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City Council discusses pricey projects

By Elizabeth Varin

The Groton City Council tackled a trio of significant financial discussions, including plans for a new electric metering system, a major road improvement project with an estimated cost of \$900,000 to \$1 million, and potential strategies for investing municipal reserves.

The council continued discussion on a new electric metering system, reviewing a proposal from Irby Utilities to provide the electric utility meters. The metering system has been on many agendas since October 2024, though replacing the system has been discussed during council meetings since at least 2023.

Electric Utility Supervisor Todd Gay presented a quote to replace the city's current electric metering system with a new one for a Landis+Gyr system.

Gay told the council he wants to replace the current system with one that other city workers can understand when he and Technology Specialist Paul Kosel retire.

"The system we have now is in one guy's brain," Gay said. "None of us can figure it out. None of us can run it."

"This system I propose is user friendly. I know two cities in South Dakota that have put it in in the last four years," Gay continued. "They're extremely happy with it."

The city currently works with Eaton, a power management company. However, there have been issues cropping up, Gay said.

"Paul can't read roughly 90 meters a month. They can't figure out why," he said. "I'm not placing the blame on Paul or the vendor or whatever it is, but they haven't been able to figure it out in over two years. I can't recommend going back to that same vendor."

Gay advised the city to get new quotes for the meters as prices have jumped within the last year or so. Council members asked Gay to get specifications for the meters to be able to compare the two types of meters more easily.

Substantial price tag placed on road work

Roadwork on a six-block area of town west of Highway 37 could have a hefty price tag.

Councilman Brian Bahr told the council that Ken Hier with IMEG Corporation called him to give an estimated cost for road improvement and paving of some streets including portions of North Washington Street, North Lincoln Street and West Fourth Avenue.

According to Bahr, Hier estimated the cost could be between \$900,000 to \$1 million. That would be for work on about six blocks.

"It's a lot of money," Bahr said.

"Yeah, but it's just going to get worse if we don't do it," Mayor Scott Hanlon replied. "It will probably go up five percent every year. ...The longer we wait, the more it will cost."

Bahr told the council he and city staff would look into it and get bids on it.

Investments up for debate

City Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich reported about recent discussions he had dealing with investing the city's reserves.

The council asked Heinrich to look into whether the city would get more interest if it were to put some of its money in a South Dakota Public Fund Investment Trust, which has a higher interest rate than the city's current savings account.

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Instincts kick in as Groton lifeguard saves child

By Elizabeth Varin

A birthday party at the Groton Swimming Pool took a scary turn Saturday morning when an 8-year-old began struggling in the water.

But quick action by lifeguard Addison Hoffman kept a scary moment from becoming something worse.

Hoffman, a second-year lifeguard at the pool, recalled sitting in the lifeguard stand Saturday morning at the beginning of a birthday party. While she recognized some of the kids heading into the pool, Hoffman said she didn't know a few of the swimmers. She kept a closer eye on them as she didn't know how well they could swim.

"I could see that she was kind of bobbing up and down, and I thought she was just messing around and playing because kids do that a lot. They bob," she said. "I got off the stand so I could get a better view. Then I saw her fully submerge under water."

"I jumped in to get her and swam her to the wall," she said.

Hoffman helped the girl out of the pool area between the deep diving board area and the slide.

"It was a little nerve wracking because I had never saved a kid before," Hoffman said. "But your instincts just kick in and you know what to do."

While Saturday's incident ended safely, Hoffman advises parents to gauge how well their children can swim. If they aren't strong swimmers, have them wear floaties and keep a good eye on them.

"And take swim lessons at the Groton pool," she added.



Addison Hoffman

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

Groton Robotics at the VEX World Championships

Team Gladiators, consisting of Garrett Schultz, Team Lead, along with Jameson Penning & Haden Harder, participated at the VEX World Championships on May 6th-8th at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center located in Dallas, Texas.

The excitement in the air, the drive of these students, it was a site to behold! There were over 800 teams from over 75 countries that participated in this event. The Gladiators competed well and won 5 out of 10 games

they participated in. They finished 53rd out of 83 in their division. Language barriers was a new obstacle that they had to overcome, one Team from Mexico they played knew very little English so they had to work together to communicate their strategy. A mid tournament robot mechanical issue held the Gladiators back a bit, but they continued to play hard to the end and the cheering squad of 11 from Groton was there cheering them on!

Some other highlights of the tournament, the boys got to see some of the sites in Downtown Dallas, such as the JFK assassination site. They were able to speak with kids from around the world... Garrett Schultz commented his favorite team to talk with were a team from Bolivia, South America. They were able to see and cheer on the other 2 Robotics teams from South Dakota that attended, both from Harrisburg, SD. Lastly, the opening and closing ceremonies had more energy than you can imagine. And in the closing ceremonies... the 2025-2026 game reveal was made - Pushback! Next years VEX Worlds Championships will be held in St. Louis Missouri.

Thank you to the Groton Community and everyone that has supported Groton Robotics.



Pictured are Haden Harder, Team Lead Garrett Schultz and Jameson Brunette. (Courtesy Photo)



The Life of Amber Alyse (Wegner) Cooper
June 3, 1971 - May 24, 2025



Amber Alyse (Wegner) Cooper, 53, of Johnston, Iowa, passed away at her home on May 24, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Services will be held June 3, 2025 at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, IA. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. with funeral service at 11:00 a.m. An additional gathering will be held at Your Private Bar in West Des Moines from 5-8 p.m. to share memories and tell stories.

Amber was born on June 3, 1971, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to Jeannette (Fliehs) and Robert W. Wegner. From her earliest days, she brought light and energy to the world around her. As a toddler, she was a familiar sight riding on the back of her parents’ bicycles across the SDSU campus, being handed off between classes and admired by fellow students. Her

childhood was shaped by the family’s military life, with time spent in Ft. Sill, OK; Ft. Rucker, AL; and Ft. Lewis, WA - where she famously taught herself to ride a bike, likely aided by her many early years on two wheels.

Amber grew up primarily in Des Moines, Iowa, and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1989. A standout athlete, she made a lasting impact on the school’s swim team, setting multiple records that remained unbroken for 25 years. She later attended Iowa State University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. She built a successful professional life, beginning in banking and mortgage origination, then becoming an investment and insurance agent. Her passions ultimately led her to founding her own business, Your Private Bar. The mobile hospitality company quickly became a local favorite, providing exceptional service at weddings, corporate events, reunions, and celebrations of all kinds. Amber’s energy, attention to detail, and passion for creating memorable experiences earned her numerous “Best of Des Moines” awards and the admiration of her peers and clients alike.

Outside of work, Amber’s life was filled with joy, generosity, and meaningful relationships. She and her husband Matt shared 14 wonderful years together, making special memories during their vacations to Ft. Myers Beach, Florida—one of Amber’s favorite places to relax and recharge. She and Matt also spent many years riding segments of RAGBRAI with her beloved DayDrinker crew, no doubt inspired by

her early childhood days on a bike. Amber lived a life overflowing with creativity, compassion, and adventure. Whether organizing an event, opening her home for “Amber Camp”, or exploring the world with friends and family, she brought light and laughter wherever she went. Indeed, every activity with Amber turned into a hilarious story to be told later over drinks or cake. Her presence was a gift, and her memory will live on in all who were blessed to know and love her.

Amber is survived by her devoted husband, Matthew Cooper; her beloved daughters, Kourtnei and Kassidi Stumpf; her father and stepmother, Robert W. and Valerie Wegner; her brother, Matt (Janelle) Wegner and their children, Kaitlin and Keegan Wegner; step-sisters Stephanie Sanders (and daughters Dakota, McCoy, and Reece) and Rebecca Lesnar (and sons Hudson, Cooper, and Landry); her mother-in-law, Jackie Cooper; sisters-in-law McKenzie and Mikaela Cooper; and many loving uncles, aunts, cousins, and lifelong friends who were like family.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jeannette (Fliehs) Wegner; maternal grandparents, Irvin and Janice Fliehs; paternal grandparents, Robert S.and Barbara Wegner; her uncle, Larry Wegner; and her father-in-law, Dean Cooper.

Honorary pallbearers are her friends and loved ones who are truly too numerous to count.

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JVT Annual Meeting Credit Winners

Over 55 door prizes were handed out during JVT’s 68th Annual Meeting which included these credit winners: Troy & Kelli Millard \$500 credit; Marie Sternhagen \$250 credit; Casey Johnson \$250 credit; Teresa Davies \$100 credit; and Lee Ann Harrell \$100 credit. (Courtesy Photo)



JVT Board of Directors

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

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JVT Scholarship Winners

CEO James Groft presented certificates to Garbrielle Millard of Frederick Area (right) and Axel Warrington of Groton Area (left) in recognition of wining the Bob Peterson Memorial Telecommunications Scholarship. Joshua Thorson of Northwestern Area HS was also a scholarship winner, but unable to attend the meeting. (Courtesy Photos)

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Thursday, June 5:
Senior Menu: Cheeseburger casserole, carrots, apple sauce, whole wheat bread.
Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.
Cancelled: 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
Senior Menu: Cold turkey sub, lettuce/cheese/tomato, macaroni salad, five cup salad.

