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# The Groton Independent

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People were coming and going during the Groton Community Transit Fundraiser held Thursday at the Groton Community Center.



## Girls Golf Awards

2025 Most Improved Girls Golfer  
Rylie Rose

2025 Top Medalist Girls Golfer  
Carlee Johnson

## Crows Nest Comes Down!

The crows nest at the football field has come down as preparations are being made for a new one to be built. Superintendent Joe Schwan captured some shots as it was being taken apart.



Sharp lightning and loud thunder rolled through the Groton Area early Monday morning. (Photo by John Aldrich)





## Groton Community Calendar

### 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.  
Groton U10 Tourney

### Sunday, June 29

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.  
St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m.; at Zion 11 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.  
Amateurs at Redfield, 4 p.m.  
Groton U12 Tourney

### Monday, June 30

Senior Menu: Breaded pork cutlet, mashed potatoes with gravy, capri blend, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread.  
Legion vs. W.I.N. at Northville, 5:30 p.m.  
Jr. Legion vs. W.I.N. at Northville, 7:30 p.m.  
U8 R&B hosts Frankfort, 6 p.m.  
Softball: U10G hosts Frankfort, 7 p.m. (DH); U8G at Webster, 6 p.m.; U8B at Webster, 6 p.m.  
T-Ball: Black hosts Frankfort, 5 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

### Tuesday, July 1

Senior Menu: Ham rotini bake, mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.  
Jr. Teeners hosts Aberdeen 13/14, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
U12 R&B hosts Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
U8 hosts Aberdeen, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Softball: U14 at Redfield, 5 p.m. (DH)  
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
Wage Memorial Library Meeting, 6 p.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 2

Senior Menu: Cheeseburger on bun, watermelon, tator taots, cucumber salad, 4th of July dessert.  
Legion hosts Big Stone City, 4:30 p.m.  
Jr. Legion hosts Big Stone City, 6:30 p.m.  
U10 R&B hosts Brittion, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
T-Ball G&B Scrimmage in Groton, 6 p.m.  
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.  
Groton C&MA: Kid's Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Sara Circle, 5 p.m.  
Groton Chamber Meeting, Noon, City Hall

### Thursday, July 3

Senior Menu: Teryaki chicken breast, wild reice, winter blend, pears, whole wheat bread.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.



### Friday, July 4

Firecracker Couples Golf Tourney, 10 a.m.

### Sunday, July 6

United Methodist: Worship with communion at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m.  
St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m.; at Zion 11 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.  
Amateurs at Faulkton, 4 p.m.

### Monday, July 7

Senior Menu: Goulash, corn, baked apples, breadstick.  
Legion at Webster 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Jr. Teeners hosts Lake Norden, 5 p.m. (DH)  
U10 B&W at Clark, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Softball: U12 hosts Milbank, 6 p.m. (DH); U8B at Mellette, 6 p.m. (DH)  
T-Ball: Gold practice, 6 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

### Tuesday, July 8

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes with gravy, normandy blend, oranges, whole wheat bread.  
Jr. Legion hosts Sisseton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
U10 W&R at Claremont, 6:30 p.m.  
U8 W&R at Claremont, 6 p.m.  
Softball: U14 hosts Redfield, 5 p.m. (DH)  
T-Ball: Gold at Claremont, 5 p.m.; Black hosts Andover, 6 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Council, 6 p.m.  
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

### Wednesday, July 9

Senior Menu: Hot pork sandwich, creamy noodles, peas and carrots, pineapple.  
Legion hosts Lisbon, 6 p.m.  
Softball: U8B at Redfield, 5:30 p.m.; U8G at Warner, 5:30 p.m.; U10B at Redfield, 5:30 p.m.; U10G at Warner, 5:30 p.m.; U12 at Redfield 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.  
Legion Auxiliary Salad Buffet and Dessert Bar, 11 a.m.

### Thursday, July 10

Senior Menu: Chicken cordon bleu hot dish, California blend, fruit, whole wheat bread.  
Legion at Clark Tourney  
Jr. Teeners hosts Watertown 13U, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Softball: U8G hosts Mellette, 6 p.m. (DH)  
T-Ball G&B Scrimmage, 6 p.m.  
Groton Lions Club Meeting, 6 p.m., 104 N Main

### Friday, July 11

Senior Menu: Chicken strips au gratin, mixed vegetables, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.  
Legion at Clark Tourney  
VFW Class B U12 State Baseball Tourney n Groton

### Saturday, July 12

Legion at Clark Tourney  
VFW Class B U12 State Baseball Tourney n Groton

### Sunday, July 13

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.  
St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m.; at Zion 11 a.m.



Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 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.  
Amateurs at Clark, 4 p.m.  
VFW Class B U12 State Baseball Tourney n Groton  
Summer Fest/Car Show, 9 a.m., City Park

### Monday, July 14

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, blushing pears, whole wheat bread.  
Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.  
Jr. Teeners hosts Brittion, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Softball: U8B at Britton, 6 p.m.; U8G at Brittion, 6 p.m.; U10B&G at Aberdeen (NSU), 5:30 p.m.; U12 vs. Aberdeen at NSU, 6:45 p.m.; U14 vs. Aberdeen (NSU), 8 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

### Tuesday, July 15

Senior Menu: Lemon baked cod, parsley, buttered potato, broccoli, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.  
Amateurs host Aberdeen, 6 p.m.  
Legion at Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Softball: U14U18 hosts Claremont, 6 p.m. (DH); U14 at Warner, 6 p.m. (DH)  
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, July 16

Senior Menu: Chicken tetrazzine, green beans, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.  
Legion hosts Clark, 5:30 p.m.  
Jr. Legion hosts Clark, 7:30 p.m.  
Softball: U8B hosts Webster 6 p.m. (DH); U8G hosts Webster, 6 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.  
ProAm Golf Tourney at Olive Grove

### Thursday, July 17

Senior Menu: Taco salad with chips, Mexican rice with black beans, fruit, breadstick.  
Jr. Legion hosts Milbank, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Jr. Teeners at REDfield, 5:30 p.m. (DH)

### Friday, July 18

Senior Menu: Ham salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, acini de pepe salad, cookie.  
State U10 at Webster

### Saturday, July 19

Jr. Legion at Clear Lake, 3 p.m.  
Jr. Teeners at Clear Lake, 1 p.m.  
State U10 at Webster  
Possible U10 Softbball Tourney in Groton

### Sunday, July 20

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.  
St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m.; at Zion 11 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.  
Amateurs host Redfield, 4 p.m.  
State U10 at Webster  
Possible U12 Softbball Tourney in Groton



**Monday, July 21**  
Senior Menu: Breaded chicken sandwich, scalloped potato, mixed vegetables, oranges, whole wheat bread.

Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.  
Jr. Teeners at Faulkton, 5:30 p.m. (DH)  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 22**  
Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini bake, seven layer salad, tropical fruit, breadstick.  
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
Region 6B Legion Tourney n Groton

**Wednesday, July 23**  
Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread.  
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.  
Groton C&MA: Kid’s Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: WELCA Guest Day, 6 p.m.  
Region 6B Legion Tourney n Groton

**Thursday, July 24**  
Senior Menu: Beef and broccoli stir fry, wild rice, green beans, peaches, whole wheat bread.  
Region 6B Legion Tourney n Groton

**Friday, July 25**  
Senior Menu: Ranch chicken breast, baked potato, California blend, strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.  
Ferney Open Golf Tourney at Olive Grove  
Region 6B Legion Tourney n Groton

**Sunday, July 27**  
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.  
St. John’s Lutheran: Worship at St. John’s, 9 a.m.; at Zion 11 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.

