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Groton Area's Carly Guthmiller hit a hole-in-one on Hole 11 at state A Girls Golf Tourney at Bakkers Crossing in Sioux Falls!!! (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.)



The top 24 golfers at the State A Tournament received medals and Carly Guthmiller is in the midst of them. She is right in the middle of the second row. (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.)

Guthmiller's hole-in-one propels her to eighth place finish at state

Carly Guthmiller was the highlight of the day at the State A Golf Tournament held in Sioux Falls. She hit a hole-in-one and finished eighth in the state tournament with a total score of 161, improving her score from 84 on the first day to 77 in the second day (tied for second in the second day). She moved up 10 places from the first day.

Carlee Johnson placed 40th with a total score of 185, shooting a 93 on the first day and a 92 on the second day.

Claire Schuelke was tied for 72nd with a total score of 218, shooting a 112 on the first day and a 106 on the second day.

Mia Crank placed 76th with a total score of 224, shooting a 116 on the first day and a 108 on the second day.

Carly Gilbert shot a 128 on the first day and withdrew in the second day.



Carly Guthmiller gets a hole-in-one on this hit. (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.)



Carly Guthmiller is in disbelief of her hole-in-one. (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.)



Witnesses to Carly Guthmiller's hole-in-one were Alexis Cronk, Chamberlain (left) and Jaida Jacobs Little Wound (right). (Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.)

More photos from the State Golf Meet on Page 11

No one is above the law

Let's start with a basic fact. Democracy cannot exist without the rule of law. The concept that no one is above the law. And America cannot exist without democracy.

Our founders bristled at the arbitrary dictates of a king an ocean away. Americans fought and died in WWII to ensure democracy and its hallmark, free elections, the peaceful transfer of power.

The construct of America balances the power between three branches of government—executive, legislative, and judicial. The judicial branch demands objectivity and depends upon common citizens to indict wrongdoers as members of grand juries and to render verdicts in trials.

Last week, 12 jurors, agreed upon by the prosecution and defense, convicted former president Donald J. Trump on 34 counts of falsifying business records to hide hush money payments made to women during the 2016 election to prevent negative publicity that could have altered the election outcome. Shell companies were used to disguise transactions. It's considered election interference by deceiving voters.

Can we agree that those are the facts?

Among the MAGA base, there was outrage and a vow to support a convicted felon with even more fervor. Some of that was driven by falsehoods perpetuated by right wing media and Trump supporters. Trump claimed his lawyers were not allowed to call the witnesses they wanted to. No, they chose not to, and Trump chose not to testify. They complained that the jury selection process was unfair, that they didn't get as many peremptory strikes as did the prosecution. Again, false; it doesn't work that way. Selected jurors included those who, based on their favorite news sources, including Trump's Truth Social, leaned right. Critics said Trump couldn't receive a fair trial in his hometown where the crimes were committed. His hometown. Read into that what you will.

Pundits said it was political, an invented crime. As a matter of perspective, over a 14-month period in 2022-2023 the Manhattan District Attorney's office charged 29 individuals and companies with the same thing. Trump's lawyer, Michael Cohen, was convicted of charges related to the case in 2018. Trump was immune as a sitting president and could not be charged while in office. A grand jury charged him in March 2023. If Trump or anyone broke the law 34 times, should he not be charged?

Some claimed the prosecution of a former president has turned America into a banana republic. But, in a democracy, no man is above



That's Life

by Tony Bender

law. It's the difference between authoritarianism and democracy. Trump, meanwhile, advocates full presidential immunity. No accountability for criminal behavior.

Criminal prosecution of politicians in democracies is not uncommon around the globe—France, Italy, Israel, South Korea, Brazil, and Argentina have all successfully navigated these waters. One could argue that it shows the strength of democracy, not a weakness.

North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum is hoping to land a position in a second Trump administration. For the second time during the seven-week trial, Burgum was there, wearing the required red tie regalia, to defend Trump, in part by discrediting the jury, amplifying emotions, thereby putting their lives and those of their families in danger. A message of intimidation for future juries.

Burgum said before he joined the Trump Team, "You're judged by the company you keep." Well, let's look at the felons with whom Trump keeps company: campaign chairman Paul Manafort; campaign vice chairman, Rick Gates; personal lawyer Michael Cohen; adviser Roger Stone; White House aide Peter Navarro; campaign adviser George Papadopoulos; Trump Organization CFO Allen Weisselberg; White House national security advisor Michael Flynn; chief strategist Steve Bannon; Elliot Broidy vice chair of Trump's inaugural committee; and lawyers Kenneth Chesebro and Sidney Powell.

Now, Trump himself is a felon. Previously, he was found culpable in a rape case, a defamation case, and his business was found guilty of massive tax fraud. He illegally directed charitable dollars designated for veterans and sick children to his campaign. He had to reimburse victims of his Trump University scam.

Again, can we agree that these are facts? Still, Trump is being represented as a Christ-like martyr by some supporters. That he's an innocent man who's being persecuted by the system. Or perhaps he could simply be a criminal. Occam's Razor suggests that the simplest explanation is almost always reality.

The Manhattan conviction was the most benign of the cases against Trump. Voters won't know the outcome of the other cases before November. He's accused of trying to manufacture enough votes to win Georgia. There's the case of refusing to return classified documents, and finally, the insurrection. Did he try to overturn the 2020 election and the votes of 81 million people, end democracy, and establish a banana republic? I direct you to Occam's Razor.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

While we wait for the NFL season to begin, we're taking a look at the Minnesota Vikings' roster. Last week we covered the quarterback position, so this week we turn our attention to the running backs (and fullback). But before we begin, let's look at some recent news coming out of Minnesota.

Recent News

The biggest news was the re-signing of left guard Dalton Risner. A few weeks ago, while breaking down the remaining holes on the

Vikings' roster, I listed left guard as the biggest weakness. I couldn't figure out why the Vikings hadn't re-signed Risner, who played well—especially considering that he was signed midway through the season and had to learn a new playbook. In 2023, the Vikings had the third-best pass-blocking win rate according to ESPN. With the change at quarterback this offseason, the offensive line will be crucial in 2024.

