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## Groton Memorial Day Program



Retired USAF Lieutenant Colonel Todd Oliver was the guest speaker. Todd graduated from Groton Area High School in 1983. He was appointed to the USAF Military Academy and graduated in 1987. Todd retired in 2009 after serving 22 years on active duty. He accumulated over 5,000 hours flying C-130 H and C-130J Tactical Airlift Aircraft. He currently is a contract C-130J simulator instructor pilot at Little Rock AFB AR. He is the son of Jack and Maggie Oliver of Groton. He is married to Sharon (Barta) Oliver. They have one child, Tyler. Todd and his family currently live in Little Rock Arkansas.. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



**Doug Hamilton raises the U.S. flag at the end of the Memorial Day ceremony Monday.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



**Debra McKiver (at the microphone) and Tami Zimney (Groton Auxiliary President) took turns reading the honor roll during the Memorial Day Ceremony held Monday at Groton Union Cemetery.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



**Members of the honor guard give a 21-gun salute for service members who have died during Monday's Memorial Day Ceremony at Groton Union Cemetery. Pictured left to right are Doug Hamilton, Neil Wagner, Les Hinds, Bruce Babcock, Roger Overacker, Bob Voss and Dale Kurth.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

More photos on back page



**Photo and info from Taryn Thompson's Facebook Page.**

## Thompson sets World Record at National Championship

Taryn Thompson of Groton set a world record at the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association National Championship held in Lincoln, Neb. Taryn with her horse, Smarty, ended up becoming the AAA Eliminator National Champion, earning a world record, and placing 3rd in main match for L5's. The previous world record was set in 2012. The new record is 11.863 on Course 5, the "fast five." Taryn also competed in the championship with her other horse, Gunnar.



**Memorial Day Service program was conducted by the American Legion Groton Post 39. Pictured is Master of Ceremonies, Bruce Babcock, Groton Post Commander.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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The Life of Carroll Dean

Funeral services for Carroll Dean, 98, of Aberdeen and formerly of Groton were held Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at Aldersgate Church in Aberdeen. The Rev. Mike Waldrop, the Rev. Derek Baum and the Rev. Bill Duncan officiated. Services were livestreamed at GDILIVE.com. Burial with military honors followed at Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Carroll passed away peacefully on May 22nd, 2025 at Parkside Retirement Community in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Carroll was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, and friend, Carroll lived a life rich in faith, service, and kindness.

Carroll John Dean was born December 14th, 1926 in Scandinavia, Wisconsin, to Rexford and Selma Dean. He graduated from Scandinavia High School. Answering the call to serve his country, he volunteered

for the United States Army on August 27, 1945. Carroll completed basic training in Little Rock, Arkansas as part of the infantry’s heavy weapons division. He achieved Expert Marksmanship status. He was later stationed in Germany and Bazancourt, France, before being assigned to Paris, where he took the opportunity to travel through Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, and Italy. Carroll was honorably discharged in January 1947. In May of 2010, Carroll was proud to be able to go on an Honor Flight to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

After returning home from the Army, Carroll attended vocational school in Appleton, Wisconsin, studying auto mechanics. He began his career with a Ford dealership in Iola, Wisconsin, and later moved to South Dakota, working for Aberdeen Equipment and Clark Implement.

On June 28, 1952, Carroll married the love of his life, Pearl Solberg. Together, they made their home in Aberdeen before moving to the Columbia area, where Carroll owned and operated Dean’s Garage. In 1968, he joined the Groton School District as a bus mechanic and transportation supervisor, where he was often called upon to drive routes as well. At the time, the district maintained a fleet of 17 buses and various vehicles under his care.

Carroll and Pearl moved to Groton in 1970 and he remained working for the school district until retirement. Even after his retirement, Carroll stayed active with a large garden, countless furniture refinishing projects, along with helping friends with mechanical repairs. His craftsmanship and kindness left lasting marks in many homes and hearts. Carroll’s commitment to community extended beyond his work. He served seven years on the Groton School Board and was a charter member of the Groton Alliance Church, where he taught adult Sunday School and served as an Elder. In 2018 they moved to Parkside Retirement Community in Aberdeen.

In 1953, Carroll accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, and he faithfully walked with the Lord throughout his life.

He was a proud grandfather to ten grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. His legacy of faith, hard work and kindness will live on in the hearts of his family and all who knew him.

Carroll is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 73 years, Pearl, and their four children: Kathryn (Mark) Hofer of Spencer, SD; Timothy (Nancy) Dean of Sioux Falls, SD; Kenneth (Laura) Dean of Aberdeen, SD; and Wayne (Linda) Dean of Aberdeen, SD. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister, one grandson and two great grandsons.

Carroll will be remembered for his unwavering faith, generous spirit and gentle heart. His was a life well-lived and well-loved.



Track and Field Awards

The Groton Area Tigers Varsity Track boys and girls season award winners. L-R McKenna Tietz, Ryelle Gilbert, Laila Roberts, Taryn Traphagen, Kella Tracy, Keegen Tracy, Ethan Kroll, Blake Pauli, and Jayden Schwan. Not pictured Emma Kutter, Elizabeth Fliehs, Brevin Fliehs, and Faith Traphagen. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)

Ryelle Gilbert, MVP Distance  
Kella Tracy, MVP Middle Distance  
Laila Roberts, MVP Sprinter  
Emma Kutter, MVP Field Events  
McKenna Tietz, Most Improved  
Taryn & Faith Traphagen, Tiger “Guts” Award  
Jayden Schwan, MVP Distance, Most Improved  
Blake Pauli, MVP Middle Distance, Tiger “Guts” Award  
Keegen Tracy, MVP Sprinter  
Ethan Kroll, MVP Field Events

Academic Class A All-State: Laila Roberts, Emma Kutter, Faith Traphagen, Elizabeth Fliehs, Blake Pauli, Brevin Fliehs

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May Groton Community Calendar through June 9

