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Pictured in back, left to right, are Rebecca Poor (Flute), Jeslyn Kosel (Flute), Jackson Dinger (French Horn), Gretchen Dinger (Flute), Ellie Weismantel (Percussion), Carter Barse (Alto Sax), Ethan Clark (Euphonium); in front, left to right, are Instructor Desiree Yeigh, Natalia Warrington (Clarinet), Jacob Lewandowski (Percussion), Jayden Schwan (Trumpet), Ashtyn Bahr (Percussion), Cadance Tullis (Percussion), and Emily Clark (Percussion). (Courtesy Photo)

## NSU Holds Annual Instrument Day

Every year Northern State University holds an event called "Instrument Day." Schools all over South Dakota are invited to bring their band students and participate. There is a rotation every year between being part of a large group band or a section ensemble. This year, there were 3 different ensembles; woodwinds, brass, and percussion. Each ensemble was directed by a NSU Music Professor. At the end of the day, each ensemble performed a concert that was open to the public. The students also got to enjoy a concert that was put on by the NSU Music Professors and Students.



Aspen Johnson got a big block late in the match and the players and fans went wild as the Tiger excitement filled the Roncalli gym when Groton Area defeated Roncalli in region competition, 3-2. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Kramer interns at Shine Hair and Lash Boutique



Ava Kramer, daughter of Dale Kramer and Michele Monson, is working as an intern at Shine Hair and Lash Boutique in Aberdeen. "My main job is preparing and setting up all of the items needed for the next client," Kramer explained. "The clients want a clean environment when they come here for their appointments, and I make sure everything is ready before Luanne starts to work," she stated.

"I start by cleaning and washing the tables before assembling the hair or lash materials, the tweezers, scissors, and other items," Kramer listed. "Probably the most difficult job is cleaning up after hair cuts when the floor can be covered with clippings!"

"I also help the business owner Luanne Cunningham with other cleaning and organizing," she said. "A good shop must have all of the supplies on hand, ready for the customers."

"I chose to do my internship with this business since I wanted first-hand experience in a self-owned business," Kramer explained. "It is interesting to know how one person owns, runs, and maintains her shop."

"For extracurricular activities in Groton, I am a cheerleader for both boys and girls basketball," she stated.

"After high school graduation, I plan to attend Northern State University, majoring in psychology," Kramer said. "I may concentrate on criminal psychology since I would like to eventually seek a law career at the University of South Dakota."

- Dorene Nelson



## Chamber donates to Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Groton Area Chamber of Commerce decided at its November meeting to donate \$100 to the Groton Community Thanksgiving Dinner fund. Barb and Tom Paepke have been heading up the event for at least 13 years. Pictured are Chamber members and the Paepkes: Douglas Heinrich, April Abeln, Tom and Barb Paepke and Kellie Locke. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Teddy Bear Day Care Too to close

Customers of Teddy Bear Day Care Too were notified that as of December 30, 2022, the facility will be closed.

In a letter that she posted on Facebook, Charity Hinman said the following:

"Anyone who really KNOWS me, knows how much children mean to me. I have devoted most of my life to childcare and wouldn't change that for anything. I have LOVED having a hand in helping raise SO many children in the Groton area, and that BIG chapter of my life will forever hold a very special place in my heart, along with each and every one of those kiddos I have been so lucky to get to help shape.... but now it's time to turn the page in my story.

"To say hard would be an understatement. This decision did not come lightly, and will continue to break my heart in the days/weeks to come. I will miss the hugs, the giggles, the sloppy kisses, endless color-ings, the never ending dance parties, snuggles, tea parties, and daily adventures. I will miss the parents, who have become friends/family. I will miss my staff who have become best friends and sisters to me. I will miss our Bear family. Teddy Bear is and has been like no other- we ARE a family, and we love SO big in that building. And I will miss the love that building holds so very much!!!

"Inflation is NO JOKE. Staff shortage is NO JOKE. Insurance premiums and workman's comp coverage is NO JOKE. Etc, etc etc.

"The cost to run a small business and stay afloat in these lovely times we're living in is impossible.... "Teddy Bear will be saying goodbye and see you later for good, on December 30th, 2022."

## Lesson learned on and off the gridiron

I made it through another football season uninjured although this year it feels like I had more close calls as I snapped photos on the sidelines for the South Border Mustangs. I'm not as nimble with one wobbly wheel, a still-healing hip that has enough metal in it that I've become intimately acquainted with TSA. After seeing players get uncomfortably large in my viewfinder once too often I told one coach, and I was only half-kidding, that I was pretty sure I needed a sideline blocker.

It was a Hunter S. Thompsonesque season. Fear and Envy on the Border. Fear for the logical reason outlined above, envy because covering a great team reminded me of my own ignominious football career. But it's all about building character, isn't it?

After following the crowd—lesson learned, don't follow the herd over the cliff—that decided not to play our sophomore year, I was named the starting center my junior year much to the chagrin of the seniors who wanted an all-senior line; they moaned, and here comes the next instructional life experience: my coach caved. I had a great boss once that said something that was hard to hear but better prepared me for life. "People are gonna disappoint you, Tony."

Our team was so loaded it didn't matter a lick. That was before there was a playoff system but I'm convinced we were the best team in the state. I spent the season taking out my frustration on my replacement. I'd run 30 yards

to pop him in practice. I probably disappointed him.

Resentment didn't really take hold until the next season when I blew out a knee early in the season against a team we were blowing out. Isn't that the way it goes? But, after a week or two on the sidelines, I came back, one leg noticeably swollen, to play against Bristol and their feared middle linebacker who, to hear Coach tell it, was part-Sasquatch, and that if One-Legged Tony didn't handle him we had no chance.

I could only fire out one step, so I did what I could, which is to cheat. I held him. Grabbed his jersey with one hand, pulled him close so the refs couldn't see, and occasionally bounced him off his head. By the second quarter he was flustered and screaming at the ref, "He's holding me!"

"Aww, he's a (effeminate insult) ref," I sniffed, and went low the next time. On one play, our running back, Woof Dog, who ran like he was pulling a three-bottom plow, came back to the huddle incensed, "Bender, that was your man!"

"Bull----!" I snapped. "I was holding him!" And that cracked up the huddle. That's what makes it a great game, the camaraderie. The laughs. Anyway, I won the battle but the Frederick Vikings lost the game.

I provided another moment of unintentional comic relief pre-injury when we were hosting our rivals, the Hecla Rockets, and a receiver was running sideline to sideline trying to get past our defensive backs, giving me a long run at him for a blindside hit, intent on popping the ball loose.

It was an epic collision and we both stayed down, me with the wind knocked out of me. My buddy Witt jerked me up. "Great hit, Bender!" I immediately folded, and Coach came running.

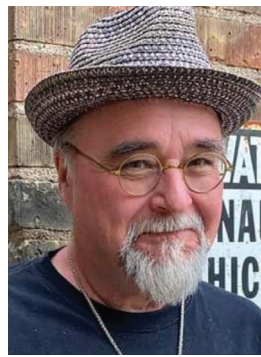
He loosened my pants, which is what represented medical attention in those days, leaned over and said, "Did you get it in the cookies?" I groaned an affirmative. Much hilarity. As I lay there, they led the wobbly receiver off the field, still holding the ball.

So, what lessons did I take from all this? First, in life, you have to be demonstratively better than the competition. People say that "Life's not fair," but I don't believe that. Life's inherently fair with lessons along the way if you're paying attention.

The most valuable lesson came two decades later at an all-school reunion. I'd been called to announce an old-timers basketball game. After carrying my resentment so long, I dreaded seeing my old coach, but he greeted me warmly with a huge grin, kind words, and a firm handshake, and that was it. He'd always been a great guy. And we're all human.

I forgave him in that instant, and it felt good. I've been quicker to forgive ever since. It's hard for me to hold a grudge. So, I've become a terrible German, a disappointment to my lineage. A small price to pay, I think.

