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Columbia receives Community Innovation Award

At Dakota Resources' Learning Network Gathering Awards Banquet in Brookings, held on November 2, 2023, three honorees received distinguished awards in appreciation for their service to their communities. This annual tradition, which takes place at the Entrepreneur Support Systems Learning Network gathering, allows Dakota Resources to celebrate the innovative work that is happening in rural places across the state.

Like all past award winners, this year's recipients demonstrate the best of the work that rural shapers do, and the finest of what Dakota Resources seeks to recognize through these awards.

Columbia Community Foundation honored with Community Innovation Prize

This year's Community Innovation Prize was awarded to the Columbia Community Foundation for the way this community engaged more voices and empowered residents of all ages to become part of the solution. The award is open to communities who've partnered with Dakota Resources in the Learning Network or in the Community Coaching programs within the past year.

On behalf of the community of Columbia, South Dakota, the Columbia Community Foundation has raised more than \$850,000 to continue to support community growth. Throughout the past year, more than 30 volunteers joined six different committees, all of whom worked together on various initiatives to help Columbia thrive. Volunteers capitalized on momentum from a new baseball complex in town and raised additional funds for future community projects, including housing initiatives. In addition, Columbia has celebrated new ownership for the local bar/cafe, the arrival of a new daycare provider in town, and a successful inaugural Columbia Fest, a yearly celebration to highlight all things Columbia.

"Columbia is becoming the thriving community that was envisioned at those first meetings," said Cyndy Larson, a long-time Columbia resident and business owner. "Dakota Resources has been an invaluable help and has had a huge impact in visioning what residents can't see or imagine."



L to R Joe Bartmann, Dakota Resources President; Julie Lillis, Larry Vietmeier, Cyndy Larson – Columbia Community Foundation; Paula Jensen, Dakota Resources Community Coach. (Courtesy Photo)

Moving Toward a Stronger Community Future in Columbia

"What would it look like if the community was thriving?" For rural communities who ask such a powerful question, the responses may vary in scope or complexity, but one thing is certain: asking the question in the first place can be what sets some communities apart from the rest.

In January 2022, the City of Columbia, located on the James River in Brown County, South Dakota, and home to 160 residents, asked such a question, and this desire for a thriving community led them to engage with Dakota Resources. Led by Community Coach Paula Jensen, residents and stakeholders collaborated over a 12-month period to discover a thriving Columbia.

"The results we've discovered together over the last several months have provided us with the information necessary to create pivot strategies, new solutions, and inspire 30+ local resident leaders to collaboratively move the community toward a stronger future," Jensen said. "A community will thrive as more people become engaged in creating solutions to meet their local needs."

The core leadership team in Columbia, who called themselves Columbia Community Cares, got right to work. From hosting a community clean-up day and assisting with a community yard sale to setting up a system to support residents needing assistance with yard chores, rides to appointments, and more, Columbia Community Cares played a foundational role in generating early success and momentum, said Julie Lillis, Columbia's Core Team Lead.

The Columbia Community Cares core team organized a community clean up day.

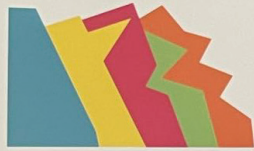
"We have moved toward a thriving Columbia collaboratively in meaningful ways," Jensen said. "After activating a core leadership team of eight volunteers to kickstart the action, we conducted a community perception poll to discover baseline data to help us then engage the greater community in visioning for their future. Then, we formed teams of 30+ volunteers focused on six local priorities, ranging from investments in business recruitment and community appearance to housing and fundraising efforts. Our time together has included accomplishing projects and building a network of resources, as well as celebrating Columbia's local success on a regular basis."

As additional teams of residents in Columbia took shape, volunteers jumped-started a variety of new initiatives, including Columbia Fest, a community-wide gathering that was held this year and will continue on an annual basis, as well as the development of a community website. In addition, funds have been raised to support further development, including the installation of a digital sign that will share upcoming community events and a traffic study in an effort to bring a gas station back to Columbia. The six teams working on Columbia's current priorities are looking to the future as well by creating a 2023 work plan. Throughout the coming year, they will continue to participate in the Community Coaching program, engage more local residents in the process, and celebrate their successes together, along the way. To help ensure that the community of Columbia will still meet residents' needs, Lillis also shared



Community Meeting

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Weekly Vikings Recap - Vikings vs. Falcons

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The Minnesota Vikings came into their week 9 matchup against the Atlanta Falcons without many of their best players, including quarterback Kirk Cousins, who is out for the season due to an Achilles injury (the first game he's missed due to injury in his career). Also missing were Justin Jefferson and Christian Darrisaw, while K.J. Osborn, rookie quarterback Jaren Hall (who got the first start of his career Sunday), and running back Cam Akers all left the game with injuries. With their top 3 QBs out (Cousins, Hall, and Mullens who is on IR), the Vikings were forced to turn to newly acquired Joshua Dobbs, who just arrived on Tuesday after General Manager Kwesi Adofo-Mensah made a trade deadline deal with the Arizona Cardinals.

The first couple of drives were extremely rough for Dobbs. On his first drive, Dobbs was sacked for a safety by 16-year NFL veteran Calais Campbell, the first safety given up by the Vikings since 2020. And on his second drive, Dobbs was stripped from behind while trying to elude pressure outside the pocket. After those two disasters, which found the Vikings down 11-3 midway through the second quarter, Dobbs quickly settled down and started to play very good football.

Although Kirk Cousins was playing at an MVP level before his injury, there is one thing that Dobbs has that Cousins never had - mobility. Throughout Sunday's game, Dobbs showed off his athleticism by rushing for 66 yards. On multiple plays, Dobbs eluded pressure from the Falcons' defensive line to take off for huge gains. What was impressive about some of these runs by Dobbs was his ability to withstand sacks by either spinning out of them or just straight-up fighting through them. It appears Dobbs possesses both the speed and strength to be a great running quarterback for the Vikings' offense.

However, it wasn't just Dobbs' running performance that was impressive today. Dobbs also threw for two touchdowns despite being on the Vikings roster for less than a week. There was a lot of talk about how Dobbs studied aerospace engineering in college but it goes to show how intelligent he is that he could come into this Vikings' offense and lead them down the field for multiple scoring touchdowns.

No other scoring drive was bigger than the final one of the game for Dobbs. Down 28-24 with a little over two minutes remaining, Dobbs drove the Vikings 75 yards down the field for a game-winning touchdown throw to Brandon Powell. It was an impressive drive for Dobbs, especially given the fact that one of his main wide receivers, KJ Osoborn, left the game earlier with a concussion. Despite all the odds against him, Dobbs put the Vikings on his back to give them a much-needed victory in terms

of the NFC playoff picture.

It was not all the Joshua Dobbs show Sunday for the Vikings. The Vikings' defense had a solid game, forcing two turnovers, one on a Bijan Robinson fumble and the other on a Taylor Heinicke interception.

Vikings 31 - Falcons 28

Looking ahead, the Vikings will likely name Joshua Dobbs the starting quarterback going forward. With the team currently 5-4 and in the 7th wild card spot, the Vikings will need Dobbs to continue his solid play if they want to continue to make a playoff push.

Next week, the Vikings will face the 5-4 New Orleans Saints. Like the Falcons, the Saints have a very underrated defense that might give the Vikings fits. For the Vikings, the key for the team will be getting healthy. The Vikings might be missing four of its key offensive players next week Kirk Cousins, Justin Jefferson, KJ Osborn, and Christian Darrisaw, and cannot afford to lose any more. Hopefully, the Vikings can stay healthy enough the next few weeks before the team enters the bye week in week 13.

