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Assistant football coach, breakfast, lunch prices top school board meeting



From left: Groton Area School District Business Manager, newly named President of the board Grant Rix and Superintendent Joe Schwan sit in the conference room during Monday evening's meeting. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

The Groton Area football team will continue to operate with three paid coaches.

The school board approved an off-staff coaching agreement with Seth Erickson after members of the community raised concerns in the last month.

In June, the board approved a slew of offstaff coaching agreements for the 2024-2025 school year. Absent from that list was Erickson, who has been assistant coach for the football team since 2017.

Head football coach Shaun Wanner told the board he was caught off guard when Erickson's contract wasn't renewed. He wasn't sure if it was a money issue or a perceived lack of participation.

Most people don't realize all the things Erickson does for the Groton football program, Wanner said.

"He's been a great addition to our program," he said.

It takes a lot of eyes, whether they be volunteers for the team or coaches, to have an effective team, he said.

"There's a lot of stuff going on in a football game," he said. "When you're a parent, you're watching your son. You're not watching the 10 other kids out there."

It's not about hiring or firing Erickson, said



Groton Area seniors Holden Sippel and Logan Ringgenberg were chosen to play in the South Dakota Football Coaches Association all-star football game at Dana Dykhouse Stadium on the campus of South Dakota State Universitv in Brookings.



Wright's quick thinking rescues boy at Groton Pool



Groton Swimming Pool lifeguard Talli Wright stands next to the deep end of the community pool on Tuesday, July 2, one week after a harrowing experience.

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

What began as a typical day at the Groton Pool transformed into a heroic display of skill and quick thinking, a reminder of the vital role lifequards play in keeping the community safe.

It was a busy and warm in the afternoon on Tuesday, June 25. Three lifequards surrounded the pool. One was watching the deep end. One was guarding the shallow end. And another, Talli Wright, was posted near the water slide.

Wright, in her second year of lifeguarding, was keeping watch and noticed a boy around six years old near the rope north of the slide. The water was up to his chin, but he was staying by the rope and wasn't doing anything he should have, she said.

His aunt came over and told him he needed to go more toward the shallower side, "and I don't know if he was not listening or trying to get to the wall or whatever, but he happened to go a little deeper, and I think he kind of freaked out a bit," Wright said. "I think he should have still been able to touch, but he was kind of bobbing and, like, doggy paddling, saying, 'I need help.'" Wright sprung into action, blowing her whistle

to notify the other lifeguards and jumping in.

The whole time he was over there, I kind of kept a close eye on him, and I should have told him to go back over," she said. "As soon as I saw him kind of bobbing up and down, I remember I stood up, and I was like, 'This is real '

Groton resident Tom Woods. If the district didn't hire Erickson, he's going to volunteer to coach.

"I'm a firm believer that being a good steward is more than just the financial side," Woods said. "Being a good steward is about what's best for our district and for our kids."

Erickson is "the best \$3,000 the district has ever spent," Woods said, adding the players respect him and listen to him.

"It's about setting these kids up, not about being state champions, but to be the best people they can be in the future," he said. "And Seth Erickson is a positive addition.'

A decision on the off-staff coaching agreement is about more than just the position.

"We all know when you're deciding positions, it gets really sticky, especially in a small town where you know everybody and generally like everybody," said then-board President Deb Gengerke. "But what our standard has been in

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Terry Herron and Dwight Zerr make adjustments to a float in an emergency backup manhole on Thursday. "We need a new lift station," was Waste Water Superintendent's Dwight Zerr's words. The area received 1.72 inches of rain. Even though the city has been aggressively relining the sewer mains, rain and ground water is still getting into the system and the main lift station, Aspen Lift Station, cannot keep up during rain events. The lift station has been operating at least 20 hours per day this past spring. The city is working on a study for a new lift station and to add an additional cell at the lagoon. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

"As soon as he said, 'I need help,' ... honestly, I kind of forgot. Like I don't even remember blowing my whistle," she added. "I remember being in the water, bringing him to the side. Otherwise, I kind of blacked out almost.

"I was definitely scared," Wright said. "Definitely nervous."

Wright remembers her heart beating "a million miles an hour, and I was kind of just, like, in disbelief, almost like, it didn't feel like what happened just happened," she said. "I was freaked out to say the least."

Wright, who is entering her junior year at Groton High School in the fall, recommends those at the pool know their limits.

"If you're not a strong swimmer, don't go where you know you shouldn't be," she said. "And always listen to the lifeguards. ...I would definitely say, know your limits on where you are."

In the blink of an eye, a Tuesday afternoon at the pool turned harrowing. And without the constant training and quick-thinking lifeguards, it could have ended up worse than it did. Elizabeth Varin

Still feisty after all these years

My father had a penchant for wearing T-shirts until they were threadbare and spackled with tiny holes. Not enough left to make a good rag, but he wore them because it irritated my mom. One day, they met in the doorway to the kitchen and she blocked his way with a twinkle in her eye, stuck a finger in his chest right into one of the holes.



That's Life by Tony Bender

And tugged. The T-shirt began to fall apart like a cheap... uh... T-shirt. Dad protested but she kept pulling. Red-faced, half laughing, halfexasperated, he tried to escape to no avail. She ripped it off his chest. It was the worst strip show ever. Dad was no Magic Mike.

When I was a teen, my friends often said to me, "I wish I had your parents," and I didn't understand, because I loved their their parents, too. Dad was a bookie who took advantage of my friends' misplaced faith in the Dallas Cowboys, and Mom was comic relief. Plus, you could raid her refrigerator. If she didn't insult you, she didn't like you.

She must adore me, because I really get it. it. It's for your own good. You can feel India and Dylan getting giddy when we get close to Frederick, SD, where I spent most of my childhood, the firstborn. I can't get the door closed before the first By Jordan Wright insults fly.

"Grandma, if Dad was so awful," Dylan asked once, "why did you keep having kids?"

"Oh, we knew could do better than that."

She's always been the spark in the family. On Aug. 26, she'll be 85. Miles per hour. We're having a "surprise" birthday party at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Saturday. Our strategy for keeping it on the down-low is not to tell my little brother Mike who has the rare blabbermouth gene. If you tell him a secret, you can watch his face get red as tries to keep it all three occupants. The Vikings' front office, from slipping out. In his defense, he'd explode head coach Kevin O'Connell, and several teamif he couldn't spill the beans.

pot shots. India, who is Grandma's Mini-Me, got a birthday card from her a few yeas ago, extolling India's many virtues, her wit, intelligence, and good looks. "Sometimes it skips a generation," she wrote.

We have a running joke. I'll call, and say, "Hi Mom, it's your favorite son!"

"Mike!"

"Uh, no..." "Scott!"

Groan.

"Joel?"

She never does get it right.

I may have elicited a certain amount of panic with my folks as my mischievous—and, let's face it, defiant—personality emerged. Can you

imagine six kids like that? They could. So, I He enrolled at Arizona Western College, but think there was a strategic effort to tamp down in 2018 he decided to drop out of school and my cocky attitude. Otherwise, things could return to his home state of Maryland. Thinking get out of hand. They needn't have worried. his football career was over, Jackson got a job With the exclusion of Joel who was more of a at his local grocery store, where he excelled, renegade than I was, the rest of the herd was even earning employee of the month honors. well-behaved. Still, a family of eight is a lot.

One day after a rainstorm, Cousin Rodney and I covered our faces in mud and went trotting into my house where Mom and her coffee klatch friends howled. Across the street, Rodney got swatted by his mom, Marlene. Now, Marlene has everyone fooled, convinced that career finally began to take off. she's sweet and forgiving, but I'll bet you even money there are bodies buried in the yard.

Mom's a killer, too. When a disbelieving Grandpa Bender heard tall and true tales about what a good shot she was, he had to see for himself, so off we went, Grandpa, Mom, and I, in his maroon Chevy pickup. The first gopher ducked, unharmed.

"It shoots a little high," Mom noted.

"Yeah. I should have told you."

After that, 21 gophers straight, each punctuated by a slap to Grandpa's thigh. "Golly!" He Jackson earned First-Team All-Pac-12 honors. took quite beating.

to make sure you don't offend a gunslinger with that much ammunition, you should give generously. Mail it to me. I'll see that she gets

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

With a heavy heart, we must begin this week's column with some Vikings-related news. Khyree Jackson, the Vikings fourthround pick in the most recent draft, was killed a loss for words. I will miss your smile. Great in a car accident on Saturday morning. He and two friends were traveling in a vehicle that was struck by a drunk driver who was traveling at high speeds. The collision forced the vehicle Jackson was in off the road where it struck multiple tree stumps, tragically killing mates have all put out messages, and it is clear Mom never misses an opportunity to take Jackson was a great person on and off the field with an infectious personality who brought joy into any room he was in.

This is his story

High School in Maryland. He played wide receiver, and despite leading his team to a perfect season and a state championship, Jackson's grades forced him to continue his football journey at the junior college level.

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However, Jackson wasn't ready to give up on Thank goodness Mom had a sense of humor. his dreams without giving it one more shot, so in 2019, he enrolled at Fort Scott Community College. Just like in high school, Khyree began as a wide receiver. However, thinking he had a better shot to move up the ranks, he switched to cornerback. And that is when his football

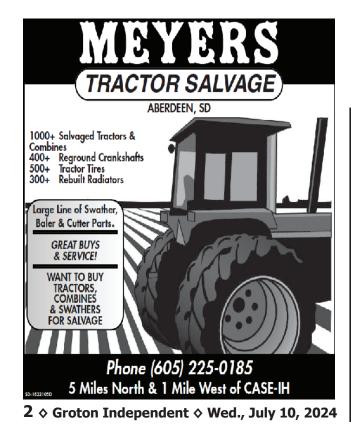
Khyree Jackson was named the nation's top junior college prospect on defense and the number one overall player in the ESPN JC50. Despite receiving numerous offers from D1 schools, Jackson decided to play for Nick Saban at Alabama. After two seasons at Alabama, Jackson decided to transfer to Oregon for the 2023 season, where he led the Ducks with three interceptions (2nd in the Pac-12), and ten passes defended (4th in the Pac-12). Despite only playing 12 games for the Ducks, Those accomplishments led to a Senior Bowl The announcement says, "no gifts," but just invite and eventually hearing his name called in the NFL Draft.

