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Groton Area has several new staff members this year. We will be featuring them in the weekly edition of The Groton Independent and also in the on-line edition of the Groton Daily Independent.

Hubsch is business manager



Becky Hubsch, formerly the business and health teacher for Groton, is the school's new business manager, replacing Mike Weber who retired at the end of this school year.

"After I graduated from Summit High School, I attended SDSU and received my Bachelor's Degree in education," Hubsch explained. "Following that I attended USD to get a non-profit management degree. I finished my education through an online course at Western Governors, Millcreek, Utah, where I received a Master's Degree in Business Administration."

"I worked for six years for the Summit School District where I was the business manager and grant proposal writer," she stated. "Following that I was employed by GROW South Dakota, a statewide non-profit organization that provides programs and loan products to advance housing, community, and economic development."

"This coming year will be my third year working for the Groton Area School District," Hubsch said. "I had been the business and health teacher here for two years."

"I enjoyed my job here but decided that I could best help the school by taking over the job as the district's business manager," she explained.

"My husband, a physical therapist in Webster, and I have two children to keep us busy and active," Hubsch stated.

- Dorene Nelson

Hubbart is science and health teacher



Brittany Hubbart, Aberdeen, will be the new freshmen science and health teacher in charge of the new lab, the internship instructor and supervisor for seniors serving internships as well as the oral interp coach for the Groton Area School District this coming school year.

"I graduated from Emery High School and started my post high school education at SDSU where I received a Bachelor's of Science in Athletic Training and a Master's of Science in health, physical education, and recreation," Hubbart listed.

"I then obtained my teaching certificate at Dakota State University, Madison, SD, in order to teach in public schools," she smiled. "I taught for eight years, teaching 6th grade science last year in Aberdeen."

"I was an athletic trainer at Presentation College for five years before returning to the classroom as an instructor in the athletic training education program there," Hubbart explained.

"Part of my job here is actually a new program based upon a grant that Becky Hubsch, the school's new business manager, had applied for and received approval for last year," she said. "The grant paid for the remodel of a classroom and the purchase of two mannequins and one SynDaver named Toni."

"The SynDaver, a synthetic mannequin, creates ultra high-fidelity medical simulation models and replacement of live patients," Hubbart explained. "The SynDaver is kept in a water tank to maintain the feel of human skin and simulates a real body and body parts."

"This advanced technology will help me give students in medical terminology, sports medicine, and the new CNA course the hands-on skills needed to excel in healthcare related fields," she added.

- Dorene Nelson



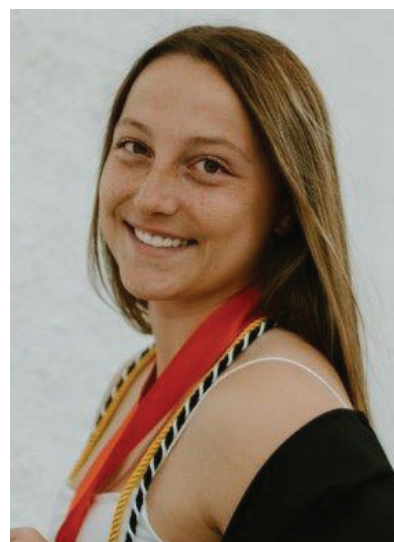
Groton Veterinarians earn state awards

The South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association Veterinarian of the Year was awarded to Dr. Steve Smith, Groton, of the Groton Vet Clinic. This award is made to an SDVMA member who has contributed significantly to the veterinary profession and to the animals and clients he serves. The award recognizes a member for service and accomplishments benefiting the profession of veterinary medicine.

The SDVMA Outstanding Veterinary Technician was awarded to Paula Maddocks, Hecla, of the Groton Vet Clinic. This award is made to a registered veterinary technician who has provided outstanding support to veterinary medicine through dedication to the care and well-being of animals and professional knowledge and execution in service to the profession.

(Courtesy Photo)

Malsom is reading, social studies and English teacher



Brooke Malsom, Aberdeen, SD, is the new 6th grade reading, social studies, and English teacher in the Groton Area School District for the upcoming school year. She and Lance Hawkins flip flop their students so each has about 20 at a time.

"I'm a graduate of Aberdeen Central High School," Malsom stated, "but attended college in Valley City, ND."

"I chose Valley City State University so that I could continue with my interest and subsequent success in track," she explained. "I received my Bachelor's Degree in elementary education with a minor in middle school education."

"Since this is my first year of teaching, I decided to apply to a smaller school than those in Aberdeen," Malsom smiled. "I wanted to experience the small school feel."

"Due to my high school and college success in track, I am also the head cross country coach and will assist with junior high track," she said. "I currently coach gymnastics at the Aberdeen Gymnastics Association."

"I also help with the Kids CrossFit program at CrossFit Rails," Malsom explained. "This program helps develop the child's overall fitness and physical ability."

"I have always enjoyed participating in sports so I want to help children to learn various activities which will help them in their future," she smiled. "Strong, confident kids today become contributing and successful adults tomorrow."

"I recently became engaged to Chance Torrence, and we are planning a September 2024 wedding," Malsom stated. "My fiancé teaches sixth grade also but at Holgate Middle School in Aberdeen."

- Dorene Nelson

Weekly Vikings Recap - Preseason Week 1

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The first preseason kicked off for the Minnesota Vikings on Thursday night as they faced the Seattle Seahawks and all its backups. Like Seattle, the Vikings too rested most of their starters as only Ed Ingram started for the offense and only Cam Bynum and Akayleb Evans started for the defense. Despite the lack of starters, the game still had a couple of bright spots. The first of which was Ty Chandler who, with his pass-catching performance out of the backfield, put himself in a good spot to be the number two running back on the Vikings' depth chart this season. The defensive line, especially Luiji Vilain, looked quite good as they held the Seahawks to no points for most of the first half and applied a ton of pressure at various times to Seattle's quarterbacks. And, Jalen Reagor, who may be on the fence about making the roster, had a somewhat impressive first half as he led the offense in receiving.

Nonetheless, it was evident that the game consisted of a lot of inexperienced players for the Vikings as the team had several stupid penalties throughout. One player who should not have shown any sort of inexperience was seven-year veteran quarterback, Nick Mullens. However, Mullens, who will likely be the backup quarterback for the Vikings this season, seemed very jittery in the pocket and quick to get rid of the ball on several of his dropbacks.

As the second half began, the game got much uglier for the Vikings. Although Jaren Hall showed relative calmness at the quarterback position, the offense never seemed to get going. Often, Hall found himself scrambling out of the pocket only to throw the ball away out of bounds. However, Hall's success getting outside the pocket did not last long. By late in the fourth quarter, the Seahawks' defensive line started to put pressure on Hall and even come up with multiple sacks.

To make matters worse the Vikings continued to make boneheaded mistakes, the main one coming on a muffed punt by rookie punt returner, Thayer Thomas. As the second half progressed, it appeared that the Vikings' defense had officially run out of gas. The Seahawks started to move up and down the field on the Vikings' defense and completely dominated the line of scrimmage. Players like Andrew Booth, who many hoped would start to show off the talent that got him drafted early in the second round last year, gave up a wide-open touchdown. It appeared that Booth still has a long way to go before he becomes an everyday starting cornerback for the Vikings.

The only positive for the Vikings from this game had to be that there were no major injuries to any of the players they expect to make major contributions to the team this year.

Outside of that, the game was an extremely boring one. I, myself, do not expect that I will look back on the highlights from this game at any point in the future.

Final Score: Seahawks 24 - Vikings 13

Looking ahead, the Vikings will continue their training camp schedule next week. With the Tennessee Titans coming to town to play in the second game of the preseason on August 19, the Vikings have scheduled a joint practice with the Titans beforehand. This will likely be the only time players like Kirk Cousins and Justin Jefferson will partake in any sort of game-like experiences with an opposing team before the season starts. Hopefully, the highlights from the joint practice are better than the ones from the preseason game against Seattle.

Mischief on the midway

Who doesn't love a carnival? It's the season. The color, the commotion, the rides, and food so decadent it should come with a dose of insulin. If it's been invented, you'll find it at a food stand at the fair. Chocolate-covered pickles. Deep-fried anything. More powdered sugar than Al Pacino used in "Scarface."

Then there are the impossible games. Basketball hoops that would stymie Steph Curry and concrete-filled milk jugs that could withstand a Nolan Ryan heater in his prime.

The latter is a young man's game. Even when I was only a few years removed from Legion Baseball and still had a decent arm, I watched my fastballs ricochet away as if I was throwing at a brick wall.

The trick is to split the bottom jugs at the top, requiring control, acceleration, and divine intervention. I managed to do twice one day at Valley Fair, winning two giant teddy bears—one for my girlfriend and another for my buddy's girlfriend—much to his chagrin. Two throws. Two enormous teddy bears. And I was smart enough to quit then before I became mortal again.

There is no young man more viral than one strolling through the midway with his girlfriend holding a stuffed beast bigger than she is, let alone two. Glory days.

But my most glorious carnival experience came when I was much younger. Maybe the late 60's or early 70's when Ashley still hosted a summer carnival on Main Street. I'm guessing the statute of limitations has expired but there's a reason I've lived much of my life on



That's Life

by Tony Bender

one side or the other of the North Dakota-South Dakota border—to avoid extradition.

I kind of feel sorry for kids today. What passed for mischief back then would involve a special prosecutor nowadays. On prom night, the cops just made us throw the beer in the ditch. Which we retrieved later. Growing up in a small town, we were never arrested. Just yelled at.

In this era we still might be doing hard time for the grade school criminality I'm about to confess. I won't reveal the names of my unindicted co-conspirators since some of them are now in positions of authority. Far be it from me to ruin a political career. Even if there's the possibility of a mayoral pardon. Let me assure you that none of those involved are now school board presidents or in law enforcement.

My cohort—it wasn't my cousin Rodney—and I were watching them set up the carnival that morning when I idly peeked into a garbage can by the post office. Oh my. Pure gold. We rushed home to get a couple grocery bags to retrieve the loot. Pristine ride tickets! Word spread like wildfire. Instantly, we were the most popular kids in town. Modern day Robin Hoods. Heroes. We huddled in the alley and divided up hundreds of tickets. I'm guessing we had at least a half dozen accomplices.

So we rode every ride dozens upon dozens of times. Even the lame ones. The operators thought at first that we must be spoiled rich kids but by the second day, you could tell they'd caught on. We'd get a knowing smile, a wink, and they just let us go. I think they were amused by these modern day Tom Sawyer rascals sticking it to The Man. Enablers. Aiding and abetting.

By the third day, some of our gang members were dry-heaving dizzily from the Tilt-A-Whirl. At some point it stopped being fun and became a mission to use all of the tickets. (We never did.) A test of endurance. We went in more circles than the federal government. We wobbled aboard the rides and wobbled off with induced cases of vertigo, our insides rearranged.

You know in the movie "The Right Stuff" when the astronauts train on the "Vomit Comet?" It was like that. Maybe worse. I think we missed our calling.

By then, carnival management had caught on. The ride operators began tearing up the tickets so the scam could never be repeated. I suppose all good (bad?) things must come to an end. Frankly, it was a relief when it did. We were exhausted.

We reminisce from time to time—me and my friends whose identities I will take to the grave—and it always involves wry smiles as we shake our heads and wonder how we got away with it.

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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

Justice James Wilson: Leading Constitutional Architect

It was altogether fitting that James Wilson, second in importance only to James Madison as an architect of the Constitution, would be nominated by President George Washington to the original Supreme Court. From this position, Justice James Wilson could defend the Constitution, which he had done so much to shape and define.

As it turned out, Wilson's leading role as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention was his greatest achievement, the high point of his life. Not that such influence is without cause for celebration. Hardly. It's rather that many of Wilson's admirers somehow expected more from one of the most brilliant legal minds of his generation. A Supreme Court docket with a paucity of cases in the early years, however, deprived him of writing many influential opinions that would have enhanced his reputation and imparted, perhaps, an indelible mark on the development of the Constitution to match his imprint on its drafting.

Instead, the deeply learned scholar, nicknamed "Professor," was content to influence and educate the nation with a series of lectures on the Constitution in 1791 that affirmed the first-rate insights of his legal and rhetorical analyses of English oppression of colonial Americans in the pre-revolutionary era.

Wilson was born September 14, 1742, in rural Scotland, near St. Andrews. With university training under his belt at the peak of the Scottish Enlightenment, a school of thought that worked considerable influence on our nation's founding principles, Wilson emigrated to America when he was 23 years old. He read law in Philadelphia under the tutelage of John Dickinson, who was widely hailed as one of the top lawyers and legal educators in his time. Wilson's brilliance led quickly to fame and fortune. His success in court, combined with his withering critiques of the assertion of parliamentary authority in the colonies, led to political and social prominence.

In 1775, Wilson was elected to the Second Continental Congress. Although not an early advocate of independence from England, given his interest in reconciliation with the Crown, he signed the Declaration of Independence and soon became an ardent supporter of a strong national government that could replace the weak and inefficient government under the Articles of Confederation.

As a delegate from Pennsylvania, he spoke in the Constitutional Convention frequently, and with authority. His contributions to the fundamentals of American Constitutionalism were conspicuous in the areas of separation of powers, judicial review, the presidency, and

the doctrine of popular sovereignty. He didn't win all his battles. For instance, he favored direct democracy and direct election of the Senate and the presidency.

