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## Girls soccer team advances to state semifinals

The Groton Area girls soccer team posted a 4-0 win over St. Thomas More in the state soccer quarterfinals. The game was played in Groton Tuesday afternoon. Laila Roberts scored with 26:47 left in the first half, McKenna Tietz scored with 34:36 left in the second half. Jerica Locke scored on a penalty kick with 21:52 left and Brooklyn Hanson scored with 15:56 left in the game. Groton will host the next round on Saturday. Groton Area will play the winner of Sioux Falls Christian and Vermillion in a game to be played Thursday.

This game and Saturday's game will be broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Avantara Groton, Bahr Spray Foam, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, BK Custom T's & More, Blocker Construction, Farmers Union Co-op Assoc., Groton Dairy Queen, Groton Ford, Locke Electric, Lori's Pharmacy, Love to Travel by Becah Fliehs, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc., Northern State University, Rix Farms /R&M Farms, Weismantel Agency. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



## Getting ready for Pumpkin Fest

Brooklyn Heinrich has been busy putting together grab bags for the eighth annual Pumpkin Fest. The event will be held October 14. (Courtesy Photo Doug Heinrich)

## Water rate increase, stop sign take center stage at City Council meeting

by Elizabeth Varin

Water bills are on the rise in Groton.

The City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance to amend water rates in response to a rate increase from the town's water provider WEB Water.

"It seems like we do this every six months," said Councilman Brian Bahr.

The city was notified that WEB Water would increase their water rates in October. The WEB Water rate would go up 33 cents per 1,000 gallons of water used and 68 cents per 1,000 gallons over the contract rate, according to a letter from WEB Water presented at the council's Sept. 19 meeting.

On Tuesday, the council approved the first reading of an ordinance to increase the contract-use rate by 70 cents and the over-the-contract rate by 35 cents.

For residential and general service customers, that would mean a minimum charge of \$23.65 per month, which includes 0-2,000 gallons. The previous charge was \$22.95.

Anything over 2,000 gallons would be \$8.35 per 1,000 gallons, up from \$8 per 1,000 gallons.

"I guess we have to pass it on," Bahr said before asking the council for a motion on the ordinance.

Councilman Kevin Nehls made the first motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilwoman Karyn Babcock seconded the motion, followed by a unanimous vote by the council.

### Safety, slowing down advised near Groton schools

A new stop sign is coming to town.

The council approved adding a north-south facing stop sign to the intersection of North Second Street and East Seventh Avenue.

A couple of people have approached city staff about adding some type of stop sign at the intersection north of the high school and east of the elementary school.

"They're seeing a lot more high school traffic, speeding cars, kids walking home," said Assistant Finance Officer Kellie Locke.

The council reviewed a summary of traffic accidents at the intersection from Police Chief Stacy Mayou. In a letter to the council, Mayou wrote there have been four accidents at that intersection in the last 20 years, and one accident 85 feet west of the intersection.

"I wouldn't consider those numbers to indicate a high accident rate at that intersection," he wrote. "You're looking at one accident on the average of every five years."

Council members were hesitant about the issue early in discussion about it.

"I think we all know what happened last time we put up stop signs," said Councilman Brian Bahr. "...I guess if it saves one kid from getting hit, it's worth it."

Councilwoman Shirley Wells suggested enforcing traffic fines more heavily on that street, as it might get the message across to high school students driving down the street toward the high school.

The council floated the idea of moving the temporary stop sign used during the summer at the swimming pool to the intersection. However, council members were hesitant because North Second Street is more narrow than North Main Street.

Councilwoman Karyn Babcock said she doesn't live in that area and doesn't see the traffic day-to-day, but a stop sign may get a high schooler to slow or stop near the schools.

"I guess we should throw up some stop signs and see what happens," she said.

Babcock made the motion to add stop signs facing north and south on North Second Street, with Councilman Jason Wambach seconding the motion.

"I'm going to get so many calls tomorrow," Babcock said.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

### Surplus items sold

The council opened bids for items declared surplus in early September.

The city received three bids for three zero-turn mowers. Two were from Trent Anderson for two separate mowers at \$55.50 each, and one bid at \$150 for all three mowers from Dustin Cooper.

Councilwoman Karyn Babcock asked how the council could accept one bid for all three mowers at \$50 per mower, while there were other bids for individual mowers at a higher price, but only for two of the mowers.

City Attorney Drew Johnson advised the council to accept the bid that would bring the most money to the city, which would be the \$150 bid for all three mowers.

Councilwoman Shirley Wells added, "If it was thousands of dollars, I would question it, but it's only \$50."

The council also opened bids for a 1988 GMC Sierra single-axle truck and a 1940s Allis Chalmers road grader.

Cody Monson had the highest bid for the GMC Sierra at \$5,800, followed by Jerry Johnson with a \$2,259 bid, Greg Bonn with a \$2,023 bid and Dylan Anderson with a \$1,000 bid.

Jerry Johnson had the highest bid for the 1940s Allis Chalmers road grader at \$2,555.50, followed by Dylan Anderson with a \$600 bid.

The council voted to award the highest bidders – Cody Monson for the GMC Sierra, Jerry Johnson for the Allis Chalmers and Dustin Cooper for the three mowers – the purchase of the equipment.

No bids were received for three booster pumps also declared surplus.

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# Weekly Vikings Recap - Vikings vs. Panthers

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The Minnesota Vikings picked up their first win of the season Sunday as they defeated Adam Thielen and the winless Carolina Panthers despite having multiple turnovers yet again in a game, this time coming from two Kirk Cousins interceptions. In a season where the Vikings already have 11 turnovers through four games, the first interception on Sunday by Kirk Cousins might have been the worst of them all. After receiving the opening kickoff, the Vikings easily drove down the field to get in first and goal territory. However, all that success and momentum disappeared when Cousins' pass to KJ Osborn was cut off by Sam Franklin near the endzone and taken 99 yards for a pick-6. If this Vikings team could ever figure out a way to just not shoot themselves in the foot, there is no team in the NFL that they cannot compete with.

Sunday's game was the best performance for the Vikings' defense so far this season. Thanks to the addition of pass-rusher Marcus Davenport, the Vikings were able to get constant pressure on Panthers' rookie quarterback Bryce Young all game. In total, the Vikings' defense finished with five sacks, including three by Harrison Smith. The play of the game for the came on one of those Harrison Smith sacks late in the third quarter. With the Vikings trailing 13-7, and the Panthers driving down the field to take a two-score lead, Brian Flores called for a Harrison Smith blitz off the edge. Smith, who has made a career with his patented safety blitzes, came screaming off the edge and as Bryce Young went to avoid him, Smith was able to strip Young clean for a strip-sack. Luckily, the ball finally bounced the Vikings way, as DJ Wonnum picked up Young's fumble and ran 51 yards for a touchdown.

After forcing a three-and-out, the Vikings got the ball back again with a 14-13 lead. The Vikings' offense made quick work as they drove down the field for a Justin Jefferson touchdown in only five plays. Jefferson, who had only 85 yards receiving Sunday, a below-average game for his standards, still finished with two touchdowns. This was Jefferson's first multi-touchdown game since Week 1 of last season when he went off against the Green Bay Packers.

In all, the game was not a memorable one for either fanbase. Both teams came in without a win, both starting quarterbacks threw for less than 210 passing yards, and the game was completed in a short 2 hours and 45 minutes. We likely will never mention this game again.

Vikings 21 - Panthers 13

Looking ahead, the Vikings host Patrick Mahomes and the defending Super Bowl champions Kansas City Chiefs next week. This will be a great test for the Vikings. At 1-3, the team has nothing to lose to a team many expect will be back in the Super Bowl this year. If

the Vikings can pull off the upset, this entire season will flip on its head. No longer will fans be wondering if the tank is on, but instead it will become a push for the Vikings to defend their NFC North title over the up-and-coming Detroit Lions. This game really might end up defining the Vikings' season.