> "Khyree brought a contagious energy to our facility and our team. His confidence and engaging personality immediately drew his teammates to him. In our short time together, it was evident Khyree was going to develop into a tremendous professional football player, but what was more impressive was his desire to become the best person he could be for his family and those around him." - Vikings' head coach Kevin O'Connell

> "RIP Khyree... Love you @Real_Khyree. at player better person." – Oregon Ducks' head coach Dan Lanning

"As we got to know him throughout the predraft process, it was clear the goals Khyree wanted to accomplish both professionally and personally. His story was one of resilience. He was taking steps to become the best version of himself not just for him, but for those who cared about and looked up to him. Khyree's personality captured every room he was in. I'm devastated that his life and everything he had in front of him has been cut short. My thoughts are with Khyree's family and friends, Khyree Jackson attended Dr. Henry Wise those who played with and coached him in college, and his teammates and coaches here at the Vikings." - Vikings' General Manager Kwesi Adofo-Mensah

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JULY 2, 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 Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: An amendment to the agenda: Fireworks permit for the Brown County Speedway being changed from Lickfelt Fireworks to Bellino Fireworks, Commissioner Wiese moved to approve the agenda with the amendment, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC

COMMENT: None

ORDINANCE #271 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to adopt Ordinance #271. Applicant Morgan & Jackie Beving to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Proposed Lot 1, "Beving Addi-tion" in the W1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 35-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37865 135th Street; Mercier Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #272 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #272. Applicant Julie Lillis to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Proposed Lot 2A, "Jackson and Karlen's Third Subdivision" in the NW1/4 & the N1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 33-T125N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12342 396th Avenue; Columbia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR BROWN COUNTY: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to add 'The Aberdeen Insider' as an Official Newspaper for Brown County as of July 1, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following application submitted by WEB Water Development for occupancy of West Shore Drive in Section 23-T124-R65 of the 5TH P.M. of Brown County, SD for potable water line. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Dennert to approve the following application submitted by Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Highway #6, Sec 7-T123N-R64W of the 5TH P.M. of Brown County, SD for primary electrical services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR SUBTITLE D LANDFILLS:

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: RESOLUTION #36-24

FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR IBTITLE D LANDETLI

2)Security bond guaranteeing payment of performance;Letter of credit; 4)Insurance; or

5) . Cash. WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Brown County to choose Cash (mechanism #5), as the means to satisfy the provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 258, ARSD 74:27:16 and South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL) 34A-6-1.11 and 34A-6-1.12. NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutu-

ally agreed as follows: Brown County shall deposit

funds associated with its financial assurance mechanism in a Certificate of Deposit at Dacotah Bank, Aberdeen, South Dakota in an amount sufficient to assure performance of the obligations imposed by SDCL 34-6 inclusive; and

Brown County shall increase the funds annually, if needed by the amount equal to the increased liability recognized each vear hereafter; and

Brown County shall only make withdrawals from the Certificate of Deposit after received written permission from James Wendte, Administrator of SD DANR, or the Administrator designee; and

An account at Dacotah Bank of Aberdeen in an amount sufficient to assure performance of the obligations imposed by SDCL 34A-6-1.2 to 34A-6-1.38, inclusive.

SD DANR shall have access to the Certificate of Deposit at any time necessary to carry out its obligations if Brown County fails in any part of its obligation, under SDCL 34A-6 and upon notification to Brown County, and Said account shall be specific

to the Brown County Landfill.

This agreement is binding upon the signatories hereto not as individuals but solely in the capacities as officials of their respective organizations and acknowledges proper action of BROWN COUNTY and SD DANR to enter into same.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2024.

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

ABERDEEN SECURITY & IN-VESTIGATIONS CONTRACT: Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/ Parks Manager met with the Commission asking them to approve a contract with Aberdeen Security & Investigations Contract for the week of the Fair at the rate of \$28.00 per hour per Guard. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fieldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the contract with Aberdeen Security & Investigations for services during the week of the Brown County Fair at the rate of \$28.00 per hour per Guard. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS PERMIT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the Fireworks permit for Bellino Fireworks for Aerial Show at the Brown County Speedway on July 5, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

REOUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR COURT APPOINTED ATTOR-NEY: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider Request for Proposals (RFP) for Court Appointed Attorneys. There are 7 attorneys that sent in a proposal for a 2-year period; January 1, 2025 to Decem-ber 31, 2026. Annual payment of \$850,000.00 for calendar year 2025/equal installments of

\$70.00; SD Dept. of Health \$2,525.00; SDSU Extension \$22.54. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$34.96: McOuillen Creative Group \$794.00; SW Messenger Press \$267.12. Repairs & Maintenance: Butler Machinery \$2,899.86; DFP \$385.00; Farm Power Mfg. \$100.00; Hoven Auto Repair \$316.50; K&S Plumbing \$2,046.62; Lawson Products \$42.26; Leidholt Electric \$12.24; North Central Steel Systems \$81,168.78; Woodman Refrigeration \$4,294.90. Supplies: Amazon Capital Services \$963.70; American Solutions for Business \$217.54; Century Business Products \$504.65; Cole Papers \$3,166.86; Crescent Electric Supply Co. \$73.30; DFP \$4.23: Dakota Oil \$5.657.40: Fastenal \$411.39; Geffdog Designs \$127.50; Great Western Tire \$5,540.50; House of Glass \$126.81; Hoven Auto Repair \$39.00; Jensen Rock & Sand \$18.335.00; Josh Lee \$52.10; Lawson Products \$500.56 Leidholdt Tool Sales \$199.19 Lien Transportation \$7,941.05; Marco Technologies \$41.62; Menards \$247.57; Midstates Group \$586.00: Pantorium Cleaners \$32.00; Pomp's Tire Service \$157.93; Running's \$104.70; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$639.89; True-North Steel \$376.20; Van Diest Supply Co. \$1,471.50; Vestis \$134.06. Travel & Conference: City of Groton \$332.10; Doug Fjeldheim \$233.58; Drew Dennert \$307.76; Duane Sutton \$130.28; Michael Wiese \$26.24. Utilities: AT&T \$141.40: Butler Machinery \$1299.20; K&S Plumbing \$100.00; Leidholt Electric \$48.98; Midcontinent Communications \$170.11; NWPS \$16,804.52; Verizon \$41.91;

Woodman Refrigeration \$522.37. PAYROLL: Commission 4,753.89; Elections \$1,834.40; Auditor \$9,850.85; Treasurer \$17,265.63; SA \$35,336.14; Maintenance \$11.871.07; Assessor \$15,383.26; Register of Deeds \$10,406.83; VSO 491.55; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,172.67; HR \$4,960.64; Sheriff \$55,186.64; Jail \$75,165.97; Coroner \$829.37; Court Security \$8,864.74; JDC \$36,600.76; Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum \$12,696.20; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,984.70; Fair Board \$5,165.10; 4-H \$1,373.54; Weed \$5,847.69; Planning & Zoning \$9,116.40; Highway \$54,372.49; Dispatch \$37,488.88; Emergen-\$5,208.68; 24/7 Sobriety 3,072.54; Landfill \$18,467.40; FICA \$27,739.22; Medicare \$6,487.41; Discovery (HSA) \$1,739.78; Health Insurance (Wellmark BCBS) \$130,452.10; Dental Insurance (Delta Dental) \$8,918.88; Life Insurance (Dearborn) \$1,127.10; Retirement (SDRS) \$59,296.27. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Specialist, Jéssica Johnson:

•Hiring of Balinda Roldan as Brown County 911 Communications Officer, FT; starting wage \$22.37/hr. -effective July 1, 2024.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the following abatement for Parcel #12623 (property combined with Parcel ₩12622): Tax Yr. 2022 - \$937.29; Tax Yr. 2021 - \$1,431.60; Tax Yr. 2020 - \$1,213.94; Tax Yr. 2019 -\$927.58; Tax Yr. 2018 - \$947.50; Tax Yr. 2017 - \$770.63 and Tax Yr. 2016 - \$919.25 (Grand Total of \$7,147.79). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. NEW PER DIEM RATES EF FECTIVE JULY 1, 2024: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the new per diem reimbursement rates effective July 1, 2024 per SDCL 3-9; 3-9-2; ARSD 05:01:02:11; 05:01:02:14 and 05:01:02:10.01. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts for May 2024 as follows: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$33,219,229.05; Total Savings Account Balances \$2,775,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit \$6,313,982.63; Grand Total Cash & Balances \$42,316,359.10. General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: Gen-eral Fund \$20,386,989.28; Road & Bridge Fund \$6,072,799.11; Road & Bridge Fund - restricted \$231,883.27; 911 Service \$475,447.07; Emergency & Disaster \$131,232.38; Domestic Abuse \$1,565.00; Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$50,845.94; Truancy Court \$135.68; 24/7 Sobriety \$70,870.45; ROD M & P \$92,041.62; Rural Access Infrastructure \$383,322.39; TIF Debt Service \$30,747.57 Landfill + cash change \$6,470,599.12; Landfill - restricted \$1,766,062.21; Trust and Agency Funds \$8,149,731.38; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$42,316,359,10. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL LICENSE PERMIT HEARING: Moved by Commissioner Fieldheim, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising public hearing for the following pecial Alcohol License Permit: Aberdeen Aqua Addicts, Aberdeen, SD for Mid-west Regional Show Ski Tournament to be held at Dahme Lake, Lt 1 Aberdeen Aqua Addicts SD NW 35-T123-R64 (3301 Hwy. 281, Aberdeen) Brown County, SD on July 23, 2024. (Special License effective July 26-28, 2024). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Nancy Cutler and several Claremont residents met with the Brown County Commission to inform them that there will be 4 semitrucks a day hauling tallow to unload into 4 – 5 tanker cars that will be on the railroad at all times, possibly more. The residents are concerned because they are making a draining ditch into the new city storm sewer, the smell and the truck traffic coming in and out of town. After much discussion, Commission thanked the residents for bringing this to their attention and they will continue to pursue what can be done at the County standpoint if anything. There is a Public Meeting on Thursday, July 11th at 7pm in Claremont with Project Manager from Dakota Missouri Valley & Western Railroad.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Personnel, 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.

