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Garcia rehired as police officer

The Groton City Council rehired Tony Garcia as a police officer at a rate of \$26 an hour and six month probation.

The council tabled moving the water fountain from the old city hall to the new city hall. They want to look at the price of a new one.

On a 3-1 vote with Shirley Wells voting no, the council approved for a special event alcoholic beverage license for an adult painting class at the Wage Memorial Library. The event is scheduled for October 13.

The second reading of the water rate ordinance was approved.

Cole Simon will be a GHS Intern at City Hall and Wage Memorial Library through December 2022.

Landon Johnson was approved to attend the 2022 overhead electrical school in Marshall, Minn., Sept. 13-16.

After an executive session, the council approved a committee reassignment for Jason Wambach from skating rink to baseball while Kevin Nehls will go from baseball to skating rink.

Darrell Hillstad presented the city with a \$6,280 donaton for the airport. He would like to see the electricity installed this fall.



Up, then down

The east-west stop signs placed at Washington St. and West 5th Ave. were short lived. The stop signs were approved to be put up last month, Then at Tuesday night's council meeting, Jeff and Jamie Larson came before the council to discuss the stop signs. The council agreed and decided Tuesday night to have the stop signs removed.



Nehls on GDILIVE.COM

Mike Nehls has been a football guest commentator on GDILIVE.COM. His expertise in the game has been an assest to the broadcast. Running the camera is Jeslyn Kosel.



Work has begun on the pickleball courts. Now before everyone gets excited, there is a glitch. The poles for the nets are currently not available. They have been on order, but as with many things, there is a delay in production and delivery. There is no date set for when they will be available. The plan is to get the court surfaced and the holes dug so when the poles come in, they will come back to install the poles and nets.

Groton Airport hosts Fly-in Weekend

The Groton Airport has been the site for the annual fly-in during this Labor Day Weekend. The airport is located 5 miles north of Groton. The event concluded Monday. Thanks to Bruce Babcock for the wonderful photos!



Some of the aircraft at the fly-in.



Darrel Hillestad was France's pilot flying the orientation rides. One of the happy flyers that got a plane ride during the Groton Muni Fly-in. Frances Elm of Valley City ND. 87 years young and mother of Groton local



Bill Motsinger of Hanger 9 flew a flight demonstration Saturday at the Fly-in in his Pits acrobatic airplane.



Bill Motsinger, Darrel Hillestad, and Brett Anderson were some of the local pilots at the Fly-in.

The pilgrimage

It's a mile west of Haynes, ND, past railroad tracks that stretch across a gravel road until they merge into steel dots in the distance. Then, bumpity-bump, over a plank crossing, past an algae-green creek. The cemetery was in a pasture, a shorn wheat field to the southeast, another awaiting a barber to the west. Net-wrapped bales pimped the landscape.

Stubble rattled beneath my low-slung coupe. Grasshoppers. Buttes. Wind towers. Wind.

I'd come to say hello. Because goodbyes are too hard.

It was love at first sight three decades ago when I came to Hettinger as the inexperienced publisher of a foundering ship. Anyone can be captain when you're sinking. But fresh air in her sails and community support was all she needed.

I can't comprehend the alchemy of magic, that cosmic concoction of personalities and circumstances—or which planet is in what house in the Year of the Cat or whatever—but I do know we were waiting for each other. Ted and Nancy Uecker, Harriet and Jimmy Howe, Al McIntyre, Ginger and Kerry Dangerud, Roxanne Johnson. Tom Secrest. There were others, but these were the usual suspects. We had wine-fueled arguments, said caustic (and hilarious) things to one another, then hugged at the end of the night. The way real friendships work.

I returned to the scene of the crime knowing what I'd find. Attrition. Maybe my heart. I left it around here somewhere. But magic was too much to expect.

McIntyre, the leprechaun, arrived first at the Dangeruds, mocking my affinity for fedoras with a floppy white hat so ridiculous that had someone forced it upon him he would have protested it as cruel and unusual punishment. He was wearing a "BS in the A.M." T-shirt, too: Bender, Secrest, and Al McIntyre.

Everywhere in America, radio stations and newspapers are mortal enemies. Everywhere except Hettinger. Al knew a resurgent newspaper was good for the community, so he invited me to join him and Tom Secrest, a Texas-born lawyer and former head of the state GOP, for a weekly talk show where I shamefully plugged the Adams County Record. Two Republicans and me, the voice of reason.

We were, uh, irreverent. Each show began with "Apology Corner," a segment during which we sort of apologized for the things we'd said the week before. Twice, angry listeners stormed the studio. Security was lacking.

And then there were two.

Ah, Secrest... Ah, regrets... I didn't make it

back one last time before his health failed... pandemic shutdowns, my own health challenges, business obligations, and well, life.

They didn't even have a service for the big man, McIntyre complained, and that got me fired up.

"What?! I would have given a heck of a speech," I said, my voice rising. "I would've had a lot to say!"

"I didn't like him, either!" Al shouted back.

They were, of course, the best of friends.

Ted, a banty rooster of a man, arrived next, moving glacially with a cane. He's 88, and all that lying (former cattle buyer) and womanizing was bound to catch up to him.

"Look," Kerry said. "You guys have the same cane!"

Yup, the same adjustable \$15 cane, his for a bum ankle, mine for a bum hip.

"Mine's longer," Teddy sniffed, shuffling past me. "Thicker, too."

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is Teddy Bill Uecker, the most politically-incorrect, irascible, loyal friend imaginable. Loyalty's a trait I hold sacred. Ted thought I was good for the community, too, and once offered to finance the purchase of the newspaper. But the timing wasn't right.

The thing about magic is that it's transitory. It evaporates. Revel in it while you can.

