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Gavin Englund and Aaron Severson, along with other ballfield workers, edged Nelson Field, removed the sod and put down fresh agrilime along the base lines.



Clint Jacobson Jr. had the perfect timing in getting this photo. The fish that Elle Jacobson caught jumped out of her hands and Clint got the shot with the fish in mid air.



Groton U10 Gold's Rowan Hanson snags a ball heading between second and third base during the team's scrimmage against the other Groton U10 softball team on Saturday morning during the Day of Play. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Greg Kjellsen



Becky Hubsch

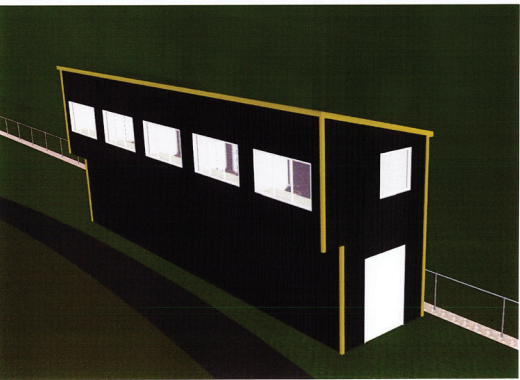
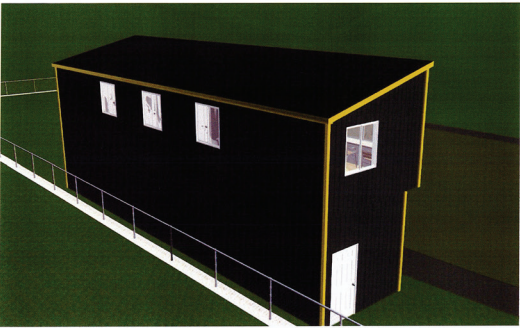
Kjellsen returns as head boys basketball coach

The Groton Area Board of Education has hired Greg Kjellsen as the head boys basketball coach.

Kjellsen was head coach in Groton from 1987 through 2016 when he retired. Kjellsen came back into the district a few years ago and has been teaching and coaching junior high teams.

When Brian Dolan submitted his resignation, there were several candidates applying for the position, including Kjellsen. Kjellsen said there were several reasons he decided to return to the helm of the boys basketball team. "Former players talked to me, some with sons on the team and my own sons encouraged me. The kids coming back are great kids, and I still have the desire."

Becky Hubsch was hired as the head cross country coach and Sarah Schuster as the junior high volleyball coach.



New crows nest is coming

A new crows nest for the football/track field is on the way. Superintendent Joe Schwan reported to the Groton Area Board of Education Monday night that the new facility will cost around \$80,000. "That is significantly lower in price than some of the original designs," he said. There would be five rooms - one for home team, one for visiting room, one for the scorekeepers and two for media. Original design was around \$150,000. Schwan said this is a basic design.

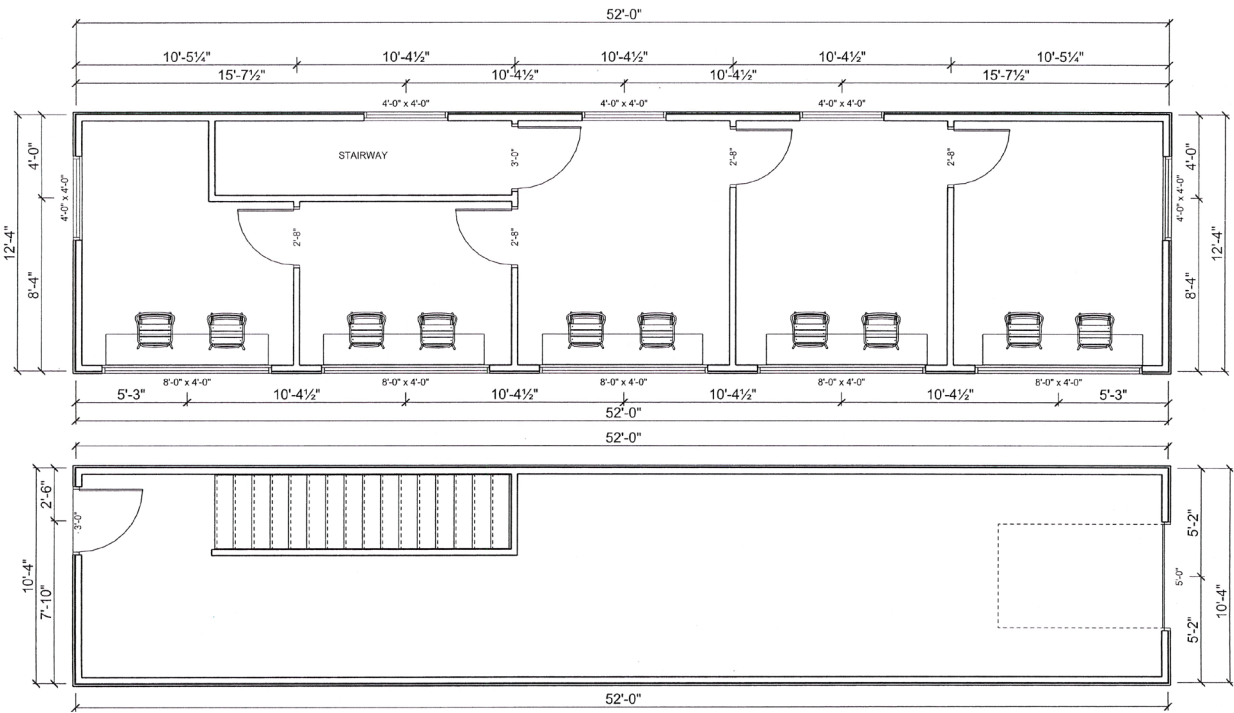
Board member Tigh Fliehs said there is about \$50,000 raised by the TJ Johnson family.

The board approved the project and will name the crows nest after T.J. Johnson. The motion passed 4-1 with Marty Weismantel voting no. He said he was not in favor of naming the facility at this time.

The speaker system is a separate system which is also in the works.

There will be separate discussion on the field itself as well. There will be money put into capital outlay reserve for work on the field.

The track was resurfaced in 2015. There is work that needs to be done on that as well.



Roofing concerns and insurance an issue

Schwan reported that parts of the 1934 addition may soon be uninsurable due to its age. "There are schools that have removed parts of their buildings due to the insurance issue," he said. There is only one insurance company that will insure the Groton Area buildings. Becky Hubsch, business manager, said once an insurance company drops you, "You have one year to get into compliance," she said. There was discussion on the cost of repairs on the roof at the elementary school and the middle/high school buildings. An inspection report was done and submitted to the school for the roof repairs. Hubsch said the district will see a 9 percent increase in insurance cost. She said most places are seeing a 12 to 15 percent increase. The board approved the renewal of the property/liability insurance with EMC Insurance.

The Life of Trea Schuring



Theresa Josephine “Trea” Schuring was born to Al and Marion Lynch at their home in Lily, South Dakota on March 2, 1929. She was the seventh of ten children. Her mother would call her “Treasie,” but her youngest brother called her “Trea,” the name she would be known by for the rest of her life. At the age of five, Trea was diagnosed with rheumatic fever and was in the Peabody Hospital in Webster, South Dakota for the next year. The time in the hospital did not slow her progress in school, however, as she would go on to skip a grade and graduate from high school at the age of 16. After high school, she moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where two older sisters were living, and went to work as a secretary for the Montgomery Wards Company. She met her beloved husband, Bob, while roller skating with friends in Webster. They married on June 20, 1949, in Lily, and she moved to the farm south of Andover where Bob grew up. There they raised eight children and lived until 1992 when they moved to a new home in Andover. Trea worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Webster as a telephone operator before marrying Bob and continued working the 11 p.m. – 7 a.m. shift at the Telephone Office until child number 5 arrived in 1957. She was the chief record keeper and bookkeeper for the family farm until 2021. These recordkeeping skills were also utilized by the Groton Ladies Bowling League when she served as its secretary for many years. In addition to being a partner to Bob in their farm operation, and caring for her family, Trea was a founding leader of the Jills and Jeans 4-H Club in Andover and continued in that role for more than 20 years. Once her four sons began playing baseball and basketball, she enjoyed keeping records for each of their many games through the years. From the time they married until they were in their late 80s, Bob and Trea attended their children’s and grandchildren’s sporting events and activities. They never missed a

State B (later A) Boys Basketball tournament with friends and family from 1969 to 2012. Their knowledge of teams, records, and player abilities through the years amazed us all.

