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# **Olive Grove Firecracker Golf Tournament**



**Championship Flight** 

1st - Scott and Jackie Witlock - 62 2nd – Steve and Kathy Onkka – 67 3rd – Lance and Sammy Bonn – 67 Mark Papstein and Suzie Souza - 68 Jerry and Jermaine Eastman - 69 Joe Gourneau and Jessica Gourneau - 70 Brad and Dar Larson – 70

# **Cameras, Fines coming to** Groton's county dumpster site According to Mike Scott from the Brown County Landfill, the dump-

ster site east of Groton has been overly abused in recent weeks and changes are coming. Scott said that people are dumping stuff on the ground and leaving items that are not permitted. Scott told the Groton Daily Independent that a camera has been ordered and once implemented, \$100 fines will be imposed for violators. "It's just sick what the public thinks they can put here. Then we have to clean it up," Scott said. "We are picking up almost 2 trailer loads a week that are placed on the ground or illegal materials placed in the containers."



First Flight

1st – Reid Johnson & Carlee Johnson – 68 2nd–Joel Guthmiller & Carly Guthmiller – 69 3rd - Dean and Connie Munsch - 69 Cade Guthmiller and Tina Guthmiller – 71 Austin and Deb Schuelke - 74 Kyle and Tyhe Gerlach – 78





Second Flight

1st - Randy and Sue Stanley - 71 2nd - Blaine and Allison Snyder - 74 3rd – Brad and Brenda Waage – 74 Doug and Vicki Jorgensen – 75 Mark and Teri Kline - 76 Chad and Haley Ellingson – 76





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Third Flight

1st – Tony Waage and Elise Hougesen – 76 2nd – Nicole Johnson & Liam Johnson – 78 3rd - Tony and Brenda Madsen - 79 Lorin and Julie Fliehs - 79 Tom Mahan and Mavis Rossow – 79 Lance and Cindy Frohling – 81 Jonathan and Mandilyn Fliehs – 82 Travis and JJ Johnson – 83 Jon and Jerrie Vedvei – 86



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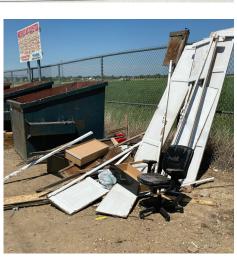
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**Fourth Flight** 

1st – Josh and Madison Claymore – 82 2nd - Brad and Kristie Sombke - 83 3rd – Steve and Betty Dunker – 84 Jesse and Krissi Zak – 85 Matt Kinney and Lexi Ferrell - 86 Torre and Denise Raap – 87 Greyson and Jamie Cutler – 89 Larry and Shirlee Frohling – 90 Craig and Abby Miller – 102 Colton Sleister and Lily Cutler – 126





### **Pin Prizes**

Men Closest to the Pin #8 – Brad Larson Women Closest to the Pin #4 – Suzie Souza Longest Putt – Randy Stanley Putting Contest Winner – Mark Papstein

### **Groton City Council Meeting Agenda** July 6, 2023 – 7:00pm

City Hall - 120 N Main Street

Approval of Agenda; Department Reports; Airport Discussion - Darrell Hillestad; Park Bathrooms - Dean Marske from HKG Architects;

Approval of Groton Historical Jail Addition, A Replat of Lot 7, Block 3, Original Plat of Groton; Approval to Transfer Ownership of Jailhouse Property to Groton Historical Society; Establishment of Temporary Use Agreement for City Park Soundsystem; Appoint Newspapers and Banks; Minutes; Bills; Reminder: Lions Club is sponsoring the 7th Annual Summer Fest from 9am to 4pm on July 9, 2023 at Groton City Park; Executive session personnel & legal 1-25-2 (1) & (3)

# **Weekly Vikings Recap** - Mount Rushmore of **Vikings**

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

In the spirit of Independence Day, we thought it would be fun to put together the Mount Rushmore of the greatest Minnesota Vikings.

### **Bud Grant**

The most important Minnesota Viking in NFL history is not a player but a head coach. Bud Grant joined the Minnesota Vikings in 1967 after a successful career as the head coach of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, where he won four Grey Cups. At the time Grant became the Vikings' head coach, the Vikings had done little to nothing in their first six seasons in the NFL. From 1961-1966, the Vikings went a combined 29-50-4 and had no playoff appearances. That would quickly change for the Vikings when Grant arrived in 1967.

After Grant's first season with the Vikings, where the team went 3-8-3, the Vikings would never look back under Grant's leadership. In 1968, the Vikings made their first playoff appearance, and in 1969, the Vikings were playing in the Super Bowl. From 1969-1976, the Vikings went 87-24-1, won seven NFC Central division championships, and went to four Super Bowls. Sadly, Grant and the Vikings were unable to achieve the ultimate accomplishment and win a Super Bowl.

Despite the lack of Super Bowls, Grant is, without a doubt, the most important person who has ever been a part of the Minnesota Vikings. He built a culture of leaders, hard work, and consistently putting a competitive team on the field in Minnesota. Since Grant became a part of the Minnesota Vikings in 1967, the Vikings have had only three seasons where they won three or fewer games, the same amount they had in their first six seasons before Grant joined. In other words, the history of the Vikings should be labeled as either "BG" for "Before Grant" or "AG" for "After Grant" because that's how much he means to Minnesota.

### Alan Page

Without a doubt, the greatest player in Vikings' history is Alan Page. He was a two-time defensive player of the year, nine-time all-pro, and the first defensive player in NFL history to win the MVP award. He was the face of the Purple People Eaters and the reason the Vikings were so dominant in the early-1970s. If you look at an all-time ranking of NFL players, I would be shocked if Alan Page is not the highest-ranked Minnesota Viking on the list.





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The most amazing thing about Page might not even be his NFL career but his law career. He served on the Minnesota Supreme Court from 1992-2015 and even was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016. Page is probably the smartest and most impressive player who has ever worn a Vikings

### **Fran Tarkenton**

Often, a lot of young Vikings fans say that the Vikings have never truly had a franchise quarterback in the team's history. Those fans would be wrong, as the Vikings had one of the greatest quarterbacks in NFL history in Fran Tarkenton. People might not realize this, but when Fran Tarkenton retired in 1978, he was the NFL record holder in passing attempts, completions, passing yards, and passing touchdowns, which has only been done by other legendary quarterbacks like Tom Brady, Brett Favre, and Dan Marino.

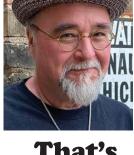
### Randy Moss

The fourth and final spot on the Mount Rushmore of Minnesota Vikings was a difficult one to decide. The ultimate reason we went with Randy Moss is because there has never been another player like him in the history of the NFL. When Moss stepped into the NFL in 1998, he was immediately the best wide receiver in the NFL. Thousands of Vikings fans around the country will say that Moss is the reason they became Vikings fans. And there is no other Viking that has a play named after him. You never hear of a guy getting "Randle'd" or "Peterson'd" but you will hear at least once every couple of games that a guy got "Moss'd." This might be a controversial statement, but I think Randy Moss might be the greatest athlete who has stepped on an NFL field.

# Post-**Independence** Day pop quiz

Well, we haven't done this in a while, but who doesn't enjoy a pop quiz? Present company excluded.

I'm happy to report that I've emerged from another Fourth of July with fingers intact and weirdly, an extra toe. And I've never even been to Camp Lejeune.



That's Life by Tony Bender

Not that it would slow me down if I was minus digits. It's not Mrs. Nelson's fault, either. This falls squarely on the shoulders of Ronnie "Squirrel" Carlson who sat next to me in typing class.

He hated the idea of me doing better than him so he'd do things like hold the typewriter carriage so you finished the timed test with an ink blot. Or he'd simply reach over and slam the keys. You had to fend him off with one hand and type with the other. I graduated with street-fighting skills and the two-finger method.

