

# Graduation Section Inside

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## Banners installed along US12

The new Groton Chamber banners were installed along US 12 on Friday. Paul Kosel from the Groton City Electric Dept. is pictured below installing the hardware on the light pole. (Courtesy photos)



## Kurtz sworn in as new Aberdeen Police Officer

New Aberdeen City officers Kasey Kurtz (left) and Austin VanOverbeke (right), were sworn in Wednesday morning by the honorable Judge Sommers. They will be new officers on the Aberdeen Police Department. (Photo from APD Facebook Page)

## Pantry May Report

In May, The Pantry - Groton, SD had a total of 51 visits from individuals and families. During these visits, essential food and household items were distributed, weighing a combined total of 1,776 pounds. This reflects the continued demand for support in the Groton SD Community and highlights The Pantry's ongoing commitment to helping those facing food insecurity. We are deeply grateful to the community for their continued generosity and support, which makes this vital work possible.

## Ace of Hearts

The third week of the Ace of Hearts was held Thursday with ticket sales at \$745. The name of Ron Worlie was drawn. He picked card number 40 with was the nine of hearts. He won the consolation prize of \$75. The jackpot was \$2,789.

## Storm causes electrical outage in Groton

An intense, short lived storm went through Groton late Tuesday afternoon. The wind blew the tree down over the power lines behind the Groton Police Station, breaking the cross arm and causing an outage on the east alley of Main Street from Railroad Avenue to the park. Power was restored quickly to the first two blocks north of Railroad Avenue which included the Jungle. The longest duration of the outage was getting the tree completely removed. Helping with that project were Todd Anderson, Todd McGannon and Joe Foertsch. Bill Shilhanek of Locke Electric came to repair the mast on Topper Tastad's house which was bent to a 45 degree angle. Todd Gay and Landon Johnson of the city electric department quickly did the repairs on the pole with Paul Kosel assisting. Topper Tastad helped with some of the work to his mast on his house.





Full-time, undergraduate students are named to the Dean's List if they received a 3.5 GPA for courses they took in the spring 2025 semester, and they had no incomplete or failing grades.

Duerre, Max Henry SD (Bristol)  
Peckham, Madison Jayden SD (Bristol)  
Gustafson, Megan Kathryn SD (Claremont)  
Kurtz, Camryn Renee Ione SD (Groton)  
Lewandowski, Jacob Kenneth SD (Groton)  
Peterson, Shaylee Kristine SD (Groton)



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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

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Linda Lee Ott Fischer, 81, of Harrison, passed away Monday, June 2, 2025, at The Springs of Mt. Vista in Harrison.

She was born October 27, 1943, in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to Clifford George and Mary Louise Samuel Ott. Linda was raised on the family farm between Verdon and Randolph, South Dakota, and was baptized and confirmed at West Hanson Lutheran Church near Stratford. She proudly carried her rural upbringing throughout her life and often shared fond memories of driving grain trucks and working in the fields.

Linda attended grade school in Verdon and graduated from Conde Public School in 1961. She earned her bachelor's degree from Northern State University in 1965 and later earned her master's degree from the University of Arkansas. She began her professional career teaching business classes at Watertown Vocational/Technical College in South Dakota. After marrying Gerald Eugene "Gerry" Fischer in 1967, the couple moved south, teaching in Iowa and later working in Kansas City before settling in Harrison. In Harrison, Linda co-instructing business classes at the Vo-Tech, which later became Harrison Community College. She also worked at Duncan Parking Meter Company until her retirement in 1998.

Linda loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. Though she made her home in Arkansas, her heart remained tied to South Dakota, and she rarely missed a family get-together. She was also a devoted member of her church, First Lutheran Church, until she was no longer physically able to attend. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Loel Ott; a grandson, Joey Franklin McCutcheon; and the father of her children, Gerald Eugene Fischer.