## Requiem for an english teacher

I don't know. I honestly don't know if you'd be reading this without her.

Bernice Rollo. My high school English teacher.

I don't know if somehow I would have found my way to this keyboard if she hadn't inspired me. Are there a million paths to our destinies or does one flap of a butterfly's wings confound everything?

And if that's a mystery, so too, is the way she accomplished it. The best I can do is to call it subterfuge.

I suppose there was the occasional "well done" written on my compositions, but never a spoken word of encouragement. I don't know if it was happenstance that this seed sprouted on rocky soil or something she intended. She was impossible to read. Would have been a good poker player.

She died last week at 101, having survived COVID and us—some of the most rebellious students in Frederick, SD, history. We were incorrigible but most of us couldn't spell it. She was stoic through it all. Unflappable.

One day, I idly piled the candy wrappers I found in my desk and lit them afire. Don't ask me to explain. The fire quickly and alarmingly got out of hand. Smoke billowed. She looked up from the book she was reading aloud, and said evenly, "Tony, put out that fire." I did, noisily slapping at the flames. She resumed reading.

Smoke wafted down the hall. Moments later, the door swung open and Don Quimby, our disciplinarian principal entered, nostrils flaring. He stared at me, an obvious suspect. Mrs. Rollo continued to read. He looked at her, back at me, and I think he decided then the less he knew, the better. Didn't say a word. Just retreated.

I realized these past few days as I've thought about her that she, herself, was a mystery. Or perhaps I've remained as oblivious as I was then. She wasn't a dynamic presence in the classroom, yet she connected. She is revered by so many.

Here's how she reached me... She often read my compositions in class, a high honor because she wouldn't read anything even pedestrian. My normally rambunctious classmates honored me, too, with their silence—or laughter if it was humorous.

My first serious essay was about a childhood friend, Keith Glaesman, who'd died in a car wreck the previous summer. I think it was the first loss of anyone close to me I'd



## That's Life

by Tony Bender

experienced. The first time I did what the best writers do. Bled onto the page. Revealed the feelings we're afraid to show. Over the years, I became certain of one thing: writers who refuse to bleed are not writers.

My friends knew I'd be a writer long before I did. They were certain of it. Mrs. Rollo may have known, too, but I can't be sure.

"Write about us," my friends said, and I have. I've written about Mrs. Rollo many times, too. It's become lore, instigated by me, that when I started writing newspaper columns in 1991, she'd mail corrected columns back to me with so much red ink it looked like a crime scene. Pure fiction, of course.

I had a mentor who told me once, "As a writer, you break a lot of rules, but at least you know what rules you're breaking." Well, by that time I'd figured out most of them.

I averaged C's in high school English. I was hopeless in grammar—not in the actual application of it, but in the identification of things like dangling participles, adverbs, adjectives, prepositions... I could manage a good sentence. I just couldn't explain why it worked. I survived because I read insatiably. I wrote well because I read well. If you can read, all other doors are open.

As a publisher, I was fortunate to hire an English teacher as an editor—Jane Haas—a dear friend, who helped get through my thick skull what Bernice Rollo couldn't. Of course, Jane had twice as many years to do so.

I won't make Mrs. Rollo's funeral. I'm taking antibiotics the size of baby carrots to beat back a nasty bug, but I suspect she will grant me absolution. I visited her several times a year and always brought her flowers while she was alive to smell them.

I always told her how important she was to me, that I loved her. Her hearing had degraded so she could pretend not to hear me, but I know she did. Stoic to the end. It's funny, though, I never told her that she was the reason I became a writer. But she knew.

And yeah, I'm sending flowers. One last time.

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An early morning hail storm went through Groton on Friday, leaving piles of hail, more so on the north end of Groton. Bruce Babcock holds a hand full of hail.

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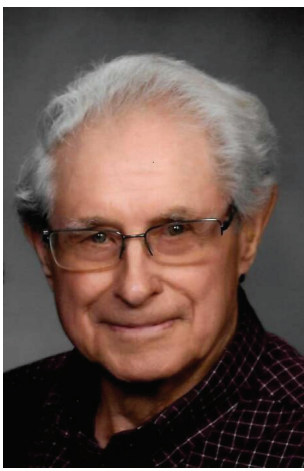
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## The Life of Richard Sanderson



A Celebration of Life for Richard Owen Sanderson, 93, of Conde was held Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at the United Methodist Church, Conde. The Rev. Rob Moorlach officiated. Inurnment followed in the Conde City Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Richard entered into eternal rest on September 27, 2023 at Wilmot Care Center.

Visitation will be held for one hour prior to services at the church. Two special songs, which Richard always liked, will be sung by his granddaughters Jennifer Hyk and Andria Bender with Rosemary Sanderson playing piano. The organist will be Joan Fahrenwald.

Richard Owen Sanderson was born on February 5, 1930 on the farm near Verdon to William Earl and Martha Elmira (Webster) Sanderson. Richard had a brother Jim and two sisters, Jean and Hazel. He attended country school and later began farming with his dad near Crandall.

Richard married Arda Mae Grimes in 1950 and they lived many years on the farm near Crandall. While married to Arda they had three children: Dana, Lynn and Michael.

Richard later married Dorothy (Kraft) Phillips in Conde in 1975. He continued to farm with the help of his son Lynn. They continued to make their home on the family farm until they moved to the Wilmot Care Center.

Richard was a member of the United Methodist Church in Conde. He enjoyed a good life on the family farm. He is remembered as a hard-working man and a true farmer at heart. He enjoyed spending time with family, his siblings, seeing the hills every day, fixing things in the shop, doing field work, checking the crops and cattle, visiting with his many friends and neighbors and enjoying country music. He is remembered telling his son Dana, "If I had not farmed, I don't know what I would have done with my life."

Celebrating Richard's life is his wife Dorothy, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Dana (Brenda) Sanderson of Wagner and their children: Nicole (Joe) Fette and Adam (Kristen) Sanderson of Sioux Falls and Carrie (Phillip) Nest of Pocasset, Oklahoma. The celebration also includes his daughter-in-law Rosemary Sanderson of Sioux Falls and her children: Jennifer (Rob) Hyk and Andria (Chris) Bender, all of Sioux Falls, and Jacob Sanderson of Lisbon N.D.. His sister-in-law Joyce Sanderson and her children: Don Sanderson of Washington, Patty (Mark) Grossman from Wisconsin and Brian (Tina) Sanderson of Conde and her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Also celebrating his life are his step-children: John (Lana) Phillips of Aberdeen, Jerry (Kathy) Phillips of Sioux Falls, Jim (Lynn) Phillips of Watertown, step-grandchildren, Daniel Ringgenberg, Molly Sayer, Shelly Phillips, Rhoda Sandquist, Josh Phillips, Nick Miller, Brandon Miller, Landon Phillips, Logan Phillips, Lucas Phillips and many great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents William Earl and Martha Sanderson, two sons, Michael Sanderson and Lynn Sanderson, his siblings, Hazel Reeve, Jean Tribble and Jim Sanderson and a step-daughter, Patricia Ringgenberg.

## Letter to the Editor

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We tip our hats to those who keep your community running and thank them for their tireless efforts to keep the lights on, no matter the circumstances. That's power with purpose.

Russell Olson, CEO  
Heartland Energy

## We the People

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



By David Adler

## Brandeis: A Great Justice and the Right to be Let Alone

Louis Brandeis, known by the nation at the time of his appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court as "The People's Lawyer," and years later affectionately nicknamed "Old Isaiah" by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was one of the greatest jurists and most innovative legal minds in our country's history.