Memories they don't know they're making

The Hecla Rockets quarterback unloaded the ball before I got there. Dang. Screen pass. Downfield, a rangy receiver was running horizontally, trying to pick his way past a fence line of Frederick Viking defenders. I suppose I had a 30-yard run to get to him. A full head of steam. I imagined the ball flying free. We intersected at helmet-rattling full speed. I remember a tornadic blur of arms and legs.

"Great hit, Bender!" my buddy Bernie Witte exclaimed, jerking me to me feet. I immediately folded, gasping for breath, that awful feeling when you've had the wind knocked out of you and you're sure you're gonna die. Spoiler alert: I didn't.

As I lay there, gasping, I watched two Hecla coaches escort the wobbly receiver off the field. The ball was still firmly lodged under his arm. By then, our coach Ken Pudwill was hovering over me with my concerned teammates.

Pudwill loosened my belt, which was the cure all for all injuries in those days.

"Did you get it in the cookies?" he asked.

"Gahhh."

Everyone cracked up.

My list of glorious moments on the gridiron is short and memories involve mostly comic relief. As a teenager, you don't realize you're



That's Life

by Tony Bender

making memories, and if the team is special, those memories will echo for decades and will be spoken of with respect.

In Frederick, SD, there was the 1960's basketball team that lost an epic third place game at state that everyone agreed was essentially the championship game. They remain legends.

My dad spoke of the great Ashley Aces basketball teams of the 1950's led by the great Otto Raile. They lost one or two titanic battles to Hettinger and their towering star, John Butterfield. My dad remembered him, too, and when I was living in Hettinger, together one night, we watched the marvelous team that Butterfield was coaching. They had a front line with a couple of 6-5 forwards and a 6-8 center. As he watched them run the floor, my dad said, "That's not a high school team—that's a college team."

Butterfield remembered Raile, too. By then, Otto was a myth in my mind. So, a few years ago when he was invited back for induction into the Ashley Hall of Fame for championship athletes—he was also a track star—I was eager to meet him. When I told him who I was, he got a bit sentimental. My father has been gone for 30 years, and it hadn't dawned on me how much Otto revered him. It wasn't just my father admiring a great athlete. They were friends.

Great moments. Great friendships. Achievements. Disappointments. These are the things we carry forward, the things that bind communities together.

I've been honored to walk the sidelines of the South Border Mustangs (Ashley and Wishek) who have been knocking on the door to history for three years. Each year, they've gotten closer.

I've heard the conversations between players and coaches, the play calls, seen the look in their eyes, the resilience, as they've faced challenges. And a few laughs, too. Along the way, they've settled old scores with longtime nemeses. Those teams who always seem to have your number.

These players have helped transform the culture of a once-moribund program. And, on Friday at 9:10 a.m., the 12-0 Mustangs will be playing the North Prairie Cougars in the Dakota Bowl for the Class B 9-man championship. Such moments, such opportunities are beyond rare, and they're never a gift. They're always earned.

Shortly after I arrived in Hettinger, the Black Devils won a wrestling championship, but I didn't really grasp how monumental it was. I never wrestled, never understood the sport. But Coach Randy Burwick's enthusiasm, and Assistant Theo Schalesky's patient tutelage drew me in.

When I arrived in McIntosh County, it coincided with the first two Ashley-Wishek state wrestling championships. I've witnessed angst, upsets, and unlikely finishes. And more banners.

These are the things these kids will reminisce about decades from now. The rekindling of friendships and the memory of uncommon effort, of giving it all.

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Brown County Oct. 31, 2023 Meeting Minutes

October 31, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fjeldheim.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Carl Perry, District 3 Representative wanted to visit regarding the petition process at the Courthouse; Chairman Sutton shared that was on the agenda to be discussed later. Representative Perry then shared information on the Constitutional Amendment regarding Abortion and feels it is a true extreme and great threat to life of our state.

LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the transfer of the following license: **RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR – UPDATING LOCATION:** Stacy Gossman, DBA Nacho Business to update location from 578 N. Roosevelt St., Aberdeen, SD – Lot 1, Creekside Addition in the NW ¼ of Sec 17-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M. to 2520 8th Ave. NE, Ste. G, Aberdeen, SD 57401 – Lot 1 Ronnie's Way Addition in the NW ¼ of Sec 17-T123-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #257 – SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance #257. Filed by Brown County Planning & Zoning Department to rezone the following described properties from Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring these parcels into compliance with 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.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #258 – SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance #258. Filed by Nickolas & Nicole Johnson to rezone 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.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #259 – SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance #259. Filed by Bernie & Tonya Jark to rezone 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.

VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICE – CLOTHING/LOGO POLICY: Aaron Walberg, Veterans Service Officer presented the Commission a Clothing/Logo Apparel Policy for the Veterans Service Office. After some discussion, Commissioner Fjeldheim moved to approve the policy presented: Veteran's Service Office (VSO) staff may be allotted logo-apparel which identifies them as employees of the Brown County VSO. Clothing purchased with department funds must be appropriate in both cost and function for the work performed and is subject to department-head approval. Department-head approval will be dependent on

availability of funds each year. Employees should not wear VSO logo apparel items outside of work hours unless for community outreach and trips to and from the office. VSO logo apparel items should not be worn in non-professional settings, such as bars and lounges. Employees may be required to return items purchased with department funds upon termination of VSO employment. Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPERATION GREEN LIGHT: Chairman Sutton shared that NaCO had posted a challenge to light up the Courthouses in Green from November 6 – 12, 2023 showing support for Veterans. Sutton stated that he is proud to share that they have been working with the Maintenance and Emergency Management Departments to secure spotlights that we light the Courthouse Green next week to support Veterans. Aaron Walberg shared that there are over 2400 Veterans in Brown County, so he appreciates this.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY – WEB WATER: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve application submitted to provide potable water line service by Web Water for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #9 in Section 1-T125-R63, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent met with the Commission to give them a department update. Dirk shared they are still mowing; hauling gravel to finish up at Elm Lake – should be officially opening the road tomorrow – finishing up the fencing; cold-mix patching with a couple more days of hot mix patching; Bridge 93 south of Groton has been completed by Holloway; return to 8-hour days on Monday, November 6th; staffing – had 3 new hires recently and everything is going well. Commissioner Gage, asked about striping 12W off the bypass curve – Dirk shared he will look into it. Dirk informed the Commission that Russ Podoll, former Highway Superintendent had passed away.

LIMITED PUBLIC USE POLICY: Chairman Sutton shared that we have had the sidewalk on the west side of the annex occupied by a couple different groups, in the 15 years that he has been a Commissioner he doesn't recall any causes setting up at the Courthouse before but as a result of this it has been decided to put together a policy and the States Attorney office has been working on this with input from two other counties: Minnehaha and Pennington, facing similar issues. Asked for public input but not to debate either side of the issue; this is strictly Brown County Policy on location – what we will allow or disallow in this policy regarding this issue. Chairman Sutton asked Ross Aldentaler, States Attorney Deputy to explain the Pennington County policy and how that would work for Brown County. Ross stated that sidewalks are considered public forums so ability to control or regulate that is limited; issue came up due to the weather changing and in absence of a policy we were looking at ways to accommodate but it lasted about 4 hours before there were some issues; inside the building is a non-public forum, we can open it up for access but we don't have to, both Minnehaha and Pennington are limiting it to outside areas; another thing we need to account for is the Community Room in the basement so would need to build in an exception for that; needs to view point neutral can't be one side of the issue or other – policy needs to apply to everyone. Chairman Sutton stated that he feels we have the right to require them to stay outside the building and not allow them inside; he feels it has been more prominent due to people coming in to pay their property taxes and since today is the last day to be on time, the traffic will probably slow down and the problem may remedy itself but given the fact the Courthouse is a public entity and open to the public and as States Attorney stated we don't have to allow people inside, they have the right to be outside in an area that our new policy will designate that area to eliminate the problem going forward. Then opened for comments on the policy only not to debate either side of the issue. Dave Green had a couple of comments: wanted to know who would be liable if someone is hurt by a petitioner