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## That's Life

by Tony Bender

## Weekly Vikings Recap

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

I do not know how they did it, but somehow the Vikings pulled out a win today against the Washington Commanders despite everything stacked against them. The Vikings now move to 7-1 on the season and have an incredible 4.5-game lead in the NFC North. For the first time in the Kirk Cousins era in Minnesota, the Vikings are fully in the driver's seat for the division title.

Sunday's game against the Commanders was truly a rollercoaster of emotions. After receiving the opening kickoff, the Vikings put together maybe their most impressive opening drive of the season. Besides the first play of the drive resulting in a 2-yard loss on a Dalvin Cook handoff, the Vikings went down the field without another negative play. They converted multiple third downs, one of which was to newly acquired tight end, TJ Hockenson, for a 19-yard gain. The Vikings capped the drive off with an impressive touchdown catch to Justin Jefferson in the back of the endzone. For how great he has been all year, it might come as a shock to many that that was Justin Jefferson's first touchdown since the Green Bay game in week 1.

The rest of the half lacked any excitement as both teams punted repeatedly. Taylor Heinicke, who is listed as standing 6'1" but is more like 5'11", got his passes batted down three times in the first half by the Vikings' defense. However, Kirk Cousins and the Vikings' offense could never capitalize as their drives continued to stall repeatedly. Finally, on the last drive of the half for the Vikings, the offense started to get something going on offense. However, as the Vikings approached the red zone, Kirk Cousins made an aggressive throw to a covered Justin Jefferson in the right corner of the endzone, which resulted in a tipped ball and interception by the Commanders. The Vikings would head into halftime with only a 7-3 lead over the Commanders.

The second half was a much more exciting half of football. On just the second play of the first half, Taylor Heinicke threw an awful deep ball into the Vikings' triple coverage. As the ball was coming down, Vikings' safety Cam Bynum looked like he was going to make an easy interception. However, the referees decided to take things into their own hands as one of them ran right into Bynum, causing him to stumble, thus allowing Commanders' wide receiver Curtis Samuel to make a great catch and stumble in the endzone for a touchdown. The play completely flipped the momentum in Washington's favor. If the Vikings did not pull off the victory today, this article would have had a much different tone regarding the referee's performance this Sunday.

As the Vikings' offense continued to stall, the Vikings found themselves down 17-7 heading into the 4th quarter. However, unlike prior Vikings' seasons, this team just never seems to quit. After a Vikings' field goal, the Vikings cut the Commanders' lead to just one score. Four plays later, Taylor Heinicke, who had surprisingly played the game mistake-free to that point, overthrew one of his tight ends right into the hands of Harrison Smith for an interception. Smith, who has an interception in each of his last three games, was able to return it down to the Commanders' 12-yard line.

In just three minutes of game time, the Vikings went from dead in the water to having the ball in the red zone with a chance to tie the game with a touchdown. On second down, Dalvin Cook ran a wheel route toward the back of the endzone and Kirk Cousins found him for a touchdown thanks to a perfect pass. After all the craziness of the game, the Vikings were surprisingly tied 17-17 with the Commanders.

The Vikings quickly got the ball back thanks to a forced three-and-out by the Vikings' defense. Wisely, the Vikings would use 15 plays to milk the clock and kick a field goal to win 20-17.

Next week, the Vikings head to Buffalo to face a 6-2 Bills team that is the best in the league.

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# We the People

The South Dakota Humanities Council is making available a weekly column -- "We the People" -- that focuses on the U.S. Constitution. It is written by David Adler, who is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality, and civic education.



By David Adler

## "Affirmative Action in Universities: Has it a Future?"

By David Adler

The controversial use by college admission committees of an applicant's race was the subject of a five-hour hearing before the U.S. Supreme Court this week in cases involving Harvard University and the University of North Carolina. The lengthy oral argument brought to a fever pitch the long-simmering question of the constitutionality of race-conscious programs—affirmative action policies—that were upheld in the Court's landmark ruling in 1978 in *Regents of University of California v. Bakke*.

The Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed the use of race as a factor in the admissions practices of the nation's colleges and universities. But affirmative action programs have suffered declining public support in the four decades since the *Bakke* ruling was handed down. The Court, firmly controlled by six strong conservative Justices, seems poised to strike down the practice that, to many Americans, represents for historically disadvantaged minorities the most effective entryway to the nation's elite universities and the leadership opportunities that accrue to graduates of those schools.

Lost in the roiling waters of the debate on affirmative action has been understanding of what the Court actually ruled in *Bakke*.

The Court, in a 5-4 opinion written by Justice Lewis Powell, appointed to the High Bench by President Richard Nixon, rejected the use of "quotas," but found constitutional under the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause the use of an applicant's race as one of several factors that admission committees may consider.

Justice Powell rejected the concept of a "benign" racial classification. He wrote that the burden of providing remedies for past racial discrimination could not constitutionally be placed on the shoulders of individuals who had no part in that discrimination.

But the Court approved the use of race as one factor—"race plus 1"—in a university's admissions policy for the purpose of promoting diversity in its student body. Race, Justice Powell explained, is relevant to diversity, principally because societal discrimination has made race relevant to a student's views and experiences. It is permissible, Powell noted, that a student's race may be a decisive factor in a particular case. How important a student's race may be in the admissions process may depend on "some attention to numbers," that is, the number of minority students already admitted.

The Court, in 2003, in *Grutter v. Bollinger*, in an opinion authored by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, appointed by President Ronald Reagan, embraced the *Bakke* ruling. Indeed, the Court applied the "strict scrutiny" doctrine and approved the approach employed by the University of Michigan's law school. Justice O'Connor wrote that diversity represented a "compelling governmental interest," one that sought to "achieve that diversity which has the potential to enrich everyone's education and thus make a law school class stronger than the sum of its parts."

The educational benefits that flow from diversity, O'Connor emphasized, were indeed compelling. Several amicus curiae briefs, including those filed by American corporations, stressed the invaluable importance to their employees of experiencing a racially diverse student body.

This required, the Court observed, particular attention to the inclusion of students from groups that have been historically discriminated against, such as African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans, who, without this commitment, might not be represented in the student body in meaningful numbers.

The goal of the school was to enroll a "critical mass" of students from these underrepresented groups in order, as Justice O'Connor wrote, to "ensure their ability to make unique contributions to the character of the Law School."

The future of affirmative action admissions programs in the nation's universities is unclear. Advocates of affirmative action programs, first introduced at the federal level by President Lyndon Johnson in the mid-1960s, have emphasized that the programs are but "temporary," that is, lasting long enough to overcome the historic practice of racial discrimination.

For her part, Justice O'Connor, in the 2003 *Grutter* opinion, stated: "We expect that 25 years from now, the use of racial preferences will no longer be necessary to further the interest approved today." Dissenters in that case—Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas—along with Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer, who joined the majority, agreed that race conscious admission programs must have a "logical end point." Justice Ginsburg rightly pointed out that nobody can anticipate the future with any certainty. Thus, the 25-year goal

could be only a "hope" and not "firmly forecast."

For those who hope for a race-neutral nation—one in which law and society truly are color blind—the question, always, is one of the means to the end. Thus, we ask: if affirmative action in college admission policies is still necessary to overcome the impact of historic practices of race discrimination in higher education, should Supreme Court Justices worry about deadlines, that is, whether achievement of that goal requires 25 or 35 or 45 years? If that, indeed, is the goal, shouldn't the answer be: as long as it takes?

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## Failure to plan: Is it planning to fail?



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Benjamin Franklin once said, "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail." But as you chart your financial course, what steps should you take to help you keep moving forward to where you want to go?

### Consider these suggestions:

- Establish and quantify your goals. Throughout your life, you'll have short-term goals, such as an overseas vacation or a home renovation, and long-term goals, the most important of which may be a comfortable retirement. You'll want to identify all your goals and put a "price tag" on them. Of course, it's not always possible to know exactly how much it will cost to achieve each goal, but you can develop reasonably good estimates, revising them as needed.