IMPROVEMENT FUND BE TWEEN BROWN COUNTY & AB-ERDEEN HOCKY ASSN .: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve taking \$10,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to do the 50% match for the fund established for maintenance and improvement projects with Aberdeen Hockey Association. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve giving the Aberdeen Hockey Association \$5,000.00 one-time from the improvement fund for landscaping project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONSULTING SERVICES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the consulting agreement with Explico Inc. and approve the voucher for the \$2600.00 retainer fee. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:23 a.m. All members present

Aberdeen Aqua Addicts, Aberdeen, SD for Mid-west Regional Show Ski Tournament to be held at Dahme Lake, LT 1 Aberdeen Agua Addicts SD NW 35-T123-R64 (3301 Hwy. 281, Aberdeen) Brown County, SD. Temporary Special Event Alcohol License effective July 26-28, 2024.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDI-**NANCE #27**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-ES AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DE-

SCRIBED PROPERTY Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #271, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Morgan & Jackie Beving was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 2nd day of July 2024 and will become effective on the 30th of July 2024.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Brown County Planning & Zoning is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG) to Mini-Aariculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

Proposed Lot 1, "Beving Addition" in the W1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 35-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37865 135th Street; Mercier Twp.)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of July 2024.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor Notice of Hearing: June 5,

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nances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG) to Mini-Aariculture District (M-ÁG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

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IT IS HEREBY AGREED between the State of South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources which has merged with SD Department of Agriculture so now known as South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, hereinafter referred to as SD DANR, and Brown County, South Dakota as follows:

WHEREAS, Brown County operates the Brown County Landfill, a regional solid waste disposal facility, as an enterprise fund in compliance with all Federal Subtitle D Regulations and State of South Dakota Laws and Regulations, and

WHEREÁS, EPA 40 C.F.R. Part 258 and the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:27:16 establishes financial assurance requirements and mechanisms for local government owners and operators of Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Facilities, and WHEREAS, ARSD 74:27:16:05

states the owner or operator may choose one or more of the following mechanisms, which comply with the provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 258.74, to satisfy the provisions of this chapter:

1)..... Trust fund;

\$10,119.05 and \$900,000.00 for calendar year 2026/equal installments of \$10,714,29. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to defer the decision for 2-weeks so the State's Attorney can review the proposal. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the June 24, 2024 Post-Election Audit Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the June 25, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims/payroll: CLAIMS: Insurance: Insurance Plus \$1,278.31. Professional Fees: Blackburn & Stevens Prof, LLC \$218.50; Explico \$2,600.00; Foerster Testing Limited \$250.00; Helms & Assoc, \$520.00; IMEG Corp. \$3,235.55 Kristi Brandt \$292.45; Lincoln Co. Auditor \$478.17; Mariann Malsom \$60.00; Monica Hein

voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL LICENSE

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the following Temporary Special Event Alcohol License Ap plication for Malt Beverage and Wine to be used by Aberdeen Aqua Addicts will be held on July 23, 2024 in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, in the Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register complaint on their approval may appear.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDI-**NANCE #272** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANC-ES AS AMENDED TO REZONE CERTAIN DE-

SCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #272, Án Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by Julie Lillis was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 2nd day of July 2024 and will become effective on the 30th of July 2024. BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended, to rezone the following described property filed by Brown County Planning & Zoning is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordi-

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Groton Jr Teeners Keep It Close Against Miller, Lose On Walkoff

By GameChanger Media

A walk-off left Groton Jr Teeners 14U on the wrong end of an 11-10 defeat to Miller on Tuesday. Miller were down 10-9 in the bottom of the seventh inning when Jason Lacomb doubled, scoring two runs.

Despite the loss, Groton Jr Teeners 14U did collect 13 hits in the high-scoring affair. Unfortunately, Miller had seven hits on the way to victory.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U opened the scoring in the first after Ryder Schelle grounded out, scoring one run.

Miller flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the second, scoring six runs on three hits to take a 6-1 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Dom Ringe after a 7-pitch at-bat that drove in two.

A single by Chase Hurd extended the Miller lead to 8-2 in the bottom of the third inning. Groton Jr Teeners 14U flipped the game on

its head in the top of the seventh, scoring five runs on three hits to take a 10-8 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Ethan Kroll that drove in two.

Miller made the score 11-10 in the bottom of the seventh after Hurd drew a walk, scoring one run, and Lacomb doubled, scoring two runs

Cody Fanning earned the win for Miller. They surrendered five hits and two runs over four innings, striking out five and walking two. TC Schuster pitched three and one-third innings in relief for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The righthanded pitcher allowed one hit and three runs while, striking out five and walking seven. Braeden Fliehs took the loss for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The right-handed pitcher went one and one-third innings, allowing four runs on three hits, striking out none and walking three.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U piled up 13 hits in the game. Schelle and Jordan Schwan were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected three hits for Groton Jr Teeners 14U while hitting back-to-back. Kroll, Schelle, Shaydon Wood, and Schwan each drove in two runs for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Schuster and John Bisbee each collected multiple hits for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Bisbee stole two bases. Groton Jr Teeners 14U had a strong eye at the plate, tallying seven walks for the game. Hurd provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Miller with three runs batted in. The center fielder went 1-for-2 on the day. Lacomb led Miller with two hits in three at bats. Miller had a strong eye at the plate, tal-

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1	pack led the team
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First-Inning Burst Enough To Lead Miller Past Groton Jr Teeners By GameChanger Media

Miller defeated Groton Jr Teeners 14U 11-1 on Tuesday thanks in part to seven runs in the first inning.

Miller got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Brooks Mcpack doubled, scoring one run, Cody Fanning singled, scoring one run, Preston Aesoph drew a walk, scoring one run, #74 was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, and Sam Crago doubled, scoring three runs.

A walk by #74, a single by Crago, and a double by Jason Lacomb helped Miller extend their early lead in the third.

Mcpack earned the win for Miller. The starting pitcher allowed two hits and one run over three innings, striking out two and walking three. Ryder Schelle took the loss for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The right-handed pitcher went two innings, giving up seven runs on five hits, striking out two and walking two.

Braeden Fliehs and Ethan Kroll each collected one hit for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Fliehs led Groton Jr Teeners 14U with one run batted in. The catcher went 1-for-1 on the day. Groton Jr Teeners 14U were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Fliehs had the most chances in the field with five.

Crago led Miller with three hits in three at bats from the leadoff position. Lacomb collected two hits for Miller in three at bats. Aesoph led Miller with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, collecting seven walks for the game. Miller were surehanded in the field and didn't commit a single error. Aesoph had the most chances in the field with two.

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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 **Roll Past Sisseton Post 50 Jr Legion 16U**

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 easily dispatched Sisseton Post 50 Jr Legion 16U on Tuesday, 8-1.

A single by Jarrett Erdmann put Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 on the board in the top of the first.

Bryson Hanson grounded out, which helped Sisseton Post 50 Jr Legion 16U tie the game at one in the bottom of the second.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 jumped into the lead in the top of the third when an error scored two runs, Erdmann singled, scoring one run, and Tristin McGannon drew a walk, scoring one run.

Karsten Fliehs earned the win for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The starting pitcher allowed one hit and one run (zero earned) over four and two-thirds innings, striking out five and walking one. LJ Crooks took the loss for Sisseton Post 50 Jr Legion 16U. They went five innings, giving up eight runs (two earned) on six hits, striking out three and walking three. Erdmann drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with two runs batted in. They went 2-for-2 on the day. Fliehs threw an immaculate inning in the fifth, striking out the side on nine pitches. Lincoln Krause stole four bases. – King Crossword — Hanson led the team Answers with one run batted Solution time: 26 mins. in. Ryder White went 1-for-1 at the plate to lead Sisseton Post 50 Jr Legion 16U in hits. Copyright © 2024 GameChanger Media, Inc. All rights reserved. Any reuse or republication of this story must include the preceding attribution and is subject to the Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. Terms of Use, License Agreement, and Privacy Policy.



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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 **Defeat Sisseton Post 50** Jr Legion 16U

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 were victorious against Sisseton Post 50 Jr Legion 16U 4-2 on Tuesday.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 got on the board in the top of the first inning after Sisseton Post 50 Jr Legion 16U committed an error, and Nicholas Morris doubled, each scoring one run.

Nick Groeblinghoff earned the win for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The starting pitcher allowed two hits and zero runs over four innings, striking out six and walking one. Max Dahlen took the loss for Sisseton Post 50 Jr Legion 16U. They went five innings, allowing four runs (two earned) on three hits, striking out two and walking six. Tristin McGannon appeared in relief for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39.