because some of them are being paid; who's responsible. Brandie Schaeffbauer, District 3 Representative wanted to share a personal experience she had being on one-side of the issue; there are 3 petitions, and they are non-partisan – then both sides of the issue needs to be done – one side can not silence the other. Senator Al Novstrup shared what you can and can't do under Constitutional Law; can't be involved in the content - Freedom of Speech is not unlimited, it is limited by time and place; can't unreasonably restrict the place. Senator Novstrup believes this activity should not be inside the building and recommends having a setback from the entrance to the courthouse. After further discussion, Commissioner Dennert made a motion for a temporary verbal policy until a written policy is presented: restrict any political solicitation or signage be outside only; 10 feet from any entrance; effective immediately. Seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

NOTICE TO PROCEED FOR LANDFILL SCALE BID: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Notice to Proceed for Landfill Scale Bid. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting minutes of October 24, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Claims:

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$3,267.00; Carrels & Bain Family Dental Care, LLC \$545.07; CenturyLink-Lumen \$183.17; CGI, LLC \$602.50; Civil Solutions LLC \$1,472.35; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$2,321.33; Kristi Brandt \$57.50; Northern Plains Appraisal, LLC \$36.00; Sanford Aberdeen ED \$110.93; Sanford Aberdeen Medical Center \$2,525.03; SD Dept of Transportation \$2,688.58; State Bar of South Dakota \$500.00; Thomas L. Price M.A., PhD \$2,400.00. Publishing: GateHouse Media California Holdings, Inc \$56.76; Groton Daily Independent \$230.96; The Argus Leader \$21.93; Todd County Tribune/Mellette County News \$25.19. Repairs & Maintenance: ABC Seamless Siding & Windows \$1,505.10; Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$442.40; Dakota Concrete Inc \$1,361.00; Dakota Supply Group \$49.42; Day County Treasurer \$1,276.15; Fulcrum Biometrics \$749.00; Hase Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc \$1,741.39; Holloway Bridge and Culvert, Inc \$162,436.52; House of Glass \$6,832.35; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$502.99; Ken's Alignment \$415.16; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$644.80; Lien Transportation \$757,763.93; Nardini Fire Equipment \$453.00; Pro Concrete Raising \$3,468.00; Rinker Materials \$50,530.60; Schwan Welding \$1,038.64. Supplies: Aberdeen Chrysler Center \$1,164.35; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$699.99; Century Business Products \$263.44; Creative Product Sourcing, Inc \$269.90; Dakota Electronics \$1,737.85; DSS Image Apparel \$914.50; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$92,558.25; Karen Swank \$60.50; LabSource, Inc \$616.05; Lar-Jo's Specialties \$745.15; Leidholt Tool Sales, LLC \$29.10; Lien Transportation \$110,380.85; Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc \$109.79; Menards \$100.64; Midwest Pump & Tank \$155.27; Runnings \$4.47; Safety Service \$4,287.70; Share Corporation \$781.80; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$278.99. Travel & Conference: Kelsi Vinger \$413.66; USD Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment \$150.00; Wambli Ska Okolakiye \$1,200.00. Utilities: Midcontinent Communications \$138.23; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$27.25; Northwestern Energy \$3,528.06. Others: WEX Health Inc \$5,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim: Temporary transfer of Gerald Lehrkamp from Brown County Weed & Pest Control Technician to Brown County Highway Mechanic, effective November 6, 2023; Temporary transfer of Michael Rohrbach from Brown County Weed & Pest Control Technician to Brown County Highway Equipment Operator, effective November 6, 2023; Temporary transfer of Chris He-

men from Brown County Weed & Pest Control to Brown County States Attorney's Office, effective November 6, 2023; Resignation of Ashely Schnell, Brown County 911 Communications Officer, FT, effective October 23, 2023. Request to fill; Hiring of Jason Stichka as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT, starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective October 29, 2023; Hiring of Chase Galbraith as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT, starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective November 13, 2023; Request to fill Brown County Equalization Appraisal Technician, FT.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following applications for liquor license renewals of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses to operate outside of the Municipality: **PACKAGE (OFF-SALE) LIQUOR:** PZA Inc DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort (Palmer's Richmond Resort SD Lt 1, SD OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2) AND Dustin Guthmiller DBA Bath Quick Stop LLC (Lot B Weismantels 1st SD Lot 1 Ex. N 12' Jenkins SD Inc Adjacent N 12' Lot 1 Jenkins SD E2 SE 18-123-62) AND Travis Swenson DBA Elm Lake Resort LLC (Lot 1 Elm Lake Resort SE 8-128-65) AND Roderic L Hanson DBA Ferney Farmers Bar (Lot 4-5, Block 5 Ferney SW 31-122-60) AND Jackie Chantal LLC DBA Richmond Oasis (Lot 4 Schaeffer Richmond Lake 2nd Addition NW & NE 25-124-65). **RETAIL (ON-SALE) LIQUOR:** PZA Inc DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort (Palmer's Richmond Resort SD Lt 1, SD OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2) AND Stacy J Gossman DBA Big Fella's (Lot 1B, Gossman 1st Addition, S2 15-123-63) AND Travis Swenson DBA Elm Lake Resort LLC (Lot 1 Elm Lake Resort SE 8-128-65) AND Roderic L Hanson DBA Ferney Farmers Bar (Lots 4 & 5, Block 5, Ferney, 31-122-60) AND Stacy J Gossman DBA Flying Pig (Lot 1 Ronnie's Way Addition, NW ¼ of Section 17-T123-R63W) AND Moccasin Creek Country Club Inc (Prairiewood Village OL 7, E2, 33-124-63) AND Stacy Gossman DBA Nacho Business (Lot 1 Ronnie's Way Addition, NW ¼ of Section 17-T123-R63W) AND Tyler Jones DBA: Tacoma Park Place LLC (5 acres in NE Corner of NW ¼ 23-124-62). **RETAIL (ON-OFF-SALE) WINE AND CIDER:** ARR LCC DBA Flatland Flyways Lodge (Russo's OL 1 NW ¼ 1-127-62) AND Moccasin Creek Country Club (Prairiewood Village OL 7, E2, 33-124-63) AND Parkview Nursery (Lot 1, Parkview Nursery Addition, NE ¼ Section 25-T123-R64). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignment against individual(s) to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts of September 2023 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$19,640,922.40; Total Savings Account Balances \$1,425,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$5,479,550.72; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$26,553,620.54. General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$16,954,793.77; Road & Bridge Fund (\$1,522,893.83); Road & Bridge Fund-restricted \$423,243.27; 911 Service \$715,646.79; Emergency & Disaster \$133,476.12; Domestic Abuse \$1,243.50; Teen Court \$0.00; Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$56,978.00; Truancy Court \$21.23; Richmond Youth Camp \$0.00; 24/7 Sobriety (\$2,799.56); ROD M&P \$102,168.16; American Rescue Plan Federal Grant \$0.00; Rural Access Infrastructure \$442,663.63; TIF Debt Service \$25,962.07; Landfill + cash change \$4,550,297.50; Landfill – restricted \$1,400,479.44; Trust and Agency Funds \$3,272,108.34; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$26,553,620.54. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF TAX DEED SALE: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to authorize advertising the following described properties to be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on November