She is survived by her children, Chloette McCutcheon and husband, Joey, of Mt. Judea, Gerald Eugene "Gef" Fischer and wife, Jennifer, of Ralph, and Loel Fischer of Sedalia, Missouri; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; her brother, Lari Ott and wife, Linda, of Pierre, South Dakota; her sister, Cheryl Hilgemann and husband, Jeff, of Park Rapids, Minnesota; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at First Lutheran Church of Harrison, with the Pastor Bob Herring officiating. The family will have a graveside committal service in August at Groton Union Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Holt Memorial Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, Illinois 60601, or to a charity of your choice.

The online obituary and guestbook are available at [www.HoltChapel.com](http://www.HoltChapel.com).



BROOKINGS, S.D. (06/12/2025)-- More than 3,800 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance over the spring 2025 semester at South Dakota State University by being named to the dean's list.

To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Overall, 3,820 students from 37 states and 33 foreign nations are on the list. Congratulations to these distinguished scholars on earning this academic achievement.

Groton students on the Dean's List are Brooke Boddicker, Madeline Fliehs, Trey Gengerke, Trista Keith, Allyssa Locke, Hannah Monson, Sage Mortenson, KaSandra Pappas and Ashlyn Sperry.



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**For details, find Back to Doland on Facebook or visit <https://sites.google.com/view/backtodoland2025>.**

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**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

**Sunday, June 22**  
Emmanuel Lutheran worship 9 a.m.  
St. John's Lutheran: Worship 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.  
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 at Milbank Tourney

**Monday, June 23**  
Senior Menu: Parmesan chicken breast, rice pilaf, Italian blend, blushing pears, whole wheat bread.  
Jr. Legion hosts Aberdeen Smitty's 16U, 6 p.m.  
U12 B&W hosts Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
U10 R&B hosts Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
U8 R&B at Columbia, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Softball: U12 at Milbank, 6 p.m. (DH)  
Olive Grove: Women's 2-Person Scramble  
Community Blood Drive, Noon t 6 p.m., Groton Community Center  
Senior Citizens meet at Groton Community Center with potluck at noon.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, June 24**  
Senior Menu: Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, glazed carrots, cinnamon apple sauce, whole wheat bread.  
Jr. Legion hosts Miller, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
U10 B&W hosts Claremont, 6:30 p.m.  
U8 B&W hosts Claremont, 5:30 p.m.  
Softball: U14 hosts Warner, 6 p.m. (DH)  
T-Ball: Gold hosts Claremont, 5:30 p.m.  
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

**Wednesday, June 25**  
Senior Menu: BBQ Pork Riblet on bun, potato salad, green beans, oranges with vanilla pudding.  
Amateurs at Aberdeen, 6 p.m.  
Legion hosts Webster, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Jr. Teeners vs. W.I.N. at Northville, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

U12 W&R at Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
U10 W&R at Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
U8 W&R at Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Softball: U8 B vs. U8G, 5:30 p.m.; U10B vs. U8G, 5:30 p.m. (DH); U12 hosts Redfield 2, 6:30 p.m. (DH)  
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.  
Groton C&MA: Kid's Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, June 26**  
Senior Menu: Kielbasa with Mac n cheese, winter blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.  
Jr. Legion hosts Britton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Jr. Teeners at Aberdeen 13U, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Softball: U8G at Claremont, 5:30 p.m.; U14 hosts Redfield 1, 5 p.m. (DH)  
T-Ball: Black at Columbia, 5 p.m.

**Friday, June 27**  
Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, sweet potato, corn, cherry fluff, dinner roll.  
Legion at Lake Norden, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, June 28**  
Jr. Legion hosts Clear Lake, 3 p.m.  
Jr. Teeners host Clear Lake, 1 p.m.  
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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

## Trump's Troop Deployment Scrambles Constitutional Arrangements

Since his inauguration, President Donald Trump has engaged in a sustained program to scramble our constitutional arrangements and upend democratic principles. He abandoned respect for The Blue when he pardoned the January 6 rioters and insurrectionists who attacked U.S. Capitol Police as part of a plan to prevent congressional certification of the 2020 election, in which he was defeated by Joe Biden. He has asserted "absolute" authority under Article II of the Constitution, and laid waste to the doctrine of checks and balances through usurpation of the fundamental constitutional powers of Congress, his assault on judicial independence and denial of the authority of courts to exercise judicial review of executive actions. He has struck at the core of due process of law, freedom of speech and freedom of the press, and has marshaled the full force of the federal government against institutions of knowledge and expertise--law firms, American colleges and universities, the media -- created to educate and inform the public and advance and protect intellectual independence and freedom. In an unprecedented effort to control curriculum, faculty hirings, and student enrollment, Trump would enshrine himself as the putative head of Harvard University, just as he installed himself as President of the Kennedy Center. The totality of his efforts to remake our society, culture and government in his image overwhelms measurement.