**Monday, July 28**  
Senior Menu: Sloopy joe on bun, oven roasted potatoes,, winter blend, apricots.  
Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, with Potluck at noon.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.  
Legion Region Tourney TBD  
Jr. Teeners Regional TBD

**Tuesday, July 29**  
Senior Menu: Chicken cacciatore with noodles, Italian blend, 5 cup salad, whole wheat bread.  
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
Legion Region Tourney TBD  
Jr. Teeners Regional TBD

**Wednesday, July 30**  
Senior Menu: Cold turkey sub, lettuce, cheese and tomato, Macaroni salad, fruit.  
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.  
Groton C&MA: Kid’s Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
Jr. Teeners Regional TBD

**Thursday, July 31**  
Senior Menu: Pork chop, sweet potato, corn, chocolate pudding with banana, whole wheat bread.

Aug. 1-5: Legion State B Tourney at Milbank  
Aug. 8-10: State Jr. Legion at Milbank  
Aug. 8-10: State Jr. Teener at Britton

**Groton Area School District  
NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2025-2026 BUDGET**

Groton Area School District Board of Education will conduct a public hearing in the High School Conference Room on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:30 pm to consider the forthcoming budget for fiscal year General

Capital	Special	Food	Enterprise		
EXPENDITURE BUDGET	Fund	Outlay	Education	Service	Fund
Elementary Programs.....	1,247,716	240,400			
Elementary Summer Program.....	9,781				
Middle School Programs.....	596,249	86,070			
High School Programs.....	1,055,993	189,850			
Jr. Kindergarten.....	53,751	550			
NCAI/Hi Tech Programs .....	1,500	4,000			
Destination Imagination.....	19,891				
Mild/Moderate Disabilities.....		1,200	613,190		
Severe Disabilities.....		250	134,650		
Residential Programs .....			30,000		
Early Childhood Programs .....		550	40,089		
Opportunity Classroom .....	62,530	200			
Limited English Proficient .....	26,491	250			
Title I Programs.....	174,923				
Counseling Services.....	79,947	250			
Medical Services.....	51,063	1,350	5,000		
Psychological Services .....			17,382		
Speech Pathology Services.....		100	45,808		
Physical Therapy.....			65,000		
Occupational Therapy .....			95,000		
Curriculum Development.....	120				
Instructional Staff Training .....	14,517				
School Library Services.....	55,920	6,280			
Technology in School .....	77,914	79,000			
Election Services .....	5,000				
Legal Services .....	3,000		400		
Audit Services.....	19,000				
Board of Education .....	72,594				
Office of the Superintendent .....	177,163	1,000			
Office of the Principals .....	358,893	540			
Other Support Services.....	1,000				
Fiscal Services.....	212,765	22,000			
Architect & Engineering.....	10,000				
Other Facilities Acq & Constr .....		60,000			
Building Care & Upkeep.....	937,105	748,500			
Building Services Equipment.....		28,000			
Vehicle Maintenance .....	541,910	212,000			
School Lunch.....				295,670	
Special Ed Administrative .....			21,092		
Special Ed Transportation.....			65,900		
Out-of-School Time Program .....					102,830
Driver's Education.....					16,195
State Unemployment .....	2,000				
Early Retirement.....	16,200				
Debt Service.....		563,113			
Athletics .....	252,526	76,000			
Other Co-Curricular.....	49,254	1,300			
Contingency .....	50,000				
Transfers Out					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES .....	6,236,716	2,322,753	1,133,511	295,670	119,025
.....General		Capital	Special	Food	Enterprise
MEANS OF FINANCE .....	Fund	Outlay	Education	Service	Fund
Local Sources:					
Taxes .....	4,532,846	2,235,085	1,096,782		
Regular Tuition .....					11,000
Summer School Fees .....					
Transportation Fees .....	50				
Interest Earned .....	50,000				
Food Service Sales .....				164,000	
Co-Curricular Revenue .....	75,700				
Other Local Revenue .....	18,100		2,000		89,000
Total Local Sources .....	4,676,696	2,235,085	1,098,782	164,000	100,000
County Sources:					
State Fines .....	34,000				
Revenue In Lieu of Taxes .....	50				
Total County Sources .....	34,050	-	-	-	-
State Sources					
State Aid .....	659,835				
State Apportionment .....	55,000				
Wind Farm Revenue .....	175,000				
Bank Franchise Tax .....	81,000				
Mentor Teacher Program .....	2,000				
State Cash Reimbursements .....				100	
Other State Revenue .....	500				
Total State Sources .....	973,335	-	-	100	-
Federal Sources:					
Federal Wetlands .....	6,000				
Small Rural School Achievement ..	25,726				
Clean Diesel Grant					
Title IV, Part A .....	12,289				
Title I, Part A .....	103,298				
Improving Achievement					
Title II, Part A .....	32,863				
EL Grant .....	12,286				
Federal Cash Reimbursements .....				75,000	
Other Federal Revenue .....	1,000	1,000	1,000		
Total Federal Sources .....	193,462	1,000	1,000	75,000	-
Other Sources:					
Transfer In .....	50				
Sale of Surplus Property .....	25				
Total Other Sources .....	25	50	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE .....	5,877,568	2,236,135	1,099,782	239,100	100,000
Cash on Hand .....	359,148	86,618	33,729	56,570	19,025
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE .....	6,236,716	2,322,753	1,133,511	295,670	119,025

Rebecca Hubsch, Business Official, Groton Area School District No. 06-6, Groton, SD  
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TOWN OF WARNER  
MINUTES FOR MONDAY, JUNE 12th, 2025  
MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Evans, Gaylon Townsend, Stewart Nelson, Nichol Townsend. Dave Fair was absent.  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Evans and seconded by Townsend to approve the minutes from May May 21st, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.  
FINANCIAL REPORTS: MSC: Townsend/Evans. Checking:

Town \$346,898.10; Water \$86,175; Sewer \$200,818.34. CDs: Town \$32,978.33; Water \$50,140.44; Sewer \$28,375.31. BILLS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT: MSC: Townsend/Evans. AGTEGRA (fuel) \$222.69, Gas-N-Goodies (fuel) \$80.31, Office Max (supplies) \$5.67, USDA (water & sewer loans) \$2083, WEB Water (city water) \$7022, B&B Contracting (repairs) \$4503.83, Badger Meter (meter reads) \$12.88, DANR (fees) \$230, Dependable Sanitation (garbage service) \$2655, Groton Independent (advertising) \$27.04, Hofer’s Repair (supplies) \$606.20, Lynn Aman (janitorial) \$75, MACS (supplies) \$31.33, Menards (supplies) \$181.18, Midcontinent (phone & internet) \$297.66, Northwestern Energy (electricity) \$2074.92, Rausch

Fencing (repairs & maintenance) \$16,000, Runnings (supplies) \$51.96, Sanitation Products (supplies) \$212.89, SD Dept of Rev (Sales Tax) \$203.08, SD Public Health Lab (water test) \$15, Town of Warner (Water/Sewer) \$81.61, SD Retirement Fund \$539.76, Payroll Taxes \$1189.20, PAYROLL: Stewart Nelson \$3587.28, Barb Breidenbach \$46.17, Terry Evans \$254.89, Linda Johannsen \$190.24, Gaylon Townsend \$55.41, Nichol Townsend \$594.73, Paul T. Vetch \$46.17.  
PUBLIC COMMENTS: None  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:  
NEW BUSINESS:  
WEB Water Rates were discussed. WEB will be increasing rates effective October 1, 2025. Town of Warner rates were

discussed in relation to the WEB increase. No action taken.  
Delinquencies: 7 were noted and notices will be posted on doors. Two are already shut off.  
DATE OF NEXT MEETING: July 9th, 2025 at 7 PM at the Warner Community Center.  
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.  
This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.  
Dave Fair, Chairman; Nichol Townsend, Finance Officer  
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BROWN  
)  
SS  
IN CIRCUIT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF  
L.G. AND Z.G.M., MINOR CHILDREN, AND CONCERNING ANGELA TERESA GAUTHIER CARDONA, LOUIS GAUTHIER SR., ANDZULMA MARTINEZ-TROCHE RESPONDENTS.  
TO: Zulma Martinez-Troche A&N 24-108  
NOTICE OF FINAL DISPOSITIONAL HEARING  
Please take notice and be advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for a FINAL DISPOSITIONAL HEARING on the 30th day of July, 2025, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. of said day, before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota.  
Petitioner hereby notifies Respondents of its intent to terminate Parental rights.  
Dated this 18th day of June, 2025.  
/s/ Karla Nelson  
Karla Nelson, Deputy  
Brown County States Attorney  
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BROWN  
)  
SS  
IN CIRCUIT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN THE INTEREST OF  
K. B., A. P, AND G, P, MINOR CHILDREN, AND CONCERNING MARION JEAN PELTIER, ARIS PEREZ, KETH KRAUSE, AND KONACIN BLACK ELK, RESPONDENTS.  
A&N 24-55  
NOTICE OF FINAL DISPOSITIONAL HEARING  
TO: Aris Perez  
Please take notice and be advised that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for a Final Dispositional Hearing on August 13th, 2025 from the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., before the Honorable Circuit Court Judge Julie Dvorak, at the Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota.  
Petitioner hereby notifies Respondent of its intent to terminate parental rights.  
Dated this 11th day of June, 2025.  
/s/ Karla Nelson  
Karla Nelson, Deputy  
Brown County States Attorney  
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As the 2025 NFL season draws closer, the Minnesota Vikings find themselves in a rare position: built to win now, yet still developing key young talent across the roster. With training camp on the horizon and a deep, competitive team in place, I'll be breaking down each position group over the next seven weeks to get a clearer picture of who's locked in, who's on the bubble, and who could surprise us this summer. We'll start at quarterback and work our way through the entire roster, ending with the secondary just before the first preseason game kicks off.