20, 2023 at 10:00am and further to declare property surplus for purpose of sale: Aberdeen City: Lot – 402 N. Lloyd St. (Lt 1 Brown County Commissioner's 4TH SD; LT 13-14 BK 27 Hagerty & Lloyd Addition), Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota; Lot – 912 S. 3rd St. (LT 1 BK 56 Thomas Addition) Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota; Lot – 1118 S. Aldrich St. (LT 1 Brown County Commissioner's 5TH SD; LT 928-929 Morning Heights Ext. Addition) Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota; Lot – 810 2nd Ave. NE (LT 6 BK 43 Hagerty & Lloyd Addition) Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota; Lot – 605 N. Arch St. (LT 1 Brown County Commissioner's 6TH SD; LT 10 & N 10' LT 11 BK 10 Hagerty & Lloyd Addition) Aberdeen, Brown County South Dakota; Lot – 1400 9th Ave. SW (E 2' LT 12 BK 8 Highland Park Addition) Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Requests: Gene Loeschke, Joe Kraft & Kathy Fischer from DOE to attend Property Rights Presentation on November 9, 2023, in Brookings; Lynn Heupel, Auditor to attend Lake Region Meeting on November 16, 2023 in Veblen. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCE – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize publication for first reading of the following zoning ordinance to be held on November 21, 2023, in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Proposed Ordinance #261, applicant Brown County Planning & Zoning to consider an ordinance adding to Title 4 Zoning, Chapter 4.2015 "Fences". (The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning & Zoning Office during regular business hours). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 9:52 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Tax Deed Sale

NOTICE SALE OF PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Chapter 6-13 SDCL, the following described property will be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota on November 20, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. This property has been approved for public sale by the Brown County Commission. Purchase price of the property along with a \$30.00 recording fee shall be paid in full on the day of the sale and a Quit Claim Deed will be issued to the successful bidder. Property offered for sale is as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION, DESCRIPTION/ADDRESS, MINIMUM BID

ABERDEEN CITY:
LT 1 BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S 4TH SD (LT 13-14 BK 27 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD), LOT – 402 N. LLOYD ST., Aberdeen: \$11,000.00

LT 1 BK 56 THOMAS ADD, LOT – 912 S. 3rd ST., Aberdeen: \$6000.00

LT 1 BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S 5TH SD (LT 928-929 MORNING HTS EXT ADD), LOT – 1118 S. ALDRICH ST., Aberdeen: \$13,000.00

LT 6 BK 43, HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD, LOT- 810 2nd AVE. NE, Aberdeen: \$8,000.00

LT 1 BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S 6TH SD (LT10 & N 10' LT 11 BK 10 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD), LOT – 605 N. ARCH

ST., Aberdeen: \$10,000.00

E 2' LT 12 BK 18 HIGHLAND PARK ADD, LOT – 1400 9th AVE. SW, Aberdeen: \$50.00

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Amending Title 4 Approved

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #257

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #257, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Brown County Planning & Zoning was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 31st of October 2023 and will become effective on the 28th of November 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 Brown County Planning & Zoning is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described 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.).

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 31st day of October 2023.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Fences proposed Ordinance

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 21st day of November 2023 to consider an ordinance adding to Title 4 Zoning, Chapters 4.2015 "Fences". 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. 261.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Groton Chamber of Commerce November Meeting

November 1, 2023 12pm City Hall

- Individuals present: Christine Hilton, Katelyn Nehlich, Kellie Locke, Douglas Heinrich, Carol Kutter, April Abeln, and Ashley Bentz
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Heinrich and seconded by Locke. All members voted aye.
- Treasurer's report was given. Dacotah Bank checking account balance is \$31,133.09. About \$1,500 is currently in the Chamber Bucks account. The report was approved by Nehlich and seconded by Heinrich. All members voted aye.
- A thank you was received from BIO Girls for our donation as well as the SD Magazine with our November/December ad printed.
- Main street benches will be refurbished and hopefully placed next Spring.
- Pumpkin Fest was a successful event with lots of attendees.
- Our Fall shirt order was boosted on Facebook for \$50 for 2 weeks today.
- Motion by Abeln and seconded by Heinrich to publish a shop local ad in the GDI weekly 11/8/23 and the daily starting 12/4/23. All members voted aye.
- Motion by Abeln and seconded by Heinrich to sponsor the extra Volleyball games with GDI Live for \$25/game. All members voted aye.
- The lighting went out on the electronic hwy 12 sign and will need to be upgraded to LED lighting. Service Signs provided an estimate of over \$2,000. Abeln will apply for a possible energy efficiency grant from Heartland Energy.
- Our City Council budget request has been received and will be discussed at the 11/7/23 Council meeting. Council members will be given order forms to choose a shirt on us.
- Motion by Abeln and seconded by Bentz to order 75 of the window clings with the top rounded rectangle in orange. All members voted aye.
- Motion by Nehlich and seconded by Heinrich to donate \$100 in Chamber Bucks to Snow Queen to be used for their Frosty competition. All members voted aye.
- Motion by Abeln and seconded by Locke to donate \$50 in Chamber Bucks to Fruit Fusion for their 12 days of Christmas giveaway. All members voted aye.
- Motion by Hilton and seconded by Heinrich to donate \$100 for the shop with a cop event in Aberdeen. All members voted aye.
- Abeln will schedule a new business welcome for Kenzie's Preschool and for Teddy Bear Daycare too and will reach out to Hope Block to schedule Candid Shots Photography and Anderson Garage Doors.
- A Santa is possibly needed for Santa Day on December 9th.
- Discussion was held on Apptegy, a potential app and website for the city that the Chamber would be able to utilize as well.
- Next Meeting: December 6, 2023, at City Hall at 12:00pm (Groton Chiropractic will provide lunch, please RSVP to city.april@nvc.net)

Upcoming events

- 11/08/2023 GHS Fall Food Drive 6-7pm sponsored by Groton FCCLA
- 11/09-11/2023 Lori's Pharmacy Holiday Open House (Th/F 8am-6pm, Sat 9am-1pm)
- 11/10-11/2023 Beauty Brew Boutique Holiday Open House (F 8am-4pm, Sat 9am-1pm)
- 11/10-12/2023 Front Porch 605 Christmas at the Barn 10am-5pm each day
- 11/11/2023 Fruit Fusion Holiday Open House 9am-1pm
- 11/11/2023 Common Cents Community Thrift Store Holiday Open House 10am-1pm
- 11/11-12/2023 Christmas on the Prairie Shop Hop 10am-5pm, 10am-4pm, Front Porch 605
- 11/11/2023 Legion Post #39 Turkey Party 6:30pm
- 11/12/2023 United Methodist Church Fall Dinner 11am-1pm
- 11/16/2023 Blood Drive at the Community Center
- 11/23/2023 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center 11:30am-1pm
- 11/25/2023 Comedy Night at the Jungle Lanes & Lounge 9:30pm
- 11/26/2023 Groton Area Snow Queen & Talent Show 4pm GHS Old Gym
- 11/28/2023 James Valley Telecommunications' Holiday Open House 10am-4pm
- 12/01/2023 Tour of Trees at Wage Memorial Library 3:30-6:30pm
- 12/02/2023 Olive Grove 7th Annual Holiday Party with Live & Silent Auctions 6pm-close
- 12/09/2023 Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services 9-11am
- 12/09/2023 Christmas Movie Event at Wage Memorial Library 11am-1pm

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Groton November Events Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 9
JH GBB at Webster (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.)