President Trump's deployment of the National Guard and active-duty Marines—a total of some 4,700 soldiers—to counter protestors, the vast majority of whom were entirely peaceful, over the objections of the Los Angeles Mayor, Karen Bass, and California's Governor, Gavin Newsom, represents a continuation of his assault on our nation's laws and norms. Trump, Vice-President J.D. Vance, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, and other members of the administration have variously referred to the protestors as "insurrectionists," part of an "invasion" and "rebellion." Hegseth announced the use of federalized troops to protect ICE agents and federal buildings against attacks by protestors, but he refused to answer at a Senate hearing whether the soldiers might be used to enforce American laws. In a rambling speech at Fort Bragg, Trump, the first convicted felon elected to the presidency, referred to dissidents and protestor as "animals" and a "foreign enemy." The baseless use of these inflammatory words is designed to support Trump's consolidation of power and provide legal justification for his deployment of military forces.

Since his first term, when he asked General Mark Milley, Chair of the Joint Chiefs, if he could authorize shooting Black Lives protestors "in the legs," President Trump has long mused about using the military to crush protests. Trump's order this week did not specify any standards for the use of force by troops. Speaking of the forthcoming June 14 parade in Washington, D.C., commemorating the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army, Trump told reporters that protestors would be met by "very heavy force." Of course, peaceful protestors are protected by the First Amendment under freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, and they constrain governmental actions that would interfere with the exercise of those rights. Consider the crucial question of whether it is legal to deploy troops on American soil.

The 1878 Posse Comitatus Act prohibits, with one exception, the use of federal troops on domestic soil for the purpose of law enforcement. However, the 1807 Insurrection Act creates an exception by allowing the president to decide whether "unlawful obstructions, combinations or assemblages, or rebellion against the authority of the United States" overwhelms the capabilities of ordinary law enforcement agencies and renders the enforcement of federal law "impracticable." As a consequence, the congressional drafters of this statute, and its earlier version in 1795, the president is expected to await a call from a state's Governor asking for help. Trump did not receive from Governor Newsom a request for aid and assistance from the federal government. Newsom, like Mayor Bass, believed the Los Angeles Police Department was fully capable of handling, and where necessary, arresting, those who engaged in violence and vandalized property. For what it's worth, the LAPD declared that it did not need the intervention of the White House.

At bottom, Trump has manufactured a crisis; indeed, he said, "Los Angeles is burning." LA is not burning. With the falsification of an emergency, Trump created the pretext to deploy troops over the objections of state and local officials.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup
By Jordan Wright

The 2025 Minnesota Vikings team is poised to compete for a championship this season. If you listen to the players and coaches speak, it’s clear the message inside the building is “we’ve laid the foundation the past two years, now it’s time to build off that and take it to another level”. The front office is in alignment

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with the coaching staff and players as well, based on them signing Pro Bowl caliber players at positions of need, even if those players are at the tail end of their athletic prime. The Vikings feel like they have entered a Super Bowl window and are doing everything they can to bring the Lombardi to the Land of 10,000 Lakes.