Another big storyline this offseason was the potential tampering by the Atlanta Falcons regarding quarterback Kirk Cousins. The NFL has strict rules about how teams can approach free agents. During an introductory press conference, Cousins told reporters about his conversations with the Falcons - and if his timeline is correct, the Falcons broke the rules and will face the consequences. According to Adam Schefter, the NFL will likely announce their findings sometime this week. If the tampering was significant, the Vikings could receive one or more of Atlanta's draft picks.

Running Backs

The Vikings' run game in 2023 was, to put it mildly, atrocious. The team cut Dalvin Cook before the season and tried to replace him with Alexander Mattison. While Mattison had shown promise as a backup, he was unable to handle the increased responsibility that comes with the starting role. Now Mattison is gone and has been replaced by Aaron Jones, the former Green Bay Packer. Jones battled health issues last season and is 29 years old, but when healthy, he's one of the best RBs in the league.

Ty Chandler will once again be the primary backup. The fifth-round pick in the 2022 draft had 102 carries for 461 yards (4.5 yards per attempt) and three touchdowns last season. Considering Jones' age and health, I expect Chandler to get plenty of carries in 2024.

While the top two spots on the depth chart are pretty much set, there will be a competition between Myles Gaskin, DeWayne McBride, and Kene Nwangwu to make the final 53-man roster.

Kene Nwangwu has a good shot of making the roster because of his kick return skills, especially considering the new kickoff changes coming to the NFL this season. However, Nwangwu has been unable to earn the coach's trust as a running back—he only had five carries last season—and has missed many games due to injury. This season is his last chance to prove he has what it takes to make it in the NFL.

DeWayne McBride was a seventh-round pick by the Vikings in 2023 and spent his rookie season on the practice squad. McBride had a tremendous college career at UAB, rushing for 120 yards or more in 10 of 11 games during the 2022 season. The biggest knock on McBride was his fumbling issues, but if he can clean those up, he has a ton of potential.

Myles Gaskin is the low man on the totem pole entering the 2024 season. He was a seventh-round pick by the Miami Dolphins in 2019, and after being cut last offseason, Gaskin spent time on both the Los Angeles Rams' and Vikings' practice squads.

Fullback

C.J. Ham will be the Vikings' starting fullback in 2024, his eighth season in the NFL. Ham was selected to his second Pro Bowl last year and is the second-highest paid fullback in the NFL. Hopefully he gets more targets this season, as he only had one carry and seven receptions in 2023.

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FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2

Joint Board of Education Meeting
 May 29, 2024

The joint athletic cooperative meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education and Leola Board of Education was called to order on May 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser at the Frederick Area School District gymnasium. Frederick Area school board members present were Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Eric Sumption; absent: Rich Achen. Leola school board members present were ReEtta Sieh, Kristi Spitzer, Richard Westphal, Arnie Wollman and Trevor Zantow. Others present were Superintendent/Athletic Director Jeff Koster, Leola Principal/Athletic Director Brett Flemmer, Business Managers Shauna Severson and Kayla Casey. Others in attendance were Samantha Kallas, Greta Thorpe, Trista Nickelson, Bryson Thorpe and Marty Morlock.

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

Motion 2024-112 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to approve the agenda as presented. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Greta Thorpe spoke during public comment.

Samantha Kallas was recognized as an incoming board member for the Leola School District. Coop Committee Members will be set at the July re-organizational meetings for both districts.

The 2024-25 Sports Coop activity schedules were presented to the Boards. The Fall Sports Parents' Meeting will be held in Leola on August 1, 2024.

Motion 2024-113 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to reinstate the grace period that was removed last year to the eligibility policy within the 2024-25 Student Activity Handbook. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2024-114 Motion by Hart, second by Ellwein to approve the 2024-25 Student Activity Handbook with the additional proposed changes: increase admission charges to Adults - \$6 and Students - \$4 and approve the new concussion platform, SWAY. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2024-115 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve the 2024-25 Sports Coop Agreement with the proposed changes: increase admission charges to Adults - \$6 and Students - \$4; change rSchool Today to Bound; increase event worker pay for the following: clock, score, book, announcer, line judge, libero tracker, chain gang from \$15 to \$25 and certified junior high ref from \$35 to \$50; and Fundraising/Donations to include that coaches should have approval from admin before moving forward with any fundraiser and fundraising may not be used for payment toward a volunteer coach within the program. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2024-116 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve the 2023-24 reconciliation. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Motion 2024-117 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. All voted aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
 Shauna Severson, Business Manager

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NOTICE

Application has been made by Morgan & Jackie Beving to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on June 18, 2024 for the purpose of rezoning the following properties from Agriculture Preservation District (AG) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

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.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 271.

ATTEST:
 Lynn Heupel
 Brown County Auditor

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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.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 272.

ATTEST:
 Lynn Heupel
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on June 18, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Matthew & Nicole Jacobsen

Description of property: Lot 2, "Schinkel Second Subdivision" in the E1/2 of the E1/2 of Section 35-T122N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14187 405th Avenue, West Hanson Twp.).

Reason: A Variance for Building Setbacks in a Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to be 30'-0" from the East Front Yard property line rather than 100'-0" setback required by Brown County Ordinance to build a new house on an existing foundation.

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

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Petitioner / Owner: Harry Implement, Inc. (Steve Harry)

Description of property: Lots 4, 5, & 6, Blocks 9 to 13 Inclusive & Outlot E & F to the Town of Ferney" in the SW1/4 of Section 31-T122N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (205 Elm Street, East Hanson Twp.).

Reason: A Variance for Building Setbacks in a Rural Urban District (R-U) to be 8'-0" from the West Side Street Setback rather than the 15'-0" required by Brown County Ordinance to add a 30' x 30' addition onto the south side of the existing garage.

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

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on June 18, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Daniel Brenner

Legal description of property: Lot 1, "Brenner Addition" in the W1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 16-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13288 384th Avenue; Aberdeen Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) to operate a Federal Firearms Licensed (FFL) home business in a Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG)

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

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Petitioner / Owner: McCranie Farms, Inc. & MKMC Farms, Inc.

Description of property: The NE1/4 of Section 31-T126N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11747 407th Avenue, South Detroit Twp.).

Reason: A Variance for Building Setbacks in an Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to be 5'-0" from the South Side Yard property line rather than the 20'-0" setback required by Brown County Ordinance to build a new shop with an office addition.