Fearful of the concentration of power and committed to the principle that the Supreme Court has the authority and duty to protect American's civil liberties, Brandeis forged new paths in the area of freedom of speech and the right to privacy that federal courts follow today.

Justice Brandeis's creative contributions to the world of law, particularly to our constitutional jurisprudence, began early in his career, well in advance of his appointment to the Supreme Court. Few know that Brandeis was instrumental in creating the prestigious Harvard Law Review, molding modern legal education and raising funds to create an endowed professorship for Oliver Wendell Holmes ---all within minutes of his graduation from law school.

Few know that Brandeis experienced serious problems with his eyes while a law student, which prevented him from reading more than three or four hours a day, an important factor that contributed to the development of his prodigious and legendary memory. The issues with his vision, however, did not prevent him from amassing the best grades ever awarded at Harvard. Few

know that his prominent law practice in Boston, straight out of school, featured an impressive list of clients, including Mark Twain. Few know of Brandeis's reputation for meticulous detail and commitment to punctuality.

When future Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, began his stint as a law clerk for Justice Brandeis, he was warned by colleagues about Brandeis's lifelong practice of being on time, which he emphasized for reasons of courtesy and professionalism. Punctuality was one of Brandeis's prized virtues.

On one occasion, when Brandeis assigned Acheson to write a legal memo, he told the young clerk to slide the memo under the front door of his home, at precisely 5 a.m. At the appointed hour, according to Acheson's narrative, he did indeed slide the memo under Brandeis's front door, only to feel a hand from the other side grasp the memo.

Brandeis's novel contributions to American constitutional law began in earnest while he was a young lawyer practicing in Boston. In 1890, Brandeis and his law partner, Samuel Warren, whose academic record at Harvard was second only to Brandeis's, wrote an article-- "The Right to Privacy"--for the Harvard Law Review. It was this article that introduced the right to privacy to America. Brandeis quoted passages of this article in his famous dissent in *Olmstead v. United States* (1928), which became the law of the land in the landmark case of *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965).

The argument enjoyed wide appeal within the academic world, the legal community and across the nation. Indeed, it's safe to say the reaction to it was nothing short of remarkable. Brandeis and Warren, it appeared, had created a new right--the right to privacy, which they believed embodied in the Constitution. A distinguished Harvard Law School Dean, Roscoe Pound, stated that the article "did nothing less than add a chapter to our law." Over the course of time, scholars hailed it as an example of how the best academic writing can work an influence on American law. One scholar observed that article "was perhaps the most influential law journal piece ever published."

Brandeis considered the right to privacy inextricably linked to free speech, both as a check on government and as a human necessity. The word "privacy" does not appear in the Constitution, but he had long believed that it to be one of our most fundamental rights.

In *Olmstead*, the Supreme Court had held that wiretapping did not constitute a violation of the Fourth Amendment. In a landmark dissent that drew upon his 1890 article, Brandeis objected to this invasion of privacy. "The makers of our Constitution," he declared, "conferred, as against the government, the right to be let alone--the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized men."

The assertion by Brandeis and Warren of a "right to be let alone," first promoted in the 1890 law review article and embraced 75 years later by Justice William O. Douglas in his opinion for the Court in 1965, in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, generated curiosity about the motivations behind the article. Simply put, the origin of the idea for the article stemmed from unwanted newspaper coverage of private family events which, the authors believed, deserved to remain, well, private. From there, it was a matter of determining how important privacy is to those who live in a free country.

The concern about privacy is rooted in our DNA. Afterall, the objections of the colonists to sweeping searches of their businesses and homes by English agents in the early 1760s, widely considered to be unlawful, spurred the discontent that led to the American Revolution. What Brandeis and Warren did in their groundbreaking law review article, and what Brandeis did in his *Olmstead* dissent, was to give voice to a fundamental right that Americans have always believed to be essential to a free society--and always will.

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**Brown County**  
**Sept. 26, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

SEPTEMBER 26, 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, Sutton and Wiese. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Wiese.  
 APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Fjeldheim moved to approve the agenda with a change of moving Item 9 - Kylie Lange from Summit Carbon Solutions to item #5, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None  
 2024 ANNUAL BUDGET: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD For the Year January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024 RESOLUTION #42-23 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA  
 Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the County and all its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and, Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, elimination's and additions have been made thereto.  
 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURES FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, this 26th day of September, 2023. The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Auditor, Brown County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Brown County for the year January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.  
 COUNTY TAX LEVIES WITHIN LIMITED LEVY Dollars  
 .....\$S/1,000  
 \* General County Purposes (10-12-9) .....\$17,191,689.00 ..... 3.588  
 TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY COUNTY.....\$17,191,689.00 ..... 3.588  
 \*These amounts include the 25% to be distributed to cities.  
 Seconded by Commissioner Gage. Roll call vote: Dennert-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Wiese-aye, Gage-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.  
 SUMMIT CARBON SOLUTIONS PROJECT UPDATE: Kylie Lange and Alex Lange from Summit Carbon Solutions met with the Commission to give a project update. Kylie stated that both Alex and she are moving to Brown County to be more hands on with the project and they heard that they need to work with County Officials and its constituents. Moving forward the goal is to have complete transparency. Kylie also informed the Commission that they are working with the Emergency Management (EM) and First Responders: they will train them and give them the equipment they will need; planning on getting a Grant to pay for the equipment. They are designing a waiver form and will submit it to Planning & Zoning for approval. There is no route defined at this time but hoping to have a plan in the next month or so. Jim Seurer, CEO from Glacial Lakes Energy also commented that they are dedicated to prosperity of Brown County, they buy 65 million bushels of corn from this area. In the future reduction of the Carbon Footprint is critical to their survival and the economic liability to this area, which in turn leads to success for local producers. Jim stated there is not another proven technology or project out there that lower their score by 25-30 points, this can and will qualify for tax incentives at the same time, this project will allow Glacial Lakes to be in a competitive market for corn in this community and potentially even expand, which will mean jobs for Brown County and surrounding area, more importantly higher tax revenues. Without this project Glacial Lakes may have to scale back or discontinue their capital investment particularly this area if not able to get outside city limits of Aberdeen. Jim stated looking into the future this may be their only way to get into Aviation fuel, which is a market 3 times the size of ethanol and has higher margins, which would ultimately lead to more local profits. They have plants in Mina, Huron and Wattertown, also. Glacial Lakes want to collaborate again, they need our involvement, feedback, and insight so this can be a win for everyone. Jared Bossly asked how the condemnation is going to benefit his future place, by still condemning him and going through his farm, he feels they are going to devalue every piece of land the pipeline goes through. Jared also asked why the condemnation cases are not getting dropped, when they don't have a permit. Kylie Lange stated that her understanding is that they are working towards dropping the condemnation cases, but she is not familiar with the legal process. Kylie reiterated they do not have a route at this time so they are working on developing a route that works Brown County, landowners that are interested in the project, so there will be changes made. Commissioner Gage questioned Kylie wanting to know if they had some defined routing in Brown County as of now. Kylie responded they have multiple option they are discussing but haven't made a definite route at this time. Then Gage stated Summit Carbon is wanting a conditional use permit for the pump station that was just addressed at the Planning & Zoning Commission last Tuesday, need to know how you are going to get in and out. Alex Lange stated they want to maintain that location, because have an agreement with a voluntary landowner, but how they get there is still undefined. Commissioner Gage then asked about the equipment for EM, how are they making a decision on what is necessary, Kylie says they are meeting with EM from each county and the Grant will assist with the differences. Dennis Feickert asked if they are willing to release the full-scale plume study now if they are willing to work with EM and First Responders. Kylie stated they are reviewing the Input & Outputs Safety and Alex is working on that. Summit Carbon will be doing a presentation with this information in the future. Commissioner Dennert stated that he would like to see plume study presented to the County Commission, also. The asked if Summit is willing to commit to not doing condemnation and Kylie replied not at this time. Commissioner Fjeldheim asked if they are willing to work with the landowners of Brown County. Maybe they have better options for the pipeline. Kylie said they are willing to work with the public, having to sit down with landowners because don't have a permit through PUC. Ed Fischbach shared that their landowner attorney has made 2 attempts to get the eminent domain lawsuits against 160 landowners dropped and has not gotten any response. Landowner attorney has filed a motion to dismiss, hearing will be held here on of October 4th to dismiss those cases. Ed also commented that the people have a right to say 'NO', we don't want it here. Dewayne Siebrasse shared that 82% of the farmland is owned by Farmers and it has been passed down by generation after generation. The land is paid for so why put something on it to destroy it, he suggests using sciences for other solutions to capture the carbon. Dewayne shared that the Farm Forum addition had an article on Summit Carbon Solutions, he encouraged people to read it. Dennis Feickert asked how many lawsuits Summit Carbon Solutions had against Brown County and if it has been dropped. Ross Aldentaler, State's Attorney Deputy stated there was 1 regarding the moratorium and it has been dropped. Dennis then questioned if the offers that Summit is making to the Counties, Sheriff Departments, etc. could be considered bribery. Alex Lange shared that he did validate with their SD legal team, they are dropping all condemnation