Ginger and I talked past midnight, laughed over old stories and new ones, and bragged about kids and grandkids. In the morning, I swung past the Uecker's for coffee and one more... one more... hello. Ted gave me one of his retired hats. We talked a bit, but I had a long drive ahead, and Ted was still in his bathrobe... I told them that I love them—because I do—and headed east.

The headstone read "Tom" Thales Latimer Secrest. Thales Latimer? Jesus. That's probably what killed him. There was no speech. I didn't say anything at all. Let the wind do the talking.

I might have choked up a little as I replayed the events of the last 18 hours in my mind—the way McIntyre's eyes snagged mine as we embraced, softly insulting each other.

I imagined Tom's gigantic guffaw booming across dimensions. No, I heard it.

I turned full circle to drink it in before I slid into the cockpit. Inside, I removed my fedora and replaced it with Ted's Stetson.

The stubble scraped away at the chassis. Grasshoppers pelted the hood like hailstones.

I smiled, squinting into the sun. For a moment, the magic was back.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

Weekly Vikings Recap

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

It's Packers week!! Normally, that's enough to get the juices flowing for yet another border battle against the Vikings. This season has a different feel - the Vikings have a new coaching and front office staff, the Packers seem to be more confident in their defense than in their offense despite the reigning MVP returning, and it's the very first game of the season.

With that there are a ton of unknowns.

Will the Vikings be more offensive minded now that Kevin O'Connell is at the helm instead of Mike Zimmer?

Will the Vikings defense return to prominence after a couple of seasons of struggling to stop anyone?

Will Aaron Rodgers turn average wide receivers into pro bowlers now that his main target of the past five seasons, Davante Adams, has departed for the Raiders?

The Skol flag will be waving, and US Bank Stadium will be rockin'.

Before the game on September 11th, the Vikings had to cut their roster down to 53 players.

There were some surprises and some obvious moves.

The biggest surprise was defensive tackle Armon Watts. Watts appeared to be a possible starter on the defensive line, but the new 3-4 defense made him expendable.

The other surprise cut was Ihmir Smith-Marsette. It appeared they had settled on him being the fourth wide receiver and punt returner but that all changed when the opportunity arose to trade for Eagles wide receiver, Jalen Reagor. Reagor was drafted just one spot ahead of Justin Jefferson in 2020, and maybe a change of scenery will prove that pick was not a mistake. The Vikings didn't have to give up much for Reagor (just two later round draft picks) and are hoping this trade will have similar results to a low cost Eagles acquisition from many years ago in a guy named Cris Carter.

On the more obvious side of the cuts were quarterbacks Sean Mannion and Kellen Mond. With the trade for Nick Mullins, their time in a Viking uniform was over. Mullins has more experience, having started seventeen games for the Niners just a few seasons ago. Many fans thought Mond would be given an opportunity to win the backup job, but he never convinced the team he was ready. Mike Zimmer was questioned last season for not allowing Mond to play late in the season when there was no chance to make the playoffs, and it now appears he was correct in his assessment.

Overall, the Vikings retained all of their drafts from 2022 but ironically, retained only one player from the 2021 draft. That player is the defensive lineman from Pittsburgh, Jaylon Twyman, and they placed him on the practice squad.

From the class of 2022, the Vikings will have two rookie starters. Ed Ingram from LSU will step in at right guard, making the Vikings' offensive line one of the youngest in the league. On special teams, the Vikings have opted to go with a rookie punter from Tulane in Ryan Wright. Most of the chatter around Wright has been his size (6'3", 245lbs), as he looks more like a tight end than your typical NFL punter.

The best part about the NFL is that with all of the roster changes from year to year, your favorite team always appears to have a chance to make a playoff run. There are high hopes for the Vikings this season especially with a weak NFC North division and overall weak NFC. It can't get much better than kicking off the season versus the Green Bay Packers. We are expecting it to be loud and very purple on Sunday afternoon. SKOL Vikings!!

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Grandma

Grandparents hold a unique place in our lives. There is even a special day set aside to honor them – but grandchildren should celebrate their grandparents *all year long*. So, get busy and visit, call, email or write to your grandparents – or to a grand aunt or uncle.

We have such fun!

Grandpa

Read the clues below to fill in both crosswords with activities I love to do with my Grandpa and my Grandma:

- _____ broken items around the house
- _____ bulbs in the garden
- _____ a story aloud
- _____ lunch
- _____ at the alley
- _____ his favorite T.V. show
- _____ the dog
- _____ the bird feeders with seeds
- _____ at board games
- _____ and glue model cars
- _____ off the bridge
- _____ songs at the top of our voices
- _____ horseshoes in the park
- _____ up our mini-golf scores

- _____ in the park
- _____ squares for quilts
- _____ the birds at the feeder
- _____ up to go to see a play
- _____ greeting cards
- _____ to swimming lessons
- _____ bikes
- _____ the porch and steps
- _____ for groceries
- _____ cards
- _____ photos for scrapbooks
- _____ at a new restaurant
- _____ before I go to sleep
- _____ cookies

Family Tree

There are many things **you** can do, learn, make or collect to help preserve **your** family history!

- S _ _ NGS
- L _ _ NG _ _ G _
- D _ _ NC _ _ S
- C _ _ K _ _ NG
- ST _ _ R _ _ S
- PH _ _ T _ _ S
- R _ _ N _ _ NS
- MAKE A ST _ _ RYB _ _ K
- F _ _ M _ _ LY TR _ _
- P _ _ CN _ _ CS

Fill in the missing vowels to see what kinds of things you can learn about your family or do with them:

Grandpa and I started a family scrapbook. Help us get this photo into our album.

Family Memories

Grandparents – All Over the World!