- Create an investment strategy to achieve your goals. Once you know how much your goals will cost, you can create the appropriate savings and investment strategies to potentially help you reach the needed amounts. For your retirement goal, you will likely need to contribute regularly to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. But for shorter-term goals, you may need to explore other types of investments. For all your investment moves, though, you'll need to consider your risk tolerance. You won't want your portfolio to have such a high-risk level that you're constantly uncomfortable with the inevitable fluctuations of the financial markets. On the other hand, you won't want to invest so conservatively that you jeopardize your chances of achieving the growth you need to reach your goals.

- Control your debts. We live in an expensive world, so it's not easy to live debt-free. And some debts, such as your mortgage, obviously have value. But if you can control other debts, especially those that carry high interest rates, you can possibly free up money you can use to boost your savings and investments.

- Prepare for obstacles. No matter how carefully you follow the strategies you've created to achieve your goals, you will, sooner or later, run into obstacles, or at least temporary challenges. What if you incur a large, unexpected expense, such as the sudden need for a new car or a major home repair? If you aren't prepared for these costs, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments – and every time you do that, you might slow your progress toward achieving your goals. To help prevent this, you should build an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses.

- Review your strategy. When you first created your financial strategy, you might have planned to retire at a certain age. But what if you eventually decide to retire earlier or later? Such a choice can have a big impact on what you need from your investment portfolio – and when. And your circumstances may change in other ways, too. That's why it's a good idea to review your strategy periodically to make sure it still aligns with your up-to-date objectives.

None of us can guarantee that our carefully laid plans will always yield the results we want. But by taking the right steps at the right times, you can greatly improve your chances.

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## Groton City Bonaga Variance Notice

NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on November 28, 2022, at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main St., Groton, SD for a variance of Part 10, Chapter 10.01, Section 10.0107 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Maricruz Bonaga for a 1976 mobile home to be placed in a Residential (R-2) District at 1502 N Broadway Lot 7, Groton, SD, legally described as Lt A&B Doeringsfeld OL 3, BOLS #7.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this variance may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

Doug Heinrich  
Zoning Administrator

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# Groton Area School First Quarter Honor Roll

## Seniors

4.0 GPA: Ethan Clark, Carter Barse, Jackson Dinger, Jacob Lewandowski, Andrew Marzahn, Shaylee Peterson, Cadance Tullis, Cole Simon, Kaleb Antonsen, Caleb Hanten, Elliana Weismantel, Cole Bisbee, Brooke Gengerke, Aspen Johnson

3.99-3.50: Ashtyn Bahr, Shallyn Foertsch, Gracie Traphagen, Cade Larson, Tate Larson, Sierra Ehresmann, Brenna Carda, Nathalia Garcia, Kamryn Flihs, Porter Johnson Hollie Frost

3.49-3.00: Michael Aalseth, Ava Kramer, KayLynn Overacker, Ethan Gengerke, Tyson Parrow, Dylan Anderson

## Juniors

4.0 GPA: Claire Heinrich, Lydia Meier, Hannah Monson, Emily Clark, Kyleigh Englund, Ashlyn Sperry, Holden Sippel, Anna Fjeldheim

3.99-3.50: Bradin Althoff, Abigail Jensen, Camryn Kurtz, Sara Menzia, Colby Dunker, Lexi Osterman, Lane Tietz, Dillon Abeln, Anna Bisbee, Jaycie Lier, Emma Schinkel, Logan Ringgenberg, Sydney Leicht, Cadence Feist, Faith Flihs, Bryson Wambach, Celia Moreno Mananes, Karsyn Jangula

3.49-3.00: Jackson Garstecki, Shea Jandel, Kate Profeta, Jacob Zak, Carly Guthmiller

## Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Gretchen Dinger, Elizabeth Flihs, Payton Mitchell, Diego Eduardo Nava Remigio, Faith Traphagen, Axel Warrington

3.99-3.50: Brooklyn Hansen, Kayla Lehr, Blake Pauli, Emma Kutter, Karrah-Jo Johnson, Laila Roberts, Kennedy Hansen, Carter Simon, Logan Pearson, Emily Overacker, Turner Thompson, Rebecca Poor, Aiden Heathcote, Kaden Kampa, Quintyn Bedford, Jeslyn Kosel

3.49-3.00: Kellen Antonsen, Ashley Johnson, Korbin Kucker, Corbin Weismantel, Kianna Sander, Brevin Flihs, Riley Carman, Easten Ekern, Drew Thurston, Savannah Bible, Abby Yeadon, Emma Bahr

## Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Carly Gilbert, Jerica Locke, Jaedyn Penning, Nathan Unzen, Logan Warrington, Talli Wright

3.99-3.50: De Eh Tha Say, Mia Crank, Lucas Carda, Natalia Warrington, Ryder Johnson, Gage Sippel, Rylee Dunker, Paisley Mitchell, Benjamin Hoeft, Keegen Tracy, London Bahr, Raelee Lilly, Aiden Meyers, Karter Moody, Olivia Stiegelmeier, Karsten Flihs, Cali Toffison, Jarrett Erdmann

3.49-3.00: Breslyn Jeschke, Lincoln Krause, Hannah Sandness, Cambria Bonn, Kolton Dockter, Jayden Schwan, Drake Peterson, Keegan Harry, Bradyn Wien

## Eighth Grade

4.0 GPA: Teagan Hanten, Ashlynn Warrington

3.99-3.50: Kira Clocksene, Carlee Johnson, Emerlee Jones, Brody Lord, Halee Harder, Liby Althoff, Gavin Kroll, Colt Williamson, Walker Zoellner, Avery Crank, Aiden Strom, McKenna Tietz, Taryn Traphagen

3.49-3.00: Blake Lord, Claire Schuelke, Kella Tracy, Zander Harry, Addison Hoffman Wipf, Leah Jones, Hailey Pauli, Hayden Zoellner, Brenna Imrie, Maggie Cleveland, Jackson Hopfinger

## Seventh Grade

4.0 GPA: Elizabeth Cole, Jace Johnson, Makenna Krause, Thomas Schuster

3.99-3.50: Sydney Locke, Layne Johnson, Easton Weber, JoHanne Beauchamp, Taryn Thompson, Wyatt Wambach, Mya Feser, Addison Hoeft, Ethan Kroll, Eyleigh Kroll, Rylie Rose, Chesney Weber, Dee Eh June Say, Thomas Aalseth, John Bisbee, Ryelle Gilbert, Brysen Sandness, Journey Zieroth

3.49-3.00: Ryder Schelle, Karson Zak, Rylen Ekern, Owen Sperry, Alex Abeln, Aimee Heilman

## Sixth Grade

4.0 GPA: Wesley Borg, Novalea Warrington

3.99-3.50: Brooklyn Spainer, Neely Althoff, Abby Fjeldheim, Tevan Hanson, Madison Herrick, Zachary Flihs, Kolton Antonsen, Arianna Dinger, Lincoln Shilhanek, Aspen Beto, Samuel Crank, Asher Johnson, Aurora Washenberger, Alexis Williamson, Kaedynce Bonn, Logan Olson

3.49-3.00: Tenley Frost, Jose Fernando Nava Remigio, Skylor Bedford, Adeline Kotzer, Wesley Morehouse, May Dallaire

## Brown County Ochsner Rezoning Hearing Notice

NOTICE  
Application has been made by Todd Ochsner/Ochsner Real Estate LP 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 November 15, 2022 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.15 Light Industrial District (L-I):

The S 1/2 of Section 19-T123N-R64W lying South of Railroad R.O.W. 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 conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 231.

ATTEST:  
Lynn Heupel  
Brown County Auditor  
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## Brown County Jangula Rezoning Hearing Notice

NOTICE  
Application has been made by Jerrad Jangula 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 November 15, 2022 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-Agriculture District (M-AG):

Proposed Lot 1, "Jangula Subdivision" in the NE 1/4 of Section 24-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 conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 232.

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## Brown County Gossman Rezoning Hearing Notice

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 November 15, 2022 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.08 Residential District (R-1) to Chapter 4.13 Commercial District (C):

Proposed Lot 1, "Ole Crow Addition" in the NW 1/4 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 conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 234.