**Wednesday, May 28:**  
Jr. Teener hosts Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
U12 R&B at Aberdeen (north complex), 5:30 p.m. (DH); U10 R&B hosts Webster, 5:30 p.m. (DH); U8 R&B hosts Webster, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

**Thursday, May 29:**  
James Valley Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., GHS Arena  
State Track Meet in Sioux Falls  
Jr. Legion hosts Watertown 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
U12 B&W hosts Webster 5:30 p.m. (DH); U10 B@W hosts Aberdeen 5:30 p.m. (DH)

**Friday, May 30:**  
State Track Meet in Sioux Falls  
Legion at Redfield, 5:30 p.m.  
Jr. Legion at Redfield 7:30 p.m.  
Jr. Teeners hosts Clark, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

**Saturday, May 31**  
State Track Meet in Sioux Falls

**Sunday, June 1:**  
St. John’s Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John’s, 9 a.m.; at Zion 11 a.m.  
Emmanuel Lurtheran worship 9 a.m.  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.  
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.  
United Methodist: Worship with communion at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.  
Legion at Volga (vs. Canton at 2 p.m., Volga at 4 p.m.)

**Monday, June 2:**  
State Girls Golf Meet in Madison  
Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.  
Legion at Aberdeen Smitty’s, 6 p.m.  
U12 W&R hosts Sisseton, 5:30 p.m. (DH); U10 W&R hosts Clark 5:30 p.m. (DH); U8 B&W at Aberdeen (north complex), 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
T-Ball practice at 6 p.m. at soccer field.

**Tuesday, June 3:**  
State Girls Golf Meet in Madison  
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
Jr. Legion at. Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
U12 R&B hosts Roslyn, 5:30 p.m. (DH); U10 R&B at Aberdeen (north complex), 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 4:**  
Emmanuel Lutheran Sara Circle, 5 p.m.  
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.  
Groton Chamber Board Meeting, Noon, City. Hall  
Groton C&MA: Kid’s Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
Softball Groton hosts Ipswich (U8B at 5:30, U10B at 5:30, U12 at 6:30)

**Thursday, June 5:**  
Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.  
Legion at Watertown, 5 p.m. (DH)  
Jr. Legion at Miller 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Jr. Teeners at Lake Norden, 5 p.m. (DH)  
U10 B&W at Sisseton, 5:30 p.m. (DH); U8 W&R hosts Britton, 5:30 p.m.  
T-Ball practice at 6 p.m.

**Friday, June 6**

**Saturday, June 7**  
Day of Play at Groton Baseball Complex  
Amateurs host Northville, 7 p.m.  
Legion hosts W.I.N., 5 p.m.  
Jr. Teeners hosts W.I.N., 1 p.m.  
U12 ALL hosts Britton, 1 p.m. (DH); U10 ALL hosts Webster, 11 a.m. (DH); U8 ALL hosts Britton, 9 a.m. (DH)  
Softball in Groton: U8B vs. Britton, 9 a.m.; U8G vs. Britton, 10 a.m.; U10B vs. U10G DH), 11 a.m.; U12/U14 Intersquad Scrimmage DH, 1 p.m.

**Sunday, June 8**  
St. John’s Lutheran: Worship at St. John’s, 9 a.m.; at Zion 11 a.m.  
Emmanuel Lurtheran worship with communion, 9 a.m.  
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.  
Amateurs host Faulkton, 4 p.m.  
Legion at Chamberlain, 1 p.m. (DH)  
U12 ALL at Sisseton Tournament  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m.; SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.  
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.  
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

**Monday, June 9**  
Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.  
Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.  
School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Jr. Legion at Sisseton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Jr. Teeners at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
U12 B&W at Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (DH); U10 W&R hosts Columbia, 5:30 p.m. (DH); U8 R&B hosts Columbia, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
T-Ball G at Warner, 6 p.m., B at Warner, 7 p.m.

Letter from Aaron Grant

Veterans, Family & Friends,  
I don’t have to remind you what today is about. For all of us today is about remembrance.  
For many, Memorial Day is a name. Veterans who have lost friends or acquaintances in war or even suicide long after war have a name they will never forget.  
For me, it is LT. Brian McPhillips. He was one of the best officers I knew. He did all the menial tasks with his men - even scrubbing toilets and hosing off a mud-caked tank. Infectiously positive. Motivating. He was up in a humvee turret and an Iraqi got off a lucky shot and killed the LT. instantly. It still doesn’t seem real.  
People come up to me and say “happy Memorial Day.” It used to bother me until I realized that this thanks is often a civilians greatest understanding of the day, and in a moment they are truly grateful they don’t know what else to say.  
I take it as an opportunity to say “thank you, but today is not about me. It’s about the ones who didn’t make it home.”  
It is a teachable moment, and I have heard another veteran say “Have a reverent Memorial Day.”  
The point is, it is our job as veterans to be our brothers keeper. If we don’t share these names they will be forgotten. We cannot assume that anyone knows anything about what sacrifice really is. They must be taught. It is a hard sort of honor.  
And, your job is never done. Besides this, you are the one they will look to in a crisis. You. So be ready with the name, be ready for that teachable moment. There may be never

be another chance to share it.  
Semper Parati. Always ready.  
  
By Design, Aaron “Hammer” Grant  
Staff NCO - US Marine Corps  
Author, Teacher, Consultant  
Master of Military History  
Combat Peer Support Specialist  
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V.F.W. Commander  
(Aaron Grant is from Groton)

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6:30pm Meeting

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Weekly Vikings Roundup
By Jordan Wright

Welcome back! Last week, we covered the first half of the Vikings’ 2025 schedule. This week, we’re diving into the second half, where playoff positioning starts to come into focus and every game carries a little more weight.
Week 9: @ Detroit Lions (November 2, 12 pm) – Minnesota will travel to Detroit in week

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9, facing one of only two teams who beat the Vikings last season. The Lions lost both coordinators this offseason, but at this point in the season, they’ll likely have most of the wrinkles ironed out. This will be a tough matchup. The Vikings have an 80-45-2 record all-time against the Lions and have won eleven of the twenty games they’ve played this decade.