Oma
Opa

German

Italian

Nonna
Nonno

Nainai
Yeye

Chinese
(father's parents)

Russian

Babushka
Dedushka

English

Grandmother
Grandfather

Spanish

Dutch

Abuela
Abuelo

French

Ugogo
Ubabamkhulu

Grand-maman
Grand-papa

Zulu
(South Africa)

Grootmoeder
Grootvader

We speak different languages, but we all love our grandparents! Match the set of names for grandmother and grandfather to the language we are speaking:

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Brown County Aug. 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 30, 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 Gage led the pledge of allegiance. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Trevor Jones with Summit Carbon Solutions discussed pipeline and improvements to pipeline construction. AMENDMENT TO ELM LAKE BRIDGE PROJECT: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, met to discuss the amendment 1 Federal Bridge Project Elm Lake. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to authorize signing amendment 1 to agreement number 717422 to Elm Lake Bridge Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. BDM RURAL WATER SYSTEMS INC.

Commissioner Feickert offered the following resolution: RESOLUTION #44-22 Resolution No. 44-22, granting BDM Rural Water System, Inc., a county-wide authorization for the purpose of the continued placement, repair, and maintenance of pipeline and related appurtenances and the construction and maintenance of new pipeline and related appurtenances for the Brown County portion of the BDM Rural Water System, Inc., watersystem. BDM Rural Water System, Inc. applied to the Brown County Board of the County Commissioners for authorization to construct, repair, and maintain its water system on, over, across, or under public highways and rights-of-way for the purpose of providing rural water service in Brown County, South Dakota. Notice was duly given by mail of the application of BDM Rural Water System, Inc. to all persons, firms, or corporations owning or operating electric, telephone, or telegraph lines within Brown County, South Dakota, in compliance with SDCL § 31-26-13. All comments received were considered by the Brown County Commissioners. This resolution was adopted according to SDCL Ch. 31-26, and in particular SDCL § 31-26-24 and 31-26-25 by the Brown County Board of County Commissioners at a regular meeting, which was held in the Commissioner's Room in the Courthouse in

the City of Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota, on the 30th day of August, 2022. All Commissioners were present. After discussion, the following resolution was numbered 44-22 and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried was unanimously adopted: BE IT RESOLVED that BDM Rural Water System, Inc., a South Dakota Non-profit Corporation, will be allowed and permitted to run an underground pipeline for transmitting water for all purposes for which said corporation was formed along any and all public rights-of-way, including pipelines, appurtenances, all rights-of-way between all sections in Brown County,

South Dakota, so long as said transmission and distribution pipe is buried, so as not to interfere

with the building of any roads or causing any liability to the County. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BDM Rural Water System, Inc. will bear the expenses or costs associated in the construction and operation of the water system. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when a pipeline is installed in the public right-of-way, such right-of-way must be restored to as near its original condition. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the installation of such pipeline and appurtenances in the public right-of-way will conform to plans and specifications to be submitted to the County, prior to construction, for review and comment, and must include the following conditions: 1. Notice Prior to Starting Work: Before starting construction work, a Right - of - Way Occupancy Permit must be obtained from the Brown County Commission. 2. Minimum Interference with Traffic: All work will be planned and carried out so as to minimize inconvenience to the traveling public. 3. Storage of Material: Not material may be stored within eight feet from the edge of

pavement or traveled way or within the shoulder line unless otherwise approved by the County Highway Superintendent. 4. Clean Up Right-of-Way: Upon completion of work, litter will be removed from the right-of-way, and it will be left in as presentable a condition as before work started. 5. Care of Drainage: If the contemplated work interferes with established drainage, provisions will be incorporated in the project during construction to maintain normal drainage. 6. Location Plans: Upon completion of the work, a copy of the "as built" drawings will be

furnished to the County for their records and use. 7. Maintenance: The pipelines and appurtenances placed in the County right-of-way will be maintained and reasonable care exercised in inspecting and repairing any portion of the right-of-way and pay all expenses or costs to the County which occurs as a result of the operation and maintenance of the pipelines and appurtenances. 8. All Roadways: Pipelines installed perpendicular to roadways will be installed by boring jacking methods. Pipelines installed longitudinally in a right-of-way will be by open cut. Minimum of one lane will be left clear and open to traffic at all times. All lanes will remain clear and open during the hours of darkness. 9. Depth of Pipelines: Pipelines will be placed to a depth of cover consistent with design standards for water pipelines for the area. Where additional pipeline cover is necessary to accommodate future roadways, vertical and horizontal roadway designed clearances, the County will so advise BDM Rural Water System, Inc. at the time of the County review of the need for change in pipeline cover. Adopted this 30th day of August, 2022. Seconded by Wiese, Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Fjeldheim-aye; Feickert-aye; Gage-aye; Wiese-aye; Sutton-aye. Resolution Adopted. AUTHORIZE UNION CONTRACT SIGNING:

Erica Coughlin, Human Resource Director, met to recommend changes and defer commissioner signing to September 6, 2022 meeting. MINUTES: Moved by Wiese, Seconded by Gage to approve minutes from August 23, 2022 Meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. CLAIMS: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: AVERA ST. LUKE'S \$125.63; CARLSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY \$665.00; CHRISTY GRIFFIN-SERR LAW OFFICE \$8,541.67; COGLEY LAW OFFICE, PROF LLC \$8,541.67; DOHRER LAW OFFICE \$8,541.67; JERALD M. MCNEARY \$8,541.67; KUCK LAW OFFICE \$8,541.67; LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER \$36.67; LUMEN \$282.07; STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA \$1,585.82; TALIAFERRO LAW FIRM \$8,593.17; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC \$49,993.00; UND Forensic Pathology \$2,380.00; YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$50.00 Publishing: GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc. \$911.00; GROTON INDEPENDENT \$480.22 Repairs & Maintenance: CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$1.72; DIAMOND MOWERS INC \$17.45; GRAHAM TIRE INC \$775.55; HOVEN AUTO REPAIR INC \$210.59; HUB CITY ROOFING \$193,000.00; JENSEN ROCK & SAND INC \$17,633.75; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC \$20.99; LEIDHOLT ELECTRIC LLC \$6.00; SERVICE SIGNS & SALES \$263.79; TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC \$449.00 Supplies: CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$213.38; CHARM-TEX \$2,230.48; COLE PAPERS \$3,056.97; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP \$865.10; DIAMOND MOWERS INC \$104.84; HOUSE OF GLASS \$196.42; JEBRO INC. \$101,485.01; JENSEN ROCK & SAND INC \$55,903.30; KATHLEEN PARI-SOT \$65.00; LABSOURCE, INC. \$419.70; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC \$248.81; LEIDHOLT ELECTRIC LLC \$293.85; MARCO INC \$34.18; MENARDS \$321.39; NICHOLAS R. VOLK \$500.00; PERFORMANCE OIL & LUBRICANTS \$522.08; PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE, INC. \$18.30; POMPS TIRE SERVICE, INC \$51.50; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$920.00; RUNNINGS \$46.56 Travel & Conference: AARON WALBERG \$246.48; Brock Hoyle \$26.00; DALE KURTH \$112.53; DARWIN BETTMANN \$15.24; DAVID NORTH \$140.64; JAMES MEYERS \$19.00; PATRICK KEATTS \$22.74; REGENCY MIDWEST VENTURES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP \$144.00; SD ASSOC OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS \$975.00; SDSU EXTENSION \$163.55; STAN BECKLER \$24.44 Utilities: MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$85.39; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES CO \$27.13; NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATION \$3,117.69; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS \$17,010.63; QWEST CORPORATION \$1,192.01; VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES LLC \$130.13 Others: SD DEPT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES \$327.00; WEX HEALTH INC. \$4,000.00 All members present voting aye. Motion carried. HR REPORT:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report: Acknowledge last day of seasonal worker, Caden Shilton, Brown County Fairgrounds; effective August 16, 2022. Acknowledge last day of seasonal worker, Anthony Miller, Brown County Fairgrounds; effective August 10, 2022. Acknowledge Last day of internship Noah Miller, Brown

County 4-H Intern; effective August 21, 2022. Acknowledge resignation of Diane Lehr, Brown County Teen Court, part time; effective August 31, 2022. Acknowledge employment ending for Veronica Garcia-MacConnell as legal secretary for State's Attorney's office, full time; effective August 24, 2022. Request to fill. Acknowledge transfer of Makayla Jenniges from Brown County JDC CO to Brown County Jail CO; Effective September 6, 2022. Approve adjust start date from August 9, 2022 HR Report - Hiring Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor, full time; starting salary \$63,448/year; effective September 8, 2022. Approve promotion of Madeline Ellerbusch from Brown County Jail CO to Brown County JDC Shift Sergeant; starting wage \$20.20/hr; effective September 5, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. CLAIM ASSIGNMENT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve, and authorize auditor to assign the claim against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. AUDITORS' REPORT OF ACCOUNTS: Moved by Gage, Seconded by Wiese to approve the auditor report of accounts for June 2022 as follows: June total cash and checks on hand 7700; Total Checking Account Balances: 7550447.42; Total Savings Account Balances: 3978174.09; Total Certificates of Deposit: 3978174.09; Grand Total Cash and Balances 31934208.36; General fund cash and investment balances by funds: General Fund 7223349.69 Road & Bridge Fund 7057105.29 Road & Bridge Fund - restricted 423243.27 911 Service 1488482.87 Emergency & Disaster 281591.78 Domestic Abuse 4270.00 Teen Court 4063.53 Grant 32.11 JDAI 6961.06 Richmond Youth 0 24/7 Sobriety 33772.24 ROD M&P 111870.19 American Rescue Plan Federal Grant 7544067.66 Rural Access Infrastructure 95415.63 Tif Debt Service 13166.06 Landfill + cash change 3486435.80 Landfill - restricted 1400479.44 Trust and Agency Funds 2759901.74. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. OTHER BUSINESS:

Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager, met to give preliminary numbers for the 2022 Brown County Fair and to advise of upcoming contracts and grant information. Executive Session: Moved by Gage, 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 Wiese, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:52 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Brown County Auditor

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Bates Township Weed Notice

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE: OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2022 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and charged to the landowner. Landowner is responsible for spraying all noxious weeds.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors
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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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 Mehlhaff

Rezoning Notice

Application has been made by Patricia Mehlhaff 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.

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Netters have clean sweep over Sisseton

Groton Area posted a clean sweep over Sisseton Thursday in volleyball action played in Sisseton.

Both junior high teams won their matches. The eighth grade match was broadcast on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Beauty Brew Coffee and Boutique. Groton Area won the first set, 25-18, and the second, 25-4. A third set was played and Groton Area won that as well, 26-18.

MaKenna Tietz had four ace serves, Sydney Locke had a kill and an ace serve, Ashlyn Warrington had five ace serves, Kella Tracy had five kills and five ace serves, Taryn Traphagen had two kills and six ace serves, Leah Jones had four kills and Emerge Jones had 11 ace serves and eight kills.

The Tigers won the C match, 25-21 and 25-12. Talli Wright and Kayla Lehr each had a kill, Kella Tracy had three kills and an ace serve, Chesney Weber had five kills and two ace serves, Cali Tollifson had a kill, Rylee Dunker had six kills and two ace serves, Carly Gilbert had two ace serves and a kill and London Bahr had two ace serves. The C Team Match was broadcast on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Beauty Brew Coffee and Boutique.

As the evening wore on, the sets got more competitive. The Tigers won the junior varsity match, 25-20 and 25-23. The match was tied a total of 17 times and the lead changed hands eight times. Jaedyn Penning had nine kills and three ace serves, Rylee Dunker had five kills and a block, Faith Traphagen had five kills and an ace serve, Talli Wright had four kills and an ace serve, Emma Kutter and Lydia Meier each had two kills, Chesney Weber had a kill and Jerica Locke had an ace serve. The JV match was broadcast on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Rutgear605.com.