The good news is that I can type as fast I can think. I started that sentence vesterday. Okay, on to the quiz.

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- 1. Which sports team is really America's
  - a. Notre Dame Fighting Irish
  - b. Providence Pacifists
  - c. Vancouver Canucks
  - d. Hoopeston Cornjerkers
- 2. The most American thing you can do with your pickup truck:
- a. Dangle red, white, and blue balls from your bumper.
- b. Jack it up four feet, fly twin Confederate flags, fill the bed with subwoofers and play Toby Keith songs on repeat.
- c. Jackrabbit starts to impress chicks while complaining about gas prices
- d. Gun rack on the windshield, too
- 3. Technically, America is a:
- a. Democracy
- b. Republic
- c. Federal Democratic Republic
- 4. Ronald Reagan's famous campaign slogan:
- a. It's morning in America.
- b. It's 5 o' clock somewhere
- c. I've fallen and can't get up.
- d. You've Got to Fight for Your Right to Party.
- 5. The greatest threat to America today:
- a. Bud Light
- b. Bud Grant
- c. Buddy Hackett
- d. Librarians
- 6. What's the safest place to keep your top secret documents?
  - a. Sock drawer
  - b. Under your golf pants
- c. Mayonnaise jar on Funk and Wagnalls' porch
- d. Chuck Norris' back pocket
- 7. Worst rendition of the Star Spangled Banner ever:
- a. Roseanne Barr
- b. Roseanne Roseannadanna
- c. Mrs. Flagblart's 1978 2nd Grade Recorder Jazz Band
- d. Marcel Marceau
- 8. The only thing we have to fear is...
- a. The Germans bombing Pearl Harbor
- b. Pearl Bailey bombing Germans from Rus-
- c. Beer itself
- d. Getting shot in Reno by Johnny Cash
- 9. More probable than a Doug Burgum presidency:
  - a. Bug Durgum presidency
- b. Stevie Wonder wins Daytona.
- c. Hunter Biden presidency
- d. Monkeys fly out of your butt.
- 10. Why the Supreme Court shot down student loan bailout:
- a. If we're not going bail out investment banks why should we...
- b. If we're not going to forgive all those PPP loans...
  - c. Next, they'll expect free school lunches.
- d. A little indentured servitude never hurt anyone.

BONUS: If Mariorie Taylor Green and Lauren Boebert have a cage match, who wins?

- a. Boebert with illegal sleeper hold
- b. Professor Plum in the conservatory with a folding chair
- c. Inexplicably, Tanya Harding
- d. Pay Per View

Answers: 1. c; 2. a; 3. d; 4. c; 5. d; 6. b; 7. c; 8. c; 9. b; 10. a; BONUS: d. Grading: 11-9 correct: You win the Lee Greenwood Medal of Platitudes. 6-8 correct: Nice, but you still have to repay your Trump University student loan. 3-5 correct: Are you some kind of Commie spy? 0-2 correct: Nice pickup.

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**By David Adler** 

# Court Rejects Radical Legislative Theory, Defends Democracy

It is difficult to overestimate the importance of the U.S. Supreme Court's repudiation of the "independent state legislature" theory in Harper v. Moore. The widely admired conservative judge, J. Michael Luttig, called it "the most important case, since the founding, for American democracy."

Indeed, nothing less than the preservation of judicial review, checks and balances and the vital role of courts in defending the constitutional

order were at stake in this case. In fine, the North Carolina legislature boldly asserted that its authority to regulate federal elections was immune to judicial constraint and the limitations imposed by its state constitution

The question before the U.S. Supreme Court, as Chief Justice John Roberts framed it for a 6-3 majority, was whether the North Carolina Supreme Court had authority to override the legislature's exercise in partisan gerrymandering. The legislature, in asserting the independent state legislature theory, essentially a claim of legislative omnipotence, had argued that the "Elections Clause" of the U.S. Constitution—Article 1, section 4—insulated it from judicial review.

The "Elections Clause" states: "The times, places and manner of holding elections for senators and representatives shall be prescribed in each state by the legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of chusing Senators."

Chief Justice Roberts, writing for a majority that included Justices Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, and Ketanji Brown Jackson, was emphatic. "The Elections Clause, Roberts wrote, "does not insulate state legislatures from the ordinary exercise of state judicial review."

The radical assertion of the North Carolina legislature has no foundation in our constitutional architecture—text, intentions of the Framers, Federalist Papers, Supreme Court precedents, history, or traditions. The theory could not be more remote from our constitutional moorings and republican principles.

America's colonial founders rejected during the revolutionary period the doctrine of legislative omnipotence, which formed the centerpiece of English law in the 18th century. Sir William Blackstone's magisterial Commentaries on the Laws of England, the source of great learning for colonial lawyers, had emphasized the absolute authority of Parliament. "I know that it is generally laid down more largely, that acts of parliament contrary to reason are void," Blackstone wrote in reference to the influence of Sir Edward Coke, whose writings and ideas inspired American revolutionaries. "But if the parliament will positively enact a thing to be done which is unreasonable, I know of no power that can control it."

The principle of legislative omnipotence did not win adherents in the colonies, but rather fed the flames of revolt because, as Edmund Burke, a parliamentary champion of the revolution, stated, the deductions drawn from "illimitable sovereignty" could not be reconciled with the colonists' dream of freedom. The colonists, Burke justly stated to the House of Commons, "will cast sovereignty in your face. Nobody will be argued into slavery."

America's revolutionaries rejected in the Declaration of Independence the legislative efforts of parliament to extend "unwarranted jurisdiction" over the colonists. Undesirable English practice and history presented no stumbling block for the colonial innovators, who rejected notions of absolute obedience to the legislature. Instead, they embraced Coke's early assertion of judicial review as a means of checking the unconstitutional ambitions of legislative bodies. James Madison, in Federalist No. 14, remarked on the peculiar colonial habit of innovation in the science of politics: "They reared the fabrics of government which have no model on the face of the globe."

The fact is, as Chief Justice Roberts observed, state courts had been exercising the power of judicial review prior to the gathering of delegates at the Constitutional Convention. State precedents were familiar, not remarkable, to the Framers of the Constitution, who had no stomach for legislative omnipotence. In Philadelphia, delegates conversed knowledgeably about the application of judicial review in various states. Madison, for example, spoke enthusiastically about the Rhode Island "judges who refused to execute an unconstitutional law." Such discussion was not confined to Philadelphia. In the Virginia Ratifying Convention, Judge Edmund Pendelton and Patrick Henry praised "honorable" judges who exercised judicial review to defend state constitutions against legislative excesses.

The assertion of the independent state legislative theory by the North Carolina legislature founders on the shoals of constitutional facts and history. Had the legislature prevailed, courts would be barred from

exercising oversight authority over lawmakers' actions on voter ID, redistricting, and other matters involving voting and election laws. The availability of judicial checks would have been surrendered to the doctrine of legislative omnipotence, which colonial revolutionaries had wisely and clearly rejected.

In the Convention, Madison explained why delegates, in drafting the Elections Clause, had circumscribed state legislative authority to regulate federal elections. "It was impossible to foresee all the abuses" legislators would try to enact. Instead of immunity from judicial review and the constraints of the Constitution, the Framers granted to Congress the ultimate authority to alter state regulations of elections and provided, contrary to the North Carolina assertions, no insulation from the checks and balances that characterize American Constitutionalism and have defended so well for 230 years the virtues and values of the republic.

# Powerful Pitching Performance From Ryan Groeblinghoff Carries Groton Legion Post 39 Past Clark/Willow Lake Senators

Ryan Groeblinghoff struck out 12 batters as they led Groton Legion Post 39 past Clark/Willow Lake Senators 5-1 on Wednesday at Groton. Groeblinghoff allowed two hits and one run over six and two-thirds innings while walking two.

