

There will be no paper on August 9th.



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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for new water tower

The ribbon cutting ceremony was held recently for Groton's new water tower and pumproom. Pictured left to right are Councilman Jason Wambach, City Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich, Water Superintendent Terry Herron, Mayor Scott Hanlon, Councilman Karyn Babcock and Ken Heir from IMEG. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



Columbia City Mayor Corey Mitchell (right) presented the Key to the City to Dean Buntrock, who helped to make the Field of Dreams come true. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Nick Strom (left) and Alan Strom (right) were a couple of the contributors to have the United States Flag painted on the new water tower. In the middle is American Legion Post 39 Commander Bruce Babcock. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



Water Superintendent Terry Herron (right) gave a tour of the inside of the column for the water tower. Pictured are Mayor Scott Hanlon and Alan Strom. (Photo courtesy Bruce Babcock)



Tony Bisbee, Scott Wahl and Josh Larson reveal the sign for the Wahl Memorial Field. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Columbia celebrates dedication of new baseball complex/city park

Residents and former residents, young and old, gathered in Columbia on Saturday to celebrate the second annual Columbia Fest and dedication of the new baseball complex and city park. Dignitaries were on hand for the events as the small town was making a big hit in Northeast South Dakota. Next year will mark the 145th Anniversary of the oldest city in Brown County.



Paula Jensen from Dakota Resources has been the Columbia community coach for 18 months. She said it started with eight people who wanted a dream to come true of what a thriving community looks like. "I think we see that today," she said. "Columbia is the most welcoming community in the region." (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jeanne Dell came from Aberdeen to see the parade. She was a Columbia School Teacher from 1969 to 1987 when it closed. She is 103 years of age. She said she enjoyed the parade and the sunshine!

Weekly Vikings Recap - All-Time Vikings Defense

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The Minnesota Vikings kicked off training camp this week, but with the high heat and bad air quality, the Vikings took it easy this week, practicing in shorts and no pads. Although there were a few highlights that made their way onto social media, there was not much to make of the Vikings' practices so far. Thus, we will finish off our fun summer of articles by putting together the all-time defense in Vikings' history. Next week we will officially dive into the 2023 Vikings season.

Defensive Line - Jared Allen (2011), Alan Page (1971), John Randle (1997), and Chris Doleman (1989)

Although the Vikings have historically always had a great defensive line, there were not a lot of tough decisions to be made regarding who would be the four defensive linemen on the all-time Vikings' defense. The defensive ends include Jared Allen and Chris Doleman, who both had over 21 sacks each in their respective seasons. And the interior is made of arguably the two quickest and most athletic interior defensive linemen the NFL has ever seen.

Not only does this group consist of three Hall-of-Famers, and a likely a fourth one in Jared Allen soon, but it also contains the first defensive player ever to win the NFL MVP award in Alan Page. Alan Page, who in my opinion is the greatest Viking ever, was the force behind the Purple People Eaters in the 1970s and the main reason why the team went to four Super Bowls. Before there was Aaron Donald and John Randle, there was Alan Page. He set the standard for every future athletic pass-rushing interior defensive lineman.

Also, if we can add substitutions to this all-time defense, I think a second-string group of Carl Eller, Kevin Williams, Keith Millard, and Jim Marshall would make a fun platoon system to help terrorize opposing quarterbacks.

Linebackers - Matt Blair (1980), Eric Kendricks (2019), and Jeff Siemon (1975)

For all the stars the Vikings have produced on the defensive side of the ball in their history, the linebacker group lacks any star names. In the Vikings' 62-year history, they have only had two linebackers be named as first-team all-pros, Matt Blair in 1980 and Eric Kendricks in 2019. Both Blair and Kendricks were underrated from a national perspective but beloved by Vikings fans everywhere for their reliability on the football field. And to round out the group, we'll add Jeff Siemon who made four pro bowls in the 1970's when the Vikings' defense was at its ultimate peak.

Defensive Backs - Carl Lee (1988), Paul Krause (1975), Harrison Smith (2017), and Antoine Winfield (2009)

Like the linebacker group, the defensive

backs group for the all-time Vikings defense seems to lack the star power as the defensive line group did. However, the group is still impressive nonetheless. At the safeties' position, you have Paul Krause, who is the all-time leader in career interceptions, a record that will never be broken. And you have Harrison Smith, who was the star of the Vikings' defense in 2017 when the team had the best defense in the NFL that year.

The cornerbacks' group consists of Carl Lee, who made one first-team all-pro and three pro bowls, and Antoine Winfield, who is without a doubt the greatest tackling cornerback the NFL has ever seen. Although this group consists of only one Hall-of-Famer in Paul Krause, it is a strong group that would succeed mightily with the help of the defensive line in front of it harassing opposing quarterbacks.

Grandpa's spurs

Editor's Note: Tony took the week off. Here's one we like from our files.

I was cleaning out a closet when I found the painting I had given to my grandfather almost 25 years ago. It was painted by an old fiddler, Vernon Thompson from White Earth, in the North Dakota Badlands.

The painting depicts a rearing horse, a cowboy hanging on for dear life, and another startled team of horses pulling a wagon as some kind of alien—a Ford Model-T—chugs toward them. It reminded me of the age my grandfather was born into, a transition from the era of the horse to the machine age. That painting hung on Grandpa's living room wall until he died, and then I got it back.

I paired it on the wall with another western painting by Del Iron Cloud, but no matter how I arranged them, the arrangement was missing something.

"Maybe an old lariat," my sister, who had stopped by for a visit, suggested. "Maybe even a hat."

"I was thinking that, too," I said, "and maybe even spurs."

For a moment, I allowed myself to imagine my grandfather's spurs hanging on the wall, but they were long gone, surely in the more worthy hands of a son or daughter.

I admired that old Russian. He was rakishly handsome to the end, blonde hair gone silver, steely-blue eyes that could stop you as dead as his lever-action 30-30 Winchester. It was his saddle gun, the cracked stock held together by a bolt and a hexagon-shaped nut, worn smooth over the years.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

I remember as a boy watching him spot something in the field I couldn't see. Only when the pack of wild dogs began scattering from the dirt kicked up under them, did I even see what he was shooting at 250 yards away if it was a foot. Years later, after I bounced my first shot in front of a puzzled buck 80 yards away with that very same rifle, I understood the level of skill it took to loft those shells with such accuracy at such a distance.

Even when he was well into his 70's, he still regularly rode Chopper, a big chestnut quarter horse every bit as tough and ornery as my grandfather seemed to be if you didn't wait around long enough for the twinkle in his eye and the chuckle that emerged from a sly grin along with a puff of pipe smoke.

For years he rolled his own cigarettes—the cowboy way. Then, in the interest of his health, he used lemon drops to wean himself from the habit. In his later years, though, he took up smoking again because, you know, at that point, what the hell.

As a rite of spring, Chopper would dump him the first time out, and Grandpa would get right back on, each to prove to the other that he still could.

I filled one spot on the wall with an old brown Stetson that looked like it jumped right out of Vernon Thompson's painting. But still there was a void.

It turned out my mother had the spurs, and she delivered them to me last Sunday along with a bonus—Chopper's bit. The spurs had some rust, the leather was hard and dry, and so, perfect. I tacked them up with the bit and then, finally, the wall looked right. A touchstone. A place where memories are stirred.

Some people might remember him as impenetrably stubborn, intimidating, and he could be. He reveled in nature's solitude, in the bite of the wind, the caress of the sunshine after the rain, in the satisfaction of a problem solved with a welding torch and an inventor's soul.

Good intentioned young ministers tried to save him, but they didn't understand that he'd already found God. He just hadn't found church.

I don't think I have put Vaseline on the lens of my memory the way photographers used to do to smooth all the lines of fading beauties. I don't think I have softened the focus, either.

The view of a grandson is naturally idyllic and vested in truth. With the benefit of time and seasoning, is it possible to know our grandparents at their best. Some grow bitter, some spoil outright, unable to reconcile unrequited dreams with reality, but most emerge better, more patient, wiser. When the world is working right, this wisdom, the ache of regret, absorbed and passed on, makes successive generations better. And in time, we will all be holy.

Those spurs connect me. For you it might be a tea cup, a faded portrait, a watch passed from wrist to wrist. There is power in such talismans, real power that reminds us who we are, and more importantly, who we ought to be.