Quarterback

J.J. McCarthy – The second year QB is firmly locked in as the starter for the 2025 season. McCarthy was a top-10 pick last year and was battling with Sam Darnold for positioning on the depth chart. Unfortunately an injury derailed his rookie season, but the front office is confident enough in his recovery that they chose not

to sign another player to challenge McCarthy – most notably passing on future Hall of Famer Aaron Rodgers.

Sam Howell – A fifth-round pick by the Washington Commanders in 2022, Howell started one game as a rookie then all 17 games in his sophomore season in which he completed 388 of his 612 passes (63.4%) for 3,946 yards, 21 touchdowns and 21 interceptions. Following the 2023 season, Howell was traded to Seattle to be the team’s backup. The Vikings traded for him during the draft this offseason to fill the same role. He’s a young player with plenty of starts under his belt, but he’s not in a position to challenge McCarthy for the starting spot.

Brett Rypien – An undrafted rookie in 2019, Rypien bounced around the league, spending time in Denver, Los Angeles, Seattle, New York (Jets), and Chicago before making it to Minnesota. His best case scenario would be making the team as the third/emergency QB.

Max Brosmer – Brosmer signed with the Vikings after going undrafted in this year’s draft. The former Golden Gopher will compete with Brett Rypien for the final spot on Minnesota’s QB depth chart.

Running Back

Aaron Jones Sr. – Despite his age, the Vikings re-signed Jones to lead the backfield in 2025. Jones excels in multiple categories with his ability to run the ball (averaging 4.5 yards per carry last season) and catch the ball out of the backfield (51 catches for 408 yards). The biggest question marks for Jones are his age (he’ll turn 31 this season), and his durability (last year was only the second time in his career he’s

played every game of the season).

Jordan Mason – After spending his first three seasons in San Francisco, Mason was acquired by the Vikings this offseason, then promptly given a new contract. With Christian McCaffrey out with an injury last season, Mason filled in admirably, including a 20-carry, 100-yard effort against the Vikings in week 2. The Vikings’ plan is to have a two-headed monster at RB this season, with Jones and Mason splitting carries.

C.J. Ham – Entering his ninth season in the league, Ham will once again be the team’s starting fullback. The two-time Pro Bowler is a solid blocker who is rarely given a chance to touch the ball (he only had two carries and five catches in 2024).

Ty Chandler – A fifth-round pick by the Vikings in 2022, Chandler enters the season third on the RB depth chart. He started four games for the Vikings in 2023, averaging 4.5 yards per carry that season. Unfortunately his yards per carry dropped to 3.3 in 2024, which likely prompted the Vikings to trade for Jordan Mason.

Zavier Scott – Undrafted in 2023, Scott spent his rookie year on the Colts’ practice squad. He’s a bigger back who can also play receiver if needed. Scott will likely be a practice squad candidate unless he can impress the coaching staff with his versatility and special teams value.

Tre Stewart – An undrafted rookie this year, Stewart began his career at Limestone University before transferring to Jacksonville State in 2024. Despite the jump up in competition, Stewart ran for 1,604 yards and 23 touchdowns last season. He’s an electric runner who needs to improve his hands out of the backfield and tighten up his ball security if he wants to carve out a role for himself on a practice squad.

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Schools’ tight budgets bench baseball for time being

By Dana Hess For the S.D. NewsMedia Association

PIERRE — The board of directors of the South Dakota High School Activities Association has decided that now is not the right time to sanction high school baseball. At its meeting on Wednesday, June 18, the board decided not to act on adding baseball to the sports it sanctions, citing an uncertain economy for school districts.

The process for considering the addition of baseball started in April of 2024 after

the board received requests to sanction the sport from the McCook Central and Mount Vernon high schools.

SDHSAA Executive Director Dan Swartos said that talks with the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the S.D. High School Baseball Association have been positive. He said the high school baseball association already adheres to SDHSAA’s eligibility rules.

Swartos offered the board the results of a survey about adding baseball that was taken by 100 superintendents and activities directors. Their biggest concerns about sanctioning baseball were funding, budget constraints and enrollment decline.

Swartos said some superintendents were concerned with the optics of adding a sport while tight budgets were forcing them to cut staff. “This puts (school) boards in a bad position,” Swartos said, as they face funding challenges as well as pressure from parents to add a new sport.

Board member Randy Hartmann, who serves on the Pierre School Board, said there was tremendous pressure from parents to add soccer when the association added that sport.

“It’s awful hard to justify adding a sport,” Hartmann said of the current economic situation. “It just puts the school board in a very tough situation. It doesn’t make sense to me at all.”

Board member Adam Shaw of Madison agreed: “I can’t cut staff and turn around and add baseball.”

Some schools that responded to the survey were willing to add the sport. Swartos said those indicating they were likely or very likely to add the sport included five AA schools, 25 A schools and nine B schools. Some of the A and B schools would need to form co-ops in order to compete, Swartos said.

Swartos said that the activities associations of South Dakota and Wyoming are the only ones that don’t sanction baseball. He noted that the sport, with 69 teams, seems to be doing well without the help of SDHSAA.

“I don’t know that what’s happening right now is broken,” Swartos said.

Even though they took no action, the board may revisit the topic if schools find themselves in a better economic position in the future.

“Let’s keep looking at this,” Swartos said. “Now is not the right time to do it.”

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JUNE 17, 2025 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Dinger, Gage, Sutton and Wiese. Commissioner Dennert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**NESDCAP/GROW SD 2026 BUDGET REQUEST & PROGRAM UPDATE:** Kelly Weaver and Rachel Cramond shared with the Commission a list of services that they provide, which include Business Loans/Coaching; Digital Literacy; Emergency Assistance; Financial Coaching & Homebuyer Education; Home Mortgage Loans; Weatherization and Furnace Repair/Replacement. Kelly gave a recap of the number of recipients for 2024 through the programs. Their budget request for 2026 is \$5,000.00. No action taken.

**ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 2026 BUDGET REQUEST:** Tim Hanigan and Rich Ward with Aberdeen Development Corporation met with the Commission to discuss their 2026 budget request. Tim informed the Commission that they work under four pillars: New Business Recruitment, Business Retention & Expansion; Entrepreneurship and Public Policy & Advocacy. Most recent new businesses are Smack Pet Foods and Tropical Smoothie. They are focusing on two new business parks: Roosevelt Business Park and Rivett Business Park. Their budget request for 2026 is \$25,000.00. No action taken.

**AREA IV SENIOR NUTRITION 2026 BUDGET REQUEST & PROGRAM UPDATE:** Marla Kiesz with Area IV Senior Nutrition invited the Commissioners to join them for lunch so they can see how their program works when packing out meals in the Washington Street gym. Marla informed the Commission that they serve 5,100 meals/month in Aberdeen; 265 meals/month in Hecla and 430-450 meals/month in Groton. The suggested donation is \$5.00/meal, but they receive \$2.57 to \$5.00 in the different communities. Marla explained the difference between Area IV Senior Nutrition and Meals on Wheels. She is continuing to look for and apply for grants along with requesting \$7,000.00 for their 2026 budget. No action taken.

**FAIR CONTRACT – TENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Tent Rental Contract with T & K Rentals LLC for \$18,800.00 for the 2025 Brown County Fair. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BROWN COUNTY FAIR PROMO LIST:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the Brown County Fair Promo List. (List is available at the Brown County Fair office). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FRAN ROMEO AGENCY & NESTE LIVE RE: BROWN COUNTY FAIR CONTRACTS:** Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager, made a conference call with Fran Romeo from Fran Romeo Agency and Andrew Fortin from Neste Live. Andrew gave a little background to the relationship that Fran Romeo Agency and Neste Live have had over the years; Live Nation has recently purchased Neste Live so as a mutual decision Fran Romeo Agency would be its own business/company now, no longer under Neste Live. They are wanting to give Fran Romeo Agency the contracts for the Brown County Fair since Fran has worked as the point guard for them since September 2023. After further conversation, the Commission would discuss it and get back to them. Commission asked State's Attorney Deputy, Ross Aldentaler his thoughts, he suggested going into Exec to discuss the contracts. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Chair declared the Executive Session closed with No Action taken.