Clark/Willow Lake Senators opened the scoring in the first after Lucas Kannegieter doubled, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 made the score 3-1 in the bottom of the first after Tate Larson doubled, scoring two runs, and Logan Ringgingberg singled, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 added two runs in the second. Bradin Althoff doubled, making the score 5-1.

Trey Huber took the loss for Clark/Willow Lake Senators. The righty went six innings, allowing five runs (four earned) on six hits, striking out four and walking five. Larson appeared in relief for Groton Legion Post 39.

Braxton Imrie, Brevin Fliehs, Colby Dunker, Althoff, Larson, and Ringgingberg each collected one hit for Groton Legion Post 39. Althoff and Larson were tough to handle back-to-back in the lineup, as each drove in two runs for Groton Legion Post 39. Cole Simon stole two bases. Groton Legion Post 39 ran wild on the base paths, accumulating five stolen bases for the game. Groton Legion Post 39 were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Cade Larson had the most chances in the field with 12.

Conner Mudgett, Lucas Kannegieter, and Jack Helkenn each collected one hit for Clark/Willow Lake Senators. Lucas Kannegieter led Clark/Willow Lake Senators with one run batted in. The cleanup hitter went 1-for-3 on the day.

## Early Lead For Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion Seals Fate For Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 7-3 loss to Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion on Thursday. Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion scored on a single by Collin Gaikowski and an error in the first inning.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion lost despite out-hitting Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion seven to five.

In the first inning, Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion got their offense started. Collin Gaikowski singled on a 0-2 count, scoring two runs.

Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion scored three runs in the seventh inning. Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion batters contributing to the big inning included Conner Mudgett and Jakob Steen, all driving in runs in the inning. Cooper Pommer earned the win for Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion. The righthander went six and a third

innings, allowing three runs on six hits and striking out three. Josh Kannegieter threw two-thirds of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Korbin Kucker was on the mound for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The righthander allowed three hits and four runs over six innings, striking out three. Braxton Imrie and Gavin Englund entered the game as relief, throwing two-thirds of an inning and one-third of an inning respectively.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion totaled seven hits. Imrie and Englund each racked up multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Englund and Imrie all had two hits to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion.

Collin Gaikowski went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion in hits.

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# **Brown County** June 27, 2023

Meeting Minutes
JUNE 27, 2023 – GENERAL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Fjeldheim moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Wiese. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Jared Bossly met with the Commissioners to discuss what happened at his farm last Tuesday. Summit Carbon Solutions showed up to survey with drill rigs and they drilled 90 feet down. Then they took the slurry and dumped it into the ditch. Jared asked why nothing happens when Summit Carbon Solutions break the law, such as trespassing, break and entering, false affidavits and now littering. Wants to know why there are no repercussions to this company. They did go after them to clean up the slurry in the ditch, which they did. If anyone else would do these things, they would be fined so why doesn't Summit Carbon Solutions have to go by the basic rules. He feels the State's Attorney needs to put more pressure on everything. Jared encouraged the Commission to keep the Moratorium on because all Summit wants to do is sue people instead of working

Dennis Feickert stated he didn't read the Judge's orders in full as far as surveying, but he feels that the surveying that Summit Carbon Solutions are doing is very invasive, so he feels that the Sheriff office or State's Attorney office had an opportunity to get a court order to put a stop to it, but that didn't happen. Unless the court order allowed invasion of equipment and driving through Jared's crops. Hoping we can get a stop to some of this stuff. Dennis attended a meeting Thursday, June 22nd in Hand County and they are still moving forward with the Coalition to work with Legislatures on Eminent Domain, get some separation between utilities and public use versus private gain and Trespassing Laws. Dennis also stated that they need to pressure the PUC in Pierre in September, they did request a special session but doubts that would happen. Dennis commented that Summit Carbon Solutions attorney requested the Sheriff's office to be at Jared's farm, in essence played into the hands of Summit Carbon Solutions by protecting them and allow them to go invade and drill holes on

Ed Fischbach also commented regarding the Summit Carbon Solutions surveying on Jared Bossly's land. He stated as he approached Jared's farm it looked like he was under siege with all the pickups that sur rounded him from within a half a mile. When Ed talked to the Deputy, he mentioned that Summit Carbon Solutions said they wouldn't be in any of his crop land and wouldn't be there very long. Well, they lied because they were in his soybean field, tearing it all up and drilling, and they were there until late afternoon, so Ed asked the deputy what they could do about it. Deputy stated he could file a report. Ed believes that charges need to be filed against Summit Carbon Solutions for falsifying affidavit because that is perjury and Jared has video showing that they did enter his house and shop. The law needs to be enforced equally – legal action needs to be taken.

Craig Schaunaman shared he feels that Summit Carbon Solutions overstepped their bounds while surveying on Jared's prop-erty. The asked if they could dump the slurry on the ground, Craig checked with Jared, and he said no. They noticed the barrel used to haul it out, was empty going into the next field so Craig figured they dumped it in the Township ditch somewhere and him and Commissioner Dennert found it. Summit Carbon Solu-

tions did eventually clean it up after some pressure. Craig looked up their documents submitted to the PUC including the Environmental Plan - subsection Sec. 9.4 states that mud drillings will be dumped into an approved CS site and or approval of the landowner – that is not a Town-ship Road ditch. He is asking the Commission to address this with the State's Attorney office because it is only going to get worse not better.

Mike Klipfel stated that it appeared that Jared was under house arrest because of the restraining order, and they were drilling 300 feet from Jared's house. They were drilling 90 feet holes and taking core samples, but don't know what for but making a mess of his crop field. Mike also feels that charges should be filed against Summit Carbon Solutions

Ross Aldentaler, State's Attorney Deputy did inform Jared Bossly that Interim State's Attorney Anderson would be willing to visit with him regarding some

of the allegations and reports.
ORDINANCE #245 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese seconded by Gage to adopt Ordinance #245. Applicant Steven Rossow to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use: Proposed Lot 1, "Steven Rossow Subdivision" in the NW 1/4 of Section 6-T121N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (40025 142nd Street, Garden Prairie Two). All members pressures Two 1/2 members pre Prairie Twp.). All members pres-

ent voting aye. Motion carried.
ORDINANCE #246 - SECOND
READING/ADOPTION: Moved by
Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance #246 amending portions of Title 4 Zoning – Temporary Fireworks Ordinance: Chapter 4.06, "Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P)"; Chapter 4.14 "Highway Commercial District (HC)" and Chapter 4.15, "Light Industrial District (L-I)". Roll Call: Dennert – aye; Fjèldheim – aye; Wiese – aye; Gage – aye and Sutton – aye. Ordinance #246 adopted. (Copies of the full Ordinance are available at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular

business hours).
MEMORANDUM OF GOVERN-MENT LIABILITY COVERAGE WITH SDPAA: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Memorandum of Government Liability Coverage with SDPAA. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECENT DEMOLITONS

COUNTY/CITY PARTNERSHIP: Paula Nelson, City of Aberdeen Code Enforcement Officer and Mike Scott, Landfill Manager met with Brown County Commission per a request from Commissioner Wiese. Paula informed the Commission that they have demolished three houses plus a garage, and they did it within Paula stated the Sheriff's office went through the properties to verify that no one was inside prior to starting the demolition. Mike shared that everything went well, it was roughly 5 – 6 thousand dollars in tipping fees but the city paid for the demolition and taking care of replating the properties if needed at their cost, also. The property on South 3rd Street still needs to have the water disconnect taken care of and the city will be doing that soon. These properties become property of Brown County due to taxes not being paid but the city has the jurisdiction to condemn them. Paula shared there will be three more properties that they will put out for bid around August 1st for demolition once they are pass the redemption period. Commissioner Wiese commented that this has been a good partnership between the City and the County because the City takes the financial responsibility to have them demolished and the County takes financial responsibility to handle