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

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Groton Post 39 Go Down On Final Play Against Lake Norden

By GameChanger Media

A walk-off left Groton Post 39 on the wrong end of an 8-7 defeat to Lake Norden on Monday. The game was tied at seven in the bottom of the tenth when Turner Stevenson singled, scoring one run.

Both teams exchanged the lead back-and-forth in the game, but Lake Norden eventually took the lead for good thanks to a single in the tenth inning.

Groton Post 39 got on the board in the first inning after Brevin Flihs scored after tagging up.

A single by Kamden Keszter gave Lake Norden the lead, 2-1, in the bottom of the second.

A ground out by George Jenson extended the Lake Norden lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the third inning.

Groton Post 39 captured the lead, 5-4, in the top of the eighth when Dillon Abeln drew a walk, scoring one run, Jarret Erdmann drew a walk, scoring one run, and Colby Dunker singled, scoring two runs.

Lake Norden took the lead in the bottom of the eighth. Stevenson singled, scoring two runs, to give Lake Norden the advantage, 6-5.

Groton Post 39 took the lead in the top of the ninth. Bradin Althoff doubled, scoring two runs, to give Groton Post 39 the upper hand, 7-6.

Keszter grounded out, which helped Lake Norden tie the game at seven in the bottom of the ninth.

Christian Rodrigues earned the win for Lake Norden. The reliever gave up one hit and zero runs over one and two-thirds innings, striking out four and walking none. Erdmann took the loss for Groton Post 39. They went three and two-thirds innings, surrendering four runs (three earned) on four hits, striking out six and walking four. Gavin Englund opened the game for Groton Post 39. The starting pitcher gave up five hits and four runs (three earned) over five and one-third innings, striking out six and walking three. Dawson Noem began the game for Lake Norden. They allowed five hits and five runs over seven innings, striking out 12 and walking four.

Dunker drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Post 39 with three runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 1-for-4 on the day. Braxton Imrie and Flihs each collected two hits for Groton Post 39.

Lake Norden piled up 10 hits in the game. Keszter, the number seven hitter for Lake Norden, led the way with three runs batted in. They went 1-for-5 on the day. Tyson Stevenson and Stevenson each collected three hits for Lake Norden. Jenson collected two hits for Lake Norden in four at bats. Noem led Lake Norden with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, collecting seven walks for the game. Jenson and Rylan Thue each stole multiple bases for Lake Norden. Lake Norden turned one double play in the game. Lake Norden didn't commit a single error in the field. Rodrigues had the most chances in the field with 15.

Next up for Groton Post 39 is a game against Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser on Tuesday.

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Strong Hitting Not Enough As Groton Jr Teeners 14U Falls To W.I.N. Teeners

By GameChanger Media

Even though Groton Jr Teeners 14U collected four hits to W.I.N. Teeners's three, they still fell 5-0 on Monday. Ryder Schelle, Alex Abeln, Lincoln Shilhanek, and Kolton Antonsen each collected one hit for Groton Jr Teeners 14U.

W.I.N. Teeners got on the board in the top of the first inning after Hayden Liebl walked, and Ethan Kroll barked, each scoring one run.

An error, and a walk by Drew Sparling helped W.I.N. Teeners extend their early lead in the third.

Colton Smith earned the win for W.I.N. Teeners. The starting pitcher gave up four hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out five and walking three. Kroll took the loss for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The righty went two and one-third innings, surrendering five runs (four earned) on one hit, striking out two and walking eight.

Liebl drove the middle of the lineup, leading W.I.N. Teeners with three runs batted in. Becket Halvorson, Raden Ratigan, and Blake Bjorgaard each collected one hit for W.I.N. Teeners. Kyle Olson paced W.I.N. Teeners with four walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, piling up 12 walks for the game. Olson stole two bases. W.I.N. Teeners didn't commit a single error in the field. Halvorson had the most chances in the field with six.

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Groton Jr Teeners 14U Breeze Past W.I.N. Teeners

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr Teeners 14U won big over W.I.N. Teeners 13-7 on Monday. A wild pitch put W.I.N. Teeners on the board in the top of the first.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U jumped back into the lead in the bottom of the first inning after TC Schuster walked, Kason Oswald walked, and John Bisbee walked, each scoring one run.

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W.I.N. Teeners captured the lead, 4-3, in the top of the second after Dalton Lee walked, and Blake Bjorgaard walked, each scoring one run.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the second, scoring five runs on one hit to take a 8-4 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a double by Layne Johnson that drove in two.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U added two runs in the third. Johnson doubled on an 0-2 count, making the score 10-7.

Three more Groton Jr Teeners 14U runs crossed the plate in the fourth inning to extend the lead to 13-7. Shaydon Wood drew a walk, scoring one run, and Ryder Schelle hit an inside the park home run, scoring two runs.

Lincoln Shilhanek earned the win for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The reliever gave up two hits and zero runs over one and two-thirds innings, striking out one and walking one. Raden Ratigan took the loss for W.I.N. Teeners. They went three and two-thirds innings, surrendering 10 runs (nine earned) on four hits, striking out two and walking seven. Jordan Schwan stepped on the mound first for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The starting pitcher allowed zero hits and seven runs over two and one-third innings, striking out six and walking nine. Bjorgaard stepped on the bump first for W.I.N. Teeners. The starting pitcher allowed two hits and three runs over one-third of an inning, striking out one and walking four. Kolton Antonsen tossed one inning of no-run ball for Groton Jr Teeners 14U in relief. They gave up two hits, striking out none and walking none.

Johnson drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Jr Teeners 14U with three runs batted in. The 3-hole hitter went 3-for-3 on the day. Alex Abeln collected two hits for Groton Jr Teeners 14U in three at bats. Groton Jr Teeners 14U had a strong eye at the plate, collecting 11 walks for the game. Schuster, Schelle, and Zach Flihs led the team with two walks each. Schuster, Johnson, Schelle, Abeln, Xavior Ellenbecker, and Oswald each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Groton Jr Teeners 14U stole 18 bases in the game.

Drew Sparling, Ratigan, Bjorgaard, and Steger each collected one hit for W.I.N. Teeners. Sparling, Bjorgaard, and Steger each drove in one run for W.I.N. Teeners. W.I.N. Teeners had a strong eye at the plate, amassing 10 walks for the game. Hayden Liebl and Bjorgaard led the team with two walks each. Sparling, Becket Halvorson, Kyle Olson, Liebl, and Steger each stole multiple bases for W.I.N. Teeners. W.I.N. Teeners ran wild on the base paths, amassing 12 stolen bases for the game.