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
Senior Menu: Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, apricots, whole wheat bread.
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.

Tuesday, June 10
Senior Menu: New Englund ham dinner, green beans, baked apples, whole wheat bread.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Council 6 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.
U12 R&B at Roslyn, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

Wednesday, June 11
Senior Menu: Bratwurst on bun, baked beans coleslaw, fruit.
U10 R&B hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (DH); U8 B&W hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
Softball: U8G at Redfield, 5:30 p.m.; U10G at Redfield, 5:30 p.m.; U10B at Frankfort, 6 p.m. (DH)
T-Ball: Black at Andover, 6 p.m.

Thursday June 12
Senior Menu: Beef noodle stroganoff, Normandy blend, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread.
Groton Lions Club Meeting, 104 N Main, 6 p.m.
U12 R&B hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (DH); U10 B&W at Webster, 6 p.m. (DH); U8 W&R at Webster, 6 p.m. (DH)
Softball: U8 at Mellette, 6 p.m. (DH)
T-Ball: Gold practice, 6 p.m.

Friday, June 13
Senior Menu: Chicken salad sandwich, tomato juice, cauliflower/pea/carrot salad, Mandarin orange salad.
SDSU Golf Tourney at Olive Grove
Legion hosts Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
Jr. Teeners at Clark, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
T-Ball Black practice, 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 14
FLAG DAY
Jr. Legion at Platte (vs. Platte, 10 a.m.; vs. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton, noon)

Sunday, June 15
St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at St. John's, 9 a.m.; at Zion 11 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.
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.
Legion hosts Redfield, 5:30 p.m.

We the People

The South Dakota Humanities Council is making available a weekly column -- "We the People" -- that focuses on the U.S. Constitution. It is written by David Adler, who is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality, and civic education.

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By David Adler

Security for Judges is Essential to Judicial Independence and the Rule of Law

Reporting from the Wall Street Journal over the Memorial Day weekend that a security committee at the federal Judicial Conference in March discussed a proposal to create an armed security force responsible for the safety of the judiciary, separate from the U.S. Marshal's Service, reflects a sad reality: judges who have ruled against President Donald Trump have faced death threats and vicious personal attacks, amid other hostile acts designed to intimidate them. It should be clear to all that the safety of federal judges is pivotal to the preservation of an independent judiciary and the rule of law, even more critical than the Article III structural guarantees of judicial independence: judges shall serve during good behavior, they may not be removed from the bench unless they commit impeachable offenses—treason, bribery, and high crimes and misdemeanors—and their salaries may not be diminished during their tenure. The structural constitutional protections afforded the judiciary would be rendered irrelevant if judges feared for their lives in rendering decisions based on facts and the law.

The growing recognition among judges that their health, safety and lives—and those of their families—are on the line when they issue, for example, temporary injunctions against President Trump, to halt his usurpations of power and the violation of individuals' civil rights and civil liberties, has been heightened by his public statements, including those on Truth Social, that judges who have ruled against him—"USA hating judges" and "radical Left lunatics"—in both his first and second terms in office, are "scum" and "Monsters who want our country to go to Hell." Trump and his associates have called for the impeachment of "opposition" judges and have attacked them by name. Some have been swatted. In recent months, dozens of pizzas have been delivered to the homes of judges, an action designed to intimidate them by demonstrating that their home addresses are known and that they can be reached.

What the Trump regime refuses to acknowledge is that many of the judicial decisions that have frozen his actions have been Republican-appointed judges, including those nominated by Trump himself. Trump's parade of losses in the federal courts has been followed by a steady stream of attacks, the goal of which has been to denigrate judges, demean the principle of judicial independence, and deny, altogether, the authority of the judiciary to review presidential acts. Such court bashing invites threats to judges.

As of May 23, the New York Times reports, at least 177 rulings, including decisions of Trump-nominated judges, "have at least temporarily paused some of the administration's initiatives." The Trump Administration's insistence that judges who halt Trump's aggrandizement of power are backing criminals fans the flames of MAGA loyalists. The concerns among judges at the March conference, in addition to those expressed by eminent, retired judges, include the fear that Attorney General Pam Bondi, who has been hyper-critical of those who have halted Trump's acts, might withdraw the protection of the U.S. Marshals. J. Michael Luttig, a retired federal judge, revered by conservative legal scholars, pointedly stated that the federal judiciary cannot "trust this president and his attorney general to ensure their protection. How could anyone?"

Trump's intemperate and dangerous attacks on those judges who have ruled against him represent a departure from both the measured criticisms of court rulings by previous presidents, as does the occasion that he used to deliver them. His fusillade of indecorous Memorial Day assaults on judicial independence, essential to the maintenance of the republic, pales in comparison to the messages of presidents past, who have marked with eloquent and patriotic language the sobering day when our nation honors the fallen who have sacrificed their lives in the name of freedom. On May 31, 1982, President Ronald Reagan expressed the awe that we Americans feel for those who "give their lives so that others might live." On May 25, 1998, President Bill Clinton urged the citizenry "to commit ourselves to a future worthy of their sacrifice." On May 27, 2002, President Barack Obama stated, "Our nation owes a debt to its fallen heroes that we can never fully repay, but we can honor their sacrifice, and we must." To honor their ultimate sacrifice requires of the president, at a minimum, to defend democracy, the Constitution, and judicial independence, for which our fallen heroes have given their lives.

Weekly Vikings Roundup
By Jordan Wright

Minnesota Vikings players and coaches were back on the field last week for Organized Team Activities (OTAs), giving us our first real look at the team as we head into the 2025 season. While OTAs are not mandatory, it was encouraging to hear that most of the team was present, aside from a few excused absences.

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Even Justin Jefferson was on the field, which is particularly important this year as rookie quarterback J.J. McCarthy looks to build chemistry with his superstar receiver.
The biggest news from the past week is that Vikings GM Kwesi Adofo-Mensah was given a multi-year contract extension, similar to the one awarded to head coach Kevin O’Connell earlier this year. Kwesi was a first-time GM when he was hired by the Vikings after they fired Rick Spielman following the 2021 season. His first draft was a flop, but he’s improved every year since. However, his ability to find and sign impact free agents has been excellent—especially last offseason, when he added players like Jonathan Greenard, Andrew Van Ginkel, and Sam Darnold. This offseason looks even stronger, particularly with all the additions in the trenches on both sides of the ball. The Wilfs are confident in Kwesi’s trajectory and rewarded him accordingly.
My Favorite Offseason Move: Upgrading the Trenches
For years, the Vikings’ trenches have been their Achilles heel. On offense, the team has boasted one of the best tackle duos in the league (Darrisaw and O’Neill), but the interior line was undersized and inconsistent. On defense, the story was similar—elite edge rushers but no dominant force in the middle. (I really like Harrison Phillips, but he can’t do it all by himself.)
Kwesi and the rest of the Vikings’ staff made fixing the trenches a priority this offseason—and in my opinion, they crushed it. They added two Pro Bowl offensive linemen, Will Fries and Ryan Kelly, to replace Ed Ingram and Garrett Bradbury, respectively. Then, to complete the overhaul of the interior O-line, the Vikings spent their first-round pick on Donovan Jackson, who is expected to slide in at left guard immediately.
On the other side of the ball, the Vikings finally got Phillips some help by signing defensive tackles Jonathan Allen and Javon Hargrave. The Vikings now have Pro Bowl-caliber players at every spot along their three-man defensive front—and any Vikings fan can tell you how critical a dominant D-line is in today’s NFL.
My Least Favorite Offseason Move: The Running Backs
The Vikings extended Aaron Jones this offseason and also traded for Jordan Mason from the San Francisco 49ers. Both are talented players—but I question the value. Jones is now over 30, the age when most running backs begin to decline. Mason is younger and had some impressive runs last season, but Minnesota had to give up draft capital and sign him to a new contract to get him.
I think the Vikings’ ground game will be just fine this season. I just didn’t love how much money and draft value they allocated to the one position that often yields solid production from rookies or bargain-bin signings.
The Move That Feels Incomplete: The Secondary
Future Hall of Famer Harrison Smith is back, along with Swiss army knife Josh Metellus and Pro Bowler Byron Murphy Jr. However, Camryn Bynum will be suiting up for Indianapolis this season, and both Stephon Gilmore and Shaquill Griffin remain unsigned. The Vikings clearly still need to add another cornerback—or two—before the season begins.
The good news? They still have cap space, and there are a few serviceable veterans available. (Asante Samuel Jr. and Rasul Douglas are currently at the top of my wish list.)

