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Traphagen, Gerlach selected as Assistant Coaches of the Year

Groton Areas Kyle Gerlach and Trent Traphagen were chosen as Assistant Coaches of the Year by the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association. Gerlach is the assistant boys coach and Traphagen is the assistant girls coach.

Tietz selected as MVP of Class A at shootout

The three-class shootout was held Saturday in Salem with the Class A boys beating the Class AA boys, but then losing to the Class B boys. Lane Tietz was selected as the most valuable player for the Class A boys. In the Class A win over Class AA, Tietz had 17 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists. Tietz led the scoring in the Class A-AA game with 22 points and had nine rebounds. Class A defeated Class AA, 99-82, and Class B defeated Class A, 118-112.



Tietz named to Class A All-State First Team

Groton Area senior Lane Tietz was named to the first team of the Class A All-State team, voted on by the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association.

Tietz averaged 21.2 points, 3.5 rebounds, and three assists per game. He also shot 38.5% from long range on the year. Tietz, who plans to play at Dakota State, was also the Class A boys Spirit of Su award recipient.

Groton Area Head Coach Brian Dolan, said, "It's been a privilege to coach Lane over the past 5 seasons. Being named to the South Dakota basketball coach association All-State team is a deserving honor. Lane has had an outstanding high school career and he has bright days ahead of him. We are excited to watch him the next 4 years at DSU!"

Others on the first team were Sioux Falls Christian junior forward Griffen Goodbary, Dakota Valley senior forward Jaxson Wingert, Sioux Valley senior forward/center Alec Squires, Hamlin junior guard Easton Neuendorf and Pine Ridge sophomore guard Marvin Richard III.

POPS Concerts coming up this Sunday

The Groton Area High School music department will present its annual POPS Concert on Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Tickets will not be sold in advance. Admission is \$5.00 at the door.

The concert will feature performances from the Prismatic Sensations Show Choir, High School Drumline, High School Flex Band, Chamber Choir, and new this year the High School Choir. We will have many talented soloists/groups as well. There will be no reserved seating, and seats do fill up quickly, so plan on arriving early to get a great view of the show! The doors will open one hour prior to show time. This concert is one of the highlights of the year for the music department, and you do not want to miss it!

Come on out, have some pop and popcorn, and enjoy performances by many of our music department's students!

If you have card tables that the music department may borrow for the day, please label them with your name and drop them off at the high school or e-mail Mrs. Yeigh at desiree.yeigh@k12.sd.us to arrange pick up.



Briggs Sperry, son of Tyler and Carla Sperry attended the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt Saturday in the Groton SD Community and found a special egg! Inside his special egg, was a certificate for a free bike sponsored by the Groton Chamber! Pictured here is Briggs with his certificate, smiling with excitement. (Courtesy Photo from April Abeln)

Spring is in the air with public works discussion

Garbage pickup may soon move back to streets throughout town. At Tuesday's City Council meeting, Mayor Scott Hanlon asked Public Works Coordinator Terry Herron if there was a timeframe to end the spring thaw garbage route.

Currently, residents need to bring their garbage to Railroad Avenue, Main Street, Sixth Street and Highway 37 for the Tuesday weekly pickup. Some areas of streets in town develop soft spots when the ground thaws in the spring.

There are some soft spots on Seventh Avenue near the Krause's development, Herron said.

That development includes houses on Seventh Avenue just east of Fourth Street.

Moving back to the normal garbage route is dependent on what the weather does, Herron said.

Hanlon said he would want to keep the spring thaw routes as long as possible to preserve the streets.

"All and all, everything is looking good," he said. "I guess thank goodness. I've talked to a lot of people, and everything is looking good."

Other signs that point to spring include discussion about upcoming public works projects, sump pumps running outside instead of into the sanitary sewer and street sweeping.

Wasterwater Superintendent Dwight Zerr discussed a sewer replacement project at Fourth Street and Second Avenue. The old lines have cracks and odd angles, and those lines need to be replaced.

"Those are the ones we've had trouble with before," he said.

The city will have to dig up portions of the street to replace the lines, but the project should be able to stay within the public works budget, he said.

City staff are also looking to clear a line near the ice skating rink that has landscape-type rocks causing issues in it. In addition, street sweeping has started in other cities.

"When it quits snowing, I'll start sweeping," Zerr said.

- Three more summer employees were hired at Tuesday's council meeting.

- o Claire Zbylut was hired as day baseball/softball coach at \$2,500 yearly plus \$50 for each year of service. Zbylut has one year of experience.

- o Dillon Abeln was hired as groundskeeper at \$11.20 per hour with an additional 25 cents for each year of service. Abeln has one year of experience.

- o Sydney Locke was hired as gatekeeper at \$11.20 per hour with an additional 25 cents for each year of service. This is Locke's first year.

- Groton code enforcer Dennis "Mike" Olson met with the City Council during executive session at Tuesday's meeting. No action was reported.

- The council approved a special event alcoholic beverage license for an event later this month. The Groton Area Fire Protection District requested the special event license for the Fireman's Fun Night, taking place April 20 at the Groton Fire Hall. While introducing the item to the council, Mayor Scott Hanlon said he doesn't think the city has ever had any problem from having alcohol at the event. The license was approved with a unanimous vote. "Thank you firemen for doing this," Hanlon said. "It's a fun event, and it's going to raise some money for the fire hall."

- Writing a bad check to the city will soon cost more. Senate Bill 38, approved in the state legislature in January, updates the fee businesses can charge people for a bad check from \$40 to \$60. Groton Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich asked the council if the city could increase the returned check fee to \$60, effective July 1. It doesn't happen very often, Heinrich said, but it's just another deterrent.

Bunnies for Easter dinner and other culinary atrocities



That's Life by Tony Bender

I've always thought that for Easter dinner we ought to eat rabbits. Because I'm subversive. And for Christmas, reindeer sausage. Really, it hardly seems fair that bunnies and reindeer get

all the glory, and then we eat ham. At the very least, pigs should have their own holiday.

I've eaten rabbit. It was years ago when I was custom combining in Oklahoma. Or Kansas. Someplace forgettable like that. Our hosts proposed a bunny buffet with one provision. I had to choose and dispatch the rabbit. If it had been up to me, we would have starved in Oklahoma. Or Kansas. Or Nebraska, wherever we were.

I may have been soft, but not too soft to eat fried rabbit. Delicious. It probably comes as no surprise that it tastes like chicken, which is the chameleon of meats.

Sometimes I wonder how certain foods became acceptable in some cultures and not in others. I mean, who decided that goat milk—or worse, fermented goat milk—was a delicacy? I assume alcohol was involved.

I've actually milked a goat but I don't put it on my resume because I lost the big goat-milking contest at the Ashley Rodeo about 20 years ago. Being a second place goat milker isn't all that impressive. I was pitted against Super Valu grocer Kirk Rueb which seemed a little unfair. After all, the man has his own dairy section. To make matters worse, he got a mellow goat. Mine was rambunctious. Also, I think Rambunctious Goats would be a great band name. Dibs.

The next day, however, we learned that Kirk's goat had died. I was conflicted. Was it a moral victory? All I know is milking a goat to death is worse than finishing second.

You know, if you get right down to it, in Germans From Russia Country, we do objectively eat some interesting things. Head cheese. Liver sausage and such. You can get in a bar fight defending the honor of your local liver sausage.

Heck, I was politely threatened by a lovely elderly lady from Reeder years ago for impugning the honor of lutefisk. I described it

in a column as coagulated snot and she took umbrage to that. It's not easy getting a Norwegian fired up, but that's one way to do it. I wrote a correction describing it more fairly as "tasty" coagulated snot.

The worst of it is not the fact that lutefisk is soaked in lye. Poison, essentially. A Norwegian lady at Norsk Host Fest recalled that as a child, her fisherman father would dry fish on the docks. She was aghast when she saw dogs peeing on the fish. "Don't worry," he said. "Dat's da stuff ve send to Sveden!"

I lived in Juneau for three years and developed a real appreciation for seafood, including octopus. And you know alcohol was involved in that initial taste test.

I did radio commercials for Jerry's Meats. Slogan: "You can't beat Jerry's Meats!" Imagine the possibilities. Jerry sometimes gave me seafood that had been abandoned by sports fishermen.

One day, they were cutting up a 90-pound halibut, diminutive in comparison to some of the other monsters pulled from the deep. "Do you know what we call those?" Jerry asked. "Ping-pong paddles."

When my Grandpa Ben came to visit, I prepared an aromatic pot of King Crab legs. He stared for a while, not sure if it was some kind of joke or not, before declining. "Ach, they're too ugly!" So, I punted. He got a 15 cent package of ramen which he loved. In fact, that became a mainstay for the duration of his visit.

I remembered Grandma Bender serving up a steaming bowl of chicken feet more than once when I visited, and really, are crab legs any more off-putting than chicken feet? Perspective, I guess.

Generally, I have an adventurous spirit when it comes to exotic food, but I won't eat insects. Unless I'm on my motorcycle. But paying for chocolate-covered crickets? I don't think so, even if they have a high nutritional value. They're much lower in fat than pork, chicken, beef, and liver sausage—100 grams of crickets has 13 grams of protein and only 5 grams of fat.

Still... maybe I'll just have ramen.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

"If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles."