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Groton Jr Teeners 14U Defeated By Clark Area 14U

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr Teeners 14U lost to Clark Area 14U 7-3 on Friday.

Clark Area 14U got on the board in the first inning after Charlie Luvaas singled, scoring one run.

Xavior Ellenbecker singled, which helped Groton Jr Teeners 14U tie the game at one in the top of the second.

In the top of the third, Groton Jr Teeners 14U broke up the tie when an error scored one run. Then a single by Braeden Flihs followed to extend the lead to 3-1.

Clark Area 14U made the score 5-3 in the bottom of the third after Luvaas doubled, scoring one run, Logan Foster singled, scoring one run, and Carson Kelly singled, scoring two runs.

Luvaas earned the win for Clark Area 14U. They surrendered three hits and three runs (one earned) over five innings, striking out five and walking four. Ryder Schelle took the loss for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The righty went six innings, surrendering seven runs on 13 hits, striking out four and walking one.

Ellenbecker led Groton Jr Teeners 14U with one run batted in. The outfielder went 1-for-2 on the day. Alex Abeln, Flihs, and Ellenbecker each collected one hit for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Flihs paced Groton Jr Teeners 14U with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, amassing six walks for the game. Groton Jr Teeners 14U turned one double play in the game.

Clark Area 14U amassed 13 hits in the game. Kelly, the number seven hitter for Clark Area 14U, led the way with two runs batted in. The infielder went 1-for-3 on the day. Cade Gaikowski, Luvaas, and Foster each collected three hits for Clark Area 14U. Kaden Wookey collected two hits for Clark Area 14U in four at bats.

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Groton Jr Teeners 14U With Tough Game Against Clark Area 14U

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr Teeners 14U had trouble keeping up with Clark Area 14U in a 10-0 loss on Friday.

Clark Area 14U jumped out to the lead in the bottom of the second inning after Carson Kelly doubled, scoring one run, Ethan Zemlicka grounded out, scoring two runs, Aksel Gjerde singled, scoring one run, and Cade Gaikowski doubled, scoring one run.

Clark Area 14U scored five runs on three hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. Charlie Luvaas singled, scoring one run, Logan Foster doubled, scoring two runs, and Kelly singled, scoring two runs.

Gaikowski earned the win for Clark Area 14U. The right-handed pitcher gave up four hits and zero runs over four innings, striking out two and walking one. Braeden Flihs took the loss for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. They went three innings, surrendering five runs on six hits, striking out none and walking four.

Layne Johnson, Flihs, Lincoln Shilhanek, and Kason Oswald each collected one hit for Groton Jr Teeners 14U.

Kelly seized on their opportunities, leading Clark Area 14U with three runs batted in from the number seven spot in the lineup. They went 3-for-3 on the day. Miles Olson collected two hits for Clark Area 14U in three at bats. Wyatt Schlagel led Clark Area 14U with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, tallying six walks for the game. Clark Area 14U turned one double play in the game.

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Groton Post 39 Fall After Strong Showing By Smittys Legion

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 had trouble keeping up with Smittys Legion in a 16-2 loss on Friday.

Smittys Legion got on the board in the top of the first inning after Phillip Zens singled, scoring one run, and Casey Vining tripled, scoring two runs.

A line out by Zens extended the Smittys Legion lead to 4-0 in the top of the second inning.

Smittys Legion added to their early lead in the top of the third inning when an error scored one run, Cooper Eisenbeisz doubled, scoring two runs, and Zane Backous tripled, scoring one run.

Smittys Legion scored eight runs on one hit in the top of the sixth inning. Jaxon Ladner drew a walk, scoring one run, Lance Siefken was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Talan Dutenhoeffler drew a walk, scoring one run, Drew Salfrank drew a walk, scoring one run, Siefken scored after tagging up, Vining singled, scoring two runs, and Ladner was struck by a pitch, driving in a run.

Jared Klootwyk earned the win for Smittys Legion. The reliever surrendered two hits and one run (zero earned) over two innings, striking out none and walking one. Ryan Groeblichhoff took the loss for Groton Post 39. The starting pitcher went five innings, surrendering eight runs (four earned) on nine hits, striking out four and walking two. Charlie Phillips led things off on the mound for Smittys Legion. The starting pitcher gave up one hit and one run (zero earned) over four innings, striking out two and walking three.

Braxton Imrie, Gavin Englund, and Brevin Flihs each collected one hit for Groton Post 39. Groton Post 39 turned one double play in the game.

Smittys Legion accumulated 10 hits in the game. Vining provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Smittys Legion with four runs batted in. They went 3-for-4 on the day. Eisenbeisz collected two hits for Smittys Legion in four at bats. Smittys Legion had a strong eye at the plate, collecting nine walks for the game. Backous, Brendan Livermont, and Dutenhoeffler led the team with two walks each. Smittys Legion turned one double play in the game.

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Groton Post 39 With Tough Game Against Smittys Legion

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 had trouble keeping up with Smittys Legion in a 14-2 loss on Friday.

Smittys Legion jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Jaxon Ladner doubled, scoring two runs, and Donnie Soderlund singled, scoring one run.

Smittys Legion added one run in the second. Casey Vining singled after a 6-pitch at-bat, making the score 4-1.

Smittys Legion scored five runs on three hits in the top of the third inning. Brevin Flihs induced Grant Beyer to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored, Phillip Zens singled, scoring one run, Vining singled, scoring two runs, and an error scored one run.

Smittys Legion scored five runs on one hit in the top of the fourth inning. An error scored two runs, Vining was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Ladner singled, scoring one run, and Soderlund drew a walk, scoring one run.

Jackson Welke earned the win for Smittys Legion. They allowed six hits and two runs (one earned) over five innings, striking out two and walking three. Flihs took the loss for Groton Post 39. The right-handed pitcher went three innings, giving up nine runs (eight earned) on eight hits, striking out four and walking three.

Leadoff hitter Flihs led Groton Post 39 with two hits in three at bats. Bradin Althoff and Flihs each drove in one run for Groton Post 39.

Vining provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Smittys Legion with four runs batted in. They went 2-for-3 on the day. Vining, Soderlund, and Ladner each collected two hits for Smittys Legion. Smittys Legion had a strong eye at the plate, amassing seven walks for the game. Zane Backous and Beyer led the team with two free passes each.