**AUDIT ENTRANCE CONFERENCE:** Kasie Ingraham and Natalie Zirbel, SD Department of Legislative Audits (DLA) met with the Commission for Entrance

Conference for the Audit being conducted for fiscal year 2024. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the understanding of services with Department of Legislative Audit. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #299 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #299. Applicant Jeff Brockel/Jacob Palmer to rezone from Highway Commercial District (HC) to Commercial District (C) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Description of property: Lots 1 thru 10, "Todd Rosebrock First Subdivision" in the NW1/4 of Section 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (4095, 4185, 4275, 4365, 4395, 4390, 4360, 4270, 4180 & 4090 Paper Lane; Aberdeen Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #300 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #300. Applicant Darian & Kimberly Browning to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Lot 1, "Browning First Subdivision" in the SW1/4 of Section 35-T122N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14172 378th Avenue; Highland Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #301 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #301. Applicant Edward Price for Braun Family to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Lot 1, "E. Price Addition" in the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 23-T121N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14510 392nd Avenue; West Rondell Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #302 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #302. Amendment to Wind Energy Systems (WES) to the Brown County Title 4 Zoning Ordinances by replacing: Chapter 4.36, Wind Energy System (WES) with the proposed changes: All Adopted by Ordinances #302, as amended in Title 4 Zoning Ordinance of Brown County South Dakota. The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours. After some discussion on setbacks and height distance, all members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #303 – FIRST READING:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #303. A new ordinance, Data Center being added to the Brown County Title 4 Zoning Ordinances of Brown County, Chapter 4.01 – Definitions; Chapter 4.16 – H-I District; An Addition to Title 4 Zoning Ordinances of Brown County with Chapter 4.38 – Data Centers; All Adopted by Ordinances #303, as amended in Title 4 Zoning Ordinance of Brown County South Dakota. The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours. There were some questions and discussions on permitting, generators, setbacks and dBA noise levels. Scott Bader, Planning & Zoning Director will look into the setbacks and waivers. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**FIREWORKS PERMIT:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Fireworks permit for Bellino Fireworks to do an Aerial Show at the Brown County Speedway on July 4, 2025. Alternate date due to inclement weather is July 11th or 12th, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS/PAYROLL:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to approve the following Claims/Payroll: Claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen ED \$72.40; Boyce Law Firm \$435.00; Certified Languages

International LLC \$1,062.60; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$690.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$2,724.00; Dr. Erick Messler, PhD \$1,275.00; IMEG Corp \$11,050.00; Kristi Brandt \$97.75; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$1,650.00; Network Center, Inc \$2,754.95; Northern State University \$276.00; PRIA \$60.00; Rave Mobile Safety \$9,340.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb, LLP \$375.00; Saber Shred Solutions \$7,965.08; Sanford Clinic \$1,527.82; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$51.00; Sara Zahn \$193.95; SD Dept of Health \$400.00; Tyler Technologies \$4,568.55. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$141.95; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$468.80; Mobridge Tribune \$329.00; N.W. Blade \$118.00; Production Monkeys \$450.00. Rentals: Aberdeen Parks, Recreation & Forestry \$27.61; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$259.20; Vestis \$266.48. Repairs & Maintenance: EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$118.47; Graham Tire Inc \$16,630.54; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc. \$193.88; House of Glass \$108.16; Jake's Heating & Cooling \$1,00.92; Montgomery's Furniture Inc \$1,907.81; Plains Mechanical Services, Inc. \$23,789.30; Titan Machinery \$864.64. Supplies: Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$801.72; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$5,842.48; Century Business Products \$1,056.34; Cole Paper Inc. \$667.80; Easi File \$3,383.07; FedEx \$24.11; Ken's Superfair Foods \$284.04; Makendra Ochsnr \$207.09; Menards \$220.55; Mike Janes \$29.49; NVC \$39.14; Runnings \$78.25; Russell Metz \$359.50; Thomson Reuters – West Payment Center \$2,010.00. Travel & Conference: Dr. Erick Messler, PhD \$313.56; Joe Kretchman \$14.00; John Andersen \$14.00; Lenling Law Office \$80.00; Neil Bittner \$14.00; Sarah J. Jesz \$117.60; Scott Kolb \$14.00; Stephanie Morgan \$320.20. Utilities: City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$1,660.56; Montgomery's Furniture Inc \$635.94; Northwestern Energy \$562.78; NVC \$3,070.61; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$115.95; Verizon Wireless \$285.51.

**Payroll:** Commission \$4,896.51; Elections \$7,910.51; Auditor \$10,443.10; Treasurer \$18,044.30; SA \$36,468.10; Public Defender \$5,384.61; Maintenance \$12,189.95; Assessor \$16,581.76; Register of Deeds \$10,905.91; VSO \$4,741.87; GIS \$2,946.49; IT \$10,005.68; HR \$5,419.28; Sheriff \$59,039.25; Jail \$76,979.59; Coroner \$1,750.00; Court Security \$6,531.52; JDC \$34,391.49; Welfare \$1,002.11; Museum \$13,101.32; Parks/Fairgrounds \$9,683.82; Fair Board \$4,582.16; 4-H \$1,687.20; Weed \$5,468.23; Planning & Zoning \$8,062.16; Highway \$55,244.75; Dispatch \$42,645.09; Emergency \$5,498.56; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,650.33; Landfill \$20,516.10; Meal Benefits \$84.00; FICA \$29,118.93; Medicare \$6,810.07; Discovery-HSA \$2,842.98. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

o Amendment to May 20, 2025 HR Report, removed Bailey Frericks from list of hired part-time (as needed) bartenders, which was effective for June 1, 2025.

o Hiring of Riely Thomas as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$21.93/hr. – effective June 29, 2025.

o Hiring part-time (as needed) Bartender at \$10.00/hr. + tips. Bartenders filling in as Leads will be at \$12.00/hr. + tips – effective August 10, 2025.

o Madison Norby

o Appointing additional Deputy Coroner, Madeline Breidenbach (Schriver's).

o Adding Coroner Volunteer Intern, Jodey Olson, to be approved volunteer list for work comp purposes.

o Job description, title, and grade for Chief Paralegal to be placed at grade 17.

o Job summary to include with the Deputy Public Defender job description for the job position

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 purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LOTTERY PERMITS:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the applications submitted by Boys & Girls Club for a split-pot to be held on August 11 & 12, 2025 at the Brown County Fair Rodeo/Grandstands to raise funds for programming/operational costs.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the following travel requests: Lynn Heupel, Auditor to attend SDACO Executive Board Meeting on July 29-30, 2025 in Oacoma; Lynn Heupel, Sara Swisher & Erin Kumpf, Auditor's Office along with Allison Tunheim, HR Director to attend SDACES Training on August 20-21, 2025 in Oacoma; Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager to attend IAFE Convention on November 29 – December 4, 2025 in Denver, CO. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR A PADDED CELL IN THE JAIL:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the Request for Proposals and authorize advertising for a Padded Cell in the Jail. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agreements: David Stoebner to lease People Mover on July 4, 2025; Aberdeen Downtown Association to lease portable stage & picnic tables for Summer Concert Series – June 26, 2025; July 10, 2025 and July 24, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL LICENSE PERMIT HEARING FOR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to authorize advertising public hearing for the following Special Alcohol License Permit: Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area, Aberdeen, SD – Brown County Fair Grandstand – SW ¼ of Sec 1-T123N-R64W Brown County, SD on July 8, 2025. (Temporary Special Event Alcohol License effective August 11-17, 2025). 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 and Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Chair declared the Executive Session closed with No Action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:53 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

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 8th day of July, 2025, in the chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, in the Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register a complaint on their approval may appear:

Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area, Aberdeen, SD – Brown County Fair Grandstand – SW ¼ of Sec 1-T123N-R64W Brown County, SD.

Temporary Special Event Alcohol License effective August 11-17

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:45 A.M. on July 8, 2025, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened.

read, and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project for a Padded Cell at the Brown County Jail, 22 Court Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the following: Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope with "Brown County Jail – Padded Cell" to be opened on July 8, 2025.

**PROPOSAL GUARANTY:** No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or bank draft, for 5% of the amount of the bid, such check to be issued by either a state or a national bank and payable to Brown County, or in lieu thereof a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County.

**PERFORMANCE BOND:** Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that the proposal has been accepted and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise and State Sales Tax.

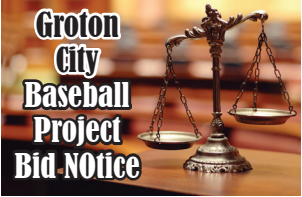
The job must be completed by December 31, 2025.

