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Aaron Severson, Brett Anderson, Darrell Hillestad and Branden Abeln erected the tent at the Groton Airport for the fly-in/walkin this weekend. The event runs Friday through Monday. The airport is located about five miles north of Groton.

The contractor that was coming to work on the water reservoir is not able to do the painting on September 1st as planned.

The new date for water restrictions has been set for September 10th.

No irrigation systems are allowed to run starting September 10th.



There have been some guest people who have been doing the play-by-play action on GDILIVE.COM. Tuesday night in Groton, Anna Fjeldheim and Aspen Johnson did the C game while Justin Hanson and Ryan Tracy did the varsity game. (Photos by Paul Kosel)

Long Lake's ambassador is gone

Editor's note: Tony Bender is taking the week off. Here's one we like from 2013.

Long Lake, SD, population 31, has just lost the greatest ambassador it will ever have. Every town needs one, few have them, and none will ever have one as good as Charlie Fischer. When the Long Lake cafe was serving "the best chicken in the world" you knew about it in Ashley. When Long Lake had a polka party or turkey shoot, they put up signs and posters, but they really didn't need them. They had Charlie Fischer.

He was Auctioneer Emeritus of these parts, an old school auctioneer, a back-slapper, part comedian and part carnival barker. When they heard the news at the busy checkout line at Ashley Super Valu on the eve of a snowstorm—"Charlie Fisher passed away"—a bent, wrinkled old woman I did not know, gasped, and when I turned back to look again, she had tears in her eyes.

Although I was not raised here, my roots are deep in this soil. This is where my father walked, my grandfather, and his father. Some 15 years ago, after I bought the newspapers in Ashley and Wishek, I ran into Charlie outside the bank. I remember an autumn wind, the conflicting snap of the air and the tepid warmth of the weakening sun. We moved to a spot where the breeze was not so strong where the sun could do its work unimpeded.

"I want to tell you something," Charlie said. He probably put his arm around me. I don't remember for sure. "Our families go way back," he said, and this I remember well.

He told me about the day, back when times were especially tough and his father desperately needed a loan. As he was coming out of the bank empty handed, Charlie's father met my Great-grandfather George Bender. "George told my dad, 'Don't worry about the bank, I'll lend you the money.'"

Then Charlie looked me in the eye to make sure that I understood that the loyalty and respect his family had for my great-grandfather had been extended to me. This was a bond Charlie held sacred.

People ask—and sometimes we ask ourselves—in the midst of brooding gray winters and insolent, brash, fast moving summers, why we live here. It is a harsh land, and the generations who have endured have taken on the temperament of the land. Pugnacious, bloody-knuckled, stoic, but with a sense of loyalty, tradition and honor, too, that binds us as friends and neighbors and makes this home. For me, in that moment, Charlie Fisher

epitomized the best that is within us. Our reason for living here. When his name comes up in my family, that is the story I tell.

There is another. When I was a teenager at the wheel of a fast car with my friends on board, I was the cause of terrible crash that might have killed us all. Booze, reckless driving, speeding on an unfamiliar road in fog... I made just about every bad decision possible. If I had had a cell phone that night I might have been texting.

My friends escaped mostly with stitches, bumps and bruises, but I ended up in the hospital, unrecognizably swollen, bloodied, wishing I could turn back the clock. The enormity of the damage I had caused began to set in.

My father was insured through Charlie's Long Lake agency, but I was worried that the claim would be rejected and my parents bankrupted. I did not know then that as a rule insurance companies cover youthful stupidity, but I will never forget the weight that was lifted from my shoulders when Charlie assured us that, "He would take care of everything. They're going to pay. I'll see to it." There are a lot of ways that situation could have been handled, but he handled it with the kindness and confidence we needed at that moment.

They're going to remember a lot of things about Charlie Fisher. In almost 80 years, he did a lot, accomplished a lot, touched a lot of people. He was a showman. He may have been the original Good Time Charlie. He made extroverts seem like Greta Garbo. He loved life and it loved him right back.

But it seems to me that as often as people are remembered for the larger, obvious aspects of their lives, there are a thousand more memories we will never know that testify to the character of the soul as much as to the soul of the character.

These recollections of Charlie Fisher remind me that the legacies we create are often built out of the spotlight with small audiences. We're not putting on a show. We're just being who we are.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

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Weekly Vikings Roundup:

Preseason game #3

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

Preseason has finally come to end as the Vikings fall to the Denver Broncos 23-13 to finish off their preseason without a win for the second year in a row. Yet again, the Vikings decided to rest their entire starting lineup for the game, leaving only 47 of the 80 players currently on the Vikings' roster to play. With the roster needing to be cut down to 53 players by this Tuesday, it was the last opportunity for some of these players to make a case to be on the roster come Week 1.

Just before the game, the Vikings announced the 33 players that would not suit up against the Broncos. Most of the names consisted of players who are already locked in to make the roster. However, there were three players on the list: Chazz Surratt, Janarius Robinson, and Jonathan Bullard, that were surprisingly not playing in the final preseason game. Since these three players are seen as "bubble" players to make the final roster, it was odd that the Vikings decided not to dress them for the game. Perhaps it could be that these three players are all dealing with undisclosed injuries, or that their fate has already been sealed that they are making the final roster. However, the most likely reason is that the Vikings already know that they are going to cut these three players and want to ensure they make it to the practice squad rather than get picked up by another team. If one of these three players were to have an exceptional performance against the Broncos, other teams may take a chance on them on their final roster.

As for the game, there were only a few noteworthy performances on the Vikings' side of things. Ryan Wright, who secured the punter job during the week, seemed to be loving the Colorado air because he was booming the ball down the field on his punts. The same can be said for the kicker, Greg Joseph, who had a 58-yard field goal that easily sailed through the uprights. Besides the stellar special teams' performances, the only other great performance for the Vikings came from running back, Ty Chandler. Although Chandler only had five carries, he was able to lead the team in rushing with 44 yards.

The quarterback play, on the other hand, was subpar, to say the least for the Vikings. Unlike prior games, the Vikings decided to give Sean Mannion the entire first half as the quarterback and Kellen Mond the entire second half. With the signing of backup quarterback, Nick Mullens, during the week, anything but a superb performance for either of these two quarterbacks would likely lead to them not making the final roster. For Mannion, it was another outing that showed why his lack of arm talent led the Vikings to trade for a reliable backup quarterback in Mullens. For Mond, this game might have officially knocked him out of making the final roster. With the signing of Mullens, many thought that the Vikings might keep Mond as the project, third-string quarterback. However, after his awful performance last night, Mond's best bet for staying with the Vikings might be on the practice squad. Mond's biggest issue seems to be his inconsistency. For every great throw Mond makes, he makes two to three poor decisions right after.

As for everyone else, it will be interesting to see who the front office chooses to make the final roster. There are only 53 spots on the final roster and 16 spots on the practice squad. Some guys will likely never suit up for the Vikings again, and others will likely never suit up for any NFL team again. Whatever happens, it will all be known by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, August 30.

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Working at the Grocery Store

Fill in the puzzle with the person who does each job.