Next up for Groton Post 39 is a game at Badger Post 260 on Monday.

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Groton Locke Electric 2024 Claim Victory Over Merchants

By GameChanger Media

Groton Locke Electric 2024 were triumphant over Merchants 5-2 on Sunday.

Groton Locke Electric 2024 got on the board in the top of the fourth inning after Spencer Knecht doubled, scoring two runs, and Ben Althoff singled, scoring one run.

Alex Morris earned the win for Groton Locke Electric 2024. They gave up eight hits and two runs over nine innings, striking out nine and walking two. Bryan Weber took the loss for Merchants. The righty went four innings, allowing three runs (two earned) on seven hits, striking out two and walking one.

Knecht and Ty Sieber were a one-two punch in the lineup, as each drove in two runs for Groton Locke Electric 2024. Sieber led Groton Locke Electric 2024 with two hits in five at bats. Cole Simon stole two bases. Groton Locke Electric 2024 had patience at the plate, amassing six walks for the game.

Carter Lane and Ethan Beyers each collected two hits for Merchants. Lane and Jeremiah Maxfield each drove in one run for Merchants.

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Groton Post 39 Defeat Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion On Multiple Hit Performance By Braxton Imrie

Braxton Imrie collected three hits in four at bats, as Groton Post 39 defeated Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion 9-0 on Thursday. Imrie singled in the fifth inning, singled in the second inning, and singled in the fourth inning. Groton Post 39 won thanks in part to five runs in the fifth inning. Karsten Flihs was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Imrie singled, scoring one run, Teylor Diegel was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Brevin Flihs singled, scoring one run, and Bradin Althoff grounded out, scoring one run. Groton Post 39 got on the board in the top of the fourth inning after Diegel doubled, and Flihs tripled, each scoring one run. Dillon Abeln earned the win for Groton Post 39. They gave up eight hits and zero runs over seven innings, striking out eight and walking one. Ashton Remily took the loss for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion. The starting pitcher went four innings, surrendering two runs on seven hits, striking out six and walking one. Groton Post 39 collected 12 hits in the game. Imrie and Flihs each collected three hits for Groton Post 39. Flihs led Groton Post 39 with three runs batted in. The leadoff hitter went 3-for-5 on the day. Colby Dunker collected two hits for Groton Post 39 in five at bats. Samuel Vetter led Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion with two hits in three at bats. Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. L Fischbach had the most chances in the field with 7 chances.

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Lincoln Krause With 3 Hits As Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Beat Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U

By GameChanger Media

Lincoln Krause collected three hits in three at bats, as Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 defeated Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U 16-4 on Tuesday. Krause singled in the first inning, tripled in the third inning, and singled in the first inning.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 won thanks in part to 13 runs in the first inning. Nicholas Morris singled, scoring one run, Carter Simon singled, scoring two runs, Nick Groeblichhoff drew a walk, scoring one run, Kellen Antonsen singled, scoring two runs, Krause singled, scoring two runs, Gavin Englund singled, scoring two runs, Morris singled, scoring one run, and Simon doubled, scoring two runs.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 extended their early lead with two runs in the bottom of the second thanks to RBI walks by Simon and Gavin Kroll.

A single by Morris extended the Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 lead to 16-4 in the bottom of the third inning.

Morris earned the win for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The starting pitcher gave up two hits and one run (zero earned) over two innings, striking out two and walking none. Tristin McGannon appeared in relief for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 accumulated 11 hits in the game. Simon provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with four runs batted in. The shortstop went 2-for-2 on the day. Morris led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with four hits in four at bats. Karsten Flihs paced Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, piling up 10 walks for the game.

Camden Nearea, the number seven hitter for Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U, led the way with two runs batted in. They went 1-for-2 on the day. Keegan Hansen, Nearea, and Ethan Falk each collected one hit for Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U. Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U didn't commit a single error in the field. Hansen had the most chances in the field with five.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 welcome Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion on Saturday for their next game.

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Powerful Pitching Performance From Dillon Abeln Carries Groton Post 39 Past Resfeild Post 92, Clay Kiser 180

By GameChanger Media

Dillon Abeln was dominant on the bump, as they rang up 12 strikeouts in Groton Post 39's 4-3 victory over Resfeild Post 92, Clay Kiser 180 on Tuesday. Abeln surrendered six hits and three runs over seven innings while walking none.

Despite falling down by four runs in the fourth inning, Resfeild Post 92, Clay Kiser 180 tried to fight back. Resfeild Post 92, Clay Kiser 180 closed the gap by scoring on a double, a double, and an error.

Groton Post 39 jumped out to the lead in the bottom of the third inning after Colby Dunker singled, scoring one run, and a steal of home scored two runs.

Kevin Weller took the loss for Resfeild Post 92, Clay Kiser 180. The right-handed pitcher went four innings, giving up four runs on seven hits, striking out none and walking one.

Bradin Althoff, Braxton Imrie, Dunker, Gavin Englund, Brevin Flihs, Carter Simon, and Teylor Diegel each collected one hit for Groton Post 39. Dunker went 1-for-3 at the plate as the outfielder led the team with one run batted in. Imrie stole two bases. Groton Post 39 turned one double play in the game.

Weller and Eli Morrissette were a one-two punch in the lineup, as

each drove in one run for Resfeild Post 92, Clay Kiser 180. Noah Johnson set the tone at the top of the lineup, leading Resfeild Post 92, Clay Kiser 180 with two hits in three at bats. Johnson stole two bases.

Groton Post 39 welcome Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion on Saturday for their next game.

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Death Notice: Rory McKittrick

Rory McKittrick, 61, of Sartell, MN passed away June 1, 2024 at his home. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Service Notice: Camelia (Camie) Rose Heminger 1971 - 2024

A service of remembrance will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024. Following her request Camie was cremated. A meal, service and urn burial will take place at the Big Coulee District Center with burial in Ascension Church Cemetery. The meal will start at noon (12:00), service shortly afterwards and then proceed to the cemetery for burial.