proceedings. Part of the condemnation proceedings, you need a PUC permit as Kylie stated we don't have one. Alex also stated that there are some landowners that are for the project and were at the Planning & Zoning meeting. Jared Bossly questioned the 70% for it because there was only 1 person at the Planning & Zoning meeting. Ed Fischbach then asked what percentage of those signed under distress or were coerced into signing. Then Ed also asked if Summit is wanting to turn over a new leaf, would they offer a list of investors, so the people know who is behind this and who is financing this project. Alex responded ultimately no because some of the funds have hundreds of investors, they don't have clarity of where the funds come from to finance projects like this. Alex says he does know that 85% of the investors are Domestic, 10% is South Korean; vast majority is here domestically. Amy Haselhorst and her family is one of the 160 landowners, she wanted to let everyone know this project has caused emotional and financial implications for her family. She has had Sheriff Deputies at her home and her place of business, countless times over the last 2 years and trying to explain this to their young daughters. Also, trying to explain why they can't take over their great grandfather's farm, without the fear of someone being able to come in and take it from them. They are teaching their children not to steal but that is what has been happening to them and the other 159 landowners. Amy has also been showing her children how good Government works, such as the Commission along with Planning & Zoning: they take care of the people that elected them. Amy and her husband volunteer for the Warner Fire Department and they have lots of concerns with the pipeline. Amy stated that if Summit wants to turn over a new leaf and support the farmers, she ask that they stop terrifying our children, don't steal our land, and be respectful. Commissioner Dennert stated that the Eminent Domain Laws need to be reviewed by the Legislature and working on fixing this so the landowners have a fair shake. Some of those in Pierre working on this are Representatives Schaeffbauer and Perry, John Hanson and others. Dennert suggested that Summit Carbon Solutions work with the Legislators on Eminent Domain Reform as a sign of good faith to the people. Dewayne Siebrasse mentioned that Private Property Rights are in the Constitution, and we need to live by the Constitution. Commissioner Sutton shared an article that three major carbon capture and sequestration companies were told that state and local governments have the authority to regulate the location and routing of their carbon pipelines, which is the opposite of what the Commission has been told for the last year and a half. Sutton commented that Summit needs to work closely with Planning & Zoning Commission by providing input, look at routes that are less damaging and don't impact the economic growth for Brown County. Jared Bossly shared that his kids are also afraid, families are being bullied and now they lock their doors because afraid of invasion. Neighbors are on edge and don't trust anyone that is pulling into their farms: the project just needs to end. Ed Fischbach shared he has a letter from PHMSA if anyone would like to read it. He also reminded them that they were being sued over it. Ed feels that landowners were vindicated by PUC, PHMSA and compliment them for sticking up for the landowners. Dennis Feickert had a final comment that its about Freedom and Property Rights instead of stripping the land/house for a tax incentive. Kylie again wanted to let everyone know they are willing to work with the people and feel free to reach out to her or Alex.  
 APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY – NORTHERN ELECTRIC: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve three applications submitted to provide primary electrical services by Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #12W in Section 24-T123N-R65W, Brown County, SD: Brown County #12W, in Section 17-T123N-R64W, Brown County, SD and Brown County Hwy #12W, in Section 19-T123N-R5W, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway

Superintendent gave a brief department update on ongoing projects: continuing to pave on Co. Rd. 16 from State Hwy. 10 south 6 miles; Brooke Brown Rd. will be done before winter and continuing to mow but may not get it all done before weather changes.  
 HIGHWAY 5-YEAR PLAN: Time and place, as advertised to discuss and receive public comment on the 5-year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan. Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent presented his 5-year plan to the Commission outlining plans for 2024-2028.  
 WEBSITE DEMONSTRATION: Joe Adam, IT Specialist met with the Brown County Commission to demonstrate the new website for Brown County that he has been working on to update our services.  
 BROWN COUNTY FAIR ENTERTAINMENT CONSULTANT BID: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager met with the Brown County Commission sharing the Brown County Fair Board would like to recommend awarding the bid to Neste Live! for the Entertainment Consultant for the 2024, 2025 and 2026 Brown County Fair. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to award the bid, per the Fair Boards recommendation, submitted by Neste Live! in the amount of \$28,000.00 for 2024; \$29,000.00 for 2025 and \$30,000.00 for 2026 for a three-year total of \$87,000.00 plus one hotel room for a Neste Live on-site Service Representative each year. Rejecting bids from Hooked Up Entertainment @ \$73,500.00 for three years; Pepper Entertainment with a cap of \$30,000.00 annually; Monument Talent @ \$58,000.00 for three years; Romeo Entertainment @ \$99,000.00 (Option 1) and @ \$57,000.00 plus \$1/ticket sold (Option 2). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 FAIR DEPARTMENT UPDATES: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager informed the Commission that she is wanting to start contacting Electricians to get quotes because feels the companies are booking in the fall for the following summer. They've had issues in the past with additional projects lumped into Fair week, which elevated the costs for this year. Rachel presented her letter that she would like to send out for quotes.  
 Rachel also shared the Commission will be receiving a letter from the Aberdeen Hockey Association in regard to some concerns during the Fair this year. She will be meeting with Duke on Friday to discuss this matter further. Commissioner Wiese commented in regard to the Dynamics and the downtime between the acts have an impact so maybe look at having 2 good acts instead of 3 in the future.  
 Rachel informed the Commission that she wasn't expecting the cost of the Marquee this year and they were hoping to purchase a Forklift between Fair, Fair Grounds and Parks budget. She is getting price quotes because they are in dire need of a Forklift that is in good condition.  
 LANDFILL SCALE BID: Mike Scott, Landfill Manager and Leif Redinger, Project Engineer met with the Brown County Commission to recommend awarding the bid to Webster Scale for the Landfill Scale. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to award the bid submitted by Webster Scale in the amount of \$173,297.23, rejecting the bid from Prairie Scale @ \$189,351.68. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 LANDFILL UPDATE: Mike Scott, Landfill Manager share the Solid Waste Conference went well. He thanked Commissioner Fjeldheim for attending. They had about 125 people in attendance and had a good Landfill Tour.  
 MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting minutes of September 19, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following claims and payroll.  
 Claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$5,350.00; Avera Medical Group Orthopedics Aberdeen \$185.32; Avera Medical Group Radiology \$347.60; Avera Medical Group University Psychiatry Associates \$3,750.00; Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$1,325.95; Brad Meehan \$357.62; Century-Link-Lumen \$184.84; CGI, LLC \$1,691.25; Dakota Group LLC