In the Store:

1. packs groceries and puts them into the carts
2. _____ clerk checks vegetables for freshness
3. _____ clerk changes tickets on an item to show how much it costs
4. scans items on the belt, collects payment and makes change
5. keeps the whole store running smoothly
6. watches customers and works to keep theft low
7. _____ clerk works hard slicing cold meats and cheeses, and scooping salads
8. gathers the shopping carriages, lines them up neatly
9. keeps the store sparkling clean and in good order
10. _____ service person works behind a desk to help with any customer needs or questions
11. cuts the meat into special cuts, answers any questions
12. shelf _____ refills the shelves and keeps them orderly

Behind the Scenes:

13. _____ driver moves piles of large, heavy bundles
14. brings trucks full of items to the store's loading dock
15. _____ programmers keep track of the stock, prices and amounts people buy

We all visit the grocery store to buy food and supplies for our homes. I like to take my own bags when I shop. There are lots of people working at the grocery store to make it run smoothly – from the baggers at the front to the workers behind the scenes in the warehouses.



Don't Break the Budget!

A good way to keep on track (to only buy items that you need and not overspend your budget) is to write a shopping _____! (Hint: look at the letters in the eggs.)

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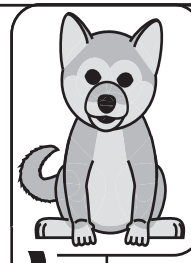
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Where Can We Find It?

Welcome to my area of the store called the "Floral Department." It's my job to keep flowers fresh and to help you choose flowers for a celebration or to decorate your home.

1. Match the departments on the left to the items that a shopper would find there.
2. Next, find and circle all of these words:

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. frozen | A. paper towels, dish soap |
| 2. produce | B. milk, butter, eggs |
| 3. laundry, paper, cleaning | C. ham, chicken |
| 4. dairy | D. ice cream, pizzas |
| 5. meat and poultry | E. corn, apples, tomatoes |
| 6. bakery | F. bottled water, soda, juice |
| 7. gourmet | G. fish, shrimp, clams |
| 8. pet needs | H. fancy cookies, jams |
| 9. seafood | I. dog food, cat snacks |
| 10. beverage | J. bread, cake, pie |
| 11. breakfast | K. fruit, vegetables, tuna fish |
| 12. canned goods | L. cereal, pancake mix |



The Best Price Yoshi needs a new collar and treats to clean his teeth. Go to both stores. Which has the lowest total price?

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Brown County Aug. 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 23, 2022 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Trevor Jones with Summit Carbon Solutions was present for any questions and talked about sponsorship at the rodeos at the Brown County Fair. Al Novstrup gave update on the regional jail and his recent tour of jails.

AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION OF 2023 PROVISIONAL BUDGET: Moved by Wiese, Seconded by Feickert to approve the publication of the 2023 Provisional Budget. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

BMX LEASE: Moved by Fjeldheim, Seconded by Gage to approve the lease with BMX for use of county lots for parking during and event on August 26 to August 28, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

AMENDMENT TO SAND LAKE BRIDGE PROJECT: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, met to discuss the amendments to the Sand Lake Bridge Project. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to authorize signing amendment 2 to agreement number 716665 to Sand Lake Bridge Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried..

TEMPORARY ALCOHOL PERMIT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve a temporary alcohol permit submitted by SPURS for an event on September 17, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve lottery application submitted by SPURS for an event on September 17, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCES 222-230- REZONES- SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to set a hearing date for September 13th at 8:45 a.m. in the Courthouse Commission Chambers and authorize advertising the following rezoning ordinances: Proposed Ordinance 222, Applicants Patricia Mehlhaff requesting to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential(R-3) Lot 1, "Berry-Davis Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Proposed Ordinance 223, Applicant Karen Kempf requesting to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential (R-3): Proposed Lot 1, "Wiek-Kempf Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 8-T128N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota; Proposed Ordinance 224 Applicant Diane Heimann requesting to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG): Proposed Lot 1, "Alberts-Anderson Addition" in the NW1/4 of Section 10-T124N-R61W, except Railroad ROW, of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota; Proposed Ordinance 225, Applicant Nolan Ulmer requesting to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) and Mini Agriculture District (M-AG): Lots 1-17, "Bauer's Fourth Addition" in the S1/2 of Section 7-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota;

Proposed Ordinance 226, Applicant Todd Lunzman, requesting rezoning from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini Agriculture District (M-AG): Proposed Lot 1, "Howell-Lunzman Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 29-T128N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota; Proposed Ordinance 227, Applicant Mark Thompson, requesting rezoning from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini Agriculture District (M-AG): Proposed Lot 1, "Mark Thompson Second Addition" and Lot 1, "Mark Thompson Addition" both in the SE1/4 of Section 9-T128N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota; Proposed Ordinance 228, Applicants Jeremy Wal-

berg and Troy Grote, requesting rezoning from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini Agriculture District (M-AG): Lot 3, "Hagemann First Subdivision" and Lots 1 and 2, Garrett's Subdivision of Lot 1, "Hagemann First Subdivision" in the SE 1/4 of Section 26T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota; Proposed Ordinance 229, Applicant Stacy Gossman, requesting rezoning from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG): Proposed Lot 1, "Whitman's First Subdivision" in the N1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 29-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. MINUTES: Moved by Fjeldheim, Seconded by Sutton to approve minutes from August 16, 2022 Meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. CLAIMS: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims:

Insurance: Professional Fees: Adamssoft LLC \$2031.25; AVERA ST. LUKE'S \$215.61; CERTIFIED LANGUAGES INTERNATIONAL LLC \$2029.50; IMEG Corp \$17311.46; NE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER \$1664.00; Northern Plains OMS \$44.57; ZYLSTRA INVESTIGATIONS \$1190.00

Publishing: ABERDEEN COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION \$100.00; GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc. \$250.04; GROTON INDEPENDENT \$310.13; Independent Press Newspaper \$58.50; MCQUILLEN CREATIVE GROUP INC \$375.00

Repairs & Maintenance: BRENT A FISCHER \$26.00; FARM POWER MFG INC \$42.50; HF JACOBS & SON CONSTRUCTION INC \$11046.92; HOVEN AUTO REPAIR INC \$52.00; JENSEN ROCK & SAND INC \$3325.00; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC \$77.25; MENARDS \$38.98; Penny Sampson \$165.00; POMPS TIRE SERVICE, INC \$76.84; PRECISION KIOSK ECHNOLOGIES \$2700.00; SEWER DUCK INC \$325.00; STEVEN LUST AUTOMOTIVE \$85.79; WOODMAN REFRIGERATION, INC \$755.92