Trea was a wonderful seamstress, sewing many matching dresses for her daughters each Christmas and Easter while they were young. She and Bob loved to play cards and taught all of their children and grandchildren how to play whist. Hours would be spent each Christmas with tables of cards being played by all ages. Trea also golfed, bowled, and played bridge for many years in Bristol, Groton, and Webster. She was a member of All Saints Catholic Church and Altar Society in Andover until its closure, then St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton. Mourning her passing are her sons Randy (Brenda), Scott (Lois), and Brian (Andrea); daughters Lana (Royce) Huber, Deb Lesnar, Sandy (Larry) Jebens, Joy (Tom) Poloncic, and daughter-in-law Sara (Barry) Schuring along with her grandchildren Laura and Justin Huber, Travis (Joleen) Schuring, Sommer VanderWater, Tyler Schuring, Victor (Megan) Schuring, Racine (Anthony) Guarini, Alexa, Emma, and Madison Schuring, Casey (Kelsey) Lesnar, Lindsey (Tracy) Lambert, Mike (Amber) Lesnar, Nick (Codi) Lesnar, Brady (Michelle) Lesnar, Jacqueline Nemmers (Mitch), Jacob Schuring, Abbie (Joshua) Cribbs, Joseph (Debra) Schuring, Thomas Schuring, Trevor (Apryl) Jebens, Trent (Natalia) Jebens, Trey (Briana) Jebens, Matt (Morgan) Poloncic, Theresa (Joshua) Herrera, Cory (Ashlee) Schuring, Kayla (Kyle) Grimslid, Morgan (Matt) McCranie, Alexa (T.J.) Sperry, Sean Schuring, and Drake (Megan) and Dylan (Hannah) Halbkat; her 60 great-grandchildren; one brother, Jerome Lynch; and numerous Lynch and Schuring family nieces and nephews. Trea was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Bob, son Barry, great-granddaughter Helen, parents, and eight of her siblings. Visitation will be at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Home in Groton, South Dakota from 5 – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2025, followed by wake services at 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church with burial at All Saints Catholic Cemetery in Andover. Memorials and cards on Trea’s behalf may be sent to 106 S. 2nd Street, Andover, South Dakota 57422. Paetznick-Garness Funeral Home, Groton, South Dakota, is in charge of arrangements.

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The Life of Linn Arnold Wellman

March 17, 1945 – June 4, 2025



Linn A. Wellman, age 80, of Willmar, Minnesota, died Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at CentraCare – St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Visitation was held Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at Our Redeemer’s Lutheran Church in Benson, Minnesota, followed by the funeral service. There will be a private family burial at a later date. Zniewski Funeral Home of Benson is assisting the family with the arrangements. As the sun rose up over the Mississippi River, Linn left this earth and joined family members who passed before him in his heavenly home.

Linn Arnold Wellman was born on March 17, 1945, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, the son of Albert Davis and Violet (Mistelski) Wellman. He was the second child out of ten children, five boys and five girls. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Christian Faith. Linn grew up in the Aberdeen, South Dakota area and graduated from Aberdeen High School. He then attended a trade school for people with disabilities in Oklahoma. Linn moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked as a print setter and a printer for Concordia Publishing House before retiring due to his disability. When Linn was 17, he was paralyzed in a water-skiing accident. He had to learn to walk, talk, read, and write all over again. He never let life get the best of him, he maintained a positive attitude even when he had one of his nasty headaches or at the end struggling to breathe. When asked how he was, Linn would turn it back and say, “How are you?” It was never about himself, always concerned for others. Linn will always be remembered for his strong faith and the kind, caring, and gentle way he lived his life. He enjoyed reading his Bible, doing puzzles, visiting with friends, watching baseball and football.

Linn is survived by his two daughters Lise Swift of Rolla, Missouri and Laurel Vernia of San Diego, California; grandchildren: Jordan (Patrick) Powell, Dillon (Kate) Swift, twins Autumn and Morgan Swift, Peter Jensen, and Grace Jensen; two great-grandchildren Van and Banks Powell; estranged wife Doris Wellman; four siblings: LaReta Keppert of Waukesha, Wisconsin, Ilene Helmer of Andover, South Dakota, Albert (Peggy) of Brooklyn Park, and Anita (Rick) Horecka of Benson, and many relatives and friends. Linn was preceded in death by his daughter Linnette Jensen, parents Albert and Violet Wellman, brothers: Allan, Alvin, and Arlin, sisters Marlene Schmid and Alonda (James) Wittenberg, brother-in-law Orville Helmer, niece Julie Cook, and nephews Chad Wellman and Norm High Elk.

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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 Lutheran 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.

Monday, June 16
Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage roll hot dish, mixed vegetables, apricots, whole wheat bread.
Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.
Jr. Teeners at Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
U12 B&W at Sisseton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
U10 W&R at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
U8 R&B at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
Softball: U8B hosts Claremont, 5:30 p.m.
T-Ball: G&B hosts Warner, Black at 6 p.m., Gold at 7 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 17
Senior Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, Monterey blend, pineapple, whole wheat bread.
City Council meeting, 7 p.m.
Amateurs at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Jr. Legion at Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
U12W&R at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
U10 R&B hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
U8 B&W hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
Softball: U14 vs. Redfield/Warner at Redfield, 4 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Quilting, 9 a.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, June 18
Senior Menu: Breaded fish, pea and cheese salad, fruit cocktail, brownie, whole wheat bread.
Legion vs. Spearfish at Clark, 5:30 p.m.
U12 R&B vs. Aberdeen at North Complex, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
U10 B&W at Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
Softball: U8B at Warner, 5:30 p.m.; U8G vs. Ipswich at Redfield, 5:30 p.m.; U10B at Warner, 5:30 p.m.; U10G vs. Ipswich at Redfield, 5:30 p.m.; U12 at Warner, 6:30 p.m.
Groton C&MA: Kid's Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 19
Senior Menu: Chicken pasta salad, three bean salad, fruit, breadstick.
Transit fundraiser, 5 p.m., Groton Community Center
Legion at Milbank Tourney
U10 W&R hosts Sisseton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
U8 W&R at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)
Softball: U14/U18 at Claremont, 6 p.m. (DH)
T-Ball: G&B scrimmage, 6 p.m.

Friday, June 20
Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato, California blend, peaches, whole wheat bread.
Legion at Milbank Tourney
Jr. Teeners host Redfield, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

Saturday, June 21
U8 Youth Baseball Tournament
Groton Triathlon
Legion at Milbank Tourney
U12 at Webster Tourney
U8 Groton Tourney

We Be 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

We Cannot Trust Parchment Barriers Against the Encroaching Spirit of Power

The ongoing efforts of federal judges to contain President Donald Trump's usurpation of congressional authority reflects an enduring theme: the fundamental conflict between power and law underlies the entire scope of political history. For as long as men and women have sought to shape and limit executive power through regulations and laws, the weakness of the cause has been repeatedly exposed. The conflict was brought into sharp relief on November 13, 1608, in a dramatic confrontation between King James I and Sir Edward Coke, Chief Justice of the King's Bench and patron saint to America's founders for championing constitutionalism and the rule of law.

On that day, Lord Coke asserted the supremacy of the law. King James I was offended by Coke's contention and declared that because all judges were but "his shadows and ministers," he could take any case he chose, remove it from the jurisdiction of the courts and decide it in his royal person. Lord Coke replied that "the King in his own person cannot adjudge any case," and added that cases should be determined by courts of justice, "according to the law and custom of England."

James I, according to Coke, "was greatly offended." James said, "this means that I shall be under the law, which it is treason to affirm." Coke's assertion of the supremacy of law was wholly inconsistent with the King's pretensions to absolute power and James nearly banished Coke to the Tower of London, where he would have perished and would not have achieved the historical influence that he wielded in the minds of our nation's founders.