Groton Area won the varsity match, 3-1. The Tigers won the first set, 25-19. Sisseton had the early 5-0 lead and led it, 9-5 before Groton Area scored nine unanswered points to take a 14-9 lead and went on for the win. In that set, Lydia Meier had four ace serves, Aspen Johnson had five kills, Sydney Leicht two kills, Anna Fjeldheim three kills and Elizabeth Flihs and Emma Kutter each had one kill.

The second set was tied at 1-2-3-4-5-6-7 before Groton Area got the upper hand, leading 12-8. Sisseton battled back and tied the set at 18 and took a 19-18 lead. Groton Area tied the set at 22. Sisseton scored two to take a 24-22 lead. The Tigers tied the set at 24 but Sisseton would score the last two points for the 26-24 win. In that set, Leicht had six kills, Kutter had four and Meier, Flihs and Johnson each had one kill.

Coach Chelsea Hanson said she told her team to be disciplined, disciplined, disciplined. "I don't have to coach much with these girls. They are smart and they work so well together as a team," she said. The Tigers then dominated the third set, winning, 25-8, which included a 10-point run. Fjeldheim had an ace serve, Leicht had three kills and a once serve, Carly Guthmiller had two ace serves, Meier and three kills, Flihs had a kill and an ace serve, Johnson had two kills and Kutter had a kill and a block.

Groton Area had the upper had for most of the fourth set. After the set was tied at one, three and four, the Tigers took a 12-7 lead. Leading 20-13, the Redmen staged a comeback and tied the set at 22 and took a 23-22 lead. Groton Area tied the set at 23 and scored the final two points including the match winning kill by Leicht for the 25-23 win. In that set, Leicht had three kills and an ace serve, Meier had three kills and two ace serves, Flihs had two kills and Johnson had four kills.

For the match, Groton Area was 86 of 96 in serving with seven ace serves. Meier was 17 of 19 with four aces, Flihs was 13 of 13 with an ace and Guthmiller was 18 of 20 with an ace.

On the attacks, Groton Area was 138 of 158 with 44 kills. Leicht had a total of 15 kills while Johnson had 10 and Meier seven.

Flihs had 36 assists and Guthmiller had two. The Tigers had 86 digs with Guthmiller having 24, Flihs 16 and Leicht 16. Kutter had one block.

Krista Langager led the Redmen with 14 kills and one ace serve while Sidney Johnson had eight kills, Emmalee Nielsen had two kills, one ace and one block, Ruby Rice had three kills and an ace, Rylie Huff had three kills, Sadie Medenwald, Annika Estwick and Tara Nelson each had and ace.

Groton Area, now 3-1, will host Webster on Tuesday.

The varsity 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.

- Paul Kosel

Netters drop five set match to Webster

Groton Area played its first five-set match of the year and ended up falling short as Webster took home a 3-2 win in volleyball action.

Game scores were 25-14, 18-25, 15-25, 25-17 and 15-10. In the final set, Webster jumped out to a 7-0 lead, but Groton Area would rally to tie the set at 10; however, Webster scored the final five points for the win.

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

Anna Fjeldheim had 13 kills and two ace serves, Laila Roberts two kills and an ace, Carly Guthmiller one ace, Lydia Meier six kills and one block, Elizabeth Flihs four kills and one ace, Jerica Locke two aces, Aspen Johnson four kills, two ace serves and two blocks, Emma Kutter four kills and Jaedyn Penning had one ace serve.

Gracie Cadwell led Webster Area with 16 kills and one ace serve while Bayleann MOen had eight kills, Elliott Steiner had seven kills and one block, Erin Sannes five kills and three blocks, Mikala Wagner three kills and one ace, Emily Tarbox three aces, Kara Kawasiniewski one ace and Harley Johnson and Katie Braun each had one kill.

Groton Area, 3-2, will host Aberdeen Roncalli on Thursday. Webster goes to 4-1



Anna Fjeldheim

In girls soccer action tlast week, Dakota Valley defeated Groton Area, 2-1, on Friday, and on Saturday, Tea Area defeated Groton Area, 2-0.

Groton Area shuts out Dakota Hills

Five players scored for the Tigers as Groton Area defeated Dakota Hills in football action Friday in Groton, 57-0. The game ended at halftime.

Andrew Marzahn had a 31 yard run, Teylor Diegel had runs of 14 and 38 yards and had a 48 yard catch, Lane Tietz had two runs of five yards, Brevin Flihs had a one yard run and Korbin Kucker had a 21 yard run.

Kobin Kucker had four PAT kicks and one run and Tietz connected with Diegel for a PAT.

Groton had 17 first downs, had 20 carries for 321 yards, Tietz completed six of eight passes for 125 yards, had one fumble and three penalties for 35 yards. Receivers were Tate Larson with four catches for 75 yards, Teylor Diegel had one for 48 yards and Ethan Gengerke had one for six yards. Rushing leaders were Diegel for 67 yards, Marzahn for 39, Christian Ehresmann for 38 yards, Tietz for 28 yards, Tristin McGannon for 23 yards, Kucker for 22 yards, Flihs for eight yards, Ryder Johnson for four yards and Karsten Jeschke for 27 yards.

On the defense, Colby Dunker had 13 tackles, one sack and one fumble recovery, Logan Ringgenberg seven tackles, Korbin Kucker five tackles, Karter Moody one sack and one fumble recovery and Nick Morris one interception.

Dakota Hills had one first down, minus two yards rushing, 25 yards passing, lost two fumbles and had five penalties for 19 yards.