Copies of the specifications can be obtained at no charge and are on file at the following locations:

- Brown County Website: [Brown.SD.US](http://Brown.SD.US)
- Brown County Sheriff Office: 22 Court Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone: 605-626-7100
- Brown County Auditor's Office: 25 Market Street, Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone: 605-626-7110

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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INVITATION TO BID

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT The City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota, will open bids for the Baseball Concessions and Bathrooms Building Project on July 15, 2025, at 7:00pm (local time) at City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD. Received sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work on this project is separated into various schedules:

**Schedule 1 – Structure:** 28'x42' building with concrete slab-on-grade foundation, steel roofing/siding, necessary kitchen and office cabinetry, bathroom partitions, and 5-foot-wide concrete sidewalk surrounding building. ADA compliance is required.

**Schedule 2A – HVAC:** Electric furnace w/ central air conditioning per applicable codes. In addition, inclusion of one 8'x13'commercial grade walk-in cooler and in-floor radiant heat. Spray foam insulation is preferred for the cooler.

**Schedule 2B:** Retains all specifications of 2A with in-floor radiant heat excluded.

**Schedule 3 – Electrical:** 200-amp service w/ appropriate panel, breakers, and sub-panels. Interior and exterior energy efficient LED lighting. All wiring and fixtures per applicable codes.

**Schedule 4 – Plumbing:** Water and sewer connections to city services. Touchless commercial sinks, toilets, and plumbing fixtures compliant with applicable codes.

**NOTE:** Bidders DO NOT need to bid on all schedules to be eligible to bid.

All work areas are located within the city limits of Groton, SD. Contractor(s) must obtain all required permits and inspections. Contractor(s) must provide proof of general liability and worker's compensation insurance. Mobilization to begin no earlier than August 1, 2025,

with substantial completion by April 1, 2026.

The bid specifications and drawings may be examined at the following locations:

City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, SD 57445

Questions or requests for further information should be directed to City Hall, 605-397-8422, PO Box 587, Groton, SD 57445.

The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the contract in the best interests of the City of Groton, SD.

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Notice of Hearing upon Application for a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT The Groton City Council on the 1st day of July, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Groton City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, South Dakota will meet in regular session to consider a special event alcoholic beverage license for the 2nd Annual Celebration in the Park at 802 N 3rd Street in the City of Groton, South Dakota on August 2nd, 2025.

Any person interested in the approval or rejection of any such application may appear and be heard.

Dated at Groton, South Dakota this 24th day of June, 2025.

Douglas Heinrich, Groton City Finance Officer  
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Notice of Hearing upon Application for a Special Event Alcoholic Beverage Licenses

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT The Groton City Council on the 1st day of July, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Groton City Hall, 120 N Main Street, Groton, South Dakota will meet in regular session to consider two special event alcoholic beverage licenses for Amateur Baseball Games at 411 W 3rd Avenue in the City of Groton, South Dakota on 7/15/2025 and 7/20/2025.

Any person interested in the approval or rejection of any such application may appear and be heard.

Dated at Groton, South Dakota this 23rd day of June, 2025.

Douglas Heinrich, Groton City Finance Officer

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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 9, 2025  
President Rix called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Rix, Lerseth-Fliehs, Weismantel, Harder, Strom, and Fliehs. Absent Gengerke. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal B. Schwan, and Business Manager Hubsch.

Moved by Strom, seconded by Weismantel, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, no potential conflict disclosure was reported.

Moved by Harder, seconded by Fliehs, to approve consent agenda items for May 12, 2025, meeting minutes, May 2025 district bills, Financial Report, Agency Accounts and Investments, school transportation report, school lunch report, authorize the business manager to pay district bills up to \$75,000 in advance, using the custodial advance payment account to be approved by the board for reimbursement at the following regular board meeting, and open enrollment applications #26-08.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary 305,721.52; Benefits 82,316.46; Aberdeen Awards – sports awards, 284.00; Allied Climate Professionals – elementary repair, 140.31; Amazon – supplies, 237.82; Avera – athletic training, 343.00; Award Emblem – music awards, 584.65; Capital One – supplies, 292.58; City of Groton – dump permit, 175.00; Cole Papers – supplies, 379.63; Comfort Inn – MS band lodging, 507.00; Core Educational Coop – online course, 260.00; Custodial Fund – advanced payments, 2,567.52; Dependable Sanitation – garbage, 1,424.00; Full Circle Ag – oil/antifreeze, 435.74; Good Shred – shredding service, 43.50; Greg’s Repair – parts, 163.56; Lynette Grieve – state track meals, 99.11; Joni Groebelinghoff – DI Nationals expenses, 92.10; Groton Area FS – testing snacks, 790.00; Groton Chiropractic – DOT Physicals, 200.00; Groton Daily Independent – publication, 38.63; Joel Guthmiller – state golf meals, 53.36; Hampton Inn – state track lodging, 3,753.00; Harry Implement – parts, 5.65; House of Glass – repairs, 1,198.22; John

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 FINANCIAL REPORTS							
	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Ed.	Food Service	OST	Driver’s Ed	Custodial
May.1 2025 RECEIPTS.....	\$310,445.02	\$1,186,481.07	\$190,194.38	\$161,154.48	\$30,920.74	\$28,811.32	\$311,368.02
Local Sources.....	\$1,213,550.83	\$654,479.53	\$311,669.74	\$6,829.30	\$4,645.30		\$48,241.65
County Sources.....	\$3,830.69						
State Sources.....							
State Aid.....	\$43,110.00						
Wind Farm.....	\$176,392.61						
Mentor Teacher Program.....							
State Apportionment.....							
State Reimbursements.....							
Bank Franchise.....							
Federal Sources.....	\$25,068.00			\$7,102.51			
Sale of Assets.....							
Due from Govt/Others.....							
Transfer In/Out.....	\$600,000.00						

TOTAL MONTHLY RECEIPTS .....	\$2,061,952.13	\$654,479.53	\$311,669.74	\$13,931.81	\$4,645.30	\$0.00	\$48,241.65
FUNDS AVAILABLE.....	\$2,372,397.15	\$1,840,960.60	\$501,864.12	\$175,086.29	\$35,566.04	\$28,811.32	\$359,609.67
MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS.....	(\$496,825.40)	(\$659,573.79)	(\$61,642.26)	(\$24,817.94)	(\$3,888.57)	(\$140.00)	(\$68,361.56)
JOURNAL ENTRIES.....	\$1,195.81						\$6.00

May 31. 2025 .....	\$1,876,767.56	\$1,181,386.81	\$440,221.86	\$150,268.35	\$31,677.47	\$28,671.32	\$291,254.11
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GENERAL FUND.....	SPECIAL EDUCATION	FOOD SERVICE	OST
Payroll.....	Payroll	Payroll	Payroll
Instruction.....	Instruction	Instruction	Instruction
Employee Benefits.....	Employee Benefits	Employee Benefits	Employee Benefits
Total.....	Total	Total	Total
Driver’s Education.....			
Payroll.....			
Instruction.....			
Employee Benefits.....			
Total.....			

Deere Financial – parts, 964.55; Krueger Brothers – washed sand, 410.13; Mid-American Research Chemical – chemical, 364.52; Julie Milbrandt – DI Nationals expenses, 245.39; MJ’s Sinclair – gas/diesel, 7,461.30; Northwestern Energy – utility, 1,252.31; Petty Cash – student meals, 960.00; Prorate Services – DOT testing, 300.00; Reporter & Farmer – staff recognition, 92.94; S&S Lumber – supplies, 2,555.07; SDHSAA – rule books, 224.00; Sheyenne Transport – repairs, 463.36; Sioux Valley School – girls region golf, 75.63; Carla Tracy – state track meals, 56.21; TwoTrees Technology – computer imaging labor, 1,400.00; Wageworks – admin fee, 86.75; Shaun Wanner – state track meals, 60.00; Warner School – consortium annual fee, 1,500.00; Weber Landscaping – planters, 346.21. Total \$420,924.73

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business – managed print agreement, 1,484.17; City of Groton – Building permit, 500.00; Don Donley – Project work, 1,800.00; Groton Area – wellness room memorial transfer, 1,095.00; Menards – lawn edger, 399.99. Total \$5,279.16

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary 47,499.08; Benefits 14098.57; Avera St Lukes – PT/OT, 26,713.59; Custodial Fund – advanced payments, 973.20; Judy or Gene Williamson – mileage, 529.20. Total \$89,813.64.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary 9,396.46; Benefits 2,938.05; Churchill, Manolis,

Freeman, Kludt, Shelton – legal fees, 354.02; Eastside Jersey Dairy – milk, 402.12; US Foods – food, 2,432.03. Total \$15,522.68.