The answer to the soaring claims of unbridled executive authority, delegates to the Constitutional Convention believed, lay in the enumeration of powers, fortified by the separation of powers and checks and balances. James Madison, in Federalist No. 48, recognized the vulnerability of this enterprise to constitutional corruption. Simply to provide in the Constitution that each branch should wield its own powers would be "to trust to parchment barriers against the encroaching spirit of power." Reliance on officials' adherence to written words—the text of the Constitution—would be inadequate as a means of restraining governmental agents from "overleaping their boundaries." More was required. Checks and balances, constructed on the principle, as he pointed out in Federalist 51, that "ambition should counteract ambition," implied that those in positions of power would jealously guard their constitutional turf and defend it from usurpation by those in other branches. The interest of the man, Madison, explained, would fit the interest of the place, creating a symbiotic relationship that, in theory, would be strong enough to maintain the enumeration of powers.

The founders' working assumption explains the willingness of the judiciary, thus far, to restrain President Trump's acts of usurpation through issuance of temporary injunctions, for if judges acquiesced in his aim to be the chief interpreter of the laws and the Constitution, they would be complicit in the surrender of the rule of law and handmaiden to tyranny.

But this assumption seems not to apply to a feckless Congress that has acquiesced in the face of Trump's aggrandizement of its chief constitutional powers—appropriations, lawmaking and appointments, among others. How to explain this abdication of powers and duties among members of Congress? Madison assumed that "ambition" meant ambition to excel, that is, achievement of success, significance, stature and legacy through exceptional policymaking and lawmaking, not ambition to make a career which, sadly, seems to be the preoccupation of many members. Careerism renders members vulnerable to partisan political jabs, attacks and means of coercion, including those unleashed by an authoritarian who intimidates and threatens members with primary opponents. It must also be emphasized that when party leadership is subordinate to the president, as the GOP is now, Congress will be weak. In this case, party allegiance blurs and even obliterates the separation of powers and checks and balances. And then there is the desire of members to ascend to the presidency, which compromises the performance of their duties and responsibilities. In many cases, we should conclude, the difference in behavior between judges and congressmen just might be found in backbone, the courage to carry out one's oath of office and the willingness to do the right thing which, in our time, is the constitutional thing.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup
By Jordan Wright

When Kwesi Adofo-Mensah took over the Minnesota Vikings in 2022, he had an enormous task in front of him: get the team’s cap space under control. After years of kicking the can down the road to compete for a championship, the Vikings were riddled with dead

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cap and bad contracts. Kwesi, to his credit, has done a great job getting the team into a comfortable position in regard to the salary cap. Now, entering their fourth season together, Kwesi and head coach Kevin O’Connell have been able to build depth at nearly every position. And with good depth comes great position battles. So let’s jump in and look at the top five heading into the 2025 season.

5. Jordan Mason vs. Aaron Jones Sr. for RB1

This will be a fun battle to watch, but the outcome may not have a huge impact on the offense - hence the No. 5 ranking. Aaron Jones was the lead back last season and has the inside track to remain the starter in 2025. However, he’s now on the wrong side of 30, which is typically when running backs begin to decline. The Vikings traded for Jordan Mason this offseason and gave him a new contract, signaling they expect him to play a significant role. According to reports, Mason was brought in to lighten Jones’ load, with the two likely splitting reps pretty evenly. But if Mason shines in training camp - or if Jones starts to fade - Mason could take the lion’s share of carries.

4. Theo Jackson vs. Jay Ward for the Third Safety Spot

The Vikings have used three-safety sets more than any other team in recent years. With Camryn Bynum now in Indianapolis, there are real questions at the position. Harrison Smith and Josh Metellus are locked in as the starters, but if Brian Flores continues to deploy three safeties, the battle between Theo Jackson and Jay Ward will be worth watching. There’s also the possibility the team brings in a veteran before the season starts if they aren’t confident either Jackson or Ward can handle extended snaps.

3. Jalen Nailor vs. Rondale Moore for WR3

Justin Jefferson and Jordan Addison have WR1 and WR2 locked down, and tight end T.J. Hockenson serves as a reliable third option. Aaron Jones can catch passes out of the backfield as well. But when the Vikings spread defenses out, who lines up as WR3? Nailor has the early edge, but the team brought in Moore through free agency to push him for the spot. Both players will also be in the mix for kick return duties now that Brandon Powell has moved on.

2. Jonathan Greenard vs. Andrew Van Ginkel vs. Dallas Turner at EDGE

After losing Danielle Hunter in free agency last offseason, the Vikings responded by adding multiple players to the EDGE group, hoping someone would rise to the occasion. The good news: all three have. Greenard and Van Ginkel both made the Pro Bowl in their first season with Minnesota, and Dallas Turner was a first-round pick. All three will see plenty of snaps, but the question is whether Turner can take over a starting role from either of the established veterans.

1. Mekhi Blackmon vs. Isaiah Rodgers for CB2

If you read last week’s article, you already know this is the position I’m most concerned about. Byron Murphy Jr. - a 2024 Pro Bowler - is firmly locked in at CB1, but the CB2 spot remains wide open. The team was high on Blackmon a year ago, but he missed the entire 2024 season due to injury. Rodgers has been making plays in OTAs, but his track record is inconsistent. He started just 10 games over three seasons with the Colts before missing all of 2023 due to a gambling suspension. He was signed by the Eagles last year, started three games, and was released this offseason. In today’s NFL, teams need at least three solid cornerbacks, so the hope is that both Rodgers and Blackmon elevate their games and lock down those roles. It’s also possible the team signs another veteran before camp. As it stands now, cornerback remains the Vikings’ biggest question mark entering the 2025 season.

DPS Warns Public of Scam Text Messages Claiming Unpaid Traffic Tickets

PIERRE, S.D.: The South Dakota Department of Public Safety (DPS) is warning residents about a scam text message campaign circulating across the state that falsely claims recipients owe traffic ticket fines and face legal action if they do not pay immediately.
These messages are not legitimate. The State of South Dakota does not send traffic ticket notices via text messages.
The fraudulent messages appear to come from the “South Dakota Department of Vehicles (DMV)” and include threatening language such as:
“South Dakota Department of Vehicles (DMV) Final Notice: Enforcement Penalties Begin on June 10. Our records show that as of today, you still have an outstanding traffic ticket. Please pay immediately before enforcement to avoid license suspension and further legal disputes.”
What You Should Know:
Do not click on any links or open any attachments in suspicious messages.
Do not respond to the text, and do not send payment to any unverified source.
Do not provide personal or financial information in response to these messages.
How to Stay Safe:
Verify ticket status through official channels only, such as the South Dakota Unified Judicial System (UJS) or by contacting your local Clerk of Courts office.
If you receive a suspicious message, report it to the South Dakota Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-300-1986 or consumerhelp@state.sd.us.
Consider blocking the sender and deleting the message after reporting it.
Keep your devices updated and install trusted antivirus or anti-phishing protection.
Residents are urged to remain cautious and help spread the word, especially to those who may be less familiar with digital scams.
For more information and resources on identifying and reporting scams, visit the South Dakota Consumer Protection website at consumer.sd.gov.

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June 3, 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 Dinger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Andrew Davis asked to purchase the bridge at 125th and 398th for a \$1,000.00. Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent asked what he planned to do with it. Andrew said he planned to maintenance it and get it back to being travelable, would place stop signs on both ends with a sign saying private bridge and travel at your own risk. Dirk said he will need to do some research, to make sure that the County would not be liable for anything. He offered it for a \$1, because the alternative would be to put a \$3.5 million dollar bridge in there, which is not something they plan to do. Dirk suggested vacating the road at least 100 feet on each side of the bridge may help with the bridge ownership. Andrew and Dirk will be in contact on this to see what can be done.