- Sun Tzu, The Art of War

The National Football League isn't a war, but it's still important to know the enemy, which in

this case is the rest of the NFC North. In 2023 the Vikings finished third in the division with a 7-10 record, behind the Detroit Lions (12-5) and Green Bay Packers (9-8), and tied with the Chicago Bears (7-10). Unfortunately for the Vikings, all three of their division rivals are in good shape heading into the 2024 season.

Let's take a look at each team now that the dust of free agency has settled.

Detroit Lions

The Lions, behind head coach Dan Campbell, had one of the greatest seasons in franchise history. Their 12 wins tie a franchise record (1991) and 2023 was just the fourth time the team has won their division since the NFL and AFL merged in 1970. The Lions were also just three points shy of reaching their first Super Bowl.

The Lions didn't make any big splashes in free agency, instead, they focused on retaining their own players and turning to the draft to improve the roster. The biggest moves for Detroit were on the defensive side of the ball, where the team made additions to each level. Defensive tackle DJ Reader was brought in to anchor the defensive line, edge defender Marcus Davenport was signed after his failed one-year deal in Minnesota, linebacker Jalen Reeves-Maybin will now be manning the middle, while Amik Robertson signed a two-year deal and Carlton Davis III was acquired via trade to beef up Detroit's secondary.

Green Bay Packers

After trading Aaron Rodgers to New York last offseason, many expected the Packers to take a step back. Instead, it looks like they have ANOTHER franchise quarterback (Jordan Love) and will continue to be a threat in the NFC North.

The biggest free agent move in Green Bay was the addition of Josh Jacobs, who has been one of the best running backs in the NFL over the past few seasons. With the addition of Jacobs, the Packers released Aaron Jones (who signed a one-year deal in Minnesota). Green Bay also focused on upgrading the safety position, releasing three safeties (Rudy Ford, Jonathan Owens, and Darnell Savage) and signing one of the best free-agent safeties on the market (Xavier McKinney).

Chicago Bears

Thanks to last year's draft trade, the Chicago Bears own the Carolina Panther's first-round pick (first overall) in addition to their own pick (9th). With two top-10 draft picks, the Bears can change the direction of a franchise that has only made the playoffs seven times in the past 30 seasons.

All indications point to the Bears drafting quarterback Caleb Williams out of USC, one of the best QB prospects in recent memory. To make room, the Bears traded last year's starter, Justin Fields, to the Pittsburgh Steelers for a conditional 2025 sixth-round pick. To give Williams the best chance possible to succeed in a city that has never had a 4,000-yard passer, the Bears traded for wide receiver Keenan Allen and brought in running back D'Andre Swift through free agency. On the defensive side of the ball, the biggest move was re-signing cornerback Jaylon Johnson. The Bears also brought in safeties Kevin Byard and Jonathan Owens to replace recently released safety Eddie Jackson.

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by Linda Thistle

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 3.99-3.50: Colby Dunker, Lexi Osterman, Sydney Leicht, Lane Tietz, Ava Wienk, Cadence Feist, Carly Guthmiller, Logan Ringgenberg, Dillon Abeln, Karsyn Jangula, Shea Jandel, Bradin Althoff, Jackson Garstecki
 3.49-3.00: Bryson Wambach, Jacob Zak, Layne Hanson, Kate Profeta

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Gretchen Dinger, Axel Warrington, Payton Mitchell, Faith Traphagen, Elizabeth Flihs, Blake Pauli, Emma Kutter, Laila Roberts, Logan Pearson, Diego Eduardo Nava Remigio
 3.99-3.50: Kennedy Hansen, Brooklyn Hansen, Kaden Kampa, Kayla Lehr, Turner Thompson, Jeslyn Kosel
 3.49-3.00: Kellen Antonsen, Easten Ekern, Carter Simon, Abby Yeadon, Korbin Kucker, Brevin Flihs, Divya Pelmelay, Karrah-Jo Johnson, Ashlyn Johnson

Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Carly Gilbert, Jerica Locke, Jaedyn Penning, Nathan Unzen
 3.99-3.50: Ryder Johnson, De Eh Tha Say, Gage Sippel, Mia Crank, Karsten Flihs, Talli Wright, Raelee Lilly, Natalia Warrington, Rylee Dunker, Aiden Meyers, Paisley Mitchell, London Bahr, Keegen Tracy, Logan Warrington, Hannah Sandness
 3.49-3.00: Breslyn Jeschke, Benjamin Hoeft, Garrett Schultz, Karter Moody, Cambria Bonn, Olivia Stiegelmeier, Jayden Schwan, Cali Tolifson, Lincoln Krause

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Liby Althoff, Kira Clocksene, Teagan Hanten, Carlee Johnson, Emerlee Jones, Ashlynn Warrington
 3.99-3.50: Brody Lord, Kella Tracy, Colt Williamson, Taryn Traphagen, McKenna Tietz, Halee Harder, Avery Crank, Addison Hoffman Wipf, Leah Jones, Zander Harry, Blake Lord, Claire Schuelke, Aiden Strom
 3.49-3.00: Skyler Kramer, Gavin Kroll, Brenna Imrie, Alyssa Beauchamp, Dylan Alexander Lopez Marin, Hailey Pauli, Walker Zoellner, Hayden Zoellner, Jackson Hopfinger, Logan Clocksene

Eighth Graders

4.0 GPA: Makenna Krause
 3.99-3.50: Thomas Schuster, Layne Johnson, Sydney Locke, Chesney Weber, Addison Hoeft, Ethan Kroll, Elizabeth Cole, Mya Feser, Kyleigh Kroll, Rylie Rose, Ryder Schelle, Easton Weber, Rylen Ekern, Taryn Thompson, Jace Johnson, Gracie Pearson, Karson Zak, Ryelle Gilbert, Alex Abeln, Brayden Barrera
 3.49-3.00: Brysen Sandness, Wyatt Wambach, Kinsley Rowen, John Bisbee, Ella Kettner, Braeden Flihs, Aimee Heilman, Kason Oswald, Owen Sperry

Seventh Graders

4.0 GPA: Neely Althoff, Wesley Borg, Abby Fjeldheim, Zachary Flihs, Tevan Hanson, Brooklyn Spanier, Novalea Warrington
 3.99-3.50: Aspen Beto, Asher Johnson, Kolton Antonsen, Madison Herrick, Lincoln Shilhanek, Sydney Holmes
 3.49-3.00: Arianna Dinger, Connor Kroll, Logan Olson, Kenzey Anderson, Jordan Schwan, Tenley Frost, Aurora Washenberger, Samuel Crank, Madison Little, Adeline Kotzer, Wesley Morehouse

Sixth Graders

4.0 GPA: Axel Abeln, Hudson Eichler, Amelia Ewalt, Gavin Hanten, Liam Johnson, Liam Lord
 3.99-3.50: Sophia Flihs, Asher Zimmerman, Jameson Penning, Aubrie Lier, Ryder Schwan, Trey Tietz
 3.49-3.00: Illyanna Dallaire, Haden Harder, Andi Gauer, Trayce Schelle, Elias Heilman, Keegan Kucker, Nolan Bahr, Kyson Kucker, Rowan Patterson

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League Week #19

Team Standings:

Shihtzus – 14, Coyotes – 12, Chipmunks- 11, Cheetahs – 10, Jackelopes – 9, Foxes – 4

Men's High Games:

Lance Frohling – 246, Tony Waage – 208, Roger Spanier – 196

Women's High Games:

Darci Spanier – 165, Sue Stanley – 162, Vicki Walter – 161

Men's High Series:

Roger Spanier – 549, Lance Frohling – 526, Tony Waage – 513

Women's High Series:

Darci Spanier – 443, Vicki Walter – 440, Karen Spanier – 424

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MARCH 26, 2024 – 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. Commissioner Dennert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SPECIAL EVENT MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARING: Time and place, as advertised to consider applications for a Temporary Special Event Malt Beverage License. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following application: Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area – Special Event to be held at Holm Expo Building, SW ¼ of Sec 1-T123N-R64, Brown County, SD. Special Malt Beverage License effective April 12-13, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID NOTICE OF AWARD – WEED & PEST CHEMICALS: Time and place as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing of chemicals for the Brown County Weed & Pest Board for 2024. Bids were received from ADAPCO and Van Diest Supply Company. Commissioner Wiese moved to defer the recommendation to give Chris Hemen, Weed & Pest Supervisor time to review the bids and investigate some of the chemicals they are offering. Seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPRAY LOGGER PURCHASE: Chris Hemen, Weed & Pest Supervisor asked the Commission to approve purchasing 3 Spray Loggers from SpraySync for \$12,325.00 to replace the current loggers because they are becoming outdated; Chris budgeted \$13,552.00 in his 2024 Budget. Chris thinks he may be able to save some money on the installation and training costs. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the purchase of the 3 Spray Loggers from SpraySync for \$12,325.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CONTRACT FOR 2024: Wade Huntington, Assistant Director of Operations with SD Department of Health met with the Commission this morning to discuss the Community Health Contract for 2024. Wade shared that this is to provide Public Health Services for residents in Brown County. They reorganized last fall so the staff is more focused on certain tasks, such as there is staff that only does WIC and not immunizations, where the Public Health Nurse handles the immunizations and other things such as pregnancy care program. Some differences in the Brown County contract versus others is that Brown County is paying to help offset the costs for nursing staff, rent and utilities of the building, where other counties provide space in the courthouse and clerical support. Commissioner Fjeldheim asked who else contributes and Wade stated that it is Brown County and the State. They do partner with Head Start to connect families with resources; figuring 90% of the patients or majority are Brown County residents but anyone can use their services. Commissioner Sutton asked if there were any coops; Wade shared there is not, but some counties have no contract agreements. Commissioner Sutton thanked Wade for taking the time to meet with them and Wade responded they appreciate the ability to work together and the Commission can look over the FAQ provided and reach out if there are any more questions. Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Community Health Contract for 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID NOTICE OF AWARD – WEED & PEST CHEMICALS: Chris Hemen, Weed & Pest Supervisor returned to the Commission with a recommendation to approve the bid from Van Diest Supply for the following:

Product Description, Estimated Usage, Unit Size, Price per Unit – Van Diest Supply

INSECTICIDE (Mosquito Control)

BioMist 3+15, 220 Gallons, 55 Gallons, \$82.15
Altoisid XR Briquets, 1 Case, 220 Briquets/case, \$842.60

Altoisid 30 day control Briquets, 1 Case, 400 Briquets/case, \$536.00
Tempo SC, 42 Bottles, 240 mL Bottle, \$43.89
HERBICIDES
Mojave, 350 lbs., 10 x 5 lb. bag, \$8.68
5# glyphosate (Aqua-nert), 25 Gallons, 2 x 2.5 Gallons, \$22.49
Picloram 2# (Corteva), 150 Gallons, 2 x 2.5 Gallons, \$50.89
Milestone, 10 Gallons, 2 x 2.5 Gallons, \$290.00
Overdrive, 300 lbs., 4 x 7.5 lbs., \$39.38
Vessel, 25 Gallons, 2 x 2.5 Gallons, \$23.90
Plateau or 2 lb. imazapic AI, 5 Gallons, 2 x 2.5 Gallons, \$110.00
HighNoon, 5 Cases, 2 x 2.5 Gallons, \$94.00
Piper EZ, 5 Cases, 2 x 2.5 Gallons, \$328.00
Water Conditioner+Drift Control, 200 Gallons, 2 x 2.5 Gallons, \$19.62
Guardian, 10 Gallons, 2 x 2.5 Gallons, \$20.52
Rejecting the bid from ADAPCO for the following:

Product Description, Estimated Usage, Unit Size, Price per Unit – ADAPCO

INSECTICIDE (Mosquito Control)

BioMist 3+15 – their option is PermaSease 3-15, 220 Gallons, 55 Gallons, \$64.99
Altoisid XR Briquets – their option is Metalary XRP, 1 Case, 220 Briquets/case, \$500.00
Altoisid 30 day control Briquets, 1 Case, 400 Briquets/case, N/A
Tempo SC, 42 Bottles, 240 mL Bottle, N/A
Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to accept the bids from Van Diest Supply as stated above. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

BURN BAN: Chairman Sutton shared that he visited with Scott Meints, Emergency Management Director and he felt the burn ban could be lifted due to the amount of snow/moisture we received the last few days. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to lift the burn ban effective today (3-26-24). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

COURT SECURITY GRANT: Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent asked to go into Executive Session to discuss contracts.

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

COURT SECURITY GRANT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to authorize submitting the cost estimates for the Court Security Grant and approve to pay the 25% match. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the March 19, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims/payroll: CLAIMS: Professional Fees: Aberdeen ED \$248.83; Aberdeen Family YMCA \$127,709.01; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$26,506.80; Schriver's Memorial Mortuary, Inc \$1,800.00; SD Dept of Health \$2,715.00; US Bank Visa \$272.74; Winona County Sheriff's Office \$80.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$830.90; Youngberg Law, Prof, LLC \$1,016.50. Publishing: Civil Air Patrol Magazine \$305.00; Gannett California LocalIQ \$46.10; Gannett South Dakota LocalIQ \$24.79; Groton Daily Independent \$265.69; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$494.00; Miss South Dakota Scholarship Program \$150.00; US Bank Visa \$300.00. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00; Eugene A Mitchell \$50.00; Hart Angus Farms \$1,500.00; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$51.19. Repairs & Maintenance: CommTech Inc \$1,874.60; Custom Installation Solutions \$375.00; Hase Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc \$366.34; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$12.00; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$416.50; Olson's Pest Technicians \$440.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$247.05; Steven Lust Automotive \$326.58; US Bank Visa \$613.48. Supplies: Aberdeen Downtown Association \$175.00; Aberdeen Fire Rescue \$410.00; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$10.44; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$1,391.61; Century Business Products \$75.50; Cole Paper Inc \$1,228.61; Crescent Electric Supply Co \$67.10; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$42.00; Lar-Jo's Specialties \$1,573.38; Marco Technologies, LLC \$40.65; Menards \$108.55; Midstates Group \$10.00; Pheasantland Industries \$9,784.31; Runnings \$101.47; Steven Lust Automotive \$124.85;

US Bank Visa \$12,934.00; WEB Water Bottling Company \$27.75. Travel & Conference: Carrie Weisenberger \$37.32; Dale Kurth \$81.40; David North \$114.45; James Meyers \$22.95; Patrick Keatts \$22.74; Paul Johnson \$100.68; Stan Beckler \$19.92; US Bank Visa \$1,263.70. Utilities: Northwestern Energy \$2,722.94; NVC 300.00; US Bank Visa \$4,993.28; Verizon Wireless \$41.93. Others: WEX Health Inc \$3,000.00.

PAYROLL: Commission \$4,753.89; Elections \$1,834.40; Auditor \$9,850.83; Treasurer \$17,265.65; SA \$35,126.96; Maintenance \$11,999.27; Assessor \$15,432.14; Register of Deeds \$10,406.84; VSO \$4,485.23; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,172.67; HR \$4,960.64; Sheriff \$50,559.07; Jail \$79,531.82; Coroner \$829.37; Court Security \$7,030.31; JDC \$30,742.81; Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum \$12,526.69; Parks/Fairgrounds \$5,439.94; Fair Board \$4,336.33; 4-H \$830.80; Weed \$1,477.37; Planning & Zoning \$7,635.86; Highway \$55,978.95; Dispatch \$32,006.19; Emergency \$5,208.67; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,725.84; Landfill \$19,535.10; Meal Benefits \$290.00; FICA \$26,577.56; Medicare \$6,215.80; Discovery (HSA) \$1,739.78. 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:

- Acknowledge the resignation of Jaycob Aldea De Jesus, Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT - effective March 18, 2024. Request to fill.
- Hiring of Leland Koch as Brown County Fair and Parks Maintenance seasonal worker; starting wage \$14.50/hr. – effective April 2, 2024.
- Hiring of Nancy Radke as Brown County Fairgrounds seasonal worker; starting wage \$14.50/hr. – effective April 29, 2024.
- Hiring of Cheryl Finstad as temporary Brown County Election worker; wage \$15.50/hr. – effective April 15, 2024.
- Hiring of Jan Erickson as temporary Brown County Election worker; wage \$15.50/hr. – effective April 15, 2024.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

PLATS:
Resolution #16-24
Commissioner Dennert brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Droog's Second Subdivision in the S ½ of Section 22, Township 123 North, Range 64 West of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #17-24
Commissioner Dennert brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Munger-Mackner Addition in the N ½ of Section 9, Township 121 North, Range 64 West of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Gage. 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 ordinances to be held on April 16, 2024, in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Proposed Ordinance #267, applicant Trevor Zeck for the purpose of rezoning the following properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: "T. Zeck Outlot A" in the SW1/4 of Section 25-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13451 400th Avenue, Henry Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agreements: New Hope Fellowship

for lease of Portable Stage on June 28, 2024; Brett Hanson for lease of Club House on June 8, 2024 for a Wedding. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following abatement for Tax Year 2024: Parcel #17106 \$742.41 for George & Mavis Jundt. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following travel request: Adelaide Mouna, State's Attorney Victim Witness Specialist to attend International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and the Cycle of Justice; Advanced Training Institute – The Last Warning Shot in San Diego, CA on March 31 – April 5, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

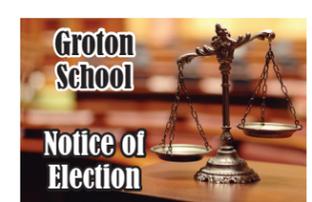
AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR FEBRUARY 2024: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts for February 2024 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$24,979,878.66; Total Savings Account Balances \$1,325,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$5,513,982.63; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$31,827,008.71. General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$20,249,751.46; Road & Bridge Fund \$1,157,734.96; Road & Bridge Fund-restricted \$231,883.27; 911 Service \$296,251.25; Emergency & Disaster \$43,166.06; Domestic Abuse \$465.00; Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$49,972.42; Truancy Court \$221.23; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,762.99; ROD M&P \$90,762.91; Rural Access Infrastructure \$383,322.39; TIF Debt Service \$3,108.59; Landfill + cash change \$6,303,198.68; Landfill – restricted \$1,477,539.07; Trust and Agency Funds \$3,246,258.66; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$31,827,008.71.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:11 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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NOTICE OF SCHOOL OPT OUT ELECTION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
A School District Opt Out Election will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, in all the voting precincts in the Groton Area School District No. 06-6, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.
The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central time on the day of the election.
Proposed \$1,250,000 General Fund Opt Out for ten (10) years.
Yes
No
The polling place in each precinct of this district is as follows:
Andover City Building and Fire Dept. 123 Main St., Andover, SD-Precinct 08
Bristol Community Center, 86 S. Main St, Bristol, SD -Precinct 05
Columbia American Legion 102 N Broadway St. Columbia, SD-Precinct 13
Groton Community Center 109 N 3rd St., Groton, SD-Precinct 19
Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the school business manager at (605) 397-8381 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities.
Becky Hubsch
Business Manager
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Groton School Notice of Election