City Council
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After discussions with the city’s current bank, Dacotah Bank, there seems to be options to keep the money in a Dacotah Bank savings account but still get a higher interest rate. Heinrich told the board he still has some more research to do, but he will bring the information back to the council.
• The council reviewed and approved a plat of land on the west side of Groton. The Frohling Sixth Addition Plat adds about 50 feet of land to the west of his property, said Groton resident Ray Brandlee. The plat had been ap-

proved last month by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
• The council approved a special event alcoholic beverage license for two of four Groton Amateur baseball games. The approved dates are June 7 and 8 at the Groton Baseball Complex with the stipulation that beer will not be allowed if little league or softball is present. The council held off on approving two other dates as city ordinance requires separate special event alcoholic beverage license applications for each date.
• The Groton Swimming Pool is expected to be busy this summer. Pool co-managers Kami Lipp and Tricia Keith presented a report about

the first few weeks at the pool. So far, there have been 114 family passes and 52 youth passes purchased for the summer.
• The council authorized the purchase of a used dump truck on the stipulation that the truck costs do not exceed \$25,000.
• The council authorized city staff to declare a 2017 Ford Interceptor SUV as surplus, which will allow the city to sell the vehicle. When the item was presented, Councilman Kevin Nehls quickly said, “I will make the first motion to get rid of that.” The Groton Police Department vehicle has been through multiple repairs within the last couple of years, and the vehicle has been sitting idle since being replaced with a Chevrolet Tahoe.

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May 27, 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 Dennert 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: Senator Carl Perry reminded everyone to get out and vote for the Aberdeen City Council, SE & SW Districts.

ORDINANCE #294 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to adopt Ordinance #294. Petitioners Timothy and Kelly Serr to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Lot 5, "Keatts Third Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 22-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (127160 West Bridge Road, Ravinia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #295 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #295. Petitioner Adam Monson to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: "Elingson's Outlot 1" in the SW1/4 of Section 33-T121N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14788 402nd Avenue; Garden Prairie Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #296 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #296. Petitioners Jeffery and Tamara Sahli to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: "Meyer's Outlot 1 to Millers Richmond Lake Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 19-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (382228 Spillway Drive; Lincoln Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #297 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to adopt Ordinance #297. Petitioner Shane Reich to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Lot 2, "Keatts Third Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 22-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (127070 West Bridge Road, Ravinia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #298 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to adopt Ordinance #298. Petitioners James Johnson/William Mundhenke to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 thru 5, "Johnson Airport Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 22-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (5010, 5025, 5030, 5120 & 5210 Anthony Lane; Bath Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AWARD BID – SAND LAKE BRIDGE PROJECT: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent recommended to the Commission to award the bid to Prahm Construction, Inc. at the cost of \$3,037,891.10, which is 0.84% below the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost and falls within the grant amount awarded by the SDDOT Bridge Improvement Grant (BIG) Program. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to award the Sand Lake Bridge Project to Prahm Construction in the amount of \$3,037,891.10. Therefore, rejecting bids from Industrial Builders @ \$6,486,900.10; SFC Civil Constructors @ \$3,731,109.40; KEA Constructors @ \$5,221,290.35; R.R. Schroeder Construction @ \$3,379,000.45 and General Excavating @ \$4,512,526.90.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MASS NOTIFICATION PROPOSAL: Scott Meints, Emergency Management Director met with the Commission to discuss the options and quotes he received for the Mass Notification Programs. Scott shared that he had a list of requirements and received quotes from 5 companies. After comparing the features and cost, Scott recommended going with Motorola Rave. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to accept the quote from Motorola Rave at the Annual Cost of \$6,840.00 for three years. Therefore, rejecting quotes from Civic EM at the Annual Cost of \$9,499.00; Civic Plus at the Annual Cost of \$11,998.00; Hyper at the Annual Cost of \$10,998.00 and Text MyGov at the Annual Cost of \$9,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN THE EXPO BUILDING: Rachel Kippely, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission to discuss the Sprinkler System in the Expo Building and had a representative from Western States Fire Protection in attendance. Rachel had gotten three quotes to replace the mains and dry valves: Western States Fire Protection in the amount of \$48,880.00; NOVA Fire Protection in the amount of \$61,395.00; The Fire Group, Inc. in the amount of \$54,675.00. After further discussion, Commissioner Wiese moved to accept the quote from Western States Fire Protection in the amount of 48,880.00, seconded by Dinger. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION: Rachel Kippely, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager asked the Commission to accept the resignation of Fair Board Member, Ethan Sass, due to family matters. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to accept the resignation of Ethan Sass from the Brown County Fair Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRASH PICK-UP SERVICE CONTRACT FOR BROWN COUNTY FAIR: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the contract with Aberdeen Leadership Class of 2025 for the Trash Pick-Up Services for the Brown County Fair for 2025 @ \$10,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SOFTWARE PURCHASE: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor, informed the Commission that she reached out to Tyler Tech, and they offered to reduce the price to \$6,500.00 annually from \$7,538.00. Since they host the software there is no license or maintenance fee option. After further discussion, Commissioners asked to counter offer at \$5,500.00 annually for three years. Commissioner Dinger moved to defer this another week to see if they will lower the price any further, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE PARKING LOT DISCUSSION: Chairman Sutton shared that with the Tuckpointing that was happening at the Courthouse and the weather recently there were some concerns brought up by the Judges and Court Administration employees. He reached out to Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent to see what options they would have. Dirk shared the Highway Department could do the prep work and possibly pave it themselves or hire it out at the cost of \$25,000.00. This would include a 3" mat on the top. Dirk informed the Commission he would need to contact the City of Aberdeen regarding the curbs and sidewalks. Commissioner Dennert shared they should be proactive and complete this project since there is the potential to lose the parking lot to the west if the Dacotah Prairie Museum expands. Move by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve paving the parking lot on the west side of Gary's Building over to fence, which will be removed. The cost will be split between the Maintenance Budget and Contingency Funds. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the General Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Claims: Insurance: SD Assoc of County Commissioners \$21,569.00. Professional Fees: Century/Link-Lumen \$198.41; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$1,560.00; Computer Forensic Resources \$6,840.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$3,876.00; Jerald M. McNeary \$300.00; John Noyes – Bantz,

Gosch & Cremer \$2,052.00; Kuck Law Office \$5,838.00; Lauren Nikolas \$1,000.00; Northern State University \$614.50; Priority Dispatch Corp \$425.00; Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) \$145.00; Sara Zahn \$126.30; SpraySync \$1,400.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$822.00. Publishing: Fordham Signs and Designs \$3,250.00; Mid-states Group \$3,213.00. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00; Dakota Electronics LLC \$154.20; Fordham Signs and Designs \$2,200.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Diamond Mowers LLC \$179.01; Graham Tire Inc \$20.25; House of Glass \$718.61; Jake's Heating & Cooling \$1,240.77; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$1,029.27; On Site Repair Service \$477.50; One Source, The Background Check Co., Inc. \$75.63; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$148.40; Titan Machinery \$175.68; Vioc Thorco, Inc \$8.19. Supplies: Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$2,481.51; Amy LeBeau \$58.62; Baggster LLC \$175.00; Century Business Products \$337.08; Computer Forensic Resources \$7.05; Diamond Mowers LLC \$1,324.44; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$8,328.60; John Noyes – Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$35.75; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$103.87; Kuck Law Office \$174.89; Menards \$676.42; One Source, The Background Check Co., Inc. \$3,440.00; Performance Oil \$86.40; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$40.12; Runnings \$49.37; Safety Service \$393.25; Vioc Thorco, Inc \$41.94. Travel & Conference: Neil Bittner \$14.00; Patricia Van-Meter \$252.40; Steve Westby \$14.00; Tracy Engquist \$20.00. Utilities: Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$184.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$38.50; Northwestern Energy \$2,930.20; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$108.91. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

- o Promotion of Makendra Ochsner from Brown County JDC Officer to Brown County Deputy Sheriff-Court Security, starting wage \$26.72/hr. – effective May 27, 2025.

- o Hiring of John Anderson as Brown County Deputy Sheriff, FT; starting wage \$26.72/hr. – effective May 27, 2025.

- o Hiring of Alexandra Chavez as Brown County Jail Cook, FT; starting wage \$17.13/hr. – effective May 30, 2025.

- o Payment of retirement award for Lori Goldade in the amount of \$150.00 before taxes, and the requirement was met.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Auditor Heupel to sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign application submitted by Brown County 4-H for a Pie Auction to be held on August 14, 2025, at the Brown County Fair 4-H BBQ. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MARCH & APRIL 2025: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts for March 2025: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$20,818,974.40; Total Savings Account Balances \$1,190,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit: \$11,202,175.24; Grand Total Cash and Balances: \$33,219,297.06. General Fund Cash & Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$19,516,132.18; Road & Bridge Fund \$746,198.16; Road & Bridge Fund-Restricted \$231,883.27; 911 Service \$782,189.13; Emergency & Disaster \$18,104.86; Domestic Abuse \$523.79; Federal/State Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$122,214.76; Truancy Court \$110.99; 24/7 Sobriety \$21,278.82; ROD M&P \$90,085.52; Rural Access Infrastructure \$559,577.54; TIF Debt Service \$59,888.97; Landfill + Cash Change \$7,081,608.63; Landfill-Restricted \$1,894,495.06; Trust & Agency Funds \$4,221,351.60; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$33,219,297.06.