Supplies: APH STORES, INC \$103.95; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$5.52; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$378.78; CHARM-TEX \$226.20; COLE PAPERS \$2244.83; DONALD P. PALMER \$153.00; FARM POWER MFG INC \$3750.66; FIRE SAFETY FIRST, LLC \$407.50; GOVERNMENT FORM & SUPPLIES \$483.50; GRAHAM TIRE INC \$17.77; HANLON BROTHERS \$117973.29; Henry Fulda \$25.09; HFJACOBS & SON CONSTRUCTION INC \$813.20; KEN'S SUPERFAIR FOODS \$464.00; KESSLERS \$355.66; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC \$914.94; LEIDHOLDT TOOL SALES, LLC \$10.61; MB LLC \$496.40; MENARDS \$126.17; MILLSTONE RESTAURANT \$380.58; PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESAL, INC. \$1421.65; POMPS TIRE SERVICE, INC \$1480.67; RUNNING \$398.92; TITAN MACHINERY - ABERDEEN NH \$63.21; WEST PUBLISHING CORP. \$1959.00 Travel & Conference: ASSOCIATION OF SD MUSEUMS \$240.00; Dakota 911 Conference Inc \$300.00; DAVID ENGRAF \$199.43; SD ASSOC OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS \$390.00

Utilities: CITY OF ABERDEEN \$7792.69; DEPENDABLE SANITATION INC \$513.00; JAMES VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS \$258.30; NORTHERN ELECTRIC COOP, INC \$904.60; NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATION \$1416.34; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS \$5539.13; VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES LLC \$105.16

Others: SD ASSOC. OF COUNTY OFFICIALS \$1072.00 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following Human Resource Report: Acknowledge no show: Dawn Owens, Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time, request to fill. Acknowledge resignation of Angel Sanchez Ortiz, Brown County JDC Correctional Officer, full-time; effective September 3, 2022. Request to fill. Acknowledge last day of internship Madelyne Sumption, Brown County Fair Intern; effective August 21, 2022. Approve re-hire of Brandon Richardson as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$18.87/hour; effective August 23, 2022. Approve hiring of Patricia Sluts As Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$18.87/hour; effective August 23, 2022.

Approve temporary 2022 Brown County Fair workers August 14th thru 21st; Ticket Supervisor Malerie Henschel \$14.50/hour; Ticket Sellers Jacque Ohleen-Kallhoff, Anje Hinkelman, Becky Fjelstad, April Fryer, Jody Parsons and Sascha Usselman \$14.00/hour; Maintenance John Weig \$13.50/hour; Odde Office Staff Julie Van Dover, Jan Erickson, Bobbie Dempsey and Linda Thurston \$14.18/hour; Gatekeepers Jodi Carlsgaard, Emma Carlsgaard, Tammy Cantalope, Bill Cantalope, Toney Price, Kevin Price, Hunter Kramer, Jackson Rusten, Angela Rusten and Jonathan Shepherd \$12/hour; Security Staff Taren odegaard, Braxton Farmen, Keith Miller, Brady Woehl, Tyler Bogue, Jordan Majeske, Anne Weig, Zac Krage, Justine Charles, Brent Koens Kyle Couchey, Dave Hunter, Drew Plooster, Mike Wiese, LaNae Stevens and Cole Kissner \$35.00/hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve travel request from Communication Department. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS:
Resolution #41-22 Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the board of county commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing BNB Second Richmond Lake Subdivision in the NW 1/4 of section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Feickert. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Gage-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #42-22 Commissioner Gage Brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the board of county commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Howell-Lunzman Addition in the SW 1/3 of Section 29-T128N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Feickert. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Gage-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #43-22 Commissioner Gage Brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the board of county commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Mark Thompson Second Addition in the SE 1/4 of Section 9 T124N R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Feickert. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Gage-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #44-22 Commissioner Gage Brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the board of county commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Whitman's First Subdivision in the N 1/2 NE 1/2 of section 29-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Feickert. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Gage-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent advised that the transition from the Rodeo to the Racetrack went well. Commissioner Feickert and Dirk Rogers discussed Summit Carbon Solutions doing soil testing in the county right of way. Commissioner Wiese discussed the possibility of short term storage at county building.

Executive Session: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel per SDCL 1-25-2. 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 at 9:52 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Brown County CDBG Grant Application

Brown County expects to apply to the State of South Dakota for a Community Development Block Grant to make possible an addition on to the YMCA Youth Development Center in Aberdeen. Brown County expects to apply for approximately \$770,000 of CDBG funds to be used for the proposed project which will cost approximately \$3,457,000. A public hearing will be held at 9:00am, on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022, at the Brown County Commission Chambers at 25 Market Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from members of the community regarding the application. The meeting is open to the public and interested persons are encouraged to attend. An additional 30-day comment period will commence immediately following the public hearing and will conclude on October 23, 2022 at 5:00pm for those wishing to express written comments to the County of Brown, or their Planning District at 416 Production Avenue N. Ste #1, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Public comments will be taken during this public hearing on the Brown County community development and housing needs.

Notice is further given to persons with disabilities that this hearing is being held in physically accessible place and you must notify the above-mentioned office within 48 hours of the public hearing if you have special needs for which this agency will make arrangements.

ATTEST:
Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Mehlhoff Rezoning Notice

Application has been made by Patricial Mehlhoff to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on September 13th at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential (R-3):

Lot 1, "Berry-Davis Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 222.

ATTEST:
Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Kempf Rezoning Notice

Application has been made by Karen Kempf to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on September 13th at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.10 Lake Front Residential (R-3):

Proposed Lot 1, "Wiek-Kempf Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 8-T128N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 223.

ATTEST:
Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Heimann

Rezoning Notice

Application has been made by Diane Heimann to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on September 13th at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG):

Proposed Lot 1, "Alberts-Anderson Addition" in the NW1/4 of Section 10-T124N-R61W, except Railroad ROW, of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 224.

ATTEST:

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Brown County Ulmer

Rezoning Notice

Application has been made by Nolan Ulmer to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on September 13th at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) and Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG):

Lots 1-17, "Bauer's Fourth Addition" in the S1/2 of Section 7-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 225.

ATTEST:

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Brown County Lunzman

Rezoning Notice

Application has been made by Todd Lunzman to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on September 13th at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG):

Proposed Lot 1, "Howell-Lunzman Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 29-T128N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 226.

ATTEST:

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Brown County Thompson

Rezoning Notice

Application has been made by Mark Thompson to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on September 13th at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG):

Proposed Lot 1, "Mark Thompson Second Addition" and Lot 1, "Mark Thompson Addition" both in the SE1/4 of Section 9-T128N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 227.

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Brown County Walberg/Grote

Rezoning Notice

Application has been made by Jeremy Walberg and Troy Grote to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on September 13th at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 3, "Hagemann First Subdivision" and Lots 1 and 2, Garrett's Subdivision of Lot 1, "Hagemann First Subdivision" in the SE 1/4 of Section 26T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 228.

ATTEST:

Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Gossman

Rezoning Notice

Application has been made by Stacy Gossman to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on September 13th at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Residential District (R-1) to Highway Commercial (HC)

Lot 1, "Ronnie's Way Addition" and Lot 1, "Creekside Addition" both in the NW1/4 of Section 17-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Dakota

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 229.

ATTEST:

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Brown County Whitman

Rezoning Notice

Application has been made by James Whitman to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on September 13th at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG):

Proposed Lot 1, "Whitman's First Subdivision" in the N1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 29-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 230.

ATTEST:

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Brown County Provisional Budget

ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, will meet in the Courthouse at Aberdeen South Dakota on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. for the purpose of considering the Provisional Budget for the year 2023 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 27th day of September 2022. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.