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\$2,100.00; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$36,019.20; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$110.00; Jeremy Lund - Siegel Barnett & Schutz, LLP \$1,544.50; Lewis & Clark BHS \$639.00; Mark Katterhagen \$6.00; Mitchell Alan Vilhauer \$1,173.30; Muth Electric Inc \$29,322.69; Park Dietz & Associates, Inc \$742.50; Priority Dispatch Corp \$3,474.00; Sanford Aberdeen ED \$582.67; Sanford Clinic Radiology-North Center \$90.40; Sanford Health \$651.35; SD Dept of Health \$1,960.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$51.50; US Bank Visa \$2,420.00; Valerie J. Larson \$6.00; Yellow Robe Consulting \$9,000.00. Publishing: GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc \$2,168.23; The Argus Leader \$21.15; Todd County Tribune/Mellette County News \$52.20; US Bank Visa \$300.00; West River Eagle \$16.59. Repairs & Maintenance: City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$9,716.50; CommTech Inc \$2,719.75; Hase Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc \$130.00; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$293.98; Lien Transportation Company \$3,836.74; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$91.96; NESD Specialized Washing, LLC \$2,040.00; Northstar Safety, Inc \$24.60; Olson's Pest Technicians \$440.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$189.32; Safety Service \$8.25; Schwan Welding \$4,549.38; Sewer Duck, Inc \$600.00; Town & County Building Supply \$110.98; Vosika Fencing \$3,200.00; US Bank Visa \$2,818.69. Supplies: Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$70.00; Advance Auto Parts \$681.03; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$1,254.43; Cole Paper Inc \$883.08; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$1,963.44; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$0.75; Gardner Locksmithing \$22.00; Geffdog Designs \$1,013.10; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$88,366.32; Hitch 'n Post \$120.00; Marco Technologies, LLC \$26.35; Menards \$626.90; Northstar Safety, Inc \$119.90; Performance Oil \$655.55; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC \$1,046.10; Runnings \$134.85; Safety Service \$137.70; Share Corporation \$2,371.20; Sherwin Williams \$350.00; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$1,894.62; US Bank Visa \$13,121.91; Western Detention \$589.50. Travel & Conference: Drew Dennert \$254.20; Kathy Fischer \$220.00; Michael Gage \$239.30; Michael Wiese \$234.20; Safe Harbor \$700.00; US Bank Visa \$2,373.12. Utilities: CenturyLink \$1,144.76; Northwestern Energy \$1,279.01; US Bank Visa \$2,984.90; Verizon Wireless \$2,962.67. Others: Office of Child & Family Services \$10,646.50.

Payroll: Commission \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.00; Treasurer \$16,428.74; SA \$33,526.71; Maintenance \$11,356.70; Assessor \$15,031.21; Register of Deeds \$9,932.80; VSO \$4,379.94; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$8,974.46; HR \$4,406.95; Sheriff \$50,238.30; Jail \$66,966.84; Coroner \$146.70; Court Security \$7,056.83; JDC \$32,985.10; Welfare \$2,336.49; Museum \$11,189.04; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,580.38; Fair \$4,107.22; 4-H \$786.80; Weed \$5,358.01; Planning & Zoning \$7,232.61; Highway \$53,163.44; Dispatch \$40,951.80; Emergency \$4,933.61; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,541.05; Landfill \$19,889.64; FICA \$26,030.64; Medicare \$6,087.82; Discovery\_HSA \$1,688.61; Health Insurance\_Wellmark BCBS \$127,891.47; Dental Insurance\_Delta \$8,589.00; Life Insurance\_Dearborn \$1,050.94 and Retirement\_SDRS \$54,332.71. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim: employment ending for Caden Shelton and Brianna Locke, Brown County Fairgrounds seasonal workers; effective August 20, 2023; resignation of Dawson Anderson, Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; effective September 29, 2023; request to fill. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following Lease Agreements: Agetgra for lease of 1 People Mover on October 7, 2023; Dennis Nelson, Freddie Robinson and Les Hinds for lease of Club House on September 30, 2023, for 452nd Reunion. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.

**ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to approve the following abatement for F & L Investments, LLC for tax year 2023: Parcel #30725 \$345.41; and refunds for F & L Investments, LLC for tax year 2022: Parcel #30725 \$447.37; for tax year 2021: Parcel #30725 \$474.91. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Travel Requests: Patricia Kendall, Marianne Marttila-Klipfel, Brandon Duxbury and Levi Margolies, Dacotah Prairie Museum staff to attend Association of SD Museums Annual Conference in Spearfish on October 8-10, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PLATS:**  
Resolution #43-23  
Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Donald Dennert First Subdivision in the NW ¼ and the N ½ SW ¼ and the W ½ NE ¼ and the NW ¼ NW ¼ SE ¼ all in Section 10-T126N-R62W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #44-23  
Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "B Miller Addition in the NE ¼ of Section 13-Township 126 North, Range 61 West of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3 and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #45-23  
Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the following plat showing Bernie and Tonya Jark First Subdivision in the SE ¼ of Section 5-T121N-R62W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof". Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**ZONING ORDINANCES - SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION:** Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize publication for first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held on October 17, 2023, in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Proposed Ordinance #257, applicant of Brown County Planning & Zoning Board for purpose of rezoning the following properties from Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Lot 1 & Lot 2 "S&C Schipke Subdivision of Lot 1, D&S Business Park First Addition", Lot 2 thru 8, "D&S Business Park First Addition" & Lot 1 thru 10, "Todd Rosebrock First Subdivision", all in the NW ¼ of Section 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (4051, 4063, 4050, 4202, 4230, 4302, 4301, 4231 & 4201 Schipke Lane; 4095, 4185, 4275, 4365, 4395, 4390, 4360, 4270, 4180 & 4090 Paper Lane; Aberdeen Twp.); Proposed Ordinance #258, applicant Nickolas & Nicole Johnson for the purpose of rezoning the following properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: The 343.5 feet next North of the South 343.5 feet of Outlot D, "Engel Subdivision" in the NE ¼ of Section 18-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12625 389th Avenue, Ordway Twp.); Proposed Ordinance #259, applicant Bernie & Tonya Jark for the purpose of rezoning the following properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Proposed Lot 1A, "Bernie & Tonya Jark First Subdivision" in the SE

¼ of Section 5-T121N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14265 396th Avenue, East Rondell Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SAFETY BENEFITS SURVEY RESULTS:** Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert motioned to acknowledge the Safety Benefits Survey results. Auditor Heupel asked if they wanted to implement the media policy they suggested, consensus was not at this time.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Commissioner Gage wanted to recognize the Dacotah Prairie Museum staff for the Abby Award they received for Community Involvement.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for 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 11:24 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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### Brown County Blade/Skidsteer For Sale

**NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE**

Notice is hereby given for auction of surplus property. The Auction will consist of the following items that are declared Highway Department Surplus:

- 2010 Terex Track Skidsteer Model PT-80
- 2012 John Deere 772G Blade

Auction will begin on October 7, 2023, and conclude on October 31, 2023.

Bids may be submitted at [purplewave.com](http://purplewave.com).