Along with other heavyweights in the Convention, Wilson approved of judicial review, which he conceived as the principal means of enforcing constitutional limitations and the rule of law. Critical to the implementation of the rule of law, Wilson explained to his colleagues, was subordination of the president to the law and his amenability to the judicial process.

Wilson dashed any flirtation with the concept of presidential prerogative, which he found utterly incompatible with the principles of republicanism. The president, unlike the English monarch, would have no authority to violate or set aside the law in the face of an emergency.

As a proponent of the rule of law, he believed that the president should enjoy "no privileges not enjoyed by all other citizens." With Alexander Hamilton and James Madison, moreover, he repudiated the idea that the president should possess unilateral authority to declare or otherwise initiate war on behalf of the American people. In the Pennsylvania Ratifying Convention, Wilson declared that "the system is designed to prevent one man from hurrying us into war." Delegates to the Convention unanimously agreed that only Congress should possess authority to commence military hostilities.

Wilson had hoped to be named Chief Justice and, in fact, is known to have asked Washington to nominate him for the post. Washington, however, preferred John Jay to lead the inaugural Court. He was bypassed in 1795 and again in 1796. Wilson's haughty demeanor may have impaired his aspirations. During his nine-year tenure on the Court, Wilson wrote about two dozen opinions, which totaled only 20 pages in the official reports.

In his most notable opinion, *Chisholm v. Georgia* (1793), he dismissed Georgia's claim of state sovereignty and exalted popular sovereignty, which set forth an essential cornerstone of American constitutional and political thought.

Wilson's restless, brilliant mind featured a vaulting ambition. Having successfully led a movement in 1790 to replace the Pennsylvania State Constitution of 1776 with one that reflected his constitutional theories, he hoped, in vain, to be appointed to codify his state's laws and those of the nation. His lengthy, influential *Lectures on Law*, delivered in 1790-1791, reflected his appointment as a Professor in the College of Philadelphia and his vision of American law and constitutionalism.

Like others in the founding generation—Thomas Paine and Robert Morris, for example—Wilson was plagued by financial setbacks. He was forced to flee creditors and was twice sentenced to debtor's prison. He largely abdicated his duties on the Court in the final two years of his life, as he attempted to elude creditors. He died on August 21, 1798, a broken man. History, however, will remember his enduring contributions to the creation of the American Constitution.

Groton Area School ready to begin with new teachers, staff

by Elizabeth Varin

Though some positions have yet to be filled, the Groton Area School District is looking to start the school year with a dozen new faces.

The school board reviewed 2023-2024 staff, and added six more at Monday evening's board meeting.

The most recent hires include a replacement agriculture teacher and FFA advisor, a long-term music substitute teacher, new special education paraprofessional at the middle and high school and a kindergarten paraprofessional.

"I like where we are, all and all, with our staffing situation," said Superintendent Joe Schwan. "We're in good shape with the last minute situation. It's a good group."

School administrators have gotten creative to find solutions for a shortage of teachers in the state. One of those solutions involves hiring an agriculture industry professional to teach Groton students.

The board voted to hire Anna Dagal as the new agriculture teacher and FFA advisor. The position had previously been held by Adam Franken, who left for a pastor position.

Dagal has both her bachelor's degree in animal science and master's degree in animal science with a focus on ruminant nutrition from South Dakota State University. She currently does not have a teaching certificate, but will work with the district and department of education on getting certified.

"She didn't go to school to be a teacher," Schwan said. "But there seems to be interest there to be a possible long-term situation."

Previous ag teacher Franken has expressed willingness to "get anyone off on the right foot," and help the new teacher transition to the role, Schwan said.

Dagal's base salary totals \$49,350 with an additional \$5,483.33 for extra contract days and \$4,500 for the FFA advisor position. That totals \$59,333.33 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Another non-typical situation includes the hiring of Amy Warrington as long-term vocal music substitute teacher.

The district has not had any applicants for the position, Schwan said. In order to fill the spot in the interim, he proposed hiring Warrington as a long-term substitute and to work on getting a waiver so she could teach for the full school year if needed. A waiver is required for a long-term substitute position that lasts longer than 45 days. The teaching position will continue to be posted for potential applicants.

In addition to those two positions, the board approved hiring Chattarida Sukhmon as special education paraprofessional and Elizabeth Bahr as kindergarten paraprofessional, both at \$14.74 per hour. Robert Moorlach was hired as a morning-route bus driver for the Claremont area, with Mike Nehls working as the afternoon driver. Delbert Hinkelman was hired as bus

driver for the Pierpont route.

The board also approved having two volunteer girls soccer coaches: Kaylin Kucker and Wyatt Locke.

While positions were filled, the board also accepted the resignation and retirement letter from Jan Hoffman, a middle school and high school special education paraprofessional. Her last day will be Aug. 18.

In other action:

- With administrators hoping to adopt the district budget earlier, the board voted to approve the 2023-2024 budget and authorize the business manager to file a tax request with the county auditors. Superintendent Schwan added that there may be budget adjustments as the year goes on that would come before the school board.

- An open house is planned for the high school's new health science lab, which includes new state-of-the-art equipment bought with grant funding. The open house is scheduled for 4-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21. It will overlap with the sixth grade welcome walk, which takes place from 3:30-5:30 p.m. that afternoon, as well as the elementary school open house, which takes place from 4-6 p.m.

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Brown County Doeden Rezoning Ordinance 247

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 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED
 TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
 Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #247, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Toby Doeden was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 1st of August 2023 and will become effective on the 29th of August 2023.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Toby Doeden 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) 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.).

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 1st day of August 2023.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman
 ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
 Notice of Hearing: July 5, 2023

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Brown County Carda Rezoning Ordinance 248

BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED
 TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
 Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #248, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Joel & Kimberly Carda was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 1st of August 2023 and will become effective on the 29th of August 2023.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Joel & Kimberly Carda 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) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

Lot 2, Block 2, "Moulton's First Subdivision" in the SE 1/4 of Section 2-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13671 387th Avenue, Warner 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.

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 Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman
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Brown County Nolte Rezoning Ordinance 249

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 TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
 Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #249, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Erik Nolte was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 1st of August 2023 and will become effective on the 29th of August 2023.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Erik Nolte 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) 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.).

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.

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Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman
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Brown County Winkler Rezoning Ordinance 250

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 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED
 TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #250, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Barry Winkler was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 1st of August 2023 and will become effective on the 29th of August 2023.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Barry Winkler 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) 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.).
 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.
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Brown County Nolte Rezoning Ordinance 249

BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED
 TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
 Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #249, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Erik Nolte was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 1st of August 2023 and will become effective on the 29th of August 2023.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Erik Nolte 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) 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.).

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 1st day of August 2023.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman
 ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
 Notice of Hearing: July 5, 2023

Passed First Reading: July 18, 2023
 Passed Second Reading: August 1, 2023

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Brown County Winkler Rezoning Ordinance 250

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #250
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED
 TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #250, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Barry Winkler 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) 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

Frederick City July 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

City of Frederick
 July 12, 2023 Minutes
 Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, July 12, 2023 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board member Troy Millard, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock, Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine, and Utility Manager Dalton Kopecky. Others attending were Manny Shellito and Craig Larson.
 Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the June Meeting were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Kosters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Millard/Kosters motion carried. The July accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,040.62; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$71.69; Dahme Construction watermain replacement Wtr \$50,000; Dalton Kopecky UT wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$132.98; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,712; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cnty \$916.98; Frederick Athletic Assoc BP \$1,000; Frederick Seed round up Mun Bldg \$75; FDC Gen'l \$1200; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; GDI minutes Gen'l 12.97; GDI minutes Gen'l 27.04; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,373.77; JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$296.06; M. Cox wage EBL \$620.83; M. Heine wage FO \$1,126.37; M. Morlock mowing wage Gen'l \$182.85; R. Bakeberg UT wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$129.29; R. Bakeberg UT wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$114.51; R. Bakeberg sexton Cnty \$253.96; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; SD Dept of Health coliform test Wtr \$15; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Grbg \$73.32; Schwan Electric Inc lights BP \$20,408.20; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; VISA supplies Mun Bldg/Grbg/Swr/Wtr \$398.10; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$5,029.66

OLD BUSINESS
 Scott Campbell provided a utility report. The board would like to apologize to the school for not having water for an extended period of time, as well as other unexpected losses of water. Due to unexpected leaks, the water project had to change course and fix these areas. The board will be purchasing new trees for Simmons park to plant this fall.

NEW BUSINESS
 Manny Shellito provided a progress report on removing the old trailer from his property. Motion to accept the 2nd quarter library report made by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

The next board meeting will be Monday, August 7 at 8PM.
 Motion to adjourn made by Kosters/Millard at 8:10 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine
 Assistant Finance Officer
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Brown County Title 4 Ordinance Amendment

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCE, TITLE 4

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Board of Commissioners on the 29th day of August 2023 to consider an ordinance amending portions of Title 4 Zoning, Chapter 4.14, "Highway Commercial District (HC)" and Chapter 4.15, "Light Industrial District (LI)". The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 255.

ATTEST:
 Lynn Heupel
 Brown County Auditor
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Brown County August 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 1, 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 Gage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Ryan Kelly met with the Commissioners regarding Summit Carbon Solutions controversy, as a disinterested party. Ryan stated that is very pro-landowner, even though he is not a landowner himself and won't be affected by the outcome. He considers himself a student of Local (County) & State history and his concern is that even if the landowners prevail with this fight that we may have a repeat of this controversy with a new industry and the Federal Government puts the money in front of the Legislators. Mr. Kelly believes that the County is limited in what it can & should do – referencing the moratorium(s) which he feels is a temporary fix. He believes the heart of the issue goes back to Rural Electrification, due to the number of companies to fighting to provide utilities and there was not a lot of controversy for things such as Eminent Domain or giving State approved monopolies to private companies, such as now and they are headquartered out of state. Its more about the Private Gain vs Public Good, as opposed to the letter of the law as it was written back when PUC was established. Stated that with problem going back that far and Legislative in its Roots, the solutions should come from State Legislators, not sure what form that would take, but he would like to see a Special Session, and this addressed in permanent form in how Eminent Domain should exist to not to suffer from another controversy that requires easements and use of private property.

Representative Brandei Schaeffbauer (as an Elected Representative of District 3 and a concerned citizen of Brown County) requested the Commission to ask Summit Carbon Solutions for their plume study risk assessment for the proposed CO2 Pipeline, she believes it is owed to the surrounding residents that are located near the proposed hookup to the Ethanol Plant west of Aberdeen of any possible harm that is associated with the CO2 Pipeline. She stated that from the PUC hearings regarding the plume study most are confidential and not released to the public, for an individual to see the plume study they need to sign a non-disclosure. The PUC Commissioners and Representative Schaeffbauer believe that the citizens of District 3, Brown County and the State of South Dakota are so valuable that they deserve to know of any harm that may be associated with the Pipeline.

2021 CLOSING AUDIT CONFERENCE: Christopher Theroux, Department of Legislative Audits met with the Commission for closing conference for audit of fiscal year 2021. He shared the Communication Letter and the Management Letter, there were no items significant enough to be on this letter, but he did state that the Pooled Cash Report was missing some significant items but didn't misrepresent the cash, which was properly reconciled. Auditor Heupel was able to provide the proper documentation to complete the 2021 Audit, but significant findings or deficiencies were found. Chairman Sutton stated that when you go through the process of changing Auditors, you question that everyone is doing things properly and up to standards, so was good to hear for the most part everything was good. Chris stated that will mostly be impacting the 2022 Audit, because 2021 was mostly complete by the time Lynn Heupel took over. Mr. Theroux presented the letter of representation and asked for a signature stating that the County agrees they filled their responsibilities for the 2021 Audit. Commissioner Wiese moved to accept the findings of the 2021 Audit Report and authorize the Chairman sign the Letter of Representation, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Clarence & Lori Habeck met with Commission to discuss the addressing of their new shop. When applied for a Building Permit to build the Steel Building, address was 2330 but the driveway that leads to the House is 2270. The

address was corrected to 2270 by Planning & Zoning because there is no approach at 2330 for 911 Services. Habeck's asked if they could put in approach at 2330 because didn't want to go through the hassle of changing all their paperwork again to the 2270 address or put up a sign – but a permit is required to put up a sign. Chairman Sutton asked if they would be willing to vacate the approach at 2270 in order to put in the approach at 2330, but Habeck's stated No because of possible future development plans. After further discussion, Commissioner Wiese motioned to allow the Habeck's to use 2330 address with the stipulation that if or when the property changes hands that the address is corrected and replotted to 2270, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Kent Jones, Communications Director stated he would check with GIS to see if it would be possible to adjust the pin to the approach at 2270.