Week 10: VS Baltimore Ravens (November 9, 12 pm) – Following a physical matchup against the Lions, the Vikings return home and prepare for Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens who won 12 games last season. The Vikings have a 3-4 record all-time against the Ravens and have split the two games they’ve played this decade.
Week 11: VS Chicago Bears (November 16, 12 pm) – The Vikings play the Bears again, but this game will be in the friendly confines of US Bank Stadium.
Week 12: @ Green Bay Packers (November 23, 12 pm) – The Vikings have a stretch of four road games in five weeks, beginning with a border battle against the Green Bay Packers. Divisional matchups are always difficult, but Vikings-Packers games always seem to kick the intensity up a few notches. The Vikings have a 60-66-3 record all-time against the Packers and have won eleven of the twenty games they’ve played this decade (plus a tie in 2018).
Week 13: @ Seattle Seahawks (November 30, 3:05 pm) – Minnesota travels to Seattle to face Sam Darnold and the Seahawks. After a fantastic 2024 season, Darnold left the Vikings and signed a multi-year contract to be the starting QB in Seattle. Vikings’ defensive coordinator Brian Flores went against Darnold every day in practice, so I expect the defense to be dialed in for this matchup. The Vikings have a 7-13 record all-time against the Seahawks and have lost five of the seven games they’ve played this decade.
Week 14: Vs Washington Commanders (December 7, 12 pm) – The only home game in this five-game stretch, the Vikings will face the 2024 Offensive Rookie of the Year Jayden Daniels. The Commanders had a surprisingly good season last year, but will Daniels suffer a sophomore slump in 2025? The Vikings have a 15-13 record all-time against the Commanders/Redskins, and have won three of the four games they’ve played this decade.

Week 15: @ Dallas Cowboys (December 14, 7:20 pm) – Another prime-time game for the Vikings, this one in Dallas to face the Cowboys. There always seems to be drama surrounding “America’s Team”, and this year is no different. There’s a decent chance the Cowboys will have imploded at this point. The Vikings have a 15-19 record all-time against the Cowboys and have lost four of the five games they’ve played this decade.
Week 16: @ New York Giants (December 21, 12 pm) – The final road game of the 2025 season, the Vikings will travel to the Big Apple to battle the Giants. It will be interesting to see who is starting at QB for the Giants, as they signed Russell Wilson and Jameis Winston in free agency before drafting Jaxson Dart in the first round last month. The Vikings have a 19-13 record all-time against the Giants and have won five of the six games they’ve played this decade.
Week 17: VS Detroit Lions (December 25, 3:30 pm) – The Vikings were apparently on the naughty list this year, because they have to face the Detroit Lions on Christmas day. Luckily for Minnesota, they’ll be at home for a game that is sure to have huge playoff implications. This game will be airing on Netflix.
Week 18: VS Green Bay Packers (TBD) – The Vikings close out the season with a week 18 home game against the Packers. This game could be for the division title and a home game in the playoffs. But even if it’s not, Vikings-Packers games are always must-see TV.
With the full 2025 schedule now laid out, the path to the postseason is clear... but far from easy. If the Vikings can stay healthy and find consistency on both sides of the ball, they’ll have every opportunity to make a run. As always, expectations are high in Minnesota. Now it’s time to see if this team is ready to meet them. Skol!

King Crossword

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1 Sprint
5 Dalai –
9 Humorist
12 Twice cuatro
13 Done with
14 Here (Fr.)
15 Impulsive
17 Born abroad?
18 Sweetheart
19 Sequence
21 Freudian concept
22 Ersatz chocolate
24 Lascivious
27 "Wham!"
28 Rain-delay cover
31 MSNBC's Melber
32 Night before
33 "Gosh!"
34 Gasp for air
36 Scale members
37 Despot
38 Tub outlet
40 Battery size
41 Laugh track sounds
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48 Tropical cooler
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52 Theater award
53 Length times width
54 "For shame!"
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1 Columnist Maureen
2 Massage target
3 Actor LaBeouf
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11 Level
16 Cover
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22 Witch group
23 Dazzles
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25 Geological period
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27 Gilpin of "Frasier"
29 Actor Stephen
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Groton City Alcoholic Beverage License
Notice of Hearing upon Application for a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council on the 3rd day of June, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Groton City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, South Dakota will meet in regular session to consider a special event alcoholic beverage license for Amateur Baseball Games at 411 W 3rd Avenue in the City of Groton, South Dakota on the following dates: 6/7/25, 6/8/25, 7/15/25, & 7/20/25.
Any person interested in the approval or rejection of any such application may appear and be heard.
Dated at Groton, South Dakota this 19th day of May, 2025.
Douglas Heinrich, Groton City Finance Officer
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**May 20, 2025 – 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, Dinger, Gage, Sutton and Wiese. Commissioner Gage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** Vickie Wilson expressed several concerns regarding 135th Street which goes by the Beef Plant. She stated the semis are ruining the road, they are barred but are ignoring the signs and are not following the speed limit either. Vickie asked to have deputies patrol the road more. Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, said he agreed with her, the road is in bad shape. He will look at using some different material because current material is not weather resistant.

**COURT RESOURCE HOME GRANT:** Kelsie Vinger, State's Attorney Grant Program presented the Court Resource Home (Fiscal Year 2026) Grant for approval, which will go from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$30,000.00. She shared this is the fourth year for this grant and is still looking for License Foster Families. It is for a short-term stay; the maximum time would be 7 days but generally they are only 24-48 hours, and you do receive a stipend so if anyone is interested, please contact Kelsi at the State's Attorney Office. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Court Resource Home Grant Application. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**RACIAL & ETHNIC DISPARITIES GRANT:** Kelsie Vinger, State's Attorney Grant Program presented the Racial & Ethnic Disparities (Fiscal Year 2026) Grant for approval, which will go from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$24,100.00. She shared this is the third year for this grant. They started the Wo'Takuye Oyate Kinship Center. Meetings are held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. They will have an Open House on June 12th. Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Racial & Ethnic Disparities Grant Application. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY FOR NORTHERN ELECTRIC:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the following application submitted by Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Hwy 13 in Section 28-T124-R64 and Section 33-T124-R64, Brown County, South Dakota for electrical service. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BID OPENING FOR SAND LAKE BRIDGE PROJECT:** Time and place as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for Sand Lake Bridge Project: BRF 6251(00)25-1, PCN 0A70. Bids were received from the following:

**NAME OF BIDDERTOTAL BID**  
Industrial Builders - Fargo, ND ..... \$6,486,900.10  
SFC Civil Construction - Sioux Falls, SD ..... \$3,731,109.40  
KEA Constructors - Milford, NE ..... \$5,221,290.35  
R.R. Schroeder Construction - Glenwood, MN \$3,379,000.45  
Prahm Construction - Slayton, MN.....\$3,037,891.10  
General Excavating - Lincoln, NE ..... \$4,512,526.90

Dirk asked to defer the awarding of the bid for a week for the Engineers to review and get approval from the State of S.D. Department of Transportation (D.O.T.). Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to defer the awarding of the bid until next week. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR BOUNDARY LINE HIGHWAYS ON COUNTY SYSTEM BETWEEN BROWN COUNTY & CITY OF ABERDEEN:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, highlighted parts of the agreement that the Commission had reviewed. Two factors come into play: 75% or more of property annexed within the City shall

be assigned to the City and/or if over 50% of the vehicle traffic is predominantly by municipal residents, shall be assigned to the City. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement for Boundary Line Highways on County System between Brown County and City of Aberdeen. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, informed the Commission that the S.D. D.O.T. is going to try one more time to see if they can get any bids for the Elm Lake Bridge Project, otherwise they may lump it with another project. The employees have done some patching and paving but now they need to wait until the rain stops. The Richmond Guard Rail was starting today. Commissioner Dennert mentioned that they need to do striping on Co. 14 by the water because it is hard to see at night. Commissioner Sutton mentioned concerns on the roughness of road going into Warner off of 281. Dirk stated he would check into them.

**SOFTWARE PURCHASE:** Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor, discussed with the Commission a Financial Software Package for Project Accounting and Grant Management that she would like to purchase for an annual cost of \$7,538.00. Commissioner Wiese moved to defer this decision for a week so they could look take a closure look at the software, seconded by Dinger. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2025. 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 \$675.00. Professional Fees: Certified Languages International LLC \$1,075.80; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$852.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$1,680.00; Healthstream, Inc \$2,452.50; IMEG Corp \$5,401.00; Kristi Brandt \$51.75; Kuck Law Office \$936.00; Medical Waste Transport, Inc \$212.40; Network Center, Inc \$5,482.68; Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association \$1,075.00; Rebecca Young \$18.02; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$ 207.00; Sanford Health \$1,341.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$3,666.00; Taylor Bell \$170.00; TJ Counseling \$2,500.00. Publishing: Aberdeen Parks, Recreation and Forestry \$200.00; Dakota Broadcasting, LLC \$1,960.00; Friends of SDPB Underwriting \$2,850.00; Groton Daily Independent \$38.32; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$100.63; The Watertown Current \$198.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Dakota Pump LLC \$2,663.27; Dakota Supply Group \$291.09; DMC Wear Parts LLC \$195.00; Eilers Water Conditioning and Lawn Irrigation \$553.00; Gary's Auto Body & Accessories \$1,280.46; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$165.60; Steven Lust Automotive \$259.30. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$252.26; Agtegra \$1,292.40; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$670.69; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$438.47; Black Book \$257.32; Century Business Products \$908.56; Cole Paper Inc \$656.46; Dakota Oil \$5,000.65; DMC Wear Parts LLC \$19,200.00; Eddie's Northside Sinclair \$125.00; Election Systems & Software \$933.94; Gary's Auto Body & Accessories \$39.00; Johnson Brothers of South Dakota, Inc. \$405.60; Kuck Law Office \$26.06; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$14.73; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$223.87; Marco Technologies, LLC \$3,584.22; Menards \$79.30; NVC \$384.29; Pauer Sound, LLC \$195.00; Performance Oil \$377.20; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$1,143.69; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$234.06; Runnings \$2,471.21; Russell Metz \$11.26; SD State Historical Society \$55.00; Sprocket Ventures, LLC \$70.00; Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc \$106.68; Steven Lust Automotive \$89.90; Thomson Reuters - West Payment Center \$2,010.00. Travel & Conference: Aaron Walberg \$782.90; Adelaide Mounga \$309.50; Jason Erickson \$525.80; Jesse Milbrandt \$296.80; Karla Nelson \$523.00; Karly Winter \$509.72; Lynn Heupel \$277.00; Mariann Malsom \$244.00; Neil Bittner \$28.00; Sarah J Jesz \$312.20; Scott Kolb \$28.00; Tucker Anderson \$1,003.20; Wes Graff \$120.00. Utilities: CenturyLink \$496.08; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$648.48; City of Hecla \$193.63; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$396.00; Northwestern En-

ergy \$1,749.94; NVC \$3,194.40; Verizon Wireless \$1,722.14.

**PAYROLL:** Commission \$4,896.51; Elections \$1,945.88; Auditor \$10,402.86; Treasurer \$18,183.01; SA \$36,667.83; Public Defender \$5,384.61; Maintenance \$12,129.75; Assessor \$16,589.50; Register of Deeds \$10,905.92; VSO \$4,741.87; GIS \$2,946.49; IT \$10,005.68; HR \$5,575.72; Sheriff \$56,698.68; Jail \$66,170.25; Coroner \$1,250.00; Court Security \$7,078.37; JDC \$35,440.50; Welfare \$1,002.11; Museum \$13,640.94; Parks/Fairgrounds \$9,717.06; Fair Board \$3,626.66; 4-H \$877.19; Weed \$5,484.93; Planning & Zoning \$8,062.16; Highway \$55,893.41; Dispatch \$38,712.18; Emergency \$5,498.56; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,706.96; Landfill \$20,819.49; Meal Benefits \$56.00; SDRS Pay-out \$2,182.12; FICA \$28,135.19; Medicare \$6,580.02; Discovery -HSA \$2,707.60. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:

- Transfer of Abby Jones from Brown County 911 Communications Officer to Brown County Jail Records Technician, FT; starting wage \$19.87/hr. – effective June 9, 2025.
- Promotion of Jerremias Vega from Brown County Home Detention Officer to Brown County Jail Sergeant, starting wage \$28.07/hr. – effective May 25, 2025.