Auditor

Brown County South Dakota
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Groton City Beverage License

Notice of Hearing upon Application for a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council on the 6th day of September, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Groton City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, South Dakota will meet in regular session to consider a special event alcoholic beverage license for an Adult Painting Class at 120 N Main Street in the City of Groton, South Dakota on 10/13/2022.

Any person interested in the approval or rejection of any such application may appear and be heard.

Dated at Groton, South Dakota this 30th day of August, 2022.

Douglas Heinrich, Groton City Finance Officer

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2022 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Tax Revenue Finishes at \$1.54 Million

PIERRE, S.D., -- The Department of Revenue's tax collections at the 2022 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally are currently at \$1,544,471.

The revenue sum from temporary vendors in the Black Hills was down 14 percent compared to 2021. The state sales tax accounted for the majority of the collections with \$902,399. At this time last year, the department collected \$1,038,561 in state sales tax. The department's 2022 collections also include \$290,586 in the state tourism tax and \$351,485 in municipal taxes.

"After coming off of record numbers from 2021, 2022 saw a decrease in revenue but still overall strong figures." Revenue Supervisor Lori Haupt said. "Revenue staff saw many returning vendors coming back to the rally in both the northern and southern hills. South Dakota continues to be open for business and a great place to visit."

Temporary vendors attending the 2022 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally were also down 10% compared to 2021. The 2022 rally topped at 917 temporary vendors, while the 2021 event had 1,014.

The Northern Black Hills, which includes Sturgis and all other communities in Meade and Lawrence counties, accumulated \$1,163,261 in tax from the 734 vendors present, a 13% decrease from a year ago.

The Southern Black Hills, which includes Rapid City, Custer, Hill City, and Keystone, had 183 temporary vendors with \$381,210 in total tax collected, decreasing 16% from 2021.

Taxes collected at the 2022 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally included state sales, tourism, municipal sales, and municipal gross receipts.

SOUTH DAKOTA RETAILERS TO HOST BEST GROCERY BAGGER COMPETITION AT STATE FAIR

Huron, SD – The South Dakota Retailers Association is once again partnering with the State Fair to bring the "Best Bagger" competition to the Freedom Stage on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 11:30 a.m.

Sponsored by Associated Wholesale Grocers and NW French & Associates, the annual Best Bagger Competition features some of the quickest hands in the grocery business. Contestants will see how they "stack up" during this fun, fast-paced, head-to-head competition.

"This year we have ten different South Dakota grocery stores bringing their best bagger to the South Dakota State Fair," said Retailers Association Exec. Dir. Nathan Sanderson. "It's going to be an exciting competition of speed and accuracy from the best of the best in our state's grocery industry."

All contestants will bag identical grocery orders and be judged on speed, bag building technique, uniform bag weight, and personal attitude and appearance. The top three placers will receive cash prizes and the South Dakota Best Bagger Competition winner will receive an expenses-paid trip to compete at the National Grocers Association's National Competition in Las Vegas, N.V. for a chance to win \$10,000.

"The South Dakota State Fair is excited to open the Freedom Stage for this fun event," said State Fair Manager Peggy Besch. "Including the Best Bagger Competition to our Saturday line-up brings a unique attraction for our amazing State Fair guests!"

Contestants competing in the annual South Dakota Best Bagger competition must spend more than 40 percent of their working time bagging groceries, must be of legal working age, and only one contestant per retail location is eligible. For more information, visit sdra.org/bestbagger.

Make sure to mark your State Fair calendar for Saturday, September 3 at 11:30 a.m. on the Freedom Stage for some fast-action, fun times, and an unforgettable competition!

Classifieds and Card of Thanks

The following rates are for Classifieds published in both the Groton Daily Independent and the Groton Independent. Cut rate in half if you just want it in the GDI or just the weekly.

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Redfield holds off last minute drive to win in football action



Andrew Marzahn looks for an opening as he runs the ball. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Keegen Tracy looks for an opening as he makes his move. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Korbin Kucker gets ready to launch a pass downfield. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Tate Larson caught this pass, but it was just outside of the endzone. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Holden Sippel grabbed the jersey of Nolan Gall and did not let go during this play. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Ryder Johnson moves quickly to gain yards for the Tigers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area's football team had three golden opportunities and a last minute chance to score, but the ball refused to cross into the end zone as Redfield held on for a 14-12 win. The game was played Friday in Groton.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bahr Spray Foam, John Sieh Agency, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Locke Electric, Dacotah Bank, SD Army National Guard, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc, Doug Abeln Seed and Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass. Mike Nehls did the play-by-play action.

Groton Area had the ball down within the 15 yard line three times during the game, but the Redfield defense prevented the Tigers from scoring. The Tiger defense forced a turnover with a minute left in the game, but the ensuing passes were thwarted.

It was an even game, as the score would indicate, with both teams having 13 first downs and Groton Area had the edge in total offense, 283-222. Both teams had one fumble and one interception.

Groton Area scored first with 11:55 left in the first half on a five yard pass from Kucker to Diegel. The PAT kick was blocked and it was 6-0. Redfield would then score with 6:54 left in the half on a four yard pass from Nolan Gall to Keaton Rohlfs. The PAT was a fake kick which ended up on a pass from Gall to Chase McGillivany. It was 8-0 at half time.

Redfield would score with 2:46 left in the third quarter, on a seven yard run by Mason Whitley. The two-point run attempt failed and it was 14-6.

Groton Area scored with 3:11 left in the game on a 58 yard pass play from Kucker to Marzahn. The PAT pass attempt failed and it was 14-12.

Offensively for the Tigers, Groton Area had 29 carries for 100 yards with Teylor Diegel having six carries for 55 yards, Korbin Kucker having 16 for 29 yards and Andrew Marzahn had seven for 16 yards. Redfield had 40 carries for 180 yards with Mason Whitley having 21 carries for 145 yards and one touchdown.

Kucker completed nine of 16 passes for 183 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. Receivers were Diegel with four catches for 93 yards and one touchdown, Marzahn had two catches for 66 yards and one touchdown, Keegan Tracy had two catches for 17 yards and Tate Larson had one catch for seven yards. Redfield completed five of eight passes for 42 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Nolan Gall had one catch for 20 yards and Chase McGillivany had two for 16 yards.

Groton Area had two fumbles and lost one and had three penalties for 39 yards. Redfield lost one fumble and had seven penalties for 60 yards.

Defensive leaders for the Tigers were Christian Ehresmann with 14 tackles and one fumble recovery, Logan Ringgenberg had nine tackles, Kaleb Antonsen had seven tackles, Teylor Diegel, Holden Sippel and Korbin Kucker each had six tackles, Tate Larson had six tackles and an interception and Marzahn had one fumble recovery.

Mason Whitley led Redfield with 10 tackles.

Groton Area, now 0-2 on the season, will host Dakota Hills Coop on Friday. Redfield, now 1-1, is hosting Aberdeen Roncalli.

- Paul Kosel

Groton Area girls soccer team ties with Vermillion

The Groton Area girls soccer team tied with Vermillion Saturday afternoon in Groton, 1-1. Emma Schinkel fed the ball to Laila Roberts who kicked in the game tying goal in the first half. Vermillion did make a goal in the second half; however, the ball was considered out of bounds prior to the goal so it did not count. According to assistant coach Kaylin Kucker, "The tie with Vermillion is huge." She went on to say that with the tie, any points that Vermillion gets will now be shared with Groton and it will help Groton in the points since Vermillion plays some upper division teams. Groton Area is now 3-0-1 on the season and will host Dakota Valley on Friday at 4 p.m.