ORDINANCE #247 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Gage seconded by Fjeldheim to adopt Ordinance #247. Applicant Toby Doeden 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 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.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #248 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim seconded by Gage to adopt Ordinance #248. Applicant Joel & Kimberly 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 current use: Lot 2, Block 2, "Moulton's First Subdivision" in the SE 1/4 of Section 2-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13671 387th Avenue, Warner Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #249 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Gage seconded by Fjeldheim to adopt Ordinance #249. Applicant Erik Nolte 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 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.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #250 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert seconded by Gage to adopt Ordinance #250. Applicant Barry Winkler 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 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.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY – WEB WATER: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to approve application, submitted by Web Water for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #14 in Sec 3-T123-R63W of the 5th P.M, Brown County, SD to provide potable water line services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT GRANT/LOCAL FEDERAL BRIDGE PROGRAMS: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent discussed the Federal Local Bridge Grants, stating he has 3 Bridges that will qualify for this program: Bridge 6, 350 and 81 and ask the Commission to approve and pass a Resolution for each to authorize applying for the Grant. Hall Crossing will be filed with FEMA. Commissioner Wiese brought the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #34-23
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS
WHEREAS, Brown County wishes to submit an application(s) for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs:

.....STRUCTURE NUMBER(S) AND LOCATION(S):
07-000-431 – 11.0 miles west and 1.0 mile south of Warner, SD and WHEREAS, N/A certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county's Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan*.

and WHEREAS, Brown County agrees to pay N/A% match on the Bridge Improvement Grant Funds and /or 0.0% match on the Local Federal Bridge Funds; and WHEREAS, Brown County hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant and Local Federal Bridge application(s) and any required funding commitments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the attached Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge application(s).

Dated this 1st day of August 2023.

Seconded by Commissioner Dennert. Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Fjeldheim-aye; Wiese-aye, Gage-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Wiese brought the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #35-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS
WHEREAS, Brown County wishes to submit an application(s) for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs:

.....STRUCTURE NUMBER(S) AND LOCATION(S):
07-010-176 – 3.6 miles south and 10.0 miles west of Barnard, SD

and WHEREAS, N/A certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county's Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan*.

and WHEREAS, Brown County agrees to pay N/A% match on the Bridge Improvement Grant Funds and /or 0.0% match on the Local Federal Bridge Funds; and WHEREAS, Brown County hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant and Local Federal Bridge application(s) and any required funding commitments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the attached Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge application(s).

Dated this 1st day of August 2023.

Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Fjeldheim-aye; Wiese-aye, Gage-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #36-23

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS
WHEREAS, Brown County wishes to submit an application(s) for consideration of award for the Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge Programs:

.....STRUCTURE NUMBER(S) AND LOCATION(S):
07-256-430 – 1.0 mile south and 4.4 miles west of Ferney, SD

and WHEREAS, N/A certifies that the project(s) are listed in the county's Five-Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan*.

and WHEREAS, Brown County agrees to pay N/A% match on the Bridge Improvement Grant Funds and /or 0.0% match on the Local Federal Bridge Funds; and WHEREAS, Brown County hereby authorizes the Bridge Improvement Grant and Local Federal Bridge application(s) and any required funding commitments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the South Dakota Department of Transportation be and hereby is requested to accept the attached Bridge Improvement Grant and/or Local Federal Bridge application(s).

Dated this 1st day of August 2023.

Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Fjeldheim-aye; Wiese-aye, Gage-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

SPEED ZONE AMENDMENT: This item was postponed for a week.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent gave a department update: Starting August 14th will be hauling gravel to Elm Lake; doing some maintenance patching south of Houghton; will get back to Co. Hwy. 16 to finish the 6 miles to the north; on Rd. 5 have some soft spots to dig out; mowing; helping Fair get ready for Rodeo and things. Dirk shared that BR 211 came out nice and that is a big part of the Bridge Program. Chairman Sutton asked about wanting to hire a mechanic – Dirk stated that he has some close to retirement so would like to get 1 or 2 more hired and looking into the Tech School program, also. Commissioner Dennert stated that on Co. 14 east of Frederick there is some road breakup due to the water, so asked Dirk to check on that.

2024 PROVISIONAL BUDGET HEARING: Moved by Commissioner Wiese to approve and

authorize publication of the 2024 Provisional Budget Hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex at 8:45 A.M. Seconded by Gage. Roll call vote: Commissioner's Dennert-aye; Fjeldheim-aye; Wiese-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting minutes of July 25, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims and payroll: Claims: Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$135.73. Professional Fees: US Bank Visa \$69.00; Avera McKennan \$131.91; Avera St. Lukes \$251.26; CGI, LLC \$3,344.38; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$40,280.00; Houston Engineering Inc. \$775.50; Lumen \$192.17; Medical Waste Transport Inc \$235.50; Pauer Sound \$12,500.00. Publishing: Gatehouse Media \$373.72; Groton Daily Independent \$239.03; Midstates Group \$52.50. Rentals: Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$49.70. Repairs & Maintenance: US Bank Visa \$2,170.06; All Over Roofing \$255.00; Anderson Electric \$1.73; B&B Contracting \$561.12; Crawford Truck & Equipment \$501.93; Dakota Doors Inc \$451.48; Diesel Machinery Inc. \$1,608.64; Double A Plumbing LLC \$1,982.52; Graham Tire Inc. \$163.75; Jason's Electric Inc. \$86.73; K&S Plumbing Inc. \$2,988.52; Keith Lunders \$8,995.54; LyCox Enterprises Inc. \$1,150.00; Mac's \$12.63; Nelson Sales & Service \$70.53; Pierson Ford Lincoln \$295.95; Pomp's Tire Service \$761.00; TrueNorth Steel \$10,710.90; Webster Scale \$1,065.00. Supplies: US Bank Visa \$12,844.08; Amazon Capital Services \$759.85; American Solutions for Business \$243.41; Anderson Electric \$85.00; Artz Equipment \$1,044.91; Century Business Products \$718.81; Cole Papers \$386.70; Crawford Truck & Equipment \$985.76; Dakota Fluid Power \$4.69; Dakota Mailing & Shipping Equipment \$290.26; Dakota Oil \$191.50; Farm Power Mfg. \$1,028.16; Intab LLC \$104.95; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc. \$233,848.64; John Florey \$33.99; Karen Swank \$30.00; Lien Transportation Company \$94,285.02; Marco Technologies \$47.48; Menards \$1,328.40; Pantorium Cleaners \$28.00; Pierson Ford Lincoln \$403.43; Pomp's Tire Service \$1,318.06; Pro Ag Supply Inc \$594.36; Quality Welding Inc. \$48.00; Runnings \$104.40; WEB Water Bottling Company \$27.75. Travel & Conference: US Bank Visa \$525.41; Monica Hein \$97.92. Utilities: US Bank Visa \$1,653.77; Centurylink \$0.36; Midcontinent Communications \$138.23; Montana Dakota Utilities \$25.24; Northwestern Energy \$7,372.91; State 4H Office \$70.00; Verizon Wireless \$83.62. Machinery & Equipment: LyCox Enterprises Inc. \$23,765.00; SD Federal Property Agency \$2,500.00.

Payroll: Commission \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.00; Treasurer \$16,363.82; SA \$33,603.49; Maintenance \$8,562.52; DOE \$16,817.46; ROD \$9,932.81; VSO \$4,254.09; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$5,892.04; HR \$4,698.75; Sheriff \$45,460.64; Jail \$57,019.41; Coroner \$613.60; Court Security \$6,873.03; JDC/HD \$27,656.09; Welfare \$2,336.49; DPM \$12,367.08; Parks/Fairgrounds \$7,064.23; Fair \$5,370.84; 4-H \$1,637.52; W&P \$5,361.78; P&Z \$7,297.11; Hwy. \$50,539.73; Dispatch \$39,776.22; EM \$4,933.61; 24/7 \$2,701.25; Landfill \$15,218.22; Mileage Benefits \$554.13. Matching Benefits-County Portion: FICA \$24,373.29; Medicare \$5,700.23; Discovery_HSA \$1,535.10; Health Insurance_Wellmark BCBS \$123,348.80; Dental Insurance_Delta \$8,245.44; Life Insurance_Deardown \$1,027.14; Retirement_SDRS \$54,173.89. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to acknowledge & approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim: Transfer of Kymberly Gasser from Brown County Jail Detention Officer to JDC Detention Officer; effective August 7, 2023. Request to fill. Kandi Shantz from PT to FT Brown County Jail Detention Officer, effective August 6, 2023. Hiring of the following: Jason Erickson as Brown County Landfill Heavy Equipment Operator, FT; starting wage \$22.82/hour; effective August 1, 2023. Zachary Wicaryus as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective August 1, 2023. Approve Request to fill Brown County Highway Equipment Mechanic. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert 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.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Requests: Gavin Wright, Sheriff's Office to attend DRE Inservice Training in Sioux Falls, SD from Sept. 6-7, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign application, submitted by SD State Chili Committee for a lottery to be held August 19, 2023, at Brown County Fair. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to go into Executive Session for Legal 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 Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:59 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County August 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 8, 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, Gage, and Sutton. Commissioner Wiese was absent. Auditor Heupel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Jared Bossly met with the Commissioners to let them know that he hadn't heard from the State's Attorney Office so if they could follow-up on that. He also encouraged the Commission to follow through with the request from Representative Schaeffbauer last week to get a copy of the Plume Study from Summit Carbon Solutions. Jared attended some meetings in IA, and they did a demonstration on how dangerous it would be if a pipeline erupts, the gentleman doing the test with all the safety equipment only had 4 minutes of air left and that was only walking and back out of the demonstration. Mr. Bossly encouraged the Commission to enforce the Ordinance and look at a new moratorium and keep up the good fight.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the application for Special Event Malt Beverage for Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area on August 14-20, 2023, at Brown County Fair Grandstand (SW 1/4 of Sec 1-T123N-R64W of the 5th PM Brown County, SD) for Grandstand Concessions. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the application for Special Event Malt Beverage for SPURS Therapeutic Riding Center, Aberdeen, SD on September 16, 2023, at SPURS (SPURS 2nd Addition, NW 1/4 Sec 6-T123N-R63W of the 5th PM Brown County, SD) for Barn Dance & Benefit Auction. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPEED ZONE AMENDMENT: Commissioner Fjeldheim brought the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #37-23
WHEREAS, Chapter 6.03 Speed Zones of the Second Revision of Brown County Ordinances authorizes the Brown County Commission to change the speed limit or the extent of any such limited speed zones, at any time they may deem necessary, and

WHEREAS, all Speed Zones throughout the County were established by Resolution #46-05, as amended by Resolution #66-06, Resolution #39-08, Resolution #72-08, Resolution #101-08, Resolution #94-13, Resolution #69-14, Resolution #15-16, Resolution #27-17 and

WHEREAS, the Brown County Commission has recommended amending the speed zone on County Road 4

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution #46-05, as amended by Resolution #66-06, #39-08, #72-08, #101-08, and #94-13, #69-14 and #15-16, and #26-17 be amended as follows:

AMEND: County Road #4 (North Dakota Street), beginning at the East Quarter corner of Section 1, Township 123N, Range 64W of the 5th PM, then north on County Road #4 (North Dakota Street) 500 feet, to 35 MPH.

Dated this 8th day of August 2023.

Seconded by Commissioner Gage. Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Fjeldheim-aye; Wiese-absent, Gage-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

FALL RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP: Mike Scott, Landfill Manager met with the Commission to approve the FREE 2023 Fall Residential Cleanup set for August 25 – September 9, 2023, at the Landfill Only. Limit of 4 car/pickup tires. Ross Aldentler, State's Attorney Deputy encourages people to take advantage of this because Container Enforcement has gone up. Loads will need to be covered and secured and only us Asphalt Roads to get to the Landfill (no 8th Ave. access). Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the FREE 2023 Fall Residential Cleanup for August 25 – September 9, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CENTENNIAL VILLAGE CONTRACT: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager met with the Commission to ask they approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the updated contract with Centennial Village (CV). Chairman Sutton shared that he did meet with the Board Members from Centennial Village, and they did approve of the changes the Fair Board is asking for. Those changes are as follows: per Keg of Beer that is sold goes from \$75 to \$85; \$20 for every case of Malt Beverage sold instead of \$75 for every 7 cases sold; Reports and payment are due to the County Auditor by September 30th each year; appropriate security at CV during hours of operation after 7pm will be agreed between CV and Brown County Fair Board & Brown County Sheriff – if an agreement can't be reached then it will be decided by the Brown County Commission and CV hours of operation during Fair Week will be determined by the Fair Board & Sheriff's Office on an annual basis. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the contract with Centennial Village. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AKKERMAN ARENA CONTRACT: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager informed the Commission that due to rain on August 6th the Aberdeen Area Horseman's Association was not able to have their Horse Show at the Akkerman Arena – they have asked to reschedule it for this Sunday, August 13th and it will not interfere with the County Fair preparations. Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the rescheduling of the Horse Show for Aberdeen Area Horseman's Association at Akkerman Arena to Sunday, August 13th. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR UPDATE: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager gave an update on the Brown County Fair. They are still in need of about 200 Volunteers. They do have an app that the volunteers can enter their name and cell phone number and then will be given a reminder of the shifts they signed up for. Without the volunteers some activities may be limited such as the Barrel Train and Inflatables. Rachel also stressed that people purchase their tickets from the Outlets by Saturday – Sunday will be available Online Only, then starting on Monday Concert Tickets will increase by \$20.00 and Adult Rodeo Tickets will increase by \$5.00.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the General

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Brown County Aug. 8 Meeting Minutes Continued