ATTEST:  
Lynn Heupel  
Brown County Auditor  
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## Brown County Daily Rezoning Hearing Notice

NOTICE  
Application has been made by John Daily 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 November 15, 2022 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-Agriculture District (M-AG):

Lot 1, "First Subdivision of Bieber's Outlot 1" in the N 1/2 of Section 21-T126N-R64W 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 conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 233.

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# Groton Robotic Teams Travel to Mitchell

Groton Robotics traveled down to Mitchell on Saturday, Nov. 6th competing against 23 other teams from 8 towns: Mitchell (5), Harrisburg (4), Groton (3), Menno (2), Sioux Falls (2), Jefferson (1), Brandon (1), Box Elder (5). Groton Teams included: G-Force 9050A (6th grade-Peyton Schuring, Grant Cleveland, Conner Kroll, Lincoln Shilhanek, Logan Olson), Gear Heads 9050B (Seniors-Jack Dinger, Ethan Clark), Gladiators 9050F (Garrett Schultz, De Eh Tha Say, not pictured Bradyn Wienk ). Galaxy 9050E (Corbin Weismantel, Logan Clocksene, not pictured- Kianna Sanders, Axel Warrington, Bradon Barrera)

The competition started off with 33 qualifying matches, each team competing 6 times. At the end of the 33 qualifying matches Gear Heads-9050B ranked 13th, Galaxy-9050E 14th, Gladiators-9050F ranked 17th, G-force-9050A ranked 20th.

Groton Robotics changed things up a bit this year by putting all incoming 6th graders on their own team and owning the G-Force 9050A name. In the past 6th graders shadowed and just assisted other teams with clean up. It was decided to let them all dive in this year to start building and competing! Mitchell was their first tournament, competing against robotists that have been building and driving for 5-6 years, since there is no specific middle school or high school category. They built a 'push bot', in the robotics world this is a robot that primarily focuses on defense and, as it is commonly said in the robotics world, "get in the way and make things difficult for your competition". That's exactly what they did! They also focused on de-scoring their opponent by pushing yellow disks out of their corner and pushing disks into their own corner for additional points as each one is worth a point. Great job to G-Force also know as 9050A out on the field! (see picture)

Gear Heads-9050B added an expansion cord on to their robot this week to be used in the final 10 second ENDGAME. What is the ENDGAME?

Vex Robotics definition Endgame Covering: 'As the clock winds down, it's time for the Endgame. At the end of the Match, Alliances will receive a 3 point bonus for each tile their Robots are Covering. So, during the last 10 seconds of the Match, there are no horizontal expansion limits.' Imagine casting out your fishing pole like as far out as you can get it! Now imagine lines being shot off robots to cover as many tiles as necessary!

Gear Heads worked on their robot between



**Gladiators 9050F (l-r)-De Eh Tha Say, Garrett Schultz, Braydon Wienk, Lincoln Shilhanek, Conner Kroll and Logan Olson paired up for a match.** (Photo courtesy of robotic parents)

the Box Elder tournament last week and Mitchell to add the expansion feature, but working the way it should is NEVER a guarantee! They successfully made it to the semi-finals, pairing with Galaxy 9050E, but when they attempted to shoot out their expansion cord in the last 10 seconds it failed to shoot out, costing them the advancement to the finals. Galaxy 9050E had some problems with their robot in beginning and unable to get it moving during a match, but as the day progressed, they were able to OWN ROLLERS and play some good defense. Gladiators 9050F had their 'disk shooter' on but not quite enough power to get the disk high enough. They worked on defense or 'just getting in the way of the opponent to stop them from scoring'!

Vex Robotics Definition-Owned Rollers: 'In addition to Discs, Robots can also spin the four Rollers mounted to the field perimeter. If the area inside of a Roller's pointers only shows one color, that is considered "Owned" by that Alliance. Each Owned Roller is worth 10 points.'

Tournament champions were from Harrisburg and Jefferson. Congratulations to all the robotists who participated! Groton Robotists will be headed down to Harrisburg on Saturday, November 16th for the Sioux Metro Qualifier! For more information check out the vex VRC robotics website, download the VEX via app and follow Groton Tiger Robotics on facebook. Thanks to all who support Groton Robotics!

Submitted by Groton Robotics



**Gear Heads 9050B-Ethan Clark and Jack Dinger paired up with Galaxy 9050E-Corbin Weismantel and Logan Clocksene waiting for a match to start.**

(Photo courtesy of robotic parents)



**New 6th grade team G-Force 9050A (l-r)-Peyton Schuring, Grant Cleveland, Conner Kroll, Lincoln Shilhanek, Logan Olson.** (Photo courtesy of robotic parents)

- 206.44; Web Water - 39.72; Cara Dennert - 1235.25; Jeremy Dosch - 419.99; Brown County Treasurer - 573.04; SDML - 482; Takedown T2 Pest Control - 75.00; Kolker Law Office - 213.00; Dakota Resources - 3,666.25

Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE - e-mails from Paula Jensen, Scott Meints, Dakota Resources, Productivity Plus letter, DANR letter

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - liquor license - Brent Raba wants to reissue and transfer his current license. He can put his license inactive for up to 2 years (so long as he is open 60 days within that time frame.) When he wants to open a new place, he will have to come to the board to activate the license & get approval for location. Then it will be published and a 2nd hearing on application will need to be held.

Nuisances - There are many issues in town. We need a lawyer to set up a better protocol to follow to resolve issues. The council is looking into that.

Streets - The new stop signs are here. They will be installed soon. There are street lights out on 1st and N. James and corner of 2nd and Broadway. Cara will contact Northwestern Energy to get that fixed.

Parks - Park maintenance was discussed. At least 2 people will be needed next summer to work upkeep.

Lagoon/sewer - Rubble Site - A letter will go out to community members about proper usage of site. Per state law from Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, no painted lumber, no leaves, and only trees under one foot in diameter are allowed on burn pit. There is a compost pile for

leaves and grass clippings. Only residents are allowed to use site.

NEW BUSINESS - The Columbia Social Committee was present to discuss upcoming events: There will be an all community meeting on November 15th at 7pm to set priorities for 2023. December 10th is a community Holiday Party at the Legion Hall 5-9pm. There will be a hayride with caroling, tree lighting in new park, cookie and ornament decorating, pictures with Santa, music and a meal. Cost of the event is \$5 a person with a \$20 maximum for families. Funds will go to the Community Cares Group for future usage. They are also looking for donations for next summer's Columbia Fest.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Cara presented bank balances. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried. Cara contacted the state auditor and received the okay to put extra funds into a money market account. She will be presenting options in December and the amounts will be transferred at the beginning of the year. The council also expressed interest in transferring the money in FIT into the mentioned account. Cara will look into that process.

October 31, 2022 balances: SF - \$ 189,459.09; GF - \$ 215,614.15; FIT - \$ 14,073.20

Cash on hand - \$0  
Cole Kampa made a motion to adjourn. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - meeting adjourned.

Next City Council Meeting - December 7, 2022 7:00 p.m.  
Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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## Groton City Nov. 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2022  
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Babcock via telephone, Wambach, Wells, Cutler, Nehls, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich, and Todd Gay.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Wells and seconded by Cutler. All members voted aye.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wambach to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye.