Lincoln Krause, Gavin Englund, and Morris each collected one hit for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Morris went 1-for-2 at the plate as the cleanup hitter led the team with one run batted in. Krause stole four bases. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 had a strong eye at the plate, piling up six walks for the game. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 stole six bases in the game. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Morris had the most the third inning. chances in the field with six.

Justin Muehler and Bradley Hansen each collected one hit for Sisseton Post 50 Jr Legion 16U.

Next up for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 is a game against Smittys 16U 2024 Aberdeen on Wednesday.

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Jr. Teener Tournament is next week in Groton

The Region 1 14U Jr. Teener Baseball Tournament will be held next week in Groton. On Monday, July 15, Britton takes on Webster at 5 p.m. with the winner playing the second game against Groton. The losers will play on Tuesday at 5 p.m. with the winner of the losers bracket taking on the winner of Game 2 following the first game on Tuesday. If necessary, a second game will be played on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Groton Post 39 Victorious **Over Smittys Legion 2024** Aberdeen

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 outsted Smittys Legion 2024 Aberdeen 5-3 on Monday.

Groton Post 39 got on the board in the first inning after Colby Dunker singled, scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 added one run in the second after Smittys Legion 2024 Aberdeen committed an error. Phillip Zens singled, which helped Smittys Legion 2024 Aberdeen tie the game at two in the bottom of the eighth. In the top of the eleventh inning, Groton Post 39 went back into the lead after Gavin Englund singled, Karsten Fliehs was struck by a pitch, and Braxton Imrie singled, each scoring one run. Dillon Abeln earned the win for Groton Post 39. The reliever allowed two hits and one run (zero earned) over two innings, striking out three and walking none. Jared Klootwyk took the loss for Smittys Legion 2024 Aberdeen. They went five and one-third innings, allowing three runs on five hits, striking out three and walking one. Englund stepped on the mound first for Groton Post 39. The starting pitcher surrendered six hits and two runs (one earned) over nine innings, striking out three and walking three. Lance Siefken stepped on the mound first for Smittys Legion 2024 Ab-

and two runs (one earned) over two innings, striking out one and walking one.

each collected two hits for Groton Post 39. Imrie, Fliehs, Dunker, and Englund each drove in one run for Groton Post 39.

Brendan Livermont led Smittys Legion 2024 Aberdeen with two hits in five at bats. Casey Vining, Drew Salfrank, and Zens each drove in one run for Smittys Legion 2024 Aberdeen. Cooper Eisenbeisz stole three bases.

Groton Post 39 play at home on Wednesday against Lisbon Post 7 in their next game.

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Groton Locke Electric 2024 With **Tough Game Against Redfield Dairy Queen**

By GameChanger Media

Groton Locke Electric 2024 had trouble keeping up with Redfield Dairy Queen in a 9-1 loss on Sunday.

Redfield Dairy Queen got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Brent Osborn doubled, scoring one run, Peyton Osborn homered to left field, scoring two runs, and Nolan Gall singled, scoring one run.

A single by Cooper Hainy extended the Redfield Dairy Queen lead to 5-1 in the bottom of of Use, License Agreement, and Privacy Policy.

Osborn earned the win for Redfield Dairy Queen. They allowed three hits and one run over seven innings, striking out four and walking one. Alex Morris took the loss for Groton Locke Electric 2024. They went six innings, surrendering nine runs (seven earned) on 11 hits, striking out three and walking three.

Ty Sieber went 1-for-2 at the plate as the infielder led the team with one run batted in. Sieber, Ben Althoff, and Brian Hansen each collected one hit for Groton Locke Electric 2024.

Redfield Dairy Queen accumulated 11 hits in the game. Camden Osborn led Redfield Dairy Queen with three hits in four at bats from the leadoff position. Osborn and Osborn each drove in two runs for Redfield Dairy Queen. Keaton Rohlfs and Hainy each collected multiple hits for Redfield Dairy Queen. Christain DeYoung and Bennett Osborn each stole multiple bases for Redfield Dairy Queen. Redfield Dairy Queen stole eight bases in the game. Redfield Dairy Queen were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Owen Osborn

made the most plays with five. Copyright © 2024 GameChanger Media, Inc. All rights reserved. Any reuse or republication of this story must include the preceding attribution and is subject to the Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. Terms Use, License Agreement, and Privacy Policy

Groton Locke Electric 2024 Fall Victim To Redfield Dairy Queen Rallv

By GameChanger Media

Groton Locke Electric 2024 lost to Redfield Dairy Queen 25-7 on Sunday even though they once led by four runs.

Groton Locke Electric 2024 jumped out to the lead in the bottom of the first inning after Brian Hansen singled, scoring two runs, Alex Morris singled, scoring one run, and Hansen scored after tagging up. Redfield Dairy Queen flipped the game on its head in the top of the second, scoring five runs on five hits to take a 5-4 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Camden Osborn on a full count that drove in two. Redfield Dairy Queen added to their early lead in the top of the third inning when Christain DeYoung singled, scoring two runs, and Owen Osborn drew a walk, scoring one run. Redfield Dairy Queen scored 11 runs on four hits in the top of the seventh inning. An error scored one run, Bennett Osborn doubled, scoring one run, an error scored two runs, DeYoung drew a walk, scoring one run, Osborn singled, scoring one run, Osborn was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Nolan Gall tripled, scoring three runs, and Cooper Hainy drew a walk, scoring one run. Tom Gregg earned the win for Redfield Dairy Queen. The starting pitcher surrendered seven

erdeen. The starting pitcher gave up one hit hits and seven runs (three earned) over four innings, striking out five and walking three. Chandler Larson took the loss for Groton Locke Bradin Althoff, Imrie, Dunker, and Englund Electric 2024. The starting pitcher went three innings, surrendering 10 runs (nine earned) on eight hits, striking out two and walking eight.

Hansen provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Groton Locke Electric 2024 with three runs batted in. They went 1-for-3 on the day. Morris went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Groton Locke Electric 2024 in hits. Ben Althoff collected two hits for Groton Locke Electric 2024 in four at bats. Cole Simon led Groton Locke Electric 2024 with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, collecting six walks for the game.

Redfield Dairy Queen piled up 13 hits in the game. DeYoung, the number seven hitter for Redfield Dairy Oueen, led the way with five runs batted in. The catcher went 2-for-4 on the day. Gall led Redfield Dairy Queen with three hits in five at bats. Kole DeSpiegler and Osborn each collected multiple hits for Redfield Dairy Queen. Hainy paced Redfield Dairy Queen with four walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, collecting 18 walks for the game. DeYoung stole two bases. Redfield Dairy Queen stole five bases in the game.

Next up for Groton Locke Electric 2024 is a

game at Aberdeen on Wednesday. Copyright © 2024 GameChanger Media, Inc. All rights reserved. Any reuse or republication of this story must include the preceding attribution and is subject to the Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. Terms

Groton Senior Citizens

June 10-24

Groton Seniors met June 10th with 12 members present. Vice president Ruby Donovan opened the meeting with allegiance to the flag. A short meeting was held. Minutes and treasurer's report were read. Flowers were planted at the community Center. Don Hoops joined as a new member. Meeting was adjourned and cards played. The winners of the games Pinochle-Bruce Shilhank, Whist- Elda Stange, Canasta-Eunice McColister and Bev Sombke, Door prizes- Darlene Fischer, Elda Stange, Don Hoops.

June 17-24

Groton Seniors met with 11 members present. Vice president had the flag pledge, cards were played. The winners of each game. Pinochle- Julie Shilhank, Whist- Dick Donovan, Canasta--Pat Larson, door prizes- Pat Larson, Balinda Nelson, Darlene Fischer. Lunch was served by Ruby Donovan.

June 24-24

Twelve members were present at the pot luck dinner. Vice president had the flag pledge and table prayer. Bingo was played after dinner. Bev Sombke and Ruby Donovan won black out. Cards were played after bingo. Door prizes- Eunice McColister, Bruce Shilhank, and Ella Johnson. Bruce Shilhank birthday was celebrated with cake and ice cream. Bev Sombke made the decorated cake for lunch. The birthday song was sung.







NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEAR-ING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on July 22, 2024, at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main St., Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 11, Section 11.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Jerry and Sheryl Buno to relocate a garage within 5 feet of the East lot line and within 0 feet of the North lot line in a Residential (R-3) District at 511 E 1st Avenue, Groton, SD legally described as Lt 7-8 BK 37 of the 1st Addition, Groton, SD.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this variance may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

Doug Heinrich

Zoning Administrator

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO CON-TINUE OPERATION

Notice is hereby given that the SAND/GRAVEL mining operation being conducted by:

BROWN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 3133 8TH AVE NE, ABERDEEN, SD 57401-3300 will continue its mining operation located at NW ¹/₄ Section 18, T128N-R63W, Brown County, SD.

The general location of the mining operation is 5 miles North and 2.5 miles East.

The operation originally advertised to be completed by 12/31/2020, will be extended to: 12/31/2030.

Proposed future use of the

affected land will remain as originally advertised.

For additional information contact BROWN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT or the SD Dept. of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Minerals, Mining & Superfund Program, 523 W. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501-3182; phone 605-773-4201.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Town of Westport General Meeting July 2, 2024

The Town of Westport met on July 2, 2024 with Mitch Wilson, Shane Storm, Troy Tschappat, Doreen Hertel, Deb Schlosser, Columbia Fire Department members Corey Mitchell, Justin Dell, Trevor Meints, Josh Risty present.