Meeting minutes of August 1, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the following Claims: Professional Fees: 4-H Performing Arts \$200.00; ACBM-SJPJ \$17,000.00; Aleda Tollefson \$50.00; Alscessa T. Eley \$200.00; Ann Gibbs \$50.00; Apollo's Beacon LLC \$3,500.00; Ashley Seeklander \$50.00; Avera McKennan \$131.91; Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$1,721.46; Bailey Pro Rodeo \$45,000.00; Bohm's Family Entertainment \$2,700.00; Becky Erickson \$50.00; BJ Clocksene \$50.00; Blackburn & Stevens, Prof. LLC \$171.20; Bobbie Dempsey \$50.00; Brayden Lachenmeier \$150.00; Brian Sharp \$50.00; Brown County Treasurer \$2,060.00; Buggy Kershaw LLC \$27,000.00; Cara Dennert \$50.00; Carrie Hansen \$50.00; CGI, LLC \$835.00; Cindy Schnabel \$50.00; Collin Raye Entertainment LLC \$16,500.00; Connie Groop \$50.00; Courtney Wolff \$50.00; Crown Tours, LLC \$100,000.00; DADP Agency LLC \$10,000.00; Dakota Group LLC \$2,100.00; Dakota Kids Pedal Pulls \$798.75; David W. Brown \$150.00; Deb Stamm \$100.00; Doreen Sperry \$50.00; Fire Safety First LLC \$325.00; Florence Kraus \$50.00; Footprints Touring, Inc \$20,000.00; Gompf Display Inc \$2,100.00; Good Shepherd Lutheran Church \$3,500.00; Gordy Wensel \$4,500.00; Grant Petersen \$275.00; Gretchen Sharp \$50.00; Groton Lions Club \$2,250.00; Hinder Touring, Inc \$22,500.00; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$108.05; Hub Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc \$1,500.00; Jan Zuidema \$150.00; Janet Wright \$50.00; Janey Cronin \$150.00; Jean Hommel Kessler \$150.00; John Ellertson \$150.00; Jyl Graves \$50.00; Karen Porter Bartell \$50.00; Kathy Novstrup \$50.00; Kennedy Pier Knoff Loftus, LLP \$256.80; Kristi Brandt \$1,096.60; LeVox Touring, Inc \$80,000.00; Lincoln County Treasurer \$551.67; Lisa Fedeler \$100.00; Lora Schuamman \$50.00; Lucy Lewno \$170.00; Magie Joe \$4,000.00; Mark Katterhagen \$18.00; Mike Frey \$50.00; Mike Grann \$100.00; Miranda Dauksavage \$1,700.00; National Sheriff's Association \$142.00; NB Golf, LLC \$25,716.00; Phil Baker \$1,200.00; Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association \$16,000.00; Ronald Parker \$1,000.00; Rosalie Schumacher \$50.00; Sanford Aberdeen ED \$1,710.46; Sanford Health \$1,064.69; SD Nurse's Association \$1,000.00; SDSU Extension \$213.64; SHI International Corp \$722.51; Susan Gerlach \$50.00; T & K Rentals, LLC \$16,950.00; Taylor Wolff \$700.00; Terrance L. Dosch \$8,900.00; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$283.30; Three Seasons Tent Rental Inc \$3,637.50; Tip Top Entertainment \$16,500.00; TrailerTrapMusic LLC \$40,000.00; Tschetter & Adams Law Office, PC \$485.58; Two Nickel Touring, Inc \$50,000.00; Union Cattle Band \$1,200.00; Upside-Down & Backwards Touring Inc \$25,000.00; Valerie J Larson \$18.00; Wayne Fischer \$150.00; Wendy Brunos \$50.00; Winterset Concert Events \$20,000.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$100.00; Zack Post \$150.00. Publishing: Dakota Broadcasting, LLC \$300.00. Rentals: Dakota Electronics \$5,035.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$207.36. Repairs & Maintenance: Artz Equipment, Inc \$16.50; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$25.17; Diamond Mowers LLC \$120.38; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$7,500.00; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$350.29; Graham Tire Inc \$17.77; House of Glass \$1,560.36; K & S Plumbing, Inc \$4,116.08; Lawson Products, Inc \$11.99; Midwest Pump & Tank \$3.67; Olson's Pest Technicians \$250.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$189.32; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$109.09; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$40.00; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$2,700.00; RDO Equipment Co \$18,985.69; Sherwin Williams \$2,454.04; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$70.35; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$1,075.30. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$46,287.85; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$29.67; Artz Equipment, Inc \$100.56; Auto Value Aberdeen \$8.99; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Butler Machinery Company \$202.99; Cole Paper

Inc \$1,420.80; Creative Community Promotions, LLC \$8,000.00; Dakota Electronics \$30.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$986.42; Diamond Mowers LLC \$1,391.60; Duck Enterprises, LLC \$7,000.00; Farm Power Mfg \$122.40; Fastenal Company \$145.77; Fire Safety First LLC \$542.00; Geff-dog Designs \$413.83; GovConnection, Inc \$1,017.82; Great Live Music Productions \$500.00; Great Western Tire \$276.90; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$140.95; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$33,454.89; Kipp Davis \$2,500.00; Lawson Products, Inc \$96.83; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$13.60; Lew's Fireworks \$4,000.00; Lucy Lewno \$6.60; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$95.40; Menards \$78.93; Midwest Pump & Tank \$179.77; Monte Beringer \$6,000.00; Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association \$6,500.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$56.00; PharmChem, Inc \$401.40; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$227.49; RDO Equipment Co \$1,671.55; Runnings \$435.64; Safety Service \$358.66; SHI International Corp \$577.71; Sideline Media Group, LLC \$18,500.00; Theatrical Media Services Inc \$39,380.00; Todd Oliver Inc \$8,000.00; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$1,419.70; US Foods \$11,140.09; Van Diest Supply Company \$4,433.00; Zachary Wicaryus \$50.00. Travel & Conference: Brayden Lachenmeier \$146.88; Carrie Hansen \$44.06; Courtney Wolff \$59.01; Dave Lunzman \$392.00; David W. Brown \$125.46; Deb Stamm \$178.50; Grant Petersen \$44.06; Jan Zuidema \$191.76; Janey Cronin \$98.94; Jean Hommel Kessler \$15.10; John Ellertson \$186.66; Karen Porter Bartel \$42.23; Lisa Fedeler \$196.86; Mike Grann \$80.58; Taylor Wolff \$59.01; Wayne Fischer \$132.60; Zack Post \$295.80. Utilities: City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$1,874.08; Economy Propane, LLC \$201.00; Midcontinent Communications \$163.80; Northwestern Energy \$12,969.28; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$120.73; Town of Frederick \$90.11; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$188.69. Others: SD Assoc of County Officials \$848.00; SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$4,375.95; South Brown Conservation District \$2,176.95. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to acknowledge & approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:

Approve wage increase for Macy Mickelson, PT Building Service Worker from \$13.96/hr. to \$14.08/hr.; effective August 6, 2023.

Hiring of the following Temporary 2023 Brown County Fair Workers August 14-20, 2023:

Ticketing Supervisors @ \$14.50/hr.: April Fryer, Malerie Henschel

Ticket Sellers @ 14.00/hr.: Jacque Ohleen-Kallhoff, Anje Hinkelman, Amy Rawert

Odde Office Staff @ 14.00/hr.: Julie VanDover, Jan Erickson, Bobbie Dempsey, Jody Carls-gaard, Jeannette Hasselbroek

GateKeepers @ 12.00/hr.: Hunter Cramer, Crystal Twiggs, Anna Richardson, Tony Price, Colleen Palmer, Kyle Johnson, Jonathan Shepherd, Kevin Price, Andrew Palmer

Security Staff @ \$35.00/hr.: Kyle Couchy, Brent Koens, Nick Cochran, Dave Hunter, Ryan Antaya, Pte Eng, Justine Charles, Zach Krage, Josh Weber, Keith Miller, Noah Wiedrick, Kanuani Valencia, Mike Wiese, Josh Lee,

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim 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.

AUDITOR REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE 2023: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts of June 2023 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$23,950,606.14; Total Savings Account Balances \$2,825,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$5,479,550.72; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$32,263,304.28. General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$19,729,978.23; Road & Bridge Fund \$2,067,691.37; Road & Bridge Fund-restrict-

ed \$423,243.27; 911 Service \$954,423.80; Emergency & Disaster \$128,942.39; Domestic Abuse \$1,258.50; Teen Court \$0.00; Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$49,201.10; Truancy Court \$212.59; Richmond Youth Camp \$0.00; 24/7 Sobriety \$18,591.59; ROD M&P \$94,253.16; American Rescue Plan Federal Grant \$6.53; Rural Access Infrastructure \$295,534.81; TIF Debt Service \$25,962.07; Landfill + cash change \$4,286,334.66; Landfill - restricted \$1,400,479.44; Trust and Agency Funds \$2,787,158.66; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$32,263,304.28. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following Travel Requests: Karly Winter, State's Attorney to attend Advanced Trial Techniques & Investigate Skills in Pierre, SD from August 15-17, 2023; Dirk Rogers, Highway Dept. to attend LTAP Advisory Board Meeting & SDACHS Certification in Pierre, SD from August 8-9, 2023; Adelaide Mouna to attend Annual Membership Meeting & the Domestic Violence Institute in Sioux Falls, SD on September 5-6, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TITLE 4 ZONING AMENDED ORDINANCE - SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to set hearing date and authorize publication for first reading of the following zoning ordinance to be held on August 29, 2023, in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Proposed Ordinance #255, amending portions of Title 4 Zoning: Chapters 4.14 Highway Commercial District (HC) and Chapter 4.15 Light Industrial District (LI). The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office of Brown County Planning & Zoning Office during regular business hours. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Personnel, Legal and Contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 9:44 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Groton City August 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2023

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Cutler, Nehls, Wells, Wambach, Babcock, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Darrell Hillestad, Todd Gay, Topper Tastad, Terry Heron, Dwight Zerr, Ted Dickey, Dean Marske, and Elizabeth Varin.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to approve the agenda with the addition of discussing the burying of overhead wire during department reports. All members voted aye.

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

Department reports were reviewed, and discussion took place regarding the burying of overhead wire.

Gay, Herron, and Zerr exited the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the Groton Municipal Airport.

Hillestad exited the meeting.

Dean Marske from HKG Architects and Ted Dickey from NECOG discussed the park bathroom project and the projected costs. At the end of the meeting, council traveled to the city park and determined the location of the new building.

Marske and Dickey exited the meeting.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Nehls to approve the revised quitclaim deed for Lot 7B in the Groton Historical Jail

Addition, thereby transferring ownership of Lot 7B to the Groton Community Historical Society. All members voted aye.

Topper Tastad exited the meeting.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to approve Pay Request #2 for Maguire Iron. All members voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wambach to approve Change Order #3 for Maguire Iron. All members voted aye.

Discussion took place regarding TextMyGov. Council would like to make a Facebook post to gauge how the community feels regarding implementation of a texting option instead of phone calls for city notifications.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Nehls to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 769 - 2023 Supplemental Appropriations. All members voted aye.

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

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

Payroll, \$40,539.45, Employee salaries; Executive, \$556.15; Administrative, \$4,427.86; Public Safety, \$9,957.77; Public Works, \$13,833.74; Culture & Recreation, \$11,763.93; NW Energy, \$13.90, Natural gas service - water tower; Dacotah Bank, \$8,429.85, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee Savings; Dacotah Bank, \$622.90, HSA contributions; Paul Kosel, \$42.30, Reimbursement for postage for emergency siren; April Abeln, \$147.25, Med flex; City of Groton, \$225.00, Water Tower Ribbon Cutting utility bill credits; Tadgh Crowley, \$250.00, Utility deposit refund; Dacotah Bank, \$3,515.15, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Aflac, \$336.62, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$38.49, Employee insurance; Allied Benefit Systems, \$10,978.48, Employee insurance; Employers Mutual Insurance, \$82.70, Employee insurance; Kellie Locke, \$266.30, Med flex; Lien Transportation Co., \$3,824.09, Hot mix - Streets; Groton Daily Independent, \$137.21, Publishing fees; Swank Movie Licensing USA, \$475.00, 1-year public performance license for movies - Library; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless router - Rubble Site; SD Department of Health, \$60.00, Water/pool testing; Greg's Repair, \$442.37, Rear brake pads and labor - 2021 Chevy PD Tahoe; Interstate Power Systems, \$712.70, Employee Cell Phone Reimbursement - July/Aug; Runnings Supply Co, \$87.93, Sawzall blades, pvc pipe, hammer, socket adapter - Electric; ULINE, \$812.68, (4) bookshelves - Library; Colonial Research, \$127.96, Cleaning supplies - Shop; Harry Implement, Inc., \$41.80, Switch for red tractor - Streets; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Kay's Computing, LLC, \$889.00, New file server for City Hall; NW Energy, \$859.78, Natural gas service - Pool & PD; S&S Lumber, \$334.11, Clear silicone, spray nozzle, heavy duty hose, Sea-Foam, gloves, pruner, wood glue, bug spray, field marker, side cutters, pliers, adapter, J-bend trap, pipe, teflon tape - Multiple Departments; Reilly Fuhrman, \$337.98, U10 softball coach mileage reimbursement; Farmers Union Co-op Association, \$741.13, Unleaded gasoline for cemetery and baseball complex; Dollar General, \$282.85, Bottled water, toilet bowl cleaner, toilet paper, garbage bags, markers, candy, creamer, coffee, tissues, batteries, soap, snacks for swimming lessons, artificial flowers for city hall, fly traps - Multiple Departments; Aramark, \$58.03, Rug rent; Share Corporation, \$129.54, Sweeping compound oil - City Shop; Todd Gay, \$183.40, Mileage reimbursement - Heartland Energy Conference in Madison, SD; Darrel's Sinclair, \$44.70, Tire repair - Streets; Jim of All Trades, \$182.26, Repair to door at City Shop; Drew Johnson, \$1,350.00, Legal services - July 2023;

Reminder: Family Fun Fest is on August 10, 2023, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm on Main Street in Groton!