BID FOR SURPLUS PROP-ERTY – 2914 INDUSTRIAL AVE.: Chairman Sutton shared that we received one legitimate bid and suggested that we postpone one more week before making a decision because still looking at options. James Mevers visited with the Commissioners about splitting the property into 2 parcels because the property is a bit more than Mr. Harris needs and he would be interested in the East building. Chairman Sutton thanked Mr. Meyers and said that gives them anóther option. Commissioner Wiese commented that it is still a buyable option and cost \$20 million to build it out but we need to stay focused on the problem of our jail being over capacity. Dennis Feickert suggested that they get an unbiased company and take quotes and get solid numbers for a new facility but designed so you can be added on to, if needed. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to postpone the decision until July 6th Commission meeting. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.
TITLES OF DAKOTA AGREE-MENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Remote Access Agreement with Titles of Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fieldheim to approve the General Meeting minutes of June 20, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. CLAIMS: Moved by Com-

missioner Wiese, seconded by

Gage to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: Ad-

amsoft LLC \$3,000.00; Audrey Rider......\$141.49; Becky Erickson \$40.00; Civil Solutions LLC \$2,849.10; Dixon Oil Recycling Inc \$225.00; Faulkton Area Medical Center \$59.26; Foerster Testing Limited \$6,960.00; Gellhaus & Gellhaus, P.C. \$80.00; Healthstream, Inc \$1,928.50; IMEG Corp \$26,027.83; Kristen Gonsoir \$300.00; Lewis & Clark Gonsoir \$300.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$368.00; Rhodes Anderson Insurance \$50.00; Schroeder Construction Inc \$536,224.40; SD Secretary of State \$30.00; SDNAVSA \$200.00; SDSU Extension \$228.80; Tyler Technologies, Inc \$390.00. Publishing: Graton Paily Independent ing: Groton Daily Independent \$235.10. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$4,748.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Clean-All, LLC \$483.75; Asphalt Zipper \$253.91; Consolidat-Electrical Distributors Inc \$390.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$590.52; Grote Body Shop

\$625.63; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$9,884.10; House of Glass \$823.62; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$15,310.00; K & S Plumbing, Inc \$741.84; Laursen Asphalt Repair Equipment, LLC \$16.47; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$26.50; Premier Auto \$184.61; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$214.46: Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$2,319.90; TripleC Pros LLĆ \$1,700.00; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$251.02. Supplies: Active Data Systems \$346.69; Advance Auto Parts \$1,319.69; American Stamp & Marking Products, Inc \$49.09; Asphalt Zipper \$2,226.10; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$3,016.24; Cole Paper Inc \$2,901.17; Da-kota Fluid Power, Inc \$6,485.15; GovConnection, Inc \$56.26 Integrated Weed Control Inc \$2,000.00; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$169,099.11; Karen Swank \$54.00; Laursen Asphalt Repair Equipment, LLC \$60.46; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$78.24; Lien Transportation Compa-ny \$152,754.61; Lynn Zacher \$41.91; Marco Technologies, LLC \$19.57; Menards \$314.49; Midstates Group \$2,989.00; Midwest Pump & Tank \$272.77; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$951.06; PastPerfect Software, Inc \$540.00; Pierson Ford Lin-coln, Inc \$18.92; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$233.42; Share Corporation \$808.20; Sioux Falls Crane & Hoist, Inc \$2,866.49; Thee Glass Doktor, LLC \$590.50; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$6,813.31. Travel & Conference: Gene Loeschke \$120.00; Kathy Fischer \$328.08; Polly Rush \$328.08; Sarah Swenson \$342.36. Utilities: City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$299.49; City of Hecla \$139.68; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$165.00; Midcontinent Communications \$138.23; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$25.24; Northwestern Energy \$2,926.10; NVC \$262.28. Buildings: Grassland Hutterian Brethren Inc \$7,142.87. Others: Safe Harbor \$1,271.50; Northern Truck Equipment Corporation \$191,360.00; SD Dept of Ag-

voting aye. Motion carried. HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to approve the fol-lowing Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim: approve payment of retirement award for Cynthia Meyers in the amount of \$150 before taxes,

riculture & Natural Resources

\$327.00. All members present

requirement was met. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ZONING ORDINANCES -**HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Com-missioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize advertising for first reading of the following zoning ordinance to be held July 18, 2023, in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Proposed Ordinance 247, applicant Toby Doeden requesting to move from Agriculture Preservation District (ĂG-P), to Mini-Ag District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: The North 333' of Outlot 3, "Levey's Outlots" and the East ½ of the South ½ of Outlot 2, "Levey's Outlots" in the SE ¼ of Section 24 -T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13371 382nd Avenue, Mercier Twp.); Proposed Ordinance 248, applicant Joel & Kimberly Carda requesting to move from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Ag District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Lot 2, Block 2, "Moulton's First Subdivision" in the SE ¼ of Section 2-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13671 387th Avenue, Warner Twp.); Proposed Ordinance 249, applicant Erik Nolte requesting to move from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Lot 1, "North Ten" in the SW1/4 of Section 13 & the SE1/4 of Section 14-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12676 387th Avenue, Lincoln Twp.); Proposed Ordinance 250, applicant Barry Winkler request-ing to move from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Outlot C, "Engel Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 18 -T124N-R63W, except Sulzle Outlots A & B, of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12643 389th Avenue, Ordway Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. TOWNSHIP BOND: Moved

by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the Bond for Columbia Township. All members present voting aye.

TRAVEL REQUEST: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Request: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent to attend Hall of Honor Selection Committee meeting in Pierre on June 22, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following lease agreement: Great Plains CEF Church for lease of Richmond Youth Camp on June 26 – July 1, 2023; Water-town Human Service Agency for lease of Richmond Youth Camp on August 8-10, 2023; South Dakota Snow Queen Festival for lease of the Club House for Bands, Brews & BBQ Event on July 29, 2023. All members pres-

ent voting aye. Motion carried. SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT HEARING: Moved by Commission Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize advertising public hearing for the following Special Liquor License Permit: SD Snow Queen Festival for Bands, Brews and BBQ event to be held at the Club House, Sec 30-T123N, Brown County, SD on July 18, 2023 (Special License effective July 29, 2023). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to go into Executive Session for Personnel, Contracts and Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:29 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion car-

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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# Groton School June 12, 2023

Meeting Minutes
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-

TRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING June 12, 2023

President Gengerke called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Fliehs, Gengerke, Rix, and Weismantel. Absent: Harder, Pharis and Smith. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal B. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, there was no potential conflict disclosure reported.

Moved by Weismantel, second Fliehs to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: May 8, 2023, minutes, bills, financial reports, custodial accounts, investments, transportation report, school lunch report, 2023-24 energy quote requests, 2023-24 newspaper quote requests, publication of 2023-24 Groton Area School District Budget with 8:00 pm public hearing set for July 10, 2023, and open enrollment applications #24-03, #24-14, and #24-15 Motion carried