SOFTWARE PURCHASE: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor, informed the Commission that she reached out to Tyler Tech once again and they would not reduce the price any further because that would be 2 for the price of one. After further discussion, Commissioner Wiese moved to approve the purchase of Grant Management and Purchase Accounting software at the cost of \$6,500.00 from Tyler Technologies; seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims/payroll:

Claims: Professional Fees: Av-era St. Luke's Hospital \$305.02; Brick's TV and Appliance \$1,861.25; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$5,250.00; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$10,476.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$1,176.00; Helms & Associates \$6,242.04; Jerald M. McNeary \$1,254.00; John Noyes – Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$11,148.00; Kuck Law Office \$1,944.00; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$4,860.00; Sa-ber Shred Solutions \$7,338.06; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$308.00; Sewer Duck, Inc \$85.00; St. Tammany Parish Clerk of Courts \$21.38. Publish-ing: Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation, Inc \$400.00; Mc-Quillen Creative Group, Inc \$1,509.72; Midstates Group \$472.50. Repairs & Mainte-nance: HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$3,900.00; House of Glass \$427.86; Jake's Heating & Cool-ing \$105.00; Jason's Electric Inc \$1,297.46; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$367.51; Lawson Products, Inc \$69.45; Otis Elevator Company \$3,217.92; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$628.14; Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, LLC \$514.00; Run-nings \$284.93; Schwan Weld-ing \$6,116.50; Vosika Fencing \$1,080.00. Supplies: Amazon Capital Services, Inc. \$951.78; Cole Paper Inc \$1,730.08; Faste-nal Company \$277.47; Foerster Testing Limited \$425.00; Great Western Tire \$966.56; Jebro Inc \$18,623.50; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$1,850.00; John Noyes – Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$176.36; Kuck Law Office \$64.96; Lang's Audio, TV & Appliance \$969.99; Lawson Products, Inc \$1,003.06; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$61.06; Menards \$371.83; Midwest Pump & Tank \$122.00; Nutrien Ag So-lutions, Inc \$20,515.00; Pantori-um Cleaners Inc \$32.00; Perfor-mance Oil \$203.89; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$1,585.32; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$390.00; Runnings \$59.99; Sandy Woytassek \$1.30; Schwan Welding \$32.84; Share Corporation \$880.20; Sherwin Williams \$104.92; Sprocket Ventures, LLC \$164.00; Van Di-est Supply Company \$1,865.10. Travel & Conference: Brandon Duxbury \$120.00; David Hunter \$14.00; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$360.00; Neil Bittner \$14.00; Patricia Kendall \$120.00. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$186.96; CenturyLink \$497.77; North-west-ern Energy \$11,316.20; T-Mobile USA Inc \$2,184.00. Other: Lisa

and James Kiesz \$50.00; SD Secretary of State \$65.00; Tony Arampatzis \$50.00.

Payroll: Commission \$4,896.51; Elections \$1,973.12; Auditor \$10,443.10; Treasurer \$18,596.06; SA \$36,592.82; Public Defender \$5,384.61; Maintenance \$12,107.54; As-sessor \$16,581.75; Register of Deeds \$10,905.92; VSO \$4,728.51; GIS \$2,946.49; IT \$9,855.68; HR \$5,419.28; Sheriff \$53,842.55; Jail \$66,513.59; Coroner \$750.00; Court Security \$7,326.50; JDC \$33,357.55; Welfare \$1,002.11; Museum \$13,535.42; Parks/Fair-grounds \$8,862.19; Fair Board \$4,140.16; 4-H \$1,616.32; Weed \$5,478.25; Planning & Zoning \$8,199.12; Highway \$56,048.68; Dispatch \$38,591.20; Em-ergency \$5,366.89; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,839.13; Landfill \$18,410.60; Meal Benefits \$98.00; Retirement Award \$150.00; FICA \$28,917.45; Medicare \$6,762.97; Health Insurance-Wellmark BCBS \$126,930.78; Dental In-surance-Delta \$9,071.04; Life Insurance-Dearborn \$1,090.38; Retirement-SDRS \$92,631.42. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Com-missioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to approve the follow-ing Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:

oTransfer of Joel Torigian from FT Brown County Jail Detention Officer to FT Brown County JDC Officer, effective June 8, 2025.

oHiring of Kristie Scherbenske on a temporary part-time basis for the Auditor's Office, wage \$20.00/hr. – effective June 9, 2025.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPERATING TRANSFERS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize the following oper-ating transfers from the Gen-eral Fund #101.5.911.191 in the total amount of \$7,286,568.98 to the Road & Bridge Fund #201.4.371 @ \$6,507,098.42; E-911 Communications #207.4.371 @ \$500,000.00; Emergency Management #226.4.371 @ \$174,998.51 and 24/7 Sobriety #248.4.371 @ \$104,472.05, as reflected in the 2025 General Fund Budget. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, sec-onded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agree-ments: Heidi Klein to lease the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on June 12-15, 2025 for a Family Reunion; April Reich to lease tables and chairs on July 9, 2025. All members present vot-ing aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, sec-onded by Wiese to approve and authorize Auditor Heupel to sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of col-lecting liens. All members pres-ent voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ABERDEEN AREA COMMU-NITY FOUNDATION GRANT: Ross Aldentaler, State's Attorney Deputy shared the State's At-torney office would like to apply for a grant through the Aberdeen Area Community Foundation in the amount of \$2,499.00 to purchase an Integrated Listen-ing Assessment (ILA) device to assist staff to communicate with individuals who have limited or no English proficiency. Moved by Commissioner Wiese to approve and authorize Karly Winter, State's Attorney to apply for the Aberdeen Area Community Foundation Grant for an ILA device; seconded by Dinger. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Move by Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Legal & Personnel per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Chair declared the Ex-ecutive Session closed with No Action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese seconded by Dinger to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:31 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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June 3, 2025

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Babcock, Nehls, Shilhanek, Wambach, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Chad Locken, Douglas Heinrich, Elizabeth Varin, Terry Herron, Dwight Zerr, Todd Gay, Tricia Keith, Kami Lipp, and Ray Brandlee.

Moved by Babcock and sec-onded by Nehls to approve the addition of street discussion following department reports. All members present voted aye.

Public comments were wel-comed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Mike Shilhanek praised city staff for the appearance of the cem-etery for Memorial Day.

Moved by Shilhanek and sec-onded by Wambach to approve the Frohling Sixth Addition Plat. All members present voted aye.

Brandlee exited the meeting. Department reports were reviewed and discussed.

Discussion took place regard-ing streets on the west side of town and a potential project.

Zerr, Keith, and Lipp exited the meeting.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Bahr to authorize IMEG to update the city water infrastruc-ture map. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Wambach to authorize the purchase of a 2007 Sterling LT9500 dump truck for \$25,000. All members present voted aye.

Herron exited the meeting. Discussion took place regard-ing the electric metering system.

Gay exited the meeting.

Moved by Shilhanek and sec-onded by Nehls to amend and approve the Special Event Li-quor License application for the amateur baseball games on June 7th and 8th only, contingent upon the completion of new ap-plications. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Bahr to authorize the surplus of the 2017 Ford Intercep-tor SUV. All members present voted aye.

Discussion took place regard-ing the budget and SD FIT in-vestment. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Brief discussion took place regarding geographic informa-tion systems (GIS).

The minutes from the previ-ous meeting were approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Babcock. All members pres-ent voted aye.

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

Payroll, \$37,205.29, Employee salaries; Executive, \$720.87; Administrative, \$5,153.51; Pub-lic Safety, \$11,131.49; Public Works, \$16,054.01; Culture & Recreation, \$4,145.41; Dacotah Bank, \$7,637.49, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$450.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$810.41, HSA contributions; Leah Ronning, \$75.00, Swimming lesson re-fund; Talli Wright, \$25.00, U18 softball shirt refund; Brooks Gil-ber, \$25.00, U18 softball shirt refund; Kristi Ekern, \$25.00, U18 softball shirt refund; John Kroll, \$25.00, U18 softball shirt refund; Aberdeen Hardball As-sociation, \$250.00, U10 base-ball entry fee; Kyle Gerlach, \$2,560.00, 2025 Jr. Teener umpire pay - 16 games; Aaron Severson, \$2,560.00, 2025 Jr. Legion umpire pay - 16 games; Dacotah Bank, \$4,485.62, With-holding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$100.00, HSA contribu-tions; Aflac, \$435.76, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee insurance; Allied Benefit Systems, \$14,403.02, Employee insurance; Reliance Standard Life Insurance, \$88.10, Employee insurance; Dwight Zerr, \$71.63, Med flex; Payment Service Network, Inc., \$206.00, PSN gateway and eBill fees; US Bank, \$6,734.43, DW-06 loan payment; US Bank, \$21,426.46, DW-05 loan payment; US Bank, \$32,637.50, 2015 refinace bond - interest payment; SD Supple-mental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; SD Department of Health, \$30.00, Water testing; Verizon Wire-less, \$40.01, Wireless router - Rubble Site; Harry Imple-ment, Inc., \$299.90, Mower