Sydney Locke
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



It's a Father-Daughter coach team for the Groton Area girls soccer team. of Chris and Kaylin Kucker. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Laila Roberts
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Sydney Leicht
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Coach Chris Kucker talks with his team during a heat time out.
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jaedyn Penning
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kennedy Hansen
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jerica Locke
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Mia Crank
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Lady Tigers challenge NEC favorite Hamlin

Groton Area's volleyball team opened its season Thursday night at Hamlin, taking on one of the Northeast Conference favorites. But the Lady Tigers gave the Chargers a stunning challenge that left Coach Chelsea Hanson very happy with the performance of the Tigers. Hamlin did win, 3-1, with game scores of 25-20, 20-25, 25-22 and 25-20. The first set was tied nine times and the lead changed hands six times before Hamlin got the upper hand and got the 25-20 win. Groton Area commanded most of the second set with just one tie and one lead change. Hamlin got the 4-0 lead but Groton Area chipped away at the lead, tying the game at nine and took a 13-9 lead and continued to the 25-20 win. Groton Area also had the upper hand for most of the third set, leading 19-16, before Hamlin staged a come-back to take a 21-19 lead and ended up with 25-22 win. The fourth set was competitive from beginning to end. The game was tied three times early in the set and Groton Area held an 11-8 lead before Hamlin scored seven straight points to take a 15-11 lead. Groton Area came back, tying the set at 16 and taking the lead, 17-16. The set was tied at 17 and 18 before Groton Area took a 20-18 lead. Hamlin then scored the last seven points to take a 25-20 win.

Sydney Leicht led Groton Area with six kills and four ace serves, Anna Fjeldheim had five kills and two ace serves, Hollie Frost had four kills, Lydia Meier three kills, Elizabeth Fliehs had two kills, a block and an ace serve, Laila Roberts had three ace serves, Carly Guthmiller had an ace serve and Aspen Johnson had one kill.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 25-18 and 25-17. Jaedyn Penning had three kills and an ace serve, Faith Traphagen had five kills and an ace serve, Chesney Weber had two kills and an ace serve, Jerica Locke had a kill, Rylee Dunker had four ace serves and Emma Kutter was the leader with eight kills and a block.

Hamlin won the C match, 26-24 and 25-17. Both junior high teams also won.

The varsity game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bahr Spray Foam, John Sieh Agency, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Locke Electric, Dacotah Bank, SD Army National Guard, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc. The junior varsity game was also broadcasted and was sponsored by Rich and Tami Zimney. The C match was also broadcasted via an anonymous sponsor.

Groton Area netters beat Aberdeen Christian

The Groton Area Tiger volleyball team posted a 3-0 win over Aberdeen Christian with game scores of 25-11, 25-17 and 25-12.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bahr Spray Foam, John Sieh Agency, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Locke Electric, Dacotah Bank, SD Army National Guard, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc.

Groton Area won the first game with the help of a 10 point run and six ace serves by Laila Roberts. The game was tied twice with one lead change. Groton Area scored the final seven points of the set to win, 25-11.

The second set was tied 10 times and there were five lead changes. The Tigers outscored the Knights, 12-3, down the stretch to get the 25-17 win. Sydney Leicht had five kills and an ace serve while Anna Fjeldheim had two kills, a block and an ace serve and Aspen Johnson had three kills for the Tigers.

After three ties Groton Area took command of the third set with the help of five kills by Sydney Leicht and four ace serves by Carly Guthmiller to post the 25-12 win.

For the match, Anna Fjeldheim had four kills, one ace serve and a block, Laila Roberts had

seven ace serves and a kill, Sydney Leicht had 12 kills and two ace serves, Carly Guthmiller had four ace serves, Lydia Meier had two kills, Hollie Frost had a block, Elizabeth Fliehs had three ace serves and a kill and Aspen Johnson had six kills, one ace serve and a block.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-13 and 25-9. The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bob and Vicki Walter.

Jaedyn Penning had seven kills and two ace serves, Faith Traphagen had two ace serves, a block and a kill, Jerica Locke had four ace serves, Talli Wright had two ace serves, Chesney Weber had a kill and an ace serve and Rylee Dunker and Emma Kutter each had two kills.

Groton Area netters have clean sweep over Ipswich

The Groton Area Tiger volleyball team posted a 3-1 win over Ipswich with game scores of 25-23, 19-25, 25-14 and 25-20..

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bahr Spray Foam, John Sieh Agency, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Locke Electric, Dacotah Bank, SD Army National Guard, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc. Justin Hanson and Ryan Tracy provided the play-by-play action.

Ipswich had the early lead of the first set at 4-1, but Groton Area rallied to take a 7-4 lead. Ipswich chipped away at Groton's advantage and took a 21-20 lead. The set was tied at 22 and 23 before Groton Area scored the last two points with the game winning ace serve by Jerica Locke.

Ipswich jumped ahead again the second set, but never relinquished its lead. It was tied at four, but Ipswich kept the upper hand. After a tie of 11, Ipswich jumped ahead and went for the 25-19 win.

Groton Area took the 6-0 lead in the third set and never trailed to post a 28-14 win. Ipswich took the early lead in the fourth set at 3-2 and 8-4. Groton Tied the set at 11, 12, 13 and 17 before taking the lead. Groton Area scored six straight points to take a 22-17 lead and went on for the 25-20 win.

Emma Kutter had her first varsity match. She came in the second set to score a block and a kill, warmed up even more the third set with three kills and a block, and warmed up yet even more in the fourth set with five kills.

Sydney Leicht led Groton Area with 12 kills, Kutter had nine kills and two blocks, Aspen Johnson had eight kills and three blocks, Anna Fjeldheim had three kills and three ace serves, Lydia Meier had four kills, Jerica Locke three ace serves, Elizabeth Fliehs one kill and one ace and Laila Roberts had one ace.

Gracie Lange led Ipswich with 13 kills, one block and one ace serve while Baylee Kulesa had five kills, three blocks and one ace serve.

Groton Area had the edge in digs, 67-64, with Leicht having 18 and Carly Guthmiller and Roberts each having 14. In serving, Groton Area was 71 of 87 with 10 ace serves and Ipswich was 65 of 81 with seven ace serves.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-9, 21-24 and 15-8. Jaedyn Penning led Groton Area with nine kills and three ace serves, Chesney Weber had three kills and five ace serves, Talli Wright five kills and one ace, Faith Traphagen three aces, one block and one kill, Jerica Locke two kills and one ace, Rylee Dunker and Kella Tracy each had two kills and Emma Kutter had one kill. The game was broadcast on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bob and Vicki Walter.

Groton Area won the C match, 25-7, 13-25 and 15-4. The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bob and Vicki Walter with Aspen Johnson and Anna Fjeldheim doing the play-by-play action.