- Hiring of Bernel Lee as Brown County Highway Truck Driver, FT; starting wage \$21.93/hr. – effective May 19, 2025.
- Hiring Part-time (as needed) Bartenders at \$10.00/hr. + tips. Bartenders filling in as Leads will be at \$12.00/hr. + tips – effective June 1, 2025.

- o ..... Jerri Bierman o ..... Chase Bradfeldt o ..... Bailey Frericks o ..... Laurie Gibson o ..... Lexy Herrero o ..... Joselyn Kiefer o ..... Kristi Kreich o ..... Jasmine Locke o ..... Abigail Johnson o ..... Brooke Solas
- Adding Campground Host, Ben Johnson, to the approved volunteer list for Work-Comp purposes.
- Adding NSU Student, Stella Meier, to the approved volunteer list for Work-Comp purposes.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agreement: Dacotah Prairie Museum Foundation to lease the Holum Expo Building on June 12, 2025 for Trivia Night Fundraiser; Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce to lease the Club House on September 18, 2025 for their Field to Fork Event; Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area to lease the enclosed Corn Trailer on July 9-10, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUEST:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Request: Brandon Mills, Sheriff's Office to attend Advanced Sexual Assault Training on May 23, 2025, in Watertown, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LOTTERY PERMIT:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign application submitted by Dacotah Prairie Museum Foundation for a lottery to be held on June 12, 2025, at the Brown County Fairgrounds. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission to discuss options for Holum Expo Building Dry Mains and Valve Replacement for the Sprinkler System. It was decided to defer this for a week and have it on the agenda to discuss further.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:37 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**NOTICE OF TESTING AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT**

NOTICE is hereby given to the public, any independent candidate or candidate without party affiliation on the ballot, that the automatic tabulating equipment will be tested to ascertain that it will correctly count the votes for all offices that are to be cast at the Municipal Election held on the 3rd day of June 2025.

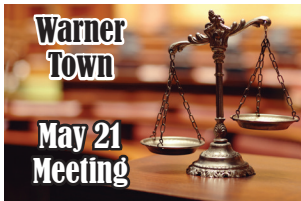
The test will be conducted on the 29th day of May, at 8 o'clock a.m. at the following location:

Brown County Auditor's Office  
25 Market Street, Ste. 1  
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Dated this 23rd day of May 2025.

Lynn Heupel, County Auditor  
Brown County, SD

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**TOWN OF WARNER MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Stewart Nelson, Dave Fair, Gaylon Townsend, Terry Evans and Nichol Townsend. Jason Jung and Matt Hill were also present.

**DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Evans to approve the minutes from April 9th, 2025 meeting with the following correction; Payroll Taxes \$1217.65. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** MSC: Fair/Evans. Checking: Town \$319,601.02; Water \$82,879.49; Sewer \$195,163.92. CDs: Town \$32,978.33; Water \$50,140.44; Sewer \$28,375.31.

**BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:** MSC: Fair/Townsend.

Agtegra (fuel) \$143.77, Amazon (supplies) \$225.12, Gas N Goodies (gas) \$73.73, Office Max (supplies) \$29.89, Hobby Lobby (supplies) \$66.78, Tax990 (1083-CP filing) WEB Water (water usage) \$5369, USDA (water and sewer loans) \$2083.00, Auto Value Parts (supplies) \$224.95, Badger Meter (April reads & annual fee) \$372.88, Decker Equipment (CC bathroom/supplies) \$3478.02, Dependable Sanitation (garbage service) \$2700, Electrical Engineering & Equipment (maintenance) \$1187.58, Fonder Construction (maintenance) \$2000, Groton Independent (advertising) \$31.46, Hofers Repair (supplies) \$363.90, Lyle Signs (supplies) \$186.03, Lynn Aman (CC Cleaning) \$75, Midcontinent (phone & internet) \$297.75, Northwestern Energy (electric & gas) \$1963.17, Schwan Welding (repairs) \$276, SD Dept of Rev/Sales Tax \$184.88, SD Finance Officers Association (dues) \$40, SD Public Health Lab (water test) \$15, Sewer Duck (repairs/maintenance) \$323, Town Water/Sewer \$185.29, Vosika Fencing (repairs) \$729.24, PAYROLL: Stewart Nelson \$3587.28, Terry Evans \$217.95, Dave Fair \$64.64, Gaylon Townsend \$55.41, Nichol Townsend \$686.82, SD Retirement Fund \$539.76, Payroll Taxes \$1158.62.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jason Jung and Matt Hill attended on behalf of Warner Little League. Information was provided regarding proposed changes to the city ball field, including the backstop and the outfield fence. Reasons and estimates for both suggestions were discussed, as well as the removal or replacement of trees there. No action taken.

Delinquencies: 7 were noted and notices will be posted on doors. Two have been shut off.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** June 11th, 2025 at 7PM at the Warner Community Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Dave Fair, Chairman; Nichol Townsend, Finance Officer

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**May 20, 2025**

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Babcock, Nehls, Shilhanek, Wambach, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Chad Locken, Douglas Heinrich, Elizabeth Varin, Tom Sternhagen, April Buller, and Ken Hier.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wambach to approve the agenda with no changes. All members present voted aye.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Bahr to approve the CWE Addition Plat. All members present voted aye.

Sternhagen exited the meeting.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 788 – Amending Solid Waste Rates for Municipal Utility Customers was approved on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Wambach. All members present voted aye.

The second reading of Ordinance No. 789 – Amending Language of Chapter 8-1 of Groton City Ordinances was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Shilhanek. All members present voted aye.