2025, and open enrollment applications #24-03, #24-14, and #24-15. Motion carried.
GENERAL FUND: Net Salary – 205,817.36; FIT –18,855.71; Medicare – 7,763.10; FICA – 33,194.56; American Funds 508.00; SDRS - 34,222.08; Health Savings Account – 100.00; Waddell & Reed – 440.00; Horace Mann – 640.61; Thrivent – 250.00; AFLAC – 2,578.06; Delta Dental – 3,890.95; SD Supplemental Retirement – 2,961.33; Division of Child Support – 372.28; US Dept of the Treasury – 252.04; Wellmark 64,100.63; Standard Life -778.47; Wage Works – 1,041.64; Avesis Vision – 277.25; Aberdeen Awards - awards, 326.00; Aberdeen Roncalli – fee, 41.08; Advance Auto – supplies, 73,47; Amazon - supplies, 137.83; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 34,950.85; Dependable Sanita-Tire – tires, 1,121.22; Adam Franken – expenses, 313.05; Groton Area – snacks, 728.27; Groton Area – bank fee, 112.55 Groton Chiropractic - physical, 100.00; GDI – printing, 131.60; Joel Guthmiller – meals, 102.90; Aaron Helvig – meals, 83.21; Hillyard - supplies, 19,374.76; House of Glass – repairs, 399.47; Interstate – battery, 115.20; JLG Architects – service, 2,730.00; Lori's – cards, 1.98; Matheson – supplies, 766.73; MARC – supplies, 2,250.97; Midstates Group – supplies, 225.98; MJ's Sinclair – fuel, 8,501.12; Northside Implement – parts, 2,510.46; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 1,921.83; Petty Cash, Kristi Peterson – postage, 180.61; Popplers – music, 319.07; Prorate Services – testing, 75.00; Riddell - services, 1,861.05; SD Federal Property Agency – supplies, 337.50; Eric Swanson testing fees, 1,039.50; Taylor Music - repairs, 30.00; Time Management – support, 210.20; WageWorks – fee, 92.00; Shaun Wanner – meals, 33.49. Total General Fund – \$460,497.52. CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business – print agreement, 1,612.64; Amazon – chairs, 1,054.22; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 13,807.32; Don Donley – labor, 1,200.00; Fay's Refrigeration – HVAC services, 155,661.18; Follett Solutions – books, 150.59; House of Glass – doors, 60,417.00; Hub City Roofing – roof project, 128,000.00. Total Capital Outlay – \$361,902.95.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 35,670.57; FIT – 2,670.97; Medicare – 1,300.46; FICA – 5,560.44; SDRS – 5,071.88; Waddell & Reed – 100.00; AFLAC – 776.15; Delta Dental – 889.08; SD Supplemental Retirement – 100.00; Wellmark – 9,814.00; Standard Life – 255.77; Avesis Vision – 85.51; Avera St Lukes – PT/OT, 12,481.92; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 10,275.40. Total Special Ed – \$85,052.15.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS: Food Service: Net Salary – 6,423.30; FIT – 571.52; Medicare – 234.20; FICA – 1,001.20; SDRS – 923.02; AFLAC – 281.02; Wellmark – 2,268.00; Standard Life – 5.76; Avesis Vision – 19.63; Ace Refrigeration – repairs, 932.28; Chris Barse, refund, 21.50; BIMBO Bakery – food, 277.85; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 574.87; East Side Jersey Dairy – milk, 892.57; Deb Gengerke – refund, 342.50; Lara Gengerke – refund,

MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending May 31, 2023

General	Assigned	Capital	Special	Bond	Enterprise	Custodial	Total for
<b>Description</b> Fund	Gen Funds	Outlay	Education	Redemption	Fund	Fund	District
1. Beginning Balance 1,482,652.00	143,322.65	1,689,959.61	337,034.96	0.00	148,760.78	153,432.69	3,955,162.69
a. checking 1,482,652.00	143,322.65	1,689,959.61	337,034.96	0.00	148,760.78	153,432.69	3,955,162.69
b. petty cash0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Transfers in							
3. Revenue to date 4,217,941.48	19,968.30	1,694,302.64	777,730.66	250.71	329,239.37	876,680.73	7,916,113.89
4. Total accounted for 5,700,593.48	163,290.95	3,384,262.25	1,114,765.62	250.71	478,000.151	L,030,113.42	11,871,276.58
5. Transfers out	•				•		
6. Expenditures to date 4,463,338.11	16,537.42	2,030,345.55	721,337.89	0.00	277,494.94	939,421.00	8,448,474.91
a. encumbrances0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements 4,463,338.11	16,537.42	2,030,345.55	721,337.89	0.00	277,494.94	939,421.00	8,448,474.91
7. Ending Balance 1,237,255.37	146,753.53	1,353,916.70	393,427.73	250.71	200,505.21	90,692.42	3,422,801.67
a. checking 1,237,255.37	146,753.53	1,353,916.70	393,427.73	250.71	200,505.21	90,692.42	3,422,801.67
b. petty cash(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
May Receipts 1,076,940.32	725.00	564,258.86	264,464.14	0.00	26,370.20	96,006.05	2,028,764.57
May Expenses 424,774.31	489.74	121,189.19	101,435.74	0.00	26,449.27	71,780.58	746,118.83
Custodial Checking	90,692.42	•			-	-	-
District Checking	3,355,937.93						
USDA Supply Chain Defer	(23,828.68)						
Total all Funds	3.422.801.67						

126.35; Groton Area – lunch fee, 10.00; Dave Larson – refund, 64.65; Rose Long – refund, 29.50; Renee Marzahn – refund, 112.14; Performance Foodservice – food, 2,531.04; Warren Pigors – refund, 93.55; US Foods – food, 10,136.90; Martin Weismantel – refund, 152.32. Total Food Service – \$28,025.67. OST/Driver's Ed: Net Salary – 2,695.02; FIT – 153.94; Medicare – 94.86; FICA – 405.48; SDRS– 298.46; AFLAC – 163.93; Wellmark – 705.00; Standard Life – 23.28; City of Groton – OST swim passes, 130.00; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 282.99; Greg's Repair – tires, 789.88; Groton Area – supplies, 38.50. Total OST/Driver's Ed + \$5,781.34. Total Enterprise Funds – \$33.807.01.

Funds - \$33,807.01. CUSTODIAL FUND: Total -\$71,780.58.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 1,704,107.93; Other Local Sources – 129,250.86; County Sources – 3,921.79; State Sources – 182,661.64; Federal Sources – 8,822.35. Total Receipts – \$2,028,764.57. Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members requesting to speak, the board proceeded with their agenda

Moved by Weismantel, second Fliehs to approve second reading and adoption of recommended Job Descriptions for School Nurse and Athletic Director. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: year-end data reporting, 2023-24 staffing vacancies, HS boys soccer, health science lab renovation, HS arena HVAC project, elementary roofing project, fiber line replacement project and FY '21 Title/Reap desk audit.

Desiree Yeigh and Amy Warrington presented information for a minor year band/choir trip to Bronson, MO on May 18-21, 2024. No action was taken.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to approve resignation of Adam Franken as Ag teacher and FFA advisor for the 2023-24 school year with liquidated damages. Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, second Weismantel to authorize Business Manager to apply for credit cards from Dacotah Bank. Motion carried.

Royce Erdmann representing EMC insurance was present to discuss FY '24 property/liability insurance options. No action was taken.

Moved by Rix, second Fliehs to declare list of presented inventory items as surplus property for disposal. Motion carried

disposal. Motion carried.

The board reviewed an improvement report from JLG Architects regarding the 1969 gym. No action was taken,

The board took a short recess at 7:51 pm and returned at 7:55 pm.

Moved by Weismantel, second Fliehs to go into executive session at 7:55 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(2) for student issue, SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations and SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel. Motion carried.

President Gengerke declared the board out of executive session at 8:35 pm.

Moved by Fliehs, second Weismantel to approve GASA Negotiated Agreement and amended auxiliary staff work agreements for 2023-24. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Fliehs to approve Administrative Negotiated Agreement and signed contracts 2023-24. Motion carried. Moved by Fliehs, second Weis-

mantel to issue salaried auxiliary

staff work agreements. Motion

carried.