Senior Menu: Chicken Alfredo, lemon buttered broccoli, pumpkin bar cookie, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Muffins.

School Lunch: Sloopy joes, fries.

Friday, Nov. 10
Veteran's Day Program, 2 p.m., GHS Arena
Senior Menu: Chili, corn bread, coleslaw, lime pear Jell-O.

School Breakfast: Veteran's Breakfast

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans.

Saturday, Nov. 11
Girls JH Jamboree at Roscoe
Thrift Store open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Groton American Legion Annual Turkey Party 6:30 pm.

Sunday, Nov. 12
United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday school and Christmas practice, 10 a.m.; Fall Dinner, 11 a.m.; Charge Conference, 2 p.m.

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship / Milestones for JK and kindergarten, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 6 p.m.

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Monday, Nov. 13
United Methodist: PEO meeting (outside group), 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.

School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Senior Menu: Breaded cod, parsley buttered potatoes, creamy coleslaw, rainbow sherbet, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Pancake on a stick.
School Lunch: Tater tot hot dish.

Tuesday, Nov. 14
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Church Council, 6 p.m.
Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered carrots, apricots, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Scones.
School Lunch: Chicken legs, vegetable blend.

Wednesday, Nov. 15
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 6 p.m.; League, 6:30 p.m.

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

Senior Menu: Teriyaki chicken, almond rice

with peas, pineapple-strawberry ambrosia, cookie, dinner roll.
School Breakfast: Cereal.
School Lunch: Turkey dinner with all the bells and whistles.

Thursday, Nov. 16
Emmanuel Lutheran: WELCA Praise and thanksgiving: Program: Nigeria. Hostess: Sarah., 1:30 p.m.

Blood Drive at the Groton Community Center.
State Volleyball Tournament at Rapid City
Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

School Lunch: Pasta with meat sauce.

Friday, Nov. 17
State Volleyball Tournament at Rapid City
JH GBB at Milbank (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m.)

Senior Menu: BBQ pork driplet on bun, potato salad, mixed vegetables, tropical fruit.

School Breakfast: Cheese omelets.

School Lunch: Chicken noodle soup.

Saturday, Nov. 18
State Volleyball Tournament at Rapid City
Robotics at Harrisburg
Thrift Store open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 19
United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school and Christmas Practice, 10:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: (Holy Communion) St. John's worship, 9 a.m.; Zion worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Monday, Nov. 20
St. John's Lutheran: Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m..

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

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

JH GBB hosts Britton-Hecla (7th at 6 p.m., 8th at 7 p.m.)

Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Senior Menu: Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, mandarin oranges, vanilla pudding, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels.

School Lunch: French bread pizza, green beans.

Tuesday, Nov. 21
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Quilting, 9 a.m.
Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Senior Menu: Ham and bean soup, egg salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, fruit.

School Breakfast: Waffles.

School Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, cooked carrots.

Wednesday, Nov. 22
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.; Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 p.m.

No School - Thanksgiving Break
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, vegetable carpi blend, chocolate pudding with bananas, whole wheat bread.

Thursday, Nov. 23
THANKSGIVING DAY
Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Groton Community Center, 11:30 a.m.
No School - Thanksgiving Break

Friday, Nov. 24
No School - Thanksgiving Break

Saturday, Nov. 25
Thrift Store open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 26
United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m. (No Sunday school)
St. John's Lutheran: St. John's worship, 9 a.m.; Zion worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.

Snow Queen Contest, 4 p.m., GHS Gym
Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Monday, Nov. 27
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center with potluck at noon.
JH GBB hosts Clark/Willow Lake (7th at 6 p.m., 8th at 7 p.m.)

Pantry Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Oatmeal.
School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes.

Tuesday, Nov. 28
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.
James Valley Telecommunications Holiday Open House, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
JH GBB at Redfield (7th at 6:15 p.m., 8th at 7:15 p.m.)

Thrift Store open 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle hot dish, peas, California blend, Swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Monty Cristo sandwich.
School Lunch: Scalloped potatoes with ham, corn.

Wednesday, Nov. 29
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

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

Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 6 p.m.
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

Senior Menu: Vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, mandarin oranges, cookie.

School Breakfast: Muffins.
School Lunch: Corndogs, fries.

Thursday, Nov. 30
Fall Sports Awards Night, 7 p.m.
Senior Menu: Baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes with gravy, California blend vegetables, lemon tart bar, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Muffins.
School Lunch: Corndogs, fries.

Brown County Johnson Rezoning Approved

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #258
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED
TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #258, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Nickolas & Nicole Johnson was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 31st of October 2023 and will become effective on the 28th of November 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 Brown County Planning & Zoning is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described 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.).

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 31st day of October 2023.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Jark Rezoning Approved

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #259
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED
TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY
Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #259, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Bernie & Tonya Jark was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 31st of October 2023 and will become effective on the 28th of November 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 Brown County Planning & Zoning is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described 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.).

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 31st day of October 2023.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Groton council looks at salary increases, budget requests

by Elizabeth Varin

Groton officials are deciding where to invest in the community.

The City Council reviewed budget requests, along with items not included in the 2024 budget.

Some items budgeted for include two new computers for the library computer lab, an AED machine for the swimming pool, summer salary increases due to the state minimum wage increase and a new payload five-year lease. In addition, city staff will receive not only a cost-of-living pay rate increase, but also an hourly rate increase based on how many years they've been with the city.

Employees who have worked for the city for ten years or more will receive a \$1.50 per hour pay increase, while those who have worked for the city for less than ten years will receive a 75 cent per hour pay increase. That is in addition to a 3.2 percent cost-of-living increase for the 13 city employees.

Initially, Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich proposed a cost-of-living increase as well as a \$2 increase for employees who have worked for the city for more than 20 years, a \$1.50 increase for those who have worked for the city for more than 15 years, a 75 cent increase for those who have worked for the city for one to five years and a 50 cent increase for those who have worked for the city between six months and one year.

"It's being a little bit more fair in the sense that ... 44 years, that's dedication," Heinrich said, referring to Public Works Coordinator Terry Herron's years with the city. "You're basically incentivizing people to stay here."

The other option discussed was a blanket 8 percent wage increase. Mayor Scott Hanlon brought up that while some would receive a bigger increase based on years of service to the city, with the blanket increase others, like Heinrich, would see a bigger wage increase.

"But I don't want the 8 percent," Heinrich told the council. "I want to incentivize the employees."

That year-of-service raise would have to be adjusted in the future, though, Heinrich said.

After an executive session discussion, the council approved the 3.2 percent cost-of-living increase as well as the \$1.50 increase for those with 10 or more years of service and 75 cents for those with less than 10 years of service to the city.

There were a number of noteworthy red-lined items from the 2024 budget requests.

Installation of a handicap accessible door at City Hall was not included as a grant funding source may become available if the city's library becomes accredited.

A new electric metering system will be put on hold as the city looks into combined water and electric meters.

The city also held back on allocating \$50,000 in 2024 for a new concession stand at the baseball complex. Discussion a few weeks ago including splitting up the city's share of funding for a new concession stand between the 2024 and 2025 budgets.

However, the baseball/softball foundation told some council members via an email that the foundation's \$100,000 portion was a one-time offer that the city didn't take, said Councilman Brian Bahr. They chose to spend that money on a different project at the baseball complex.

Councilwoman Karyn Babcock asked if the foundation plans to apply for another grant for the project, to which Councilman Kevin Nehls replied, not likely.

"(The grant administrators) shot it back so fast, I don't think it's going to go anywhere," he said. "We did originally say we'd do \$50,000 in 2024 and \$50,000 in 2025, but I don't see how we can do that with a sewer project coming up."