lift - Cemetery; A&B Business Solutions, \$365.83, Printer lease - City Hall; Artz Equipment, Inc., \$10,500.00, 17' mower - Airport; Lang's Audio, TV, & Appliance, \$449.99, Air conditioner - City Shop; Dakota Pump and Contol, \$937.76, Repairs to Golf Course Lift seal; Geffdog Designs, LLC, \$608.00, Banners - Baseball; Associated Supply Company, \$27,831.61, Swimming pool chemicals; TreeLine Tree Ser-vice, Inc., \$600.00, Tree and stump removal - Cemetery; Krueger Brothers, \$2,073.60, 96yds of crushed gravel - Street Dept.; Schwan Welding & Boiler Repair, \$24.00, Pin for loader - Street Dept.; SD DANR, \$600.00, 2025 drinking water permit; Railroad Management Co., LLC, \$834.01, Water pipeline cross-ing rent; Core & Main, \$206.11, Curb box repair lids - Water Dept.; Menards, \$235.89, Cable ties, utility knife, sidewalk edger, compact inflator, tool set, mop w/ handle - Baseball; BK Custom T's & More, \$300.00, Softball uniforms; Mac's Hard-ware, \$65.94, Hose for tanker truck - Street Dept.; Dakota Doors, Inc., \$2,476.87, Repairs to garage door and installa-tion of remote opener at west warehouse; Locke Electric, Inc., \$1,027.41, Replacement of sewer lift panel at trailer park, hook up new air compressor, wiring overhead door - Multiple Depts.; NW Energy, \$14.10, Natural gas service - PD; Rite-way Business Forms, \$218.63, Check blanks - City Hall; VESTIS, \$67.26, Rug rent - City Hall; A-1 Sanitation, \$3,200.00, Spring citywide cleanup roll off fees; S&S Lumber Co., \$894.63, Zip ties, field marker, trimmer line, outlet, wire, silicone, barricade tape, lumber, expanding foam, key tabs, lacquer thinner, caulk, nylon elbow, vinyl hose, wash-ers, tape meaasure, gloves, hose reel, bolts, keys cut, PVC cap, paint, rollers, brushes, primer, covers, oil, rope, trowel - Multiple Depts; Dollar General, \$192.42, Sunscreen, cleaning supplies, garbage bags, toilet paper, USB charging cable, bottled water, pens, scissors, folders, legal pads, batteries - Multiple Depts.; AutoZone, \$409.67, Oxygen sensor, door hinge pin kit, AC for red pickup, exhaust clamp, battery - Multiple Depts.; Groton Area Fire & Res-cue, \$150.00, Used Honda pump for pump truck - Street Dept.; Chad Locken, \$350.00, Legal services - May 2025;

Varin exited the meeting. Moved by Wambach and sec-onded by Nehls to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:58pm. All members present voted aye. Council re-convened into regular session at 9:25pm.

Moved by Babcock and sec-onded by Wambach to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. All mem-bers present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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Town of Westport General Meeting

The Town of Westport met on June 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., with Mitch Wilson, Shane Storm, Troy Tschappat, and Deb Schlosser present.

The following bills were pre-sented:

City General: NW Energy- utili-ties (\$533.80), House of Glass-concession window (\$178.65), State Line Concrete LLC-city shop cement apron (\$1989.80), Deb Schlosser-payroll and supplies (\$933.60), Mitch Wilson-payroll (\$1050.00), Shane Storm-payroll (\$300.00), Troy Tschappat-pay-roll (\$200.00), Simplot Grower Solutions-chemical (237.50), Groton Independent-April, May minutes and annual subscrip-tion (\$120.47), Runnings-toilet supplies and padlock (\$53.47)

Sewer: NW Energy-Lift Station utilities (\$52.27)

Water: Public Health Labo-ratory-water testing (\$15.00), WEB-water (\$2,316.34), Wa-ter Maintenance District-water sampling (\$1224.50), DANR-environmental fees (\$30.00)

Troy Tschappat motioned, second by Shane Storm to pay all bills.

The following deposits were presented:

City General: State of SD (\$10161.66), Brown County Collections (\$2678.85), Hall Rent (\$175.00), Interest (\$121.43)

Sewer: Resident Payments (\$2420.47)

Water: Resident Payments (\$3630.00)

Old Business: Concerns about storm drain at LaBay corner con-tinue. More options will be ex-plored to get that flowing better.

New Business: Core and Main will be providing water meter training this month.

Meeting dismissed at 7:23 p.m.

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City of Columbia Council Meet-ing – June 4, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL –Cara Dennert, Trevor Meints, Jeremy Dosch, Scott Meints, Sam Hoppock

Community: Bill Johnson, Ben Jeffrey, Ted Dickey

President Trevor Meints called the meeting to order. Trevor called for a motion to approve the agenda. Cara Dennert men-tioned that two bills that came in today's mail were added to the voucher list. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Trevor called for any conflict of interest on agenda items. There were no conflicts.

Minutes were handed out from the May 7th meeting. Scott Meints made a motion to approve the minutes. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Web – fire prevention – 52.92; JVT – fire prevention – 213.17; Jeremy Dosch– May wages -688.53; Cara Dennert – May wages– 1317.60; Runnings – shop sup-plies – 60.37; B&B Contracting – blading streets – 2,000; Double D Lot Services – lawn care -7,297.50; GDI News – publica-tion – 46.63

Scott Meints made a motion to approve the vouchers. Jeremy Dosch seconded the motion. All in favor - motion carried.

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Groton Chamber of Commerce

June 4th, 2025
Noon at City Hall

- Members present: Katelyn Nehlich, Douglas Heinrich, Ashley Bentz, April Abeln and Karyn Babcock
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Heinrich and seconded by Nehlich. All members present voted aye.
- The treasurer’s report was given. Dacotah Bank checking account balance is \$23,482.36 in addition to the \$5,000 CD. The bucks account balance is about \$3,000. The report was approved by Abeln and seconded by Babcock. All members present voted aye.
- Thank you notes were received from the children for sponsoring their Yelduz Shrine circus tickets as well as money for a Hwy 12 electronic sign greeting.
- A prior email motion was made by Nehlich and seconded by Heinrich to do a full-page ad for \$100 in this year’s Olive Grove football fundraiser. All members present via email voted aye.
- Our 2025 shirt contest has been announced on Facebook. Designs are due by June 15th, and the winner will be announced by July 2nd

- The winner of the POET Grant has not yet been determined.
- Motion by Abeln and seconded by Babcock to post a selfie contest for 605 day. The winner will receive SD promo gear. All members present voted aye.
- Babcock offered to deliver the new rack card holders to local businesses.
- Discussion was held on the upcoming Hwy 12 electronic sign contracts.
- Motion by Heinrich and seconded by Abeln to purchase shirts for active board members. Shirts will be purchased from Geffdog. Abeln will email out options. All members present voted aye. Shirts were last purchased in 2023.
- Upcoming advertising will be done in the Aberdeen Magazine and the SD Magazine. Abeln and Heinrich met with our new Dakota Broadcasting representative, Brian Dolan.
- Motion by Abeln and seconded by Heinrich to donate \$400 to the Groton Lions Club for their Summer Fest event. All members present voted aye.
- New business welcomes for Hydrate Haven and BEddy Cookies will be held June 16th at 5pm at City Hall.
- Discussion was held on providing the City of Groton with our financial statements for their first meeting in October.
- Discussion was held on upcoming Main Street events and businesses.

- Next Meeting: July 2nd, 12pm at City Hall
- Upcoming events
 - o 06/07/2025 Day of Play- Groton Baseball/ Softball Foundation
 - o 06/13/2025 SDSU Alumni & Friends Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 12pm Shotgun Start
 - o 06/21/2025 Fireman’s Triathlon 8am-11pm
 - o 06/21/2025 U8 Youth Baseball Tourney
 - o 06/23/2025 Community Blood Drive at the Community Center 12-6pm
 - o 06/23/2025 Women’s 2 Person Scramble at Olive Grove Golf Course 9am Registration 10am Shotgun Start
 - o 06/28/2025 U10 Youth Baseball Tourney
 - o 06/29/2025 U12 Youth Baseball Tourney
 - o 07/04/2025 Firecracker Couples Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course
 - o 07/09/2025 Legion Auxiliary #39 Salad Buffet & Dessert Bar 11am-1pm Groton Legion
 - o 07/11-13/2025 VFW Class B U12 State Baseball Tournament
 - o 07/13/2025 Lion’s Club Summer Fest/Car Show at the City Park 9am-3pm



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Carter Simon Shows Power In Groton Legion Post 39 Loss To Volga

By GameChanger Media

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

Groton Legion Post 39 collected 11 hits and Volga had 13 in the high-scoring affair.