If the Vikings are going to compete at the highest levels this season, certain players will have to step up. These are the five players with the most to prove.
5. Blake Cashman (and Ivan Pace Jr.)
I’m cheating a little here by listing two players, but these two are tightly linked. In the Vikings’ 3-4 defense, the two middle linebackers are at the center of everything the team is trying to do on defense. They must be able to drop back into coverage. They must be able to stop the run. They must be able to rush the quarterback. And if they fail at any of those tasks, they leave a wide-open space in the middle of the field for opposing offenses to attack. Blake Cashman has to prove he’s capable of staying healthy, because he’s clearly a difference maker when he’s on the field but the Vikings’ defense suffered substantially during the three weeks he missed last season (the Vikings were 1-2 during that stretch). Ivan Pace Jr. - the undersized, undrafted player who flies around the field and makes splash plays - needs to prove that he’s more than just a “feel good” story. Entering his third season, it’s time for him to step his game up.
4. Theo Jackson
The Vikings let Camryn Bynum walk this offseason, deciding instead to sign Theo Jackson to a three-year extension right before free agency began. Jackson might be third on the depth chart, but as we all know, the Vikings like to play a lot of three-safety sets. Josh Metellus, the starting safety next to Harrison Smith, is also a Swiss army knife that defensive coordinator Brian Flores likes to deploy all over the field, so that’s even more snaps that Jackson is in line to receive. The coaches and players speak highly of Theo Jackson, so it’s time to prove that he’s capable of becoming a starting safety in the NFL.
3. Byron Murphy Jr.
After a Pro Bowl season, Byron Murphy Jr. signed a huge contract that keeps him in Minnesota through the 2027 season. Murphy is being paid like a top-15 cornerback (\$18M/year), so he needs to prove he has what it takes to be the team’s top cover man. Not only that, but with the uncertainty behind him, and the rest of the CB room young and inexperienced, there is a lot riding on Byron Murphy Jr.’s shoulders in 2025.
2. Dallas Turner
Dallas Turner didn’t see the field a ton in his rookie season, but that wasn’t really his fault. The two pass rushers ahead of him, Jonathan Greenard and Andrew Van Ginkel, both made the Pro Bowl last season, which didn’t leave a ton of room for Turner to see the field. However, that isn’t going to change any time soon, as Greenard and Van Ginkel are both under contract for the immediate future. Turner is going to have to prove that he was worthy of the first round pick the team spent on him, and to do that he’s going to have to play so well that the Vikings can’t take him off the field, regardless of what other pass rushers are on the roster.
1. J.J. McCarthy
This one is a no-brainer. For the first time in Vikings’ history, the team spent a top-10 pick on the quarterback position. The plan was for McCarthy and newly-signed Sam Darnold to battle it out in training camp, with Darnold holding down the fort until McCarthy was ready. Instead, J.J. got hurt and missed the entire season, while Darnold rejuvenated his career and helped the Vikings win 14 games. Now, Darnold is in Seattle and McCarthy is firmly the team’s starting QB. And with the team believing it is ready to compete for a championship, there isn’t time for J.J. McCarthy to learn the ropes. If the Vikings have any chance of winning a Super Bowl in the near future, it will all come down to how well he plays. Let’s keep our fingers crossed

Wilber Adds Seven with First Recruiting Class Leading into 2025-26
Aberdeen, S.D. – Northern State University head coach Matt Wilber announced the additions of seven student-athletes to the 2025-26 men’s basketball roster today. Simon Akena (Stockholm, Sweden), Josh Book (Christchurch, New Zealand), Ben Bowen (Highlands Ranch, Colo.), Brendan Phillips (Aberdeen, S.D.), Nelson Reynolds (Peoria, Ill.), Ty Rogers (Aurora, Ill.), and Lane Tietz (Groton, S.D.) will join the Wolves in the fall for their first season under the direction of Wilber and staff.
“We are excited to add this group to the roster of players we are bringing back from last year,” said Wilber. “Our process from day one was to recruit the entire roster from last year’s group from the available pool of high school grads and transfers. I give a ton of credit to Coach Nelson and Coach Smith for the work they did in the recruiting process. We started with a specific plan for what we wanted the make-up of this recruiting class to look like in our first year and feel good with the early results. We inherited a high-quality level of character from the returners and are adding a number of great people with these additions. Every year is a new start regardless of staff and roster, and this group is excited to get to work and make their mark on the Wolves culture!!”