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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

John Jay was a giant of the founding era

When the newly elected President George Washington turned his attention to the historic opportunity of nominating citizens to fill seats on the first U.S. Supreme Court in 1789, he knew exactly whom he wanted to name the nation's first Chief Justice: John Jay.

Jay enjoyed Washington's confidence in a way few of his contemporaries did. Apart from Chief Justice William Howard Taft, who was elected as the United States 27th president before ascending to the High Bench, nobody has come to the

Court with Jay's resume.

Jay was a leading New York lawyer by the time he was 30 years old. He was a principal drafter of New York's constitution in 1777 and served as the state's first chief justice. In 1778, amid a crumbling national economy, military disarray and a precipitous decline of public confidence in the national government, Jay was elected president of the Continental Congress, the nation's highest office.

A year later, Jay was sent to Spain as minister plenipotentiary, the first of several stints as a diplomatic representative, which led to his appointment as Secretary of Foreign Affairs. He negotiated the Treaty of Paris, which formally ended the Revolutionary War. By most measures, Jay was viewed as the country's leading expert on foreign affairs.

Although partisan politics in New York prevented Jay from serving as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, he authored numerous influential essays urging the importance of creating a stronger national government. When Alexander Hamilton conceived of the Federalist Papers, he turned first to Jay to join him in the project. Illness prevented Jay from contributing more than five essays to the project, but his writings — prosaic, cogent and reflective of a diplomatic mindset — focused on the need for America to create a respectable government at home so that it might earn respect abroad.

In Federalist No. 64, drawing on his vast experience as the nation's expert in international relations and international law, Jay wrote about the important constitutional role of the Senate in treaty-making and the formulation of American foreign policy.

Jay's many contributions to state, federal and international affairs led Washington to invite him to "name" the position that he wanted to hold in the new federal government. Jay selected the Supreme Court, although for a short time he simultaneously served as Secretary of State until Thomas Jefferson agreed to accept that cabinet post.

Jay's tenure on the Supreme Court did not meet his expectations. He resigned from the Court in 1795, having written only a handful of opin-

ions, which was a function of the paucity of cases brought before the Court. He doubted that the federal judiciary would enjoy the "energy, weight and dignity" necessary to support the national government.

As Chief Justice, Jay advanced a series of fundamental constitutional principles. The Constitution, he wrote, was a compact among the people, not the states, a principle that echoed the Preamble to the Constitution, which began with the words, "We the people ordain and establish this Constitution." His rejection of the assertion of state sovereignty was invoked again and again in landmark Supreme Court cases.

Jay's most notable opinion, *Chisholm v. Georgia* (1793), held that states could be sued in federal courts for debts owed to citizens of other states. He rejected Georgia's claim of sovereign immunity and observed that repudiating debts undercut economic recovery and stained the reputation of the nation. Jay was disappointed when *Chisholm* was overturned by the 11th Amendment.

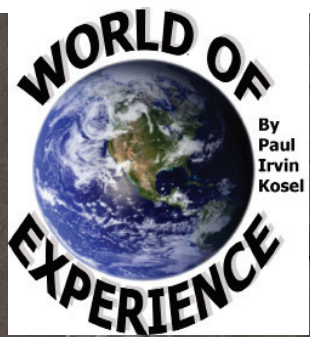
In *Hayburn's Case* (1792), Jay reinforced the Constitution's Article III requirement that the Court's jurisdiction is limited to hearing genuine "cases or controversies," which prohibits the Court from rendering advisory opinions. The Court refused to permit federal courts to pass judgment, as a federal statute mandated, on the claims of invalid pensioners since congressional discretion to overturn judicial rulings would impair judicial independence and render them advisory.

The prohibition prevented the Court, in 1793, from answering questions from President Washington about laws pertaining to the official recognition of the French ambassador, Citizen Genet. Genet was an obnoxious foreign guest, whipping up American support for France in its war against England, despite our official policy of neutrality in the war between the two great European powers.

Jay, however, answered the questions in a personal letter to his friend, Secretary of Treasury of Alexander Hamilton. There was at the time no convention that prohibited Justices from lending advice to the president.

In 1794, Chief Justice Jay, at the request of President Washington, sailed to London to negotiate what became known as the Jay Treaty, which averted war between the United States and England by resolving issues that had lingered since the Revolutionary War. Jay believed that the agreement assured America's commercial prosperity, although Jeffersonian Republicans accused Jay of sacrificing national honor to British insolence.

Jay's reputation remained intact. After his retirement from the Court, he was elected Governor of New York. In 1800, as Jay's term was expiring, President John Adams nominated Jay to become Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for a second time. Although he was approved by the Senate, Jay declined and retired to upstate New York to farm his property. Adams proceeded to appoint John Marshall, who went on to become the most famous member of the Court in the nation's history.



By Paul Irvin Kosel

The final run

Saturday morning marked the final run for our family in delivering the Aberdeen American News. My wife, Tina was delivering the paper prior to me coming to Groton. Then I got into the mix of things and started delivering as well. Jeslyn and Tina took over a couple of routes for a while. I then took over the whole town. We've delivered in the rain, the storms and the blizzards. To say that I have seen so many changes in the production and delivery of the paper is an understatement. Will I sleep in - probably not, but if I want too, I can. No more trying to find substitutes. And thanks to those who have helped us out during the journey. One nice thing is that when we go somewhere, I no longer have to rush back to deliver the paper. Even with that all said, it is a bittersweet moment.

I remember when I was chosen as the Carrier of the Month. Mark Herman was in charge of the circulation department.

He called me up and had me on speaker phone as they congratulated me on the feat. That was pretty neat.

The subscribers saw the development of our family over the years with our Christmas cards and so many of you showered us with gifts of money at Christmastime. To that, thank you so much. On that note - this chapter is closed. (but still Paper Paul!)

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**Frederick Town
 July 13, 2023
 Meeting Minutes**

Town of Frederick
 July 13, 2022 Minutes
 Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, July 13, 2022 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Troy Millard and Jeff Kosters, Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer Diane Bruns and Mariah Heine, and Frederick Volunteer Firefighters Chief Kevin Barton.

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

The minutes of the June meetings were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The July accounts payable were approved excluding the bill from JM Electric with a motion by Kosters/Millard; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,026.41; Amerian Solutions FO \$176.81; Bower Tree Service storm cleanup Gen'l \$2,110; Bower Tree

Service storm cleanup Gen'l \$527.50; BC Sheriff's Dept deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$93.31; Community Store supplies Gen'l/SP \$63.45; D. Bruns CC \$86.87; D. Bruns wage FO \$1,434.95; Doug Burkhart reimburse exp Swr \$399.38; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,292; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$1,055.96; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; FDC Econ Dev \$1,200; FU Oil propane EBL \$483.30; J. Kosters wage Gen'l \$92.35; JVT phone/svc FO/EBL/Wtr/Gen'l \$349.48; M. Cox wage EBL \$621.92; M. Heine wage FO \$1,126.37; M. Morlock mowing wages Gen'l \$170.85; Menard's supplies SP \$61.37; R. Bakeberg wage St/Wtr/Swr \$893.85; R. Bakeberg exp SP \$23.42; R. Bakeberg veh. allow. St/Wtr/Swr \$75; R. Bakeberg wage Cmtry \$253.96; R.S. Campbell reimburse Mun Bldg \$115.44; Readit Tech support FO \$87.50; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Grbg \$75.63; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$138.52; Visa fee Gen'l \$5; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$4,289.65; USPS stamps Wtr/Swr/Grbg \$174

OLD BUSINESS
 The board is going to research which trees to plant this fall in Simmons Park to replace lost

trees. Many of the properties that were in violation of the city ordinances were sent letters abated the nuisances.

NEW BUSINESS

The Emma Burnham Library 2nd quarter report was accepted with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. WEB Water will be increasing their rate again this fall, and the board will need to increase water rates. Kevin Barton noted that the estimated cost of labor from assisting in clean up from the June 14 storm totaled about \$46,000. It was noted by a county official that it may be advantageous for the city to adopt a disaster plan.

Motion to enter executive session made at 7:53 made by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. Campbell declared the board out of executive session at 8:16.