NOTICE OF SCHOOL OPT OUT ELECTION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
A School District Opt Out Election will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, in all the voting precincts in the Groton Area School District No. 06-6, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.
The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central time on the day of the election.
Proposed \$1,250,000 General Fund Opt Out for ten (10) years.
Yes
No
The polling place in each precinct of this district is as follows:
Andover City Building and Fire Dept. 123 Main St., Andover, SD-Precinct 08
Bristol Community Center, 86 S. Main St, Bristol, SD -Precinct 05
Columbia American Legion 102 N Broadway St. Columbia, SD-Precinct 13
Groton Community Center 109 N 3rd St., Groton, SD-Precinct 19
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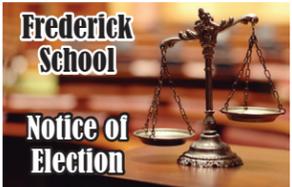
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 20th day of March, 2024 a Verified Petition for minor Name Change has been filed by Heather Kinn (mother) the object and prayer of which is to change their minor child's name from Anthony Eugene Gilmore III to Anthony Eugene Tracy. On the 16th day of May 2024, at the hour of 1:15pm said verified petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable J.M. Dvorak Presiding, at the Court Room in the Brown County Courthouse, City of Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Anyone may come and appear at that time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 6th day of March, 2024 a Verified Petition for Adult Name Change has been filed by Zion Cleberg the object and prayer of which is to change Petitioner's name from Zion Isabelle Cleberg to Caelus Leon Cleberg. On the 8th day of May 2024, at the hour of 8:45am said verified petition will be heard by this Court before the Honorable Gregg C. Magera Presiding, at the Court Room in the Brown County Courthouse, City of Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota, or as soon thereafter as is convenient for the court. Anyone may come and appear at that time and place and show reasons, if any, why said name should not be changed as requested.

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL OPT OUT ELECTION
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6-2
 A School District Opt Out Election will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, in all the voting precincts in School District No. 6-2, Frederick, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central time on the day of the election.

Proposed \$450,000 General Fund Opt Out for five (5) years.

Yes
 No

The polling place in each precinct of this district is as follows:
 Frederick Community Center – Precinct 22
 Westport Town Hall – Precinct 14

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the school business manager at (605) 329-2355 before the election for information on polling place accessibility for people with disabilities

Shauna Severson
 Business Manager
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NOTICE OF HEARING
 Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for

a **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP)**. A hearing will be held in the Brown County Courthouse Annex, basement Community Room on April 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Fire River, LLC dba: Family Fireworks

Legal description of property: Outlot 1, "Rich Brothers Outlots" in the NW1/4 of Section 23-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39231 133rd Street; Bath Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for Change of Ownership of an existing Fireworks Business.

The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.

Dated this 3rd day of April 2024.

Planning/Zoning Commission and
 Scott Bader – P&Z Director
 25 Market Street
 Aberdeen, SD 57401
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NOTICE OF HEARING
 Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a **VARIANCE PETITION**. A hearing will be held in the Brown County Courthouse Annex, basement Community Meeting Room, on April 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Ochsner Real Estate LP II

Description of property: "Mead's Outlot D" in the E1/2 of Section 20-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38390 West Highway 12, Aberdeen Twp.).

Reason: A Variance for Building Setbacks in a Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to be 50'-0" from the East Front Yard property line rather than 100'-0" required by Brown County Ordinance for new office and shop buildings.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed variance request.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2024

Planning/Zoning Commission and
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 Aberdeen, SD 57401
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NOTICE OF HEARING
 A **PETITION to REZONE** has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Courthouse Annex in the Basement Community Meeting Room, on April 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Bill Kirschenmann

Description of property: Proposed Lot A & Lot B, "Leibel First Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 11-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13115 393rd Avenue, Bath Twp.).

Reason: Rezone parcels from Agriculture Preservation District to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezoning petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.

Dated this 3rd day of April 2024.

Planning/Zoning Commission and
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Groton Area Elementary Kindergarten Roundup (Screening) for children turning 5 on or before September 1, 2024
Friday, April 5, 2024

If your child is currently attending Junior Kindergarten at Groton Area Elementary School, please **DISREGARD** this notice. Your teacher will be sending information if necessary.

Packets are being or have been sent home with information regarding KG Roundup. These would apply to families who have children eligible for Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten this coming 2024-25 school year who are not currently enrolled in our school. Please contact the school if you do not receive a packet. We do not have all children in our census. Thank you!!

OFFICIAL TAX LEVY OPT-OUT ELECTION BALLOT
Groton Area School District No. 06-6
GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
April 9, 2024

The following tax levy opt-out was passed by the governing body and referred by petition to the voters. The tax levy opt-out does not become effective unless approved by majority vote.

OPT-OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$1,250,000 starting with the calendar year 2024 taxes payable in the calendar year 2025. This opt-out will be for ten years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2034.

To vote use a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square in front of "Yes" or "No".

Yes A vote "Yes" will increase the tax levy by the amount of the opt-out.

No A vote "No" will leave the tax levy as it is without the amount of the opt-out.

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OFFICIAL TAX LEVY OPT-OUT ELECTION BALLOT
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6-2, FREDERICK, SOUTH DAKOTA
APRIL 9, 2024

The following tax levy opt-out was passed by the governing body and submitted to the voters. The tax levy opt-out does not become effective unless approved by majority vote.

\$450,000.00 General Fund Opt Out for 5 Years

To vote use a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square in front of "Yes" or "No".

Yes A vote "Yes" will increase the tax levy by the amount of the opt-out.

No A vote "No" will leave the tax levy as it is without the amount of the opt-out.

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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING
March 26, 2024

President Gengerke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the GHS Gymnasium. Members present: Flihs, Gengerke, Harder, Lerseth-Flihs, Rix, and Weismantel. Absent Pharis. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal Edwards, Principal B.Schwan, and Business Manager Hubsch.

Moved by Lerseth-Flihs, second Flihs to approve the agenda with an amendment of the approval of hiring Landon Brown, K-12 Vocal Music Teacher, for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

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

Public discussion was had regarding the district opt-out proposal. Superintendent Schwan provided an informational presentation on the general fund opt-out proposal while a question and answer session was held for community members. President Gengerke read a letter submitted to the board on behalf of Whitney Sombke. President Gengerke called for a recess at 7:02pm.

President Gengerke declared the board out of recess at 7:27pm.

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

Program overview presentations were presented by A. Brudvig-Junior Kindergarten, A. Gibbs and L. DeHoet-Kindergarten, C. Fischbach, and J. Milbrandt-1st grade.

Discussion regarding forming a football cooperative with Langford School District. Mr. Schwan gave an overview of logistics he and the Langford School District Superintendent have been working on and gave the board a copy of the SDHSAA application for cooperative sponsorship of activities. Once all terms have been finalized, the board will look at the approval process and move forward with submitting the SDHSAA application. No motion was taken.

J. Schwan informed the board the district has had one snow day. The last day of school is May 15th for students and May 16th for staff. At the April 8 meeting, a decision will be made on what the last day of school will be for the year. Current vacancies include MS Reading/Social Studies Teacher for 24-25, Sign Language Interpreter (immediate) and part-time Food Service Team Member.

S. Edwards reported MS/HS enrollment. Smarter Balance testing will be taking place in the middle/high school April 8-17. The school is continuing to work on the 2024-25 schedule and the Handbook. The middle/high school participated in the Spread the Word Campaign for Special Olympics, and seven new students were inducted into the National Honors Society on March 18.

B. Schwan updated elementary numbers and kindergarten roundup with 23 new students signed up, which does not include the current 19 JK students. The kindergarten roundup will take place on April 5. The CNA group has finished its 5th session and has created an action plan for their improvement plan. lastly, state testing will start April 15-19 for 5th-grade science, April 22-26, 3-5th ELA/Math, and make-up testing on April 29- May 3.

Moved by Weismantel, second by Rix, to approve the request from St. John's Preschool for use of school bus for annual field trip. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second by Harder, to approve 6th-grade participation in Junior High Track and Field on a trial basis for the 2024 season. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second by Harder, to adopt the resolution authorizing membership in the SDHSAA for the 2024-2025 school year. Weismantel ab-

stained. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second by Weismantel, adopt the resolution for ASBPT Health Fund and Workers Compensation Fund and approve plan offerings for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried.

President Gengerke called for a recess at 8:50pm.

President Gengerke declared the board out of recess at 8:57pm.

Motion by Flihs, second by Lerseth-Flihs, to go into executive session pursuant SDCL1-25-2(1) for personnel and SDCL1-25-2(4) for negotiations at 8:57pm. Motion carried.

President Gengerke declared the board out of executive session at 10:31pm.