Adjournment into executive session did not take place due to there being no personnel or legal matters to discuss.

Johnson exited the meeting.

Council traveled to the city park to determine the location of the new park bathroom building.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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Columbia City August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

City of Columbia Council Meeting - August 2, 2023

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

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

Community: Jeremy Dosch, Julie Lillis, Rod Tobin

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. He called for a motion to approve the agenda. Emily Eichler made a motion to approve the posted agenda. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried. Corey Mitchell called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts. Minutes were passed out from the July 12th meeting. Meghan Butler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Public Health Laboratory - lagoon analysis - 118.00; Artz Equipment - mower - 13,000; Brown County Treasurer - mosquito spraying - 408.46; Columbia Baseball - baseball field sound system - 4986.34; Jeremy Dosch - July wages - 419.99; Cara Dennert - July wages plus certified letter - 1243.81; Northwestern Energy - electricity - 454.28; Dacotah Bank - shop supplies - 352.44; GDI - publication - 49.39; Artz Equipment - shop supplies - 135.59; Double D Lot Services - park mowing - 6478.00; Menards - shop supplies - 22.99; A-1 Locksmithing - keys for park - 30.00

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

COMMUNITY COMMENTS /CORRESPONDENCE: -Public Health Laboratory - lagoon analysis

UNFINISHED BUSINESS -Julie Lillis was also present to give an update on Columbia Fest that was held July 29th. She thanked everyone for their help. The Columbia committees will be meeting with Paula next week. They will be back at our September meeting to give us a final wrap-up of the festivities. Our lawyer was present and brought a copy of the ballpark lease agreement. The council discussed the lease and suggested changes that needed to be made.

Nuisances - The Brown County Sheriff will be serving notice this week on an ordinance violator. The council discussed the possibility of hiring a code enforcement officer. Our lawyer suggested that we do a trial run of the services offered by Joel Johnson. Trevor Meints made a motion to hire the services provided by Joel Johnson for a trial period. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried.

Streets - B&B have been contacted to blade streets - they should probably wait until after a rain though. Trevor and Corey went around town (especially around new park) and installed some stop signs and slow/children signs. They are also looking into some 10 mph signs and possibly some yield signs.

Parks - no report

Lagoon/sewer - The lagoon has been discharged. There are some trees on the bank that need to be knocked down in the future.

Rubble Site - The gates are currently closed. Signage needs to be put up regarding what can be deposited.

NEW BUSINESS - Emily gave a report on Summer Rec. There were 9 - 13 children in attendance each session. There were 22 on the final day. Rod mentioned that the Boys and Girls Club in Aberdeen might have some outreach or help for our program. Emily will look into this possibility.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Cara Dennert presented bank balances. Meghan Butler made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion carried. The board continued to look over

financial information given at the last meeting regarding revenue & expenditures and the 2023 budget. There was much discussion regarding the influx of money regarding the parks. Cara will contact Rod Fortin with the Department of Legislative Audit for guidance.

July 31, 2023 balances: SF - \$ 157,909.00; SF Money Market - \$ 50,277.36;

GF - \$ 157,676.97; GF Money Market - \$50,277.36; CD Money Market - \$ 32,084.60;

FIT - \$14,525.15; Cash on hand - \$0

Mayor Corey Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Regular City Council Meeting - September 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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Groton City Supplemental Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 769
2023 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Groton, South Dakota that the following sums are supplementally appropriated to meet the obligations of the City of Groton and shall be effective immediately following passage.

E 101-43151 Curb & Gutter: \$7,547.00

E 101-45127 Basketball: \$2,190.00

E 101-45129 Tennis: \$35,510.00

E 101-45500 Library: \$5,500.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS: \$50,747.00

SOURCE OF FUNDING

E 101-41150 Contingency: \$7,547.00

R 603-38250 Electric Grants Received: \$2,190.00

R 101-36710 Library Donations: \$5,500.00

Unassigned Fund Balance (Cash Applied): \$35,510.00

TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE: \$50,747.00

Dated at Groton, South Dakota this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

1st Reading: 7/18/2023
2nd Reading: 8/1/2023

Published: Effective: 8/2/2023

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Claremont Town August 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met on 8-8-2023 at 7 pm in City Hall.

President Johnson called the meeting to order with Trustees Spencer and Rasmussen present.

On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the minutes of the July meeting were approved.

On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were allowed:

GENERAL:

Post Office, stamps, 66.00; Don VanderVorst, 5.25 hrs., 77.59; Jason Spencer, gas for mower, 112.76; Northwestern Energy, street lights, 314.15; Northwestern Energy, city hall, 132.32; Full Circle Ag, diesel, 103.16; GDI, publishing, 52.31; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; Jack Klinger, 4 hrs. road work, 59.12; Brown County Treasurer, mosquito spraying, 523.76; Missi Smith, mowing 18.5 hrs., 273.36; James Valley, phone+internet, 91.37; Charla Rye, office supplies, 237.84.

WSSW:

US Bank, debt service, 5461.36; BDM, water purchased, 1654.25; Northwestern Energy, pump house power, 53.82; Northwestern Energy, lift station power, 167.34; SD Dept. of Health Lab, purification, 30.00; James Valley, lift phone, 47.86; SD Association of Rural Water Systems, Inc., annual dues, 360.00; Ecolab, pest elimination, 171.38.

With no further business before the board a motion was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer to adjourn. Motion carried.

C.Rye, Finance Officer
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Brown County 2024 Provisional Budget
PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD
For the Year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

	Governmental Funds											Proprietary Fund 504
	101 General Fund	201 County Road and Bridge Fund	207 Emergency E-911 Fund	226 Domestic Management Fund	229 Truancy Abuse Fund	239 SA Court Fund	238 24/7 Grant Fund	248 M & P Sobriety Fund	251 Debt Service Relief Fund	401 Solid Waste BCT1 Fund		(Landfill) Fund
100 General Government												
110 Legislative												
111 Board of County Commissioners	276,165.79											
112 Contingency (7-21-6.1)	500,000.00											
120 Elections	239,233.83											
130 Judicial System	63,500.00											
140 Financial Administration												
141 Auditor	439,522.16											
142 Treasurer	664,107.41											
150 Legal Services												
151 States Attorney	1,336,510.44											
153 Court Appointed Attorney	901,004.00											
154 Abused and Neglected Child Defense	12,300.00											
155 Court Resource Home								25,349.99				
156 Racial & Ethnic Disparities								20,000.00				
159 Other						24,859.69						
160 Other												
161 General Government Building	2,031,023.80											
162 Director of Equalization	757,408.01											
163 Register of Deeds	427,914.91								42,500.00			
165 Veterans' Service Officer	163,397.30											
166 Predatory Animal (GFP)	4,198.37											
170 Geographic Information System	113,228.00											
171 Information Technology	487,376.57											
172 Human Resources	198,490.00											
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	8,615,380.59	-	-	-	-	24,859.69	45,349.99	-	42,500.00			
200 Public Safety												
210 Law Enforcement												
211 Sheriff	2,412,722.58											
212 County Jail	2,940,683.41							162,787.42				
213 Coroner	105,735.13											
214 County-Wide Law Enforcement	301,282.63											
215 Juvenile Detention	1,450,292.59											
220 Protective & Emergency Services												
221 Fire Protection	17,000.00											
222 Emergency & Disaster Services				314,097.78								
225 Communications Center (911)			1,785,745.21									
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	7,227,716.34	-	1,785,745.21	314,097.78	-	-	-	162,787.42	-	-	-	-
300 Public Works												
310 Highways & Bridges												
311 Highways, Roads, & Bridges		11,639,793.65										
320 Sanitation												
322 Solid Wastes											2,813,298.40	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	-	11,639,793.65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,813,298.40	
400 Health & Welfare												
410 Economic Assistance												
411 Support of Poor	234,028.10											
420 Health Assistance												
421 County Nurse	25,000.00											
424 Ambulance	3,500.00											
430 Social Services												
434 Domestic Abuse					13,000.00							
440 Mental Health Services												
441 Mentally Ill	89,350.00											
442 Developmentally Disabled	13,440.00											
443 Drug Abuse	25,000.00											
444 Mental Health Centers	50,000.00											
445 Mental Illness Board	35,000.00											
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	475,318.10	-	-	-	13,000.00							
500 Culture & Recreation												
510 Culture												
511 Public Library	10,500.00											
512 Historical Museum	462,156.67											
520 Recreation												
521 Recreation Program	5,000.00											
522 Parks	144,339.00											
523 Exhibition Building O & M	722,295.00											
524 County Fair	1,364,706.08											
526 Area IV Sr. Nutrition	5,000.00											
527 Community Transit	2,000.00											
TOTAL CULTURAL & RECREATION	2,715,996.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
600 Conservation of Natural Resources												
610 Soil Conservation												
611 County Extension	97,895.28											
615 Weed Control	221,411.87											
TOTAL CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES	319,307.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
700 Urban & Economic Development												
710 Urban Development												
711 Planning & Zoning	284,000.00											
712 Urban & Rural Development	26,856.06											
713 NESDCAP/GROW SD	2,500.00											
715 Aberdeen Development Corp.	15,000.00											
716 Glacial Lakes	750.00											
TOTAL URBAN & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	329,106.06	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
750 INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES												
800 DEBT SERVICE										903,956.85		
850 Payments to Local Education Agencies												
890 Capital Outlay												
900 Other Uses												
910 Other Financing Uses												
911 Transfers Out	4,935,478.85											
TOTAL OTHER USES	4,935,478.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	903,956.85	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS	24,618,303.84	11,639,793.65	1,785,745.21	314,097.78	13,000.00	24,859.69	45,349.99	162,787.42	42,500.00	903,956.85	2,813,298.40	
Capital Outlay Accumulations (SDCL 7-21-51)												
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	24,618,303.84	11,639,793.65	1,785,745.21	314,097.78	13,000.00	24,859.69	45,349.99	162,787.42	42,500.00	903,956.85	2,813,298.40	
Cash Balance Applied	3,589,390.21	1,000,000.00	454,445.21	100,000.00	26,168.00	10,000.00	12,350.00	51,798.40				
311 Current Property Tax Levy	17,184,710.00											
Less current uncollected												
Less 25% to Cities	(22,171.00)											
311 TIF Property Taxes										903,957.00		
312/319 - Other Taxes	165,500.00	800,000.00									5,000.00	
NET TOTAL TAXES	17,328,039.00	800,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	903,957.00	5,000.00	
320 Licenses & Permits	171,500.00	3,500.00		7,500.00								
330 Intergovernmental Revenue	2,125,200.00	4,510,000.00	880,000.00	65,000.00	2,000.00	45,350.00	5,000.00				50,000.00	
340 Charges for Goods & Services	2,473,275.00	1,000,000.00		3,500.00			62,000.00	30,000.00	2,000,000.00			
350 Fines & Forfeits	40,500.00											
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	176,000.00	10,000.00	1,300.00	700.00			40.00	150.00		706,500.00		
370 Other Financing Sources	10,100.00	4,316,293.65	450,000.00	148,397.78			85,787.42					
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	4,996,575.00	9,839,793.65	1,331,300.00	214,097.78	13,000.00	-	45,350.00	152,827.42	30,150.00		2,756,500.00	
SUBTOTAL (Cash + Taxes + Other Rev)	25,914,004.21	11,639,793.65	1,785,745.21	314,097.78	13,000.00	26,168.00	45,350.00	162,827.42	42,500.00	903,957.00	2,813,298.40	
Less 5% (SDCL 7-21-18)	1,295,700.21											
NET MEANS OF FINANCE	24,618,304.00	11,639,793.65	1,785,745.21	314,097.78	13,000.00	26,168.00	45,350.00	162,827.42	42,500.00	903,957.00	2,813,298.40	

ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of BROWN COUNTY, will meet in the Courthouse at Aberdeen, South Dakota on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 8:45 AM for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the year 2024 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 26th day of September, 2023. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.
 s/ Lynn Heupel, Auditor - Brown County, South Dakota
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Frederick School Notice of Fresh Fruit & Veggies

Notice of Annual Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Participation

Frederick Area School District #6-2

The Frederick Area Elementary was selected to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) for the 2023-24 school year. The first award, to be expended by September 30, 2023, is in the amount of \$1,285.00. The second award, from October 1 through the end of the school year, is in the amount of \$5,765.00. The goals of the FFVP include: to create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices, expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience, increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption and make a difference in children's diets to affect their present and future health. The district appreciates the opportunity this provides our students.

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SD DANR Saber Shred Application

NOTICE OF SOLID WASTE APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDATION

Saber Shred Solutions, LLC Waste Tire Storage, Handling, and Processing Solid Waste Facility

By the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) has received a permit renewal application from Saber Shred Solutions, LLC (dba New Deal Tire) to continue operation of a Type IIB Waste Tire Storage, Handling and Processing Solid Waste Facility located on the west edge and within the city limits of Groton, South Dakota. The legal description is the SW1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 & SE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 13, T123N, R61W, Brown County, South Dakota. The total acreage of the site is 2.95 acres. The facility will serve Saber Shred Solutions, LLC and the surrounding area. The permit renewal will be granted for a period of five years as provided for under SDCL 34A-6-1.16.

DANR has reviewed the application and information submitted, has reached a tentative decision and recommends to the Board of Minerals and Environment (board) that the permit be issued to the applicant to operate the solid waste facility.