Groton Police Log

April 29-May 5

City miles driven: 386

County miles driven: 0

Total miles driven: 386

1 Assist other law enforcement agency, 2 bad driving complaints, 1 citizen arrest, 1 dog complaint, 1 domestic disturbance, 1 locked vehicle assistance, 1 medical/rescue/ambulance, 1 gas drive-off, 1 suspicious activity, 2 traffic warnings issued, 5 summons issued, 5 speeding citations, 1 insurance violation, 1 equipment.

May 6 - May 12

City miles driven: 516

County miles driven: 76

Total miles driven: 592

2 assist other law enforcement agencies, 2 bad driving complaints, 2 welfare check on person, 6 citizen assistance, 2 domestic disturbances, 1 fire assistance, 1 lost/found item, 1 locked vehicle assistance, 1 motorist assist, 1 fingerprint person, 2 theft/burglary/shoplifting, 2 warnings issued, 2 parking violations, 2 warrant arrests.

May 13-May 19

City miles driven: 493

County miles driven: 32

Total miles driven: 525

1 assist other law enforcement agencies, 3 bad driving complaints, 1 citizen assistance, 1 cat complaint, 3 dog complaints, 1 funeral traffic, 1 individual ride home, 1 lost/found item, 1 locked vehicle assistance, 1 motorist assist, 1 request family crisis/transient, 3 serve papers, 1 theft/burglary/shoplifting, 2 county vehicle accidents, 1 warning issued, 6 summons issued, 7 speeding citations.

May 20 - May 26

City miles driven: 423

County miles driven: 2

Total miles driven: 425

2 assist other law enforcement agencies, 2 bad driving complaints, 1 citizen assistance, 4 dog complaints, 2 domestic disturbances, 2 motorists assist, 1 911 misdial/hangup, 2 serve papers, 1 suspicious activity, 8 warnings issued, 3 summons issued, 9 speeding citations, 1 license violation, 1 equipment.

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Week 13 of the Queen of Hearts drawing was held Thursday with the jackpot of \$19,281. Ticket sales for the were \$1,575. The name drawn was Laurel Hearnen with chose card number 16, it was the Queen of Spades. She won the consolation prize of \$157.

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JVT Board of Directors

JVT Board of Directors are pictured above from left to right: Jim Cremer, Attorney; Wendell Rye, District 2; Duane Jark, District 5; Mark Wattier, District 6; Garrett Rahm, District 7; Bob Wegner, District 3; Bill Ewalt, District 4; Roger Zastrow, District 1; and James Groft, CEO. (Courtesy Photo)

Northern State Spring 2024 Dean's List and President List

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Northern State University proudly announces the students who have earned recognition on the President's List and Dean's List for the spring semester of 2024. The President's List honors full-time students who achieved a perfect 4.00 GPA, while the Dean's List acknowledges those with GPAs ranging from 3.50 to 3.99. Congratulations on your outstanding accomplishments!

PRESIDENT'S LIST (4.0 GPA): Jackson Bahr (Houghton, S.D.), Carrie Cole (Groton, S.D.), Alyssa Fordham (Groton, S.D.), Alexis Hanten (Groton, S.D.), Logan Hinman (Groton, S.D.), Alyssa Keough (Claremont, S.D.), Landon Leidholt (Warner, S.D.), Emily Palmer (Langford, S.D.), Kayla Zubke (Warner, S.D.),

DEAN'S LIST (3.50 – 3.99 GPA): Stephen Achen (Frederick, S.D.), Madisen Bjerke (Groton, S.D.), Ashlyn Casey (Hecla, S.D.), Nathalia Garcia (Groton, S.D.), Trey Huber (Conde, S.D.), Aspen Johnson (Groton, S.D.), Stella Meier (Groton, S.D.), Steven Paulson (Andover, S.D.), Bryce Peterson (Bristol, S.D.), Emily Richie (Bristol, S.D.), Landon Seaman (Warner, S.D.), Cole Simon (Groton, S.D.), Mackenzie Stoltenberg (Stratford, S.D.), Darius Swanson (Langford, S.D.), Cadance Tullis (Groton, S.D.), Avery West (Langford, S.D.), Laney Widener (Langford, S.D.),

Part of city sidewalk could be replaced

The sidewalk on the north side of City Hall is in need of repair and there is also the issue of the storm sewer water standing in the curb getting all mossy and smelly. The Groton City Council will get a price estimate to replace the sidewalk and to redirect the sump pump pie directly to the storm drain.

Don Kadoun came before the council to ask about the best way to tear down a barn located in the alley between Railroad Avenue and 2nd Avenue and First Street and Broadway. The council told him it is his responsibility for removal and that it cannot be taken to the city's rubble site. Kadoun also asked about the procedure to fix it up and Kellie Locke explained the building permit process. Kadoun also asked about possibly making storage compartments and he was directed to Planning and Zoning.

The second reading of the new sewer rate was passed. The minimum bill would be \$20 a month. Any usages (based on water usage) will be billed out at \$5 per 1,000 gallons. Average water usage will be based on usage during November, December, January, February, March and April. The new fee will go into effect in the July bill.



Funnel Cloud spotted north of Groton

Layne Howard took this photo of a developing tornado four miles north of Groton. It did not stay around long and quickly went back up into the cloud. Severe storms hit the area Sunday evening. Groton proper was spared the severe weather and only got .03 of moisture. Sirens were sounded in Columbia as a tornado was spotted in that area.

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Incumbent Republican legislators suffer losses as pipelines and property rights surge to the fore

BY: JOHN HULT, JOSHUA HAIAR AND SETH TUPPER - JUNE 5, 2024 2:10 AM

At least 14 Republican legislators lost their races Tuesday in the 2024 primary election, with a controversial carbon dioxide pipeline among the top wedge issues to emerge.

Voters also ousted two of the state's Native American lawmakers (a mother and son), and brought back a Republican who served as speaker of the House until two years ago.

Some of the victors leaned heavily on their opposition to Summit Carbon Solutions' carbon capture pipeline, a multibillion-dollar project that would collect CO2 from ethanol producers in South Dakota and other states and move it through an underground pipeline for sequestration in North Dakota.

The project has caused more than two years of legal and legislative wrangling over landowner rights and eminent domain, the legal maneuver through which a company can seize property for projects in the public interest.

Some of the losing incumbents endorsed Senate Bill 201's "Landowner Bill of Rights," a compromise bill adopted last winter that's aimed at boosting landowner protections while maintaining a path for the pipeline project. Ethanol boosters have argued that carbon sequestration – and the tax incentives that would make it profitable – is critical to the corn-based fuel's future in South Dakota. Project opponents are seeking to refer the new law to a public vote in November.

