke) of Claremont, Darcy Albrecht (Patrick Cavanaugh) of Aberdeen, Matt (Tanya) Johnson of Groton, his grandchildren: Samantha (Corey) Bachmeier of Aberdeen, Shanine Anya (Jamie Morris) of Claremont, Marqelle Albrecht (Michael Reid) of Mapleton, ND, Jade (Mikia) Albrecht of West Fargo, ND, Maycee (Tyler) Hatzenbeller of Aberdeen, Jeric Albrecht of Aberdeen, Peyton, Trey, Aeydon and Deylon Johnson of Groton. Roger is also survived by great-grandchildren, Oliver Anya, Jace, Hudson & Taya Morris, Julian & Nova Bachmeier, Vaela & Roy Albrecht, Regis Hatzenbeller, Hank Reid and his sisters, Diana Ehrenberg of Rapid City and Barbara Morris of Groton.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Diane; his brothers-in-law, Bill Ehrenberg and Dick Morris; and nephew, Rick Morris.

Northern State University releases spring 2022 Dean's List

ABERDEEN, S.D. -- Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D., has released the dean's list for the spring 2022 semester.

Students who have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester are eligible for the dean's list. They are Caitlynn Barse, Andover; Samantha Ferguson, Jessica Pruitt and Livia Wallace, Bath; Bryce Peterson, Bristol; Kelsey Bishop and Kayla Jensen, Claremont; Hattie Weismantel, Columbia; Lauren Geranen and Miranda Lai, Frederick; Carrie Feser Cole, Alyssa Fordham, Braden Freeman, Alexis Hanten, Logan Hinman, Tara Kupcho and Regan Leicht, Groton; Emily Palmer, Langford; Peyton Ellingson, Christine Stoltenberg and Justin Waldner, Stratford; Landon Leidholt and Kayla Zubke, Warner; and Mckenzie Hasebroek, Westport.

Games Rescheduled

The Legion game scheduled for June 28th in Sisseton will now be played in Groton.

The U12 baseball game scheduled for Tuesday in Britton has been moved to June 1st at 5:30 for a double header.

Companies are willing to invest not only in tree planting, but in the long-term survival of the trees once they are planted.

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that a tree seed shortage is jeopardizing reforestation efforts across the American West following so many bad wildfire seasons in a row? If so, what can everyday people do to help?

-- Helen K., Barre, VT

Wildfires have been a mainstay on the news of late, and in the United States and across the world we are witnessing fires that are more intense than ever before. With warmer and drier conditions brought on by climate change, scientists project a 33 percent increase in wildfires by 2050 and a 57 percent increase by the end of the century. The Western U.S. is seeing the worst drought on record in the past 1,200 years, causing wildfires to spark earlier and more often.

As a result, public interest in reforestation efforts has skyrocketed. If a deforested area is left unattended to, the wrong species of trees might grow back, disrupting the ecosystem. Trees use carbon dioxide (CO₂) as they grow, so they are crucial tools in fighting climate change, functioning as what is called a "carbon sink" by capturing and "sequestering" the carbon. Not only is there bipartisan support for more tree planting, but corporations are also showing interest in mass tree plantings to sequester carbon to offset pollution.

Increasing investment in tree planting and maintaining the trees as they mature is a great step forward for ecological restoration and carbon sequestration, but there is one flaw with this plan: There is a shortage of seeds. According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), nurseries will need to more than double their production of seedlings to keep up with the current demand for trees. While it may seem like a simple solution, as the climate changes, the behavior of seed-producing trees changes as well.

Seed scarcity is linked with temperature increases and drought conditions brought on by climate change. In periods of extended drought, trees respond by stopping the production of seeds. Additionally, especially at lower elevations, the warmer weather results in more insects that will eat away at the remaining viable seeds. Harvesting seeds is a sensitive process; to ensure the long-term success of a tree, the seeds that are collected have to come from the same geographic region as well as the same elevation that you plan to plant the tree. Another piece to this puzzle is the wildfires: Hotter, drier conditions are exacerbating the frequency and severity of wildfires, reducing the number of seed-producing trees in the ecosystem. This, in turn is



Tree seed shortages compounded by decades of drought and recent extreme wildfire seasons mean the future of our forests could be in jeopardy. Credit: Yamanaka Tamaki, FlickrCC.

putting more stress on nurseries to provide not just seeds but trees themselves.

Even though you may not have the knowledge to collect seeds yourself, you can be part of the solution! Increasing seedling production is an expensive task, and donating to organizations like the National Forest Foundation or The Arbor Day Foundation can be invaluable in supporting reforestation. Volunteering with the U.S. Forest Service is another way to make a difference.

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It Helps to Share Your Story

With the storm approaching, my wife texted me after work to come home right away. Within minutes, after I left the clinic, she called me again to tell me NOT to come home and to seek shelter immediately. At first, I thought I could make it home, but then the wall of wind hit, and a tree fell onto the road in front of me. I turned around and another tree blocked the way. Then it got so dark. It was disorienting and I turned on my windshield wipers using the fluid to try to clear the dust and mud off my windshield. That did not help. Thankfully, I made it safely to a friend's house.

Recently many communities in our region suffered from storms with strong winds that blasted through rural and urban areas in numerous states. Thousands of trees were uprooted, communities went without power, some lost their homes, and unfortunately lives were also lost. While some people were visibly injured, others hurt psychologically.

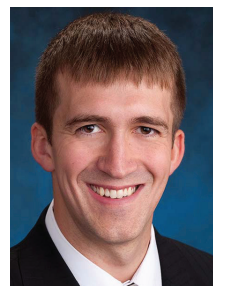
In my community there were warnings of a storm coming, but it came sooner than expected and most people were surprised at its power. Because of timing of the storm, many people were still on the roads coming home from work. I saw them on the roads with me. Others were trying to secure possessions outside their homes. Many were hit by flying debris and fallen trees. I saw them in the emergency department after the storm. This was a reminder for me to be prepared ahead of time, heed warnings, and seek shelter before the storm comes, not when it comes.

For the last few weeks following the event, I heard people share their experiences during the storm. Some had conversations with me, but I also witnessed many other conversations going on at work, outside with neighbors, and at the grocery store.

If you have been through something difficult or traumatic, there are benefits of sharing your story. It does not help to hold it inside. Talk to someone who can listen, whether it is a friend, family member, counselor, your doctor, or an anonymous person on a helpline. Consider writing or drawing. Find ways to process what you have been through.

Many communities are healing through neighbors helping neighbors and people sharing their stories. This is what our grandparents did when they experienced terrible blizzards, drought, and war, and this is what their ancestors did before them. They helped each other through hardships, and they shared their stories.

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