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

Groton Legion Post 39 scored one run in the top of the second on a solo home run to center field by Simon.

Volga extended their early lead with two runs in the bottom of the third thanks to RBI errors by Skovlund and Levi Loban.

Volga scored five runs on four hits in the bottom of the fourth in-ning. 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.

Groton Legion Post 39 scored one run in the top of the fifth on a solo home run to left field by Simon.

Volga 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. The left-handed pitcher allowed 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 pitcher went three and one-third innings, allowing nine runs (six earned) on 10 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, amassing eight walks for the game.

Volga accumulated 13 hits in the game. Skovlund drove the middle of the lineup, leading Volga with four runs batted in. The cleanup hitter went 3-for-4 on the day. Hauck, Danzeisen, and Milton each collected multiple hits for Volga. Hauck stole three bases. Volga ran wild on the base paths, amassing four stolen bases for the game. Volga turned one double play in the game.

Groton Jr. Legion Fall To Sisseton After Surrendering Big 4th Inning

By GameChanger Media

Sisseton scored nine runs in the fourth inning, which helped them defeat Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion 15-8 on Monday.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion got on the board in the top of the first in-ning after an error scored two runs, and T.C Schuster grounded out, scoring one run.

Sisseton flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the first, scoring six runs on five hits to take the lead, 6-3. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Luke Neilson that drove in one.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion tied the game up in the top of the third thanks to two singles. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion tied the game at six on a single by Kason Oswald.

Sisseton flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the fourth, scoring nine runs on seven hits to take the lead, 15-6. The biggest blow in the inning was a double by Max Dahlen that drove in three.

Bryson Hanson earned the win for Sisseton. The hurler surrendered six hits and eight runs (five earned) over five innings, striking out seven and walking four. Ethan Kroll took the loss for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The pitcher went three and two-thirds innings, allowing 15 runs (nine earned) on 13 hits, striking out one and walking five.

Lincoln Krause and Schuster each collected two hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Oswald, Schuster, and Kroll each drove in two runs for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Krause stole three bases.

Sisseton amassed 14 hits in the game. Dahlen provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Sisseton with four runs batted in. The infielder went 3-for-4 on the day. Dahlen and Reggie Lincoln each col-lected three hits for Sisseton. Neilson, Rylan Anderson, and Levi Nelson each collected multiple hits for Sisseton. Nelson stole two bases.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion will travel to Sisseton for their next game on Monday.

Groton Jr. Legion Surge Past Sisseton Thanks To Big Third Inning

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion scored nine runs in the third inning, which helped them defeat Sisseton 11-5 on Monday. Nick Groeblinghoff singled, scoring one run, John Bisbee singled, scoring two runs, Lincoln Krause singled, scoring three runs, Groeblinghoff singled, scoring two

runs, and Ryder Schelle singled, scoring one run.

Sisseton opened the scoring in the bottom of the first thanks to two walks. Sisseton first got on the board when Rylan Anderson drew a walk, scoring one run.

Sisseton added one run in the second. Levi Nelson doubled to center field, making the score 3-0.

Tristin McGannon earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The pitcher allowed four hits and five runs over three innings, striking out four and walking eight. Luke Neilson took the loss for Sisseton. The hurler went two and two-thirds innings, giving up nine runs on six hits, striking out one and walking six. Isaiah Scepaniak tossed two innings of zero-run ball for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion in relief. The hurler gave up three hits, striking out four and walking two.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion amassed 10 hits in the game. Groeblinghoff provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with three runs batted in. The cleanup hitter went 2-for-2 on the day. Krause, Schelle, and Groeblinghoff each collected two hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion had patience at the plate, amassing nine walks for the game. Braeden Fliehs, Alex Abeln, and Xavier Ellenecker led the team with two walks each. Krause stole three bases. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion stole six bases in the game. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion turned one double play in the game. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion were sure-handed in the field and didn’t commit a single error. Abeln had the most chances in the field with nine.

Nelson led Sisseton with three hits in four at bats from the leadoff position. Max Dahlen, Anderson, JJ Hamm, and Nelson each drove in one run for Sisseton. Sisseton had patience at the plate, amassing 10 walks for the game. Dahlen, Anderson, and Isaiah Deutch led the team with two walks each. Nelson stole three bases.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion will travel to Platte for their next game on Saturday.

Groton Jr. Teeners Loses Despite Out Hitting Britton Jr Teeners

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Teeners fell 6-5 to Britton Jr Teeners on Monday despite out-hitting them 11 to six. Kolton Antonsen led Groton Jr. Teeners with three hits.

A single by Jordan Schwan put Groton Jr. Teeners on the board in the top of the first.

Britton Jr Teeners took the lead in the bottom of the fourth inning after Chaz Viotor doubled down the left field line, Max Suther doubled down the left field line, and Britton Jr Teeners scored on a wild pitch, each scoring one run.

Luke Bosse earned the win for Britton Jr Teeners. The reliever al-lowed three hits and one run (zero earned) over two and one-third innings, striking out two and walking two. Trayce Schelle took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners. The hurler went five and one-third innings, sur-rendering six runs (three earned) on six hits, striking out seven and walking three. Levi Mills began the game for Britton Jr Teeners. The right-handed pitcher surrendered four hits and two runs (one earned) over three and two-thirds innings, striking out five and walking one.

Groton Jr. Teeners tallied 11 hits in the game. Asher Zimmerman, Schwan, and Lincoln Shilhanek each drove in one run for Groton Jr. Teeners. Wesley Borg collected two hits for Groton Jr. Teeners in four at bats. Schwan stole four bases. Groton Jr. Teeners ran wild on the base paths, collecting six stolen bases for the game.

Suther went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Britton Jr Teeners in hits. Suther and Carter Grobe each stole multiple bases for Britton Jr Teen-ers. Britton Jr Teeners turned one double play in the game.

Groton Jr. Teeners Fall After Strong Showing By Britton Jr Teeners

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Teeners had trouble keeping up with Britton Jr Teeners in a 10-4 loss on Monday.

Groton Jr. Teeners were the first to get on the board in the first when an error scored two runs.

Britton Jr Teeners jumped into the lead in the bottom of the second when Liam Peters singled, scoring two runs, an error scored one run, and a passed ball scored one run.

Britton Jr Teeners added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Henry Kilker singled down the left field line, and Luke Bosse walked, each scoring one run.

Max Suther earned the win for Britton Jr Teeners. The righty gave up two hits and one run (zero earned) over one and two-thirds innings, striking out two and walking one. Lincoln Shilhanek took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners. The right-handed pitcher went two innings, sur-rendering four runs (two earned) on four hits, striking out two and walking four. Jack Teveldal led things off on the mound for Britton Jr Teeners. The pitcher allowed two hits and two runs (zero earned) over one and one-third innings, striking out two and walking one.

Jordan Schwan and Trayce Schelle each collected two hits for Groton Jr. Teeners. Zach Fliehs and Shilhanek were tough to handle back-to-back in the lineup, as each drove in two runs for Groton Jr. Teeners. Schelle stole two bases.

Number nine hitter, Kilker, showed the depth of Britton Jr Teeners’s lineup, by leading them with two hits in three at bats. Peters led Britton Jr Teeners with two runs batted in. The infielder went 1-for-2 on the

day. Bosse led Britton Jr Teeners with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, piling up eight walks for the game. Peters and Carter Grobe each stole multiple bases for Britton Jr Teeners. Britton Jr Teeners ran wild on the base paths, amassing seven stolen bases for the game.

Nick Morris A Difficult Out As Groton Legion Post 39 Defeat Chamberlain Legion

By GameChanger Media

Nick Morris collected three hits in three at bats, as Groton Legion Post 39 defeated Chamberlain Legion 11-1 on Sunday at Chamberlain. Morris singled in the third inning, doubled in the fifth inning, and singled in the sixth inning.