The following bills were presented:

City General: NW Energy (\$329.51), Dakota Supply Group (\$347.27), Deb Schlosser (\$51.81), Eddies (\$309.20), US Treasury (\$952.38), SD Unemployment Insurance Division (\$11.85), Kevin Bourdon (\$2,475.00), Jeff Schroeder (\$481.74).

Sewer: NW Energy (\$48.64) Water: Public Health Laboratory (\$90.00), WEB (\$2,492.08). Troy Tschappat motioned, second by Shane Storm to pay

all bills. The following deposits were presented:

City General: State of SD (\$2,412.64), Brown County Collections (\$2287.09), Interest (\$187.98).

Sewer: Resident Payments (\$2738.46) Water: Resident Payments

Water: Resident Payments (\$4108.00) Old Business:

Follow-up discussion was held regarding the town buying an AED, CPR and Stop the Bleed classes. In order to be under the Columbia Fire Department's umbrella for an AED, some residents

would have to join the Columbia Fire Department. They are willing to help with training. CPR and Stop the Bleed classes could be done without joining the CFD. Residents interested should contact any Westport Board member or the Finance Officer. New Business:

WEB has raised their water rates to be effective in October. Westport water base will raise from \$45.00 to \$47.00, the base per 1,000 gallon will change from \$7.90 to \$8.90, and the overage rate will raise from \$13.00 to \$14.00. This will be submitted by ordinance at next meeting to take effect in September 2024. A request to use the town hall was received for June 28, 2025. Shane Storm motioned, second by Troy Tschappat to table the request until August meeting. Meeting dismissed at 7:50

p.m. Deb Schlosser, Finance Officer Published July 10, 2024, at the total approximate cost of \$21.25 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.



FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2 Special Board of Education

Meeting June 27, 2024

A special meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on June 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein and Eric Sumption; Absent: Alex Hart. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/ Athletic Director Jeff Kosters and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Guests present: Troy Millard and Dan Miller.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Troy Millard spoke about the building project during public comment.

Motion 2024-122 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to approve the agenda as presented. All voted aye, carried. No conflict of interest disclo-

sures. The proposals for Construction Manager were discussed. Six proposals were received. The board discussed interviewing four: Huff Construction, Kyburz-Carlson Construction, McGough Construction and Puetz Design+Build.

Motion 2024-123 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve Resolution 2024-005 – 2023-2024 Supplemental Budget. Upon roll call, all present

voted Aye. Motion carried. BE IT RESOLVED, by the school board of the Frederick Area School District that the budget in the General, Capital Outlay and Special Education Funds be supplemented as follows:

10 1121 000 111, Certified Salaries – JH , \$7,459.00; 10 2321 000 640, Dues & Fees – Supt, \$465.00; 10 2529 000 640......, Dues & Fees – Business Mgr, \$1,624.00; 10 2542 000 690, Misc. Objects – Care & Upkeep Building, \$7.00; 10 2569 000 461, Purchased Food – Build Your Base, \$473.00; 10 2569 914 461, FFVP, \$1,305.00; 10 6900 010 319, Professional Services (Athletic Trainer) – Coop, \$2,000.00; 10 6900 321 315, Registration Fees – FELA, \$2,311.00; 10 6900 321 479, Non-Consumable Supplies – FC-CLA, \$4,624.00; General Fund Total: \$ 21,454.00; 21 1131 910 421, Printed Textbooks – SSEA Grant, \$3,702.00; 21 1131 923 421, Printed Textbooks – ESSER III LL, \$2,163.00; 21 1141 000 421, Printed Textbooks, \$3,783.00; 21 2222 000 479, Library – Non-Consumable Supplies, \$626.00; 21 6900 309 479, Combined Activities

 Non-Consumable Supplies, \$3,050.00; Capital Outlay Total:
 \$13,324.00; 22 2171 000 319, Physical Therapy, \$2,500.00; 22 2172 000 319, Occupational Therapy, \$1,000.00; 22 2735 000 319, Specific Learning Disability Services, \$1,265.00; Special Education Total: \$4,765.00; 51 2569 924 461, Purchased Food-USDA Supply Chain Asst. Funding, \$13,977.00; Food Service Total: \$13,977.00.

Supplements will be funded by the General, Capital Outlay, Special Education and Food Service revenues and cash on hand. Motion 2024-124 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to approve the FY2024 district bills. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Bills approved: General Fund: Agtegra-fuel, 261.26; Amazonlearning resources, 304.60; Ellendale Country Club-course usage, 150.00; FASD Imprest Fund-misc., 2,494.25; Fargo My Place-national FCCLA travel 341.53: Foreman Sales & Ser vice-bus maintenance, 362.05 GDI News-publishing, 42.62 Hoist Fitness-fitness center sup plies, 301.06; Kosters, Jeffmileage, 132.60; Mears-national FBLA transportation, 297.00; Menards-maintenance supplies, 77.64; Mid-American Research Chemical-maintenance supplies 897.07; MDU-utilities, 2,964.69; Power of ICU-ICU renewal, 1,234.97; Schwan Electricservice, 490.00; STG-national FBLA rooms, 524.00. Capital Outlay Fund: Apple-ipads/cases, 4,339.50; JVT-classroom phones, 4,330.00; Mid-American Re-search Chemical-gym refinish, 4,594.32; Ramsey Solutions-hs

textbooks, 494.84; RTI-freshmen laptops, 11,970.00. Imprest Fund: Brown County Sherifffingerprints, 20.00; Division of Criminal Investigation-background check, 43.25; First National Bank-national FBLA/FCCLA meal money, 2,431.00. Custodial Fund: Achen, Kalyce-bb camp worker, 200.00; Arneson, Chloereprint check, 1,500.00; Barondeau, Janelle-gift cards road race, 110.00; Game One-track apparel, 1,333.40; Kens-build your base beef, 9.87; Kippley, Noah-bb camp worker, 200.00; Leola School District-move vb custodial fund, 1,718.86; Mueller, Kaitlyn-bb camp worker, 200.00; Nickelson, Gavin-bb camp worker, 200.00; Ramada-track rooms, 953.94; Sumption, Fred-FBLA raffle cash winner, 500.00; Valley City State University-fb camp registration, 720.00.

registration, 720.00. Motion 2024-125 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to transfer \$279,965.00 from the Capital Outlay fund to the General fund. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2024-126 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to vote Chris Long on the SDHSAA Runoff Ballot. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2024-127 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Rich Schlosser, President Shauna Severson, Business Manager

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Complaining By Bryan Golden

Is complaining an effective strategy for solving problems? Will complaining improve your situation? Do others enjoy listening to you complain? The answer to all three questions is no. Then why do people complain?

There are a number of reasons a person complains. He or she may be looking for sympathy, assistance, support, or just letting off steam. There are also people who are habitual whiners who are never satisfied or content.

In the case of sympathy, there is an erroneous assumption that if enough other people feel sorry for them, it will somehow improve the complainer's situation. All that will be accomplished is that others will grow tired of their moaning and give them a wide berth. Everyone has their own problems and very few people want to spend their discretionary time listening to the tales of woe of others.

Sympathy seekers tend to dwell on their problems rather than seeking solutions. When potential solutions are presented, they invariably find fault with and summarily dismiss them. These complainers seek attention and monopolize conversations. They look for opportunities to show how their plight is worse than everyone else's.

Spending time with sympathy seekers can be draining. They are consumed with their own situation and show little or no interest in other people. Regardless of how good you may feel, a gripe session with a sympathy seeker will depress your mood.

Some complainers are looking for assistance in solving a problem. In this case they are interested in advice that will lead to a solution. The danger here is that they will indiscriminately seek guidance from anyone. In their attempt to overcome an obstacle, they will try virtually any remedy offered without considering the qualifications of the source.

Following bad advice can exacerbate a problem. Advice seekers that jump from one bad suggestion to another will become frustrated as they fail to solve their problem. The result is the erroneous conclusion that their situation has no solution.

Complainers in search of advice must be very selective in whom they approach. Only those who have successfully solved similar problems or who have appropriate expertise should be sought out. When the right person is identified, they should be asked for advice directly rather than complaining to them. Perhaps a complainer is looking for support. They may be overwhelmed by unexpected events or overloaded with responsibilities. This type of complainer is likely looking for help rather than advice. If you are so inclined, offer to lend a hand. Even when they are helped out, some complainers always wind up in another crisis situation. Helping them out again will only improve their situation temporarily. Without a change in strategy, they will soon become immersed in another crisis. Complainers who are incessant whiners find fault with virtually everything. They complain about their lives, other people's lives, the weather, politics, religion, society, etc. Everything they comment on is flawed. All of life is tainted. Their glass is always half empty and probably leaking. These people are not happy unless they are unhappy. Whiners will never be satisfied. They don't want sympathy, solutions, or help. They just want to complain. These people will never change and their minds are closed to new ideas. Your only option is to limit exposure to their griping. Complaining is unproductive and destructive. If you have problems, find solutions. If you need help, ask. Occasional complaining to seek understanding or let off steam is ok. But don't make it a way of life Or a topic of every conversation. Bryan is the author of "Dare to Live Without Limits." Contact Bryan at Bryan@columnist.com or visit www.DareToLiveWithoutLimits.com Copyright 2024 Bryan Golden

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Supreme Court Defies its Platform in Service of an Imperial **Presidency**

For years to come, constitutional scholars and historians will long note the irony of the Supreme Court's defiance of its own intellectual platform in rendering a decision in Trump v. United States, on the eve of the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, that creates out of whole cloth the dangerous doctrine of executive immunity in service of an Imperial Presidency. The very concept of clothing the American Presidency with protection that placed the English King above the law, was rebuked by the Framers of the Constitution, who sought, in the words of James Madison, to "confine and define" presidential power.