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Lane Tietz – Guard, 5-11, 180, Groton, S.D. / Groton HS / Dakota State
Lane Tietz is a 5-foot-11, 180-pound guard out of Groton High School and Dakota State. As a prep, Tietz was a 5-year starter and team captain for the Tigers. He scored 1,552 career points and dished out 324 career assists. Tietz was a 4-time NEC All-Conference selection, all-state honoree, and the 2024 Class A Spirit of the Su Award winner. He opened his collegiate career at Dakota State, playing one season for the Trojans. Tietz averaged 11.2 points, 3.6 assists, and 4.0 rebounds per game. He was named the North Star Freshman of the Year following the season. He is the son of Tom and Lindsey Tietz, and great-great nephew of legendary NSU coach and administrator Clark Swisher.





June 10, 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 Dennert to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**SOLID & YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE CONTRACT WITH DEPENDABLE SANITATION:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Solid & Yard Waste Collection Service Contract with Dependable Sanitation which shall be effective March 15, 2025 through March 15, 2030. Seconded by Commissioner Dinger. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to approve the following applications submitted by Northern Electric Cooperative for occupancy for boring of underground primary electric cable of Brown County Highway 6, in Section 12-T122-R65, Brown County, South Dakota and of Brown County Highway 6, in Section 36-T124-R65, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent informed the Commission that the guardrail at Richmond was in the process of being installed; Bituminous is paving around Claremont and Hecla area; D.O.T is going to be letting in July for the Elm Lake Bridge; Sand Lake Bridge won't be started until early next spring.

Dirk discussed the bridge that Andrew Davis wants to buy from the County at 125th and 398th; this bridge overlaps with landowners and township, they will need to vacate the road and then if that all happens, Dirk will do a Resolution and take it off the County inventory.

The highway department is continuing with patching and mowing. Dirk informed the Commission that they are short on office staff this week, so if they get any phone calls, they are aware of the situation.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Claims: Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$48.00; Best Western Ramkota Hotel – Aberdeen \$300.00; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$6,466.50; Dave Lunzman \$500.00; DEVNET \$10,530.78; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$1,260.00; Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$630.00; Jerald M. McNeary \$324.00; Kristi Brandt \$34.00; Kuck Law Office \$204.00; Language Lince Services, Inc \$593.57; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$200.00; Network Center, Inc \$3,002.57; PharmChem, Inc \$1,657.50; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$944.00; Sanford Health \$252.00; Sara Zahn \$29.25; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$1,579.50; Tالياferro Law Firm, PC \$9,690.00; Thomson Reuters – West Payment Center \$567.13; WEX Health Inc \$206.25. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$458.25; Hub City Radio \$17,000.00; KJRVFM/KOKKAM/KU AM \$1537.50; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$22.40; The Dakota Scout \$43.00; The Watertown Current \$198.00. Rentals: Dakota Electronics LLC \$2,561.00; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$62.55. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Transmission Center \$447.54; B&B Contracting, Inc. \$11,318.03; Building Restoration Corp \$70,557.45; Butler Machinery Company \$3,852.41; Craftco Inc. \$2,500.00; Crawford M S & F Inc \$430.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$3,410.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$57.50; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$8,057.48; Graham Tire Inc \$661.52; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$14,569.19; House of Glass \$10,649.00; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$422.15; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$2532.80; Kramp Enterprise and Investment \$199.35; Mega Construction Inc \$66,542.08; Olson's Pest Technicians \$455.00; Pier-