Moved by Rix, second Fliehs to adjourn at 8:37 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

Deborah Gengerke, President

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The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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# Groton Area School Notice of Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Hearing NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGET

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BUDGE1
Groton Area School District Board of Education will conduct a public hearing in the High School Conference
Room on Monday, July 10, 2023, at 8:00 pm to consider the forthcoming budget for fiscal year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023

Room on Monday, July 10, 2023, as follows:	at 8:00 pm					2023, through	June 30, 2023 Special
Bond EXPENDITURE BUDGET		Food Outlay	Enterprise Education	Redemption	Service	Fund	эресіаі
Elementary Programs 1	,162,943	40,560	Luucation	Redemption	Service	runu	
Elementary Summer Program Middle School Programs		12,500					
High School Programs 1	,097,158	39,875					
Jr. Kindergarten NCAI/Hi Tech Programs		850 4,000					
Destination Imagination	20,921	·					
Mild/Moderate Disabilities Severe Disabilities		4,300 300	574,197 131,824				
Residential Programs		300	30,000				
Early Childhood Programs		1,950	35,428				
Opportunity Classroom Limited English Proficient		750 825					
Title I Programs	142,782	150					
Counseling Services  Medical Services		150 1,250	8,000				
Psychological Services			15,664				
Speech Pathology Services Physical Therapy		120	41,432 52,000				
Occupational Therapy			75,000				
Curriculum Development Instructional Staff Training							
School Library Services	54,011	6,730					
Technology in School Election Services		205,155					
Legal Services	3,000		400				
Audit Services  Board of Education							
Office of the Superintendent	160,947	2,125					
Office of the Principals Other Support Services		1,100					
Fiscal Services		21,400					
Architect & Engineering		1,132,633					
Other Facilities Acq & Constr Building Care & Upkeep		36,300					
Vehicle Maintenance		157,000			247 147		
School LunchSpecial Ed Administrative			26,538		247,147		
Special Ed Transportation			22,236			02 272	
Out-of-School Time Program Driver's Education						93,372 14,586	
State Unemployment	2,000					,	
Early Retirement  Debt Service		587,052					
Athletics	268,739	47,500					
Forensics Other Co-Curricular	,	300 1,300					
Contingency		•		400			
Transfers Out 5		700,000 3,006,025	1,012,719	400 400	247,147	107,958	10,311,876
	General	Capital	Special	Bond	Food	Enterprise	20,022,070
MEANS OF FINANCE Local Sources:		Outlay	Education	Redemption	Service	Fund	
Taxes 3	,734,496	2,009,500	905,050	100			
Regular Tuition Summer School Fees						10,000	
Transportation Fees	100						
Interest Earned Food Service Sales					154,400		
Co-Curricular Revenue	174,350				20 ., .00		
Other Local Revenue		2,009,500	900 905,950	100	154,400	69,000 79,000	
County Sources:		_,005,000	300,300	200	20 ., .00	. 5/000	
State Fines Revenue In Lieu of Taxes							
Total County Sources	37,100						
State Sources State Aid							
State Apportionment	39,000						
Wind Farm Revenue Bank Franchise Tax							
Mentor Teacher Program							
State Cash Reimbursements Other State Revenue	500		3,000		600		
Total State Sources	447,500		3,000		600		
Federal Sources:Federal Wetlands							
Small Rural School Achievemer	nt 17,855						
Clean Diesel Grant	11 015						
Title IV, Part A Title I, Part A							
Improving Achievement							
Title II, Part A Cares Act - Esser II		121,458					
Cares Act - Esser III	4,500	338,065					
GEER,CTE Grant Federal Cash Reimbursements					90,000		
Other Federal Revenue	1,500	450 555			•		
Total Federal Sources Other Sources:		459,523			90,000		
Transfer In	700,000	25					
Sale of Surplus Property Total Other Sources		25					
TOTAL REVENUE 5	,310,670	2,469,048	908,950	100	245,000	79,000	9,012,768
Cash on Hand 5 TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE 5	626,957 5,937,627	536,977 3,006,025	103,769 1,012,719	300 400	2,147 247,147	28,958 107,958	1,299,108 10,311,876
Rebecca Hubsch, Business Officia	I, Groton A	rea School Dis	strict No. 06-6,	Groton, SD	,	,	, ,
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### **Henry Township Weed Notice** HENRY TOWNSHIP

WEED NOTICE

Henry Township owners and tenants of Henry Township are herby notified and required according to law, to cut all weeds in the road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within said township on or before July 15, 2023 or someone will be hired by the township board and \$250.00 per mile changed to the abutting property.

By order of the township board.

Darlene Sass Township Clerk

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### **Brown County** Doeden Rezoning **Notice**

NOTICE

Application has been made by Toby Doeden 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 July 18, 2023 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

The North 333' of Outlot 3, "Levey's Outlots" and the East 1/2 of the South 1/2 of Outlot 2 "Levey's Outlots" in the SE 1/4 of Section 24 -T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13371 382nd Avenue, Mercier Twp.).

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 rezon ing the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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### **Brown County** Carda Rezoning **Notice**

NOTICE

Application has been made by Joel & Kimberly Carda 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 July 18, 2023 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

Lot 2, Block 2, "Moulton's First Subdivision" in the SE ¼ of Section 2-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13671 387th Avenue, Warner Twp.)

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. 248.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown

County Auditor

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### **Brown County** Nolte Rezoning **Notice**

NOTICE Application has been made by Erik Nolte 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 July 18, 2023 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

Lot 1, "North Ten" in the SW1/4 of Section 13 & the SE1/4 of Section 14-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12676 387th Avenue, Lincoln Twp.).

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. 249.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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# **Brown County** Winkler Rezoning

**Notice** NOTICE

Application has been made by Barry Winkler 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 July 18, 2023 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation

District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

Outlot C, "Engel Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 18 -T124N-R63W, except Sulzle Outlots A & B, of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12643 389th Avenue, Ordway Twp.).

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. 250.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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### **Brown County** Queen Festival Beverage License NOTICE OF HEARING FOR

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LI-CENSE

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the following Malt Beverage License Application is set for the 18th day of July 2023, in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, in the Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register complaint on their approval may appear: SD Snow Queen Festival – Club House, Sec 30 - T123N, Brown County, SD. Special License effective July 29, 2023.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel Lynn Heupel, Brown County

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## **Brown County** Rossow Rezoning

Approved NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDI-NANCE #245

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION **BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-**FS AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DE-SCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #245, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Steven Rossow was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 27th of June 2023 and will become effective on the 25th of July, 2023.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Steven Rossow is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) for Lot 1 to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use:

Proposed Lot 1, "Steven Rossow Subdivision" in the NW 1/4 of Section 6-T121N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (40025 142nd Street, Garden Prairie Twp.).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Passed and adopted this 27th day of June 2023. Duane Sutton, Brown County

Commission Chairman ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown

County Auditor Notice of Hearing: May 31, 2023

First Reading: June 13, 2023 Second Reading/Adoption: June 27, 2023

Published: July 5, 2023 Effective Date: July 25, 2023 Published July 5, 2023, at the total approximate cost of \$22.38 and may be viewed free of

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com. 22320

### **Brown County Temp. Fireworks** Approved NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDI-

NANCE #246

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION **BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-**ES AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DE-SCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #246, Án Ordinance Amending portions of Title 4 Zoning – Temporary Fireworks Ordinance: Chapter 4.06, "Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P)"; Chapter 4.14 "Highway

Commercial District (HC)": Chapter 4.15, "Light Industrial District (LI)"; was duly adopted by the Brown County Board of Commissioners on the 27th day of June and that Ordinance #246, shall be in full force and effect on 25th day of July, 2023. (Copies of the full Ordinance are available at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours).