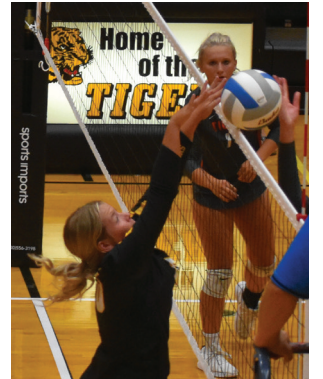
Carly Gilbert had five ace serves and one kill, Rylee Dunker had five kills, Talli Wright two kills and an ace, Kella Tracy and Chesney Weber each had a kill and an ace, Cali Tollifson had a kill and London Bahr one ace serve.



Carly Guthmiller was the libero for the Tigers. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Anna Fjeldheim
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Elizabeth Fliehs
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Sydney Leicht
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Aspen Johnson and Elizabeth Fliehs
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

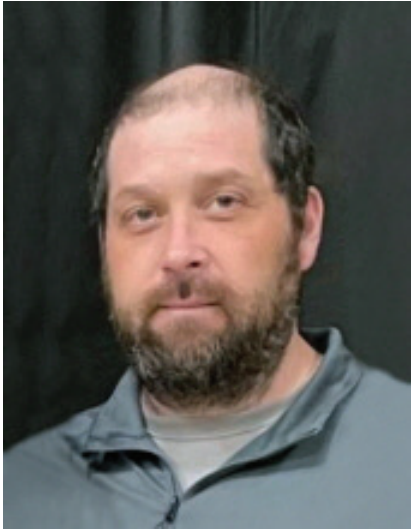


Jerica Locke
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Emma Kutter
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

The Life of Andrew 'Andy' Daly



Viewing for Andrew 'Andy' Daly, 39, of Columbia will be Sunday, August 28, 2022 from 3-7pm with family present from 5-7pm. Wake service will start at 7pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30am, Monday, August 29, 2022. Viewing, wake and funeral will be at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton, SD with Father Greg Tschakert. Burial will take place at the Columbia Catholic Cemetery. The family requests casual dress or Titan Machinery apparel. Andy died unexpectedly on August 24th, 2022 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital.

Andrew Daniel Daly was born March 29, 1983 to Steve & Patti (Locke) Daly in Aberdeen, SD. He graduated from Groton High School in 2001. He attended Southeast Technical Institute and graduated with a degree in Diesel Mechanics in 2003. He worked at Aberdeen Equipment, now known as, Titan Machinery until the time of his death. He earned numerous "Most Efficient Service Technician" Awards for his dedication

and hard work and was recently promoted to the title of Service Manager for Titan Aberdeen CIH. He was well known throughout the farming community for his expertise in machinery, especially in combines, headers, and planters.

Andy was passionate about four things: his job, his family and friends, hunting, and racing. Ever since he was little, Andy enjoyed pushing the limits with three-wheelers, four-wheelers, motorcycles, and snowmobiles. When he moved back from college, he started racing a Pure Stock car at Brown County Speedway and eventually moved up a class to a Super Stock car. Andy's brother, Michael, was by his side in the pits and they continued to join the Stearns Motorsports crew after he decided to quit racing.

In 2007, Andy met Lucy and her three kids, Braden, Zack, and Chloe. Andy and Lucy wed January 16, 2016. Andy was a family man through and through, nothing made him prouder than his family and the farm they built with his dad, mom, brother, and brother-in-law, Jordan. A typical day for Andy involved chores in the early morning with his dad, followed by a full day at Titan, and then working on the farm until the day's tasks were complete. While he may have had an ornery and stubborn demeanor, he was a teddy bear to all that truly knew him.

The Daly family gathered for every holiday, birthday, vacation, calving season, and every day in between. Andy, Lucy, and kids moved to Daly Corner in 2016. You could always find Andy in the farmyard throwing wrenches, working cattle, giving rides in his many toys to his nieces and nephew, or playing with his dog, Mylee. Recently, Andy and Lucy purchased their forever home on an acreage at Daly Corner next to his parents farm. Andy, Lucy, and kids spent many hours turning the acreage into their dream place.

Grateful for having shared his life is Andy's wife Lucy; children Braden, Zack, and Chloe; proud parents Steve and Patti; brother, Michael; sisters Whitney (Jordan) Stiegelmeier and Lindsey (Anthony) Poepfel; nieces Olivia, Blakely, Veda, and Ivy; nephew Jack; and Grandma Rose Locke. We will be lost without him.

Preceding Andy in death are his grandparents Arthur & Ruth Daly and Ervin Locke; uncles Lonnie Daly and Jake McKiver; Aunt Renee McKiver; father-in-law Jerome McCarlson, and mother-in-law Darlene (Dolly) McCarlson.

Pallbearers: Michael Daly, Nick Johnson, Landon Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Todd Peterson, Mike Stearns, Phil Holcomb, Justin Ranek, and Tanner Gates.

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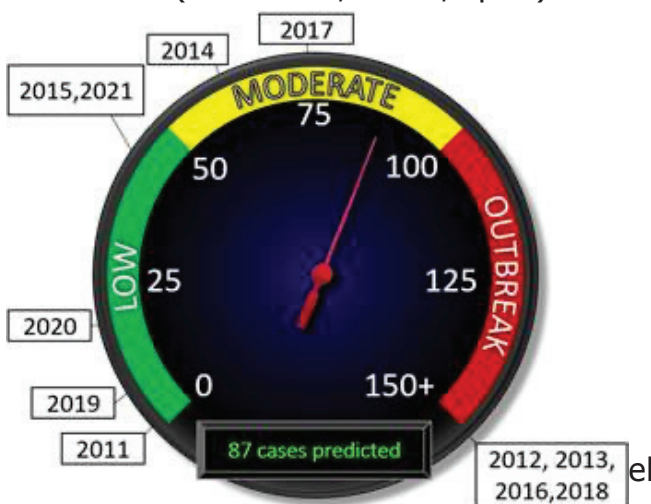
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In contrast to some elected leaders, poll shows S.D. voters support more gun restrictions

By: **Stu Whitney**
South Dakota News Watch

While the governor and Republican-led Legislature push to expand access to firearms in South Dakota, a majority of voters favors restrictions such as waiting periods and age limits for some gun purchases, according to a statewide poll co-sponsored by South Dakota News Watch.

The poll of 500 registered voters showed that 60% of respondents support establishing a two-week waiting period to buy an AR-15 – a semi-automatic rifle originally designed for military use – and 54% support a minimum age of 21 for AR-15 purchases. There is less agreement on gun sales in general, with 41% saying South Dakota's laws should be stricter and 47% saying that they should stay the same. Only 11% responded that laws governing gun sales in the state should make firearms easier to acquire.

The random telephone survey was conducted July 19-22, 2022, by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy and was co-sponsored by News Watch and the Chiesman Center for Democracy at the University of South Dakota. The poll is part of the ongoing "South Dakota Matters" series of polls and panel discussions hosted by News Watch; the margin of error is plus or minus 4.5%.

Advocates of stiffer gun regulations have focused on the AR-15 because it has been used in several high-profile mass shootings, including the May 24, 2022 tragedy at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, where a gunman shot and killed 19 children and two teachers before being killed by law enforcement officers, who were heavily criticized for their delayed response.