Groton Legion Post 39 jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Carter Simon singled, scoring one run, and a steal of home scored two runs.

Groton Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the top of the third inning after Gavin Englund grounded out, and Morris singled to center field, each scoring one run.

Jarrett Erdmann earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The starter allowed five hits and one run over five and two-thirds innings, striking out six and walking three. Hunter Frederick took the loss for Chamberlain Legion. The starter went three innings, allowing five runs on six hits, striking out four and walking one.

Groton Legion Post 39 tallied 13 hits in the game. Korbin Kucker led Groton Legion Post 39 with three runs batted in. The infielder went 2-for-4 on the day. Lincoln Krause, Nick Groeblichhoff, and Simon each collected multiple hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Groton Legion Post 39 ran wild on the base paths, piling up five stolen bases for the game. Groton Legion Post 39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Karsten Fliehs had the most chances in the field with six.

Frederick went 1-for-2 at the plate and led the team with one run batted in. Brandon Flowers, Conway Collins, Cannon Speer, Isaac Shepherd, and Frederick each collected one hit for Chamberlain Legion.

Carter Simon Drives 6 Runners Home In Groton Legion Post 39 Victory Over Chamberlain Legion

By GameChanger Media

Carter Simon drove in six runs on two hits to lead Groton Legion Post 39 past Chamberlain Legion 13-7 on Sunday at Chamberlain. Simon hit a grand slam to left field in the sixth inning, scoring four runs, and doubled in the seventh inning, scoring two.

Groton Legion Post 39 got on the board in the top of the first inning after Brevin Fliehs singled to the right side of the infield, Korbin Kucker stole home, and Nick Morris singled to center field, each scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the top of the second inning after Fliehs tripled to center field, and Chamberlain Legion committed an error, each scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 scored six runs on four hits in the top of the sixth inning. Kucker singled, scoring one run, Simon hit a grand slam to left field, and one run scored on another play.

Fliehs earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The right-handed pitcher allowed seven hits and four runs over four innings, striking out four and walking four. Eli Donovan took the loss for Chamberlain Legion. The starter went three innings, giving up five runs (four earned) on five hits, striking out one and walking four. Kucker stepped on the mound first for Groton Legion Post 39. The right-handed pitcher gave up four hits and three runs (two earned) over three innings, striking out four and walking four.

Groton Legion Post 39 accumulated 11 hits in the game. Kucker led Groton Legion Post 39 with three hits in four at bats. Fliehs collected two hits for Groton Legion Post 39 in four at bats. Groton Legion Post 39 had a strong eye at the plate, tallying eight walks for the game. Karsten Fliehs and Gavin Englund led the team with three free passes each. Groton Legion Post 39 turned one double play in the game. Groton Legion Post 39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Kucker had the most chances in the field with seven.

Chamberlain Legion piled up 11 hits in the game. Jeric Klages went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Chamberlain Legion in hits. Cannon Speer and Klages each drove in two runs for Chamberlain Legion. Donovan, Conway Collins, and London Houska each collected multiple hits for Chamberlain Legion. Chamberlain Legion had patience at the plate, tallying eight walks for the game. Brandon Flowers and Hunter Frederick led the team with two free passes each.

Groton Legion Post 39 welcome Milbank on Friday for their next game.

Powerful Pitching Performance From TC Schuster Carries Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Past W.I.N. Jr. Teeners

By GameChanger Media

TC Schuster was dominant on the mound, as the starting pitcher rang up 17 strikeouts in Groton Jr. Teeners 14U's 11-1 victory over W.I.N.

Jr. Teeners on Saturday. Schuster gave up two hits and one run over six innings while walking one.

Schuster collected three hits in four at bats in the win. Schuster doubled in the third inning, singled in the first inning, and singled in the sixth inning.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U got on the board in the bottom of the third inning after Schuster doubled, scoring two runs, Reign Mansfield induced Jordan Schwan to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored, and Lincoln Shilhanek singled, scoring two runs.

Mansfield took the loss for W.I.N. Jr. Teeners. The starter went four innings, allowing six runs (five earned) on five hits, striking out five and walking one.

Shilhanek drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with five runs batted in. The first baseman went 2-for-4 on the day. Keegan Kucker collected two hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U in three at bats. Schuster, Zach Fliehs, Schwan, and Kucker each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U stole 13 bases in the game. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U didn't commit a single error in the field. Kucker had the most chances in the field with 17.

Mansfield and Lux Heine each collected one hit for W.I.N. Jr. Teeners.

Groton Legion Post 39 Roll Past W.I.N. By GameChanger Media

Groton Legion Post 39 won big over W.I.N. 7-1 on Saturday at Groton.

Groton Legion Post 39 opened the scoring in the first after an error scored one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning when Korbin Kucker doubled, scoring one run, and Brevin Fliehs singled, scoring two runs.

Nick Morris earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The pitcher surrendered seven hits and one run (zero earned) over six and two-thirds innings, striking out six and walking one. Logan Fischbach took the loss for W.I.N.. The hurler went five innings, surrendering five runs (four earned) on six hits, striking out eight and walking three.

Groton Legion Post 39 piled up 10 hits in the game. Teylor Diegel, Fliehs, and Kucker each collected two hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Fliehs and Kucker were a one-two punch in the lineup, as each drove in two runs for Groton Legion Post 39. Groton Legion Post 39 ran wild on the base paths, tallying five stolen bases for the game.

Lincoln Kroll, W.I.N.'s number eight hitter, led the team with two hits in three at-bats.

Groton Legion Post 39 will travel to Chamberlain for their next game on Sunday.

Pitching Impressive As Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Beat W.I.N.

By GameChanger Media

Both teams were strong on the mound on Saturday, but Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion defeated W.I.N. 3-0. Alex Abeln started the game for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion and recorded 21 outs.

Abeln struck out 13 batters on the day. The starting pitcher also allowed three hits and zero runs over seven innings while walking one.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion got on the board in the bottom of the third inning after Abeln singled down the right field line, W.I.N. committed an error, and T.C Schuster doubled to left field, each scoring one run.

Braydon Kroll took the loss for W.I.N.. The starting pitcher went five innings, giving up three runs (zero earned) on four hits, striking out five and walking none.

Kason Oswald, Schuster, Abeln, and Nick Groeblichhoff each collected one hit for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Schuster and Abeln each drove in one run for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion.

Drew Bakeburg, Kroll, and Lincoln Kroll each collected one hit for W.I.N..

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion will travel to Sisseton for their next game on Monday.

Sixth-Inning Burst Enough To Lead Northville Merchants Past Groton Locke Electric

By GameChanger Media

Northville Merchants scored six runs in the sixth inning, which helped them defeat Groton Locke Electric 9-2 on Saturday at Groton.

Northville Merchants got on the board in the first inning after Greg Heyne singled, scoring one run.

Groton Locke Electric jumped back into the lead in the bottom of the first inning after Spencer Locke singled to center field, and Bj Richter singled to center field, each scoring one run.

Groton Locke Electric committed an error, which helped Northville Merchants tie the game at two in the top of the third.

Northville Merchants flipped the game on its head in the top of the sixth, scoring six runs on two hits to take the lead, 8-2. The biggest blow in the inning was a double by Drew Bareburg that drove in three.

Richter pitched three and one-third innings in relief for Groton Locke Electric. The right-handed pitcher surrendered one hit and one run (zero earned) while, striking out two and walking four. Alex Morris

stepped on the hill first for Groton Locke Electric. The pitcher gave up one hit and one run over two-thirds of an inning, striking out none and walking one. Bryan Weber led things off on the mound for Northville Merchants. The hurler gave up five hits and two runs over four and two-thirds innings, striking out two and walking three.

Bradin Althoff and Locke each collected two hits for Groton Locke Electric. Richter and Locke each drove in one run for Groton Locke Electric. Groton Locke Electric turned one double play in the game. Bareburg led Northville Merchants with three runs batted in from the number eight spot in the lineup. The shortstop went 1-for-4 on the day. Heyne went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Northville Merchants in hits. Dawson Ward paced Northville Merchants with four walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, tallying 15 walks for the game. Northville Merchants turned two double plays in the game. Groton Locke Electric play at home on Sunday against Faulkton in their next game.