Councilman Jon Cutler proposed making it a three-year project instead and funding \$35,000 in the 2024 budget.

Councilman Bahr said before moving forward with the concession stand project, he'd like to see where the park bathroom safe room project goes. The park gets used nine months out of the year, as compared to only summer use at the baseball complex.

"Baseball is a great thing for the city. I see that," he said. "But a lot more people use the park."

The money appropriated at Tuesday's meeting isn't set in stone, and it can be shifted before the second reading of the appropriation ordinance, which is scheduled for Nov. 21.

Sewer system issues rear up during budget talks

How should the city move forward with its wastewater system?

That's a question that may be answered by a study proposed to start next year.

Ken Hier with IMEG asked the council whether it would like the engineering firm to draw up a contract to study the current system to see where the city should invest funds into. The results would help city officials decide what projects to pursue and see what funding options may be available. The process of study, funding, design and construction could take the city into 2027 depending on how much work there is.

Wastewater Superintendent Dwight Zerr added he hopes it will be sooner, possibly with an updated lift station in the future for the city.

However, Hier cautioned about moving forward too quickly.

"I would hate to see you move forward a little bit prematurely," he said. "There are some project areas you could get started on right now, ...but I think we want to study that whole thing and re-evaluate all that to see where you're at."

The city is already having issues with its wastewater system, Zerr said. And federal officials are pushing for fines to be enforced more frequently.

The study, "it's a start," he said. "We'll discuss that and see what we can come up with. It's going to get to the point where we're going to have to ... I'm getting to the point of not meeting inspection."

The city received a warning letter this past year for two emergency discharges made, Zerr said. Instances like that could lead to a \$10,000 fine from the government for each emergency discharge.

Councilman Brian Bahr asked if moving forward with the study and potential wastewater system improvements would keep the city within compliance.

"That would be the goal," Hier responded. "It's likely they're not going to let you keep going along and continue what you're doing."

Later in the meeting, Mayor Scott Hanlon asked which was a more pressing issue: having adequate pipes for wastewater or having a place for that water to go.

Zerr said both are issues the city needs to improve.

"It goes hand-in-hand," he said. "It's getting to the point where we're going to have to do a study and get something going. We'll have to talk about it and see what we're going to do."

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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Final sections of street improvement discussed

The council reviewed estimates for street improvements on the west side of Groton.

Two estimates were presented at Tuesday's meeting for work on Fourth Avenue between Lincoln Street and Highway 37, Lincoln Street from Third Avenue to Fifth Avenue and Washington Street from Third Avenue to Fifth Avenue. The first estimate included excavation and gravel base construction costs, while the second would build onto that by adding curb, gutter and asphalt paving to the six-block area.

The excavation and gravel base would cost an estimated \$552,097, while the curb, gutter and asphalt pavement would cost an estimated \$578,114. There would be other options that may help cut down on some costs, like doing all the work on a three-block area one year, followed by the final three-block area the next year.

Mayor Hanlon cautioned the council to keep in mind some in that area don't want curb and gutters added.

Councilwoman Shirley Wells said, "If they want a nice road, you need curb and gutter."

• City officials are looking into a new vendor for the city website. One option discussed at Tuesday's meeting would be to contract with Apptegy, a company that builds school and municipality websites and apps. Currently the city's website is hosted by James Valley Telecommunications for free. Apptegy would charge \$10,400 for the set up and first year, followed by a yearly charge of \$6,900. The Chamber of Commerce may assist in the initial setup costs, said Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich. The move to Apptegy would streamline the process of updating the public on news from the city, he said. Councilwoman Karyn Babcock added that a new website would lessen confusion for the public. Apptegy currently hosts the Groton Area School District website and app.

• The city is accepting applications for skating rink employees. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Dec. 4.

• City offices will be closed Friday in observance of Veterans Day.

• Discussion about the Groton City Park safe room/bathroom facility was postponed to the council's Nov. 21 meeting.

that the Business and Housing Development Committee discussed and developed transition plans with a daycare owner and a restaurant/bar owner in town, both of whom plan to retire in the near future.

"With the help of Paula's ongoing coaching, our teams have achieved several goals and are on the way to achieving more," Lillis said. "The Community Coaching process has brought about a greater sense of community pride and hope for the future. Our goal in Columbia is to recreate some of the community's glory days while working toward a healthy future."

Such glory days are fervent memories for long-time residents and business owners, Ray and Cyndy Larson. Until recently, when Ray and Cyndy, his wife of 50 years, retired and moved to Aberdeen, SD, Ray had only known home to be in Columbia. Ray's father started a farming and cattle business in 1946 – which many family members continue to operate today – and when it came time for Ray and Cyndy to raise their own family, Columbia was the natural choice.

"Our main reason for investing our time and talents in the Columbia community's growth and development is because of family," Ray said. "Columbia was a wonderful place to grow up and raise our family, and we want our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to have those same opportunities."

According to Ray, communities like Columbia have a variety of perspectives and visions to manage when discovering opportunities for growth. And while the work certainly isn't done, as Columbia stakeholders continue to formulate plans to shape the future of the city, Ray points to the value of the Community Coaching process in guiding all of the voices in Columbia to define and refine a shared mission for moving forward.

"In working with a small community, there are many perspectives from young to old, and it can be hard for some to let go of the past, while others may not always recognize the work that was done to build the community," Ray said. "This is where Paula and the Dakota Resources' Community Coaching process was so valuable. Because of Paula's knowledge and experiences, she was able to guide us through the process and keep us focused on the positives. It's been thrilling to see such a revival of the Columbia spirit."

Legion Auxiliary hold November meeting

Acting president Lori Giedt opened the November meeting with eight members present. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble were recited by all members. Lori placed Department correspondence on the table for all members to read and then she read a thank you note from Ft. Meade VA hospital for our gift shop donation. All members were asked to sign Veteran Day cards.

In old business, Lori read through the list of workers for the Turkey Party which is on Saturday, November 11. All members are reminded to get your cake walk goodies to the Legion hall by 5:30. Next, Jan Seibel and Tami Zimney reported on work being completed for the Veterans Day Program. Two veterans went into Mr. Wanner's junior classroom this year too share their military service stories. Nine junior and senior students from Groton Area School are getting their stories ready to share on November 10 at 2 PM in the arena. Five veterans will be honored this year. Then Meri Erickson reported on veterans and the Pantry. We decided to help our veterans and our community by donating money for Thanksgiving and then donating food to the Pantry this year. Meri Erickson and Jan Seibel will co-chair this event. For Christmas, we are going to gift money for hair cuts to our nursing home veterans. Jan Seibel will chair this. Lastly, Meri Erickson asked about the "Give 10" program. All members or the unit can give 10 of something to the school/education. An example would be to give 10 sets of pencils, 10 books, or give 10 minutes of supervision on the playground. All members are encouraged to contact Meri when they "Give 10" so she can report on it.

In new business: Wendy Cooper reported that she turned in \$609.11 in grocery receipts to the school for the month of October. Please keep your grocery receipts from Ken's or Kessler's and turn them in to Wendy so we can help the school earn money. Lori went through the reading of draping our charter for our deceased member, Marge Overacker. Jan Seibel asked about a youth in Groton that saved a person from drowning. Tami Zimney will look into this Youth Hero program.

We decided to have our next monthly meeting on February 12 at 6 PM, instead of March 4, in order to get ready for the Spring District Four meeting which our Legion Post 39 and Auxiliary are hosting on Sunday, March 3. Wendy will serve supper.

All members are asked to get your 2024 dues paid as soon as you can to membership chair, Jan Seibel, and she will be available at the Turkey Party to collect your dues instead of mailing them to her. Senior member dues are \$31 and junior dues are \$5.50.