And for April 2025: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,690.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$35,070,014.73; Total Savings Account Balances \$1,690,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit: \$11,202,175.24; Grand Total Cash and Balances: \$47,970,327.39. General Fund Cash & Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund

\$23,045,119.46; Road & Bridge Fund \$850,118.13; Road & Bridge Fund-Restricted \$231,883.27; 911 Service \$714,386.78; Emergency & Disaster \$2,356.57; Domestic Abuse \$886.79; Federal/State Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$121,190.81; Truancy Court \$110.99; 24/7 Sobriety \$17,452.28; ROD M&P \$90,647.23; Rural Access Infrastructure \$559,577.54; TIF Debt Service \$528,617.47; Landfill + Cash Change \$7,193,420.53; Landfill-Restricted \$1,894,495.06; Trust & Agency Funds \$14,846,421.20; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$47,970,337.39. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCES – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to set hearing date and authorize publication for the first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held on June 17, 2025, in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #299, applicants Jeff Brockel/Jacob Palmer for the purpose of rezoning from Highway Commercial District (HC) to Commercial District (C) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Description of property: Lots 1 thru 10, "Todd Rosebrock First Subdivision" in the NW1/4 of Section 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (4095, 4185, 4275, 4365, 4395, 4390, 4360, 4270, 4180 & 4090 Paper Lane; Aberdeen Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #300, applicants Darian & Kimberly Browning for the purpose of rezoning from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Lot 1, "Browning First Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 35-T122N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14172 378th Avenue; Highland Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #301, applicants Edward Price for the Braun Family Limited Partnership for the purpose of rezoning from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Lot 1, "E. Price Addition" in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 23-T121N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14510 392nd Avenue; West Rondell Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #302, amendment to Wind Energy Systems (WES) to the Brown County Title 4 Zoning Ordinances by replacing proposed changes: Chapter 4.36, Wind Energy System (WES). (The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning & Zoning Office during regular business hours.) Proposed Ordinance #303, a new ordinance, Data Center being added to the Brown County Title 4 Zoning Ordinances of Brown County, Chapter 4.01 – Definitions; Chapter 4.16 – H-I District; An Addition to Title 4 Zoning Ordinances of Brown County with Chapter 4.38-Data Centers. (The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning & Zoning Office during regular business hours.) All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PRELIMINARY PLAT – MINA LAKE NORTHEAST ADDITION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the Preliminary Plat for Mina Lake Northeast Addition in S ½ of Section 7-T123-R65 of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEIKVOLD SECOND ADDITION PLAT: Resolution #2025-20

It was moved by Commissioner Dennert and seconded by Dinger, that the plat as shown hereon and as described on the accompanying plat of "LEIKVOLD SECOND ADDITION", in the SW ¼ of Section 26, Township 124 North, Range 64 West of the 5th P.M., in Brown County, South Dakota, be approved and accepted. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

HUBERT OUTLOT PLAT: Resolution #2025-21

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "HUBERT OUTLOT IN THE SW ¼ OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 128 NORTH, RANGE 61 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Dinger. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

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DM SMITH ADDITION PLAT: Resolution #2025-22

Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing: "DM SMITH ADDITION IN THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 122 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

E. PRICE ADDITION PLAT: Resolution #2025-23

Commissioner Dinger brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing: "E. PRICE ADDITION IN THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 121 NORTH, RANGE 63 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

SCARBOROUGH SECOND ADDITION PLAT: Resolution #2025-24

Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing: "SCARBOROUGH SECOND ADDITION IN THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 22-T121N-R65W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Move by Wiese, seconded by Dinger to go into Executive Session for Personnel & 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 Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:13 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #294
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED
TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #294, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by petitioner Timothy & Kelly Serr was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 27th day of May 2025 and will become effective on the 24th of June 2025.

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

Description of property: Lot 5, "Keatts Third Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 22-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (127160 West Bridge Road, Ravinia Twp.).

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

Passed and adopted this 27th day of May 2025.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

Notice of Hearing: April 30,

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #295

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

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #295, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by petitioner Adam Monson was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 27th day of May 2025 and will become effective on the 24th of June 2025.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for their current use:

Description of property: "Elingson's Outlot 1" in the SW1/4 of Section 33-T121N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14788 402nd Avenue; Garden Prairie Twp.).

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

Passed and adopted this 27th day of May 2025.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on June 23, 2025, at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 11, Section 11.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Karen DeBrine to build a small deck within 8 feet of the east lot line in a Residential (R-3) District located at 116 N 1st Street, Groton, SD, legally described as Lot 1-2 of Block 43 of the 3rd Addition, Groton, SD.

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

Doug Heinrich

Zoning Administrator

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

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #296, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by petitioners Jeffery & Tamara Sahli was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 27th day of May 2025 and will become effective on the 24th of June 2025.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

Description of property: "Meyer's Outlot 1 to Millers Richmond Lake Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 19-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (382228 Spillway Drive; Lincoln Twp.).

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

Passed and adopted this 27th day of May 2025.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #297

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

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #297, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by petitioner Shane Reich was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 27th day of May 2025 and will become effective on the 24th of June 2025.

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

Description of property: Lot 2, "Keatts Thirld Subdivision" in the NE 1/4 of Section 22-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (127070 West Bridge Road, Ravinia Twp.).

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

Passed and adopted this 27th day of May 2025.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE #298

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

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #298, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by petitioners James Johnson/William Mundhenke was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 27th day of May 2025 and will become effective on the 24th of June 2025.

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

Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 thru 5, "Johnson Airport Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 22-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (5010, 5025, 5030, 5120 & 5210 Anthony Lane; Bath Twp.).

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

Passed and adopted this 27th day of May 2025.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE

Application has been made by Jeff Brockel/Jacob Palmer 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 17, 2025, for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Highway Commercial District (HC) to Commercial District (C) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use:

Description of property: Lots 1 thru 10, "Todd Rosebrock First Subdivision" in the NW1/4 of Section 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (4095, 4185, 4275, 4365, 4395, 4390, 4360, 4270, 4180 & 4090 Paper Lane; Aberdeen 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 property described. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may

adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 299.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE

Application has been made by Darian & Kimberly Browning 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 17, 2025, for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

Description of property: Lot 1, "Browning First Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 35-T122N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14172 378th Avenue; Highland 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 property described. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 300.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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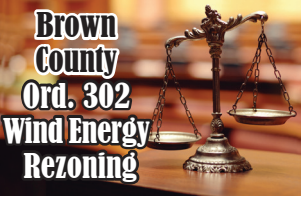
Application has been made by Edward Price for Braun Family Limited Partnership to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on June 17, 2025, for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

Description of property: Lot 1, "E. Price Addition" in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 23-T121N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14510 392nd Avenue; West Rondell 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 property described. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 301.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCE, TITLE 4

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Board of Commissioners on the 17th day of June 2025 to consider an ordinance amendment to Wind Energy Systems (WES) to the Brown County Title 4 Zoning Ordinances by replacing: Chapter 4.36, Wind Energy System (WES) with the proposed changes: All Adopted by Ordinances #302, as amended in Title 4 Zoning Ordinance of Brown County South Dakota. The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony. At the

conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 302.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCE, TITLE 4

A public hearing will be held by the Brown County Board of Commissioners on the 17th day of June 2025 to consider a new ordinance, Data Center being added to the Brown County Title 4 Zoning Ordinances of Brown County, Chapter 4.01 – Definitions; Chapter 4.16 – H-I District; An Addition to Title 4 Zoning Ordinances of Brown County with Chapter 4.38 – Data Centers; All Adopted by Ordinances #303, as amended in Title 4 Zoning Ordinance of Brown County South Dakota. The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 303.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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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 17, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Dennis Volzke

Legal description of property: The 500' west of the east 700' of the north 658' in the NW1/4 of Section 11-T123N-R64W, except highway R.O.W. and except H-1 of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (1421 24th Avenue NW; Aberdeen Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for open storage of dumpsters and heavy equipment and to operate 1 business on the west end of existing building and a shop with storage in the east 2/3 of existing building in a proposed Highway Commercial District (HC).

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

Dated this 4th day of June 2025.

Planning/Zoning Commission and

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on June 17, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner/Owner: Matthew Olsen

Description of property: Lot 2B, "Lockheed Replat of Lot 2 of 2nd Subdivision of O'Dea's Outlot 1" in the SW1/4 of Sec-

tion 34-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38534 142nd Street; Warner Twp.).

Reason: A Variance for Building Setbacks in a Proposed Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to have a 45'-0" South Front Yard Setback rather than the 100'-0" Setback required by Brown County Zoning Ordinances.

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

Dated this 4th day of June 2025

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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 17, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Agent: Todd Rosebrock

Legal description of property: Lot 4, "Todd Rosebrock First Subdivision" in the NW1/4 of Section 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (4365 Paper Lane; Aberdeen Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) to allow open storage of campers, trailers and some vehicles in a proposed Commercial District (C).

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

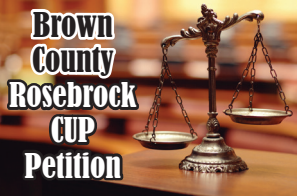
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on June 17, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Agent: Todd Rosebrock

Legal description of property: Lot 1, "TAC First Addition" in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (NW corner of 1820 Brown County 19; Aberdeen Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) to allow a free-standing 4' x 8' sign attached to two posts in a Heavy Industrial District (H-I)).

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

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on June 17, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Agent: Taylor Sumption

Legal description of property: The SW1/4 of Section 13-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39150 107th Street; Richland Twp.).

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) to have a one-half mile private turf airstrip.

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

Dated this 4th day of June 2025.