For more information on these items, please contact the Brown County Highway Department at (605) 626-7118.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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### Bates Twp. ROW to be Cut by Oct. 20

**BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE:**

**OWNERS & TENANTS** of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds, grass, and trees in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 20, 2023 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

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

Bates Township Board of Supervisors  
Betty Geist  
Township Clerk

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### West Hanson ROW to be Cut by Oct. 20

**West Hanson Township Mowing Notice**

All road right of ways in West Hanson Township must be cut by October 20th. The Township will cut the right of ways not cut with cost charged to the landowner. The charge of \$150 per lot, \$250 per half mile and \$500 per mile will be charged to the landowner. Per Certified Law 31-32-2 the owner or occupant of any abutting or adjoining upon township roads shall cut, remove or destroy, or cause to be cut any

grass, weeds, trees and brush growing in the right of way of such roads.

Jennifer Dirks, Clerk West Hanson Township

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### Frederick Town Sept. 6, 2023 Special Meeting

City of Frederick

September 6, 2023 Minutes  
Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, September 6, 2023 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board members Jeff Koters and Troy Millard, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock, and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine. Also attending was Frederick Volunteer Firefighters Chief Kevin Barton.

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

The minutes of the August Meeting were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Koters; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Koters/Millard motion carried. The September accounts payable were approved with a motion by Koters/Millard; motion carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$983.12; A. Gunther wage EBL \$32.32; Badger Meter meter fees Wtr \$116.25; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Brown Co Weed & Pest mosquito control Gen'l \$717.80; Brown Co Weed & Pest mosquito control Gen'l \$710.60; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$73.36; Dakota Pump & Control service Swr \$513.27; Dalton Kopecky UT wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$144.07; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,712; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$888.81; FDC Gen'l \$1200; GDI minutes Gen'l \$86.64; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; J. Koters Gen'l \$46.17; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,373.77; JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$296.24; K. DuPlessis deposit refund Gen'l \$50; M. Cox wage EBL \$631.92; M. Heine wage FO \$1,126.37; M. Morlock mowing wage Gen'l \$166.23; Metering & Tech Solutions meters Wtr \$2583.33; R. Bakeberg UT wage Sts/Wtr/Swr \$244.80; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l \$65.21; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; VISA supplies Gen'l \$279.03; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$5,686.18

**OLD BUSINESS**  
Scott Campbell provided a utility report. The house at 303 2nd Ave will be torn down before winter. Main Street has seen some improvements with some weeds being sprayed and some freshly painted buildings.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to approve the first reading of the 2024 appropriation ordinance made by Koters/Millard, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried. Motion to increase water rate up to \$28 minimum fee and \$5.10 per 1,000 gal after the first 1,000 gallons made by Campbell/Millard, roll call vote had ayes by all; motion carried. An issue has been brought to the board's attention of a new structure possibly encroaching on the neighboring property line. The issue is being addressed with the builder and property owners. Motion to deny reimbursement of sewer cleanout for personal sewer line submitted by Doug Burkhardt made by Millard/Koters; motion carried.

The second reading for 2024 appropriation ordinance will be Wednesday, September 20 at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Koters at 7:54 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine  
Assistant Finance Officer  
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### Brown County Schipke Rezoning Notice

**NOTICE**  
Application has been made by Brown County Planning & Zoning Board to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on

October 17, 2023 for the purpose of rezoning the following properties from Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use:

Lot 1 & Lot 2, "S&C Schipke Subdivision of Lot 1, D&S Business Park First Addition", Lot 2 thru 8, "D&S Business Park First Addition" & Lot 1 thru 10, "Todd Rosebrock First Subdivision", all in the NW1/4 of Section 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (4051, 4063, 4050, 4202, 4230, 4302, 4301, 4231 & 4201 Schipke Lane; 4095, 4185, 4275, 4365, 4395, 4390, 4360, 4270, 4180 & 4090 Paper Lane; Aberdeen Twp.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 257.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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### Brown County Johnson Rezoning Notice

**NOTICE**

Application has been made by Nickolas & Nicole Johnson to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on October 17, 2023, for the purpose of rezoning the following properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

The 343.5 feet next North of the South 343.5 feet of Outlot D, "Engel Subdivision" in the NE 1/4 of Section 18-T124N-R63W

of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12625 389th Avenue, Ordway Twp.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 258.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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### Brown County Jark Rezoning Notice

**NOTICE**

Application has been made by Bernie & Tonya Jark to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on October 17, 2023, for the purpose of rezoning the following properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

Proposed Lot 1A, "Bernie & Tonya Jark First Subdivision" in the SE 1/4 of Section 5-T121N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14265 396th Avenue, East Rondell Twp.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 259.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County 2024 Approved Budget

APPROVED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD  
For the Year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Governmental Funds											Proprietary Fund
101 General Fund	201 County Road and Bridge Fund	207 E-911 Fund	226 Emergency Management Fund	229 Domestic Abuse Fund	239 Truancy Court Fund	238 SA Grant Fund	248 24/7 Sobriety Fund	251 M & P Relief Fund	401 Debt Service BCT1 Fund	504 Solid Waste (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			1,364,111.14								
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			2,090,093.93								
162 Director of Equalization			681,986.92								
163 Register of Deeds			377,044.75								
165 Veterans' Service Officer			163,397.30					42,500.00			
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								
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>			8,575,760.17		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									
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		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	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>		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								
<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>			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								
<b>TOTAL CULTURAL &amp; RECREATION</b>			2,715,996.75								
600 Conservation of Natural Resources											
610 Soil Conservation											
611 County Extension			97,895.28								
615 Weed Control			221,411.87								
<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			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								
<b>TOTAL URBAN &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>			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								
<b>TOTAL OTHER USES</b>			4,935,478.85							903,956.85	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATIONS</b>		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)											
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>		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		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			17,191,689.00								
Less current uncollected			(22,171.00)								
Less 25% to Cities											
311 TIF Property Taxes									903,957.00		
312/319 - Other Taxes		800,000.00								5,000.00	
<b>NET TOTAL TAXES</b>		17,335,018.00							903,957.00	5,000.00	
320 Licenses & Permits		3,500.00									
330 Intergovernmental Revenue		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		1,000,000.00			3,500.00			62,000.00	30,000.00		2,000,000.00
350 Fines & Forfeits											
360 Miscellaneous Revenue		10,000.00	1,300.00	700.00				40.00	150.00		706,500.00
370 Other Financing Sources		4,316,293.65	450,000.00	148,397.78				85,787.42			
<b>TOTAL OTHER REVENUES</b>		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
<b>SUBTOTAL (Cash + Taxes + Other Rev)</b>		25,872,298.34	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
Less 5% (SDCL 7-21-18)											
<b>NET MEANS OF FINANCE</b>		24,578,683.42	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

ADOPTION OF 2024 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of BROWN COUNTY, met in the Courthouse at Aberdeen, South Dakota for final adoption of the budget on the 26th day of September, 2023.  
s/ Lynn Heupel, Auditor - Brown County, South Dakota  
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# Groton Area has clean sweep over Mobridge-Pollock

Groton Area's volleyball team handed Mobridge-Pollock its third loss of the season with a three-set win, 25-21, 25-19 and 25-22.

Groton Area was firing on all cylinders and no matter what the visiting Tigers threw at the Gold Tigers, Groton Area would answer back. It showed in the digs as Groton Area had 103 digs on the night compared to just 66 for Mobridge-Pollock. Groton Area had 38 kills compared to 22 for Mobridge-Pollock. It was an evening of fun volleyball to watch as these two teams battled it out in a number of long volleys.