son Ford Lincoln, Inc \$728.14; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$3,000.00; RDO Equipment Co – AG \$4,427.10; Steven Lust Automotive \$301.54; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$4,442.08. Sup-plies: Aberdeen Transmission Center \$51.96; Agtegra Cooperative \$49,226.86; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$278.78; Auto Value Aberdeen \$21.47; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$41.41; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$767.75; Bob Barker Company Inc \$1,333.73; Buckstaff Public Safety \$409.00; Butler Machinery Company \$2,186.58; Central Network Retail Group \$641.71; Century Business Products \$270.00; Craw-ford M S & F Inc \$85.32; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$2,446.24; Dakota Electronics LLC \$150.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc. \$4,815.99; Dakota Oil \$200.10; DetectaChem, Inc \$396.92; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$1,406.02; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$990.54; Fastenal Company \$50.26; FedEx \$28.95; FileVine, Inc \$6,622.80; Geffdog Designs \$137.92; Graham Tire Inc \$114.00; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$140.00; Inter-state Battery System of South Dakota \$607.80; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$10,893.60; JP Auto Detailing \$215.00; Kuck Law Office \$6.33; Lien Transportation Company \$2,888.10; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$747.34; Menards \$35.67; Midstates Group \$65.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$60.00; Performance Oil \$59.90; PharmChem, Inc \$1,257.34; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$110.56; Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LLC \$1,046.10; RDO Equipment Co – AG \$4,472.02; Runnings \$720.84; Safe Life Defense \$1,473.20; Sunset law Enforcement, LLC \$2,407.20; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$2,460.44; Tri-State Water \$35.00; Union County Sheriff's Office \$23.47. Travel & Conference: Brad Borge \$1,976.95; Brandon Mills \$28.00; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$120.00; David Hunter \$14.00; Kelly Midwest Ven-tures Limited Partnership \$560.00; Ken's Superfair Foods \$254.75; Neil Bittner \$14.00; SDSU Extension \$97.60. Utilities: Northwestern Energy \$1,028.66; Town of Frederick \$77.00; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$119.06. Machinery & Equipment: Craftco Inc. \$78,002.40; RDO Equipment Co – AG \$81,463.00. Other: Safe Harbor \$1,138.50; SD Assoc. of County Officials \$874.00; SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$5,398.98. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

- o.....Resignation of Aleigha Allison, Brown County Fairgrounds Seasonal Worker, effective May 30, 2025.
- o. Hiring of Jesse Hernandez as Brown County Fairgrounds Seasonal Worker; starting wage \$14.50/hr. – effective June 11, 2025
- oHiring Part-Time (as needed) Bartenders at \$10.00/hr. + tips. Bartenders filling in as Leads will be at \$12.00/hr. + tips – effective August 10, 2025.
- o.....Hannah Lahren
- o.....Shannon Northrup
- o.....Natalie Ballensky
- o.....Adding Museum volunteer, Kristi Johnson, to the approved volunteer list for work-comp purposes.
- o.....Adding Museum volunteer, Dana Nichols, to the approved volunteer list for work-comp purposes.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agreements: Troy & Amy Haselhorst to lease the Clubhouse on June 18-22, 2025 for a Wedding; Aberdeen Area Running Club to lease the Fairgrounds on September 17, 2025 for Beer Run running event; Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to lease the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on October 12-13, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

**TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL LICENSE PERMIT HEARING FOR SPURS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to authorize advertising public hearing for the following Special Alcohol License Permit: SPURS Therapeutic Riding Center, Aberdeen, SD – SPURS 2nd Addition – NW ¼ of Sec 6-T123N-R63W Brown County, SD on July 1, 2025. (Special License effective September 20, 2025). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LOTTERY PERMITS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chair-man Sutton to sign the applications submitted by SPURS Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. for a lottery to be held on September 20, 2025 at the SPURS Barn Dance to raise funds for operating costs; and for a lottery to be held on December 15, 2025 or sooner depending on when tickets are sold out at the SPURS Therapeutic Riding Center to raise funds for operating costs. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to acknowledge the Landfill Tonnage Report for May 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the following travel requests: Dirk Rogers & Matt Heupel, Highway Department to attend Summer Meeting on June 11-13, 2025 in Pierre and Dirk Rogers to attend Hall of Honor Selection Committee on June 17, 2025 in Pierre. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Move by Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Personnel, Legal & Contracts 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 10:29 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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2025, in the chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, in the Court-house Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register a complaint on their approval may appear:

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Temporary Special Event Alcohol License effective September 20, 2025

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LI-CENSE

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2 & 35-4-124, a Public Hearing on the following Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License (Malt Beverage) Application is set for the 1st day of July,

2025, in the chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, in the Court-house Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register a complaint on their approval may appear:

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# Groton Legion Post 39 Trounce Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser 18U

By GameChanger Media

Groton Legion Post 39 easily dispatched Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser 18U on Sunday at Groton, 10-3.

Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser 18U got on the board in the first inning after Noah Johnson singled, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the first, scoring five runs on four hits to take the lead, 5-1. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Braxton Imrie that drove in two.

A single by Gavin Englund, a ground out by Nick Groeblichhoff, and an error helped Groton Legion Post 39 extend their early lead in the second.

Groton Legion Post 39 added one run in the third after Teylor Diegel singled to right field.

Jarrett Erdmann earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The hurler gave up three hits and three runs over four and two-thirds innings, striking out five and walking six. Chase Odland took the loss for Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser 18U. The pitcher went two innings, surrendering nine runs (five earned) on eight hits, striking out none and walking one. Brevin Fliehs threw two and one-third innings of scoreless ball for Groton Legion Post 39 in relief. The reliever allowed one hit, striking out three and walking one.

Groton Legion Post 39 tallied 10 hits in the game. Leadoff hitter Diegel led Groton Legion Post 39 with three hits in four at bats. Imrie and Englund each drove in two runs for Groton Legion Post 39. Fliehs collected two hits for Groton Legion Post 39 in four at bats. Englund stole two bases. Groton Legion Post 39 stole six bases in the game. Groton Legion Post 39 turned two double plays in the game.

Johnson provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser 18U with two runs batted in. The infielder went 3-for-4 on the day. Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser 18U had a strong eye at the plate, amassing seven walks for the game. Micah Zastrow and Tate Bray led the team with two walks each.

Next up for Groton Legion Post 39 is a game at Spearfish on Wednesday.

# Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Takes Down Redfield A Little At A Time

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion kept adding on runs in a 7-0 victory over Redfield on Sunday.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Redfield committed an error, and T.C Schuster grounded out, each scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion added one run in the second. Tristin McGannon walked, making the score 3-0.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Braeden Fliehs walked, and John Bisbee lined out, each scoring one run.

Isaiah Scepaniak earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The starter allowed two hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out three and walking seven. #12 started on the bump for Redfield. The starting pitcher surrendered four hits and seven runs (two earned) over four innings, striking out four and walking four.

Fliehs, Schuster, Jordan Schwan, and Nick Groeblichhoff each collected one hit for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Schuster, Schwan, and Groeblichhoff each drove in one run for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Alex Abeln stole two bases. 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. Bisbee had the most chances in the field with four.

#12 and #7 were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected one hit for Redfield while hitting back-to-back. #10 led Redfield with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, amassing seven walks for the game. #7 stole two bases. Redfield turned one double play in the game.

Next up for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion is a game at Milbank on Tuesday.

# Bats Stymied For Both Teams As Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Loses To Platte

By GameChanger Media

Both teams were strong on the hill on Saturday, but Platte was just a little bit stronger at the plate in their 3-1 victory over Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Nick Groeblichhoff started the game for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion and recorded 15 outs.

Platte opened the scoring in the bottom of the first thanks to two singles. Platte first got on the board when Kenyon Kuiper singled, scoring one run.

Kuiper earned the win for Platte. The starting pitcher surrendered three hits and one run over six innings, striking out 15 and walking three. Groeblichhoff took the loss for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The pitcher went five innings, giving up three runs (zero earned) on seven hits, striking out six and walking one.

Alex Abeln led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with one run batted in. The shortstop went 1-for-3 on the day. Lincoln Krause, Abeln, and Groeblichhoff each collected one hit for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion.

Asher Kott and Kuiper were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected two hits for Platte. Isaac Leader led Platte with two runs batted in. The shortstop went 1-for-3 on the day.

# Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Lead Slips In Loss To Winner/Colome Jr Legion

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion stayed in it until the end, but Winner/Colome Jr Legion pulled away late in a 5-4 victory on Saturday at Platte. The game was tied at four in the top of the seventh when one run scored on another play.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion got on the board in the bottom of the second inning after Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion scored on a wild pitch, and Lincoln Krause walked, each scoring one run.