The Supreme Court's ruling last week rejected the wisdom and vision of Madison and the other delegates in the Constitutional Convention and infused the presidency with unconfined and undefined authority.

By David Adler

In its most consequential ruling on presidential power in the nation's history the Court, in a 6-3 decision, set the Constitution on its head in holding that the president enjoys absolute immunity from criminal prosecution in the exer-

cise of "core constitutional powers," and in the process revived the harpies of monarchical power that compelled the country's founders to declare independence and launch the American Revolution, in large part because of the English King's "injuries and usurpations" that led to the "establishment of tyranny."

The Court's ruling on this 4th of July holiday, the celebration of which in public schools includes reminders of the King's offenses against the colonists, tosses aside the exalted American principle that "no man is above the law" in exchange for a judicial invention that the president possess immunity from criminal prosecution when the courts say he possesses it.

Grounded on the false premise — textually, historically and logically — that an American president requires immunity in order to perform the duties of the office, the Court's decision will leave the nation to engage in a guessing game on the guestion of when the president is exercising "official" versus "unofficial" acts, whether the acts in question are core or peripheral in nature, whether the acts are a function of an ignoble purpose and whether the president might engage in a criminal act that can be saved from scrutiny by simply, and cynically, calling it "official."

The ruling loosens the restraints of the Constitution and the criminal justice system on the American Presidency, and recalls the dire warnings of Thomas Jefferson, the principal author of the Declaration of Independence, against converting "the chains of the Constitution into ropes of sand."

The Court's interest in protecting the presidency from prosecution represents a rebuke to both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. James Wilson, second in importance only to Madison as an architect of the Constitution, and chair of the Constitutional Convention's powerful Committee on Detail, assured Americans that the "prerogatives of the Crown" are of "no guide" to this "Republic," and laid bare the Framers' commitment to severing every tie to monarchical authority, including the precious protection for the king from prosecution. To a man, delegates to the Convention were dedicated to establishing the rule of law, not the creation of an embryonic monarchy. Wilson declared of the newly minted presidency: "not a single privilege is annexed to his character; far from being above the laws, he is amenable to them in his private character as a citizen, and in his public character by impeachment."

This ringing endorsement of the exalted principle that, in America, all men are equal in the eyes of the law, meant that Chief Justice John Marshall, presiding over the treason trial of Aaron Burr in 1807, held that a subpoena could issue to President Jefferson, to come before a court of justice, as it could to all other citizens.

The Court's decision to engraft upon the Constitution presidential immunity from prosecution represents, not an originalist, but rather an activist approach to constitutional interpretation. An originalist method would begin with the text of the Constitution, but the Court doesn't cite the text because there is no mention of immunity, and the Justices don't cite any of the debates in the Constitutional Convention, the second pillar of originalism — because no delegate to the Convention entertained the idea of immunity for the presidency.

At bottom, the Court has invented a dangerous doctrine that finds no foundation in the Constitution and is antithetical to the principles of democracy.

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Code enforcement a sore spot in some SD communities

FAITH, S.D. – A few months ago, the city council in this ranching town in remote northwestern South Dakota decided to join dozens of other communities across the state and hire an outside contractor to enforce property codes.

But in a pioneer town built on a rugged history of cattle ranching and as a stop on the state's early railroad, the code enforcement crackdown has led to a (so far) peaceful revolt.

After years without any property inspections or code enforcement, residents here are hinting at taking up arms to force their elected leaders to rescind the code enforcement contract and undo an ordinance that put in place a strict new set of codes that could allow an inspector to enter someone's property without permission.

About 50 residents – roughly a quarter of the city's adult population – attended a city council meeting on July 2 to air their grievances before the council. The only other pressing decision of the night was rubber-stamping a liquor license request for the annual stock show.

As the crowd filed in, one man asked another, "Did you bring your pistol?" The guy said he had not.

A while later, former city council member Rae Shalla warned the council that, "I promise you that if you start violating peoples' Fourth Amendment rights (against unlawful searches and seizures), you're going to have citizens exercising their Second Amendment rights (to bear arms)."

1 in 4 properties warned over violations

Per his contract with the city, contracted inspector Joel Johnson of Code Enforcement Specialists (CES), sent out 53 warning letters to Faith residents after visiting this spring.

The town's population of 300 lives in roughly 200 housing units, according to the U.S. Census. Johnson owns the company, based in Burke, another West River community, and said he has more than 80 cities under contract and a waiting list of a dozen more municipalities.

Johnson, a former fire chief and city council member in Burke, said he approached his job in Faith just as he does in any other town. His contract typically includes a \$1,500 annual retainer fee with \$75 an hour for work performed plus mileage and expenses.

In an interview with News Watch, Johnson said he applied codes and wrote warning letters to people in Faith whose properties need to be cleaned up, doing so without prejudice and without intent to cause undo hardship to any resident or business.

Johnson said code enforcement is badly needed in many South Dakota cities and towns that have lost population, jobs and commerce but which hope to attract new residents and industry. "If they don't (enforce codes), they eventually lose control of their communities," Johnson said. "There's smaller communities that waited a little too long to get somebody in there and it's very tough to get people to comply. ... And then nobody wants to move in." But in a rural town of proud people who don't like to be told what to do, and where the housing stock is aged and many residents are elderly, disabled or live beneath the poverty line, his enforcement letters have drawn people's ire. Even as they acknowledge that some work needs to be done to spruce up the city, especially at a few properties that have a history as eyesores, many residents of Faith are outraged that they could be fined or put under other enforcement action and that no one

Bart Pfankuch South Dakota News Watch

spoke with them or tried to work with them 2020. before sending warning letters in the mail.

Sudden worry over new enforcement efforts work well in these communities," Smith said. Loretta Passolt, 70 years old and living on Social Security and part-time wages, was told she had to repaint and install new windows in a small vacant home next to hers that has sat and his staff have extensive experience and idle since her in-laws who lived there died 30 years ago.

"Nothing's ever been said about that building, and I don't have a lot of money to put ies and towns save money compared to hiring towards that," said Passolt, a widow with no local family.

Passolt estimated it could cost \$5,000 or more to hire someone to do the work. "It's live," Johnson said, noting that he has received a big worry about how to get this done," she death threats during his enforcement career. said.

The letter to Dan Nolan, a 72-year-old car- butt-chewing, that's for sure." penter, informed him he had to get a license for an old truck and find a new place to store whose properties are cited, he said he also a few 2-by-4 boards and sheets of tin he hid behind his house after high winds blew down a shed.

"You have to drive down the back alley to even see it," Nolan said.

The code crackdown has sent this tiny town into a big tizzy, and the anger and resentment he said. were palpable at the council meeting on July 2. Several residents demanded that the council a lot of municipalities in South Dakota have a rescind the hiring of the code enforcement great need for code enforcement, which can officer and undo an ordinance enacting the ultimately lead to stronger communities that International Property Maintenance Code as are more attractive to new residents and new the city's official guide.

tailed and strict and is not applicable to a town reduce the value of neighboring properties by where many homes are old and new construc- 10% or more. tion is almost unheard of.

Code enforcement unpopular but necessary

Working as a property code enforcer is not anything that might be a violation. a job for the thin-skinned or faint of heart, according to Dave Smith, president of the South cause the only person who really gets hurt by Dakota Association of Code Enforcement, a a bad property is the property owner or the nonprofit trade group.

Smith is the director of planning and permitting and the lead code enforcement officer for the city of Sturgis and has spent 15 years in not bringing down the property values of your the field after formerly working in law enforcement.

harder than anyone else," he said. "I would rather arrest a 300-pound fighting drunk than tell a 90-year-old lady she had to mow her lawn."

But Smith said code enforcement is necessary in municipalities for several reasons, chief among them the "broken window" doctrine, which states that allowing one broken window in a community can reduce overall property standards and lead to more and more broken up to code. windows that go unfixed.

prompts most residents to make repairs or help," he said. clean up their properties, yet there are typically a handful of residents who push the boundar- Faith but will keep enforcing codes as long as ies or simply refuse to comply. people who do like it," he said. "When you canceled his contract at one point but then start taking junk cars off of properties and maintaining things, you'd be surprised how many people are truly appreciative." in property maintenance beyond enforcing codes by working with residents who may have physical or financial challenges that make compliance difficult. In Sturgis, for example, Smith said the city has a program to aid in repairing damaged lenges that could make it more difficult to clean sidewalks by using city funds to make the up or fix up their properties, including a high repairs, then allowing property owners to pay back in installments over three years with no high rate of disabilities and a housing market interest. Smith said Johnson, owner of CES, is known as a quality enforcement officer with a reputation for fairness. The enforcement association awarded Johnson a training scholarship in

"I know Joel and he knows his stuff, and he'll

Inspector endures 'butt-chewing,' death threats

Johnson, who bought CES in 2019, said he training in identifying code violations and working with property owners to make needed upgrades. By hiring an outside contractor, citstaff and can avoid impressions of favoritism or bias, he said.

'We don't work in the communities where we "It's rewarding work but you do take a lot of

While he is sometimes scorned by those receives strong support for his enforcement efforts by city officials, business owners and neighbors of properties that are cleaned up.

"I get a lot of thank-you calls from spouses, both guys and girls, saying, 'I've been trying to get him or her to do those things for years,

Johnson said his travels have shown him that businesses. Johnson said a real estate agent Some residents said the code is overly de- once told him that an unkempt property can

> Johnson said people who want to live without adhering to property codes should live in the country and not within a municipality or put up a privacy fence that blocks public view of

> "It's different if you live in the country beheirs," he said. "But when you live in town, you sign an unwritten rule that you're going to keep your property up to a standard so you're neighbors' property."