Payroll, \$24,075.86, Employee salaries; Executive, \$744.65; Administrative, \$4,311.58; Public Safety, \$7,875.29; Public Works, \$11,144.34; Groton Baseball Foundation, \$7,150.07, Split Gate; NW Energy, \$12.75, Natural Gas Service - Water Tower; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless Router; Lamb Motor Co., \$29,715.00, 2022 Ford F150 Purchase; City of Groton, \$333.49, Family Crisis Utility Payment; Gene & Robin Loeschke, \$102.19, Curb & Gutter Overpayment Refund; Dacotah Bank, \$5,246.26, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$576.24, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee Savings; Geffdog Designs, \$500.00, Community Center Sign; Dacotah Bank, \$2,984.66, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Daco-

tah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Accounts Management, Inc., \$75.00, Wage Assignment; Hauge Associates, Inc., \$473.20, Wage Garnishment; Aflac, \$275.52, Employee Insurance; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee Insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$49.68, Employee Insurance; Allied Benefit Systems, \$10,936.83, Employee Insurance; Employers Mutual Insurance, \$85.20, Employee Insurance; US Bank, \$6,975.68, West Sewer Debt - Final Payment; TreeLine Tree Service, Inc., \$3,000.00, Tree Removal at Cemetery; Global Equipment Company, Inc., \$999.00, Refrigerated Drinking Fountain w/ Bottle Filler; Groton Daily Independent, \$105.13, Publishing Fees; Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc., \$258.94, Toolbox Set & Mounting Plate; Geffdog Designs, \$211.20, Groton PD Hats; SD Department of Health, \$30.00, Water Testing; Branden Abeln, \$14.00, Meal Reimbursement - Stabilization Pond Workshop on 10/18; Terry Herron, \$270.85, Meal Reimbursement (2) - Stabilization Pond Workshop on 10/18 & Travel to Onida, SD to Retrieve 2022 Ford F150 on 10/19; Med Flex; Dwight Zerr, \$28.00, Meal Reimbursement (2) - Stabilization Pond Workshop on 10/18 & Travel to Onida, SD to Retrieve 2022 Ford F150 on 10/19; SPS Works, \$130.10, Animal Tags; Stacy Mayou, \$153.71, Med Flex; Harry Implement, Inc., \$66.57, Tractor Mower Supplies; Aramark, \$43.84, Rug Rent; J's Superior Cleaning, \$120.00, Commercial Cleaning Services - October; Kellie Locke, \$40.00, Med Flex; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$240.00, Supplemental Retirement; Tri-tech Software Systems, \$670.43,

PD Software Annual Fees; Nelson Sales & Service, \$170.89, Belt cutter deck, chain sharpening; AutoZone, Inc., \$21.59, Spark plugs; Van Diest Supply Company, \$2,574.90, Mosquito Control supplies; SD Water & Wastewater Association, \$20.00, Membership Renewal Fees; Dakota Electronics, \$2,020.00, 2 Way Radios for PD; SD Retirement System, \$9,512.44, Employee Retirement; US Bank, \$660.00, Administrative Fees; Grand Slam Computers, \$237.50, Troubleshooting Nordic Backup Errors; NW Energy, \$12.58, Natural Gas Service - PD; Irby, Inc., \$2,911.25, Electric Supplies; S&S Lumber, \$302.71, Paint, brush, 2 keys cut, extension cord, antifreeze, faucet wrench, bolts, washers, lumber, duct tape, spray foam, conduit elbow, caution tape, air chucks, self-tapping screws; Dollar General, \$217.20, Bottled water, batteries, toilet paper, Windex, spray duster, dish soap, candy, coffee, creamer, facial tissue, paper towels; Drew Johnson, \$850.00, Legal Services - October of 2022;

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Bahr to approve department reports. All members voted aye.

Discussion took place regarding Main Street parking. Continued discussion took place regarding the park bathrooms and possible funding options.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Cutler to approve the first reading of Ordinance #764 - 2023 Appropriations. All members voted aye.

Announcement: Skating Rink Employment Applications are due by November 14, 2022, at 5:00pm.

Todd Gay exited the meeting at 8:25pm.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Wambach to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:26pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:10pm

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to approve the first reading of Ordinance #763 - 2023 Salary Ordinance. All members voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wambach to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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## Columbia City Nov. 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

City of Columbia Council Meeting - November 2, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 7:00 p.m.

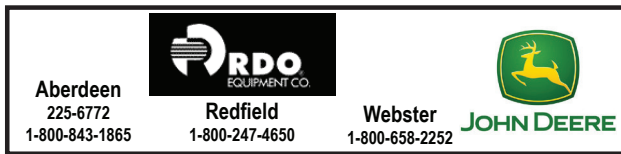
ROLL CALL - Cara Dennert, Corey Mitchell, Cole Kampa, Emily Eichler, Trevor Meints

Community - Julie Lillis, Pat James, Lisa Mohr  
Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the October 5th meeting. Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Northwestern Energy - 444.34; JVT



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## Groton Community November Calendar

### Friday, Nov. 11 - VETERAN'S DAY

Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, baked apples, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Eggs and sausage.

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans.

Veteran's Day Program, 2 p.m., GHS Arena

### Saturday, Nov. 12

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession: 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass: 4:30 p.m.

Combined JH GBB game at Aberdeen Christian, 10 a.m.

### Sunday, Nov. 13

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship/Congregational Meeting, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

UMC: Conde Worship, 8:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school and Christmas Program Practice, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.; Fall Dinner, 11:30 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

St. John's worship, 9 a.m.; Zion Lutheran worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Snow Queen Contest, 7 p.m.

### Monday, Nov. 14

Senior Menu: Honey glazed chicken breast, parsley buttered potatoes, beets, fruit, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Mini waffles.

School Lunch: Taco salads.

1 p.m.: Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center.

Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Nov. 15

Senior Menu: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3 bean salad, peach cobbler, cookie, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich

School Lunch: BBB Pulled Pork, nachos.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

UMC: Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Conde Ad Council Picture re-take day, 7:50 a.m. to 9 a.m.

FCCLA Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., GHS Arena Lobby.

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, Nov. 16

Senior Menu: Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas, acini depepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Eggs and breakfast potatoes.

School Lunch: Chicken strips, fries.

Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 6 p.m.

UMC: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 4 p.m.; UMYF/FCCLA Food Drive, 6 p.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.; Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.

### Thursday, Nov. 17

Senior Menu: Taco salad, Mexican rice, seasonal fresh fruit, breadstick.

School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.

School Lunch: Hot dogs, chips.

Emmanuel Lutheran: WELCA "Praise & Thanksgiving" - Program: Sarah, Hostess: Nigeria.

UMC: Bible Study with Ashley, 6:30 p.m.; Newsletter items due.

State A Volleyball Tourney in Sioux Falls

### Friday, Nov. 18

Senior Menu: Chili, corn bread, coleslaw, lime pear Jell-O.

School Breakfast: Biscuit and Jelly

School Lunch: Mac and cheese, peas.

State A Volleyball Tourney in Sioux Falls

JH GBB hosts Milbank (7th at 4 p.m. followed by 8th grade game)

### Saturday, Nov. 19

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at Rosewood Court, 10 a.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession: 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass: 4:30 p.m.

State A Volleyball Tourney in Sioux Falls

Groton Legion Turkey Party, 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, Nov. 20

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion (League Pie Auction following worship), 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

UMC: Conde Worship, 8:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school and Christmas Program Practice, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

St. John's worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Zion Lutheran worship with communion, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

### Monday, Nov. 21

Senior Menu: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, cauliflower and pea salad, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Egg bake.

School Lunch: Oriental chicken stir fry, rice.

1 p.m.: Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center.

Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. John's Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m.

JH GBB at Langford (7th at 4 p.m. followed by 8th grade game)

### Tuesday, Nov. 22

Senior Menu: Potato soup, ham salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, pineapple tidbits.

School Breakfast: Egg Omelets.

School Lunch: Corn dogs, baked beans.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

UMC: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

St. John's Quilting, 9 a.m.



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### Wednesday, Nov. 23

Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, beets, peaches, dinner roll.

Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran: No confirmation; League, 6:30 p.m.

UMC: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 4 p.m.

St. John's Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 p.m.

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break

### Thursday, Nov. 24

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 11:30 a.m., Groton Community Center

### Friday, Nov. 25

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break

### Saturday, Nov. 26

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession: 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass: 4:30 p.m.

### Sunday, Nov. 27

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

UMC: UM Student Day; Conde Worship, 8:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

St. John's worship, 9 a.m.; Zion Lutheran worship, 11 a.m.

### Monday, Nov. 28

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, Mandarin oranges, cookie.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

School Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, corn.

Noon: Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center with potluck dinner.

Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Tuesday, Nov. 29

Senior Menu: Beef tips in gravy with noodles, lettuce salad with dressing, peaches, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: French toast.

School Lunch: Tacos, refried beans.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

James Valley Telco Open House in Groton, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

UMC: Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Conde Advent Bible Study.