Groton Area is now 1-2 on the season and will travel to Clark on Friday. Dakota Hills, now 0-3, will host Aberdeen Roncalli at Wilmot.

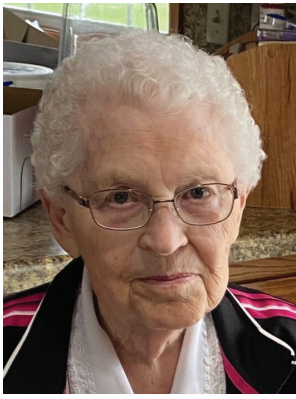
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The Life of Beulah Hoops

Memorial services for Beulah Hoops, 92, of Groton will be 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 11th at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Pastor Jeremy Yeadon will officiate. A time of fellowship will follow before inurnment in Union Cemetery.

Beulah passed away Monday, August 22, 2022 at Prairie Heights Healthcare in Aberdeen.

Beulah Mae was born on May 11, 1930 in Groton to William and Grace (Smith) Meyers. She was the last remaining sibling of their 10 children. Beulah graduated in 1948 and was united in marriage her prom date, Clifford Hoops on June 2, 1949. Together they were blessed with 3 children: Gary, Douglas and Debra.

Beulah worked at Funk's Hardware after graduation, Sippel's Super Value, Jerry's Red Owl and Ken's Fairway. She told the story many times about how she had to memorize the ad items for the week and put the price in by hand.

Beulah was a member of the Groton Camper's Club, St. John's Lutheran Church, TOPS in Aberdeen and a lifetime member of the Groton American Legion Auxiliary. She and Cliff wintered in Mesa, Arizona for 23 years.

Celebrating her life are her children, Gary (Glenda) Hoops of Oregon, Douglas Hoops of Oregon, Debra McKiver of Groton, grandchildren: Christopher Hoops, Heidi Hoops, Arick Hoops, all of Oregon, Nicholas (Stephanie) Olson of Aberdeen, Justin Olson of Groton, great-grandchildren, Eva, Kennedy, Cooper, Brittany and Hayden, great-great grandchildren, Greyson, Jovie and several stepchildren and step great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, Clifford, 5 sisters, 4 brothers, sons-in-law, Roy Olson and Jake McKiver.

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South Dakota sees new scholarships as way to battle "brain drain"

Stu Whitney and Kylie Carlson, South Dakota News Watch

South Dakota is playing catch-up when it comes to stemming the so-called "brain drain" of college graduates leaving for careers in other states, with declining college enrollment related to the COVID-19 pandemic adding to the urgency.

Major employers such as First Premier Bank and Sanford and Avera hospitals – whose operations are tied to having skilled workers available for hire – are providing scholarship money and other incentives to assist the South Dakota Board of Regents in not just educating young people in the state but enticing them to take in-state job opportunities.

From 2015-2019, only 53% of the nearly 35,000 students who graduated from South Dakota's six public universities were working for in-state employers one year past their graduation. That percentage increased to about 70% when narrowed to just South Dakota residents.

Experts point to several economic realities that make it tough to reverse the trend in which many of the state's youngest and most educated and skilled residents are leaving the state where they grew up. Prior reporting by News Watch has also shown that teachers, in particular, are leaving South Dakota due to the influence of divisive politics and the culture wars entering into curriculum and the classroom.

South Dakota ranks 50th in average pay for teachers (\$49,547), according to the National Education Association. The state also ranks 50th in the United States in average salary for registered nurses (\$60,550), according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Management. Across all occupations, the state ranks 48th in the United States for average annual pay (\$44,960), with the national average at \$56,310.

"What we're seeing more often than not when students leave South Dakota after graduation is that they can be compensated at higher levels in other states," said Michaela Willis, South Dakota State University vice president for student affairs and enrollment



Students who graduate from in-state colleges, including the South Dakota School of Mines, shown here, continue to leave the state after graduation and take their knowledge and skills with them. Photo: News Watch file

management. "Some of our positions in South Dakota aren't competitive with other states, and teaching is a big one. Until our compensation structure for teachers increases to be competitive in that market, we will continue to lose students to Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and other states."

The Board of Regents, which oversees the state's public universities, has teamed with state government officials and corporate leaders to tailor areas of study to in-state workforce needs, with Executive Director Brian Maher saying the BOR's "commitment to research should be as robust as it can be." But he concedes that not every student can be matched with a suitable job that matches their field.

That was the case for Jeff Gillaspie, a Hill City native who decided to leave his home state behind after earning a bachelor's degree in physics from South Dakota School of Mines in 2021. He accepted an optics position with a high-tech company in Bozeman, Montana that uses lasers to scan for gas leaks, an opportunity that he said did not present itself in South Dakota.

"Most of the jobs I was looking for were primarily outside the state," said Gillaspie, 23. "With that major and what I wanted to do, I had to look somewhere else to find a job in my career field."

Needs-based scholarships could boost enrollment

Undergraduate enrollment at South Dakota's six public universities dropped during the COVID-19 pandemic, complicating a downward trend that was already under way. Total enrollment was 36,532 in 2013 and dipped to 34,520 by 2019, with South Dakota State and the University of South Dakota leading the way in declines. The Board of Regents reported a total of 33,455 for the 2021-22 school year, mirroring a national trend of stagnation or decline on the heels of the pandemic's social and economic effects.

Now, the challenge is to spark a renewal of interest in college attendance, partly by tapping into a new reservoir of prospective students who might not otherwise have considered a college experience.

South Dakota was the last state in the U.S. to offer a needs-based scholarship, unveiling the "Freedom Scholarship" in 2021 with a lead donation of \$100 million from First Premier Bank and billionaire philanthropist T. Denny Sanford, in partnership with the state of South Dakota and the Avera and Sanford health systems.