Motion to adjourn made by Kosters/Millard at 8:19 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine
 Assistant Finance Officer

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**Brown County
 Drees Rezoning
 Notice**

NOTICE

Application has been made by Jerry & Connie Drees 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 August 15, 2023 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use:

Lot 1 & Lot 2, "Odland's First Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 12-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37970 & 37982 132nd Street, Merck 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. 252.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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**Brown County
 Nilsson Rezoning
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Lot 1, "Subdivision of Lutgen's Outlot 1" in the NE1/4 of Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (379660 Shore Drive South, Ra-

vinia 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. 253.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County
 Sippel Rezoning
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Lot 1 & Lot 2, "First Subdivision of Sippel's Outlot 1" in the NE1/4 of Section 34-T124N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12905 & 12909 404th Avenue, Putney 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. 251.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County
 Edwards Rezoning
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Proposed Lot 1, "Sumption-Edwards Addition" in the N1/2 of Section 29-T127N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38355 110th Street, Frederick 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. 254.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County
July 25, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

JULY 25, 2023 – 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 Dennert, Fjeldheim, Wiese, Gage, and Sutton. Commissioner Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Chad Ellsworth from Rapid City wanted to comment on Resolution #33-22/Moratorium, he wanted to say Congratulations & Thanks to Commissioner Dennert for standing tall with the Judicial adventure that was discussed last week. Mr. Ellsworth stated that there are a lot of people depending on Mr. Dennert's contribution to this Commission. Mr. Ellsworth then discussed Resolution #33-22 – clearly stating that the County does impose a temporary moratorium on issuance of any and all permits, licenses, and approvals for the construction of pipelines traversing these lands. Any judicial order or PUC preemption notwithstanding the County clearly has a beneficial interest in the violation of its own moratorium, it's seeking tyranny. When County Commission uses the moratorium to shift its burden over to its constituents it's heading that same direction. When Commission makes a sweetheart deal with its opponent (Summit) at the expense of its constituents, its heading that direction. When Commission secrets its meetings and conversations – using the minutes not being disclosed [Note: The minutes need to be approved by the Commission before being published online or in the newspaper] and fails to disclose public documents in malicious censorship it has obtained tyranny and declared comitatus. Accordingly, Mr. Ellsworth stated he finds the Chairman of this Commission in contempt of the county constituents and the public at large as well as the Oath to be impartial.

GOSSMAN UPDATE: Stacy Gossman came in this morning to give the Commissioner's an update on his business plans. He did ask if there is a limit on Beer and Wine Licenses in the County – Auditor Heupel stated that there is no limit on Malt Beverage licenses in the County. Stacy stated property couldn't be build on along Roosevelt because it was in the flood way but has been brought out of the flood way now. Stacy just wanted to voice his opinion and let the Commission know that he plans to do stuff with the County.

SD DEPT. OF HEALTH UPDATE: Robin Warrington informed the Commissioners that Kari Stickelmyer has resigned and moved out of State. Robin gave the Commission a Biannual Update for the Brown County Community Health. They have 1 other Full-time nurse besides Robin, and they are determining how to fill Kari's position – Nurse, LPN, or Dietician. Robin shared they are continuing with all the programs: Immunizations for Kids; WIC Program which spent \$218,092.32 in Food Packages from January – June; Pregnancy programs including offering cribs for safe sleep; Fluoride treatments and Developmental Screenings for kids. Community involvement includes attending monthly CASSP meetings and Salvation Army Agency Fair.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting minutes of July 18, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Claims: Professional Fees: Avera Medical Group Radiology \$294.50; Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$8.57; Birmingham & Cwach Law Offices, PLLC \$327.65; Blackburn & Stevens, Prof. LLC \$128.40; CGI, LLC \$1,961.88; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$40.00; Dakota Group LLC \$2,100.00; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$902.50; Kristi Brandt \$1,032.25; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$1,586.00; Park Dietz & Associates, Inc 10,209.38; Sanford Aberdeen ED \$350.19; Sanford Clinic Aberdeen \$62.22; Sanford Clinic Radiology-North Center \$81.01; SD Dept of Health \$1,040.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$2,622.18; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$1,536.90; Yankton County Treasurer \$270.00. Publishing: GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc \$39.96; Groton Daily Independent \$280.91; The Argus Leader \$21.93. Rentals: Aramark \$524.46. Repairs &

Maintenance: HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$3,277.67; Hub City Roofing Inc \$80.00; Olson's Pest Technicians \$190.00; Otis Elevator Company \$59.60; Pheasantland Industries, Garment Division \$17.93; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$190.00; Schroeder Construction Inc \$104,232.25; Schwab Welding \$164.00; Spellman Painters \$2,091.05; Steven Lust Automotive \$72.15; Webster Scale \$192,505.50. Supplies: Century Business Products \$376.34; Cole Paper Inc \$694.68; Geffdog Designs \$381.72; Hall Sand & Gravel, Inc \$96,133.98; Kessler's \$206.62; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$94.16; Lien Transportation Company \$100,123.62; Midwest Pump & Tank \$317.54; Nicole Volk \$13.17; Pheasantland Industries, Garment Division \$538.50; Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc \$154.07; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$71.52; Runnings \$84.97. Travel & Conference: Clubhouse Hotel & Suites Pierre \$431.36; Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center \$210.00; SD Assoc of County Commissioners \$1,600.00. Utilities: CenturyLink \$1,144.05; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$165.00; Northwestern Energy \$1,021.82; Verizon Wireless \$41.81; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$130.04. Machinery & Equipment: Titan Machinery \$159,900.00. Others: Michael Elsen \$900.00; Safe Harbor \$1,258.50; SD Assoc of County Officials \$1,024.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulations \$1,012,491.05. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to acknowledge & approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim: Transfer of Sam Mouna from Brown County Home Detention Sergeant to Jail Administrator, wage \$2,709.61/pay period; effective August 7, 2023. Request to fill. Employment ending for: Tony Garcia, Brown County Deputy Sheriff, PT; effective July 16, 2023; Morgan Bingham, Brown County 911 Communications Officer, FT; effective July 21, 2023 - Request to fill. Resignation of Polly Rush, Brown County Equalization Administrative Assistant, FT; effective August 4, 2023 - Request to fill. Hiring of the following: Hunter Miller, Brown County Landfill Grounds Worker, PT; starting wage \$18.55/hour; effective July 24, 2023; Joshua Lee, Brown County Sheriff, PT; starting wage \$25.18/hour; effective July 24, 2023; Sally Swanson, Brown County Building Service Worker, PT; starting wage \$14.08/hour; effective August 7, 2023; Joseph Adams, Brown County IT Specialist, wage \$2,709.61/pay period; effective July 31, 2023. Classification change for Cory Lane, Senior IT Specialist from hourly to salary, effective July 31, 2023. Wage increase for Cory Lane, Senior IT Specialist from \$29.21/hour to \$2,709.61/pay period; effective July 31, 2023. Approve personal miles driven for May 2023 at .655 per mile as follows: Kendall Titze 90 miles at \$58.95; John Florey 120 miles at \$78.60; Mike Scott 220 miles at \$144.10. Approve personal miles driven for June 2023 at .655 per mile as follows: Kendall Titze 108 miles at \$70.74; John Florey 108 miles at \$70.74; Mike Scott 200 miles at \$131.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese 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.