Columbia Cleanup Day

(Courtesy Photo)

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Columbia residents decorating the city park



Larry Vietmeier and Emily Eichler are looking over the plans for decorating the city park in Columbia. The lighting ceremony will be held December 9th from 5-7 p.m. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Cheryl Kampa reaches high to get to the peak of this tree. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Larry Vietmeier brought his extended stick and shows how it works as Julie Milbrandt Lillis helps with the string of lights and Emily Eichler looking on. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

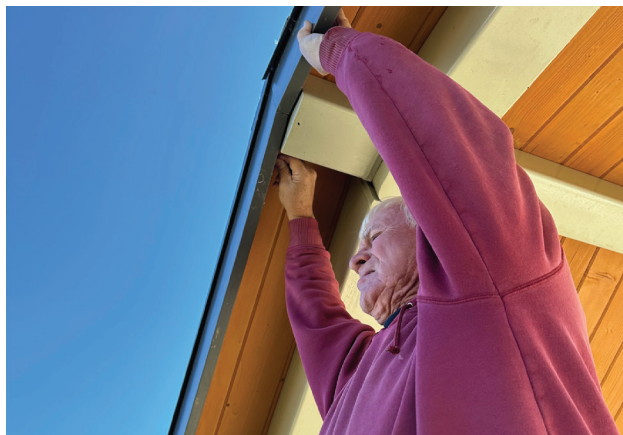
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Larry Vietmeier is putting in hooks in the shelter for lights. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Ray Larson, Julie Milbrandt Lillis, Emily Eichler, Cyndy Larson and Larry Vietmeier figure out where to put these wreaths in the park. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Frosty is Back!!!

Please check the Groton Daily Independent for daily clues as to who the Groton Area Mystery Frosty is. The unveiling of Frosty will take place at the Groton Area Snow Queen and Talent Contest on Sunday, November 26th at 4:00pm. The Groton Chamber voted to gift Snow Queen \$100 in Chamber Bucks for the winner of the Mystery Frosty competition.



2023 Frosty Clues

I....

- 1.) Grew up on a farm
- 2.) Have completed a marathon
- 3.) Am an SDSU Alum
- 4.) Took a boxing class in college
- 5.) MUCH prefer hot weather over cold weather
- 6.) Love coffee!
- 7.) Enjoy fishing and hiking; or really any activity outdoors
- 8.) Play(ed) the trumpet
- 9.) Love to jitterbug

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Netters head to SoDak16

The Groton Area volleyball team has hit 20 wins, only the second time the Tigers hit the 20 mark in its season record. The Tigers, 20-4, are ranked third in the state and will advance to the SoDak16 next Tuesday as they will take on Lennox. Groton Area defeated Sisseton Thursday night, 3-0, in the second round of the Region 1A competition.

The first set was close as it was tied 11 times and there were five lead changes. The Tigers had a 23-18 lead, but Sisseton battled back and tied the set at 24. Then it was tied at 25 and Sisseton took the lead. Groton Area tied it up and got the lead, 27-26. Sisseton tied it at 27 and 28 before the Tigers would score the last two points including the game winning ace serve by Jaedyn Penning.

The Tiger win took the wind out of the sails for Sisseton as Groton Area would win the next two sets by identical scores of 25-14. Rylee Dunker led Groton Area with 13 kills and one assisted block. Sydney Leicht had nine kills including the match winning kill in the third set. Chesney Weber had nine kills and three ace serves. Anna Fjeldheim had eight kills and one block. Emma Kutter had two solo and two assisted blocks and one kill. Jaedyn Penning had four ace serves. Elizabeth Fliehs had two ace serves, two assisted blocks and one kill. Carly Guthmiller had two ace serves and Laila Roberts had two kills.

Chloe Langager led Sisseton with 13 kills, two solo and two assisted blocks and one ace serve. Krista Langager had five kills, one ace serve and one block. Emmalee Nielsen had two kills and one ace serve, Tara Nelson had a kill and an ace serve and Ruby Rice and Jourdes Chanku each had one kill.

Groton Area, now on a 13 game winning streaks, is 20-4 on the year. Sisseton finishes its season 12-15.

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- Paul Kosel



Rylee Dunker
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Anna Fjeldheim
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Head Coach Chelsea Hanson holds up the SoDak16 volleyball as the Tigers are heading to the final round before the state tournament. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Carly Guthmiller
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Elizabeth Fliehs
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Emma Kutter
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Laila Roberts
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Groton Area Athletic Director Alexa Schuring (right) hands the SoDak16 volleyball to Groton Area Head Coach Chelsea Hanson. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Chesney Weber
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Senior Sydney Leicht - SoDak16
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Volleyball team journey comes to an end

Lennox put the breaks on Groton Area's winning streak of 13 matches and stop Groton's progress to the state tournament this year with a 3-1 in the SoDak 16 match played Tuesday in Watertown.

The Groton Area volleyball program had a very successful season, finishing with a 20-5 record, the best ever, and it's only the second time that the netters have hit the 20 win mark.

Coach Chelsea Hanson said Lennox is a good team and they have the height at the net. "They were like 6 feet across the net," she said.

Lennox won the first set, 25-22. It was tied 10 times with six lead changes. Lennox scored seven straight points to take the 20-14 lead. The Tigers went flat in the second set as Lennox jumped out to a 19-5 lead en route to a 25-11 win. Groton Area caught the fire in the third set, challenging the Orioles all the way to the finish line and beyond. The third set was tied 18 times and there were nine lead changes before the Tigers pulled out the 27-25 win. Lennox jumped out to an early fourth set lead and won the set, 25-18.

Sydney Leicht was 33 of 42 in attacks with nine kills and she had 15 digs. Chesney Weber had seven kills, was 16 of 16 in serving with four ace serves and had one assisted block. Anna Fjeldheim was 31 of 41 in attacks with seven kills. Rylee Dunker was 16 of 19 in attacks with six kills and had one assisted block. Elizabeth Fliehs had 26 assists, 17 digs and three kills. Jaedyn Penning had three kills. Carly Guthmiller was 14 of 14 in serves with one ace serve and had 33 digs. Emma Kutter had one kill and one solo kill.

Dani Highum led the Orioles with 16 kills, two ace serves and two blocks. Libby Kranz had nine kills, one block and one ace serve. Ryan Hanssen had eight kills and one block. Lillian Meyer had seven ace serves. Ella Grengs had five kills, one block and one ace serve and Addison Martz had four kills and a block.

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- Paul Kosel



Senior Anna Fjeldheim - SoDak16
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Senior Carly Guthmiller - SoDak16
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Match was second highest viewed on GDILIVE.COM

The most viewed event was the Lake Region Marching Festival this fall with 920 viewers. Number two was the volleyball match Tuesday night with 753 viewers, beating out the football playoff game at Elk Point/Jefferson with 741 viewers.



This picture says it all. It's Wierd, you win big games and the positive feedback and messages is enough to kill a battery on your phone, but everything is so quiet after a loss. We are sad, but we will be OK! We went 20-5 on the season, we had the highest winning percentage in school history. We beat teams our school has never beat. We played multiple girls at different times in big moments and they always succeeded in some way. More than one time even multiple times tonight girls sacrificed themselves for the team. We loved each other, we carried each other and we cried and laughed together. This team and this season has been one for the ages and I am so so proud to have been able to coach this group! We maybe lost tonight... but this team is full of winners and this season will always be a success! Thank you Anna Fjeldheim Sydney Leicht and Carly Guthmiller for trusting the process and being great leaders for our team. You will always be part of the Tiger family and we are so proud of all of you!

