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It was brought to our attention that we had not published the winter awards photos. So better late than never here they are.



## Cheerleading Spirit of 6 Medals

Emily Overacker, Rylie Rose, Mya Feser, Natalia Warrington, Addison Hoeft, Paisley Mitchell, Breslyn Jeschke, Emma Davies



## Girls Basketball Awards

Jerica Locke – 2nd Team NEC All-Conference  
Kennedy Hansen – Best Offensive Player, 3rd Team NEC All-Conference, Academic All-State  
Faith Traphagen – Hustle and Heart Award, Academic All-State  
Brooklyn Hansen – Tiger Award, Academic All-State  
Laila Roberts – Best Defensive Player, Academic All-State



## Boys Basketball Awards

Easton Weber – Junior Varsity Offensive Player of the Year  
Ryder Johnson – Varsity Offensive Player of the Year, Varsity Most Valuable Player, 1st Team NEC All-Conference, State A All-Tournament Team, 3rd Team All-State  
Blake Pauli – Academic All-State  
Turner Thompson – Academic All-State  
Ethan Kroll – C Team Defensive Player of the Year, Junior Varsity Defensive Player of the Year  
Asher Johnson – C Team Defensive Player of the Year  
Anthony Tracy – C Team Offensive Player of the Year  
Not Pictured: Keegen Tracy – Varsity Defensive Player of the Year, 2nd Team NEC All-Conference



## Cheerleading Awards

Natalia Warrington – Most Dedicated Cheerleader  
Paisley Mitchell – Captain of the Year  
Breslyn Jeschke – Most Valuable Cheerleader  
Addison Hoeft – Most Improved Cheerleader



Jeslyn Kosel captured this photo Sunday night.



## Wrestling Awards

Back Row:

Charlie Frost – Most Dedicated Wrestler  
Kason Oswald – First Year Wrestler Award  
John Bisbee – Most Inspirational  
Korbin Kucker – Most Valuable Wrestler, NEC Conference Champion, Region Champion, 7th Place at State, Academic All-State  
Christian Ehresmann – Most Valuable Wrestler, 4th Place at State  
Chris Schwab – Academic All-State  
Gavin Englund – NEC Conference Champion, State Qualifier

Front Row:

Walker Zoellner – State Qualifier  
Donavan Block – Most Valuable Middle School Wrestler, State Qualifier  
Noah Scepaniak – Most Improved Wrestler  
Keegan Kucker – Hardest Worker, State Qualifier  
Liza Krueger – Most Valuable Female Wrestler, NEC Conference Champion, Region Champion, State Champion  
Ben Hoeft – Most Improved Wrestler



## Senior Wrestlers with Banners

Korbin Kucker, Christian Ehresmann, Chris Schwab



Junior Legion Post 39 game with Clear Lake



3rd baseman Isaiah Scepaniak and short stop TC Schuster stand ready in the infield while center fielder Lincoln Krause stands ready. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Alex Abeln catching at home plate. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Coach Aaron Severson confers with Lincoln Krause at 3rd base. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Infielders end the inning L-R Kason Oswald, Lincoln Krause, TC Schuster, and Jordan Schwan. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)

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Coach Aaron Severson gives feed back to the Groton Junior Legion ball players while Coach Kyle Gerlach looks on. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



TC Schuster batting collecting three hits in the game. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Kason Oswald

earned the win

pitching all 5 in-

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afternoons Junior

Legion Post 39

game with Clear

Lake. (Photo by Bruce

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STIP PUBLIC MEETINGS

S.D. Dept. of Transportation has developed a Tentative 2026-2029 Four-Year Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Tentative STIP includes all the state sponsored transportation projects for this time period.

Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public meetings will be conducted on the following dates to receive public comment on the tentative program.

July 15, 2025 - 2:00 PM (CDT) | July 17, 2025 - 7:00 PM (CDT)

Meetings will be virtual this year covering the entire state.

For more information and how to participate virtually, please visit <https://dot.sd.gov/projects-studies/planning/tentative-statewide-transportation-improvement-program-stip>

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We light up the night!  
(I do too!)