Discussion took place regarding the park bathrooms and potential FEMA funding.

Discussion took place regarding a potential street project on Railroad Avenue.

Moved by Shilhanek and seconded by Babcock to authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign the administrative contract with NECOG for the wastewater project.

Buller and Hier exited the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Further discussion will continue at the next meeting on June 3, 2025.

The April finance report was approved on a motion by Shilhanek and seconded by Wambach. All members present voted aye.

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

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

Payroll, \$32,794.18, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$5,153.51, ; Public Safety, \$9,687.95, ; Culture & Recreation, \$2,666.22, ; Public Works, \$15,286.50, ; USPS, \$302.53, Utility billing postage; Dacotah Bank, \$7,182.37, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$450.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$810.41, HSA contributions; SD State Treasurer, \$9,627.79, Sales & Excise Tax - April 2025; City of Groton, \$422.87, Utility deposits applied to bills; Louise Thoreson, \$77.13, Utility deposit refund; Dacotah Bank, \$3,900.73, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$100.00, HSA contributions; Kellie Locke, \$120.00, Med flex; Chris Ehresmann, \$15.00, U12 baseball hat fee refund; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Ecolab Pest Elimination, \$117.98, Rodent control - Rubble Site; A&B Business Solutions, \$142.63, New blower belt - Baseball; Farmers Union Coop Assoc., \$620.00, Fuel purchases - Cemetery and Baseball; Heartland Energy, \$37,819.96, Power services - April 2025; WAPA, \$22,773.10, Power services - April 2025; Heartland Waste Management, \$10,151.06, Garbage hauling; J's Superior Cleaning, \$200.00, Commercial cleaning services - City Hall; Irby, Inc., \$30,643.50, Pedestals & fuses - Electric Dept.; MJ's Sinclair, Inc., \$1,276.62, Fuel purchases - Multiple Depts; NW Energy, \$30.52, Natural gas service - water tower; Groton Ford, LLC, \$13.30, Fuses - Electric Dept. ; James Valley Telecommunications, \$808.62, Telephone and internet services; Altec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease; Geffdog Designs, LLC, \$132.00, Sunflower seeds signs - Baseball; The Groton Independent, \$206.35, Publishing costs; Burdette Security &

Technologies, \$312.60, Troubleshooting cameras/network ; Chuck Padfield, \$1,163.95, Reimbursement for supplies purchased - Baseball Concessions; Adrienne Fliehs, \$1,520.00, 2025 U10 baseball umpire pay - 19 games; Tara Hill, \$1,120.00, 2025 U12 baseball umpire pay - 14 games; Menards, \$25.47, Grease fittings, silicone lubricant - City Shop; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$1,141.46, Flagpole light, copy paper, business card templates, water sample postage, planner, food for resale, fuel, notebooks, memo books, VFW team registrations for baseball, baseball screen - Multiple Depts. ; Mitchell Baseball Association, \$200.00, U12 baseball tournament registration; Core & Main, \$285.09, Storm drain curb box; USPS, \$20.00, Postage due account; Watertown Baseball Association, \$300.00, U12 baseball tournament registration

City offices will be closed on May 26, 2025, for Memorial Day. Brief discussion took place regarding baseball.

Varin exited the meeting.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Nehls to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 9:03pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:31pm.

Varin reentered the meeting.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wambach to hire Lincoln Krause as Day Baseball Coach. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Shilhanek and seconded by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 9:32pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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The board of trustees for the town of Claremont met on 5-13-2025 at 8pm in city hall. President Jason called the meeting to order with trustees Robert Thompson and Frank Rasmussen present. Also present were John McCranie, Mike Denny (Strobel) and Rick Pahl. The minutes of the April meeting were approved on a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Thompson. Motion carried. On a motion by Thompson and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were allowed: General: George Logan, Asphalt repairing, 7500.00; JVT, phone ,internet S phone, 150.87; Fukll Circle Ag, 29.9 gal. dyed diesel, 96.09; JGE, Mower parts, 222.98; Holland Auto parts, parts, 188.76; post office, stamps, 73.00; NWE, St. lights, 558.54; NWE, city hall,99.88; Dakota Doors, repair overhead door, 2160.00; Amy Keough, mowing 6.5 hrs, 96.06; Damar Farmers Elevator , gas for mower 100 gal, 285.00; Charla Rye, wage, 500.00; WSSW: BDM, purchased water, 1816.20; NWE, pump house power, 128.79; NWE, new sewer lift, 56.60; NWE, storm sewer lift, 20.77; EColab, pest elimination, 190.74; Corporate trust TFM, US Bank, may pay, debt service, 6003.56; USDA Rural Development, loan payment, 576.00; A motion to allow Robin Green to burn the Elevator under a controlled burn with fire dept was made by Rasmussen and seconded by Thompson. The visiting group were there concerning the load limit signs the board agreed to remove them but should the road start breaking up bodily they will go back on. Otherwise, they will be on in the spring as they were this spring. With no further business before the board a motion was made by Rasmussen to adjourn. Motion by Thompson and seconded.

Motion Carried.  
Respectfully Submitted  
CRye F.O.