OST - Net Salary 2,683.40; Benefits 316.11; Amazon – Supplies, 79.99; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt, Shelton – collections work, 146.87; Petty Cash – pool passes, 260.00. Total \$3,486.37

DRIVERS ED  
CUSTODIAL FUND: \$68,361.56.  
RECEIPTS: Local Sources-2,191,174.70; Custodial-48,241.65; County Sources – 3,830.69; State Sources – 43,110.00; Federal Sources – 32,170.51. Total Receipts – 3,094,920.16

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no one present, the board continued with the agenda.

A discussion was held regarding the football field and the crow’s nest. Mr. Schwan provided a blueprint of a proposed new crow’s nest. The current crow’s nest will be taken down, and the new one will be in the same place. The proposed plan would include five boxes, sufficient for home and visiting teams, media, and one that could potentially be used as a fundraiser suite. Mr. Schwan reached out for quotes for the cement and building work, and the cost would be around \$80,000. Fliehs mentioned that a group of community supporters wanted to make

donations towards this project on behalf of the late TJ Johnson. The group had currently raised approximately \$50,000.

Motion by Harder, seconded by Fliehs, to move forward with building a new crow’s nest and to name the building after TJ Johnson. Weismantel nay due to naming. Motion carried.

J. Schwan reported that the District received notice that it has won the “Little Red Schoolhouse Award” for the Health Science Simulation Lab and will be presented with the award at the ASBSD/SASD Joint Convention in Sioux Falls. According to the SASD Website, “The Little Red Schoolhouse Award is presented to a school district that is selected for implementing the most significant, innovative, and successful education program or project.” Nomination guidelines included that the program should demonstrate educational leadership by a school administrator, have a positive impact on student achievement and the district, be based on a creative and practical new idea, and have potential for implementation by other school districts. Schwan gave an update on the comprehensive property tax task force, gave an overview on the roof inspection report, noting that he will reach out for quotes on items listed on the inspection that may need improvements made, and informed the board that the high school will be collaborating with Northern State University and their strength and conditioning program, and provide hands-on

experience with Northern State graduate students and our high school student-athletes.

Hubsch reviewed the EMC renewal proposal. The district experienced a 9% overall increase, with property premiums showing the most significant rise. Overall, the standard rate for increases in schools in the area was between 12% and 15%. Request for energy and newspaper quotes were sent out and will be due on July 3, 2025. They will be opened at the July 14, 2025, board meeting. Hubsch reviewed with the board the idea of establishing a late fee for overdue accounts after the school year has concluded, as well as a procedure for charter bus reimbursement.

The board conducted their first reading of recommended policy changes: BD School Board Meetings (Amended); BDDG Minutes (Amended); FC Facilities Capitalization Program (Amended); IGBA Special Education and Related Services (Amended); KLB Public Complaints About the Curriculum or Instructional Materials (Amended); IIAC Library Materials Selection and Adoption (Amended); JEA Compulsory Attendance Ages (Amended); JEG Exemptions from School Attendance (Amended); ECABB Multi-Occupancy Room Use (New Policy); IKFB Graduation Ceremony Decoration (New Policy). No action was taken.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Harder, to approve the renewal of Property/Liability

Insurance with EMC Insurance. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Harder, to pre-authorize the business manager to pay the EMC Insurance invoice on July 1, 2025. Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, seconded by Weismantel to cast the SDHSAA Board Runoff Election for East River at Large Representation for Ryan Rollingner. Motion carried.

Motion by Fliehs, seconded by Harder, to hire Greg Kjellsen as Head Boys Basketball Coach, for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Strom, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to hire Becky Hubsch as the Head Cross Country Coach for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Strom, seconded by Fliehs, to hire Sarah Schuster as JH Volleyball Coach for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Fliehs, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to approve the list of surplus items and declare surplus for disposal at no value. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, seconded by Strom, to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Motion carried.

Becky Hubsch, Business Manager

Grant Rix, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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By David Adler

# Trump's Troop Deployment Scrambles Constitutional Arrangements

## Commander in Chief Clause: Its Modest Origins Under a Microscope

The confluence of the 250th anniversary of the creation of the U.S. Army, President Donald Trump's deployment of the California National Guard and the Marines to Los Angeles, and the possibility that he might plunge our nation headlong into the war between Israel and Iran, without the constitutionally required congressional authorization, compel a reconsideration of the Commander in Chief Clause, as conceived by the Framers, particularly when, in the words of Justice Robert H. Jackson, the provision has been invoked for the "power to do anything, anywhere, that can be done, with an army or navy."

On June 15, 1775, the Continental Congress unanimously chose George Washington as "general" of the army that it had created. His commission, approved on June 17, appointed him "General and Commander in Chief, of the army of the United Colonies." The instructions of the Congress drafted by John Adams, Richard Henry Lee, and Edward Rutledge kept Washington on a short leash. He was ordered "punctually to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from this, or a future Congress of these United Colonies, or Committee of Congress."

Congress did not hesitate to instruct the commander in chief on military and policy matters, large and small. On June 20, Congress ordered General Washington to repair to Massachusetts Bay and take command of the army of the United Colonies. On October 5, the commander in chief was ordered to intercept two British vessels. On November 10, he was directed to send a force into Nova Scotia. On June 17, 1776, he was directed to send General Gates to command in Canada. Numerous orders followed, and Washington duly complied with them.

In its historical usage, harkening to its creation in English law by King Charles I, in 1639, the title of commander in chief had been a generic term referring to the highest officer in a particular chain of command. Thus, it was applied to officers in various theaters of battle. The practice of entitling the office at the apex of the military hierarchy as commander in chief and of subordinating the office to a political superior, whether a king, parliament or congress, was thus firmly established for a century and a half and thoroughly familiar to the Framers when they met in Philadelphia. This settled understanding and the consequent absence of concerns about the nature of the post accounts for the fact that there was no debate on the commander in chief clause at the Constitutional Convention. Generals and Admirals, even when they are first, do not determine the political purposes for which troops are to be used. They command them in the execution of the policy made by others, which, obviously, was the intention of the Framers.

At the time of the Convention, the office of commander in chief had never carried the power of war and peace. The Framers did not alter this historical understanding. The War Clause of the Constitution (Article I, Section 8) provides: "Congress shall have power To declare War" and "grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal." This clause, as Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and others—without challenge or opposition—explained, grants to Congress alone the exclusive authority to move the United States from a state of peace to state of war, and to authorize military hostilities short of war. The rationale for vesting the War Power in Congress, rather than the president, was drawn from historical lessons that taught the danger of entrusting control of the military establishment to a single man who could commit the nation to war. James Wilson, widely viewed as the most learned and profound legal scholar of his generation, and second only to Madison as an architect of the Constitution, told the Pennsylvania Ratifying Convention that the power to declare war had been vested in Congress as a guard against being "hurried" into war so that no "single man can involve us in such distress." It was for that reason that Congress, not the president, is the repository of the lion's share of constitutionally authorized foreign and national security powers.

The severely limited role of the president was a studied response to what Madison called an axiom: the executive is distinguished by its propensity to use military force. The current climate should be considered in light of the climate that influenced the Framers.

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Answer the six questions below and fill in the puzzle.

I love to wave my flag at parades and at the fireworks. I'm very proud of my country. Do you know how many stars are on our nation's flag? There is one for each state in the union. **Color in the squares.**

The Declaration of Independence is the document that told the world that the 13 colonies were united as one country - the United States of America. It told that all ties to England were broken. The people wished to have a voice in their own government.

Independence Day

Philadelphia

July 4, 1776

Liberty Bell

The Spirit of '76

George Washington

1. What was rung to call people to the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence?
2. In what city was the Declaration of Independence signed?
3. A painting was done for America's 100th birthday. It shows a boy, a father and a grandfather marching off to war to fight for freedom. What is the painting called?
4. Upon what date was the Declaration of Independence adopted?
5. What is the name of the holiday celebrating our nation's birthday?
6. What is the name of the General who became our first President?



# Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Defeat Miller

## By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion defeated Miller 7-2 on Tuesday at 411 W Third Ave.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion jumped out to the lead in the bottom of the first inning after T.C Schuster singled, scoring one run, and an error scored two runs.

A single by Schuster, an error, and an error helped Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion extend their early lead in the third.

Schuster earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The starter allowed one hit and zero runs over three innings, striking out six and walking none. Dillan Otto took the loss for Miller. The starter went four innings, surrendering seven runs (one earned) on five hits, striking out two and walking one. Xavier Ellenecker collected the save.