Planning/Zoning Commission and

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Court House Annex on June 17, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Donald Young

Description of property: Young's Lot 1, "Hub City Livestock Second Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 26-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2410 S 5th Street, Aberdeen Twp.).

Reason: A Variance for Approach Separation in a Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to be 175' and 194' from existing approaches rather than the 500' required in Brown County Zoning Ordinances.

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

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NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on June 23, 2025, at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 9, Section 9.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Kelly Pappas to build a covered porch within 18 feet of the west lot line in a Residential (R-1) District located at 603 N 3rd Street, Groton, SD, legally described as Lot 8-9 of Block 24 of the 1st Addition, Groton, SD.

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

Doug Heinrich
Zoning Administrator

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NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on June 17, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner: Dennis Volzke
Description of property: The 500' west of the east 700' of the north 658' in the NW1/4 of Section 11-T123N-R64W, except highway R.O.W. and except H-1; Lot C, Block 12, "Wylie Park Estates 5th Addition" in the N1/2 of Section 11-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (1421 24th Avenue NW & 1920 N Hwy 281; Aberdeen Twp.).

Reason: Rezone parcels from Residential District (R-1) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.
Dated this 4th day of June 2025.
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NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on June 17, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner: Dawn Weismantel
Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 & 2, "Weismantel Farm First Addition" in the E1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 33-T126N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11747 397th Avenue; Shelby Twp.).

Reason: Rezone parcels from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.
Dated this 4th day of June 2025.
Planning/Zoning Commission and
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NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown

County Courthouse Annex on June 17, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner: Earl & Amanda Maier
Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Maier's First Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 17-T126N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11450 389th Avenue; Brainard Twp.).
Reason: Rezone parcel from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.
Dated this 4th day of June 2025.
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NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on June 17, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.
Petitioner: Matthew Olsen
Description of property: Lots 2A & 2B, "Lockheed Replat of Lot 2 of 2nd Subdivision of O'Dea's Outlot 1" in the SW1/4 of Section 34-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38518 & 38534 142nd Street; Warner Twp.).
Reason: Rezone parcels from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.
Dated this 4th day of June 2025.
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
COUNTY OF BROWN)
ss
IN CIRCUIT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF C. J., MINOR CHILD, AND CONCERNING TAYLOR NICOLE JORGENSEN AND MICHAEL BIG EAGLE, RESPONDENTS,
A&N 24-63
NOTICE OF ENTRY OF GUARDIANSHIP ORDER
TO: Taylor Jorgenson
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Guardianship Order affecting your parental rights dated the 23rd day of April and the 5th day of May, 2025, and filed the 20th day of May, 2025, has

been entered in this matter. (This is an intermediate order which is subject to intermediate appeal with the permission of the Court according to the rules of procedure governing civil appeals.)
Dated this 30th day of May, 2025.
/s/ Karla Nelson,
Karla Nelson,
Deputy Brown County States Attorney
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NOTICE
TO: THE UNKNOWN EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, PERSON OR REPRESENTATIVE, HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF HANNAH CHRISTINA GREEN whose last known address was Round Rock, Texas
TAKE NOTICE that on the 21st day of December, 2020, Lot Eighteen (18), Block Five (5), original plat of the Town of Frederick, Brown County, South Dakota.
EXCEPT the North 42 feet of said lot heretofore conveyed by deed to the Town of Frederick, Brown County, South Dakota, was sold at County Treasurer's tax sale for delinquent taxes on said premises, to the County of Brown in the State of South Dakota, and said County of Brown is still the holder thereof and the right of redemption will expire and a Deed to said property will be made at the expiration of sixty days from the completed service of this notice.
Dated this 22nd day of May, 2025.
/s/Patty VanMeter
Treasurer of Brown County, South Dakota
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BROWN)
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ss
IN CIRCUIT COURT
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF R.R.E., MINOR CHILD, AND CONCERNING AMBER RED ELKAND CARLIN MELLETE, RESPONDENTS
A&N 24-82
NOTICE OF ENTRY OF GUARDIANSHIP ORDER
TO: Carlin Mellette
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Guardianship Order affecting your parental rights and dated the 19th day of May, 2025, and filed the 20 day of May, 2025, has been entered in this matter. (This is an intermediate order which is subject to intermediate appeal with the permission of the Court according to the rules of procedure governing civil appeals.)
Dated this 19th day of May, 2025.
/s/ Kara Nelson
Karla Nelson, Deputy
Brown County States Attorney
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Groton Senior Citizens

May 5: Groton Seniors met for a meeting and cards. Ten members were present. Meeting was about the flowers to plant at the community center. Meeting was adjourned and cards played. The winners of each game. Pinochle-John Aldrich, Whist- Dick Donovan, Canasta -Pat Larson. Door prizes Pat Larson, Tony Goldade, Don Hoops. Lunch was served by Darlene Fischer

May 12: Ten Groton Seniors met to play cards. Cards were played, the winners Pinochle- Don Hoops, Whist- Darlene Fischer, Canasta - Pat Larson, Door prizes- Pat Larson, Don Hoops, Tony Goldade. Lunch was served by Don Hoops.

MAY 19: Groton Seniors met for their pot luck dinner. Thirteen members attended president had the table prayer. After dinner bingo was played. Don Hoops and Ruby Donovan both won black out. Cards were played after bingo. Door prizes Bruce Shilhanek, Elda Stange.

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Groton Jr. Teeners Grabs Lead Late For Victory Over Milbank

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Teeners bested Milbank 3-2 on Wednesday after taking the lead late in the game. Groton Jr. Teeners were down 2-1 in the bottom of the sixth inning when Lincoln Shilhanek singled, scoring two runs. Both teams were strong on the hill. Groton Jr. Teeners pitchers struck out 15, while Milbank sat down 14. A single by Trayce Schelle on an 0-2 count put Groton Jr. Teeners on the board in the bottom of the third. Milbank took the lead in the top of the fifth inning after Finley Hunt walked, and Milbank scored on a wild pitch, each scoring one run. Schelle earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners. The pitcher allowed two hits and zero runs over two and one-third innings, striking out four and walking one. Brady Allen took the loss for Milbank. The pitcher went one-third of an inning, giving up one run on one hit, striking out one and walking one. TC Schuster opened the game for Groton Jr. Teeners. The starting pitcher gave up zero hits and two runs (zero earned) over four and two-thirds innings, striking out 11 and walking six. Zach Karges stepped on the hill first for Milbank. The pitcher surrendered two hits and two runs over five and two-thirds innings, striking out 13 and walking two. Shilhanek drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Jr. Teeners with two runs batted in. The infielder went 1-for-3 on the day. Kolton Antonsen, Schelle, and Shilhanek each collected one hit for Groton Jr. Teeners. Schuster stole two bases. Allen and Henry Heller each collected one hit for Milbank. Karges stole two bases. Milbank had patience at the plate, accumulating seven walks for the game. Milbank were sure-handed in the field and didn’t commit a single error. Heller had the most chances in the field with 14.

Groton Jr. Teeners Triumph Over Milbank

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Teeners were triumphant over Milbank 7-6 on Wednesday at Groton SD. Groton Jr. Teeners got on the board in the first inning after Zach Fliehs singled, scoring one run. Groton Jr. Teeners added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Fliehs singled to center field, and , each scoring one run. Milbank flipped the game on its head in the top of the fourth, scoring five runs on one hit to take the lead, 5-3. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Andrew Karels that drove in two. Groton Jr. Teeners captured the lead, 7-5, in the bottom of the fourth when one run scored on a dropped third strike, Fliehs grounded out, scoring one run, and Wesley Borg singled, scoring two runs. Fliehs earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners. The starter gave up one hit and five runs (one earned) over four innings, striking out nine and walking seven. Bennett Hunt took the loss for Milbank. The starting pitcher went four innings, allowing seven runs (five earned) on seven hits, striking out seven and walking four. Lincoln Shilhanek collected the save. Fliehs provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Groton Jr. Teeners with three runs batted in. The cleanup hitter went 2-for-3 on the day. Fliehs and Trayce Schelle each collected two hits for Groton Jr. Teeners. Karels led Milbank with two runs batted in. The outfielder went 1-for-2 on the day. Ryan Sperry, Hunt, and Karels each collected one hit for Milbank. Hunt and Karels each stole multiple bases for Milbank. Milbank had a strong eye at the plate, amassing seven walks for the game. Milbank stole six bases in the game.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Fall Victim To Watertown Rally

By GameChanger Media

Despite leading by as many as five runs, Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion fell to Watertown 9-8 on Thursday. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion opened the scoring in the first after Ryder Schelle grounded out, scoring one run. Andrew Dahl singled to center field, which helped Watertown tie the game at one in the top of the fourth. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the fourth, scoring five runs on three hits to take the lead, 6-1. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Nick Groeblinghoff that drove in three.

Max Marlenson grounded out, which helped Watertown tie the game at six in the top of the seventh. In the top of the eighth, Watertown broke up the tie when Kooper Heiser drew a walk, scoring one run. Then a single by Marlenson followed to extend the lead to 9-6.

Sam Olson earned the win for Watertown. The hurler gave up three hits and two runs over three innings, striking out two and walking one. Groeblinghoff took the loss for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The right-handed pitcher went four innings, surrendering three runs on three hits, striking out two and walking four. Heiser started on the bump for

Watertown. The hurler gave up four hits and six runs (zero earned) over five innings, striking out six and walking five.