Anna Fjeldheim was 36 of 44 in attacks with 13 kills and was 1 of 14 in serves with two ace serves. Sydney Leicht was 36 of 40 in attacks with 11 kills, had two ace serves and 21 digs. Rylee Dunker was 18 of 19 in attacks with seven kills and had one solo and one assisted block. Chesney Weber had five kills, was 13 of 14 in serving with two ace serves and had one assisted block. Carly Guthmiller had 28 digs and two ace serves. Elizabeth Fliehs had 34 assists, 13 digs and one kill. Emma Kutter had one kill. Jerica Locke was eight of eight in serving with one ace serve. Laila Roberts had 13 digs.

Mobridge-Pollock's Charley Henderson had eight blocks and two ace serves while Raelyn Aberle had six kills, Jayda Thompson had four kills, Sophia Overland had two kills and one ace serve, Aubrey Ziegler and Tegan Kobold each had two kills and one block, Ryli Thompson had two kills, Grace Overland had a kill and a block, Katy Kemnitz had two ace serves and Regan Weisbeck had one ace.

Mobridge-Pollock, now 18-3, is fourth in the state with power points while Groton Area is now in ninth place with an 11-4 record.

The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bary Keith at Harr Motors, BK Custom Ts & More, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Full Circle Ag, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency and Locke Electric. Justin Hanson provided the commentary for the match.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match, 25-9 and 25-23. Jaedyn Penning led Groton Area with 12 kills and two ace serves, Faith Traphagen had five kills, Liby Althoff had three kills and one ace serve, Emerlee Jones and Kella Tracy each had two kills, Jerica Locke had two ace serves and one kill and Talli Wright had one block. The match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM sponsored by Adam and Nicole Wright. Justin Hanson provided the commentary for the match.

Groton Area made it a clean sweep with a 2-1 win in the C match. Game scores were 28-30, 25-22 and 15-8. The match was tied 27 times with the lead changing hands nine times. Emerlee Jones had seven kills and one ace serve, Taryn Traphagen had six kills and one ace serve, McKenna Tietz had four kills and three ace serves, Leah Jones and Teagan Hanten each had two kills, Liby Althoff had three kills and two ace serves, Avery Crank had two ace serves and Hannah Sandness had one ace serve. The match was broadcast on GDILIVE.COM sponsored by the Kyle Gerlach Family. Justin Hanson provided the commentary.

It was a full clean sweep as earlier in the season the Groton Area junior high teams won both of their matches over Mobridge-Pollock.



**Anna Fjeldheim, Emma Kutter and Elizabeth Fliehs**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



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



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



**Anna Bisbee sang the National Anthem**  
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Rylee Dunker**  
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**Justin Hanson and Paul Kosel**  
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# Football: Webster Area 18, Groton Area 0

Groton Area Tigers

**First Downs:** 7

**Rushing:** 14 carries for 1 yard  
 Korbin Kucker: 10-35  
 Christian Ehresmann: 1-3  
 Lane Tietz: 3-(-37)

**Passing:**  
 Lane Tietz completed  
 13 of 27 for 126 yards, 1 interception  
 Korbin Kucker: 1 for 2 for 13 yards

**Receivers:**  
 Colby Dunker: 5-63  
 Keegen Tracy: 4-44  
 Teylor Diegel: 2-18  
 Korbin Kucker: 2-14  
 Christian Ehresmann: 1-0

**Fumbles:** Had 0, lost 0  
**Penalties:** 5 for 35 yards

**Defensive Leaders**  
 Colby Dunker: 11 tackles  
 Christian Ehresmann: 9 tackles  
 Logan Ringgenberg: 9 tackles  
 Holden Sippel: 7 tackles  
 Korbin Kucker: 1 fumble recovery

**Record:** 4-3  
**Next Game:** Bye week

**Scoring:**  
**Second Quarter**  
 10:18: Webster Area: Brent Bearman, 1 yard run. (Kick failed) ..... 0-6  
**Third Quarter**  
 4:52: Webster Area: Jacob Kellar, 57 yard punt return. (Pass failed)..... 0-12  
**Fourth Quarter**  
 2:10: Webster Area: Brent Bearman, 1 yard run. (Kick failed) ..... 0-18

Webster Area Redmen

**First Downs:** 13

**Rushing:** 43 carries for 134 yards  
 Carson Mount: 20-78  
 Brent Bearman: 16-38  
 Jacob Keller: 3-14  
 Gavin Witt: 2-9  
 Ian Lesnar: 2-(-5)

**Passing:**  
 Ian Lesnar completed 5 of 8 for 78 yds

**Receivers:**  
 Jacob Keller: 2-46  
 Brent Bearman: 2-15  
 Carson Mount: 1-7

**Fumbles:** Had 2, lost 1  
**Penalties:** 5 for 23 yards

**Defensive Leaders**  
 Brent Bearman: 9 tackles  
 Jacob Keller: 6 tackles  
 Gavin Witt: 5 tackles  
 Martin Dorsett: 5 tackles  
 Tate Mamenga: 1 interception

**Record:** 4-3  
**Next Game:** at Roncalli

# Webster Area beats Groton Area in football

Groton Area's football team was held to one yard rushing and 139 yards passing as Webster Area posted an 18-0 win over the Tigers. Korbin Kucker had 35 yards rushing, 13 yards passing, 14 yards receiving and had one fumble recovery. Colby Dunker had 63 yards receiving and 11 tackles. Keegen Tracy had 44 yards receiving. Groton Area, now 4-3, will host Moberidge-Pollock on Oct. 13 for the final regular game of the season.

The game was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bary Keith at Harr Motors, BK Custom Ts & More, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Full Circle Ag, Greg's Repair, Groton Ag Partners, Groton Chamber, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency. Krueger Brothers, Locke Electric and Rix Farms/R&M Farms. Mike Nehls provide the play-by-play commentary and Jeslyn Kosel ran the camera.



**Paul Kosel interviews Tom Woods at halftime of the football game. The interview is a regular feature of GDILIVE.COM as Woods provides stats and other insights to each game.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Mike Nehls has provided commentary of the football games for several years.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**Keegen Tracy tries to gain a few yards but is quickly brought down by the Webster Area player.** (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



**The hail severely damaged the leaves of the pumpkin vine grown by Paul Kosel but it left the pumpkin unscathed.**

## City Council

Continued from front

- City staff are working to spread the word about sump pump ordinance changes, including fines residents who violate the ordinance may face. Wastewater Superintendent Dwight Zerr presented a draft letter to be sent to residents warning them that those violating the ordinance that was amended earlier this year may be liable for a fine of up to \$500 per day. "It's something that is going to be strictly enforced," he said.
- The council discussed options for improving the skating rink on the west side of town south of the soccer fields. Councilwoman Babcock went through some ideas previously presented, including laying down sand or clay, scraping down the rink before filling the area with water or bringing in a tarp to reduce water drainage. "I want to try tarping it, at least for one year," she said. "Sioux Falls didn't have success with the tarp, but I feel like in order to make this, 'We tried. We made an effort.' ... at least if it flops, we tried and

we can try something else next." Councilman Kevin Nehls was hesitant about some of the options, as "I'm afraid we're going to make something worse." The skating rink is set to come back to the council at its next meeting.

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## Good Luck Groton Area Girls Soccer Team!

Back: Taryn Traphagen, Carly Gilbert, Gretchen Dinger, Emerlee Jones, Sydney Locke, Jaedyn Penning, Faith Traphagen, Elizabeth Flihs, Brooklynn Hansen, Brenna Imrie, Kennedy Hansen  
 Front: Kayla Lehr, Ryelle Gilbert, Laila Roberts, Addison Hoffman, Jerica Locke, Makenna Tietz, Avery Crank, Mia Crank (Courtesy Photo)

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## State Quarterfinals: Groton Area 4, St. Thomas More 0 State Semifinals: Saturday at the Groton Soccer Complex Free viewing on GDILIVE.COM sponsored by these businesses who also wish the Lady Tigers Good Luck!