Passed and adopted this 27th day of June 2023.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor Notice of Hearing: May 31,

First Reading: June 13, 2023

Second Reading/Adoption: June 27, 2023 Published: July 5, 2023

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### **Columbia City** Vacate ROW Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR VACATION OF PUBLIC ROADWAY

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Columbia, SD has received a Petition requesting the described city streets, be vacated in the City of Columbia, Brown County, South Dakota, according to SDCL 31-3-6. The Petition may be examined by contacting the Finance Officer. Cara Dennert, at the address indicated below. The Petition requests the following streets be vacated:

East Townsend Avenue

that portion of Fast Townsend Avenue lying within Lot 1 Columbia Park Second Addition to the City of Columbia in the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 125 North, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. as shown on the attached Exhibit A, and previously known as the Original Plat of Columbia, in the SW Ouarter of Section 28, Township 125 North, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. Starting at the NW Corner of Lot 2 of South Dakota Wheat Growers Addition (RLS #4792), as the Point of Beginning, thence N89°24′42″E, a distance of 178.09', along the northern property line of Lot 2, thence =4°24'33" along a curve

with a radius of 1099.18', a distance of 84.59', along the western property line of vacated Lot 1 of South Dakota Wheat Growers Addition, thence S89°24'52"W, a distance of 231.07', along the southern property line of Block 15, thence S0°48′09″E, a distance of 65.86', to the point of beginning, containing 0.31 acres more or less; and

South Mill Street the southernmost portion of

S. Mill Street lying within Lot 1 Columbia Park Second Addition to the City of Columbia in the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 125 North, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, as shown on the attached Exhibit A, and previously known as of the Original Plat of Columbia, in the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 125 North, Range 62 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. starting at the NW Corner of vacated Lot 2 of South Dakota Wheat Growers Addition (RLS #4792), thence N0°48'09"W, a distance of 265.86', along the western property line of Block 15, thence N89°24'42"E, a distance of 296.00', along the northern property line of Lots 17 and 8 and vacated alley, Block 15, to the point of beginning, thence N89°24′42″E, a distance of 53.29', thence  $=6^{\circ}00'03'$ along a curve with a radius of 1099.18', a distance of 115.12', along the western property line of Lot 1, thence N00°48'09"W a distance of 102.19', along the eastern property line of Block 15. to the point of beginning containing 0.065 acres more or less.

The City Council of Columbia, SD will hold a public hearing to consider the vacation of the above described streets on July 12, 2023, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at the Columbia City Hall. Any person interested in the proposed action may present their position relative to the proposed action at the hearing. Any person(s) unable to attend the hearing may deliver their written opinion for consideration by the City Council of Columbia. Such testimony should be delivered prior to the date and time of the scheduled hearing by mailing or delivering the opinion to: Finance Officer, City of Columbia, PO Box 43, Columbia, SD 57433.

City of Columbia By Cara Dennert Its: Finance Officer

Published June 28 and July 5, 2023, at the total approximate cost of \$65.12 and may be viewed free of charge at www. sdpublicnotices.com. 22263

### Frederick Area School Notice of 2023-24 Budget Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET

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Notice is hereby given that the School Board of the Frederick Area School District 6-2 will conduct a public hearing at the Frederick School Library in Frederick, South Dakota on Monday the 10th of July, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of considering the foregoing Proposed Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, and its supporting data. Shauna Severson, Business Manager, Frederick Area School District #6-2, Frederick, South Dakota

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1110	Florentes V. Drograms	OUTLAY	EDUCATION	SERVICE	EDUCATION	¢E42.020
1110	Elementary Programs	\$81,583				\$542,038
1120	Middle/Junior High Programs\$204,100	\$19,024				\$223,124
1130	High School Programs\$271,825	\$20,611				\$292,436
1140	Preschool Programs \$28,135		¢210.062			\$28,135
1220 1270	Special Education Programs		\$319,863			\$319,863
	Title I Program\$97,669					\$97,669
2120	Guidance Services		¢4 400			\$63,969
2140 2150	Psychological Services		\$4,499 \$11,656			\$4,499
2170	Speech Pathology Services		\$35,000			\$11,656 \$35,000
2210	Student Therapy Services		\$33,000			\$35,000 \$4,740
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2310	Educational Media Services	\$92,844				\$200,409
2310	Board of Education Services\$108,510 Office of the Superintendent Services\$139,927	\$1,424				\$108,510 \$141,351
2410		\$1,424				\$141,331
2440	Office of the Principal Services\$129,668 Title I Program Administration\$1,891	\$1, <del>1</del> 09				\$1,137
2490	Other Support Services					\$1,091 \$0
2520	Fiscal Services\$96,426	\$7,000				\$103,426
2530	Facilities Acquision and Construction Services	\$10,000				\$103,420
2540	Operation & Maintenance of Plant Services\$236,779	\$88,710				\$325,489
2550	Student Transportation Services\$151,914	φου,/10				\$151,914
2560	Food Services\$7,750	\$2,895		\$107,607		\$118,252
2710	Special Education Administrative Costs	\$2,093	\$6,422	\$107,007		\$6,422
2730	Special Education Transportation Costs		\$400			\$400
2740	Special Education Transportation Costs		\$1,000			\$1,000
3900	Other Community Services		\$1,000		\$4,708	\$4,708
6100	Male Activities	\$10,443			φπ,700	\$62,082
6200	Female Activities \$34,462	\$4,390				\$38,852
6500	Transportation\$13,704	Ψ1,550				\$13,704
6900	Combined Activities	\$2,875				\$92,833
7000	Contingencies	\$50,000				\$100,000
8110	Transfers Out to General Fund	\$300,000				\$300,000
8110	Transfers Out to Food Service	4500,000				\$36,107
	Transfers Out to Drivers Education\$2,258					\$2,258
TOTAL	EXPENDITURES\$2,389,451	\$693,268	\$378,840	\$107,607	\$4,708	\$3,573,874
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1000	Local Sources\$1,118,331	\$596,761	\$218,012	\$45,500	\$2,450	\$1,981,054
2000	Intermediate Sources \$7,378	, ,				\$7,378
3000	State Sources\$821,988					\$821,988
4000	Federal Sources\$149,236	\$101,569		\$26,000		\$276,805
TOTAL	. REVENUE\$2,096,933	\$698,330	\$218,012	\$71,500	\$2,450	\$3,087,225
5110	Transfers in from General Fund			\$36,107	\$2,258	\$38,365
5110	Transfers In from Capital Outlay\$300,000					\$300,000
TOTAL	. INTER-FUND TRANSFERS\$300,000			\$36,107	\$2,258	\$338,365
	RESERVES\$7,482	-\$5,062	\$160,828			\$148,284
	. MEANS OF FINANCE\$2,389,451	\$693,268	\$378,840	\$107,607	\$4,708	\$3,573,874
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### The Life of Steven Herron



Memorial services for Steven Herron, 66, of Groton will be 11 a.m., Friday, July 7, 2023 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Pastor Jeremy Yeadon will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Groton

Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. Family requests casual dress for the services.

Steve passed away June 29, 2023 at his home in Groton.

Steven LeRoy Herron was born on May 3, 1957 in Aberdeen to LeRov "Bud" and Henrietta (Suumeyer) Herron. He attended country school and later Groton High School. Following his graduation in 1975, he was employed at Juel Egg Company. He later worked for Olive Grove Golf Course and Kampa Construction. On May 31, 1985 he was united in marriage with Tami Kirnan at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen.

In his younger years, Steve was a member of the Groton Lion's Club and enjoyed bowling. He was a passionate Minnesota Vikings fan and enjoyed hunting and gardening. In recent years, he helped to plant and harvest pumpkins for the Annual Pumpkin Fest.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Tami, sons, Zach and Cody, his brother, Terry (Lori) Herron and sister, Deb Protas, all of Groton.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his daughter, Kelsey Jo Herron.

Honorary Urn Bearers will be all of his Deer Camp Buddies.

# www.397news.com Ph:605-397-NEWS

Carson Walker, CEO of South Dakota News Watch, stopped in Groton on Wednesday to visit with newspaper publisher Paul Kosel. Walker was in the area and stopped in to see the operation in Groton. He was especially intrigued with the GDILIVE.COM aspect of the **business.** (Photo by Tina Kosel)



### **Late Score Costs Groton Locke Electric Against Redfield DQ**

Sunday's game against Redfield DQ was a heartbreaker for Groton Locke Electric, as they lost the lead late in a 9-4 defeat. The game was tied at four with Redfield DQ batting in the top of the sixth when Nolan Gall singled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run.