ZONING ORDINANCES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to set hearing date and authorize advertising for first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held on August 15, 2023, in the Commission's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Proposed Ordinance 251, applicant John Sippel requesting to move from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Ag District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Lot 1 & Lot 2, "First Subdivision of Sippel's Outlot 1" in the NE1/4 of Section 34-T124N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12905 & 12909 404th Avenue, Putney Twp.); Proposed Ordinance 252, applicant Jerry & Connie Drees requesting to move from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Ag District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Lot 1 & Lot 2, "Odland's First Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 12-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37970 & 37982 132nd Street, Mercier Twp.); Proposed Ordinance 253, applicant Carey & Sonya Nilsson requesting to move from Agriculture Preserva-

tion District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Lot 1, "Subdivision of Lutgen's Outlot 1" in the NE1/4 of Section 25-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (379660 Shore Drive South, Ravinia Twp.); Proposed Ordinance 254, applicant William O. Edwards 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: Proposed Lot 1, "Sumption-Edwards Addition" in the N1/2 of Section 29-T127N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38355 110th Street, Frederick Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS: Resolution #28-23: Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the Plat showing Bath Quick Stop First Addition in the E 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 18-T123N-R62W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #29-23: Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the Plat showing Sumption-Edwards Addition in the N 1/2 of Section 29-T127N-R64W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-2-2, and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #30-23: Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the Plat showing "Hoffman Fischer Estates Addition in the SW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 124 North, Range 64 West of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been ex-

amined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3 and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #31-23: Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the Plat showing Scarborough First Addition in the NW 1/4 of Section 22-T121N-R65W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #32-23: Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the Plat showing Mary Cutler's Second Subdivision in the SW 1/4 of Section 10-T123N-R63W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Commissioner Wiese with the stipulation that the approaches be added to the plat. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #33-23: Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the Plat showing Dirreckson First Subdivision in the NW 1/4 of Section 26-T123N-R65W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Commissioner Wiese with the stipulation that the approaches be added to the plat. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

AGREEMENT TO SATISFY CREDITOR CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Auditor Heupel to sign the Agreement to Satisfy Creditor Claims. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

NSU GYPSY DAY PARADE REQUEST: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the NSU Gypsy Day Parade committee to set up 2 port-a-potties in the County Lot behind the Dacotah Prairie Museum on Friday, October 6, 2023, with pick-up on Monday, October 9, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY FEE AGREEMENT FOR QUIET TITLE ACTION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Attorney Fee Agreement for Quiet Title Action. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABERDEEN CITY ZONING APPLICATION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Aberdeen City Zoning Application for 605 N. Arch St., Aberdeen, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chairman Sutton shared that Former

Commissioner Dennis Feickert called him this morning asking for 2 Commissioners to join the Landowner's Coalition that is being formed. Ziebach and Hand County each have 2 Commissioners committed at this time. Commissioner Gage and Dennert volunteered to represent Brown County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to go into Executive Session for Legal, Contracts and Personnel 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 Gage, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:57 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Thank you!!!!!!

I would like to thank everyone involved with my benefit from the bottom of my heart. I am so humbled by the number of people who volunteered to take charge and make it such a beautiful, successful day. Thank you to everyone who showed up in person and everyone who reached out but couldn't be there. I noticed and appreciated each and every one of you. Thank you to Thrivent, Dacotah Bank, and Venture Communications for helping with expenses. A huge thank you to my sister, Stephanie, for making this event so special and organized. Thank you to all my sweet friends and family members for helping her pull it off. The kids' activity room was great, the flyers were beautiful, and the article in the Marshall County Journal was perfect. Thank you to all my aunts, uncles, and cousins who headed up the food and made an amazing meal. Thank you to Horton's Meat Processing for the burgers and brats. Thank you to Snapper's for the beverages. Thank you to the Britton Cornhole Club for the fun tournament. Thank you to Scott Bush and everyone who helped with the live auction. Thank you to Angela Antonsen for making 350+ t-shirts! Thank you to everyone who helped set up and tear down for the event. Thank you to Burt, Tady, and Noah for being my rock that day! Thank you to each and every one of you who donated baskets for the silent auction, raffle drawings, and the live auction. Thank you to my best girls that made the whole thing run so smoothly! There were so many amazing items I could not begin to thank you enough. If I missed anyone, I am truly sorry. I am so very thankful for it all. It was a wonderful day!

Sincerely, Angela Glover

Laws, lands and lives: Much at stake in CO2 pipeline debate

Bart Pfankuch

South Dakota News Watch

For more than a year, a highly divisive debate has raged in South Dakota over two proposed carbon dioxide pipelines that would capture the toxic gas from ethanol plants and carry it to North Dakota and Illinois for disposal underground.

The stakes are extremely high on both sides of the argument, with billions of dollars of possible investment in play, hundreds of landowners potentially affected and the stability of the state's \$3 billion ethanol industry hanging in the balance.

At the same time, the ongoing state-permitting process and possible legislative involvement hold the potential to forever alter landowner rights in the state and further codify the ability of corporations to implement eminent domain to use the land of property owners without their consent.

And finally, hovering over the entire permitting process is the question of whether carbon-capture technology is a good investment of billions of federal dollars to reduce CO2 emissions.

Complex, multi-faceted discussions and permitting processes are taking place in six affected states over whether — and how — to site, build and put into operation the combined 3,300 miles of pipelines that operators hope to have in place and flowing in 2024.

But the debate in South Dakota, where one pipeline would cross 470 miles and the other 62 miles of mostly East River farmland, has taken on greater significance as Public Utilities Commission members face decisions that could alter the lands, the laws and the lives of South Dakotans for an inestimable number of years.

As regulators in Pierre hold hearings and grapple with approval decisions, and some lawmakers and local governments begin to seek ways to protect landowners from eminent domain, South Dakota News Watch is providing a platform on which to better understand the proposed projects and their potential outcomes.

The proposals

The two separate pipeline projects, proposed by Summit Carbon Solutions and Navigator CO2 Ventures, both based in Iowa, are in the early stages of planning and permitting, and both hope to be operational in 2024. Both projects seek to use carbon-capture and sequestration technology, or CCS, to collect CO2 from ethanol plants and ship it in liquid form through miles of pipelines to sites where it will be buried and held deep underground.

The 2,000-mile, \$3.7 billion Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline would cross 469 miles in South Dakota, carrying 12 million tons of CO2 northward each year from 32 ethanol plants in five states to a site in central North Dakota, where the CO2 would be buried and permanently stored more than a mile underground.

A second CO2 pipeline, a \$3 billion, 1,300-mile project proposed by Navigator CO2 Ventures, would capture 15 million tons of CO2 each year from 20 ethanol and fertilizer plants in five states. The Navigator pipeline would cross 62 miles in South Dakota and terminate at a site in central Illinois where the CO2 would be buried 6,400 feet underground.

The technology

Some experts question whether CCS is an effective method of fighting climate change and if it is worth the billions in investment.

A fundamental question among climate-change scientists is whether the practice of

CCS, the process at the heart of the two proposed pipeline projects, is the best way forward in the effort to reduce carbon emissions into the atmosphere. Also in play, however, is the debate over the cost, and whether spending billions on carbon-capture technology is the best use of taxpayer money and industry investment in the broader effort to reach net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases and ultimately better protect the planet from climate change. Some argue that focusing time, money and resources on CCS to mitigate climate change could slow more effective efforts to protect the earth.

In CCS, carbon emitted by industrial plants is captured at the source rather than being emitted into the atmosphere. The carbon dioxide is then pressurized into a liquid that is transported through underground pipelines to storage areas far beneath the earth's surface.

The two pipelines could keep nearly 30 million tons of carbon dioxide a year from the atmosphere, which makes them highly valuable, said Matthew Fry, a policy analyst on carbon issues for the Great Plains Institute, a Minnesota-based independent, nonprofit think-tank focused on energy and climate.

"We're going to transition away from fossil fuels eventually, but it isn't going to happen in my lifetime ... because we just can't meet our requirements as humans at this point to immediately switch to full non-carbon emission industry or energy resources," Fry said. "So in the space of transition before we can go full green, we're going to have to do carbon capture to meet climate goals."

Opponents of CCS, however, say the billions spent to capture carbon and build pipelines to carry it could be better spent in reducing dependence on fossil fuels to begin with, and in protecting natural methods of CO2 reduction, such as increasing forests and natural areas. They say the money could also be used to further incentivize industries, including carmakers, to more rapidly advance the switch to electric or other low-emission vehicles.

Those who oppose CCS also say the process is a way of "green-washing" the fossil-fuel industry, giving the appearance of reducing carbon emissions while actually extending the time America and the world are reliant on fossil fuels for transportation.

"You're trying to take an environmentally destructive activity and rebrand it in a way that makes it appear benign," said Basav Sen, the climate-justice project director at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C. "The idea of using energy sources that put carbon into the atmosphere and addressing it after the fact by attempting to capture that carbon and store it in the ground is a non-starter for all kinds of reasons having to do with science, social justice, and economic feasibility."