The recommendation for approval of this permit is subject to the applicant's compliance with the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:27 and a total of 39 permit conditions. The permit conditions include general requirements (10 conditions), design and construction requirements (4 conditions), operating requirements (12 conditions), recordkeeping and reporting (5 conditions), closure requirements (5 conditions), and financial assurance (3 conditions) as have been determined to be necessary to ensure the facility complies with the environmental laws of this state.

In accordance with SDCL 34A-6-1.14, DANR's recommendation for approval will become the final decision of the permit application and this permit will be issued 30 days after publication of this notice. A person adversely affected or having an interest adversely affected by the DANR's recommendation for approval may petition the board for a contested case hearing. The petition must comply with the requirements of ARSD 74:09:01:01. If a petition for such a hearing is not filed within 30 days of this publication date, a permit will be formally and finally granted at that time.

A copy of all recommended terms and conditions are available from DANR and may be obtained upon request from: South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Waste Management Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182, Attn.: Nicholas Burke, telephone (605) 773-3153. A copy of the draft permit is available at <https://danr.sd.gov/public>.

Hunter Roberts, Secretary
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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School Board

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• Groton school officials plan to meet with Langford administrators to discuss a co-op for the football team next year. The meeting request is based on a letter Langford sent to both Groton and Britton, requesting discussion of co-op-ing with the Langford school football team.

• Local beef will be served to Groton Area school students. After the district put out a request for donations of animals to be processed and served to students, four have been donated. The first animal was taken in last week, and it is set to be ready when school starts, Schwan said.

• A couple of projects are nearing completion for the district. Work on the high school air conditioning project continues Tuesday morning, as contractors plan to coordinate and complete the start-up on the unit ventilators outside of the high school arena.

• The elementary school roofing project may be completed by the time school begins next week.

• The board approved changing the time of the Sept. 11 meeting from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. that day. Homecoming coronation is also scheduled for that evening at 7:30 p.m., which prompted the board meeting change.

• Mid-August enrollment numbers show nearly 600 students at the district this year. That includes 171 high school students, 125 middle school students, 53 fifth graders, 49 fourth graders, 41 third graders, 46 second graders, 39 first graders, 51 kindergarteners and 18 junior kindergarteners.

• The school approved a bid to sell one acre of land that used to house a school site. The bid for the former site of the Oak Gulch School District came in at \$2,500 from Britton-based attorney Danny Smeins representing the Zimmerman family.

Pickleball court talk continues, text messaging on hold

by Elizabeth Varin

Concerns about the city's newly-built and currently cracked pickleball court came up again at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Discussion began about repairing fencing at the pickleball court and swimming pool area that had been damaged when wind hit some banners near the top of the fence, causing posts to lean over. Vosika Fencing estimated repair costs at \$524.67.

The fencing company also said banner advertising on the swimming pool fence should not structurally affect the current fence, as it has 2-and-a-half inch fence posts, said Councilman Brian Bahr. However, future banners should have perforated holes to allow wind through.

Other fencing in the area near the basketball court, though, needs to be looked at and possibly torn down, he said.

"It's leaning," he said. "It's tilting."

Mayor Scott Hanlon said he would talk with Public Works Coordinator Terry Herron about taking out that portion of fencing.

The conversation quickly turned to the condition of the pickleball court, which has cracked as weather has changed from winter to spring.

Resident Loren Locken asked if the company that put in the court would be returning to fix the cracks that have developed along the surface of the court.

The company has said they plan to return in August, though the month seems to be going by quickly, Bahr said. The builders plan to

grind down anywhere there are cracks on the court and fill them in.

"Next spring, no matter what, if they don't grind it down, the humidity will get beneath it and bubble up again," he said. "It's a system for Arizona where it's dry. That's what it is."

Councilman Kevin Nehls asked if it wouldn't make more sense to have the contractor come back in the spring, as repairs before winter may just be destroyed over winter with harsh weather conditions.

If the city waits, said Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich, it won't get reimbursed for the costs. The project has to be closed out by the end of this calendar year as it is grant funded.

Once winter weather arrives, it would make sense to put up gates to keep kids with bikes and others off of the surface, Nehls said. It may help preserve the surface of the court.

Text messages on hold for city

The council plans to hold off on automated text message services for the city.

While discussion continued about TextMyGov, a system that would allow the city to text residents and vice versa, the council reached a consensus to wait and see what other options are available.

"The main goal of this is not to replace so much of what we do (with the current call system), but to alleviate the amount of personal calls we get," Heinrich said.

Currently the city uses One Call Now from OnSolve to get time-sensitive messages to residents, like outdoor watering restrictions and garbage pickup schedule changes. That can cost between \$120 and \$200 per call, and there is no paper trail showing who received the message, he said.

TextMyGov, in contrast, would allow residents to text message the city and receive automated responses, as well as allow residents to report issues immediately.

The company priced out the subscription costs for the city of Groton, and, even with a \$500 discount on setup fees, it would cost the city \$1,000 for the initial setup and \$3,000 per year for the subscription to the service, Heinrich said. And while there was a positive response from community members on a Facebook post from the city about the idea, it wasn't nearly as popular as discussion surrounding a design for a new park safe room design.

Council members seemed unsure of moving forward with the expense. Mayor Scott Hanlon advised that maybe the city should wait a year or so and "see what technology does in the next year."

The price point was a sticking factor for council members.

"It just seems like it's a lot more money than the One Call we're currently using," said Councilman Jon Cutler.

Heinrich added that he could discuss different options with other city administrators at the upcoming South Dakota Municipal League Annual Conference in October.

Park safe room donation options discussed

The city is looking at possible donations to help fund the new park bathroom and safe room facility.

At the council's last meeting Aug. 1, architect Dean Marske asked the council if it would want to seek some private donations to help fund the new park safe room project. The facility would house the women's, men's and family restrooms, showers, a utility room and standing room that would act as an emergency tornado shelter. The building could cost as much as \$630,000, though federal and state emergency funding would cover most of the eligible costs for the tornado shelter portion of the building.

"At the last Chamber (of Commerce) meeting, Topper (Tastad) mentioned the possibility of similarly to how we did the pool, we could do a brick donation to help fund the safe room," Heinrich said.

It's unclear whether the city or chamber would spearhead the donation drive, he added.

Councilman Bahr presented concerns about vandalism possibilities. While the pool is staffed while open and fenced in while closed, the park is not, and donation bricks could be dug up or vandalized.

Councilman Cutler added the city could look to acid etch names into the pre-cast walls of the building, which would solve that issue.

In other action:

• The police department is getting a new Tahoe. The council authorized the city to purchase the new vehicle to replace the current 2017 Ford that has recently been given the police department problems and needed repairs. "It's a necessary part of our city to have adequate police equipment," said Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich. "He (Police Chief Stacy Mayou) already has his name in the bin. He just needs us to pull the pin on it." The vehicle replacement will cost about \$57,000, though some price adjustments may be made.

• The council approved the 2020-2021 audit, which found a couple issues including a lack of timely bank reconciliation and a "significant risk" that city management could manipulate financial statements to conceal fraud. Finance Officer Heinrich said since he was hired, the city has changed how it does bank reconciliations, which would address the first concern. The second concern is common in smaller cities, but it could come down to more of a trust factor. "I don't believe I've given you a reason (to be concerned), and I don't plan to," he told the council.

• The city is moving forward to purchase a Bobcat skid steer. After comparing four machines, the lowest bid came from the Bobcat dealer at \$38,675, said Public Works Coordinator Terry Herron. The council authorized the city to purchase the new vehicle, with talks now shifting to a new truck with a plow.

• The council approved going out to bid for a new two-year cash rent lease agreement for the Groton City Airport.



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Football

Fri., Aug. 18	Roncalli	7:00
Fri., Aug. 25	at Redfield	7:00
Fri., Sept. 1	at Dakota Hills (Waubay)	7:00
Fri., Sept. 8	Clark/Willow Lake	7:00
Fri., Sept. 15	Deuel (HC)	7:00
Fri., Sept. 22	at Sisseton	7:00
Fri., Sept. 29	at Webster	7:00
Fri., Oct. 13	Mobridge-Pollock	7:00
Thurs., Oct. 19	First Round Playoffs	
Thurs., Oct. 26	Second Round Playoffs	
Fri., Nov. 3	Quarterfinals	
Thurs., Nov. 9	State at Dakota Dome	

Cross-Country

Thurs., Aug. 31	at Redfield	10:00
Tues., Sept. 5	at Britton	4:00
Mon., Sept. 11	at Webster	2:00
Thurs., Sept. 14	at Roncalli (Lee Park)	4:00
Tues., Sept. 19	at Deuel (Clear Lake)	4:00
Mon., Sept. 25	GROTON (OGGC)	4:00
Thurs., Sept. 28	at Sisseton	4:00
Thurs., Oct. 5	NEC at Webster	1:00
Thurs., Oct. 12	Region at Webster	1:30
Sat., Oct. 21	State at Yankton Trail, S.F.	

Volleyball

Thurs., Aug. 24	Hamlin	(C at 5:00, JV at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Tues., Aug. 29	at Ipswich	(C at 5:00, JV at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Thurs., Aug. 31	Sisseton	(C/7th at 5:00, JV/8th at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Tues., Sept. 5	at Webster Area	(C/7th at 5:00, JV/8th at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Thurs., Sept. 7	at Aberdeen Roncalli	(C/7th at 5:00, JV/8th at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Thurs., Sept. 14	at Clark/Willow Lake	(C/7th at 5:00, JV/8th at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Sat., Sept. 16	at Hamlin Tournament	
Sat., Sept. 16	JH at Redfield Tournament	
Tues., Sept. 19	at Warner	(C/7th at 5:15, JV/8th at 6:30, Varsity to follow)
Thurs., Sept. 21	at Tiospa Zina	(C at 5:00, JV at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Mon., Sept. 25	at Florence/Henry	(7th at 4:00, 8th/C at 5:00, JV at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Tues., Sept. 26	Great Plains Lutheran	(C at 5:00, JV at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Thurs., Sept. 28	JH with Britton-Hecla	(7th at 4:00, 8th at 5:00)
Tues., Oct. 3	Mobridge-Pollock	(C/7th at 4:00, JV/8th at 5:00, Varsity to follow)
Thurs., Oct. 5	Milbank	(C/7th at 5:00, JV/8th at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Monday, Oct. 9	Britton-Hecla	(C at 5:00, JV at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Thurs., Oct. 12	Deuel	(C/7th at 5:00, JV/8th at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Sat., Oct. 14	at Milbank Tourney	
Mon., Oct. 16	at Langford Area	(JH (1 or 2 TBD at 4:00, JV at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Tues., Oct. 17	Northwestern (volley for cure)	(C/7th at 5:00, JV/8th at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Fri., Oct. 20	at Redfield	(C/7th at 5:00, JV/8th at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Mon., Oct. 23	Faulkton Area	(JV at 6:00, Varsity to follow)
Fri., Oct. 28	JH Tourney at MatchBox, Abrod.	
Tues., Oct. 31	Region 1A	
Thurs., Nov. 2	Region 1A	
Tues., Nov. 7	SoDak 16	
Nov. 16-18	State at Rapid City	



Soccer

	BOYS	GIRLS
Fri., Aug. 18	Belle Fourche	5:00 3:00
Sat., Aug. 19	St. Thomas More	1:00 11:00
Sat., Aug. 26	at Vermillion	2:30 1:00
Mon., Aug. 28	at Mitchell	6:00 4:00
Fri., Sept. 1	at Dakota Valley	6:00 4:00
Tues., Sept. 5	at IV Christian	4:00
Sat., Sept. 9	at SF Christian	1:00
Thurs., Sept. 21	JV Christian	4:00
Sat., Sept. 23	at Tea Area	11:00
Sat., Sept. 30	JV at 1:00	
Tues., Oct. 3	Dakota Valley	1:00
Sat., Oct. 7	1st Round Playoffs	
Sat., Oct. 14	Semi-Final Playoffs	
	State at Brandon Valley	

Boys Golf

Thurs., Aug. 17	at Milbank	10:00
Tues., Aug. 22	NEC at Redfield	10:00
Tues., Aug. 29	at Lee Park, Abdn.	10:00
Thurs., Sept. 7	OGGC, Groton	10:00
Tues., Sept. 12	at Redfield	10:00
Thurs., Sept. 14	Tiospa Zina Invite @ Dakota Magic Golf Course	10:00
Thurs., Sept. 21	at Sisseton	10:00
Mon., Sept. 25	Region 1A at Sisseton	10:00
Oct. 1-2	State at Hart Ranch, R.C.	

Community Events

Aug. 21-22	... Faculty In-Service
Aug. 23	..... First Day of School
Sept. 1	..... NO SCHOOL
Sept. 4	..... NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Sept. 9	..... Citywide Rummage Sale
Sept. 11	..... Homecoming Coronation
Sept. 15	..... Homecoming game with Deuel
Sept. 28	..... P-T Conferences (1:30-8:00)
Sept. 29	..... NO SCHOOL - Faculty Inservice
Oct. 4	..... Fall Planning Day and Career Expo at NSU
Oct. 5	..... Fall Picture Day
Oct. 9	..... NO SCHOOL - Native American Day
Oct. 13	..... Lake Region Marching Festival
Oct. 14	..... Pumpkin Fest
Oct. 20	..... End of First Quarter
Oct. 24	..... ASVAB Test
Oct. 31	..... NCRC Test
Oct. 31	..... Downtown Trick or Treat
Oct. 31	..... UMC Trunk or Treat
Nov. 10	..... Veteran's Day Program (2:00)
Nov. 22-24	..... Thanksgiving Vacation

The winter and spring activities have not been finalized yet. Instead of waiting, we will print two calendars this year.