Groeblinghoff provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with two runs batted in. The pitcher went 1-for-3 on the day. Schelle led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with two hits in five at bats. John Bisbee led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, tallying six walks for the game. Dahl provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Watertown with two runs batted in. The third baseman went 3-for-4 on the day. Hunter Halajian collected two hits for Watertown in three at bats. Jaxon Falak paced Watertown with three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, amassing nine walks for the game. Falak and Tripp Jorgenson each stole multiple bases for Watertown.

Big Fifth Inning Leads Watertown Past Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion

By GameChanger Media

Watertown scored seven runs in the fifth inning, which helped them defeat Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion 10-0 on Thursday. Watertown got on the board in the first inning after Sam Olson tripled, scoring one run. Watertown added one run in the second. Hunter Halajian scored after tagging up, making the score 2-0. Watertown added one run in the third. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion committed an error, making the score 3-0. Watertown scored seven runs on five hits in the top of the fifth inning. Kasen Jensen drew a walk, scoring one run, Halajian doubled, scoring two runs, Jaxon Falak doubled, scoring two runs, Tripp Jorgenson singled, scoring one run, and an error scored one run. Jorgenson earned the win for Watertown. The starter allowed five hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out eight and walking one. Kason Oswald took the loss for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The starter went two innings, giving up two runs (one earned) on two hits, striking out none and walking one. Ryder Schelle led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with two hits in three at bats. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion turned one double play in the game. Falak went 1-for-2 at the plate and led the team with three runs batted in. Jorgenson led Watertown with three hits in three at bats. Olson paced Watertown with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, amassing nine walks for the game. Falak stole two bases. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion will travel to Redfield for their next game on Friday.

Groton Post 39 Firing On All Cylinders Against Redfield Post 92

By GameChanger Media

Groton Legion Post 39 won big over Redfield Post 92 11-1 on Friday at Redfield. Groton Legion Post 39 jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Brevin Fliehs tripled, scoring two runs, an error scored one run, and Nick Groeblinghoff singled, scoring two runs. Groton Legion Post 39 added one run in the third after Groeblinghoff grounded out. Nick Morris earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The hurler surrendered four hits and one run over five innings, striking out three and walking three. Eli Morrissette took the loss for Redfield Post 92. The hurler went three innings, surrendering six runs (four earned) on four hits, striking out three and walking four. Groeblinghoff led Groton Legion Post 39 with three runs batted in from the number eight spot in the lineup. Groeblinghoff went 1-for-3 on the day. Lincoln Krause went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Legion Post 39 in hits. Groton Legion Post 39 had a strong eye at the plate, amassing eight walks for the game. Karsten Fliehs, Teylor Diegel, and Fliehs led the team with two free passes each. Krause, Diegel, and Fliehs each stole multiple bases for Groton Legion Post 39. Groton Legion Post 39 stole nine bases in the game. Groton Legion Post 39 were sure-handed in the field and didn’t commit a single error. Fliehs had the most chances in the field with four. Micah Zastrow went 2-for-2 at the plate and led the team with one run batted in. Groton Legion Post 39 will travel to Canton for their next game on Sunday.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Trounce Redfield

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion easily dispatched Redfield on Friday, 11-2. Redfield got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after #7 walked, and #17 hit a sacrifice fly, each scoring one run. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion tied the game in the top of the third thanks to a single by Alex Abeln, and a passed ball. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion flipped the game on its head in the top of the fourth, scoring five runs on three hits to take the lead, 7-2. The biggest blow in the inning was a double by Abeln that drove in two. Ryder Schelle earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The

right-handed pitcher allowed three hits and two runs over five innings, striking out two and walking three. #15 began the game for Redfield. The starting pitcher gave up four hits and seven runs (six earned) over three and two-thirds innings, striking out eight and walking seven. Abeln led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with four runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 2-for-4 on the day. Nick Groeblichhoff led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with four walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating 10 walks for the game. Lincoln Krause stole two bases. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion ran wild on the base paths, tallying seven stolen bases for the game. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion turned one double play in the game. #17 led the team with one run batted in. #2 led Redfield with two hits in three at bats. #7 stole two bases. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion will travel to Britton U17 Teeners for their next game on Tuesday.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Stymied By Clark Area 14U

By GameChanger Media
Groton Jr. Teeners 14U couldn't keep up with Clark Area 14U and fell 19-4 on Friday. Clark Area 14U jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Kaden Wookey tripled, scoring two runs, Wyatt Schlagel singled, scoring one run, a passed ball scored one run, and Jaden LaPlante grounded out, scoring one run. A triple by Schlagel, and a single by Isaac Johnson helped Clark Area 14U extend their early lead in the second. Clark Area 14U added to their early lead in the top of the third inning when Grant Nelson grounded out, scoring one run, and Miles Olson doubled, scoring two runs. Clark Area 14U scored eight runs on five hits in the top of the fifth inning. Olson doubled, scoring two runs, Wookey doubled, scoring two runs, an error scored two runs, and #39 singled, scoring two runs. Cade Gaikowski earned the win for Clark Area 14U. The right-handed pitcher gave up zero hits and zero runs over two innings, striking out none and walking none. Kyson Kucker took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The reliever went two innings, giving up eight runs (six earned) on six hits, striking out two and walking four. Keegan Kucker stepped on the mound first for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The starter gave up nine hits and 11 runs (nine earned) over three innings, striking out one and walking four. Benny Pommer stepped on the mound first for Clark Area 14U. The starting pitcher gave up five hits and four runs over three innings, striking out three and walking four. Asher Zimmerman led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with two runs batted in. The catcher went 1-for-3 on the day. Noah Scepaniak, Zimmerman, Trayce Schelle, Wesley Borg, and Lincoln Shilhanek each collected one hit for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Clark Area 14U tallied 15 hits in the game. Schlagel and Olson each collected three hits for Clark Area 14U. Olson and Wookey were tough to handle back-to-back in the lineup, as each drove in four runs for Clark Area 14U. Johnson and #39 each collected multiple hits for Clark Area 14U. Clark Area 14U had patience at the plate, collecting eight walks for the game. Aksel Gjerde and Gaikowski led the team with two free passes each. Johnson stole two bases. Clark Area 14U turned one double play in the game.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Win In Fashion With Walk Off over Clark

By GameChanger Media
It came down to the wire on Friday, as Groton Jr. Teeners 14U grabbed the victory in walk-off fashion, 5-4, over Clark Area 14U. The game was tied at four in the bottom of the fifth when Noah Scepaniak was struck by a pitch, driving in a run. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U opened the scoring in the second after Gavin Hanten singled, scoring one run. Clark Area 14U jumped back into the lead in the top of the third inning after Groton Jr. Teeners 14U committed an error, Kaden Wookey singled to center field, Wyatt Schlagel walked, and Groton Jr. Teeners 14U committed an error, each scoring one run. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U tied the game in the bottom of the third thanks to an error, and a double by Lincoln Shilhanek. Shilhanek earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The starter surrendered four hits and four runs (two earned) over five innings, striking out four and walking five. Miles Olson took the loss for Clark Area 14U. The right-handed pitcher went two and one-third innings, surrendering one run on three hits, striking out five and walking three. Easton Huber led things off on the mound for Clark Area 14U. The hurler gave up three hits and four runs (three earned) over two innings, striking out two and walking six. Shilhanek led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with two runs batted in. The pitcher went 2-for-3 on the day. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U had patience at the plate, amassing nine walks for the game. Kolton Antonsen and Kyson Kucker led the team with two free passes each. Leadoff hitter Grant Nelson led Clark Area 14U with two hits in three at bats. Olson and Wookey were a one-two punch in the lineup, as each drove in one run for Clark Area 14U. Nelson stole two bases. Clark Area 14U ran wild on the base paths, amassing seven stolen bases for the game.

Groton Post 39 Fall After Strong Showing By Aberdeen Smittys

By GameChanger Media
Groton Legion Post 39 couldn't keep up with Aberdeen Smittys and fell 17-7 on Monday. Groton Legion Post 39 got on the board in the top of the first inning after Aberdeen Smittys committed an error, and Gavin Englund doubled down the left field line, each scoring one run. Groton Legion Post 39 added one run in the third. Korbin Kucker scored after tagging up, making the score 3-0. Aberdeen Smittys flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the fourth, scoring seven runs on five hits to take the lead, 8-3. The biggest blow in the inning was an error that drove in two. Aberdeen Smittys scored six runs on three hits in the bottom of the eighth inning. Karson Borge was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, an error scored one run, Jehiel Aviles singled, scoring one run, and Joe Cogley doubled, scoring three runs. Joran Foss earned the win for Aberdeen Smittys. The pitcher gave up four hits and three runs (one earned) over four innings, striking out seven and walking three. Englund pitched four innings in relief for Groton Legion Post 39. The reliever gave up 10 hits and nine runs (eight earned) while, striking out one and walking four. Jarrett Erdmann took the loss for Groton Legion Post 39. The starter went three and one-third innings, allowing eight runs (three earned) on three hits, striking out three and walking four. Nick Morris led Groton Legion Post 39 with three runs batted in. The outfielder went 2-for-5 on the day. Morris, Englund, and Kucker each collected two hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Groton Legion Post 39 had a strong eye at the plate, piling up six walks for the game. Karsten Fliehs and Teylor Diegel led the team with two free passes each. Aberdeen Smittys piled up 13 hits in the game. Cogley provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Aberdeen Smittys with five runs batted in. The number three hitter went 2-for-5 on the day. Aviles went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Aberdeen Smittys in hits. Lance Siefken and Foss each collected multiple hits for Aberdeen Smittys. Aberdeen Smittys had patience at the plate, tallying eight walks for the game. Jaxon Ladner and Aviles led the team with two free passes each. Next up for Groton Legion Post 39 is a game at Watertown on Thursday.