In Faith, Johnson said he expected to write "These code violators tend to push back about 35 warning letters but found enough violations to write 53. He said he found out after his visit that he had sent a violation letter to a member of the Faith City Council, though he didn't know it at the time.

He added that he has already given some deadline extensions to residents who contacted him, and that he will do his best to help anyone who needs assistance to find time, money or a contractor to get their properties

"We work with the city, and sometimes dif-Smith said consistent code enforcement ferent organizations, to get people money or

Johnson said he is aware of the upheaval in he is under contract. He said one city council "But there's less people that don't like it than in South Dakota, bowing to public pressure, hired him back a year later after voluntary enforcement efforts fell short.

"Some people feel like if they bury their He said city government can play a big role heads in the sand, it will just go away. But I haven't seen that," he said.

Improvements in Faith may be a challenge

Residents of Faith face a number of challevel of poverty, an aging population with a with many unoccupied properties, according to 2022 data from the U.S. Census.

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unoccupied, meaning fewer people live in homes they own. Meanwhile, 31% of Faith residents are 65 or older, and the median age of 55 is 42% higher than the statewide average of 38.

The poverty rate in Faith was 24% in 2022, compared to 12.5% statewide, and the median household income in Faith was \$34,500, less than half the South Dakota average of \$69,700. And 1 in 5 Faith residents (19.4%) is disabled, compared to 13.2% of all South Dakotans.

Additionally, with such a small population and remote location – Faith is a two-hour drive to Rapid City – some residents said it can be difficult or even impossible to get a licensed contractor to come to town at a time when the entire state has a shortage of workers in the building and trade fields.

"The burden placed on me is tremendous," said Sharron Johnson, a sight-impaired tax meeting on June 18, and the approval was preparer who received an enforcement warning letter. "I can't do it ... (and) it makes me want to get out of town as fast as possible even though I've lived in Faith for 25 years."

East River city finds code enforcement success

city of Volga has contracted with CES for code enforcement for a few years and has a good relationship with the company, said Michael Schulte, city administrator in the city of 2,300 located 7 miles west of Brookings.

The city has spent about \$9,600 to use CES for its code enforcement work over the past three years, Schulte said. "We're definitely saving money this way," he said.

Enforcing property codes is important in small cities and towns that want to develop a good reputation while improving opportunities for residential and commercial growth, Schulte said.

A CES employee makes an inspection visit whole thing, and that was my faux pas." to Volga about once a month, but most of the code enforcement compliance issues arise due to complaints from residents filed with the city or to the person's city council representative, Schulte said.

with, and I don't have the feeling they're nitpicking or trying to find any little violation, Schulte said. "If there's no complaints, we're Code is a guidebook used around the world not going to be creating something out of nothing. And you can kind of tell just by looking at a property if there's a violation."

Even with ongoing code enforcement efforts, and generally solid compliance, Volga still has a handful of property owners who don't respond to warning letters that prompt possible legal action to make required improvements, Schulte said.

"Code enforcement is one of those things where you're never going to get compliance 24/7 but do your best to respond," he said.

One family,

code law in the country," Terry Bottjen said.

But the Bottjens and other residents are Of the 205 housing units in the city, 41 are especially angry over one sentence in the international property code that refers to both occupied and unoccupied properties: "If entry is refused, the code official shall have recourse to the remedies provided by law to secure entry."

> 'They could have come and just asked me and I would have done it (make the repairs) instead of passing a code that literally takes everybody's rights away," Terry Bottjen said. "It's a communistic deal, very un-American and very ungodly."

Uncertainty among city council

debate in Faith is the question of whether the process was enacted legally.

council did not vote to approve the International Property Maintenance Code until its not published as required by law in the Faith Independent newspaper until June 26. State statutes indicate that enacting new codes requires two publications in the paper of record and a 20-day waiting period after that.

Meanwhile, the warning letters sent out by On the eastern side of South Dakota, the CES on June 14 cited requirements of the international code and gave residents 60 days to reply or comply.

> Council member Sandy Rasmussen joined the council in April, after the code enforcement firm was hired. On June 18, Rasmussen made the motion and voted in favor of adoption of the international code, but she told New Watch on June 28 that she still isn't sure if the ordinance has officially taken effect.

> "I'm not done with my research on that," she said. "I was going by what the council had said before and I thought it was fine, but I may not think it's fine anymore. I probably should not have made the motion if I hadn't read the

Rasmussen, who works part time as a gatekeeper at the city dump, said she knew the issue was blowing up in Faith while working on a recent Saturday. "Twenty-five people came through, and 25 people had a comment, so I "They (CES) have been really great to work got a good sense of what was going on out there."

> The International Property Management as a standard for property code enforcement. It is included in South Dakota Statute 11-10-11 as a basic requirement for municipalities to follow, though it does allow for modifications.

Faith Mayor Glen Haines, who has won reelection for the past 25 years, told News Watch that the council members believed the city needed to get cleaned up but is now wondering if they went too far.

"They're upset, and they have a right to be upset," he said of residents. "To me, he (inspector Johnson) got a little carried away. And maybe that code enforcement book is not meant for small towns like ours."



Business owner Diana Bottjen of Faith, S.D., testified against the city's new, Hovering above the entire code enforcement stricter code enforcement policy at a crowded city council meeting on July 2, 2024. Both the home and business While the CES firm was hired in March, the shared by Bottjen and her husband, Terry, have received violation letters under the new policy. (Photo: Bart Pfankuch / South Dakota News Watch)

> "Some residents, as far as I know, have not gotten letters and their properties, to me, seem a lot worse than mine," he said.

> Nolan said he also is concerned with the wide latitude provided to code enforcement officers within the code book being used as a guide by CES.

> On the day of the July 2 council meeting, Nolan took Mayor Haines' advice and began to push for a referred ballot measure to overturn the code ordinance. Throughout the day, he traveled around town collecting signatures on a petition to force a public vote to rescind the new property code. By late afternoon, he had gathered 22 signatures, well above the 15 required by law to make the official ballot in the next election.

> "My thinking was, they already had ordinances on file, so why didn't they just enforce the ones they had instead of getting this international code and hiring this guy to enforce codes?" Nolan said. "The thing that concerns me most is what is included in this new international code book because there's some places in there that are vague and they infringe on people's rights."

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STIP PUBLIC MEETINGS

two warning letters

separate code enforcement warning letters for the art gallery they run downtown and for the church and rectory where they live and where Terry serves as pastor.

Diana told the city council that the couple, both in their 70s, nearly had heart attacks while trying to get property maintenance done quickly on a recent hot day.

In an interview with News Watch, Terry Bottjen said he was aware the business had a broken window and that he had some old vehicles on his property. He said he's willing to make the required improvements.

The Bottiens are upset that existing codes were never enforced and are suddenly being enforced with great immediacy. They are also bothered by the strict nature of the international property code adopted by Faith.

"They bring in the most hard-core code there is and try to cram it down our throats, and I just don't think we need to pass the strictest

Haines said he is telling angry residents that Terry Bottjen and his wife, Diana, received they can refer one or both of the ordinances to a ballot measure if they seek to undo the council's actions.

> At the July 2 council meeting, Haines told the gathered residents that the council will likely place an item concerning the new code on the agenda of the next meeting on July 16.

> Part-time city attorney Shane Penfield did not answer resident questions about the legality of the international code during the July 2 meeting and did not respond to an email with questions from News Watch sent after the meeting.

Citizen petition in the works

Nolan said he agreed that he could do some tidying up on his downtown home and property, and he's working to comply with the requirements of the warning letter.

But Nolan said he isn't convinced the property codes are being enforced equally throughout town, and he wonders if the local code enforcement crackdown could have been handled better.

S.D. Dept. of Transportation has developed a Tentative 2025-2028 Four-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this time period.

Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public eetings will be conducted on the following dates to receive public com on the tentative program

July 16, 2024 • 2:00 PM (CDT) | July 18, 2024 • 7:00 PM (CDT) Meetings will be virtual this year covering the entire state

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tentative-statewide-transportation-improvement-program-stip Individuals needing assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), should contact the SDDOT ADA Coordinator (605-773-3540) two business days prior to the meeting in order to ensure accommodations are available. For any in-person meeting, notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that the meeting is being held in a physically accessible location.





Service Notice: Adrian Paulson

Funeral services for Adrian Paulson, 87, of Andover will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 22nd at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Adam Franken will officiate. Burial will follow in Skudesnes Lutheran Cemetery, rural Pierpont.

Visitation will be held for one hour prior to services. Adrian passed away July 1, 2024 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen.



Here are the student interns from Agtegra who were videoing and asking questions about the pantry on Tuesday. They are making a presentation to the Agtegra board. Their names: Bridget Shishnia, Malea Moore, Taryn Kleffman. They were interested in community involvement and support. Also asked what affect a pantry would have for its residents. They donated groceries and also gave a monetary donation. (Courtesy Photo Pat Miller)



All of the public notices now appearing in the Groton Independent are posted on-line at **sdpublicnotices.com**







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Hail Damage East of Groton



This is what is left of a corn field five miles east of Groton after a storm went through the area on Sunday. (Photo courtesy Jeff Howard)



Layne Howard's field 1.5 miles east of Groton. (Photo courtesy Jeff Howard)



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This was a wheat field. (Photo courtesy Jeff Howard)

School Board Continued from front

the past is to look at how we can best use our resources without duplicating services. In other words, it's not very exciting and sometimes may seem a little cold, but how can we minimize costs and still keep our bases covered.

"...It's always the most difficult to tell people that it's not personal because it is personal. To you, it's absolutely personal. You can say it 50 times, and it still feels personal.



Board Member Marty Weismantel is sworn in during Monday's school board meeting. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



New school board member Nick

Strom is sworn in during Monday

evening's school board meeting.