The money

The U.S. Congress has been largely supportive of CCS, and has allocated billions in funding to support research and development of carbon-capture projects. From 2010 to 2020, Congress provided \$10.7 billion to CCS-related activity and programs, according to an October 2021 Congressional Research Service report. President Joe Biden recently signed into law his omnibus \$1 trillion infrastructure package, which provides another \$12 billion for carbon-capture research and projects. Much of that funding is available to companies that build and operate carbon-capture projects, in particular through the ongoing 45Q tax-credit program.

Project developers also say the projects would create significant tax revenues and both initial construction jobs and some ongoing employment for areas where the pipelines are laid.

The landowners

Dozens of South Dakota landowners, many of them East River farmers, have had their land targeted for use by the pipeline companies, and some fear that eminent domain may be used to dig through their land without consent.

Pipeline construction tears up land owned in some cases for generations by the same families; there's an inherent risk of leakage; farmland is turned over and taken out of production; drain-tile systems and water-flow patterns can be affected; and payments for use of the land are far from life-changing. Hundreds of South Dakota landowners have signed up to address state regulators about the Summit project, many in strong opposition.

Those farmers and rural families have valid concerns, especially those who have already endured the upheaval caused by the Dakota Access Pipeline, which was laid in some cases very near the same route as the proposed CO2 pipelines.

Charlie Johnson is an organic farmer who leases farmland near Madison, S.D., and who opposes the CCS pipeline that may pass through the land he farms. Johnson went through a similar process when the Dakota Access Pipeline went through the land he works.

Johnson's disdain for the CCS project transcends damage to the earth. Johnson simply believes that there are more worthwhile, viable and sensible solutions to reducing climate change and carbon emissions that don't include spending billions on capture technology and underground pipelines.

"What we're doing is creating stress and anxiety for thousands of landowners, we're tearing up the land, we're investing billions of dollars that could be invested better," Johnson said. "Let's get back to simpler approaches; let's get back to capturing carbon by using nature itself."

Landowners have rallied against the pipelines before state lawmakers and local governments. Some legislators and county officials are sympathetic, and have tried to block the pipelines. A group of lawmakers has called for a special session to reconsider how and whether the state should allow eminent domain to be used to use land of unwilling property owners, though so far no session has been set.

Meanwhile, state regulators continue to move forward with the approval process, which could continue into 2024.

Ethanol plants on board

Several ethanol producers in South Dakota and across the Midwest have signed on to provide CO2 to the pipeline projects. Poet biofuels, the nation's largest ethanol company based in Sioux Falls, said in June 2022 that it would provide CO2 to the Navigator project.

Ethanol producers see the pipelines as a way to reduce their overall carbon emission scores, which could open new markets for their products, and as part of continuing efforts to reduce overall emissions and stabilize their businesses even further.

Safety concerns

Summit officials told South Dakota lawmakers during a 2022 hearing that no fatalities had ever been linked to a CCS pipeline.

But in February 2020, a 24-inch carbon dioxide pipeline ruptured in Satartia, Miss., causing a green gas to be emitted from the break. No residents or responders died, but about 300 people were evacuated and nearly four dozen people were treated at local hospitals. Liquefied CO2 is dense and tends to stay near the ground in a leakage, making it more dangerous than chemicals that may disperse quickly into higher elevations.

Officials with Summit and Navigator say the CCS industry has learned from that incident, and that safety is the top priority for both companies.

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City Council discusses location of new comfort station

by Elizabeth Varin

The Groton City Council traded the confines of city hall for the open expanse of the city park as they looked at where the new park bathroom and tornado shelter should be built.

At the close of the Tuesday meeting, council members drove down to the park to finalize where they would like to see the new comfort station built.

"I think we found our location," said Councilman Brian Bahr. "I think it's a great spot."

The council, along with Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich and resident Topper Tastad, mapped out the footprint of the new building based on the old water fountain that stands south of the current park bathroom. From the south corner of the fountain, the building would stretch 46 feet west and 36 feet south to make up a square next to the current sidewalk.

"Everybody OK with that?" asked Mayor Scott Hanlon, to which council members answered back "yes."

The location was a final piece of the plan the city will submit for possible grant funding from the state and federal governments.

Earlier in the meeting, the council was presented with updated costs to build the facility that includes the women's restroom, men's restroom, family restroom, utility room and standing room that acts as an emergency tornado shelter.

The probable cost of building the 1,629 square foot structure would total about \$630,000, said Dean Marske, president of HKG Architects. Those are estimates, and a finalized amount won't be known until the project goes out to bid.

If the Federal Emergency Management Agency approves a reimbursement rate of 75 percent, and the state kicks in another 10 percent, the eligible reimbursement would total \$450,000, he said. However, the state and federal governments will not reimburse some portions of the project, like the showers and some of the restroom costs, as they aren't requirements for an emergency shelter.

Anything that isn't considered necessary will not be reimbursed, added Ted Dickey, program coordinator at the Northeast Council of Governments.

"It's supposed to be a plain jane building," he said.

Dickey said the document that will be submitted to the state to review is nearing completion. He will get council's approval, though, before it is sent off.

Early in the meeting at City Hall, Dickey and Marske asked the council to pick a location for the new building to sit.

Councilman Bahr said he doesn't want to shut down the current bathrooms for a full summer while construction takes place.

"And I don't want port-o-potties because those would get rancid," he added.

Councilwoman Karyn Babcock said she likes the idea of moving the bathroom building south of the current structure. It would open up a camping spot or two at the park.

It's a replacement that is necessary, added Mayor Hanlon.

"We need it," he said. "We need new bathrooms. It's time. It's time."

Texting the city of Groton may be coming

Another improvement the city is looking at would be to communication with residents.

Finance Officer Heinrich told the council about TextMyGov, a system that would allow the city to text residents about issues taking place. The program also allows residents to text the number and get answers or information right away.

Local governments can answer questions, send links to their website and engage with residents, he said. Currently, the city uses the One Call Now from OnSolve to get messages to residents.

"It's an expensive endeavor we do with limited success," he said.

Currently the city spends between \$120-\$200 per call with One Call Now, he said. There is no indication that people pick up the calls or whether it goes to voicemail. And staff dread having to send out the calls too.

TextMyGov costs more, \$3,000 per year with a \$1,500 installation and set up fee, but it could be utilized a lot more than what the city currently does with One Call Now, Heinrich said. And there would be something similar to a paper trail to indicate whether residents have received the notification.

"Is it three times gooder?" asked Councilman Jon Cutler.

Because Groton is a small town, city staff still get ques-



The Groton City Council took a tour to the park to figure out where to put the new bathroom facility. Pictured are Jason Wambach, Kevin Nehls, Douglas Heinrich, Shirley Wells, Topper Tastad, Brian Bahr, Mayor Scott Hanlon, Karyn Babcock and Jon Cutler. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

tions on their personal cell phones and messaging platforms during their off-time, said Councilwoman Babcock.

"This would help kind of take away from that," she said.

Hanlon replied: "Instead of calling them? That's not going to happen."

If someone is going to call a council member or city worker, they're still going to do it even with something like TextMyGov in place, he added.

Moving from calls to texts is a sign of the times, Hanlon said. It's something the council should think about moving forward.

Hanlon and Councilwoman Shirley Wells asked city staff to put the question out on the city's website or Facebook page to gauge how residents feel on it.

"We're supposed to serve the people, what they want," Hanlon said. "Let's see what they want."

- Councilwoman Karyn Babcock brought up concerns about how much time city staff spends checking electrical meters. She asked if it would be worthwhile to replace the 80 or so that need to be checked manually each month. Electric Utility Supervisor Todd Gay said the meters aren't necessarily the issue, but rather issues getting the signal back to the city to remotely check the meters. Last year, the city had issues with about 40 meters, and that number has grown to 80 this year, Gay said. It seems to be interference in the signal in some places, and some signals aren't as strong as they used to be. Council members asked whether the city should replace those meters, to which Gay responded not yet. New technology is already in place in Europe and Asia, and is progressing to the U.S. However, it's not quite available yet, and it doesn't make sense to put money into new meters if the technology isn't up to date.

- What's that smell? Wastewater Superintendent Dwight Zerr told the council that standing water along the Railroad Avenue south of the golf course has caused it. "If you get the right wind, it's not good," he added.