JH GBB hosts Redfield (7th at 6:15 p.m. followed by 8th grade game)

### Wednesday, Nov. 30

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, au gratin potatoes, carrots, apple sauce, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Egg omelets.

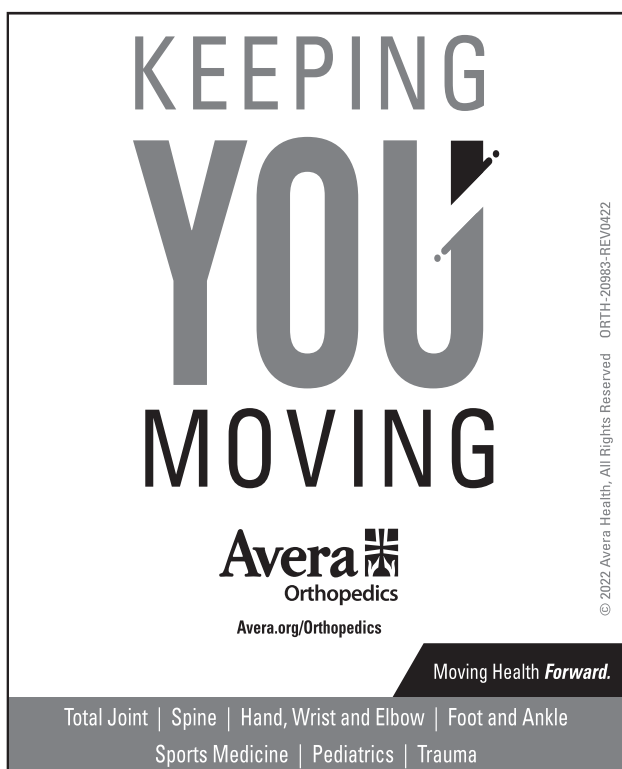
School Lunch: Garlic cheese, bread, cooked carrots.

Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 6 p.m.

UMC: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Confirmation, 4 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.; Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.; Advent Service, 7 p.m.



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**Brown County  
Nov. 1, 2022**

**Meeting Minutes**

NOVEMBER 1, 2022 – GENERAL MEETING  
Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Fjeldheim, Gage, and Sutton. Commissioner Wiese was Absent. Chairman Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Commissioner Gage moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Fjeldheim. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jared Bossly wanted Commissioners to know that the landowners stand behind them in regard to the lawsuit by Summit Carbon Solutions. Ed Fischbach also thanked the Commission for taking a stand and letting the PUC know where they stood. He also encouraged the County to contact the attorney that is representing the landowners – it will be no cost to the County – cost is covered by the landowners. Commissioner Sutton did share that the County is covered by SD Public Assurance Alliance so they will be representing the County.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR RODEO STOCK CONTRACTORS:** Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager met to open the RFP's for Rodeo Stock Contractors for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 Brown County Fair. Proposals received for a 3-year total include from Bailey Pro Rodeo \$135,000.00 and 10 Motel Rooms; Barnes PRCA Rodeo \$195,000.00 and 4 Motel Rooms; Sutton Rodeo \$174,511.38 and 8 Motel Rooms; Korkow Rodeo \$117,000.00 and 6 Motel Rooms; and Mosbrucker Rodeo \$45,000.00 for first year and then 5-10% increase per year and didn't list number of rooms. Rachel asked they defer the decision for 2-weeks so the Fair Board could review the proposals and bring back a recommendation to the Commissioners. Moved by Commissioner Feickert, seconded by Gage to defer the decision for 2-weeks. All members present voting aye. Motioned carried.

**ROW FOR NORTHERN ELECTRIC:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the application made by Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Highway 11, in NW ¼ S 32 – T125N – R62W. All members present voting aye. Motioned carried.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Gage, seconded by Feickert to approve the October 25, 2022 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve the following claims: Insurance: Claims Associates Inc \$3,037.90. Professional Fees: Houston Engineering, Inc. \$15,498.43; Hall County Sheriff \$35.00; Hidalgo County Clerk \$27.00; Kristi Brandt \$103.50; Ne Mental Health Center \$650.00; Sara Zahn \$40.80; State Of South Dakota \$4,201.07; We Care Online \$428.00. Publishing: Groton Independent \$864.42; Ingstad Family Media \$400.00; Sd Snow Queen Festival Inc. \$200.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Auto Center, Inc. \$90.00; Artz Equipment \$31.10; Boyer Trucks \$14.23; Dakota Doors Inc \$8,632.28; Day County Treasurer \$1,697.28; Know Ink, LLC \$7,625.00; Lawson Products, Inc \$45.62; Nardini Fire Equipment Co Of North Dakota \$389.00; Newman Signs Inc. \$10.99; Poms Tire Service, Inc \$57.24; Traffic Solutions, Inc \$50,855.00; Whitmore Inc. \$550.00. Supplies: Aberdeen Auto Center, Inc. \$865.00; Agtegra Cooperative \$49,998.17; APH Stores, Inc \$29.98; Aramark Uniform & Career Apparel Group, Inc \$136.70; Artz Equipment \$858.00; Boyer Trucks \$426.55; Cartney Bearing \$205.57; Century Business Products \$278.36; Cole Papers \$534.31; Dakota Doors Inc \$85.00; Dakota Oil \$889.10; Dakota Supply Group \$72.41; Donald P. Palmer \$92.85; Farm Power Mfg. Inc \$58.65; Fastenal Co \$151.82; Jensen Feed & Grain \$2,358.40; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$2,997.74; Kirby Kiesz \$51.00; Lawson Products, Inc \$540.37; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$64.63; Menards \$86.86; Midwest Card & ID Solutions \$1,750.00; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$12.58; Newman Signs Inc. \$204.00; Performance Oil & Lubricants \$166.08; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc. \$4,478.37; Poms Tire Service, Inc \$541.22; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$51.44; Roland L. Moerke \$1,137.26; Runnings \$179.54; Share Corp \$450.60; Whitmore Inc. \$21,983.75.

Travel & Conference: Bill Donaldson \$24.48; Duane Jark \$132.09; Mark Milbrandt \$224.00; Michael Wiese \$33.26; Troy Knecht \$77.52. Utilities: Dependable Sanitation Inc \$165.00; Midcontinent Communications \$268.75; Montana Dakota Utilities Co \$27.77; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$9,052.31; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$42.10. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:** Moved by Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following Human Resource Report:

Acknowledge the last day of employment for Breanna Locke, Brown County Fairgrounds worker; effective September 11, 2022. Acknowledge the last day of employment for John Weig, Brown County Fairgrounds worker; effective October 19, 2022. Acknowledge the last day of employment for Les Schaible, Brown County Highway worker; effective October 27, 2022. Acknowledge the employment ending for Veronica MacConnell as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; effective October 25, 2022. Request to fill.

Approve request to fill Brown County Veterans Services Administrative Assistant position; full-time.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LOTTERY PERMIT:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the Lottery Permit for Aberdeen Hockey Association to be held at the Odde Ice Center on February 17, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUEST:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to approve Travel Request for Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent for NACE Fall Board Meeting on November 2 – 3, 2022 in Omaha. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE OPTION RENEWAL ADDENDUMS:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve the Lease Option Renewal Addendums for Don Schumacher to lease the Hay Land located at Richmond Youth Camp and Brown