Schuster provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with two runs batted in. The pitcher went 2-for-2 on the day. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Kason Oswald had the most chances in the field with seven.

Sam Crago led Miller with one run batted in. The cleanup hitter went 1-for-2 on the day. Chase Hurd went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Miller in hits. Miller turned one double play in the game.

# Groton Jr. Legion Defeat Miller On Multiple Hit Performance By T.C Schuster

## By GameChanger Media

T.C Schuster collected three hits in four at bats, as Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion defeated Miller 12-2 on Tuesday. Schuster tripled in the sixth inning, singled in the first inning, and singled in the fourth inning.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion won thanks in part to eight runs in the third inning. Nick Groeblichhoff singled, scoring one run, an error scored one run, Ryder Schelle tripled, scoring two runs, Xavier Ellenecker drew a walk, scoring one run, an error scored one run, and Alex Abeln singled, scoring two runs.

Miller opened the scoring in the top of the first thanks to two errors. Miller first got on the board when an error scored one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion took the lead, 3-2, in the bottom of the first thanks to singles by Schuster, and Jordan Schwan.

Schelle earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The starter surrendered one hit and two runs (zero earned) over five innings, striking out six and walking one. Sam Crago took the loss for Miller. The starter went two and two-thirds innings, giving up 11 runs (three earned) on seven hits, striking out one and walking five. Isaiah Scepaniak tossed one inning of shutout ball for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion in relief. The pitcher surrendered zero hits, striking out none and walking two.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion collected 11 hits in the game. Schwan led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with three runs batted in. The center fielder went 1-for-3 on the day. Lincoln Krause and Braeden Fliehs each collected multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Ellenecker paced Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, collecting six walks for the game. Krause stole four bases. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion ran wild on the base paths, tallying seven stolen bases for the game. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion turned one double play in the game.

Chase Hurd led Miller with one hit in three at bats. Miller turned one double play in the game.

# Abeln Drives In 5 To Lead Jr. Legion Past Smittys 16U 2025 Aberdeen

By GameChanger Media

Alex Abeln drove in five runs on three hits to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion past Smittys 16U 2025 Aberdeen 17-3 on Monday. Abeln singled in the second scoring two, singled in the third scoring one, singled in the fifth scoring one, and walked in the sixth scoring one.

Smittys 16U 2025 Aberdeen got on the board in the top of the second inning after Chris LaCroix grounded into a fielder's choice, and Kaylor Swenson singled to center field, each scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion took the lead, 4-2, in the bottom of the second thanks to singles by Ethan Kroll, Lincoln Krause, and Abeln.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion scored six runs on six hits in the bottom of the third inning. Ryder Schelle drew a walk, scoring one run, Krause singled, scoring two runs, Abeln singled, scoring one run, Nick Groeblichhoff singled, scoring one run, and T.C Schuster singled, scoring one run.

Kason Oswald earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The hurler surrendered one hit and one run over three innings, striking out three and walking two. Dylan Stahl took the loss for Smittys 16U 2025 Aberdeen. The hurler went two innings, surrendering eight runs on six hits, striking out one and walking three. Abeln started on the mound for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The pitcher surrendered two hits and two runs over two innings, striking out three and walking five. Braeden Fliehs tossed one inning of scoreless ball for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion in relief. The hurler gave up zero hits, striking out two and walking one.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion accumulated 17 hits in the game. Schuster led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with five hits in five at bats. Krause, Groeblichhoff, and Kroll each collected multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion worked the count all day, col-

lecting seven walks.

Stahl, Cash Bahr, and Swenson each collected one hit for Smittys 16U 2025 Aberdeen. Stahl, Swenson, and LaCroix each drove in one run for Smittys 16U 2025 Aberdeen. Smittys 16U 2025 Aberdeen had patience at the plate, tallying eight walks for the game. Brody Beitelspacher and Trevor Nipp led the team with two bases on balls each. Smittys 16U 2025 Aberdeen were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Swenson had the most chances in the field with seven.

# Groton Legion Post 39 Defeated By 2025 Volga Sr Legion Post 114

By GameChanger Media

Groton Legion Post 39 fell to 2025 Volga Sr Legion Post 114 7-3 on Sunday in the championship game of the Milbank Tournament.

2025 Volga Sr Legion Post 114 got on the board in the bottom of the third inning after Kam Hauck grounded into a fielder's choice, Braden Danzeisen singled, and Ethan Axtell grounded out, each scoring one run.

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

Gavin Englund doubled down the left field line, which helped Groton Legion Post 39 tie the game at three in the top of the fifth.

2025 Volga Sr Legion Post 114 jumped into the lead in the bottom of the fifth when Danzeisen doubled, scoring two runs, Bret Milton singled, scoring one run, and Levi Loban was struck by a pitch, driving in a run.

Jarrett Erdmann stepped on the mound first for Groton Legion Post 39. The lefty gave up seven hits and seven runs over four and one-third innings, striking out four and walking three. Andrew Gunderson started the game for 2025 Volga Sr Legion Post 114. The starter gave up two hits and zero runs over three innings, striking out six and walking none.

Englund drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Legion Post 39 with two runs batted in. The infielder went 1-for-4 on the day. Nick Morris, Lincoln Krause, Braxton Imrie, Karsten Fliehs, Brevin Fliehs, Englund, and Simon each collected one hit for Groton Legion Post 39. Groton Legion Post 39 turned one double play in the game.

2025 Volga Sr Legion Post 114 piled up 10 hits in the game. Danzeisen provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led 2025 Volga Sr Legion Post 114 with three runs batted in. The catcher went 2-for-4 on the day. Danzeisen, Hauck, Axtell, and Loban each collected two hits for 2025 Volga Sr Legion Post 114. Hauck stole three bases. 2025 Volga Sr Legion Post 114 turned two double plays in the game.

# Jr. Teeners 14U Win In Fashion, Walk It Off Versus Redfield Flickertails

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U took Friday's game in dramatic fashion, with a 6-5 walk-off victory over Redfield Flickertails. The game was tied at five in the bottom of the fifth when Kolton Antonsen singled, scoring one run.

A ground out by Keegan Kucker put Groton Jr. Teeners 14U on the board in the bottom of the first.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Tucker Leicht grounded out, and Groton Jr. Teeners 14U scored on a passed ball, each scoring one run.

A single by Zach Fliehs extended the Groton Jr. Teeners 14U lead to 4-1 in the bottom of the third inning.

Redfield Flickertails tied the game up in the top of the fourth thanks to two singles. Redfield Flickertails tied the game at four on a single by Nick Shottenkirk.

A double by Sam Crank gave Groton Jr. Teeners 14U the lead, 5-4, in the bottom of the fourth.

Jace Edgar grounded out, which helped Redfield Flickertails tie the game at five in the top of the fifth.

Trayce Schelle earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The righty allowed six hits and five runs over five innings, striking out five and walking three. Davey Bixler took the loss for Redfield Flickertails. The starter went four and two-thirds innings, surrendering six runs (four earned) on seven hits, striking out seven and walking three.

Leicht, Antonsen, Fliehs, Kucker, and Crank each drove in one run for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Antonsen went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U in hits. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Kucker had the most chances in the field with five.

Edgar and Christian Peterson each drove in two runs for Redfield Flickertails. Tayber Hansen went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Redfield Flickertails in hits.

# Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Secure Win Against Redfield Flickertails

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U beat Redfield Flickertails 5-0 on Friday.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U opened the scoring in the bottom of the first thanks to two singles. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U first got on the board when Zach Fliehs singled, scoring one run.

A single by Asher Zimmerman extended the Groton Jr. Teeners 14U lead to 5-0 in the bottom of the second inning.

Wesley Borg earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The starter allowed three hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out five and



walking two. Breckan Waldner took the loss for Redfield Flickertails. The right-handed pitcher went three innings, allowing five runs on eight hits, striking out four and walking two.

Zimmerman and Sam Crank each collected two hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Zimmerman went 2-for-2 at the plate and led the team with two runs batted in. Borg stole two bases. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U ran wild on the base paths, amassing eight stolen bases for the game. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U turned one double play in the game.

Davey Bixler, Jace Edgar, and Braxon Maher each collected one hit for Redfield Flickertails.

**Groton Legion Firing On All Cylinders  
Against 2025 Lake Norden/Badger Legion**  
**By GameChanger Media**

Groton Legion Post 39 easily dispatched 2025 Lake Norden/Badger Legion on Friday, 11-4, at the Milbank Heritage Tournament.