"We've had a series of mass shootings, and I think they're still on people's minds," said Michael Card, an emeritus professor of political science at USD. "Especially when they involve children and other vulnerable people. That is more likely to send us as a society to think that maybe this is something we need to control a little bit more."

Card added that the much-scrutinized law enforcement response in Uvalde – which led to the firing of the school district police chief on Aug. 25 – "cast doubt on the (National Rifle Association) maxim that the only way to fight a bad guy with a gun is with a good guy with a gun. There were lots of good guys with guns who didn't do anything that day."

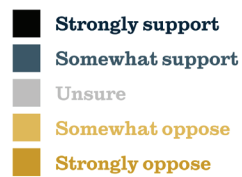
Emily Thomas, South Dakota chapter representative for Moms Demand Action, a national gun safety organization, volunteered with the

In general, do you feel the laws addressing the sale of firearms should be made stricter, less strict or kept as they are now?



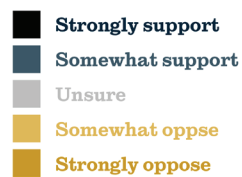
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Do you support or oppose allowing Extreme Risk Protection Orders to be issued in South Dakota?



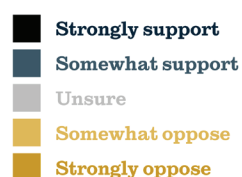
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Do you support or oppose establishing a two-week waiting period for the purchase of an AR-15 rifle in South Dakota?



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Do you support or oppose banning the sales of AR-15 rifles to those under the age of 21?



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group following a 2015 shooting incident at Harrisburg High School, where a 16-year-old student shot the principal in the arm with a handgun before being tackled and restrained. Thomas' son was a student at the school at the time.

"That was the worst day of my life, not knowing if my son was alive," she said. "You become a little numb, but then I realized that we can't become numb. So many people have done that, thinking that dealing with gun violence and school shootings is just how it is, but this is not the way that any of us want to live. No one is pro-gun violence."

The News Watch poll revealed a partisan divide, with Republicans more likely to be satisfied with the status quo. Of Democrats surveyed, more than three-fourths (76%) said laws surrounding firearms sales should be stricter, compared with 14% of Republicans. Most Republicans (67%) favored keeping the laws as they are, with only 18% saying gun laws should be less restrictive.

Of the Independent voters polled, a majority (55%) said gun sales laws should be stricter, while 40% wanted them to stay as they are and just 6% wanted to make them less strict.

Card said the poll results could reflect a reaction to legislation supported by Gov. Kristi Noem in recent years to make guns easier to purchase and carry in South Dakota. But he also acknowledged that conversations about gun control are different in some U.S. urban areas than in South Dakota, where sport hunting is part of the culture. An estimated 55% of South Dakota adults have guns in their homes, a percentage that ranks ninth highest among all states, according to the Pew Research Center.

U.S. Sen. John Thune, R-South Dakota, noted in June that the AR-15 – dubbed "America's rifle" by the NRA for its modify-friendly design and minor recoil – is used by South Dakotans for shooting prairie dogs, a statement that drew ridicule in some circles while ringing true in others.

Card, who grew up in Timber Lake "with a shotgun and .22 rifle behind the seat of my pickup," also spent five years in Ohio's largest city, Columbus, where his neighbor was an emergency room doctor.

"She told me that if a shooting victim came in, they usually still had a gun on them," he recalled. "It was a completely different world than rural South Dakota, where guns are typically used on varmints or for hunting. Growing up here, it was very clear that if you point your gun at something, you intend to kill it. That leads to

a certain amount of respect for firearms."

Noem, legislators make gun laws less stringent

South Dakota gun laws have become more lenient under Noem, whose Hamlin County ranch roots and support for Second Amendment rights are central to her political profile. Just weeks into her term in 2019, the governor signed a law that allowed people who can legally possess a firearm to carry concealed handguns without a concealed carry permit. That action was praised by the NRA but came despite concerns from law enforcement agencies such as the South Dakota Sheriff's Association and South Dakota State's Attorneys Association.



Michael Card

During the 2022 session in Pierre, Noem signed bills to eliminate fees for concealed carry permits (for use in other states or to expedite background checks) and to clarify the state's "stand your ground" firearms law, providing greater burden-of-proof protections for those who use deadly force and claim self-

defense.

Those actions helped elevate South Dakota from 29th in 2020 to 7th in 2022 on a ranking of "best states for gun owners" published by "Guns and Ammo Magazine," which also praised the state's "permissive NFA (National Firearms Act) environment."

From the other perspective, Everytown for Gun Safety, a nonprofit advocating for gun restrictions and against gun violence, ranks South Dakota 46th on its list of states with safe and effective gun policies, placing the Mount Rushmore State in its "national failures" category.

Noem, seeking re-election this November, continued to trumpet her support for gun rights in the wake of the Uvalde tragedy, opting to speak at an NRA convention in Dallas just days after the mass shooting and calling South Dakota a "sanctuary" for the Second Amendment.

State Rep. Aaron Aylward, R-Harrisburg, said that renewed calls to regulate gun sales following high-profile shooting incidents are primarily a result of political posturing.

"Just look at Chicago, where shootings are a daily occurrence – do we hear about every one that happens?" said Aylward, 36, a former Libertarian candidate who changed his party affiliation to Republican and won office in 2020. "A lot of this is just the media or whoever is trying to get a story out and use certain situations to their advantage."

Aylward sponsored a bill last session to allow state agencies to refuse to cooperate with federal gun regulations that would create a "chilling effect" on the local gun industry. Noem's office didn't offer support for the measure, which failed in the House after multiple amendments.

In the News Watch poll, women (61%) and people over 65 (61%) were significantly more likely to support banning the sale of AR-15s to people under 21. Federal law places the minimum age to purchase rifles or shotguns at 18, but state or local ordinances can raise that minimum age.

Six of the nine deadliest mass shootings in the United States since 2018 were carried out by men 21 years old or younger, according to the Violence Project, which maintains a national database of mass shootings. Many of those shootings involved semi-automatic rifles.

Of the respondents polled in South Dakota, 76% percent of Democratic voters strongly support raising the age limit to 21, while 41% percent of Republicans strongly oppose such a change. Of Independents, 53% strongly sup-

port raising the age limit.

When presented with these results, Aylward countered by pointing out that Americans are allowed to join the military as young as 17 years old.

"It's OK to sign up these men and women to go fight in these foreign lands at 17 or 18 and use those weapons, but they can't obtain an AR-15 here at home?" he said. "I have a problem with that. Regardless of what city or state you're in, what it really comes down to is proper training and teaching people how to safely handle and use firearms. In the end, I will always be against laws that restrict someone's right to defend themselves and their property."

South Dakotans support extreme risk protection orders

In late June 2022, President Joe Biden signed a bipartisan law to expand background checks for gun buyers under 21 and devote more federal money to mental health programs and drug courts. The law also provided funds to help states establish "red flag" laws, which allow family members or law enforcement to petition a court to temporarily separate an individual from their firearm if they can prove the person is at risk of committing violence, including suicide. But Congress stopped short of adopting a federal framework for red flag systems, also known as extreme risk protection orders.