- Coach Chelsea Hanson
Posted on Chelsea Hanson Facebook Page

Dear EarthTalk: What are some apps that help individuals save the planet?

— Robert E., via email

Most of us spend upwards of three hours on our smartphones every day. Much of our phone time is spent messaging friends and family, scrolling through social media feeds, watching video shorts and playing mindless games—but what if we could use it more productively to help save the planet? Not surprisingly, there are dozens of apps out there designed to solve environmental issues. Whether you want to cut your carbon footprint, reduce food waste, or save water, there's an app (or two) out there for it.

One of the hottest sustainability-oriented apps out there these days is Too Good to Go, which connects customers to restaurants and stores that have surplus unsold food that can be procured for significantly discounted prices. The Olio app works along similar lines—connecting neighbors with each other and with local businesses to share surplus food. Olio can be used to find new owners for your old non-food items as well, keeping more stuff in use and out of landfills.

Eco-conscious fashionistas can rejoice over how the Good On You app allows them to check on the sustainability records and ethical stances of more than 3,000 different fashion brands. The app is a great companion on clothes shopping excursions; you can look up different brands as you browse and make purchasing decisions accordingly. Over a million users worldwide also use the app to discover alternative ethical and sustainable fashion brands that they might not have ever heard about otherwise. Another app focused on the intersection of sustainability and fashion, ThreadUp, offers users the ability to quickly list used clothing items for sale so others can appreciate them. Who knew thrifting was actually eco-friendly?

If you're worried about pollutants and irritants in your personal care and beauty products, Think Dirty might just be the app for you. Scan the barcode from any health and beauty product on the store shelf through the app and find out what ingredients are in it so you can determine whether or not to buy/use it.

Of course, there are lots of apps out there to help you reduce your carbon footprint. One of the most engaging is Oroeco. Use this app to track your life activities, such as what you eat, how you get around, etc. and see how much climate impact you have. You can also compete with other users—and earn badges—in friendly competitions to “gamify” your impact reduction efforts. Another favorite is Giki Zero, which provides users with a free and personalized guide—based on answers you provide about your lifestyle—on how to reduce your carbon footprint.

Saving water is becoming increasingly important in this warming-fueled drought-stricken age we are in now. The Waterprint app allows users to conveniently track their water usage and compete with friends. Users list the products they buy, and the water footprint of each product is then used to calculate their water usage. Competing with friends provides a strong incentive to reduce unnecessary water usage, which helps to improve water sustainability around the world.

Who knew that our smartphones could be such important tools for saving the planet?

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MANAGER'S SALE
STOP IN & REGISTER TO WIN!!! **\$3,100** IN Ken's GIFT CARDS TO BE GIVEN AWAY
\$500 in Each Out of Town Store will be Given Away and \$400 Given Away in Aberdeen Ken's!

John Morrell Whole SBO Ham
SAVE \$1.50 Per Lb.
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Best Choice Self Basting Grade A Turkeys
All sizes—with pop up timer!
Limit 2 per customer
\$1.59 Per Lb.

USDA Choice Demkota Boneless Bread & Butter Roast
\$4.39 Per Lb.

Libby's Vegetables
99¢ 14.5-15 Oz. Can

Hershey's Baking Chips
2/\$5 8-12 Oz. Pkgs.

APP DEAL OF THE WEEK
Pillsbury Brownie Mix 18.4 Oz. Box
FREE W/\$10 PURCHASE & KEN'S APP.
Limit 1 per customer, requires \$10 additional purchase and use of Ken's App.

Michigan Fuji, McIntosh, Red Delicious, Gala or Golden Delicious Apples
\$2.99 3 Lb. Bag

Meat
Pride of the Farm Bone In Turkey Breast
\$2.49 Per Lb.

Dairy
Ken's Milk Whole, 2% or 1%
\$3.88 1 Gallon Jug

Frozen
Roma 12" Pizza
\$2.99 12.10-14.10 Oz.

Liquor
Crown Royal Crown Peach or Crown Royal Regal Apple
\$31.99 750 ML

Household
Dixie Plates or Bowls
\$2.99 16-50 Ct. Pkg.

Bakery
Ken's Bakery Fresh White Mountain Buns
\$2.99 12 Count

Deli
Stacy Pita Chips
\$3.99 Each

Betty Crocker Dinner Helpers
2/\$3 4.7-8.7 Oz. Boxes

Flora Bath Tissue 12 Roll or Paper Towels 6 Roll Bundle
Sale Price **\$4.99** - \$1.00 Digital Coupon Net Price **\$3.99**

Kellogg's Rice Krispies Treats
Sale Price **\$2.99** - \$1.00 Digital Coupon Net Price **\$1.99** 8 Ct. Box

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Bloodless Joints?

How much blood flows through your joints? Would you be surprised if I told you “None”?

That's right! Inside the joint there is a clear, viscous, slippery fluid that lubricates the joint surface, but no red blood flows inside the joint. Doctors

do not want to see blood in a joint. When there is blood inside a joint it is usually because of trauma. That means tissue has been injured and blood vessels have been broken, bleeding into the clear cavity.

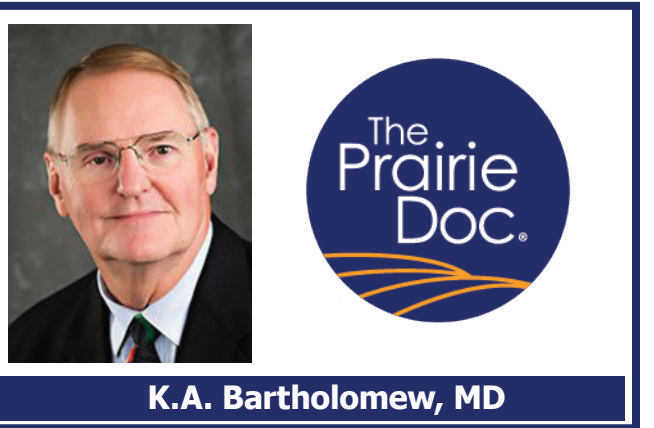
“How,” you may ask, “can a joint get oxygen and nutrition if there is no blood in the joint?”

Articular (joint) cartilage has no direct blood supply. There is plenty of blood flowing “around” a joint, bringing oxygen, glucose, vitamins and minerals to the area and clearing out waste products, but these must diffuse through tissue membranes to get in to and out of the joint space. The cartilage receives its nutrition and oxygen from the clear joint fluid. When the joint is “loaded” with pressure, some fluid is squeezed out of the cartilage, and when the pressure is released, fluid flows back in carrying oxygen and nutrients with it.

The interesting thing is that this diffusion goes very slowly if that joint is not moving and pumping on tissue. This is why exercise is so crucial to joint health, just like it is crucial to all tissue health. It becomes even more so when that joint is injured. There must be good circulation and activity to absorb old, clotted blood inside an injured joint, “draining” the waste products and replacing them with the clear lubricating fluid. Additionally, damaged tissue heals but leaves scar tissue behind. If that scar tissue is not stretched and exercised, that joint will never regain its mobility.

Likewise, an injured or arthritic joint may hurt when you exercise, but without exercise it cannot maintain its internal health. As scar tissue forms from the arthritic damage to the cartilage, the joint moves less freely, like a rusty hinge. But exercise “oils” the joint, so to speak, creating lubrication while maintaining range of motion. This is not unlike that old car behind the barn that has not been driven for decades. It will have an engine that is frozen with rust, yet the antique Model A that your friend drives every Sunday still purrs along because it has been used - moved, maintained, and lubricated. Your joints need the same.

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