1 MOVIE  
2 BLANKET  
3 COMIC  
4 POPCORN  
5 BOARD  
6 GHOST  
7 RAZOR  
8 MAKEBELIEVE  
9 ARTS AND CRAFTS  
10 MUSIC  
11 I love camping!

Camping Fun  
Inside Your Home

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Let's Camp!

Camping Fun  
In Your Yard

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Last Week's Solutions

Happy 4th of July!

All Told! A ringing symbol of freedom.

Liberty

1 BELL  
2 HESPIRIT  
3 FORT  
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The Life of Duane Kurtz

Funeral services for Duane Kurtz, 82, of Aberdeen and formerly of Groton will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. The Rev. Jeremy Yeadon will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.

Duane passed away June 26, 2025 at Avantara Groton.

Duane D. was born on October 23, 1942 to Darrel and Cora (Jensen) Kurtz on the family farm near Groton. At the age of 6, he got polio and many doctor trips to Sioux Falls ensued. He was able to walk with his right leg and life went on for him. Duane went to Joan of Arc Country School through the 8th grade and graduated from Groton High School in 1962. Duane worked on the farm and helped neighbors. He moved to Grand Island, NE where he worked for his uncle. Duane came back in 1970 to help on the family farm. In 2001, he began working for Golden Living Center in Groton as a CNA. He later did home health care for several people. Duane retired in 2019 and spent his free time growing a little garden and taking care of his house plants.

Grateful for having shared his life are his sisters, Shirley Simon, Lois (Victor) Schwahn, Karon Kurtz, many cousins, nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Sue Kurtz and brother-in-law, John Blocker.

Preceding him in death were his parents, two sisters, Myrtle Blocker and Connie Olson, two brothers, Darwin (Joyce) Kurtz and Dennis Kurtz, his brother-in-law, Tom Simon and niece Stacie Olson.

The family would like to give heartfelt thanks to Avera Hospice and the Avantara Nursing Home Staff.



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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 8th 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 1st day of July, 2025.

Douglas Heinrich, Groton City Finance Officer

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for Amateur Baseball Games at 411 W 3rd Avenue in the City of Groton, South Dakota on 7/15/2025 and 7/20/2025.

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...and so the ghosts of the trees climbed...

## Let's Camp

### Camping Fun In Your Yard

Fill in the crossword with things to bring or do for camping in your own backyard.

1. a comfy sleeping \_\_\_\_\_
2. keep from itching with this \_\_\_\_\_
3. helps you see in the dark \_\_\_\_\_
4. keeps soup warm for later \_\_\_\_\_
5. playing \_\_\_\_\_ for fun!
6. scary ghost \_\_\_\_\_ at night
7. set up a \_\_\_\_\_ for shelter

### Camping Fun Inside Your Home

Fill in the puzzle with fun things to do or bring when camping indoors!

1. comfy item to rest head on \_\_\_\_\_
2. build a \_\_\_\_\_ fort
3. perfect drink for a hot summer night \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to watch when it gets dark
5. share \_\_\_\_\_ books
6. healthy, fun treat \_\_\_\_\_
7. your favorite \_\_\_\_\_ game to play with your friends

### Campfire Math...Yum!

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(he broke the record with seven games still to go). Jefferson also has the highest receiving yards per game average (96.5) in NFL history - higher than Jerry Rice and Randy Moss. He and J.J. McCarthy have spent a lot of time together this offseason, developing their connection, which should be just fine in 2025.

Jordan Addison – The Robin to Jefferson’s Batman, Addison is entering his third year in the league. While he’s had some off-field issues, he’s shown he’s a great receiver on it. Addison could be the number one option on a lot of teams around the league, and he gives the Vikings one of the best one-two punches in the NFL.

Jalen Nailor – Nicknamed Speedy, Jalen Nailor is entering his fourth season, which is the final year of his rookie contract. He put up the best numbers of his career last season (28 catches for 414 yards and 6 TDs), and he has reportedly bulked up this offseason. He’s penciled in as the team’s WR3, and I expect him to have a good season as he looks to cash in on his next contract.

Rondale Moore – One of the Vikings’ free agent signings this offseason, Moore was brought in to compete for the WR3 spot and be the team’s primary kick returner.

Tai Felton – A third-round pick by the Vikings this year, Felton will likely round out the Vikings’ WR depth chart.