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Groton Jr. Legion takes fifth at state

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Front row - Lincoln Krause, Karsten Flihs, Bat Boy Micah Krause, Nick Morris, Nick Groeblichhoff. (Courtesy Photo from Becky Kotzer)

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Loses Despite Out Hitting Sioux Falls Christian

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion fell 5-2 to Sioux Falls Christian on Friday in the first round of the State Junior Legion Baseball Tournament despite out-hitting them eight to six.

Sioux Falls Christian got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Brayden Witte singled, Tate Connel singled, and Will Harmelick was struck by a pitch, each scoring one run.

Sioux Falls Christian added one run in the third. Connel grounded out, making the score 4-0.

Tim DeSautel earned the win for Sioux Falls Christian. The starting pitcher surrendered eight hits and two runs (one earned) over seven innings, striking out four and walking one. Korbin Kucker pitched five and two-thirds innings in relief for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The reliever allowed three hits and two runs (zero earned) while, striking out nine and walking four. Gavin Englund took the loss for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The right-handed pitcher went one-third of an inning, allowing three runs on three hits, striking out one and walking one.

Teylor Diegel and Englund were a one-two punch in the lineup, as each drove in one run for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion.

Jack Twinkleburg and Witte were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected two hits for Sioux Falls Christian while hitting back-to-back. Connel provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Sioux Falls Christian with two runs batted in. The catcher went 1-for-4 on the day.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Defeats Martin

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion were triumphant over Post 240 8-4 on Saturday at the State American Junior Legion Baseball Tournament.

Post 240 got on the board in the top of the first inning after Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion committed an error, Maddux Risse singled, and Gunner Watson doubled, each scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion took the lead, 4-3, in the bottom of the fourth thanks to doubles by Korbin Kucker, and Nicholas Morris.

Brevin Flihs earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The righty surrendered eight hits and four runs (three earned) over seven innings, striking out six and walking one. Shooter Frederick took the loss for Post 240. They went four innings, surrendering four runs (three earned) on four hits, striking out two and walking six.

Kucker and Morris each collected two hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Kucker went 2-for-2 at the plate as the infielder led the team with three runs batted in. Gavin Englund paced Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, accumulating seven walks for the game. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion turned two double plays in the game.

Risse, Gavin Risse, and Watson each collected two hits for Post 240. Risse and Watson were a one-two punch in the lineup, as each drove in one run for Post 240.

Groton Jr. Legion wins state consolation title

Weather impacted the state tournament in Lennox so that resulted in a last minute change in venue. The Groton ballfield caretakers got into a full gear and got Locke-Karst Field ready for a 7 p.m. game. Groton would defeat Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern in the consolation game, 5-3.

Braxton Imrie collected three hits in three at bats, as Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion defeated Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion 5-3 on Monday at Groton, SD. Imrie singled in the first inning, singled in the third inning, and singled in the fifth inning.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion got on the board in the first inning after an error scored one run.

Alec Mikkelson hit a sacrifice fly, which helped Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion tie the game at one in the top of the second.

In the bottom of the third, Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion broke up the tie when Gavin Englund singled, scoring two runs. Then an error followed to extend the lead to 4-1.

Nicholas Morris earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The starting pitcher allowed eight hits and three runs (two earned) over seven innings, striking out five and walking two. Drew Bakeburg took the loss for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion. The starting pitcher went five innings, allowing five runs (four earned) on five hits, striking out two and walking three.

Englund drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with three runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 1-for-3 on the day. Teylor Diegel and Imrie each stole multiple bases for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion stole eight bases in the game.

Chase Mansfield went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion in hits. Gavin Lane and Mikkelson each drove in one run for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion. Tristan Gosch collected two hits for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion in three at bats. Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion turned one double play in the game.



When the State Junior American Legion Tournament Baseball Tournament got called off due to field conditions from the rain in Lennox on Sunday, the Groton grounds crew got busy and quickly got Locke-Karst Field ready for a game even after a two inch rain in Groton. David Larson, Brady Keith, Tate Larson and others helped get the field ready. Below is Travis Kurth mowing the infield. The field was prepared while the two teams traveled from Lennox to Groton. Groton played W.I.N. in the fifth place game and won the game. (Courtesy Photos

Doug Hamilton)



2023 Basketball Golf Tournament Summary Championship Flight

1st place: Craig Dunker, Ryan Fjeldheim, Brock Sadness, Tom Crank

2nd place: Brad Larson, Tyler Sperry, Lance Frohling, Connor Hansen

1st Flight

1st place: Trent Traphagen, Mitch Locke, Heidi Locke, Adam Wright

2nd place: Treyton Diegel, Wyatt Kurtz, Anthony Sippel, Carter Jondahl

Pin Prizes:

Hole 2 Men's Longest Putt: Lon Gelhaus

Hole 9 Men's Longest Drive: Spencer Knecht

Hole 8 Men's Closest to the Pin: Tyler Sperry

Hole 3 Women's Longest Drive: Chelsea Hanson

Hole 6 Women's Closest 2nd Shot: Heidi Locke

Hole 9 Women's Longest Putt: Brenda Madsen

Soccer Games

The Groton Area soccer teams are off and running with the girls team beating West Central and Garretson with identical scores of 4-0. The boys lost to Freeman Academy, 6-0.

Simon selected to University of Minnesota Twin Cities Dean's List

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL, Minn. - Alexis P Simon has been named to the 2023 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Alexis is a senior in the Carlson School of Management.

Fliehs takes first at Sioux Valley Golf

Brevin Fliehs won by a single stroke over Flandreau's Kaden Bursheim at the Sioux Valley Golf meet held Monday at Volga. Fliehs shot a 38 in both rounds for a total score of 76. Carter Simon placed ninth with an 85, shooting a 42 and a 43. Logan Pearson shot a 47 and a 46 for a total score of 94 and Jace Johnson shot a 53 and a 42 for a total score of 95.

Flandreau won the team title with 337 while Roncalli took second with 343, Sioux Valley was third with 345, Groton was fourth with 349, Milbank fifth with 361 and Redfield sixth with 412.



Brevin Fliehs receives his first place medal from Groton Area Coach Joel Guthmiller. (Courtesy Photo Joel Guthmiller)



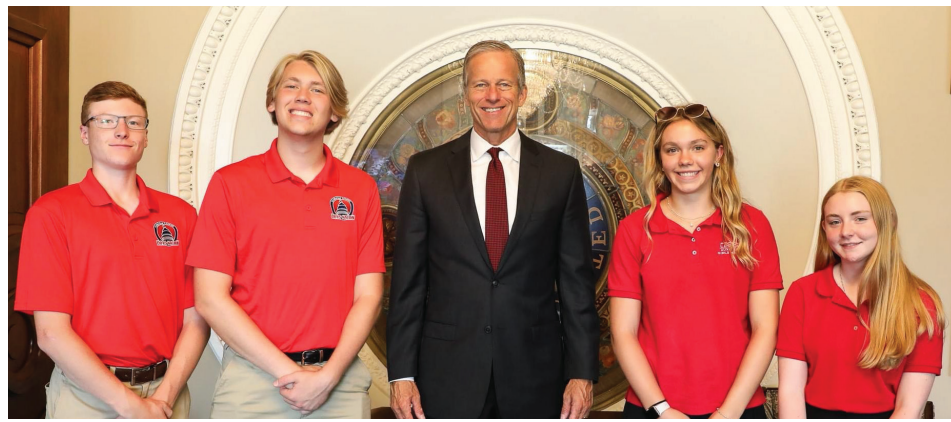
Groton Area Boys Golf Team members are Logan Pearson, Carter Simon, Brevin Fliehs and Jace Johnson. (Courtesy Photo Joel Guthmiller)



Over three dozen students get free school supplies

Pictured left to right are Diane Warrington, April Abeln, Nancy Larsen, Ruby Larson, Pat and David Miller and Char Martin. (Photo courtesy April Abeln)

It is estimated that parents of Groton Area Elementary students will spend \$25,000 on school supplies this year! Enrich Groton SoDak Inc, a nonprofit organization, was established to serve the needs of our community through acts of giving and enrichment. Monday night was just another example of the service of this organization. Enrich volunteers and board members worked at the community center and provided over 3 dozen students with school supplies ranging from glue sticks to markers and even to plastic spoons. We are so grateful for the monetary donations we received to help us achieve this mission and we wish our Groton Area students a wonderful school year ahead!



Frederick's Losure attended Girls Nation

South Dakota High School students, Austin Jenkins, Max Altana, Sofia Losure, and Reagan Blackburn are pictured above with Senator John Thune in Washington D.C.

Austin Jenkins of Forbes (Leola High School) and Max Altana of Sioux Falls (Lincoln High School) arrived at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia on July 21st and Sofia Losure of Frederick Area High School and Reagan Blackburn of Aberdeen (Central High School) arrived at Bolger Center in Washington D.C. on July 22nd, as selected delegates from The American Legion Boys State of South Dakota and The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State of South Dakota to their respective American Legion Boys and American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation programs.

Two representatives from each of the 50 Boys State/Girls State Programs can represent their state at Boys/Girls Nation in our Nation's Capital, where the young leaders receive an education on the structure and function of federal government.

The first Boys Nation – then called Boys Forum of National Government – convened at American University in Washington in August 1946. The 1946 American Legion National Convention adopted the event as an official youth activity. Three years later, it became American Legion Boys Nation. Girls Nation was first held in 1947.

The Student Senators learn the proper method of handling bills, according to U.S. Senate rules. Participation in the political process is emphasized throughout the week, including organization of party conventions and nominating and electing a president and vice president.

The week of government training also includes lectures, forums and visits to federal agencies, national shrines, institutions, memorials and historical sites. On Capitol Hill, Boys and Girls Nation senators also meet with elected officials from their home states.



Pictured above are representatives of Enrich Groton SD: Topper Tastad, Nancy Larsen, April Abeln and Karyn Babcock. The new sound system is featured in the bottom left photo. An installation photo is featured in the bottom right. (Courtesy Photos from April Abeln)

Sound System installed at City Park

A sound system in the City Park started out as a dream; but in just over one month, became a reality as donations started to appear from many wonderful businesses and individuals in the Groton SD Community! We thank Tom with Liedholt Electric for the trenching work, Locke Electric for wiring, Brian of Bahr Spray Foam for the use of his lift and Pauer Sound owner, Alex Bartlett and his trusty sidekick, Caleb Crosby! Enrich Groton SoDak, Inc. would like to thank each and every one of you for continuing to support our mission to serve the needs of our community through acts of giving and enrichment.



GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6

2023-2024 Groton Area School District Back to School Information

Groton Area School District 06-6 – “Mission Statement”

Each school will foster a school climate conducive to learning by encouraging good behavior and citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards. Teachers will employ strategies and approaches to instruction to meet the needs of all children assigned to them. With proper motivation and instruction, all children can learn!

Teacher Qualifications

All teachers of core academic subjects must hold at least a bachelor's degree, have full state certification, and demonstrate knowledge in the core academic subject they teach. For information regarding the qualifications of your child's teachers, you may contact the superintendent's office at 397-2351.

Registration and Schedule Changes

Anyone new to the District should contact the respective building principal(s) as soon as possible. Middle School and High School Schedule changes can be made on Thursday, August 17, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Dual Credit Computer Check-Out

Students enrolled in dual credit courses for the fall may check out their computers for the year on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Students must have the appropriate paperwork completed prior to being issued their device.

School Supply Lists

Students' school supply lists for the elementary school (preschool – grade 5) are posted on the District's web site at www.grotonarea.com under the District Info Heading. Students in the middle school (grades 6-8) will be required to have the same color notebook, folder, and book cover for each class. Math will be green; English, blue; reading, red; science, purple; and social studies, black. The students can choose their own colors for PE, art, health, and computer classes.

6th Grade Welcome Walk – Monday, August 21, 2023

Groton Area Middle School is hosting a 6th Grade Welcome Walk on Monday, August 21, 2023 from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Students and their parents are invited to come get a class schedule and other important information from the school office, find the student locker and classrooms, and begin to learn the new building.

Tablet PCs or Ipads Issued to All Students

Prior to being issued their tablet PC, students and their parents must sign and return the following documents: Laptop Computer Protection Agreement, the Student Pledge, E-mail Acceptable Use Agreement, the Groton Area School District Network/Internet agreement, and the Parental Consent to Publish Student Photos/Work. Required forms can be picked up in the School Office or will be sent home with students on the first day of classes.

First Day of School – Wednesday, August 23

The first day of school is on Wednesday, August 23. Buses will run and school lunch will be served. Each route driver will contact parents to confirm bus arrival times. Other bus route questions may be referred to Transportation Director, Damian Bahr, at (605) 397-8117. The GRASP (OST) program at the elementary school will be available on the first day of school.

Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten

The District offers all-day, every day kindergarten classes. Children may enter kindergarten if they are 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the year in which they are to enter school. The District offers a junior kindergarten program each day from 12:15PM – 3:22 PM for students that are eligible to attend kindergarten, but are not quite ready for

kindergarten. Students enrolling in first grade must be 6 years of age on or before September 1 of that school year.