Supporters of stronger gun regulation criticized Congress for not going far enough, and the News Watch poll showed that a majority of respondents agreed. When asked whether they support or oppose extreme risk protection orders being issued in South Dakota, nearly seven in 10 (69%) said they would support such action, compared with 26% who would oppose. Nearly half of those polled (49.6%) said they would strongly support allowing extreme risk protection orders to be issued in the state.



Aaron Aylward

Thomas said part of the challenge is to clear up misconceptions about how protection orders are carried out. "It's not like Moms Demand Action volunteers would be knocking on doors and taking people's guns away," she said. "It's family members and friends who are scared for themselves and others who then call law enforcement to save the person in crisis or themselves. It's a temporary hold until the person gets back on track."

Card drew a parallel between red flag laws and two-week waiting periods to purchase an AR-15, designed in part to allow for a "cooling off" period if someone is contemplating violence. The News Watch poll showed that 72% of females support the waiting period, compared with 47% of males, and respondents 65 and older were also more likely to support the regulation.

"It doesn't surprise me that those groups (seniors and women) are more likely to favor limiting the sale of firearms, because they're probably the people who feel most vulnerable to guns," Card said. "In general, there are very few murders committed by a stranger in South Dakota. Most amount to domestic violence."

Card added that Noem's staunch support of gun rights is "part of how she sells herself to the public," meaning no softening of her stance should be expected as November approaches. If she wins re-election, it's reasonable to expect that she will work with GOP legislators to make firearms even more accessible in South Dakota, regardless of public polling.

"There's research that shows elected politicians on average are about 30 percentage points off from where the public is, meaning they're disconnected from where voters are," Card said. "There's a lot of talk about what constitutes real Americans or a real majority,

and polling that's anonymous is probably more likely to get us there. But we also know that, in some cases, people may be inclined to tell pollsters what they think the pollsters want to hear. In the end, the only polls that truly matter are those that occur at the ballot box."

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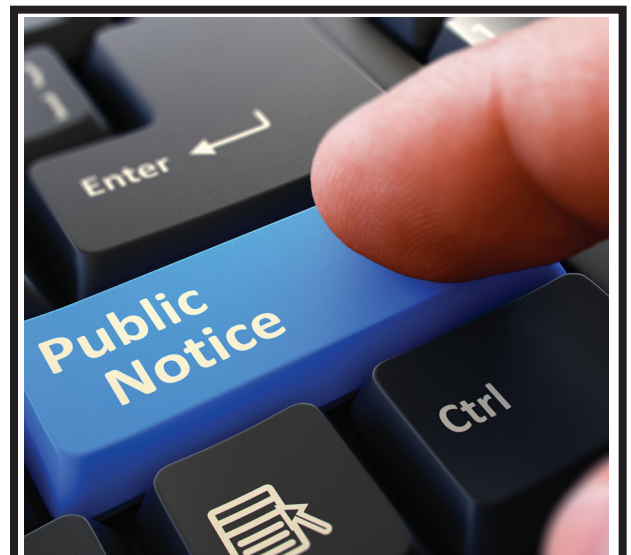
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Dear EarthTalk: Is there any way to counter the epidemic of topsoil erosion that is plaguing farmers here in the U.S. and around the world?

-- Mary. R., Sarasota, FL

Topsoil holds a balance of organic matter, air, water and minerals and as such is the layer that facilitates life in the soil. Researchers think we have already lost upwards of a third of the topsoil that once blanketed the fertile American Midwest, and that we are losing exponentially more of it all the time.

Erosion is the vehicle for topsoil loss. The intensive practices of tilling, overgrazing, deforestation, leaving land barren during the off season and monocultural crop development all weaken the soil, making it more vulnerable to erosion.

The sediment from the soil lost flows downslope into waterways and as such is an environmental and public health nuisance. Farmers must then use increasing amounts of synthetic additives to make up for the lower nutrient content of their degraded soils. Without the topsoil layer, more water and more inputs are needed to grow crops.

The solutions to binding topsoil and replenishing what has been lost are straightforward but time intensive, as building a small amount of soil can take decades. However, more carbon is stored in the soil than all Earth plants and atmosphere combined; it's just a matter

of letting resilient ecosystems recover.

Cover crops, such as biennial and perennial legumes, cereals and forage, are inexpensive, supply soil with much needed nitrogen and bind the soil during the offseason. Giving productive land a rest period can help with topsoil loss. Rotational grazing provides time for the pasture to regenerate. Adding organic matter before and during the growing season gives the microorganisms in the soil fuel and nutrients. Planting native prairie, which are perennial plants, builds deep reaching, soil building roots.

If a farm is transitioning its practices to build soil, it takes time, which can be difficult in an industry dependent on production. Carbon building incentives are growing, in both the government and private sectors. Some farms are being creative with their resources, such as planning riparian buffer zones near waterways to hold soil and filter pollutants before they flow into the water. Farmers that are concerned about water usage in drier climates may find the slow work of soil building rewarding in the knowledge that every one percent increase in carbon means 40,000 gallons of water retained on an acre of land. Healthier soil means less water and less fertilizer needed.

The need for transition from monoculture to more perennial crops is essential for the future of food. Annual crops produce one harvest, while perennials provide a harvest year after year. Much like soil building, a perennial harvest can take time. But the long root systems build soil, require less input and water and



We have already lost upwards of a third of the topsoil that once blanketed the fertile American Midwest. Credit: Muffin

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are more resilient once they reach maturity. Indeed, agricultural researchers are hard at work hybridizing certain perennial crops to give farmers alternatives to planting wheat, corn and other monocultural annuals that degrade instead of building back our precious and fast-fading reserve of topsoil.

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Originally used to treat pain, aspirin evolved to become a cornerstone for cardiovascular protection after compelling research in the 1970s. By the 1980s, it was recommended that almost anyone over the age of 50 take an 81 mg aspirin daily because it makes your blood clotting cells "slippery" thus helping prevent clots from forming in the arteries of your brain and heart.

Even at the low 81 mg dose, bleeding is aspirin's most common side effect. Physicians have long accepted this risk, however, as multiple large scale research studies have established this risk as low and outweighed by its great benefits.

This risk vs. benefit relationship has been called into question by more recent research leading to the recommendation several years ago that only those at highest risk of stroke and heart attack should take a daily aspirin. This includes people with Diabetes, Hypertension and those who have had a stroke or heart attack in the past as well as those who have stents in their coronary or other arteries.

Research published in the April 2022 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association is a game changing analysis confirming the benefits of aspirin are indeed outweighed by the risk of bleeding, specifically among those who have never suffered a stroke or heart attack nor have a vascular stent. One out of every 250 people in this category taking a daily 81 mg aspirin for ten years successfully prevented a stroke or heart attack but one out of 200 suffered a major bleeding event.

In an update to their 2016 recommendations, The U.S. Preventative Services Task Force now discourages using aspirin for the primary prevention of stroke and heart attack in adults older than 60. To clarify, those who have had a previous stroke or heart attack and/or have a vascular stent, benefit greatly from a daily aspirin and this benefit outweighs the risk of bleeding.

There are exceptions to every rule and guideline so please, as always, consult your personal physician regarding your unique situation and use of aspirin.

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