The scholarships, currently funded at \$175 million, are given to high school graduates

who might not otherwise be able to afford postsecondary education, with the stipulation that they stay and work in South Dakota for three years following graduation. They are available not just for public universities but private colleges and tribal institutions, with about \$5 million allocated for 2022-23, the program's pilot year.

"It's definitely a game-changer," said Willis, adding that SDSU has granted about 450 Freedom scholarships. "We have continued to see a decline in the number of students with high financial need enrolling in postsecondary education in South Dakota. This needs-based scholarship gives us an answer to be able to help more students see that higher education is a possibility for them, and it opens that door a bit

wider."

The program is modeled after the Build Dakota Scholarship, which focused on technical education and required students receiving the grants to work in their trained field in South Dakota for a minimum of three years.



Dana Dykhouse

The Freedom Scholarship extends that concept to four-year degrees, using a University Advisory Council to identify non-traditional students who lack the financial means to attend college.

First Premier CEO Dana Dykhouse, who chairs the Freedom Scholarship board, called it a worthy investment as business-

es become more involved in higher education in the interest of strengthening the state workforce. Emergence of the scholarship program is partly recognition that there is untapped potential in cities like Sioux Falls, where nearly 80 different languages are represented in the public school district and 43% of students are eligible for free and reduced lunch.

"For my generation, the vision for going off to college was mom and dad loading up the station wagon with a bean bag chair in the back and a box of grandma's chocolate chip cookies and they'd drop you off at the door," Dykhouse said. "If you look at Sioux Falls, with almost a 50% diverse community coming from all over the world, they don't all have that same vision. We want to create an opportunity where they can have a different on-ramp into higher education, and we hope this helps achieve that goal."

Some students seek out-of-state experience

As part of its strategic plan for 2022-2027, the Board of Regents aims to manage the costs of attending college, which includes working with the state legislature to freeze tuition fees and maximizing student access to federal student aid. Maher said the mission is tied to increasing enrollment from South Dakota high schools by 5% over the next five years.

"One of the key components is making sure that college is both affordable and accessible to students that graduate from high schools in South Dakota, and our goal is to keep them here," said Maher, who became the Regents executive director in 2020. "About



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-- Alex Chapman, Rapid City native who chose to attend college in Nebraska

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30% of South Dakota high school graduates go to college (at one of the state's six public universities), and I told my leadership team, 'What if we can just get that to 33%?' That's a significant increase, and it's doable."

Some forces are beyond the board's control, such as the natural tendency of young people to be drawn to cultural offerings in larger cities and states. Though South Dakota was 21st overall in WalletHub's "Best States to Live" rankings for 2022, it ranked 41st in the quality-of-life category, behind North Dakota, Wyoming and Alabama.

"The college experience means different things to different people," said Maher. "For some, it involves living somewhere different than where they're from. If somebody has their heart set on leaving the state and having a different experience, then I say, 'Go and make the best of it, but really think about coming back once you have that experience.'"

That could be the case for 24-year-old Alex Chapman, a Rapid City Stevens High School graduate who was lured to out-of-state colleges by those that encouraged his love of music. He considered several colleges across the U.S. and decided on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"I'm not sure why I didn't look at South Dakota schools," said Chapman. "Maybe it's because I knew that I wanted to do something in music, initially that was the direction I wanted to go. Really, my mentors in music pushed me toward schools that were outside of the state."

Chapman majored in double-bass performance with a minor in biology and discovered a love for the medical field, which he decided to pursue after graduating in 2020. He now lives in New York City and is studying at Columbia University, focusing on classes he needs to qualify for medical school.

Despite his education and positive experiences outside of the state, Chapman still looks back on his home state fondly, recognizing the opportunities the state makes available.

"I think the academic situation would be excellent (in South Dakota) as well, but there's another piece of education that's equally valuable, and that's the social aspect and getting to be in a diverse community that I think is harder in a state like South Dakota," Chapman said. "I left because that's kind of where my journey took me, but if I could do it again, I would not be upset to land in a South Dakota institution. And who knows, I still might. They've got a great medical school at the University of South Dakota."

WHERE ARE SOUTH DAKOTANS MOVING TO?

The list below indicates the top 10 destinations of people who moved out of state in 2019, with the state and percentage of those who moved to that location.

- Minnesota (14.3%)**
- North Dakota (8.5%)**
- Iowa (8.3%)**
- Nebraska (7.5%)**
- Texas (7%)**
- Colorado (5.7%)**
- Florida (5%)**
- California (4.9%)**
- Wyoming (3.8%)**
- Arizona (3.6%)**

Source: Stacker.com, 2019

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The Life of Barbara Morris

Memorial services for Barbara Morris, 76, of Britton will be at 11am on Saturday, September 10, at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in Groton. A time of fellowship and gathering will follow. The service will be livestreamed at GDILIVE.COM.

Barbara moved on peacefully from her earthly life on Monday, September 5, 2022, at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Barbara Carolyn Johnson was born on February 11, 1946, in Britton, South Dakota, to Lambert and Florence (Carlson) Johnson. She must have felt like she needed to keep up with her two older siblings on the family farm near Claremont because she was a firecracker right out of the gate. Barb went to country school as a youngster and later attended Groton High School where she graduated in 1964. Barb, having a natural knack for taking care of others and a sharp mind, pursued a degree as a Laboratory Technician from the Medical Institute of Minnesota.



She returned to good ol' South Dakota and was an invaluable asset to the Britton Hospital as a Lab/X-ray Technician for 50 years. On September 5, 1969, Barb married Richard "Dick" Morris and together they were blessed with two sons, Richard, Jr., "Moose", and Jeff.