Groton Legion Post 39 Firing On All Cylinders Against Canton C-Hawks

By GameChanger Media
Groton Legion Post 39 easily dispatched Canton C-Hawks on Sunday at Volga SD, 11-1. Groton Legion Post 39 got on the board in the first inning after Carter Simon grounded out, scoring one run. Groton Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the top of the second inning when Teylor Diegel singled, scoring two runs, Braxton Imrie singled, scoring one run, and Brevin Fliehs drew a walk, scoring one run. Simon hit a solo home run to left field in the top of the fifth for the Groton Legion Post 39. Korbin Kucker earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The starter gave up two hits and one run over six innings, striking out eight and walking three. Kayden Chaulk took the loss for Canton C-Hawks. The left-handed pitcher went five innings, surrendering six runs on six hits, striking out two and walking six. Simon pitched one inning of shutout ball for Groton Legion Post 39 in relief. The pitcher gave up zero hits, striking out none and walking two. Groton Legion Post 39 collected 11 hits in the game. Imrie and Diegel were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected two hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Diegel went 2-for-4 at the plate and led the team with four runs batted in. Groton Legion Post 39 had patience at the plate, tallying eight walks for the game. Nick Morris, Imrie, and Nick Groeblichhoff led the team with two walks each. Imrie stole two bases. Groton Legion Post 39 stole four bases in the game.

Theo Meister led Canton C-Hawks with one run batted in. The left-handed hitter went 1-for-3 on the day. Espn Anderson and Meister each collected one hit for Canton C-Hawks. Wyette Greenwood and Meister each stole multiple bases for Canton C-Hawks. Canton C-Hawks ran wild on the base paths, tallying six stolen bases for the game.



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Depite Multiple Home Runs From Carter Simon, Groton Legion Post 39 Defeated By Volga Post 114

By GameChanger Media

Carter Simon hit two home runs and drove in two, but Groton Legion Post 39 lost to Volga Post 114 15-8 on Sunday at Volga SD. Simon homered in the second and fifth innings.

Groton Legion Post 39 collected 11 hits and Volga Post 114 had 15 in the high-scoring affair.

Volga Post 114 opened the scoring in the bottom of the first thanks to two singles. Volga Post 114 first got on the board when Isaac Skovlund singled, scoring one run.

Simon hit a solo home run to center field in the top of the second for the Groton Legion Post 39.

Volga Post 114 extended their early lead with two runs in the bot-tom of the third thanks to RBI singles by Skovlund and Levi Loban.

Volga Post 114 scored five runs on four hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. Braden Danzeisen doubled, scoring two runs, Skovlund singled, scoring one run, Broden Teske was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, and a wild pitch scored one run.

Simon hit a solo home run to left field in the top of the fifth for the Groton Legion Post 39.

Volga Post 114 scored six runs on two hits in the bottom of the sixth inning. Tate Steffenson laid down a sacrifice bunt, scoring one run, Kam Hauck was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Danzeisen drew a walk, scoring one run, Skovlund singled, scoring one run, and Bret Milton grounded out, scoring one run.

Andrew Gunderson earned the win for Volga Post 114. The pitcher gave up eight hits and four runs over five innings, striking out three and walking two. Brevin Fliehs took the loss for Groton Legion Post 39. The right-handed pitcher went three and one-third innings, sur-rendering nine runs (eight earned) on 12 hits, striking out two and walking three.

Groton Legion Post 39 collected 11 hits in the game. Lincoln Krause led Groton Legion Post 39 with three runs batted in from the number seven spot in the lineup. The right fielder went 2-for-4 on the day. Krause, Teylor Diegel, Korbin Kucker, and Simon each collected two hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Kucker paced Groton Legion Post 39 with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, piling up eight walks for the game.

Volga Post 114 piled up 15 hits in the game. Skovlund drove the middle of the lineup, leading Volga Post 114 with four runs batted in. The outfielder went 4-for-4 on the day. Hauck, Loban, Danzeisen, and Milton each collected multiple hits for Volga Post 114. Hauck stole three bases. Volga Post 114 ran wild on the base paths, tallying four stolen bases for the game. Volga Post 114 turned one double play in the game.

Groton Legion Post 39 will travel to Aberdeen Smitty’s for their next game on Monday.

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T.C Schuster’s Clutch Hitting Propels Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion To Victory Over Britton U17 Teeners

By GameChanger Media

T.C Schuster drove in four runs on three hits to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion past Britton U17 Teeners 18-7 on Tuesday.Schuster doubled in the second scoring two, singled in the first scoring one, and doubled in the third scoring one.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Alex Abeln singled, scoring one run, Schuster singled, scoring one run, and Isaiah Scepaniak doubled, scoring two runs.

Britton U17 Teeners scored three runs in the bottom of the first on a home run to center field by Ben Suther.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion extended their early lead with five runs in the top of the second thanks to RBI doubles by Schuster, Jordan Schwan, and Scepaniak.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion scored five runs on five hits in the top of the third inning. Ethan Kroll singled, scoring two runs, Lincoln Krause singled, scoring one run, Abeln singled, scoring one run, and Schuster doubled, scoring one run.

Kason Oswald earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The starter allowed seven hits and seven runs (six earned) over four and two-thirds innings, striking out three and walking six. Mitch Burger took the loss for Britton U17 Teeners. The pitcher went one and two-thirds innings, allowing nine runs (six earned) on six hits, striking out four and walking three.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion tallied 15 hits in the game. Scepaniak, Ry-der Schelle, and Abeln each collected multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Tristin McGannon led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating seven walks for the game. Krause and McGannon each stole multiple bases for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion stole 11 bases in the game. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion turned one double

play in the game.

Suther drove the middle of the lineup, leading Britton U17 Teeners with three runs batted in. The cleanup hitter went 2-for-3 on the day. Suther and Lofton Heer each collected two hits for Britton U17 Teen-ers. Britton U17 Teeners had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating six walks for the game. Nathan Folkman and Burger led the team with two walks each.

Next up for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion is a game at Britton U17 Teeners on Tuesday.

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Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Come Back To Defeat Britton U17 Teeners

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion trailed by as many as four, but came back to top Britton U17 Teeners on Tuesday, 6-5.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion didn’t take the lead until later in the game. The game was tied at five in the top of the fifth when T.C Schuster singled, scoring one run.

Britton U17 Teeners were the first to get on the board in the first when Ben Suther singled, scoring one run.

Britton U17 Teeners added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning when an error scored two runs, and Emmett Symens grounded out, scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion flipped the game on its head in the top of the third, scoring five runs on three hits to take the lead, 5-4. The big-gest blow in the inning was a double by Alex Abeln that drove in two.

Bryce Hawkinson hit a sacrifice fly, which helped Britton U17 Teeners tie the game at five in the bottom of the third.

Braeden Fliehs earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The pitcher surrendered two hits and five runs (one earned) over five innings, striking out six and walking three. Suther took the loss for Britton U17 Teeners. The reliever went one inning, allowing zero runs on one hit, striking out two and walking one. Lincoln Kilker stepped on the mound first for Britton U17 Teeners. The starting pitcher sur-rendered three hits and five runs (two earned) over three innings, striking out two and walking two.

Schuster, Jordan Schwan, Abeln, and Noah Scepaniack each col-lected one hit for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Abeln went 1-for-1 at the plate and led the team with two runs batted in. Abeln stole two bases.

Suther and Mitch Burger each collected one hit for Britton U17 Teeners. Suther, Symens, and Hawkinson each drove in one run for Britton U17 Teeners. Burger stole two bases.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion play at home on Thursday against Miller in their next game.

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New School Record for the Girls 4x400m Relay!

Kella Tracy, McKenna Tietz, Taryn Traphagen and Laila Roberts ran a school record breaking time of 4:03.18 Friday at the State Meet in Sioux Falls! The 44-year old record of 4:06.83 was previously set by Abeln, Donovan, Gengerke, and Ackman in 1981.
(Photo from Groton Area Facebook Page)



4x400m Relay School Record is Broke Again

L-R Kella Tracy, McKenna Tietz, Taryn Traphagen, and Laila Roberts
- These four incredible ladies have done it again, as they capped off their season with an impressive 2nd place finish at the 2025 State A Track & Field Meet in Sioux Falls Saturday!
- Senior, Laila Roberts, and Sophomore team members, Taryn Traphagen, McKenna Tietz, and Kella Tracy recorded a solid 4:01.25 in the 4x400m Relay today, setting the mark even lower for the Groton Area School Record Books!