- Staff discussed a concern brought up by Mayor Hanlon about undergrounding power lines by the seed companies on Railroad Avenue. "It costs a lot of money," said Electric Utility Supervisor Todd Gay. "Just doing his (Joel Bierman's) property doesn't make sense. We can do it, but if you're going to fix one problem, you should fix two of them." Ted Dickey added that there might be some grant funding available, but there needs to be a cost-benefit analysis done, and it would be hard to show a need if there haven't been power outages or other issues there.

- City staff are looking at a new skid steer, and Public Works Coordinator Terry Herron said he hopes the council can finalize a decision by its next meeting in mid-August. The city has a good bid for a new piece of equipment, but council members asked staff to look into other manufacturers before going with one. The cost of the machine has already jumped up five percent from when the bid was given in July, but the company said they would honor the lower bid cost.



The council was doing measurements to determine the location of the new comfort station (park bathroom facility). (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Cyndy Larson from the Columbia Community Foundation talked about the efforts to raise money and to make a dream come true. Flaging her are members of the foundation as well as an Agtegra representative - Agtegra donated land to the project. Larson said Dean Buntrock and the Congregational UCC congregation gave a huge amount to jump start the baseball park and city park project. With their donations, along with many other donations, the Columbia community has raised \$828,295 in 16 months. The goal is to read \$1 million so that \$45,000 a year can be used for maintenance and donations. The foundation gave \$2,500 to the City of Columbia to pay for the services of Paula Jensen of Dakota Resources.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Pastor Mike Kampa from the Brentford Church opened up the dedication ceremony. He called Columbia a "little community with a great big heart."

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Ray Larson, representing the Columbia Parks and Rec Department and the Columbia American Legion talked about Columbia's passion for baseball. He talked about the Wahl family, and especially Kermit Wahl who played in the major leagues.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for two businesses that have been thriving in recent months in Columbia. Tyler Kampa and Karen from Karen's Bar and Grill and Emily Eichler with Eichler's Day Care were on hand for the cutting ceremony.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Anna Bisbee sang the National Anthem before the start of the youth baseball game.

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



The combined Groton Area junior and senior drumline performed a special beat just for the Columbia Summer Fest. They started off the parade with their performance.



The Columbia and Groton teams stand as the national anthem was sung.

(Photo by Tigh Fliehs)



The Columbia Legion presented the colors.



Doris and Lloyd Dennert were the Grand Marshalls. They have been married for 72 years.



Jason and Dannielle Pullan with a 1965 Chevelle SS.



1949 Ford 1 ton purchased by Harold Dennert, owned by Paul Dennert.



A 1968 Chevy Nova II owned by Barb Johnson Imberi and Glenn Imberi. Barb bought it new in 1968 from Trail Chevrolet in Groton.



The Columbia Fire Department.



Alfred and Doris Larson are Columbia High School Sweethearts. They have been married for nearly 73 years and have been farming in the area since 1946.



Bruce and Vickie Sippel are driving this 1934 Ford Roadster.



The Kermit Wahl family rode the Nettie Baldwin.



Bisbee's Lawn Care have champion service when it comes to lawn care.



Wetonka Veterinary Services with their entry in the parade.



A 1941 Farmall H driven by a fifth generation.



Matt Leidholdt is driving a 1947 Willy's Overland Wagon for Leidholdt Tool Sales.



A new, full hook-up all-season campground is now available at Sand Lake Campground.



A 1969 Chevelle driving by Kaden Kampa, grandson of Dwight and Cheryl Kampa.



This 1939 Allis Chalmers B is owned by Barb Johnson Imberi. Clare Johnson used it for wood cutting.



Columbia's own "James Gang" is "bad to the bone!"



Eric Frohling and Lynn Frohling (Roettele) with this 1966 Mustang.



Left: Rustic Cuts and Hagen Farms - Theresa and Lenny Hagen.



The Shaunaman Train makes its rounds.



The Columbia Comets cheerleaders have shared over 60 years of spirit, cheering on the Comet basketball team to four state tournaments.



The 2023 Columbia Midget and PeeWee teams had a clean sweep of the Three Rivers Tournament this year.



Prairie Heights Healthcare - 59 years of nursing and rehab services. Wishing Arlen Hanson, a recent rehab grad, a Happy 90th Birthday.



Groton Golf Cars, owned by Steve Dunker of Groton. Riding it are Jan and Nancy Gilchrist with grandson, Vykr Gilchrist.



Ron Ringgenberg on a 1952 Super A and Terry Haaland on a 1958 630 John Deere.



Titan Machinery of Aberdeen.



Kenny Hamm, Westport, with his 1947 Ford M.



Hefty Seed Company.



St. John's Lutheran Church was established in 1887 and was formally organized as Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. In 1917 Zion Congregation decided to organize a daughter congregation in the city of Columbia known as St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. In 1928 the two congregations joined together and retain the name St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.



St. John's Lutheran School started in 1887 north of Columbia at the site of St. John's Cemetery. Later it was moved into Columbia where it remained until the closing in 1969.



Wilbur Albrecht with his tractor, representing the 2 Cylinder Club.



Big things are coming for Columbia! Karen's Bar & Grill.



Columbia Congregational Church celebrating 140 years.



Daly Corner has a fourth generation of farmers. Driven by Olivia, granddaughter of Steve and Patti Daly.



Mohr Honey and family.



DeHoet family, in memory of Carroll and Arlyce DeHoet.



Eric Cease with Race Car #12 from Bath.



Duck Race Float.



Cara Dennert, Columbia City Finance Officer, drives the city vehicle in the parade. Columbia City officials would like to "Thank everyone for making this a great community!"



Eugene Anderson with C Larson Trucking owned by Carson and Julie Larson.



Thanks to efforts by the community to keep a daycare going in Columbia, Emily Eichler has opened a daycare this year.



David Hofer of DH Trucking driving this 2022 Peterbilt.



Kippley Tax Service of Aberdeen.



Jake Unzen, Mitch Perman and Josh Heupel took first place in the Pro Am Tournament held Thursday at the Olive Grove Golf Course. Their pro was Joshua Reckley. (Photo courtesy Alexa Schuring, Olive Grove Golf Course)



Kade Brown won the Pro division with a 67 on a playoff. (Photo courtesy Alexa Schuring, Olive Grove Golf Course)



Brad Larson had low gross and Josh Heupel had low net at the Pro Am Golf Tournament. (Photo courtesy Alexa Schuring, Olive Grove Golf Course)

Parade Photos by Paul Kosel



An inflatable was in Columbia for the Saturday festivities.



People walked down the nice paved road done by Brown County.

Thursday, July 20, 2023

Team Standings

- 1st Place – Mitch Perman, Jake Unzen, Josh Heupel, PRO – Joshua Reckley – 76 points
- 2nd Place – Brad Larson, Tyler Sperry, Blake Ronning, PRO – Ben Van Scoyk – 70 points
- 3rd Place – Kalen Kjellsen, Scott Vedvei, Brandon Stanley, PRO – Chris Gilman – 68 points
- 4th Place – Jason Hill, Eric Moody, Brian Carrels, PRO – Ben Van Scoyk – 67 points

PRO Results

- 1st Place – Kade Brown – 67 (won on playoff)
- 2nd Place – Ben Van Scoyk – 67
- (Tie) 3rd Place – Brandon Baker, Chris Gilman – 68

Amateur Gross Results

- 1st Place – Brad Larson – 73
- 2nd Place – Brad Waage – 76
- 3rd Place – Gabe Kjellsen – 77
- 4th Place – Sam Heintzman – 77

Amateur Net Results

- 1st Place – Josh Heupel – 66
- 2nd Place – Randy Stanley – 71
- 3rd Place – Jake Unzen – 71
- 4th Place – Brandon Stanley – 72

Brown County 4-H Fashion Revue Results

The 2023 Brown County 4-H Fashion Revue was held Tuesday July 11 . The event was held at

the Brown County 4-H Office. There was one participant this year.

Karelyn Farrand of Aberdeen was the judge. Models are judged on the following criteria: the fit of the garment, the accessories, the individual's modeling ability, the construction of the garment; and the garments cost and care. Each model was given a ribbon placing. All participants are invited to represent Brown County at the South Dakota State Fair as well as during 4-H Night at the Brown County Fair on Thursday, August 17, under the Ken's tent starting at 6:00 pm.