County Fairgrounds. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ABATEMENT/ABATEMENT TAX SPLIT:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following abatements: Sovereign Grace Church LT 4-6 & 9-12 BK 18 & LT 4 HOPKINS 1ST RAR LT 7-8 BK 18 1ST ADD Aberdeen (Non-Exempt to Exempt) AND Parcel Split 8857 into 31128, 31129 and 31130. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNTS:** Moved by Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the auditor report of accounts of August 2022 as follows: August total cash and checks on hand 7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances: 20,541,625.53; Total Savings Account Balances: 2,050,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit: 3,978,174.09; Grand Total Cash and Balances: 26,577,947.04; General fund cash and investment balances by funds: General Fund 4,848,526.93 Road & Bridge Fund 4,165,730.30 Road & Bridge Fund - restricted 423,243.27 911 Service 1,305,104.32 Emergency & Disaster 252,235.48 Domestic Abuse 1,355.00 Teen Court 694.77 Grant 32.11 JDAI 14,075.02 Richmond Youth 0.00 24/7 Sobriety 30,119.80 ROD M&P 119,678.67 American Rescue Plan Federal Grant 7,545,865.45 Rural Access Infrastructure 295,338.93 Tif Debt Service 13,166.06 Landfill + cash change 3,578,478.40 Landfill - restricted 1,400,479.44 Trust and Agency Funds 2,583,823.09. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the auditor report of accounts of September 2022 as follows: September total cash and checks on hand 7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances: 20,092,127.91; Total Savings Account Balances: 2,250,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit: 3,978,174.09; Grand Total Cash and Balances: 26,328,449.42; General fund cash and investment balances by funds: General Fund 4,951,447.00 Road & Bridge Fund 3,899,233.14 Road & Bridge Fund - restricted 423,243.27 911 Service 1,228,842.41 Emergency & Disaster 227,394.46 Domestic Abuse 1,038.50 Teen Court 456.29 Grant 32.11 JDAI 14,000.04 Richmond Youth 0.00 24/7 Sobriety 28,163.37 ROD M&P 113,298.39 American Rescue Plan Federal Grant 7,545,865.45 Rural Access Infrastructure 295,338.93 Tif Debt Service 13,166.06 Landfill + cash change 3,617,737.04 Landfill - restricted 1,400,479.44 Trust and Agency Funds 2,568,713.53. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**QUIT CLAIM DEED:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Quit Claim Deed for the following property acquired by tax deed to: Verwey Family Trust – S 123' W 50' RR R-O-W Adjacent to Lot 17, Block 25, Simmons 1st Addition, Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota (0 Melgaard Rd E). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Quit

Claim Deed for the following property acquired by tax deed to: Mark Glanzer – E 46' of S 40' of Lot 1, Block 1, College Subdivision of Blocks 10 & 11 and parts of Blocks 8 & 9, Simmons 1st Addition to Aberdeen, according to the Plat thereof record, Brown County, South Dakota AND the E 46' of Lot 2, Block 1, College Subdivision of Blocks 10 & 11, and parts of Blocks 8 & 9, Simmons 1st Addition to Aberdeen according to the plat thereof record, Brown County, South Dakota (117 14th Ave. SE). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Quit Claim Deed for the following property acquired by tax deed to: Jessica Nilson – Lot 5A, Block 3 (Replat of Lots 3, 4 and 5 Block 3) Frederick, according to the plat thereof record, Brown County, South Dakota (403 5th Street). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Quit Claim Deed for the following property acquired by tax deed to: HayJon, Inc. – W 34' of Lot 12 except the N 78'; Lot 13 except the N 78'; and the E 16' of Lot 14 except the N 78', Block 53, Second addition to Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota (909 S. Main St.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Quit Claim Deed for the following property acquired by tax deed to: Dennis L. Kamen and Michael D. Bobby, Sr. – 35' E of the W 35' of Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 89, Hagerty and Lloyd's Addition to Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota according to the Recorded Plat Thereof (414 3rd Ave. SE). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Quit Claim Deed for the following property acquired by tax deed to: Lori Habeck – Lot 21 and the S 10' of the W ½ of Lot 22, Block 19, Hagerty & Lloyd's Addition to Aberdeen, according to the plat thereof of record, subject to easements, restrictions of record if any (520 N. Kline St.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent informed the Commissioners that they are back to 8-hour days. Office staff will be light for a while. Dirk also informed Commissioners that he is monitoring the surveyors after receiving calls from the landowners and Sheriff's office.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to go into executive session to discuss Personnel & Legal 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 10:47 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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**Frederick City  
Water Rate  
Resolution**

City of Frederick  
Water Rate Increase  
Resolution #2022-1: Water Rate Increase  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FREDERICK APPROVING A RATE INCREASE FOR WATER USAGE AS APPROVED

Whereas, the Board did pass and approve a rate increase at the October 5, 2022 meeting with a second reading October 18, 2022.

Whereas, motion was made and unanimously approved to raise the rate to \$4.75 per 1,000 gallons after the first 1,000 gallons with a \$27 monthly minimum to be effective November 1, 2022.

Whereas, cause for the rate increase was due to raise in rates from WEB Water; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Frederick, SD the rate increase for the water will become effective November 1, 2022 and continue until repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Frederick this day October 18, 2022.

Scott Campbell, Chairman of the Board  
ATTEST: Mariah Heine, Frederick Assistant Finance Officer

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**Frederick City  
Oct. 18, 2022  
Meeting Minutes**

Town of Frederick  
Special Meeting Resolution #2022-1  
October 18, 2022 Minutes

A special meeting for Resolution #2022-1 was held Tuesday, October 18, 2022 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to pass second reading of Resolution #2022-1 made by Koters/Millard; roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Koters/Millard at 7:04 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine  
Assistant Finance Officer  
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**October Students of the Month**

These students have been selected as "Student of the Month" for October 2022 for their grade in grades 6-12.

Groton Area School works to ensure that all levels of academic instruction also include the necessary life skills teaching, practicing, and modeling that encourages essential personal life habits that are universally understood to facilitate helping our students become good human beings and citizens.

It is learning with our heads, hearts, and hands to be caring and civil, to make healthy decisions, to effectively problem solve, to be respectful and responsible, to be good citizens, and to be empathetic and ethical individuals.

Students are selected based on individual student growth in the areas of: positive behavior, citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards.



**Kaleb Antosen  
Senior**



**Dillon Abeln  
Junior**



**Axel Warrington  
Sophomore**



**Breslyn Jescke  
Freshman**



**Makenna Krause  
Seventh Grade**



**Kira Clocksene  
Eighth Grade**



**Neely Althoff  
Sixth Grade**

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We would like to thank everyone for your kind words, generous gifts, meals, flowers, visits, love and offers of help during a very difficult time. Your acts of friendship and love have not gone unnoticed. It is comforting to know that we are not alone in our grief. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness. We would also like to thank Dr. Richard Conklin and the entire team at the Avera Cancer Institute where she received excellent medical care.

Love,  
 The Becky Diegel Family

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### EMPLOYMENT

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**Friday, December 2, 2022**  
**Dakota Event Center**  
**720 Lamont Street**  
**Aberdeen, South Dakota**  
**Registration.....1:00 PM**  
**Business Meeting.....2:00 PM**  
**Agenda**  
**Chair Report**  
**Audit Report**  
**General Manager Report**

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**Sydney Leicht**  
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# Groton stuns Roncalli; advances to SoDak16

It was an atmosphere like no other. It was a volleyball match like no other. Two teams grappling for the opportunity to advance to the SoDak16. Two teams who wanted their season to continue. And when all was said and done, the Groton Area Tigers stunned Aberdeen Roncalli with a 3-2 win.

Even when you add up the points of all five matches, Roncalli had the edge, 108-101. Groton Area had huge plays. Roncalli had huge plays. Even the officials had to meet a few times which resulted in reversal of the earned point or a redo. And it was all captured on GDILIVE.COM and has been archived to the site. Coach Chelsea Hanson said, "I feel like the atmosphere tonight was top 3 that I've ever been a part of, we might be high school girls, but it felt like a D1 national championship!"

In the first set, the Tigers found themselves battling back. It was tied at two and 11, but Roncalli would then score six straight points to take a 17-11 lead and would go on to win, 25-18.

Groton Area would score first in the second set, but the Cavaliers would keep battling back. The set was tied at one, two, three, 12 and 14 with three lead changes up to this point. Roncalli would open up a 20-16 lead, but now it was the Tigers making the move. Groton Area tied the set at 21 and 22 before taking the lead, 23-22. Groton Area would squeak out a 25-23 second set win to even the match at one.