Moved by Rix, second by Weismantel, to approve the resignation of Shelby Hendrickson, 5th Grade Teacher, at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second by Flihs, to approve assignment change for Carrie Cole from 1st Grade to 5th Grade for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Flihs, second by Harder, approve McKayla Johnston, 1st Grade Teacher, for the 2024-25 school year with salary to be published in July. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second by Rix, approve the resignation of Rachael Pederson, MS Reading/SS Teacher, at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Flihs, second by Harder, to approve Carla Tracy, and Bruce Babcock, as volunteer assistant track coaches for the 2024 season. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, Second by Lerseth-Flihs to approve Landon Brown, K-12 Vocal Music Teacher for the 2024-25 school year with salary to be published in July. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to adjourn at 10:36 pm. Motion carried.

Becky Hubsch, Business Manager

Deborah Gengerke, President
The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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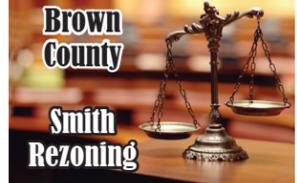
NOTICE
Application has been made by Trevor Zeck to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on April 16, 2024 for the purpose of rezoning the following properties carried.

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

"T. Zeck Outlot A" in the SW1/4 of Section 25-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13451 400th Avenue, Henry 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. 267.

ATTEST:
Lynn Heupel
Brown County Auditor
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NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Courthouse Annex in the Basement Community Meeting Room, on

April 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Daniel & Michelle Smith

Description of property: Lot 1 & Lot 2, "Bendewald Farm Sub-division" in the SE1/4 of Section 12-T122N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13761 & 13767 382nd Avenue, Highland Twp.).

Reason: Rezone parcels from Agriculture Preservation District to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.

Dated this 3rd day of April 2024.

Planning/Zoning Commission and

Scott Bader – P&Z Director
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP) for a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). A hearing will be held in the basement of the Courthouse Annex, Community Meeting Room on April 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Kevin & Kara Pharis
Legal description of property: The SE1/4 of Section 32-T125N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (approximately 40190 124th Street; Claremont Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP).

The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.

Dated this 3rd day of April 2024.

Planning/Zoning Commission and

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR BROWN COUNTY AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED December 31, 2022 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS

	Road and Bridge Fund	401 Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
..... General Fund				
Beginning Balance	15,852,786.17			20,310,296.64
Revenues and Other Sources (minor level):				
Taxes:				
Current Property Taxes.....	15,600,959.39	0.00	879,819.47	16,480,778.86
Delinquent Property Taxes.....	89,541.07	0.00	0.00	89,541.07
Penalties and Interest	35,381.93	0.00	0.00	35,381.93
Mobile Home Tax	749.66	0.00	0.00	749.66
Wheel Tax.....	0.00	800,104.36	0.00	800,104.36
Tax Deed Revenue.....	26,184.53	0.00	0.00	26,184.53
Licenses and Permits	187,624.40	3,152.00	0.00	198,006.40
Intergovernmental Revenue:				
Federal Grants.....	3,869,931.15	0.00	0.00	4,118,035.46
Federal Shared Revenue.....	66,393.14	0.00	0.00	66,393.14
Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes.....	235.00	0.00	0.00	235.00
State Grants.....	28,518.13	534,113.58	0.00	663,810.02
State Shared Revenue.....	653,870.35	3,905,235.93	0.00	5,183,415.17
Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	5,704.43	0.00	0.00	5,704.43
Other Intergovernmental Revenue	21,030.29	0.00	0.00	475,530.29
Charges for Goods and Services:				
General Government.....	899,779.30	0.00	0.00	925,680.31
Public Safety	630,772.19	0.00	0.00	692,368.19
Health and Welfare.....	72,769.31	0.00	0.00	72,769.31
Culture and Recreation.....	1,314,255.97	0.00	0.00	1,314,255.97
Conservation of Natural Resources	26,123.94	0.00	0.00	26,123.94
Other Charges.....	13,099.77	0.00	0.00	13,099.77
Fines and Forfeits:				
Fines	256.17	0.00	0.00	256.17
Costs	54,896.13	0.00	0.00	54,896.13
Miscellaneous Revenue and Other Sources:				
Investment Earnings.....	23,571.45	4,603.29	163.24	30,231.53
Rent	140,907.19	0.00	0.00	140,907.19
Contributions and Donations	6,900.00	0.00	0.00	8,733.33
Refund of Prior Year's Expenditures.....	2,590.16	0.00	0.00	2,590.16
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	25,610.64	9,014.68	24,529.69	60,171.94
Insurance Proceeds	277,320.48	18,201.16	0.00	296,448.94
Sale of County Property	551.60	135,250.92	0.00	135,802.52
Total Revenue and Other Sources	24,075,527.77	5,409,675.92	904,512.40	31,918,205.72
Expenditures and Other Uses (subfunction level):				
Legislative.....	259,778.64	0.00	0.00	259,778.64
Elections.....	120,688.18	0.00	0.00	120,688.18
Judicial System.....	54,816.12	0.00	0.00	54,816.12
Financial Administration	878,573.23	0.00	0.00	878,573.23
Legal Services	1,777,303.86	0.00	0.00	1,830,535.57
Other General Government.....	7,612,515.67	0.00	0.00	7,638,540.13
Law Enforcement.....	5,582,294.63	0.00	0.00	5,673,961.30
Protective and Emergency Services	16,997.19	0.00	0.00	1,709,046.38
Highways and Bridges.....	0.00	8,909,683.52	0.00	8,909,683.52
Economic Assistance.....	99,577.35	0.00	0.00	99,577.35
Health Assistance	20,088.00	0.00	0.00	20,088.00
Social Services	0.00	0.00	12,674.31	12,674.31
Mental Health Services.....	166,843.24	0.00	0.00	166,843.24
Culture	373,601.26	0.00	0.00	373,601.26
Recreation	1,777,066.82	0.00	0.00	1,798,983.78
Soil Conservation.....	251,970.79	0.00	0.00	251,970.79
Urban Development.....	259,919.61	0.00	0.00	259,919.61
Debt Service	0.00	0.00	904,349.18	904,349.18
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	19,252,034.59	8,909,683.52	904,349.18	30,963,630.59
Transfers In (Out).....	(4,602,076.86)	4,026,000.00	0.00	576,076.86
Special Items (specify).....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Extraordinary Items (specify).....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance.....	221,416.32	525,992.40	163.22	207,003.19
Ending Fund Balance:				
Restricted	30,208.79	423,243.27	1,244.90	1,139,518.83
Assigned	640,954.78	3,077,029.54	0.00	4,269,478.13
Unassigned	15,408,689.90	0.00	0.00	15,408,689.90
Total Ending Fund Balance	16,079,853.47	3,500,272.81	1,244.90	21,272,383.82
Governmental Long-term Debt				3,483,179.65
PROPRIETARY FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS				
..... Landfill				
..... Fund				
Beginning Balance	4,240,914.62			
Revenues.....	2,900,572.16			
Expenses	1,848,300.26			
Transfers In (Out).....	0.00			
Ending Balance:				
Restricted For:.....				
Landfill Closure and Post Closure Costs	1,699,173.75			
Unrestricted	3,594,012.77			
Enterprise Long-term Debt		1,699,173.75		
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Brown County Courthouse Annex, basement Community Meeting Room, on April 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Jason Rudolph
Description of property: Lot 1, "Moen Subdivision in Lot 1, Evelo's Outlots" in the SE1/4 of Section 35-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (3602 387th Avenue, Aberdeen Twp.).

Reason: A Variance for Building Setbacks in a Mini Agriculture District (M-AG) to be 75'-0" from the East Front Yard property line rather than 100'-0" required by Brown County Ordinance to avoid placing a moved-in house on the existing septic tank.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed variance request.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2024

Planning/Zoning Commission and

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the basement of the Courthouse Annex, Community Meeting Room on April 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Peru LLC – Russ Beadle

Legal description of property: Yeoman's Outlot 2 and 3 and the South 700' of 50' immediately to the East of and abutting on said Outlots 2 and 3 which is designed as an Access Road in the NE1/4 of Section 27-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12849 386th Avenue; Lincoln Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a new storage building.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2024

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The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE TO APPROACH SEPARATION. A hearing will be held in the Courthouse Annex Basement Community Room on April 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Owner / Petitioner: Leslie & Dixie Frohling / Rick Adams (KGI Wireless / Verizon)

Description of property: Unplatted portion of the SE1/4 of Section 24-T124N-R65W, except "Squire's First Addition" and except "Jerke's First Addition" of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (382018 N Shore Drive; Ravinia Twp.).

Reason: A Variance for Approach Separation in an Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P)

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to be 450'-0" from an existing approach rather than 500'-0" required in Brown County Zoning Ordinances.

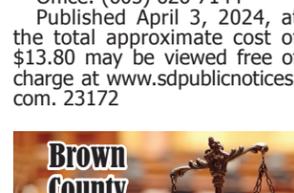
The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

A PETITION TO REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Courthouse Annex in the Basement Community Meeting Room, on April 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Pernell Graf, P.O.A. for Janet Graf

Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Graf First Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 19-T127N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (10952 406th Avenue, North Detroit Twp.).

Reason: Rezone parcel from Agriculture Preservation District

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

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezoning petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.