2025 Lake Norden/Badger Legion got on the board in the first inning after Ted Smith singled, scoring one run.

A single by Nick Morris gave Groton Legion Post 39 the lead, 3-1, in the bottom of the first.

Groton Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Brevin Fliehs walked, and Gavin Englund was struck by a pitch, each scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 added one run in the third after Groton Legion Post 39 scored on a passed ball.

Groton Legion Post 39 scored five runs on six hits in the bottom of the fifth inning. Korbin Kucker singled, scoring one run, Fliehs singled, scoring one run, Carter Simon singled, scoring one run, and Morris singled, scoring two runs.

Kucker started the game for Groton Legion Post 39. The starter gave up two hits and four runs (two earned) over four innings, striking out eight and walking seven. Turner Stevenson stepped on the hill first for 2025 Lake Norden/Badger Legion. The starting pitcher surrendered one hit and five runs (two earned) over one inning, striking out one and walking four. Fliehs tossed two innings of shutout ball for Groton Legion Post 39 in relief. The right-handed pitcher gave up zero hits, striking out four and walking one.

Morris led Groton Legion Post 39 with four runs batted in. The second baseman went 2-for-3 on the day. Jarrett Erdmann led Groton Legion Post 39 with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, piling up eight walks for the game. Teylor Diegel and Kucker each stole multiple bases for Groton Legion Post 39. Groton Legion Post 39 stole eight bases in the game.

Smith drove the middle of the lineup, leading 2025 Lake Norden/Badger Legion with two runs batted in. The switch hitter went 1-for-1 on the day. Smith and Caleb Drenth each collected one hit for 2025 Lake Norden/Badger Legion. Stevenson paced 2025 Lake Norden/Badger Legion with four walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, amassing eight walks for the game.

**Groton Legion Post 39 Claim Victory  
Over Castlewood Post 250**  
**By GameChanger Media**

Groton Legion Post 39 were triumphant over Castlewood Post 250 5-2 on Thursday.

Groton Legion Post 39 got on the board in the first inning after Korbin Kucker lined out, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Karsten Fliehs walked, and Teylor Diegel singled to center field, each scoring one run.

Gavin Englund stepped on the mound first for Groton Legion Post 39. The starter surrendered three hits and two runs (zero earned) over six innings, striking out nine and walking two. Kolby Davis led things off on the mound for Castlewood Post 250. The hurler allowed three hits and three runs over three innings, striking out three and walking five.

Nick Morris, Braxton Imrie, and Diegel each collected one hit for Groton Legion Post 39. Diegel went 1-for-2 at the plate and led the team with one run batted in. Fliehs led Groton Legion Post 39 with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, tallying eight walks for the game. Imrie and Diegel each stole multiple bases for Groton Legion Post 39. Groton Legion Post 39 ran wild on the base paths, amassing eight stolen bases for the game.

Kaden Nedved, Nolan Eidson, and Quincy Thu each collected one hit for Castlewood Post 250. Eidson led Castlewood Post 250 with one run batted in. The right fielder went 1-for-3 on the day. Jarin Eidson stole two bases. Castlewood Post 250 stole four bases in the game.

**Groton Legion Defeats Spearfish On  
Back Of Clutch Display From Kucker**  
**By GameChanger Media**

Korbin Kucker drove in four runs on four hits to lead Groton Legion Post 39 past Spearfish Post 164 Sr. Legion 18U 20-4 on Wednesday. Kucker singled in the first inning, scoring two runs, and doubled in the third inning, scoring two.

Groton Legion Post 39 scored 15 runs in the first inning on the way to victory. Brevin Fliehs singled, scoring one run, Carter Simon doubled, scoring one run, Gavin Englund singled, scoring one run, Nick Groeblichhoff singled, scoring one run, Jarrett Erdmann drew a walk, scoring one run, Teylor Diegel singled, scoring one run, Kucker singled,

scoring two runs, Fliehs singled, scoring one run, an error scored two runs, Braxton Imrie singled, scoring one run, Karsten Fliehs doubled, scoring two runs, and Erdmann singled, scoring one run.

Jack Branum homered to center field, scoring three runs in the bottom of the first for the Spearfish Post 164 Sr. Legion 18U.

A double by Kucker, and an error helped Groton Legion Post 39 extend their early lead in the third.

Nick Morris earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The starting pitcher surrendered eight hits and four runs over five innings, striking out eight and walking two. Aiden Meverden took the loss for Spearfish Post 164 Sr. Legion 18U. The right-handed pitcher went one-third of an inning, giving up 10 runs on eight hits, striking out none and walking two.

Groton Legion Post 39 tallied 19 hits in the game. Diegel and Kucker were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected four hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Fliehs, Groeblichhoff, and Simon each collected multiple hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Imrie paced Groton Legion Post 39 with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, piling up seven walks for the game. Groton Legion Post 39 turned one double play in the game. Groton Legion Post 39 were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Fliehs had the most chances in the field with eight.

Branum drove the middle of the lineup, leading Spearfish Post 164 Sr. Legion 18U with three runs batted in. The left-handed hitter went 1-for-3 on the day. Owen Bruner and Meverden each collected two hits for Spearfish Post 164 Sr. Legion 18U. Spearfish Post 164 Sr. Legion 18U turned one double play in the game.

**Groton Locke Electric Drops Tough  
Game Against Northville Merchants**  
**By GameChanger Media**

Groton Locke Electric couldn't keep up with Northville Merchants and fell 11-5 on Tuesday at Northville.

Northville Merchants got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Ashton Remily singled to the right side of the infield, and Northville Merchants scored on a wild pitch, each scoring one run.

Northville Merchants added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning when Carson Simes doubled, scoring one run, Ethan Beyers singled, scoring one run, and Kyle Stahl singled, scoring two runs.

Remily earned the win for Northville Merchants. The pitcher surrendered six hits and four runs (zero earned) over six innings, striking out three and walking two. Jonah Schmidt took the loss for Groton Locke Electric. The starter went four innings, giving up eight runs (five earned) on eight hits, striking out five and walking three.

Groton Locke Electric amassed nine hits in the game. Ryan Groeblichhoff led Groton Locke Electric with two runs batted in from the number eight spot in the lineup. The center fielder went 1-for-3 on the day. Bradin Althoff, Ty Sieber, and Cade Larson each collected two hits for Groton Locke Electric.

Northville Merchants tallied 11 hits in the game. Simes set the tone at the top of the lineup, leading Northville Merchants with three hits in five at bats. Greg Heyne and Max Waltman each collected multiple hits for Northville Merchants.

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## "Oral health is a gateway to general wellness"

For much of modern healthcare, dentistry has existed apart from the broader medical system. Patients commonly have separate providers for medical and dental care, and this division is reflected in insurance models, education, and even cultural perception. Yet biologically, this separation is artificial. The mouth is a central part of the body, and its health is intimately tied to overall well-being.

Studies of centenarians—people who live into their 100s—have shown a correlation between good oral health and longevity. While flossing alone may not extend your life, oral hygiene often reflects broader patterns of self-care. People who maintain their teeth through regular checkups and good habits tend to engage in other positive health behaviors, supporting the idea that oral health is a gateway to general wellness.

Beyond its connection to systemic health, oral health also has a major psychosocial impact. A healthy smile can influence confidence, job opportunities, and social interactions. Teeth support essential functions like speech, eating, and self-expression—all of which contribute to quality of life at any age. This means not only is there a reason to maintain your teeth with brushing and flossing, but there are also benefits to improving them for both esthetics and function.

One way to enhance a smile is by improving tooth alignment, which can benefit both function and appearance. Orthodontics—the dental specialty focused on straightening teeth and correcting bite issues—is often associated with adolescence, but treatment is increasingly common among adults. Advances in digital imaging and clear aligner therapy have made orthodontics more accessible and discreet. For many patients, even minor adjustments, such as moving one tooth or closing a small space, can be completed efficiently and comfortably with modern treatment options.

These treatment options can now range from simple corrections to comprehensive care using either clear aligners or traditional braces. Importantly, they are often more convenient than people expect, with flexible solutions to fit different lifestyles and goals.

The first step toward improving your oral health—or enhancing your smile—is establishing or re-establishing a dental home. Regular dental evaluations help detect and address problems early, before they become more serious or expensive to treat. Once a foundation of oral health is in place, patients can explore options to improve the shape, color, alignment, or function of their teeth.

Whether you're considering tooth whitening, replacing missing teeth, or straightening your smile, having a trusted relationship with a dental provider makes all the difference. Open conversations, regular care, and modern dental tools make it possible to achieve not only a healthier mouth but a healthier life overall

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