Winner/Colome Jr Legion tied the game up in the top of the fourth thanks to two singles. Winner/Colome Jr Legion tied the game at two on a single by Evan Littau.

Winner/Colome Jr Legion took the lead in the top of the fifth. An error scored one run, to give Winner/Colome Jr Legion the leg up, 3-2.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion tied the game in the bottom of the sixth thanks to a walk by Alex Abeln, and a ground out by Isaiah Scepaniak.

Carter McKenzie earned the win for Winner/Colome Jr Legion. The starter gave up four hits and three runs over five innings, striking out nine and walking four. Abeln took the loss for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The pitcher went six and two-thirds innings, allowing four runs (two earned) on seven hits, striking out nine and walking one.

Abeln went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion in hits. Scepaniak and Abeln each drove in one run for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Krause led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating six walks for the game. Krause stole two bases.

McKenzie went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Winner/Colome Jr Legion in hits. Adryan Brandis threw an immaculate inning in the seventh, striking out the side on nine pitches. McKenzie stole three bases.

Next up for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion is a game against Redfield on Sunday.

# Big Third Inning Leads Parkston Past Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion

By GameChanger Media

Parkston defeated Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion 15-0 on Friday at Parkston thanks in part to 11 runs in the third inning.

Parkston jumped out to the lead in the bottom of the first inning after Jaxx Kurtenbach singled, scoring one run, Johnny Weber drew a walk, scoring one run, and Javin Kniffen singled, scoring two runs.

Parkston scored 11 runs on eight hits in the bottom of the third inning. Gage Jodozi doubled, scoring one run, Kniffen singled, scoring one run, Quayden Culbert singled, scoring one run, Ryder Schelle induced Burke Nuebel to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored, Mason Jervik doubled, scoring two runs, Kurtenbach singled, scoring one run, Weber drew a walk, scoring one run, Jodozi doubled, scoring two runs, and Isaac Soulek lined out, scoring one run.

Grady Bowar earned the win for Parkston. The starting pitcher gave up one hit and zero runs over four innings, striking out two and walking none. T.C Schuster stepped on the hill first for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The pitcher allowed two hits and four runs over one-third of an inning, striking out one and walking two.

Lincoln Krause went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion in hits.

Parkston piled up 12 hits in the game. Number seven hitter, Kniffen, showed the depth of Parkston's lineup, by leading them with three hits in three at bats. Kurtenbach and Reco Muilenburg each collected multiple hits for Parkston. Weber paced Parkston with three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, tallying eight walks for the game. Jervik and Muilenburg each stole multiple bases for Parkston. Parkston stole eight bases in the game.

Next up for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion is a game at Platte on Saturday.

# Teylor Diegel Leads Groton Legion Post 39 Past Milbank

By GameChanger Media

Teylor Diegel collected three hits in four at bats, as Groton Legion Post 39 defeated Milbank 9-3 on Friday at Groton. Diegel singled in the first inning, singled in the second inning, and singled in the third inning.

Groton Legion Post 39 got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Milbank committed an error, and Carter Simon hit a sacrifice fly, each scoring one run.

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

Groton Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Korbin Kucker hit a sacrifice fly, and Milbank committed an error, each scoring one run.

Gavin Englund led things off on the hill for Groton Legion Post 39. The starting pitcher gave up four hits and three runs (two earned)



Aiden Kelly provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Milbank with two runs batted in. The shortstop went 1-for-3 on the day. Mack Koplin, Schulte, Kelly, and Nollen Scheely each collected one hit for Milbank.

Groton Legion Post 39 welcome Redfield on Sunday for their next game.

Miles Olson led Clark Area with one run batted in. Kooper Wookey led Clark Area with one hit in two at bats. LaPlante stole two bases.

LaPlante led the team with one run batted in. Isaac Johnson led Clark Area with two hits in three at bats. Olson stole three bases.

Koplin provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Milbank with three runs batted in. The number three hitter went 1-for-4 on the day. Jaxson Wiese and Kelly each collected two hits for Milbank. Milbank turned two double plays in the game.

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