New School Record for the Boys 1600m Sprint Medley Relay!

The team of Brevin Fliehs, Lincoln Krause, Keegen Tracy, and Blake Pauli broke the 45 year old school record today at the State Meet with a time of 3:38.49! The school record was previously held by Sippel, Everson, Gravatt, and Goehring in 1980 with at time of 3:38.95. (Photo by Alexa Sperry)



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First Day of State Track Recap

From Groton Area Facebook Page

The Tigers had a great first day at the State Track Meet! Here is a Recap of Day 1:

- The Boys Sprint Medley Relay Team consisting of Brevin Fliehs, Lincoln Krause, Keegen Tracy, and Blake Pauli finished with a 4th Place time of 3:38.49!
- The Girls Sprint Medley Relay Team consisting of Makenna Krause, Taryn Traphagen, Laila Roberts, and Kella Tracy finished 8th Place with a time of 4:17.12!
- The Girls 4X800m Relay Team finished with a 4th Place finish with a time of 9:48.65. Team members include: Ryelle Gilbert, Faith Traphagen, Taryn Traphagen, and Kella Tracy!
- The Girls 4X100m Relay Team just missed qualifying for finals, as they placed 9th with a time of 51.42. Team members include: Laila Roberts, Rylee Dunker, McKenna Tietz, Makenna Krause!
- The Boys 4X800m Relay Team finished 16th, with a time of 8:45.25. Team members include: Jayden Schwan, Jace Johnson, Ethan Kroll, and Tristin McGannon!
- Makenna Krause finished 13th in the 100m Dash, with a time of 13.12!
- Keegen Tracy finished 18th in the 100m Dash, with a time of 11.57!

State Track Recap from Friday

From Groton Area Facebook Page

What another TERRIFIC day for the Groton Tiger Track Team at State! Here is a recap of Day #2:

- McKenna Tietz placed 8th in the 300m Hurdles with a personal best time of 47.46. She qualified for finals today!
- The Girls 4x200m Relay Team, consisting of Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, McKenna Tietz, and Taryn Traphagen, finished 4th with a time of 1:47.47 - they will compete in the finals today!
- The Girls 4x400m Relay Team, consisting of Laila Roberts, Taryn Traphagen, McKenna Tietz, and Kella Tracy, finished 2nd with a season best 4:03.18 - they will compete in the finals today!
- The Boys 4x400m Relay Team, consisting of Blake Pauli, Jayden Schwan, Ethan Kroll, and Jordan Schwan, finished 19th, with a time of 3:39.57!
- Keegen Tracy placed 9th in the 400m Dash with a time of 51.54! He just missed qualifying for finals.
- Keegen Tracy finished 15th in the 200m Dash with a time of 23.08!
- Blake Pauli placed 10th in the 800m Run with a personal best time of 2:00.16!
- In the Girls 800m Run, Ryelle Gilbert placed 19th with a personal best time of 2:23.19 and Faith Traphagen placed 24th with a time of 2:26.89!
- Jayden Schwan finished 13th in the 3200m Run, with a personal best time of 10:15.87!
- Emma Kutter finished 21st in the Girls Shot Put with a throw of 32ft 2in!
- Ethan Kroll finished 23rd in the Boys Triple Jump with a leap of 38ft 1in!

Saturday State Track Meet Recap

From Groton Area Facebook Page

The Tigers had a strong finish Saturday at the State Track & Field Meet! Here is a recap of Day #3:

- Laila Roberts, Taryn Traphagen, McKenna Tietz, and Kella Tracy secured an impressive 2nd place finish in the 4x400m relay, with a season best and school record-breaking time of 4:01.25!
- Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, McKenna Tietz, and Taryn Traphagen secured a 5th place finish in the 4x200m Relay with a season best time of 1:46.80!
- McKenna Tietz placed 7th in the Girls 300m Hurdles, with a time of 47.69!
- In the 1600m Run, Jayden Schwan finished 10th with a personal best time of 4:33.17 and Ryelle Gilbert finished 19th with a time of 5:39.59!



New School Record for the Girls 3200m Relay!

Earlier this season, these four ladies broke the 37-year old school record and today they set the bar even lower! Their previous time was a 9:51.40 and today, at the State Meet, they ran a 9:48.65! Team members and school record holders are: Ryelle Gilbert, Taryn Traphagen, Kella Tracy, and Faith Traphagen! (Photo by Alexa Sperry)



New School Record in the Girls 300m Hurdles!

Sophomore, McKenna Tietz, ran a school record breaking time of 47.46 today at the State Meet in Sioux Falls! The 48.04 record, was previously set by Diane Dohman (1986) and Katie Anderson (2002)!
(Photo from Groton Area Facebook Page)

Hunger relief group says it's facing a \$2.5 million budget shortfall due to federal cuts

BY: JOSHUA HAIAR - MAY 31, 2025 7:00 AM

South Dakota's largest hunger-relief organization says it faces a \$2.5 million budget shortfall next year because of President Donald Trump's federal funding cuts.

Feeding South Dakota CEO Lori Dykstra addressed lawmakers on a budget committee Friday in Pierre. She said the group has already cut the amount of food it provides and has merged distribution sites. She warned that unless the funding gap is filled, 21 food distribution events in 15 counties will be eliminated, affecting 3,400 families and eliminating more than 1.7 million meals annually.

"We're not here to say whether or not the federal funding decisions are right or wrong," Dykstra said. "We're just letting you know that one of the unintentional consequences is that the food safety net for Feeding South Dakota and for all of your neighbors facing hunger is at risk."

The cuts come from the rollback of federal aid by the Trump administration, particularly programs begun during the COVID-19 pandemic to help the U.S. Department of Agriculture support food distribution.

Dykstra said the group must now find \$2.5 million to replace lost USDA support in fiscal year 2026, which begins July 1, or make cuts.

Dykstra also warned that if the current budget reconciliation legislation in Congress is enacted, the state could be on the hook for 5% of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits and a larger share of SNAP administrative costs, adding up to a possible \$13 million total state obligation. SNAP participants can use their benefits to purchase food.

"SNAP benefits get people out of food lines," she said. "So, it's either they're in the food bank line or they're in the grocery store."

Dykstra said 113,000 South Dakotans are food insecure, meaning they are uncertain about where their next meal will come from, often forced to skip meals, eat less, or purchase cheaper, less nutritious food.



Feeding South Dakota's Rapid City location on May 30, 2025. (Seth Tupper/South Dakota Searchlight)

"Teen Mental Health"

The start of summer brings a sense of excitement for many teens. Take a moment to reflect back to your teen years. As we reminisce, we can likely all say that our adolescent years were a unique and informative time of our life. Mental wellbeing habits are often formed during this time as teens strengthen their social and emotional skills, laying a foundation of habits for the rest of their life. Consider what habits you perhaps formed during this time and what supports you had or needed when you were a teen.





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There are a variety of important skills that can enhance positive mental wellbeing, and by encouraging teens to practice them, it increases the likelihood of them utilizing them throughout their life. Mental health and physical health are interconnected, so when we encourage physical self-care, we also encourage mental self-care. Healthy nutrition, exercise, and staying active help to maintain positive mental wellbeing. Emotional self-care can also impact mental wellbeing, and it can be practiced through staying active in enjoyable hobbies, music, journaling, play, or spending time outdoors.

Another important factor impacting mental wellbeing that teens face today is the growing use of social media. Having open conversations with teens about their social media use and how it can impact their mental health is crucial to supporting positive mental wellbeing. The Family and Youth Services Bureau guides parents to educate themselves on social media platforms, have an open-minded conversation about the benefits and risks of social media use, establish rules about privacy and boundaries, model healthy social media use to teens, encourage a balance of social media use with other activities, understand critical thinking and media literacy skills, and provide a safe space for teens to come to parents about managing difficult situations like cyberbullying.

One of the most impactful things adults surrounding teens can do to support positive mental wellbeing is allowing themselves to be vulnerable enough to talk openly about mental health with teens. Mental health stigma is a large influence in deterring individuals from seeking help, and in order to combat this stigma, open and truthful conversations can encourage teens to not fear discussing their own mental health challenges. These conversations can open the door to understanding what is going on in a teen's life, providing opportunity to practice healthy skills to promote positive mental wellbeing.

Understanding brain development can also help adults recognize how to support positive mental health for teens. The pre-frontal cortex in the brain allows us to critically think, make sound decisions, and control our impulses; however, this part of the brain is still developing during adolescence and into early adulthood. This helps us understand why impulses and risk-seeking behaviors are common among teens. Having open conversations with teens allows for discussion of harm reduction strategies to reduce risk-seeking behaviors. Harm reduction seeks to meet teens where they are at in a nonjudgmental way. An example of this might be helping a teen access professional support services to manage mental health concerns and learn healthy coping skills.

As you think of teens in your life and reflect back on yourself as a teen, consider what type of supportive adult would have positively impacted you during that time. You have the ability to provide a sense of connection and hope for a teen. You have the choice to be a caring adult in the life of a teen that guides them to practicing healthy skills to establish positive mental health for years to come.



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