There were 44 Republican legislative primary races Tuesday and only one Democratic primary race. Winners advance to the Nov. 5 general election. One top finisher from each party advances in Senate primaries, and two top finishers from each party advance in House primaries (except for "split" House districts, where only one from each party advances). Residents of each district are ultimately served by two representatives and one senator.

Statewide voter turnout was 17%, according to the Secretary of State's Office, which ranks low compared to past primary elections.

Current legislators who lost

The current legislators who lost their races, according to unofficial results from the Secretary of State's Office:

Sen. Erin Tobin, R-Winner, fell by 48 votes (which is within the possible recount margin) to a political newcomer from Bonesteel named Mykala Voita, who campaigned on the primacy of landowner rights.

Sen. Jean Hunhoff, R-Yankton, who's served more than two decades between stints in the House and Senate, lost her latest bid for reelection to newcomer Lauren Nelson, 52% to 48%.

Rep. Byron Callies, R-Watertown, lost by 21 votes (pending a possible recount) to a Hayti doctor named Josephine Garcia, who spoke out against carbon pipelines and the Landowner Bill of Rights. Also winning a seat in the district was the top vote-getter, former Watertown City Attorney Matt Roby.

Rep. Tyler Tordsen, R-Sioux Falls, a Native American member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, lost his race by coming in third with 26% of the votes behind the second-place finisher, Sioux Falls businessman and prominent member of the Catholic community Tony Kayser (35%), and first-place finisher Rep. Taylor Rehfeldt, R-Sioux Falls (39%).

Tordsen's mother and fellow Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate member, Tamara St. John, R-Sisseton, also came in third place in her race with 28% of the vote, losing to Logan Manhart (38%) and Christopher Reder (34%) in northeastern South Dakota's District 1.

Rep. James Wangsness, R-Miller, the House majority whip, earned 21% of the votes in his race and fell to former Speaker of the House Spencer Gosch of Glenham (37%) and incumbent Rep. Scott Moore (42%).

Rep. Fred Deutsch, R-Florence, came up short against Rep. Stephanie Sauder of Bryant as each representative vied for an open state Senate seat; the 51% to 49% result could be subjected to a recount.

Sen. Ryan Maher, R-Isabel, lost by 12 points to Dupree rancher Jana Hunt in his attempt to switch to the House.

Republican Rep. Becky Drury came in third in her race with 28% of the vote, behind challenger Heather Baxter (35%) and the top vote-getter, Rep. Mike Derby (37%), all of Rapid City.

Sen. Mike Walsh, R-Rapid City, was appointed to an empty seat last winter but won't be headed back to Pierre after a 16-point loss to Greg Blanc, also of Rapid City (another candidate, Curtis Nupen, finished in a distant third).

Sen. David Johnson, R-Rapid City, lost to challenger Curt Voight 56% to 44%.

Rep. Gary Cammack, R-Union Center, received 28% of the vote and lost to challengers Terri Jorgenson and Kathy Rice.

Rep. Kirk Chaffee, R-Whitewood, lost by 18 points in his attempt to switch to the Senate against challenger John Carley.

Sen. Julie Frye-Mueller, R-Rapid City, lost to challenger Amber Hulse by four points.

All results from Tuesday's primary are unofficial until the election is canvassed.

Callies pondering recount

Callies' narrow loss could end up in a recount should he choose to ask for one, but he said Tuesday night that he hadn't made up his mind.

"Typically, the counting machines are pretty accurate," said Callies, who was targeted by mailers in recent weeks over his votes on education funding and the Landowner Bill of Rights. "If the voters have spoken the way it's indicated so far, I was pleased and proud to serve

South Dakota."

Roby said he escaped being targeted by the kind of attack mailers used against Callies because Roby hasn't cast any legislative votes. He supports the Landowner Bill of Rights and said he values compromise.

"I managed to steer clear of that shrapnel," Roby said. "Hopefully that's not evidence that that stuff works."

Garcia had the support of South Dakota Right to Life PAC and Liberty Tree PAC, both of which backed anti-pipeline candidates. Garcia said she ran a positive campaign. The only mailers she authorized were the ones from her own campaign, which reported less than \$9,000 in income in the pre-primary campaign finance disclosure. She said she wasn't involved in mailers decrying Callies' pipeline vote.

"I ran a poverty campaign," Garcia said. "I had very minimal funding over the past six to eight weeks. I had not been preparing, like the others, for over a year. It wasn't about the money. It was about the people."

When asked how important the pipeline debate was in the District 5 race, she said "tremendously important."

If Callies chooses not to do a recount, Roby and Garcia will face Democrats Amy D. Rambow and Diane M. Drake in the general election.

Hunhoff loss

Sen. Hunhoff sounded a positive note shortly after her race for state Senate was called Tuesday night.

"I'm doing fine," Hunhoff said. "I congratulate Lauren for her win, and now I'll go gracefully into retirement."

Hunhoff lost to Nelson by 96 votes, with a final tally of 1,235-1,139.

After so many years as a lawmaker, she's looking forward to finding new ways to contribute to her community.

"Now I'm moving on to another aspect of my life, and hoping that I can fill it with something other than the Legislature," she said.

Nelson, who did not return a call from South Dakota Searchlight seeking comment, will face Democrat Dennis Menke in November.

Mother, son out

Kayser, who bested Tordsen by 286 votes, said he hadn't planned on running until this year. He had planned to go to Spain to participate in the Camino de Santiago, or the Way of St. James, which is a 500-mile walk across the country to the saint's grave. He walked the final 12 miles in 2023, but a neuropathy diagnosis put the 500-mile trek out of reach.

It wasn't long after the diagnosis that Kayser got a call from Rep. Jon Hansen, who is affiliated with the Right to Life PAC that would ultimately contribute to Kayser.

"I closed the door on my plan A, which was all about me, and two hours later Jon Hansen texted me and asked if I wanted to run for House of Representatives in my district," he said.

Opposition to the carbon pipeline was the most common and salient issue for the voters he met while knocking on doors, Kayser said.

"People know that a private company, with maybe foreign interests, doing something that doesn't necessarily need to be done on the whole Green New Deal, it was out of place. It was not put in a way that gave the farmers and the landowners the rights they need," Kayser said.