Strong Hitting Not Enough As Groton Jr. Teeners Falls To Lake Norden Lakers

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U fell 6-5 to Lake Norden Lakers 14U on Wednesday at Lake Norden SD despite out-hitting them six to five. TC Schuster led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with two hits. Lake Norden Lakers 14U got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Caleb Drenth doubled down the right field line, Trig Heinrich walked, and Lake Norden Lakers 14U scored on a passed ball, each scoring one run. Lake Norden Lakers 14U added one run in the third. Bentley Trowbridge singled to center field, making the score 4-1. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U made the score 5-4 in the top of the fifth after Schuster doubled, scoring one run, Jordan Schwan doubled, scoring two runs, and a steal of home scored one run. Trowbridge walked, which helped Lake Norden Lakers 14U tie the game at five in the bottom of the fifth. Kobe Stevenson earned the win for Lake Norden Lakers 14U. The righty gave up zero hits and zero runs over two-thirds of an inning, striking out none and walking none. Schwan took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The pitcher went four innings, surrendering six runs (two earned) on five hits, striking out eight and walking four. Landry Weiss stepped on the mound first for Lake Norden Lakers 14U. The starter surrendered six hits and five runs (four earned) over four and one-third innings, striking out seven and walking two. Schwan drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with two runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 1-for-3 on the day. Drenth went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Lake Norden Lakers 14U in hits. Lake Norden Lakers 14U turned one double play in the game.

Groton Jr. Teeners Take Lead And Never Look Back In Win Over Lake Norden Lakers

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U easily dispatched Lake Norden Lakers 14U on Wednesday at Lake Norden SD, 13-3. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U jumped out to the lead in the top of the second inning after Gavin Hanten doubled, scoring two runs, an error scored one run, and Keegan Kucker singled, scoring two runs. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U scored six runs on one hit in the top of the third inning. Kolton Antonsen grounded out, scoring one run, Kucker drew a walk, scoring one run, and Jordan Schwan hit an inside the park home run, scoring three runs. Kyson Kucker earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The hurler allowed two hits and three runs (two earned) over four innings, striking out seven and walking six. Trig Heinrich took the loss for Lake Norden Lakers 14U. The pitcher went one inning, allowing six runs on one hit, striking out one and walking six. Kobe Stevenson started the game for Lake Norden Lakers 14U. The righty allowed three hits and five runs (two earned) over two innings, striking out one and walking four. Lincoln Shilhanek tossed one inning of no-run ball for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U in relief. The reliever surrendered zero hits, striking out none and walking one. Tucker Leicht, Hanten, Schwan, Kucker, Trayce Schelle, and Wesley Borg each collected one hit for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Hanten, Antonsen, Schwan, and Kucker each drove in two runs for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U had patience at the plate, accumulating 10 walks for the game. Noah Scepaniak and Schwan led the team with two free passes each. Schwan and Kucker each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U ran wild on the base paths, collecting eight stolen bases for the game. Evan Schultz and Landry Weiss each collected one hit for Lake Norden Lakers 14U. Lake Norden Lakers 14U had patience at the plate, accumulating seven walks for the game. Schultz, Bentley Trowbridge, and Maddox Jacobson led the team with two walks each. Caleb Drenth and Trowbridge each stole multiple bases for Lake Norden Lakers 14U. Lake Norden Lakers 14U stole 10 bases in the game.

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Northern State University’s President’s, Dean’s and Academic Recognition Lists for Spring 2025

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Northern State University is proud to recognize the outstanding academic achievements of students for the spring 2025 semester. The university is pleased to announce the students who have earned a place on the President’s List, Dean’s List and Academic Recognition List.

The President’s List honors full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a perfect 4.00 GPA for the semester. This distinction reflects a commitment to academic excellence and dedication to their studies. The Dean’s List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have attained a GPA of 3.50 to 3.99 during the semester. This reflects their dedication and sustained effort in achieving high academic standards. Part-time undergraduate students earning a place on the Academic Recognition List have achieved a system honor-point average of 3.50 or higher for the semester. Eligibility requires completion of at least 12 credit hours prior to the current semester at one or more South Dakota Regental institutions. This honor demonstrates their sustained commitment to academic success. Northern State University congratulates these students on their accomplishments and wishes them continued success in their academic pursuits. Their hard work and dedication exemplify the university’s values of excellence and perseverance.

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Nick Morris throws a pitch in the first inning of the Legion game against W.I.N. on Saturday afternoon. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Groton U10's Quinton Ronning throws a strike to finish out the top of the fourth inning of the team's game against Webster on Saturday. Groton Baseball Coordinator Matt Locke stands behind him to determine whether the pitches are strikes or balls. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



W.I.N. player Jacob Schmitt jumps over a hit made by Logan Fischbach during the top of the first inning of Saturday afternoon's game against Groton. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Left: Braydon Kroll stretches for his pitch in Junior Legion action. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Johnson at State A Golf Tourney

Carlee Johnson finished 41st out of 84 golfers at the State A Girls Championship in Madison June 2-3. She shot a 99 the first day and a 97 the second day. Coach Joel Guthmiller said, "She played well, and gained some more valuable state tournament experience." (Courtesy Photos)

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Inagural Fast Pitch Softball in Groton

These are the first pitches from the inaugural fast pitch softball season. U10 Black playing Ipswich Taylor Fliehs pitching and Avery Roettelle catching. (Courtesy Photos)



Senior Groton Legion players Carter Simon, Nick Morris, Korbin Kucker, Brevin Fliehs and Teylor Diegel were honored before the start of the Legion game against W.I.N. on Saturday. The players were joined by their parents on the field. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

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“Pain Science: Rethinking How We Experience Pain”

Pain is a universal human experience, yet it remains one of the most misunderstood aspects of health. Traditional views often equate pain directly with physical injury, but modern pain science challenges this simplistic understanding. Pain is a multifaceted phenomenon involving sensory, emotional, and cognitive factors. This perspective advocates for a holistic approach to pain management, emphasizing the nervous system's role and empowering individuals to retrain their pain response.





By Kory Zimney, PT, DPT, PhD is a professor at the University of South Dakota

Pain and Injury Are Not Always the Same

Most of us can think of a time when we had an injury but no pain. Maybe you noticed blood on your body when out gardening, only to see a significant cut on your arm, or waking up and noticing a large bruise on your body, and you don't recall what caused it. Sometimes, pain may have emerged after you saw the cut or bruise, but not when the injury happened. The opposite side further exemplifies the disconnect between pain and actual tissue damage: we can use the example of phantom limb pain, where individuals experience pain in a limb that no longer exists. These examples highlight that pain is not always a direct indicator of physical damage. In the first situation, we have injury and no pain; in the second, we have pain with no injury.

Pain as a Complex, Multidimensional Experience

Pain is not a simple signal proportional to the extent of tissue damage. The pathway of sensory information from the body travels to multiple areas of the nervous system, including the somatosensory cortex (for location and sensation) and the limbic system (for emotional processing). This interconnectedness underscores the sensory and emotional components of pain, making it a complex experience.

The Brain's Role in Predicting and Protecting

The brain plays a crucial role in interpreting signals and predicting potential threats, which can influence the experience of pain. For instance, gently stretching your finger backwards can cause discomfort before actual tissue damage occurs – a protective mechanism. Chronic pain often results from an oversensitive or overprotective nervous system, where the brain's predictions sensitize the pain response. People are not faking pain, and the pain is not made up in their head; the nervous system actually changes to make it more sensitive. Think of it like the motion detection lights outside your house, the sensitivity dial has been ramped up, a leaf falls off your neighbor's tree, and your lights go on, it is overprotective. Your brain also uses more than just sensory information to process pain or potential threats. Psychological factors (for example trauma, fear, thoughts, and emotions) and sociological factors (such as environment, stress, and lifestyle) interact with biological factors (immune and endocrine systems) to shape an individual's pain experience.

Understanding Pain is Crucial for Recovery

Understanding that pain doesn't always mean your body is damaged and that your sensitive nervous system can be retrained empowers individuals to challenge limiting beliefs and actively participate in their pain management. It involves a holistic approach, including improving lifestyle factors (diet, exercise, quitting smoking, etc.), addressing psychological factors (decreasing stress, reframing negative thoughts, and more), and promoting movement and daily activities.

Understanding the complex nature of pain empowers individuals to actively participate in retraining their nervous system to reduce the impact of chronic pain and improve overall well-being.

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