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## Groton Area girls beat Garretson, advance to playoffs

The Groton Area girls soccer team defeated Garretson on Saturday, 3-1. The win helped keep the Tigers in the number two spot in the state and they hosted St. Thomas More on Tuesday in the state quarterfinals.

The Groton Area boys soccer team just missed the playoffs, finishing number nine in the state after losing to Dakota Valley earlier in the week, 3-1.

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## Golfers place ninth at state

Groton Area's golf team placed ninth at the state event held Monday and Tuesday at Hart Ranch in Rapid City. Brevin Flihs was tied for 27th, Carter Simon tied for 36, Logan Pearson was tied for 56, Jace Johnson was tied for 62 and Jayden Schwan placed 90th.

Tue, October 3 Hart Ranch Golf Course (ORANGE - Men)																					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Gross
Carter Simon	5	4	5	3	5	5	5	5	6	43	4	5	4	3	3	5	4	4	5	37	80
Brevin Flihs	5	5	7	4	4	4	3	6	5	43	4	6	4	3	5	5	4	5	5	41	84
Jace Johnson	5	6	6	4	4	5	4	4	6	44	4	4	4	4	7	6	5	5	6	45	89
Logan Pearson	4	7	5	3	4	5	5	6	5	44	5	5	6	5	5	7	3	5	6	47	91
Not included in scoring																					
Jayden Schwan	6	7	6	5	6	6	3	3	6	48	5	7	5	5	6	6	3	7	6	50	98
Gross Score	19	22	23	14	17	19	17	21	22	174	17	20	18	15	20	23	16	19	22	170	344
To Par (gross)	3	6	3	2	1	3	5	5	2	30	1	0	2	3	4	7	4	3	2	26	56
Mon, October 2 Hart Ranch Golf Course (ORANGE - Men)																					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Gross
Brevin Flihs	5	5	6	4	5	5	3	4	6	43	5	6	4	3	4	4	4	5	5	40	83
Logan Pearson	5	4	7	3	3	5	4	4	5	40	4	6	6	4	7	7	2	7	7	50	90
Carter Simon	4	4	6	3	4	6	3	7	6	43	5	5	5	4	4	6	6	7	6	48	91
Jace Johnson	6	7	6	5	4	6	4	5	8	51	5	8	4	3	6	5	3	4	6	44	95
Not included in scoring																					
Jayden Schwan	5	9	9	3	4	5	4	6	8	53	7	6	8	3	4	8	5	7	7	55	108
Gross Score	20	20	25	15	16	22	14	20	25	177	19	25	19	14	21	22	15	23	24	182	359
To Par (gross)	4	4	5	3	0	6	2	4	5	33	3	5	3	2	5	6	3	7	4	38	71

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## Sheriff Mack to speak at City Lights in Aberdeen about Property Rights



Sheriff Richard Mack will speak on the Oath of Office, what it means to be a Constitutional Sheriff or Peace Officer, and how to protect your rights at the county level on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the City Lights in Aberdeen at 7 p.m.

There is no admission charge.

Sheriff Mack is a nationally recognized speaker and is famous for winning a case before the U.S. Supreme Court on Constitutional Right. He founded the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, CSPOA.org.

## Groton Senior Citizens

### September 11

Groton Seniors met with eleven members and President Sarge Likness opened with allegiance to the flag. Minutes and treasurer reports were read and accepted. There was no meeting so the meeting was adjourned. Cards were played. Winners of the games were Pinochle-Bruce Shilhank, Whist- Elda Stange, Canasta - Pat Larson. Door prizes went to Sarge Likness, Darlene Fischer and Tony Goldade. Lunch was served by Bruce and Julie Shilhank.

### September 18

Groton Seniors met to play cards. Thirteen members were present. President led the flag pledge. Cards were played The winners were Pinochle- Julie Shilhank, Wist- Tony Goldade, Canasta- Eunice McColister and Pat Larson. Door prizes went to Tony Goldade, Ruby Donovan, Marilyn Thorson. Pat Larson served lunch.

### September 25

Seniors met for their potluck dinner with eleven members present. President led the flag pledge and table prayer. Bingo was played after dinner. Bev Sombke won black out. Door prizes: Easy money Dick Donovan, Bev Sombke, Bruce Shilhank. Sarge Likness' birthday was celebrated with ice cream and cake bake by Bev Sombke for lunch. The community senior boxes were handed out at the center. Will be picked up here from now on.

## Groton and Frederick schoolboards achieve honor for board work

Members of the Groton Area School District Board and members of the Frederick Area School District School Board have been recognized by the Associated School Boards of South Dakota.

Groton Area earned 350 or more ALL (Act, Learn, Lead) points for the Silver Level Award and Frederick Area achieved 250 or more ALL points for the Bronze Level Award.

By participating in ASBSD activities, training opportunities and demonstrating leadership at the local, state and national level, school boards accumulated points throughout the previous school year.

ASBSD Executive Director Dr. Douglas R. Wermedal said that both the Groton Area and Frederick Area school boards "put in a tremendous effort during the 2022-23 school year to achieve the ALL award and we're thrilled to honor them for their dedication,"

"The board's efforts will undoubtedly benefit the district's students, staff and community."

Both boards received their plaques in September.

In the seventh year of the program, 90 public school boards – the second most in the history of the program – earned an ALL award.

"Congratulations to the school boards who earned this distinction and thank you for your commitment to enhancing public education locally and statewide," Wermedal said.

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## "The secret to losing weight"

People often think they need to lose weight. The hard part, of course, is following through on that desire in a sustained and successful manner. Here are a few of the ways people do lose weight, and the secrets of their success. Some people should not lose weight, so please talk to your doctor.

First of all, consider the reasons to lose weight. Benefits can include having more energy, improved mobility, fewer aches and pains, sleeping better, improvement in mood, lower blood pressure, and lower risk of heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. Some may do it for a positive self image, but that reason alone may be hard to satisfy.

The secret to success is eating less and exercising more. Do that, and one can get all those benefits without actually losing weight. If the pounds fall with time, great, but if they do not, please do not get discouraged. You are healthier with efforts at eating less and exercising more, even if the weight does not drop.

Try keeping track of everything you eat. Counting calories can help you second guess those poor decisions. Meanwhile, logging your exercise can help motivate you to do more. Consider an app that tracks food and activity. Some apps have a social component or a health coach which may help with following through with your goals.

We have all seen diets that promise fast results. Indeed, many can be quite successful in the short term. You may know someone that lost over 50 lbs with a ketogenic, high protein diet. Unfortunately, they are hard to sustain, and people often find themselves right back where they started, but even more frustrated. Many fad diets involve buying something and eating more of something. While they could be helpful, long term success depends on some level of eating less and exercising more.

One extreme way people lose weight is with bypass surgery. Those can vary, but essentially the surgery helps by limiting the amount of food you consume, helping to decrease your appetite, decreasing your calorie intake, decreasing the absorption of food, and helping you lose weight. Certainly, there are risks of complications, and risks of vitamin deficiencies. Sometimes people gradually eat more over time and gain the weight back. This is why the most successful bariatric surgery programs stress the importance of a healthy diet and exercise even before surgery, to help retrain people's behavior to improve long term success.

A newer way many people have been losing weight is with a diabetes medication. These medications, GLP-1 agonists, are often a once a week or daily injection, although even newer ones can be taken by mouth. For weight loss, they help by decreasing your appetite and helping you feel full faster. Thus, they help you eat less. Currently they are expensive.

Once again, the secret to weight loss is to eat less and exercise more. Now you have it. How do you do that successfully? Sure and steady progress. Set a behavior goal, and turn it into a habit. Remember, when you eat less and exercise more, you are healthier regardless of weight.



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