Barb was a member of the United Methodist Church in Britton. In her earlier years, she enjoyed bowling, golfing, and crocheting, though Barb would tell you she wasn't exact and didn't mind if she skipped stitches, or even rows. She and Dick appreciated a good laugh. The two of them loved to play cards and started the tradition the family still carries on of the adults dressing up for Halloween. She also had a thing for good company and good food. Barb took great pleasure in treating her friends and family to the Hankinson Casino for their crab leg buffet. She would typically sneak in some slots and cheap cigarettes while she was there, as well. To her last day, she felt compelled to bring treats and goodies to family gatherings, especially if she knew someone had a favorite something. Always thinking of others, Barb was sincere, thoughtful, generous, and loving.

Barb holds a special place in many hearts and will be greatly missed. Celebrating her life are her son, Jeff (Jody) Morris of Britton; daughter-in-law, Becky (Kevin) Kotzer of Groton; sister, Diana Ehrenberg of Rapid City; grandchildren: Megan Morris, Tyson Morris, Alex Morris, Nicholas Morris, Christopher Paulson, Adeline Kotzer and Cora Kotzer; sister-in-law, Marilyn Morris.

Preceding her in death were her mother and father; her mother-in-law and father-in-law; her husband, Dick; her son, "Moose"; her brother and sister-in-law, Roger and Diane Johnson; her brother-in-law, Bill Ehrenberg; her niece, Kit (Ehrenberg) Goheen; her brother-in-law, Todd Morris; and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Duane and Marilyn Kindschi.

Honorary Urn Bearers will be all of Barb's Grandchildren.

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Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that you shouldn't put plastic bottle caps that are less than three inches wide in diameter into the recycling bin?

Bill S., Grafton, VT

Yes! It is true that you shouldn't recycle plastic bottle caps that are less than three inches in diameter; in fact, you shouldn't recycle anything that is less than three inches in diameter.

Why is this? During the recycling process, plastics are sorted, baled, washed, ground down, separated from contaminants, melted, filtered and made into pellets. This is a long, complicated process, and the smallest plastics are often easily lost. The end result is an overaccumulation of plastic bottle lids and other small plastic items that were disposed of improperly and unfortunately have nowhere to go.

This overaccumulation is very problematic for animal life; marine life in particular. Hawaii, for example, is detrimentally affected by the global plastics issue. Because of its location in the Pacific, much of the world's plastic waste ends up on Hawaii's beaches, making the 50th state an unfortunate but necessary target of scientific inquiry. According to the Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii (BEACH), plastic caps are among the top 10 items found during beach clean-ups. In another study completed by BEACH, it was

found that 100 per cent of albatross chicks that call the northwestern Hawaiian Islands home had eaten plastic derived from a number of sources, plastic bottle caps being one of them.

Unfortunately, most plastic bottle caps, regardless of their size, are not easily recycled and may require a specialized facility. According to Earth 911, plastic bottle caps are made from a different kind of plastic called polypropylene (plastic #5) which has a higher melting point (a difference of 160 degrees Fahrenheit!). Because of this, when the plastic recyclables are melted down, the bottle caps stay intact. This can render an entire batch of recyclables useless, which means it becomes unusable waste again.

Thankfully, specialized recycling facilities circumnavigate this issue by grinding the plastic caps into flakes. These flakes are then melted into pellets, which are formed into new items such as reusable plastic bags or car battery casings.

However, finding these specialized facilities may be a bit tricky, depending on where you live. Most curbside collectors offer a cap-on standard, whereby you as the recycler may recycle plastic caps if they are twisted onto a bottle. However, some do not as they may consider a sealed bottle a safety hazard (due to compression/explosion) while others may simply want to avoid liquids. In some select cases, they may refuse to recycle bottle caps simply because the financial return rate is too low. Whatever the case, it is advised that you determine exactly what options your recycling



Even recyclable plastic caps less than three inches wide should go in the trash as they are too small for recycling processors to deal with. Credit: Krizjohn Rosales, Pexels

program offers, as the options do vary.

If you're having difficulty finding a convenient way to recycle your plastic bottle caps, your best option would be to either save them up and then throw them out at an acceptable facility, or to reuse them. Many plastic caps are actually universal and can be used on all sorts of different plastic bottles. Other more determined recyclers have even gone as far as to make arts and crafts from bottle caps!

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"Keeping on the sunny side of life"

After a visit about aches, pains and various medical issues, a patient was commenting on getting older. Similar to other patients, I expected him to say something like, "It's no fun getting older." To my surprise, the patient said, "I'm 85. That means I have a lot to be thankful for."

Some people are almost always positive, and some are usually negative. Those that are positive have been found to have better outcomes and seem to enjoy themselves more while unfortunately, those that tend to be more negative do not do as well. Granted, factors such as poor health and misfortune can diminish anyone's attitude. Thankfully, with a little effort, anyone can change their mindset. It really is amazing how much gratitude and a positive demeanor can improve your health.

There are many small ways to brighten your outlook. To start with, begin and end your day listing what you are grateful for.

Stop comparing yourself to others. This is one of the reasons social media has been shown to make people unhappy. If one is constantly looking at how others are doing, dressing, and where they are traveling, one cannot resist comparing themselves and thinking they are missing out.

Exercise helps you feel better. Getting fresh air, some sun, and getting that heart pumping creates endorphins in your brain that can help improve your mental health in addition to the benefits to your physical health.

Look to build lasting relationships. Studies have shown that people who have satisfying relationships with friends and family are happier, have fewer health problems, and live longer. Start building those relationships now. It takes time to gain trust, to listen, and show you care.

As we get older, our world tends to get smaller. The places we go may decrease, the people we see may become fewer, and our daily activities may become more limited. However, that does not need to lead to less happiness. In fact, quite the contrary.

There is a poem that starts with "When I am an old woman I shall wear purple," It draws on the wisdom of being yourself. When the pressure to perform and impress has passed, it can be liberating to know more about yourself, what you like, and what you do not like. Then you will be free to just enjoy your day, and maybe wear purple with a red hat, if you feel so inclined.

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