Non-Resident Enrollment

For out-of-district students, applications to open enroll may be accepted throughout the school year. Applications are available from any school district administrative office. All open enrollment requests and related questions should be referred to school superintendent, Joe Schwan, at (605) 397-2351.

2023-2024 School Hours

Groton Area Elementary
8:15 AM Arrival Time (Supervision)
8:21 AM – 3:22 PM Classes in Session
Groton Area MS/HS
8:25 AM First Bell
8:30 AM – 3:30 PM Classes in Session

GRASP (OST) Program

The GRASP program services children in junior kindergarten through grade five with before and after-school homework help, supervised learning activities, and snacks. The GRASP program will be held in the Groton Area Elementary School from 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM and 3:22 PM – 6:00 PM each day that school is in session. Rates are \$3.00 per hour, per child. Any OST questions or registrations may be directed to Elementary Principal, Mr. Brett Schwan, at (605) 397-2317.

K-12 Breakfast and Lunch Program

The Groton Area School District participates in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Guidelines for 2023-2024 applications for free and reduced priced meals will be mailed out the week of August 14th, 2023. Parents are encouraged to apply for free and reduced priced meals if there is a possibility they may qualify.

The school provides breakfast and lunch for all students each day school is in session. All meals are on a cash basis (i.e. pay as you go), while recognizing the provisions for free and reduced price meals. Prices are as follows:

Groton Area Elementary:
Daily Breakfast \$2.50 Daily Lunch \$3.25
Prices for second servings at the elementary are \$1.00.

Groton Area Middle School/High School: Daily Breakfast \$3.00 Daily Lunch \$3.75

Prices for second servings at the middle/high school are \$1.25.

Activity Tickets

Activity tickets are intended to admit all students to regularly scheduled home activities or events, with about the only exceptions being tournaments and the Pops Concert. Students in grades 1-5 may purchase an activity ticket, if they wish. All students who participate in activities for which an activity stipend is paid are required to purchase an activity ticket as a condition of participation since they are the primary beneficiaries of the activity programs. For example, staff activity stipends include: all sports, marching band, forensics, cheerleading, drama, oral interp, DI, FFA, FCCLA, FBLA etc.

Activity Ticket prices for 2023-2024 are as follows:

Grades 1-5 \$25.00
Grades 6-12 Adults \$30.00
Adults – \$45 (10 events)
Adults All Events \$75.00
Admission Prices:

Adults = \$5.00; \$6.00 for double headers
Students, Grades 1-12 = \$4.00

School Cancellations

All school cancellations or early dismissals due to inclement weather or emergencies will be sent out via the Apptegy Messenger System. Within minutes, Apptegy automatically sends a pre-recorded message to every recipient on a selected list. Parents will be asked to provide phone numbers and e-mail addresses (when available) to the school so that a selected calling list can be created. Emergency cancellations will be broadcast over TV stations KSFY, KDLT, and KELO as well as the District Facebook page and website, www.grotonarea.com, and by push notifications on the District app (Groton Area Tigers, SD).

Groton Area Tigers, SD Mobile App

The Groton Area School District has a mobile application available for both Apple and Android devices. Search “Groton Area Tigers, SD” in your app store and download the free app. Be sure to set up the app to allow push notifications to receive timely and important updates from your child's school. The app includes event calendars, athletics schedules, staff contacts, school menus, access to up-to-date news and information and access to archived documents.

Immunization Requirements (SDCL 13-28-7.1)

State law requires that any pupil entering school or an early childhood program in the state shall, prior to admission, be required to present the appropriate school authorities certification from a licensed physician that the new child has received or is in the process of receiving adequate immunization against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, rubeola, rubella, mumps, tetanus, and varicella, according to recommendations provided by the Department of Health. The Department of Health may modify or delete any of the required immunizations. As an alternative to the requirement for a physician's certification, the pupil may present:

1) Certificate from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child would be such that immunization would endanger the child's life or health; or

2) A written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such immunization; or

3) A written statement signed by one parent or guardian requesting that the local health department give the immunization because the parents or guardians lack the means to pay for such immunization.

Students enrolling in 6th grade are required to get one dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and one dose of Meningococcal vaccine on or after their 11th birthday.

Harassment and Bullying Policies

The district has harassment & bullying policies in place in both buildings. Bullying among students can be defined as intentional, repeated hurtful acts, words or other behavior, such as name-calling, threatening and/or shunning committed by one or more students against another. This definition also includes “cyber-bullying” which is the sending or posting of cruel or harmful texts or images using the Internet or other digital media such as cell phones, etc. For a complete copy of the district's harassment or bullying policy, please contact the building principal.

Grievance Procedure

In an effort to maintain effective communications, if you have a particular concern about your child's progress or about what is happening on the bus, at school, in a class or activity, first discuss it with the driver, teacher, or director of the activity. If your concern or grievance remains unresolved at that level, or if there is a need to share your concern, contact the principal in charge of the school in which your child attends. If the concern/grievance remains unresolved at that level, contact the superintendent. If school policy is at issue or if the concern grievance remains unresolved, you may request that the superintendent include the subject on the school board meeting agenda. To maintain confidentiality, student matters may be confined to an “executive session” with the Board and administration.

Complaint Policy for Federal Programs and Homelessness Policy

A parent, student, employee, or district stakeholder who has a complaint regarding the use of federal funds and is unable to solve the issue, may address the complaint in writing to the district's superintendent. Disputes addressing the enrollment, transportation, and other barriers to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness are also addressed under this procedure. For a copy of the complete policy, contact the school superintendent

or refer to the District web site.

Child Find

Parents or guardians are to be informed that the Groton Area School District 06-6 continuously conducts a "Child Find" search to identify and evaluate District children ages 0-21, with special education needs. Persons who know of a child with un-served education needs may refer the child, by name, to the appropriate building principal. With the parent or guardian's consent, an evaluation will be made. After the evaluation has been completed, a placement committee will meet with the parent or guardian to determine if special assistance is needed.

Title I

The federal government provides funding to states each year for Title I services. The goal of Title I is to provide extra help in math and reading for eligible students. Students are selected for the program based on information provided by classroom teachers, parents, and achievement test results. Title I services in our district are provided to students in grades K-5, with a strong emphasis on students in grades K-3.

Title I Right to Know – Teacher Certification

As a parent or guardian of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars (Groton Area Elementary), you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessionals who instruct your child. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- 1. Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching; 2. Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and; 3. What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

Federal Compliance Notice

Students, their parents, and employees of the Groton Area School District #06-6 are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin, color, age, disability or religion in employment practices and educational activities. To ensure compliance with Section 427 of GEPA, effective steps shall be taken to remove potential barriers so as to ensure equity of access and participation in grant programs and to achieve high standards. Any person having inquiries concerning compliance or application of Title VI, Affirmative Action, Title IX, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act is directed to contact Federal Program compliance coordinator, Joe Schwan, Superintendent, Groton Area School District 06-6, Phone 397-2351 or, Department of Education, Civil Rights Office, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114; Phone: (816) 268-0550; TTD (800) 4370-0833; FAX: (816) 823-1404; Web link: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=mr>

FERPA Notification of Rights

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

- 1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Groton Area School District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may

be inspected.

- 2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the Groton Area School District to amend a record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

- 3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

- 4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Groton Area School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20202

Student Directory Information

The Groton Area School District routinely discloses names, addresses, and telephone numbers to the South Dakota Board of Regents, South Dakota Technical Institutions, and upon request, to military recruiters, subject to a parent's or eligible student's request not to disclose such information without written consent. Parents or eligible students who wish to opt-out of the disclosure of this information may contact the school office for the appropriate document or may obtain it here: <https://bit.ly/3fFyC58>

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, and all professional organizations holding negotiated agreements or professional agreements with the school district are hereby notified that this district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, gender, disability, national origin, or ancestry in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

Section 504

Section 504 is the part of the Rehabilitation

Act of 1973 that applies to persons with disabilities. Section 504 is a civil rights act that protects the civil and constitutional rights of persons with disabilities. It states that no person with a disability can be excluded from or denied benefits of any program receiving federal financial assistance. Section 504 and special education are two separate services.

Notification of Asbestos in School Building(s)

In compliance with the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, the Groton Area School District had its school buildings inspected on 1/24/2023 by an asbestos inspector, accredited by the state of South Dakota. During that inspection, areas of suspected asbestos (ACBM) were identified and inspected. The Groton Area School District has an Asbestos Management Plan which provides information on the periodic monitoring of the condition of asbestos (ACBM) remaining in the school buildings. Anyone that would like to see the Asbestos Management Plan can contact a building principal or superintendent.

Classifieds and Card of Thanks

BIDS

RICE LAKE CONSTRUCTION GROUP, as Construction Manager, is soliciting MBE/WBE/SBE/SBRA sub/supplier quotes for: the City of Harford, SD Water Resource Recovery Facility. Bid date: 8/22/23 – 2:00 p.m. Please email estimating@ricelake.org for more information. Rice Lake Construction Group is an EEO/AA Employer

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

FOR SALE: ORIENT BAR & GRILL, Orient, SD. Great Business opportunity! Bar/restaurant, Barber/Beauty shop, 3bedroom, 2bath home, garage. Call Gary 605-261-4157

EMPLOYMENT

POSITIONS AVAILABLE, LINTON FOOD CENTER, Linton, ND: Full-time store manager and other positions. Apply at lintonfoodcenter.com/jobs or call David Bruns at 605-208-7211.

SCHOOL NURSE: Horizon Health Care is seeking a school nurse in La Plant. Flexible schedule during school hours M-Th. Full benefits package/competitive wage. Apply at horizonhealthcare.org/careers

LAND

FARMLAND rents are strong. Do you need representation or a Farmland Manager? Contact Tim Peters at 605.270.9410 or tpeters@pifers.com. Pifer's Land Management, www.pifers.com

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Rural Attorney Recruitment Program Staff Attorney
South Dakota Unified Judicial System is hiring a full-time Rural Attorney Recruitment Program Staff Attorney in Pierre. Position may be located in any South Dakota courthouse, if space available. Starting annual salary \$82,684 to \$86,819 DOE, benefits and \$2,000 new hire incentive. Successful completion of criminal background investigation required.
Job #23585 | ujs.sd.gov

Kory is turning 40

Come join in on the fun
Saturday, August 26, 2023
At 4:00 at the Other Place Bar in Andover, SD



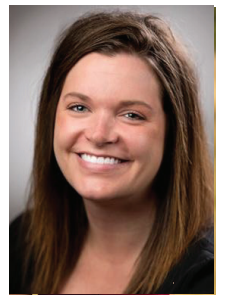
The Groton Swimming Pool was busy Friday evening as Friday's are family fun night. The pool will be open through Sunday, Sept. 3. Hours are: Aug. 17-19: Open swim 1-4:30, Lap 4:30-5:30. Aug. 20-21: Open 1-4:30, Lap 4:30-5:40, Open, 5:30-7:30. Aug. 22: Open 1-4:30, Lap 4:30-5:30. Aug. 23-25: Open 4-6. Aug. 26-27: Open 1-4:30, Lap 4:30-5:30, Open 5:30-7:30. Aug. 28-31: Open 4-6. Sept. 1-3: Open 1-4:30, Lap 4:30-5:30, Open 5:30-7:30. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

"Back to School, Back to School, Here We Go Back to School."

Here it is, August. Summer has flown by and already there is Halloween candy roaming the shelves of Walmart. For most of



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Nikki Eining CSW-PIP, QMHP

us, August also brings the normal adjustment of transitioning back to the school year. It is normal for this to look differently for everyone, especially depending upon the age of your child. You may find yourself stressing to find the school supplies list, supporting your youth through two a day practices for athletic season or looking forward to getting back to the routine of the school year.

Adjustment is a term utilized often in the behavioral health world. Adjustment is "the process of adapting or becoming used to a new situation or stressor." It is a change in our life. This possibly could be a change in the way we are doing something, our relationships, our employment, our family, our environment or possibly our routine. It is normal that with change comes stress. Stress can be positive stress, or it can be very uncomfortable. When adjustment, or change, is out of our control and creates this uncomfortable stress, it is important for us to explore and focus on "what is within my control."

This is where we can explore what is within our control as we adjust back to the school year. Here are some tips on things to think through that can be within your control:

- Sit with your family and work together to develop a daily, predictable family routine. Explore bedtime routines and timeframes. Consistent rest helps us manage stress. Children being a part of creation of the routine also engages them more in the routine and they will be more likely to follow through.
- Communicate or reach out to parents or school staff within similar schools or classes. Gathering more factual information can aid in our management of stress and anxiety.
- Attend open houses, visit the school area and aid in walking through with your child what to expect as the new school year begins. Pre-teaching and familiarizing ourselves with environments sets us up for transition success.
- Identify a separation tradition with your child – maybe this is a hug, a kiss and a special line between you and them, maybe it is a special high five you created together or a special short song. Consistent, brief and positive separation traditions can be a great way to make this predictable and successful for your child.
- Schedule small fun activities with your child during this transition. This gives children something to look forward to, allows them to know 'summer fun is not 100% over,' and also builds attachment time in your schedule with caregivers during a transition of the school day away from caregiver.

As always, everyone's experience is different. Normalizing the stress around change is important. Our nervous system likes predictability. Therefore, when we change things, our body can be on alert. By focusing on healthy things within our control, we can manage through this normal stress associated with adjustment.

With any adjustment in our lives, if stress symptoms continue after a month of change communicate with your primary care provider or local behavioral health care provider to explore how to support you or family members through this.

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