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

"This discussion has absolutely nothing to do with Mr. Erickson," she continued. "I think we can really agree he's a really great guy. ...However, when you sit at this side of the table, you don't get to play favorites."

One thing that really disturbed Gengerke, though, was that some in the community felt the district had some sort of bait and switch, pushing for an opt-out vote and still making cuts.

"The opt-out did not win us the lottery," she said. "We still have financial responsibilities."

Gengerke added she was planning to vote in favor of the coaching contract, as she was not comfortable with anyone thinking the district was less than forthcoming.

After pushing for the opt-out vote, turning right around and starting to make cuts may be sending the wrong message to those who supported the district during the opt-out vote, said then-vice president of the board Marty Weismantel.

"We want to be as fiscally responsible as we can, but at the end of the day, we have to do what's best for the kids," he said.

Research has shown that students stay involved and even stay in school because of activities like athletics, he said.

"If we lose one kid because of this decision, we've failed miserably," he said. "Three thousand dollars is pennies in our budget. We don't want to be throwing it around, but this is money well spent."

In other coaching decisions, later in the meeting the board approved hiring Matt Baumgartner as head girls soccer coach for the 2024 season. The board also approved Kelsie Roberts as volunteer assistant boys soccer coach for the 2024 season.

Food prices tick up

School breakfast and lunch will cost an extra dime for students.

The board approved increasing breakfast and lunch rates for the upcoming school year. Students at the elementary school will be charged \$2.60 for breakfast and \$3.25 for lunch, with both increasing 10 cents from last year.

Students at the middle and high school will be charged \$3.10 for breakfast and \$3.85 for lunch, both having the same 10 cent increase from the 2023-2024 school year.

Adults will be charged \$3.50 for breakfast and \$4.75 for lunch, a 25 cent increase from last year.

Seconds for lunch will cost \$2 at both the elementary, middle and

received two sealed bids, which they opened at Monday's meeting. The quote from MJ's Sinclair included \$3.20 for No. 2 diesel, \$3.43 for No. 1 diesel, \$2.916 for ethanol gasoline, \$3.10 for lead-free gasoline and \$1.97 for E-85 gasoline. The quote from Ken's SuperFair Foods included \$3.59 for No. 2 diesel, \$3.82 for No. 1 diesel, \$3.22 for ethanol gasoline and \$3.56 for lead-free gasoline.

• The district is going to have to keep an eye on the school bus fleet, with possibly replacements needed soon, said Superintendent Joe Schwan. Three buses have engines that are having problems, and it's hard to justify the cost for repairs on buses that are that old. "Just know, as we get into the year, this bus fleet is something we're going to have to start addressing," Schwan told the board.

• The board designated the Groton Independent as the district's official newspaper or record. The district received one sealed bid. The Groton Independent quote includes 31.95 cents for the legal line rate, 10 cents per work for classified ads with a \$5 minimum, and \$5 per column inch for display advertising.

• The board approved dates and times for regular school board meetings for the upcoming school year. Meetings will take place at 7 p.m. on Aug. 12, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, March 24, April 14, April 28, May 12 and June 9. Two morning meetings were added to the calendar, at 7 a.m. Oct. 15 and Nov. 12. One meeting was scheduled for 6 p.m. Sept. 9 in order to not conflict with homecoming festivities.

• Sam Crank and Wyatt Wambach were hired as part-time student OST workers.

- Elizabeth Varin

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high schools.

Admission prices for events will stay the same, though Superintendent Joe Schwan said that rate will likely have to increase in the coming years. The rate has remained the same for a few years, but rising costs of things like mileage for officials and transportation costs may prompt an increase.

The board did not increase the rate for OST services, leaving it at \$3 per hour, per child for the upcoming school year.

The board approved two more rate increases: payments for substitute teachers and substitute bus drivers. The district will pay substitute teachers \$135 per day, a \$5 increase from last year. Substitute bus drivers will receive \$100 per day, a \$10 increase from last year.

• There's a new face on the school board. Nick Strom was sworn in during the annual reorganization meeting, as well as incumbent Marty Weismantel. The board elected Grant Rix as president and Nick Strom as vice president of the board.

• Business Manager Becky Hubsch told the board about a grant the district has recently received, totaling \$244,871 for new equipment in the health science lab. New items that will be purchased include portable force plates to help with balance research and a treadmill that will allow students to measure different movements.

• The board opted for MJ's Sinclair's gasoline bid. The district





Dear EarthTalk: Is there any hope of an international treaty to ban or cut back significantly on plastic waste?

- W. Smith, Los Angeles, CA

The global plastic waste crisis has reach alarming proportions, prompting widespread calls for global action. Some 300 million tons of plastic are produced worldwide each year, with a significant portion ending up in oceans and waterways, devastating marine life and ecosystems. The need for coordinated action is evident, as plastic pollution transcends national borders and requires a unified approach.

Efforts towards an international treaty to regulate plastic waste have gained momentum through platforms like the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA) and the Basel Convention. These forums have provided avenues for countries to discuss and negotiate agreements on plastic waste management. Key proposals include limiting the export of plastic waste to countries ill-equipped to handle it, promoting sustainable alternatives to single-use plastics, and establishing all-inclusive recycling and waste management systems.

The Basel Convention, in particular, made significant strides in 2019 by amending its regulations to include plastic waste in its framework for controlling transboundary movements of hazardous waste. This amendment requires countries to obtain prior informed consent before shipping plastic waste across borders, thus curbing the careless disposal of plastics in developing countries. Moreover, several countries and regions have taken proactive steps independently. The European Union, for one, has adopted ambitious plans to ban single-use plastics and promote an economy where plastic waste is minimized, reused and recycled. Such regional initiatives serve as models for broader international cooperation.

Public awareness and advocacy have played crucial roles in driving political will for a global treaty. Environmental organizations, grassroots movements and concerned citizens have mobilized campaigns highlighting the detrimental impacts of plastic pollution and demanding policy action at all levels.

Challenges remain, though, mainly due to economic interests and differing national priorities. Plastic production is deeply inter-



twined with industries and economies worldwide, making significant reductions or bans controversial. Developing countries, despite being excessively affected by plastic pollution, often lack the resources and infrastructure to manage waste effectively. Nevertheless, the momentum for change is building. International agree-



tively. Nevertheless, Environmentalists are keeping their fingers the momentum for crossed for an international treaty to ban singlechange is building. use plastics. Credit: Pexels.com.

ments on environmental issues historically start with incremental steps and gradually evolve into more comprehensive treaties. The emergence of coalitions of like-minded countries committed to tackling plastic waste provides optimism for a collective approach.

A 2022 United Nations resolution saw 175 countries endorse a historic resolution to end plastic pollution and create an international legally binding agreement by the end of 2024. The resolution calls for the establishment of an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) tasked with creating a draft legally binding agreement by the end of 2024. Environmentalists are keeping their fingers crossed that this draft resolution can become a legally binding instrument to significantly reduce plastic pollution.

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What's in a (Medical Specialty) Name?

Doctors are taught medical terms and jargon in medical school like a secret code. Many medical terms are rooted in Greek and Latin.



Over the course of our training, these words become second nature and we become fluent in this medical "language", although we are also expected to talk to our patients using simple terminology. However, most specialties in medicine still use the original Greek and Latin roots for their names. Once you know where these names come from, everything makes sense.

Most names start with a Greek or Latin word followed by "ologist" or "ology" from Greek word "Logos" which means "the study of" or "Science of". Instead of calling themselves a "heart doctor" we call them Cardiologists. Cardiology comes from the Greek word "Kardia" which means "heart." This trend follows for several other specialties. Lung doctors are Pulmonologists from the Latin "Pulmon" which means "lung". Obstetrics is from the Latin term "obstetrix" which means "midwife" or literally, "one who stands opposite". However, Gynecologist comes from the Greek term "gyne" meaning "woman".

Liver doctors are called Hepatologists using the Greek terms "Hepar" or "Hepato" meaning "of liver". Hematologists are doctors who study blood and the term comes from the Greek work "haimo" meaning "blood". Your skin specialists, the Dermatologists, get their name from the Greek work "Dermatos" which means "skin" or "hide". The Nephrologists, or kidney doctors, have taken the Greek root for kidney, which is "nephros" to get their name. Neurologists study nerves, and the Greek term "neuro" or "neuron" means "string or nerve".

A Pathologist looks at tissue samples under a microscope in order to diagnose diseases. Their Greek root "Pathos" comes from the terms for "suffering" or "disease". This branch of medicine looks for the cause, development, as well as the natural progression of diseases. The term anesthesia was first used in the 1880's, but it also comes from the Greek prefix "an" which means "without" combined with "aisthesis" which means "feeling" or "perception". That describes their goal for patients during surgery – to go "without feeling" pain during a procedure. Just when you think you know the rules, there is Endocrinology. Endocrinology studies the endocrine system which are the organs in the body the secrete hormones. "Endo" is the Latinized form of the Greek word "krinein" meaning "secreting internally". The term Rheumatologist is not quite as literal as some of the others. They specialize in diseases like arthritis and the name originates from the Greek word "Rheuma" meaning "that which flows" or "current/ stream". This comes from a 17th Century idea that arthritis would flow throughout the body affecting many areas. Hopefully this helps "crack the code" of why different specialties have such different and unique names. You can impress your friends and family with this newfound knowledge. However your Cardiologist will be just as sweet if you call him/her a "heart doctor", because as Shakespeare's Juliet asked, "What is in a name?" Jill Kruse, D.O. is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices as a hospitalist in Brookings, South Dakota. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org and on Facebook and Instagram featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show providing health information based on science, built on trust, on SDPB streaming live on Facebook most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.