Kayser and Rehfeldt will be on the general election ballot with Democrats B.J. Motley and Keith Block.

Tordsen and his mother, St. John, did not respond to calls for comment Tuesday. Both voted for SB 201.

Shortly before midnight, Tordsen posted a statement to his candidate Facebook page thanking his family and voters and decrying the influence of "D.C.-style politics" in state races.

"I squeezed the work of multiple terms into one, and I'm able to keep my head high knowing I was honest with you all in my communication and actions every day — even through false and negative campaigning directed my way," he wrote.

Crabtree crushes Weible

Not every attempt to oust incumbents who backed pipeline-friendly legislation was successful. Senate Majority Leader Casey Crabtree, of Madison, defeated election skeptic Rick Weible in a landslide victory, 2,057 to 799.

Weible, a former mayor from Minnesota turned South Dakota resident, has become a prominent figure in the fight for hand-counting ballots. He has leveraged his background in computer consulting to scrutinize and challenge the security of machine voting systems.

Crabtree is unopposed in the November election.

Gosch succeeds in comeback

Former speaker of the House of Representatives, Spencer Gosch, served in the chamber from 2017 until 2022. He held the speaker position from 2021 to 2022.

Gosch beat current House Majority Whip James Wangsness, who said his support of the Landowner Bill of Rights likely made the difference.

"That 201 and eminent domain issue was a big deal," Wangsness said. "I knew it would be a big battle, but not this big. Those people are animated, and they showed up."

Gosch and incumbent Rep. Scott Moore are unopposed in the November general election.

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State A Golf Photos



Carly Gilbert

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Claire Schuelke

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Carlee Johnson

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Mia Crank

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Death Notice: Merle Harder

Merle Harder, 78, of Waubay passed away June 4, 2024 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

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Pischke wins big despite being banned from House

Incumbent Sen. Tom Pischke, R-Dell Rapids, beat challenger and former legislator Jordan Youngberg 1,369 to 654 for District 25's Republican Senate nomination.

Pischke was banned from the House of Representatives floor and lobby during the final days of the 2024 legislative session for a breach of decorum.

The ban was imposed after Pischke placed a bottle of syrup on the desk of a representative who had moved to defeat a commemoration for the late Nancy Green, whose likeness was used for Aunt Jemima syrup advertising. Aunt Jemima branding was discontinued in 2021, causing Pischke and other supporters of the commemoration to claim Green's story was "sadly erased by politics."

Pischke will face Democrat Brian Wirth in November.

Schoenbeck's son flops

There won't be a Schoenbeck in the Legislature next year.

Longtime legislator and current Senate President Pro Tempore Lee Schoenbeck, R-Watertown, is not seeking reelection. His son, Jake Schoenbeck, of Sioux Falls, lost the District 2 Republican House primary to incumbents John Sjaarda, of Valley Springs, and David Kull, of Brandon. Schoenbeck pulled 475 votes compared to Sjaarda's 1,410 and Kull's 1,168.

Sjaarda and Kull are unopposed in November.



Kosel/Moll Engaged

Julianna Kosel and Isaac Moll are engaged and plan a July 30, 2024 wedding in Florida.

Julianna is the daughter of Paul and Tina Kosel, Groton. She is currently a nanny and will be pursuing her cosmetology license in Utah. Isaac is the son of Cameron and Suzanne Moll, Sarasota, Fla. Isaac is a student at Brigham Young University, Provo, pursuing a degree in cyber security. The couple plan to make their home in Provo, Utah.

Sutton, Dinger win county commissioner at large

Kuyler Dinger garnered 2,333 votes while Duane Sutton had 2,133 and Michael W. Carlsen had 1,585 in the Brown County Commissioner at large competition. The top two vote getters were the winners - Sutton and Dinger.



NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXCEPTION HEARING

The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on June 24, 2024, at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main St., Groton, SD for a special exception of Title 15, Section 15.0104 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Joseph Foertsch for the pur-

pose of using a portion of the shop as a single-family dwelling in a Commercial 2 Zone at 602 E Railroad Ave., Groton, SD, legally described as C&NW Outlot 2, Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, Township 123, Range 60 West, City of Groton, Brown County, South Dakota.

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

Douglas Heinrich
Zoning Administrator
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Joanie Holm, RN, CNP

My name is Joanie Holm. I am a certified nurse practitioner in Brookings, South Dakota and I am the person fortunate to have been the life partner of the original Prairie Doc, Richard P. Holm, M.D. Rick and I were married for 40 years before his passing in March of 2020.

During those wonderful decades together, if I could point to one powerful action that strengthened our relationship with each other, with our family, our community and with our patients, it would be the act of kindness.

Thankfully, Rick was alive to see the recognition and formalization of kindness as an essential element of medical education. Medical schools across the country have started to offer courses on compassion and caring. One of the first to do so was the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine.

When Dr. Mary Nettleman was Dean of the USD medical school, she explained why the school embraced kindness as part of its core curriculum at the time. "People want a physician who is not only competent, but also kind, so we will work to elevate this value throughout the school. By approaching this intentionally, we hope that students will learn how important kindness is in medicine and how they can incorporate it into their everyday practice. A culture of kindness can make us exceptional," said Nettleman.

I celebrate this awareness and elevation of kindness in medical education and I salute educators for enriching their medical students in this way.

Since Rick's death, I have received many wonderful notes of condolence that have been very meaningful to me and my family. With permission from the author of one such letter, I share the following message which further illustrates kindness.

Dear Mrs. Holm,

I'm one of the people who knew your husband through his TV show, and I learned from him. I have cerebral palsy and sometimes it's hard for people to understand me. One day, my mom and I were having dinner in Sioux Falls and you were seated close to us. When Dr. Holm walked by my table, I put my hand out and he stopped and talked to me. I wanted to tell him that we were praying for him and I will never forget how he made me feel. I have worked with many doctors and he was one of the best!

My dear husband practiced kindness in all he did. Regardless of our profession, may we all embrace acts of kindness and stop to hold the outreached hand of a fellow human being.

Joanie S. Holm, R.N., C.N.P. is co-founder and president of Healing Words Foundation that supports Prairie Doc® programming. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org and on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show providing health information based on science, built on trust for 21 Seasons, on SDPB and streaming live on Facebook most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

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