Groton Locke Electric evened things up at four in the bottom of the fifth inning. Groton Locke Electric scored two runs when Dylan Frey singled.

Redfield DQ pulled away for good with three runs in the sixth inning. In the sixth Kyle Sto-Osborne drew a walk, scoring one run.

Redfield DQ scored four runs in the fifth inning. Redfield DQ scored its runs on a grand slam by Bennet Osborn.

Osborn was the winning pitcher for Redfield DQ. Osborn lasted five innings, allowing one hit and one run while striking out five.

Brian Hansen took the loss for Groton Locke Electric. The pitcher.

Conner Thaler started the game for Groton Locke Electric. Thaler lasted five innings, allowing six hits and four runs while striking out four Stover started the game for Redfield DQ. The hurler surrendered three runs on six hits over four innings, walking zero

Frey led Groton Locke Electric with two hits in four at bats.

Redfield DQ saw the ball well today, racking up nine hits in the game. Brent Osborne, Rich Osborn, and Simon Bower each collected multiple hits for Redfield DQ. Redfield DQ was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Osborn had the most chances in the field with eight.



Landon Johnson and Todd Gay were doing linework early last Thursday morning. They had changed out the pole and now were redoing connectors. (Photo

by Paul Kosel)



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### **MISCELLANEOUS**

VENDORS WANTED: Presho Expo Saturday, September 23, 2023 @ Presho SD. Booth rent \$25; with electricity \$35. Registration forms available @ presho.net or preshochamber@ kennebectelephone.com.

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S.D. Dept. of Transportation has developed a Tentative 2024-2027 Four-Year Statewid Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this time period. Prior to final approval of the STIP by ne Transportation Commission, public meetings will be conducted on the following dates t eceive public comment on the tentative program.

July 11, 2023 - AmericInn - Aberdeen ...... 7:00 PM (CDT) July 12, 2023 - Southeast Technical Institute Sullivan Health Center – Sioux Falls . . . . . . 7:00 PM (CDT) July 19, 2023 - Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center - Fort Pierre..... 7:00 PM (CDT)

Meetings will be in-person and virtual. For more information and how to participate virtually visit https://dot.sd.gov/projects-studies/planning/tentative-statewide-transportation

ny individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order t participate in the public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinate at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 no later than 2 business days prior to the meeting.



### **DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT - GAS**

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The District Superintendent Gas position are Gas Technician's that operate in rural areas of South Dakota where NorthWestern Energy provides gas service only. Responsibilities include providing overall gas services in their area, develop and maintain relationships with local communities, address customer billing and utility concerns and complete service orders. This position will often work independently and will oversee additional personnel during planned projects. Required to be on call, respond to emergencies as needed, and to work in all weather conditions.

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Dear EarthTalk: Is it OK for the environment to use an electric bug zapper to keep the mosquitoes at bay in summer? - Beth L., Medford, MA

With summer comes, many of us seek solutions to combat the nuisance and potential health risks of mosquitoes. Electric bug zappers have gained in popularity, but while these little electrocution stations do kill some adult mosquitoes, many wonder what costs they may bring to ecosystems in general.

Electric bug zappers attract mosquitoes and other flying insects using ultraviolet light. Upon contact, they are electrocuted. By eliminating these pests, bug zappers help mitigate the risk of mosquito-borne illnesses like malaria, dengue fever and West Nile virus, while of course minimizing mosquito bites. Bug zappers do not rely on harmful toxins, offering a chemicalfree approach to mosquito control. This is particularly significant where children, pets and mosquitoes, at what cost to ecosystems? Credit: beneficial insects like bees and butterflies are present.

While electric bug zappers do kill some adult David Keyzer, FlickrCC.

That brings up the dark sides of electric bug zappers. For one, they can disrupt local ecosystems by indiscriminately killing various insect species, including beneficial ones. Aside from bees and butterflies, beetles and other insects that play vital roles in pollination and local ecological balance, also get destroyed, leading to overall negative consequences for plant reproduction and biodiversity.

Another drawback to electric bug zappers is that they need electricity to operate continuously. Depending on the model and usage, they can consume a significant amount of energy, thus contributing to climate change and environmental degradation if it is derived from nonrenewable sources like coal or natural gas. If powered by renewable energy, such as solar or wind, their environmental impact can be mitigated.

Another downside of bug zappers is their effectiveness. Studies have shown that they aren't highly effective in controlling mosquitoes. While they may attract and kill some adult mosquitoes, they do not address the root cause of mosquito infestations: breeding grounds. Mosquitoes primarily breed in stagnant water, thus eliminating these sources remains crucial for effective control. Relying solely on bug zappers may provide a false sense of security while neglecting essential preventive measures.

That said, adopting an integrated approach to mosquito control is essential. This includes eliminating standing water, using mosquito repellents and wearing protective clothing. By combining these measures, individuals can reduce their reliance on bug zappers while effectively managing mosquito populations.

Yet another way to marshal nature in keeping mosquitoes at bay is to use natural predators such as bats, dragonflies and birds to aid in mosquito control. Creating habitats that attract these beneficial species, such as water features for dragonflies or installing bat boxes, can provide long-term, sustainable solutions.

Don't have the time or wherewithal to invest in such holistic long-term solutions? Then smear on bug repellent or buy so-called mosquito control gear to keep an outdoor area the size of a typical deck or patio mosquito-free are options. Consider Thermacell's E90 Rechargeable Mosquito Repellent which runs off a rechargeable battery and can keep bugs away from small outdoor spaces as long as the wind is minimal...

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# "Do Not Miss the **Signs** of a Blood Clot"



The patient was young, healthy, and

short of breath. She had not been sick recently, other than a minor cough. Her oxygen level was normal and her lungs sounded clear. Her heart rate was a little fast and she was breathing rather quickly, too. She was anxious about it, but she knew there was more to this than anxiety. Meanwhile, she was taking an antibiotic for bronchitis which did not seem to be helping. We did some additional tests, some blood work, to look for other possible causes. One test result gave us a big clue: her "d-dimer" was elevated. While not tied to a specific diagnosis, this gave us more reason to keep looking.

We proceeded to get a CT pulmonary angiogram, a special scan of the chest, specifically looking at the vessels that run from the heart to the lungs, looking for a blood clot. Sure enough, that is what it was: a pulmonary embolism. The treatment was medication to help thin the blood, which helps the clot to gradually dissolve. She was relieved to know the cause of her symptoms and within days she was feeling better.

Without treatment a pulmonary embolism, or blood clot in the lungs, can be fatal. Thus, early detection and treatment is key. Unfortunately, detecting it may be difficult, especially since the symptoms are often vague and common with numerous other illnesses.

In addition to shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing, coughing up blood, or pain with breathing can be symptoms of a blood clot. Another hallmark symptom of a blood clot may be calf pain or swelling. Unexplained swelling and pain of a limb may indicate a deep vein thrombosis (DVT), a blood clot in the leg or arm. Left untreated, a DVT can become larger and may break off and go through the heart to the lung vessels and cause a pulmonary embolism (PE).

A person may be at increased risk of a clot due to a genetic condition, an illness, pregnancy, after surgery, after an injury, because of cancer, or because of medications such as birth control pills. Covid has been a more recent cause. Sometimes a clot happens for no apparent reason. Prolonged travel is also a reason, so on a long drive or flight, take time to stop and stretch your legs. Wearing high compression socks while traveling may also be helpful.

Shortness of breath can be a symptom of numerous ailments, major or minor. No matter the reason, however, please consult your doctor if you are short of breath or have unexplained swelling of an arm or leg. It could be a blood clot.

Andrew Ellsworth, M.D. is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices family medicine in Brookings, South Dakota. Follow The Prairie Doc® at 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, broadcast on SDPB and streaming live on Facebook most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.