Dated this 3rd day of April 2024.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the basement of the Courthouse Annex, Community Meeting Room on April 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Owner / Petitioner: Leslie & Dixie Frohling / Rick Adams (KGI Wireless / Verizon)

Legal description of property: Unplatted portion of the SE1/4 of Section 24-T124N-R65W, except "Squire's First Addition" and except "Jerke's First Addition" of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (382018 N Shore Drive; Ravinia Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a new cell tower.

The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.

Dated this 3rd day of April 2024.

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	Road and Bridge Fund	401 Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
..... General Fund				
Beginning Balance	16,079,853.47	3,500,272.81	1,244.90	1,691,012.64
Revenues and Other Sources (minor level):				
Taxes:.....				
Current Property Taxes.....	16,094,327.29	0.00	855,796.75	0.00
Delinquent Property Taxes.....	111,098.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Penalties and Interest	35,688.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mobile Home Tax.....	1,818.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wheel Tax.....	0.00	823,196.07	0.00	0.00
Tax Deed Revenue.....	5,106.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Licenses and Permits	156,126.50	2,480.00	0.00	7,050.00
Intergovernmental Revenue:				
Federal Grants.....	80,682.01	0.00	0.00	29,607.11
Federal Shared Revenue.....	67,801.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Grants.....	222,790.92	544,869.85	0.00	94,705.47
State Shared Revenue.....	545,765.51	4,041,173.76	0.00	1,033,325.96
Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	5,940.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charges for Goods and Services:				
General Government.....	832,387.32	0.00	0.00	20,098.62
Public Safety	692,787.52	0.00	0.00	64,413.00
Health and Welfare.....	61,966.11	0.00	0.00	0.00
Culture and Recreation.....	1,552,915.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conservation of Natural Resources.....	43,440.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Charges.....	13,392.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fines and Forfeits:				
Fines	1,901.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Costs.....	40,039.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue and Other Sources:				
Investment Earnings.....	256,077.82	22,364.30	1,863.69	15,301.90
Rent	153,436.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions and Donations	1,370.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	20,112.66	2,996.69	49,458.36	142.91
Insurance Proceeds	54,756.17	134,023.45	0.00	0.00
Sale of County Property	3,994,282.17	93,002.10	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue and Other Sources	25,046,010.60	5,664,106.22	907,118.80	1,264,644.97
Expenditures and Other Uses (subfunction level):				
Legislative.....	260,048.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Elections.....	32,711.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
Judicial System.....	56,861.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
Financial Administration	1,055,662.45	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Services	2,010,341.24	0.00	0.00	10,013.99
Other General Government.....	3,071,356.99	0.00	0.00	19,401.85
Law Enforcement.....	6,171,794.29	0.00	0.00	114,412.73
Protective and Emergency Services.....	16,992.86	0.00	0.00	1,668,903.59
Highways and Bridges.....	0.00	13,051,796.75	0.00	0.00
Economic Assistance.....	93,126.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Health Assistance	21,293.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,347.98
Mental Health Services.....	212,428.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
Culture	460,141.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation	1,914,423.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soil Conservation.....	290,688.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban Development.....	480,665.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service	0.00	0.00	905,255.11	0.00
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	16,148,535.91	13,051,796.75	905,255.11	1,823,080.14
Transfers In (Out).....	(3,805,500.00)	3,805,500.00	0.00	0.00
Special Items (specify).....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Extraordinary Items (specify).....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance.....	5,091,974.69	(3,582,190.53)	1,863.69	(558,435.17)
Ending Fund Balance:				
Restricted	29,829.66	231,883.27	3,108.59	1,060,394.98
Assigned.....	8,456,477.63	(146,286.86)	0.00	28,054.95
Unassigned	12,554,491.81	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Ending Fund Balance	21,040,799.10	85,596.41	3,108.59	1,088,449.93
Governmental Long-term Debt				
PROPRIETARY FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS				
..... Landfill				
..... Fund				
Beginning Balance	5,293,186.52			
Revenues	3,057,198.94			
Expenses	2,099,802.06			
Transfers In (Out).....	0.00			
Ending Balance:				
Restricted For:.....				
Landfill Closure and Post Closure Costs	1,766,062.21			
Unrestricted	4,484,167.17			
Enterprise Long-term Debt.....		1,766,062.21		

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Courthouse Annex, basement Community Meeting Room, on April 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Greg & Nancy Odde

Description of property: The SE1/4 of Section 12-T124N-R65W, except the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 and except highway R.O.W., of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (Approx 37960 126th Street, Ravinia Twp.).

Reason: A Variance for Approach Separation in an Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to be 360'-0" from an existing approach rather than 500'-0" required in Brown County Zoning Ordinances.

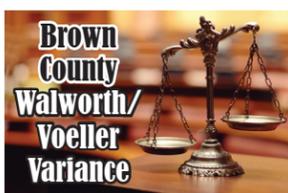
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed variance request.

Dated this 3rd day of April 2024

Planning/Zoning Commission and

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Brown County Courthouse Annex, basement Community Meeting Room, on April 16, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Josh Walworth / Steven Voeller

Description of property: The NE1/4 of Section 34-T127N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37781 111th Street, Allison Twp.).

Reason: Application for a Variance for 3 residences on one parcel in an Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present com-

Columbia City 2023 Financial Report

MUNICIPALITY OF COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL FUNDS
December 31, 2023

Exhibit 1

	General Fund	Sales Tax Fund	Ball Park Fund	Other Sewer Fund	Enterprise Funds Total
Cash Assets:					
Cash in Checking Accounts	4,051.71	111,605.64		163,906.29	279,563.64
Change and Petty Cash					0.00
Passbook Savings					0.00
Savings Certificates					0.00
SD FIT	14,831.65				14,831.65
Restricted Cash for debt		13,608.00			13,608.00
Money Market Accts	50,488.46			50,488.46	100,976.92
Money Market Savings	32,219.32				32,219.32
101 FUND CASH BALANCES	101,591.14	125,213.64	0.00	214,394.75	441,199.53
Municipal funds are deposited or invested with the following depositories:					
			Dacotah Bank SD FIT		426,367.88
					14,831.65
					441,199.53

MUNICIPALITY OF COLUMBIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Exhibit 2

	General Fund	Sales Tax Fund	Ball Park Fund	Other Sewer Fund	Enterprise Funds Total
Receipts (Source):					
311 Property Taxes	59,416.43	51,691.41			111,107.84
313 Sales Tax					0.00
311-319 Other Taxes	1,890.15				1,890.15
320 Licenses and Permits	670.00				670.00
331 Federal Grants	1,137.00				1,137.00
335.1 Bank Franchise Tax	1,089.28				1,089.28
335.2 Prorate License Fees	1,234.00				1,234.00
335.3 Liquor Tax Reversion	1,099.79				1,099.79
335.4 Motor Vehicle Licenses (5%)	7,367.22				7,367.22
335.6 Fire Insurance Premium Reversion					0.00
335.8 Local Government Highway and Bridge Fund	29,020.95				29,020.95
338.1 County Road Tax (25%)	93.00				93.00
338.2 County Highway and Bridge Reserve Tax (25%)					0.00
338.3 County Wheel Tax	329.82				329.82
331-339 Other Intergovernmental Revenue					0.00
341-349 Charges for Goods and Services					0.00
351-359 Fines and Forfeits					0.00
361 Investment Earnings	1,242.48			1,206.00	2,448.48
362 Rentals					0.00
363-369 Other Revenues	4,175.00				4,175.00
ENTERPRISE FUNDS					
330 Operating Grants					0.00
371 Surcharge as Security of Debt					0.00
372-389 Enterprise Operating Revenue (380)				21,421.00	21,421.00
380.05 Lottery Revenues					0.00
Total Receipts	108,765.12	51,691.41	0.00	22,627.00	183,083.53
Disbursements (Function):					
411-419 General Government	115,242.81				115,242.81
421 Police					0.00
422 Fire	2,859.76				2,859.76
423-429 Other Public Safety					0.00
431 Highways and Streets	32,617.52				32,617.52
432 Sanitation	404.00				404.00
437 Cemeteries					0.00
433-439 Other Public Works					0.00
441-449 Health and Welfare	1,738.74				1,738.74
451-459 Culture-Recreation	43,353.62				43,353.62
461-469 Conservation and Development					0.00
470 Debt Service		13,608.00			13,608.00
480 Intergovernmental Expenditures					0.00
490-493 Miscellaneous			7,837.76		7,837.76
ENTERPRISE FUNDS					
410 Personal Services					0.00
420 Other Expenses				527.00	527.00
426 Supplies and Materials					0.00
Total Disbursements	196,216.45	13,608.00	7,837.76	527.00	218,189.21
391.01 Transfers In					0.00
511 Transfers Out	175.00				175.00
391.03 Sale of Municipal Property					0.00
391.04 Compensation for Loss or Damage to Capital Assets					0.00
391.2 Money Received From Borrowing					0.00
391.07 Capital Contributions (Grants)					0.00
430 Capital Assets					0.00
441 Debt Service-Principal					0.00
442 Debt Service-Interest					0.00
Subtotal of Receipts, Disbursements and Transfers	(87,626.33)	38,083.41	(7,837.76)	22,100.00	(35,280.68)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	142,166.50	87,130.23	7,837.76	192,294.75	429,429.24
Adjustments:					
SD FIT	14,831.65				14,831.65
Money Market Savings	32,219.32				32,219.32
Restated Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	189,217.47	87,130.23	7,837.76	192,294.75	476,480.21
FUND CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2023	101,591.14	125,213.64	0.00	214,394.75	441,199.53
Do amounts equal Exhibit 1 Fund Cash Balance?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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April 2, 2024

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Babcock, Cutler, Wambach, Wells, Nehls, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Elizabeth Varin, Logan Manhart, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr and Mike Olson.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Bahr to approve the agenda with no changes or additions. All members present voted aye.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Logan Manhart, candidate for District 1 State House in South Dakota, shared a short summarization of who he is and expressed his interest in familiarizing himself with the community that he is striving to represent, which includes Groton, SD.

A Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License for the Fireman's Fun Night at 305 E Railroad Avenue on April 20, 2024, was approved on a motion by Wells and seconded by Wambach. All members present voted aye.

Department reports were reviewed and discussed.

Herron and Zerr exited the meeting.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to approve the fee schedule modification increasing the returned check charge from \$40 to \$60, effective July 1st, 2024. All members present voted aye.

The minutes from the previous Groton City Council meeting were approved on a motion by Cutler and seconded by Nehls. All members present voted aye.

The minutes from the Board of Equalization meeting on March 19, 2024, were approved on a motion by Wambach and seconded by Wells. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Babcock to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Payroll, \$29,928.29, Employee salaries; Executive, \$1,850.51; Administrative, \$5,234.26; Public Safety, \$8,900.38; Public Works, \$13,943.14; Jayme & Kristen Boerger, \$500.00, Family crisis assistance; Dacotah Bank, \$6,395.38, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Greg and Danielle Heilman, \$454.81, Curb & gutter overpayment refund; Groton Area Schools, \$75.00, Community Center rental reimbursement; Dacotah Bank, \$3,198.23, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA distributions; AFLAC, \$314.98, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee insurance; Allied Benefit Systems, \$13,438.95, Employee insurance; City of Groton, \$1,495.22, Family crisis utility assistance; Bell Bank Equipment Finance, \$28,620.18, First payment for new 2024 payload; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; SD Department of Health, \$30.00, Water testing; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless router - Rubble Site; Groton

Daily Independent, \$725.37, Publishing fees & printing costs for mass mailing; J's Superior Cleaning, \$200.00, Commercial cleaning services - March 2024; Professional Management Services, \$10.25, Ice melt - City Hall; Geffdog Designs, LLC, \$760.00, Baseball banners; Matheson Tr-Gas, Inc., \$56.00, Welder nozzle and contact tip - City Shop; C&H Baseball, Inc., \$1,008.03, Nylon knotten netting w/ rope border - Baseball; Mac's, Inc., \$34.24, Fasteners - Swimming Pool; Riteway Business Forms, \$1,076.62, Blank utility bill postcards and check blanks; IMEG Corp, \$2,750.00, Engineering services - Wastewater Study; D&J Equipment Sales & Service, \$412.50, Hoist inspection at City Shop; Dakota Supply Group, Inc., \$38.08, Filters - Water Dept.; Badger Meter, Inc., \$102.88, Cellular service fee for water metering; NW Energy, \$12.48, Natural gas services - PD generator; Glenn Bitz, \$150.00, Window cleaning - City Hall; Greg's Repair, \$1,447.39, Repairs to 2021 PD Tahoe; Mandy Livingston, \$500.00, Family crisis assistance; Dollar General, \$103.80, Candy, light bulbs, coffee, paper towels, frame, toilet paper, bottled water - Multiple Depts.; S&S Lumber, \$304.51, Snow shovel, linseed oil, washers, brushes, broom hangers, concrete bit, PVC caps, sealer, air hose chuck, hose clamp, red spray paint, no trespassing sign, wood posts, lock pins, spade bit, gloves - Multiple Depts.; Drew Johnson, \$700.00, Legal services - March 2024; AutoZone, Inc., \$7.58, Oil filters

Reminder: SDML District 6 Annual Meeting on April 10, 2024, at the Groton American Legion beginning at 6pm.

Varin exited the meeting.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:28pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:22pm.

Varin reentered the meeting.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Babcock to hire the following seasonal employees: Claire Zbylut - Day Baseball/Softball Coach, Dillon Abeln - Groundskeeper, and Sydney Locke - Gatekeeper. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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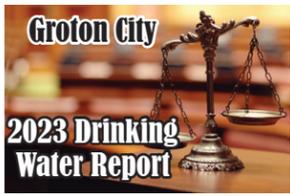
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DRINKING WATER REPORT
WATER QUALITY
 Secretary's Award

The City of Groton has supplied twenty-two consecutive years of safe drinking water to the public it serves and has been awarded the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. This report is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Water Source

We serve more than 1,380 customers an average of 108,000 gallons of water per day. Our water is surface water

that we purchase from another water system. The state has performed an assessment of our source water and they have determined that the relative susceptibility rating for the Groton public water supply system is low.

For more information about your water and information on opportunities to participate in public meetings, call (605)397-8422 and ask for Douglas Heinrich.

Additional Information

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or

result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that

water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing.

The City of Groton public water supply system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Detected Contaminants

The attached table lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2023 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2023. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly

from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

VIOLATIONS

Your system had violations in 2023 and this report is being used as a public notice. Although these incidences were not an emergency, as customers, you have the right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation. An alternative water supply was never needed and there is nothing you need to do at this time.

Information concerning these violations can be found on the attached Table of Violations. For additional information concerning any violation, please contact us. Please share this information with all the people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and business). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or by mail.

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The City of Groton public water system purchases 100% of their water from WEB Water Development Association (1089).

2023 Table of Detected Regulated Contaminants For Groton (EPA ID 0147)

Terms and abbreviations used in this table:

- * Maximum Contaminant Level Goal(MCLG): the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- * Maximum Contaminant Level(MCL): the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- * Action Level(AL): the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. For Lead and Copper, 90% of the samples must be below the AL.
- * Treatment Technique(TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. For turbidity, 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU
- * Running Annual Average(RAA): Compliance is calculated using the running annual average of samples from designated monitoring locations.

Units:

*MFL: million fibers per liter

*mrem/year: millirems per year(a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

*NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units

*pCi/l: picocuries per liter(a measure of radioactivity)

*ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter(mg/l)

*ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter(ug/l)

*ppt: parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

*ppq: parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

*pspm: positive samples per month

Substance	90% Level	Test Sites > Action Level	Date Tested	Highest Level Allowed (AL)	Ideal Goal	Units	Major Source of Contaminant
Copper	1.0	1	08/26/23	AL=1.3	0	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead	3	0	08/29/23	AL=15	0	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

Substance	Highest Level Detected	Range	Date Tested	Highest Level Allowed (MCL)	Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Units	Major Source of Contaminant
Antimony *	.36		10/27/22	6	6	ppb	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder.
Barium *	0.052		10/27/22	2	2	ppm	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride *	0.50		10/10/23	4	<4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Haloacetic Acids (RAA)	18.6		08/23/23	60	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.
Haloacetic Acids (RAA) *	16.15		10/17/23	60	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.
Selenium *	1.1		10/27/22	50	50	ppb	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines.
Total trihalomethanes (RAA)	8.32		08/23/23	80	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.
Total trihalomethanes (RAA) *	8.42		10/17/23	80	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.

Please direct questions regarding this information to Mr Terry Herron with the Groton public water system at (605)397-8422.

* WEB Water Development Association (1089) test result.

2023 Information on Violations For Groton (EPA ID 0147)

(This Drinking Water Report can be used as a Tier III Public Notice if distributed to each customer within 12 months of when the system was notified of the violation.)

Violation Type: DBP Failure To Monitor. Paameter: DBP Failure to Monitor Chlorine. Date System Notified: 07/20/23. Health Effects Language: We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. Since we did not monitor for these contaminants we cannot be sure of the quality of the drinking. Action Taken by your system: Corrective action taken by your system: (x) We have since completed the required compliance measures.

For additional information concerning any violation please contact Mr Terry Herron with the Groton public water system at (605)397-8422.

Taryn Traphagen wins the 400m dash at NSU Indoor meet

Northern State University held an indoor track meet on March 26. Taryn Traphagen took first place in the 400m dash, Logan Ringgenberg and Emma Kutter both placed third in the shot put, Faith Traphagen was fourth in the 800m run, Laila Roberts was fifth in the 55m dash and McKenna Tietz was sixth in the 55m hurdles .