Then came the the third set. Roncalli pounded away at Groton Area as Ella Hanson single handedly had seven kills of her own in that set. Groton Area closed to within one, 21-20, but Roncalli then closed to one point of winning, 24-20. Coach Hanson called time-out. "In that third set comeback they really broke down each point into one contact at a time and did the job they needed to do individually. As a coach I'm not sure it could have been any more stressful hoping that the practices, matches, and conditioning we have done would have been enough to provide the girls with the knowledge, confidence and skill sets they need to win a match like that!" Groton rallied to tie the set at 24, but Roncalli got the upper hand again, 25-24. Groton would tie the set at 25 and then take the lead, 26-25 and would score the game winning point for the two-point, 27-25 win. Groton Area would now take a 2-1 lead.

The fourth set was tied six times with two lead changes. Groton Area led in the early part of the set, but Roncalli would take the lead after the set was tied at 11 and would go on for the 25-16 win.

Roncalli would take a 1-0 lead in the fifth set, but the Tigers then gained the upper hand to take a 3-1 lead. Roncalli battled back, tying the set at three, four, five, nine and 10, but the Cavaliers were unable to regain the lead. The Tigers would score the last five points of the set to get a 15-10 lead.

"This was a very gutsy win for us," Hanson said. "We were down 20-16 (in the second set) and 24-20 (in the third set) and came back and won both of those sets and that is not an easy feat. I can honestly say other than making subs, the only coaching I could do was between sets and that was just telling them to breathe and relax."

Groton Area had 12 players who saw action and scored while Roncalli had eight players who saw floor time.

Anna Fjeldheim led the Tigers with 11 kills and an ace serve while Sydney Leicht had nine kills and an ace serve, Aspen Johnson had eight kills and five blocks, Lydia Meier had five kills, Elizabeth Flihs four kills, Jerica Locke three ace serves, Emma Kutter two kills, having one kill each were Laila Roberts, Hollie Frost, Jaedyn Penning and Rylee Dunker, and Carly Guthmiller had an ace serve. Groton Area had 116 digs with Fjeldheim having 29, Guthmiller 23 and Flihs 18. Flihs had 41 assists while Locke had two.

Ella Hanson led the Cavaliers with 15 kills and a block, Maddie Huber had eight kills and seven ace serves, Jaidyn Feickert had eight kills and an ace, McKenna O'Keefe had six kills and four aces, Jazmine Hart-Crissman had four kills, Rylee Voeller had three kills, Ava Danielson had two ace serves and Camryn Bain had an ace serve.

Groton Area, 14-14, now advances to the SoDak16 to take on the 31-2 Miller Rustlers.

Justin Hanson and Ryan Tracy provided the play-by-play action on GDILIVE.COM. Sponsors were Bahr Spray Foam, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Bierman Farm Service, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Dan Richardt - Groton Ford, Groton Chamber Commerce, Groton Chiropractic Clinic, Groton

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**Aspen Johnson**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Elizabeth Flihs**  
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**Lydia Meier**  
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**Carly Guthmiller**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Anna Fjeldheim**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Emma Kutter**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Jerica Locke**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Jaedyn Penning**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Dear EarthTalk: What is the Biden administration doing to fight climate change? -- W., Seattle, WA

Joe Biden hopes to go down as the greenest president in U.S. history, and he may well achieve that distinction if his plans pay off. Within the first week of his inauguration, Biden put his best foot forward in the fight against climate change by rejoining the Paris Agreement that Trump had abandoned, and established two executive orders: "Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis," and "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad."

Since then, the administration has worked on several specific promises related to climate change. In an extensive overview by the World Resources Institute of the administration's climate action thus far, 10 major promises were chosen for scrutiny, however only five were shown to have the most progress:

Biden promised to cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 50 percent by 2030. They have also promised to require all new passenger vehicles sold after 2035 produce zero emissions; to deal with super pollutants; and to scale up carbon dioxide (CO2) removal systems.

With regard to greenhouse gas emissions, the Biden administration has committed to a 50 percent reduction with their formalized Nationally Determined Contribution under the

Paris Agreement. There have also been recent agreements made upon the Build Back Better bill, a bill that, among other initiatives, may allocate as much as \$369 billion toward energy and climate change programs.

As for the zero-emissions target, President Biden signed an executive order demanding that all agencies achieve a 100-percent electric fleet by 2027. Furthermore, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a final rule to reduce GHG emissions from vehicle models 2023 to 2026.

To combat super-pollutants, the EPA also issued regulations that will phase down the production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons, a significant contributor to GHG emissions. Moreover, President Biden assisted in the launching of the Global Methane pledge at the Glasgow Climate Summit, which has committed more than 100 countries to a 30-percent methane emissions reduction by 2030.

Finally, with respect to scaling up their carbon-dioxide removal systems, the Biden administration has included substantial investments in wildfire risk reduction and ecosystem restoration within their Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These investments are intended to promote natural carbon removal.

As exciting as this progress has been, Biden may have faced the greatest threat yet to climate action with the Supreme Court's decision in June 2022 to restrict the EPA's ability



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to limit CO2 from power plants. In an article by The New York Times, David G. Victor, an expert in Climate Policy at the University of California, said, "At this point I don't see any way to hit the kind of targets they laid out."

Despite this, Biden's team is hopeful. In a Washington Post article, Biden's National Climate Adviser, Gina McCarthy, stated "There are many ways in which we can achieve the goals that the president has set out." adding further, "No matter what the Supreme Court decides, we're going to have a plan."

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## Prostate Cancer: Know Your Options

Over my 30 year career as a cancer physician I have witnessed firsthand the tremendous progress



**Daniel G. Petereit, MD, FABS, FASTRO**

in treating cancer patients. There continues to be controversy in the screening and treatment of prostate cancer (PC) for which I am grateful to have the opportunity to share more information with you. PC screening consists of obtaining a PSA and rectal exam, followed by a biopsy if indicated. In 2012, the United States Preventive Task Force (USPSTF) recommended against PC screening. Studies following their recommendations demonstrated a substantial decline in both PC screening and diagnosis of early stage PC, and a subsequent increase in the rates of more aggressive PC. In 2017 the USPSTF reversed their prior recommendation, listing PSA as a reasonable screening test in men ages 55- 69.

For men with early stage PC, active surveillance is recommended that includes obtaining a PSA every 6 months and a repeat prostate biopsy 1-2 years later. For patients who require treatment surgery and radiation are equivalent options. Many patients in the US and in SD only hear about these options from the urologist who performed the biopsy. There are advantages and disadvantages for both approaches.

Patients deserve to hear about both treatments before making a decision that impacts their life. One of the most effective radiation options for earlier stages of PC is prostate brachytherapy (BT) or "seed implants" for appropriate patients. This is a one hour outpatient procedure that yields some of the highest cure rates. Multiple studies have demonstrated quality of life and patient satisfaction favors BT and is the most cost-effective treatment.

A significant area of controversy is the management of aggressive PC as we are now seeing more of these patients due to the previous lack of screening. A misconception in the medical community is that these patients should all be surgically treated. While surgery is an appropriate option, many patients still require 6 weeks of radiation to eliminate cancer left behind with higher rates of incontinence and impotency. Another proven treatment option is daily external beam radiation followed by BT that produces some of the highest cure rates. The recurrence rates are lowest with this approach compared to surgery.

Unfortunately, many patients in the US do not have access to prostate BT, especially in rural areas. The only radiation option for them is 8 weeks of daily radiation which can be a dilemma with the travel required. Prostate BT was previously performed at cancer centers in SD, but is now only available in Rapid City.

Selective prostate screening and treatment reduces PC death rates. Proper patient selection is critical when deciding on treatment. Thoroughly informed patients who consent to treatment are less likely to regret their medical decisions.

Patients deserve to know their options. Daniel G. Petereit, MD, FABS, FASTRO is a Radiation Oncologist at the Monument Health Cancer Care Institute in Rapid City, SD. Dr. Petereit and colleagues discuss the above in more details in a forthcoming publication that will appear in South Dakota Medicine: Evidence Based Strategies in the Management of Localized Prostate Cancer and the Role of Brachytherapy. Follow The Prairie Doc® at [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org) and on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show based on science, built on trust for 21 seasons, streaming live on Facebook most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

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