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Groton Area Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

Seniors:

4.0 GPA: Axel Warrington, Payton Mitchell, Gretchen Dinger, Elizabeth Fliehs, Diego Eduardo Nava Remigio, Logan Pearson, Faith Traphagen, Turner Thompson, Emma Kutter, Brooklyn Hansen, Kennedy Hansen, Jeslyn Kosel, Kayla Lehr, Blake Pauli, Laila Roberts, Abby Yeadon  
3.99-3.50: Kaden Kampa, Carter Simon, Brevin Fliehs, Korbin Kucker, Ashly Johnson, Teylor Diegel, Emma Bahr, Drew Thurston, Ashlyn Feser, Rebecca Poor  
3.49-3.00: Aiden Heathcote, Kellen Antonsen, Christian Ehresmann, Karsten Jeschke

Juniors

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

Sophomores

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

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Makenna Krause, Sydney Locke, Thomas Schuster  
3.99-3.50: Chesney Weber, Jace Johnson, Layne Johnson, Easton Weber, Elizabeth Cole, Rylen Ekern, Mya Feser, Taryn Thompson, Ethan Kroll, Kyleigh Kroll, Rylie Rose, Ryder Schelle, Karson Zak  
3.49-3.00: Brayden Barrera, Brysen Sandness, Alex Abeln, Aimee Heilman, Gracie Pearson, Addison Hoeft, Braeden Fliehs,

Eighth Graders

4.0 GPA: Wesley Borg, Zachary Fliehs, Asher Johnson, Novalea Warrington  
3.99-3.50: Tevan Hanson, Brooklyn Spanier, Abby Fjeldheim, Aspen Beto, Sydney Holmes, Logan Olson, Neely Althoff, Kolton Antonsen, Madison Herrick, Jordan Schwan, Lincoln Shilhanek, Arianna Dinger, Raquel Tracy  
3.49-3.00: Samuel Crank, Tenley Frost, Connor Kroll, Kaedynce Bonn, Adeline Kotzer, Jose Fernando Nava Remigio, Wesley Morehouse, Lillian Cowan, Tate Johnson, Aurora Washenberger

Seventh Graders

4.0 GPA: Axel Abeln, Hudson Eichler, Amelia Ewalt, Sophia Fliehs, Gavin Hanten, Liam Johnson, Liam Lord  
3.99-3.50: Asher Zimmerman, Andi Gauer, Elias Heilman, Ryder Schwan, Jameson Penning,

Trey Tietz, Illyanna Dallaire, Rowan Patterson  
3.49-3.00: Jace Hofer, Kinzleigh Furman, Keegan Kucker, Trayce Schelle, Gavin Younger, Kyson Kucker, Haden Harder, Xzavier Klebchx, Nolan Bahr

Sixth Graders

4.0 GPA: Lillian Davis, Brynlee Dunker  
3.99-3.50: Gracie Borg, Libby Johnson, Addison Steffes, Rylee Stoltenburg, Amara El Salahy, Andi Iverson, Victoria Schuster, Ayce Warrington, Ambrielle Feist, Rylee Hofer, Zoe Olson, Kinley Sandness, Kendyll Kroll, Maycee Moody, Taylynn Traphagen, Parker Zoellner, Hank Hill, Easton Larson, Knox Mulder, Bella Barrera, Hadley Heilman, Drew Fjeldheim, Brinley Guthemiller, Mason Locke  
3.49-3.00: Mya Moody, Kinton Tracy, Gradyn Rowen, Jaela Fliehs, Charlie Jacobsen, Ivan Schwan, Keith Furman, Emmett Zoellner, Preston Hinkelman

Groton Area qualifies for state track and field in 17 events

The State Track and Field Meet will be held May 29-31 in Sioux Falls and Groton Area has qualified in 17 events. The top 16 rankings in each event qualify for the state meet.  
All five relay teams in the girls division and three for the boys division will be advancing to the state meet. In individual events, Keegen Tracy has qualified in three events, Jayden Schwan in two events and in one event each are MaKenna Krause, McKenna Tietz, Emma Kutter and Blake Pauli.

Girls

**100m Dash:** MaKenna Krause. Ranked 12th. Time: 12.89 set on May 6th  
**300m Hurdles:** McKenna Tietz. Ranked 10th. Time: 48.17 set on May 9th  
**4x100m Relay:** (Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, McKenna Tietz, MaKenna Krause) 8th. 51.43 on May 9th  
**4x200m Relay:** (Rylee Dunker McKenna Tietz, Laila Roberts, Taryn Traphagen) 4th. 1:46.91 May 23rd  
**4x400m Relay:** (Laila Roberts, Taryn Traphagen, McKenna Tietz, Kella Tracy) 5th. 4:07.80 on May 6th  
**4x800m Relay:** (Faith Traphagen, Ryelle Gilbert, Taryn Traphagen, Kella Tracy) 4th. 9:51.40 on May 6th  
**Sprint Relay:** (MaKenna Krause, Taryn Traphagen, Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy) 7th. 4:18.35. May 23rd  
**Shot Put:** Emma Kutter. Ranked 12th. Distance: 35-2.25 set on May 9th

Boys

**100m Dash:** Keegen Tracy. Ranked 11th. Time: 11.23 set on April 26th  
**200m Dash:** Keegen Tracy. Ranked 6th. Time: 22.55 set on May 9th  
**400m Dash:** Keegen Tracy. Ranked 12th. Time: 51.05 set on May 23rd  
**800m Run:** Blake Pauli. Ranked 13th. Time: 2:02.38 set on May 23rd  
**1600m Run:** Jayden Schwan. Ranked 11th. Time: 4:36.24 set on May 23rd  
**3200m Run:** Jayden Schwan. Ranked 13th. Time: 10:21.17 set on May 9th  
**4x400m Relay:** (Keegen Tracy, Blake Pauli, Jayden Schwan, Jordan Schwan) 14th. 3:34.62. May 23rd  
**4x800m Relay:** (Jayden Schwan, Jace Johnson, Tristin McGannon, Blake Pauli) 13th. 8:40.19 on April 29th  
**Sprint Medley Relay:** (Brevin Fliehs, Lincoln Krause, Keegen Tracy, Blake Pauli) 5th. 3:40.72 on May 9th

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Boys win team title at Warner Track Meet

The competition was tough on Friday at the Dial-A-Move Track meet held in Warner. With that level of competition, the boys won three events, placed second in two events and realed in a few more places to rack up 80 points to win the team title. Britton-Hecla was a distant second with 68. Warner won the girls title with 135 points while Groton Area took second with 102.5.

Keegen Tracy won the 400m run, Blake Pauli and Faith Traphagen both won their respective 800m run events, the boys 4x400m relay team took first, Ryelle Gilbert won the 1600m run and the girls won three relay events (4x100, 4x200, SMR 1600).