Mens Results

55 Meter Dash- Prelims

- 44. Karter Moody, 7.86
- 58. Logan Ringgenberg, 8.25

Shot Put- Finals

- 3. Logan Ringgenberg, 42' 4.75
- 18. Karter Moody, 36' 2
- 30. Ashton Holmes, 32' 6.25
- 44. Drew Thurston, 25' 10.75

Womens Results

55 Meter Dash- Finals

- 5. Laila Roberts, 7.84

55 Meter Dash- Prelims

- 7. Laila Roberts, 8.06
- 19. Kella Tracy, 8.62
- 26. Kayla Lehr, 8.75

200 Meters- Finals

- 12. McKenna Tietz, 29.97
- 33. Talli Wright, 32.45
- 34. Elizabeth Fliehs, 32.46
- 38. Kayla Lehr, 32.69

400 Meters- Finals

- 1. Taryn Traphagen, 1:05.17
- 3. Jerica Locke, 1:07.63
- 10. Ashlynn Warrington, 1:11.44

800 Meters- Finals

- 4. Faith Traphagen, 2:37.25

55m Hurdles- Finals

- 6. McKenna Tietz, 10.17

55m Hurdles- Prelims

- 7. McKenna Tietz, 10.30
- 14. Talli Wright, 11.41
- 20. Emerlee Jones, 11.92
- 21. Teagan Hanten, 12.00

Shot Put- Finals

- 3. Emma Kutter, 31' 3.25
- 11. Faith Fliehs, 27' 8
- 16. Avery Crank, 25' 8.25
- 17. Ashley Johnson, 25' 5.25
- 38. Emily Overacker, 18' 10.5
- 39. Emma Davies, 18' 2.25
- 44. Abby Yeadon, 13' 2

High Jump- Finals

- 9. Emerlee Jones, 4' 2

Long Jump- Finals

- 12. Laila Roberts, 13' 0.25
- 17. Teagan Hanten, 11' 4.75

Triple Jump- Finals

- 13. Emerlee Jones, 26' 3
- 15. Teagan Hanten, 25' 6

GHS Track Schedule

Thursday, April 4: Varsity at Mobridge, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, April 9: Varsity at Ipswich, 2:30 p.m., Junior High at Milbank, 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 11: Varsity at Milbank, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 13: Varsity at Mobridge, 10 a.m.

Monday, April 15: Junior High at Ipswich, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16: Varsity Relays at Britton, 2 p.m.

Friday, April 19: JH at Groton Area, 2 p.m.

Monday, April 22: Junior High at Britton, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23: Varsity at Groton Area, 11 a.m.

Friday, April 26: Varsity at Webster 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30: Varsity at Milbank, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 2: JH at Roncalli, 2 p.m.

Friday, May 3: Varsity at Sisseton, 1 p.m.

Monday, May 6: JH at Webster, 3 p.m.

Thursday, May 9: Varsity NEC at Sisseton, 11 a.m.

Monday, May 13: Junior High NEC at Redfield, 10 a.m.; Varsity at Hamlin, 3 p.m.

Friday, May 17: Varsity Region at Mobridge

Thursday-Saturday, May 23-25: State at Howard Wood, Sioux Falls

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Easter Egg Hunt in a snowy park



The Easter Egg Hunt was done as planned at the Groton City Park Saturday morning. Even the Easter Bunny showed up and hid the eggs throughout the snow in the park. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



A crowd filled the City Park for the Groton Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Children race through the City Park picking up Easter eggs during the Groton Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Mayor Scott Hanlon, right, talks to community members after the Groton Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Six-year-old River Wipf grabs some Easter eggs at the base of a tree during the Groton Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



BayleeAnn Kupcho, a kindergartener in Groton, shows off the eggs she collected during the Groton Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Goal
- 4 Hosp. hook-ups
- 7 "Peter Pan" pooch
- 11 "Pygmalion" writer
- 13 Use a straw
- 14 Bone-dry
- 15 Teeny bit
- 16 Capita lead-in
- 17 Makes lace
- 18 Tic
- 20 Laptop connection
- 22 Deli choice
- 24 Radiated
- 28 Reach
- 32 Battery part
- 33 King of the jungle
- 34 Dog's foot
- 36 Similar
- 37 Canal vessel
- 39 iPads, e.g.
- 41 "In America" writer Susan
- 43 — Perignon
- 44 Partially mine
- 46 Chip choice
- 50 First light
- 53 Suitable
- 55 Roller coaster feature
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- 31 Chow down
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- 51 Previously
- 52 Existed
- 54 Golf peg

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158 ACRES SOLD – THANK YOU!

Burlage Peterson Auctioneers & Realtors would like to thank everyone who took part and participated in the Brown County land auction on March 14th, 2024, near Groton, SD. The farm sold well for \$9,300 per acre! Congratulations to the buyer and sellers and thank you to the Gary and Sharon Van Riper Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust for working with us.

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There was a large crowd on hand for the Billy Shilhanek fundraiser held Saturday at the Groton American Legion. There were many, many items that were donated for the silent auction and food was also served. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Vender Fair was held at the GHS Gym on Saturday with a large number of vendors in attendance. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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30th Anniversary!

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Thank You!

Wow - what a surprise our 30th Anniversary with Groton Dairy Queen was! Thank you for all the kind comments on Facebook - it is very humbling. Thank you to our children: Jessica, Daniel & Julia for surprising us with the Facebook posts and newspaper ad! You kids were a huge part of the business - beginning work at ages 14, 12 and giving in to Julia beginning at DQ at 10 years old. Wow - where did all those years go!?

Special shout out to Darlene, our wonderful assistant manager for the past 26 years. You are special to us.

Thank you to all of our present and past employees - we remember you and appreciate each of you more than you know.

Thank you to all of our loyal customers over the years - we so appreciate you and enjoy serving you.

Most of all, we praise God for His abundant blessings and for giving us strength for each day to do what He's called us to do.

Dale & Joyce



Dear EarthTalk: Which are the greenest toilet paper varieties?
 – Sam Atkins, Poughkeepsie, NY

When thinking of ways to live a greener lifestyle, toilet paper isn't usually the first thing people think of, but the average American uses more than 50 pounds of tissue paper per year. Like other paper products, toilet paper is typically made from trees. As consumer demand grows, trees continue to be cut down at alarming rates. Between 1996 and 2015, loggers cut down around 28 million acres of woodland, an area roughly the size of the state of Ohio. Finding alternatives, or ways to cut down on paper use, is a great way to limit your impact on the environment.

As new companies emerge and come out with new toilet paper options, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) has come up with a system to grade how sustainable certain toilet and tissue paper brands are. The grades rank from A+ to F and account for a variety of factors like the percentage of recycled material used in the toilet paper. A grade of A+ means that the toilet paper was made entirely of recycled materials, used a chlorine-free bleaching process, and had the highest percentage of post-consumer recycled paper. Post-consumer recycled means that the recycled materials came from products that had reached the end of their life cycle and would have otherwise ended up in landfills. When going green it's also smart to look for "processed chlorine free" papers over bleached and "elemental chlorine free" papers, because the latter can emit cancer causing dioxins into the air and water when they are processed. Toilet paper brands that were awarded an A+ grade by the NRDC include 365 by Whole Foods Market, Green Forest, Natural Value and Trader Joe's.

A grade of A means that the paper brands contain 100% recycled material, but a lower percentage of post-consumer recycled paper. Some good A rated toilet papers include Seventh Generation Extra Soft & Strong, Who Gives a Crap, and Everspring. The B and B+ grade is typically reserved for the emerging market of bamboo-based paper brands. While bamboo is less environmentally friendly than recycled material, it is still greener than using pure forest fibers. The other catch is that the largest bamboo producers are in China, which does not have the best track record when it comes to environmental and labor rights. Amazon Aware and Caboo are both B rated bamboo toilet paper brands.

Paper brands with a grade of D or F rely entirely, or almost entirely, on forest fiber for their toilet paper. There is no recycled material used in their product. Most of the well-known toilet paper brands are rated D or F, including Charmin, Cottonelle, Angel Soft and Scott 1000.

More sustainable toilet paper is typically more expensive than the lower rated brands and not everyone can afford to change their lifestyle and buy more expensive products. However, there are other ways to live greener. One option is to simply reduce the use of toilet paper, paper towels and facial tissues. Use what you need, but avoid being excessive. It's not like paper just grows on trees!

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The toilet paper you choose may just say a lot about your commitment to saving the planet.

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"Joint replacement surgery: an individualized decision"

As a general internist who does primary care for adult and elderly patients, I talk to patients a lot about arthritis and joint replacement surgery.

This type of surgery, also known as arthroplasty, is one of the most common types of elective surgery done in the United States. Knees, hips, and shoulders are the most frequently done arthroplasties, and most of those surgeries are done for severe osteoarthritis.

Osteoarthritis, the most common type of arthritis, is due to wear-and-tear of the joint, and becomes very common as we age. It often can cause debilitating pain and difficulty with function which, for some patients, warrants the intervention of surgery.

My patients often want to know when it is the right time for a joint replacement. Well, no x-ray or diagnostic test can tell us that. The decision to go ahead with arthroplasty is very much individualized to the patient. How severe are their symptoms? How risky is surgery for this particular patient? How much quality of life do they stand to gain from a successful arthroplasty?

While the orthopedic surgeon is the expert who patients should trust in talking about the risks and benefits of surgery itself, sometimes as a primary care provider who knows intricately my patient's medical history, general day-to-day life, and feelings about medical and surgical interventions, I can be helpful in guiding my patients facing this decision. Often I help nudge the reluctant patient who is suffering from severe arthritis toward choosing a surgery very likely to improve their quality of life. Rarely, I might help a patient with less to gain from a surgery reconsider its risk to benefit profile.

A couple years ago I surprised myself by encouraging my patient, then 95, to consider hip replacement surgery. I never thought I would urge a patient in their 90's to undergo elective surgery, but this particular patient was in excellent health and rendered unable to continue his beloved daily exercise because of his hip arthritis. The inability to exercise, for him, was a major problem for quality of life. He got his hip arthroplasty and enjoyed a couple more active years before his recent death.

So, if you are wondering whether you should go ahead with replacing that bothersome arthritic joint, there is no perfect formula that applies to everyone. But a primary care provider who knows you well can sure assist you in making the best decision for yourself.

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