RESULTS:

Senior:

Purple Ribbon: Ashlynn Warrington



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Wednesday, Aug. 2

Senior Menu: Breaded pork cutlet, scalloped potatoes, Harvard beets, blushing pears, whole wheat bread.

Groton Chamber meeting, noon, at City Hall
Emmanuel Lutheran: Sarah Circle, 5 p.m.;
Freshmen Confirmation Info (students and parents), 6 p.m.; Youth Gathering Info (8th-12th), 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, Aug. 3

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, corn, Mandarin orange salad, whole wheat bread.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 4

Senior Menu: Chicken pasta salad, grape juice, muffin, watermelon, carrots.

Wine on Nine Golf Event

State Jr. Legion Baseball Tournament in Lennox: Groton vs. SF Christian 30 minutes after the second game.

Saturday, Aug. 5

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 209 N Main, open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

State Jr. Legion Baseball Tournament in Lennox

Sunday, Aug. 6

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.

United Methodist: Worship with communion: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. (Daniel and Karla Grenz will be speaking)

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.

State Jr. Legion Baseball Tournament in Lennox

Groton CM&A: Vacation Bible School (Keepers of the Kingdom), 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 7

Senior Menu: Turkey sub with lettuce, tomato and cheese, macaroni salad with peas, peaches, whole wheat bread.

The Pantry at Groton Community Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

School Supply Drive, Groton Community Center, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.; Sunday school meeting, 6 p.m.

United Methodist: Vacation Bible School, 5:30 p.m.

Groton CM&A: Vacation Bible School (Keepers of the Kingdom), 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 8

Senior Menu: New England ham dinner, dinner roll, fruit cocktail.

The Pantry at Groton Community Center, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 209 N Main, open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Church Council, 7 p.m.

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Vacation Bible School, 5:30 p.m.

Groton CM&A: Vacation Bible School (Keepers of the Kingdom), 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 9

Senior Menu: Sloppy Joe on bun, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, acini depepi fruit salad.

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

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

Groton CM&A: Vacation Bible School (Keepers of the Kingdom), 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 10

Senior Menu: Chicken Alfredo, California blend, peaches, whole wheat bread.

Family Fun Fest, Downtown Groton, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Summer Splash, Downtown Groton, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 209 N Main, open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Groton CM&A: Vacation Bible School (Keepers of the Kingdom), 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 11

Senior Menu: Taco salad with chips, Mexican rice with black beans, Mandarin oranges, pineapple, breadstick.

Girls soccer hosts West Central: Varsity at 11 a.m., JV at 1 p.m.

Baseball Golf Tourney Fundraiser at Olive Grove Golf Course

Saturday, Aug. 12

Postponed: Girls Soccer hosts Dakota Valley: Varsity at 1 p.m., JV at 2:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer at Freeman Academy, 1 p.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 209 N Main, open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

Sunday, Aug. 13

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.

United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 14

Senior Menu: Chicken rice casserole, mixed vegetables, chocolate pudding with banana, whole wheat bread.

Boys Golf at Sioux Valley (Volga), 10 a.m.

School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

The Pantry at Groton Community Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Aug. 15

Senior Menu: Baked pork chops, creamy noodles, California blend, apple sauce, whole wheat bread.

Girls Soccer hosts Garretson, 6 p.m.

The Pantry at Groton Community Center, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 209 N Main, open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

United Methodist: Conde Ad Council City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 16

Senior Menu: Beef stew, biscuit, Waldorf salad, muffin, tomato juice.

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.

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

Thursday, Aug. 17

Senior Menu: Ham, au gratin potatoes, broccoli/cauliflower blend, fruit, cookie, whole wheat bread.

Boys Golf at Milbank, 10 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: WELCA "Do Day", 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 18

Senior Menu: Chicken strips, tri-tators, peas and carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Girls Soccer hosts Belle Fourche, 4 p.m.

Boys Soccer hosts Belle Fourche, 6 p.m.

Football hosts Aberdeen Roncalli, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 19

Girls Soccer hosts St. Thomas More, 11 a.m.

Boys Soccer hosts St. Thomas More, 1 p.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 209 N Main, open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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

Sunday, Aug. 20

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Worship at Avantara, 3 p.m.

United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 21

Senior menu: Lasagna rotini, spinach salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, cookie, whole wheat bread.

Faculty In-Service

The Pantry at Groton Community Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.

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

Tuesday, Aug. 22

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, oriental blend vegetables, fruit, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.

Faculty In-Service

NEC Boys Golf at Redfield, 10 a.m.

The Pantry at Groton Community Center, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 209 N Main, open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 23

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

School Breakfast: Cereal.

School Lunch: Pizza crunchers, cooked carrots.

Senior Menu: Chicken cordon bleu hot dish, broccoli with carrots, pears, chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread.

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

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

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Thursday, Aug. 24

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
 School Lunch: Chicken strips, fries.
 Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, apricots, whole wheat bread.
 Volleyball hosts Hamlin, 6 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 25

School Breakfast: Biscuits.
 School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, corn.
 Senior Menu: Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, green beans, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread.
 Football at Redfield, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 26

Girls Soccer at Vermillion, 1 p.m.
 Boys Soccer at Vermillion, 2:30 p.m.
 Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 209 N Main, open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 27

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.
 United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 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.
 First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 28

Senior Menu: Chicken tetrazzini, mixed vegetables, honey fruit salad, lettuce salad with dressing, whole wheat bread.
 School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.
 School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, green beans.
 Girls Soccer at Mitchell, 4 p.m.
 Boys Soccer at Mitchell, 6 p.m.
 The Pantry at Groton Community Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center with potluck dinner, noon.
 Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham, green beans, sunset salad, whole wheat bread.
 School Breakfast: Waffles.
 School Lunch: Hot dogs at elementary, bratwurst at MS/HS, baked beans.
 Boys Golf at Lee Park Golf Course, Aberdeen, 10 a.m.
 Volleyball at Ipswich, 6 p.m.
 The Pantry at Groton Community Center, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 209 N Main, open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

School Breakfast: Egg bake.
 School Lunch: Cheese nachos.
 Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked sweet potatoes, creamed peas, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.
 United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.
 Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

Thursday, Aug. 31

School Breakfast: Pop tarts.
 School Lunch: Sloppy Joes (new recipe), tater tots.
 Senior Menu: Breaded chicken breast on bun, sliced tomato, fruit, cucumber salad, Mandarin oranges.
 Cross Country at Redfield, 10 a.m.
 Volleyball hosts Sisseton, 6 p.m.

The Life of Judy Larson



Groton Schools where she was active in chorus, band and editor of the school newspaper.

She graduated in 1961 and then went to Huron College where she was involved in the chorus. Graduating with a BSA degree in Business, she began her teaching career at Augustana Academy, a residential Lutheran high school in Canton. While there she was also advisor to the school newspaper and annual. This is where she met Lennis Larson. She spent a summer as a volunteer at Holden Village, Chelan, WA, a Lutheran Retreat Center and went with NSC on a education trip to Hawaii. Her next teaching assignment was in the Business Department at Mitchell Vocational-Technical School for eight years.

In 1972 she married Lennis Larson at St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton. She continued teaching in Mitchell while living in Parkston where Lennis taught. In 1977 they moved to Spearfish where she began a career at Black Hills State University. She was an Assistant in the Vice President's office where she was in charge of semester registrations. In 1980 she was chosen to be the head of the Career Center Service Department. She and her colleagues across the state started the SD Teacher Job Fair in Sioux Falls.

While she was at BHSU she served on numerous committees. Upon her retirement, Judy worked for Black Hills Counseling Services for four years.

The Spearfish years were productive in volunteering. She served 14 years on Spearfish City Council, President of the SD Municipal League, served on the DC Booth Historic Fish Hatchery Board, Grace Balloch Library Board, Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council, Rapid City and Spearfish Regional Hospital Boards. They also hosted four international high school students from Switzerland, Finland, Germany and Denmark. She loved to read, do embroidery projects, and travel – five cruise ship trips, train trip across Canada and a European trip to visit families of their international students

Family and friends who enjoyed sharing Judy's life are:

sister-in-law, Janet Lehman of Groton, nephews, Chad (Nacole) Lehman, of Groton and Ward Dirksen of Alexandria, VA, great nephew, Connor Lehman of Groton, nieces, Jenny Lehman (Tom) Sweeney of Shawnee, KS and Janelle Dirksen (Clay) Wilwert of Dubuque, IA, cousins, Luanne (David) Knutson of Silver Springs, MD and Ernie (Pat) Lehman of Kenmare, ND, friends; Dean and Mary Ann Myers, Steve and Lisa Gabriel and Riley and Barb Chrisman, PEO Sisters Chapter N, Friendship Ministry and Sonshine Squad, OSLC. Many thanks to all who sent flowers, food and cards of well wishes.