Boy's Division

**Team Scores:** 1. Groton Area 80, 2. Britton-Hecla 68, 3. Aberdeen Roncalli 52, 4. Stanley County 50, 5. Hitchcock-Tulare 49, 6. Warner 47, 6. Faulkton Area 47, 8. Frederick Area 46.5, 9. Mount Vernon/Plankinton 45, 10. Leola 41, 11. North Central 39, 12. Aberdeen Christian 31.5, 13. Redfield 30, 13. Herreid/Selby Area 30, 15. Webster Area 24, 16. Mobridge-Pollock 22, 17. Langford Area 19, 17. Northwestern 19, 19. Waverly-South Shore 10, 20. Sully Buttes 5, 21. Ipswich 4

**100 Meters:** 2. Keegen Tracy, 11.63; 3. Lincoln Krause, 11.87; 7. Brevin Fliehs, 12.17; 20. Ryder Schelle, 12.89.

**200 Meters:** 20. Ryder Schelle, 26.47.

**400 Meters:** 1. Keegen Tracy, 51.05; 6. Jordan Schwan, 56.42; 7. Tristin McGannon, 56.43.

**800 Meters:** 1. Blake Pauli, 2:02.38; 4. Jace Johnson, 2:19.26; 6. Tristin McGannon, 2:27.68.

**1600 Meters:** 2. Jayden Schwan, 4:36.24; 7. Jace Johnson, 5:19.57.

**4x100 Relay:** 6. (Brevin Fliehs, Ryder Schelle, Ethan Kroll, Lincoln Krause), 46.80.

**4x200 Relay:** 4. (Brevin Fliehs, Ryder Schelle, Ethan Kroll, Lincoln Krause), 1:36.68.

**4x400 Relay:** 1. (Keegen Tracy, Blake Pauli, Jayden Schwan, Jordan Schwan), 3:34.62.

**Shot Put - 12lb:** 9. Karter Moody, 40' 7.5".

**Discus - 1.6kg:** 21. Karter Moody, 95' 11".

**Javelin - 800g:** 24. Karter Moody, 99' 0"; 30. TC Schuster, 94' 2".

**Long Jump:** 20. TC Schuster, 14' 3".

**Triple Jump:** 6. Ethan Kroll, 38' 8.75"

Girl's Division

**Team Scores:** 1. Warner 135, 2. Groton Area 102.5, 3. Hitchcock-Tulare 71.5, 4. North Central 53, 5. Mobridge-Pollock 51.5, 6. Webster Area 51, 7. Herreid/Selby Area 42, 8. Britton-Hecla 41.5, 9. Aberdeen Roncalli 37.5, 10. Langford Area 29, 11. Northwestern 26, 12. Sully Buttes 23, 13. Redfield 22, 14. Aberdeen Christian 19, 15. Faulkton Area 18, 16. Stanley County 15, 17. Ipswich 10.5, 18. Waverly-South Shore 8, 19. Frederick Area 5, 20. Leola 1,

**100 Meters:** 5. MaKenna Krause, 13.42; 13. Rylee Dunker, 14.21; 30. Suri Jetto, 18.13.

**200 Meters:** 4. Rylee Dunker, 29.50; 37. Suri Jetto, 38.48.

**800 Meters:** 1. Faith Traphagen, 2:26.87; 2. Ryelle Gilbert, 2:27.74; 6. Ashlynn Warrington, 2:38.15

**1600 Meters:** 1. Ryelle Gilbert, 5:36.24; 2. Ashlynn Warrington, 5:52.16.

**100m Hurdles - 33":** 6. Tevan Hanson, 19.17; 8. Talli Wright, 19.25; 9. Ella Kettner, 19.64; 10. Emerlee Jones, 19.65; 16. Hannah Sandness, 20.15; 17. Teagan Hanten, 20.66.

**300m Hurdles - 30":** 2. McKenna Tietz, 48.61; 4. Emerlee Jones, 51.89; 8. Tevan Hanson, 54.60; 9. Talli Wright, 54.74; 13. Ella Kettner, 56.16; 14. Hannah Sandness, 57.79; 15. Teagan Hanten, 58.10.

**4x100 Relay:** 1. (Laila Roberts, Rylee Dunker, McKenna Tietz, MaKenna Krause), 51.99.

**4x200 Relay:** 1. (Rylee Dunker McKenna Tietz, Laila Roberts, Taryn Traphagen), 1:46.91.

**SMR 1600m - [200-200-400-800]:** 1. (MaKenna Krause, Taryn Traphagen, Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy), 4:18.35.

**Shot Put - 4kg:** 6. Emma Kutter, 32' 5"; 29. Aimee Heilman, 20' 6.5".

**Discus - 1kg:** 15. Avery Crank, 80' 8"; 37. Aimee Heilman, 43' 1".

**Javelin - 600g:** 10. Avery Crank, 83' 2"; 19. Emma Kutter, 71' 11".

**High Jump:** 7. Emerlee Jones, 4' 6".

**Long Jump:** 7. MaKenna Krause, 15' 7.5"; 31. Teagan Hanten, 12' 1".

**Triple Jump:** 22. Teagan Hanten, 25' 8.5".



S o p h o m o r e Taryn Traphagen anchors the winning 4x200m relay and setting a new personal record.

(Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Freshman distance standout Ryelle Gilbert nears the finish line in her winning race of the 1600m (1 mile) run.

(Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Senior middle distant standout Blake Pauli wins another 800m race while setting a personal record.

(Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Freshman Makena Krause leaps in the long jump in the Warner Last Chance meet on Friday. She finished in 7th place and set a personal record.

(Photo by Bruce Babcock)

Senior Brevin Fliehs hands off to 8th grader Jordan Schwan in the 6th place finishing 4x100m relay team. They also set a new personal record.

(Photo by Bruce Babcock)



L-R Juniors sprinter standouts Lincoln Krause and Keegen Tracy place 3rd and 2nd respectively in the 100m dash.

(Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Sophomore Taryn Traphagen hands off to Senior Laila Roberts in the winning and setting a personal record in the SMR 1600m relay (200, 200, 400, & 800m).

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