Judy was preceded in death by parents, Reuben and LaVerna Lehman, brother, Jerry Lehman, grandparents, Emil and Ella Lehman, Frank and Helen Wilke and aunt, Erna Lehman, uncle and aunt Henry and Dorothy Lehman

Memorials may be given in Judy's memory to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, PEO Sister Chapter N and BHSU Music Department.

Memorial visitation will be from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at Fidler-Isburg Funeral Chapel in Spearfish.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00am, Thursday, August 3, 2023 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Spearfish.

Heaven has a new member in its chorus, Judy Larson passed away July 27 at Rolling Hills Hospice Care, Belle Fourche, SD.

Judy Adelle Lehman was born on October 12, 1942 in Aberdeen, SD. Her parents, Reuben and LaVerna Lehman, farmed outside of Groton. She was baptized by her grandfather Rev. Frank Wilke. She attended

The Life of Leslie Dohman



Leslie Joseph Dohman, ninety-one, Groton, passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at Avantara Groton. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton on Saturday, July 29, 2023, with Father Greg Tschakert officiating.

Burial was at Groton Union Cemetery with military honors under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Leslie J. Dohman was born on April 16, 1932, in Webster, SD, to George and Agnes (Kriech) Dohman. He was the tenth of twelve children. Les left home at an early age and went to work for his older brother, Bill, in the Crandall Hills. Les graduated from Andover High School in 1950 and enjoyed playing baseball, basketball, and track. He was drafted and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After serving in Korea, Les returned to South Dakota to work for Bell Telephone. Les began courting Carol Ann Rix and married his sweetheart on June 30th, 1958.

Les and Carol began their life together in Miller, SD, where Carol taught second grade and Les continued to work for Bell Telephone. Aberdeen, SD, was the next destination until they moved to a farm located a half mile east of Putney, a special place where they raised seven children.

Les retired in 1982 from Bell Telephone after thirty-four years of service. He continued farming and raising cattle until moving to Groton in 1994. Living across the street from the high school, they enjoyed making lunch for many of their grandchildren. During retirement, Les and Carol spent time traveling to see their kids across the country and relaxing most summer weekends at their Pickerel Lake cabin. Les was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton American Legion Post 39, and the Telephone Pioneers.

Les could always be found driving his Chevy Avalanche around town. He loved going to his children's and grandchildren's activities, especially sporting events. He was a die-hard Green Bay Packers' fan. Les enjoyed going on hunting trips to the Hills and fishing off the dock at the lake. He loved playing cards with his buddies, but his favorite pastime was drinking coffee and eating donuts.

He was preceded in death by George and Agnes Dohman (parents), all eleven of his siblings, and three infant grandchildren, Christopher and Taylor Bohnenkamp, and Aaron Dohman.

Les is survived by his wife of sixty-five years, Carol Dohman, and his seven children, Anne Dohman, Arden (Vivian) Dohman, David (Tammy) Dohman, DeLynne (Andrew) Roloff, Susan (Jeff) Bohnenkamp, Steve (Tamra) Dohman, and Diane (Ryan) Kurtz.

Casket bearers will be his grandsons: Andrew Dohman, Matthew Dohman, Jacob Dohman, Kaden Kurtz, Kasey Kurtz, Gabriel Dohman, Zachary Bohnenkamp, Mitchell Bohnenkamp, Joey Roloff, Josh Roloff and Lucas Roloff.



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Dear EarthTalk: Is America's electrician shortage hurting our ability to get away from fossil fuels?

-- P. Simpson, Dallas, TX

A shift away from fossil fuels is necessary if we are to mitigate climate change, but a serious electrician shortage in the U.S. is proving to be one of the biggest barriers to reaching this goal. An American energy transition will be difficult to realize without enough people with the technical skills to implement it!

In August 2022, President Biden introduced the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) which included climate legislation aimed at lowering emissions and stimulating the green job economy. The act pledges a \$370 billion investment over the next decade in clean energy initiatives, and includes tax rebates to ensure that using renewable power sources is the accessible and attractive option.

The act thus increases the demand for the people who make these changes possible: electricians. To service the greater number of electric vehicles on roads (due to the \$7,500 tax rebate on new electric vehicles), electricians need to install hundreds of charging stations along highways. The shortage of electricians, particularly in California and the Northeastern states where demand for these developments is greatest, manifests as months-long waiting lists, discouraging consumers from going green.

Unfortunately, the rate at which electricians are retiring is greater than the rate at which new electricians are joining the workforce. Despite the median electrician's salary being greater than the average American salary, it is proving difficult to recruit and retain younger electricians. A university education is often perceived to be the most desirable route out of high school. The director of a regional apprenticeship program of the Laborers' International Union of North America said to David Owen of The New York Times, that despite union members earning more than \$50 per hour (in wages and benefits) ...one challenge "is overcoming the hesitation of parents who worry that "laborer" means "sweeper."

Technical schools, for those few who decide to attend, lack funding and teachers—experts earn far more in industry than they do teaching. Similarly, many electricians choose not to take on apprentices because it drains company money and time. Fortunately, some states (see below) offer tax credits to employers who take on apprentices, an incentive which encourages experienced laborers to educate the next generation. If your state is not listed, appeal to your local congressperson for change.

The extent of the electrician shortage could also be reduced by resolving the gaping hole in the skilled-labor industry: women and people of color. Harassment, historically exclusionary unions and lack of childcare are sometimes insurmountable barriers to entry. Only seven percent of electricians are black, and less than two percent are women. Developing and diversifying the workforce is sorely needed, but while that will emerge as it is doing in many industries, consider becoming an electrician. As climate activist Bill McKibben told The New York Times in an interview: "If you know a young person who wants to do something that's going to help the world and wants to make a good living at the same time, tell them to go become an electrician."

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"Nasal Congestion"

One of the most common reasons a person comes to the Ear Nose and Throat clinic is a stuffy nose. The way the symptoms are described varies. The stuffiness or congestion can be present at all times, at certain times of year, worse on one side, alternate sides, and may or may not respond to medications.

Getting this clear history and taking a close look helps me determine what are the causes and how best to help.

The nasal passages are divided from left and right by the nasal septum, which is made of bone and cartilage. A deviation (or bend) of the septum is common, but can be more extreme in some cases and cause significant narrowing of the nasal passage on one or both sides. Some are born with this deviation, and it may worsen as the person grows. Sometimes a history of a nasal injury is present, which could have bent the septum or increased the chance it becomes more bent over time if the injury occurred in childhood.

Within the nasal cavity are outpouchings called turbinates. A job of the nose is to prepare the air for the lungs, and it has structures that allow the air to be humidified, warmed and filtered. The turbinates are covered with a lining, called mucosa, which has numerous mucous glands and microscopic hairs. The turbinates are rich with blood vessels and periodically swell. This normal cycle of swelling can cause nasal congestion that alternates sides every few hours if the turbinates are excessively swollen.

The turbinates can become excessively swollen for several reasons, including viral infections, irritation from dryness, or allergies to name a few. Turbinate swelling can respond to topical medications such as steroid and antihistamine spray. Medical management of allergies if present, including allergy shots, can improve and control symptoms over time.

A less frequent cause of nasal congestion includes nasal polyps. These can be difficult to see from the front of the nose unless they are extremely enlarged. As an ENT, we often use a scope to see if these are present. A CT scan can also help.

An even less frequent cause of congestion includes weakness of the cartilage of your nose. This can happen over time, or can be seen after an injury or prior surgery. A careful exam in the clinic can help determine if this problem is present. It is often managed with surgery.

In most cases there is more than one cause of a person's nasal congestion. If medicines do not improve symptoms, surgery can improve nasal breathing. A discussion with your surgeon on the risks and benefits to make an informed decision may be the next step.



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