The rest of the field – The Vikings kept six WRs on their opening day roster in 2024, and with the five players listed above almost guaranteed a spot, that leaves the following eight players to battle it out for one final spot on the depth chart (plus the practice squad): Silas Bolden, Dontae Fleming, Lucky Jackson, Jashaun Jones, Tim Jones, Robert Lewis, Myles Price, and Thayer Thomas.

Wide Receivers

T.J. Hockenson – A devastating knee injury at the end of the 2023 campaign forced Hockenson to miss the first half of the 2024 season. Fully healthy coming into this season, Hockenson will look to regain his spot as one of the best tight ends in the NFL.

Josh Oliver – Entering the final year of a three-year contract he signed with the Vikings in 2023, the team rewarded Oliver with a three-year extension this offseason. One of the best blocking TEs in the NFL, he’s shown the ability to fill in as the TE1 when needed.

Gavin Bartholomew – The Vikings kept three tight ends on the opening day roster last season, and rookie Gavin Bartholomew has the inside track for the third spot since the team spent a draft pick on him.

The rest of the field – Competing with Bartholomew for that final spot on the active roster (or, more likely, a practice squad spot) are Bryson Nesbit, Giovanni Ricci, and Ben Yurosek.

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Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP). A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on July 15, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.  
Petitioner / Owner: Brandon Cermak – NuStar Energy  
Legal description of property: The E1/2 of the NE1/4 of Section 10-T124N-R64W, except land platted, of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (approx. 12501 386th Avenue; Lincoln Twp.).  
Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a proposed Valve Site enclosed with a 50’ x 25’ fence over the top of the pipeline in an Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P).  
The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.  
Dated this 2nd day of July 2025.  
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Petitioner / Owner: John Funk-Twin States Solutions  
Legal description of property: Lot 1 thru 5, "Prairie Point First Elm Lake Addition" in the S1/2 of Section 8-T128N-R65W Brown County, South Dakota (37590, 37592, 37594, 37596, 37598 Pelkofer Drive; Palmyra Twp.).  
Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for 5 residential structures for seasonal rental in a Lake Front Residential District (R-3).  
The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.  
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Petitioner: Jeff Evenson for Sleep in Heavenly Peace  
Legal description of property: The 500' west of the east 700' of the north 658' in the NW1/4 of Section 11-T123N-R64W, except highway R.O.W and except H-1, of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (1421 24th Avenue NW; Aberdeen Twp.).  
Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) to continue their existing business in the west end of an existing commercial building in a Residential District (R-1).  
The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.  
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Petitioner / Owner: Dennis Volzke  
Legal description of property: The 500' west of the east 700' of the north 658' in the NW1/4 of Section 11-T123N-R64W, except highway R.O.W. and except H-1 of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (1421 24th Avenue NW; Aberdeen Twp.).  
Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) to use an existing commercial building in a Residential District (R-1) for storage & repair of personal equipment as well as storage & packaging of LDV plugs. Also requesting to store up to five (5) trailers by the trees.  
The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.  
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NOTICE OF HEARING  
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on July 15, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.  
Petitioner: Roger Pic

Description of property: Lot 1, "Brick Subdivision" in the SE1/4 of Section 31-T122N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14177 375th Avenue; Highland Twp.).  
Reason: Rezone parcel from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.  
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward

a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.  
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**JUNE 24, 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, Gage, Sutton and Wiese. Commissioner Dinger was absent. Commissioner Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairman Sutton shared that the Avera Addiction Care Center staff was unable to attend today so they have been scratched on the agenda. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the amended agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**BROWN COUNTY FAIR CONTRACTS:** Rachel Kippley, Fair/Fairgrounds/Parks Manager met with the Commission to ask them to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the Reassignment Contract from Neste Live to Fran Romeo Agency along with the Entertainment Addendum Contracts. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Agreement for Contract Reassignment from Neste Live to Fran Romeo Agency at the cost of \$24,999.99 for 2025 & 2026; along with the addendums for the following Entertainment Contracts: Avery Anna; Ian Munsick; Ned LeDoux; Tracy Lawrence; Uncle Kracker; 38 Special; Redferrin & Dustin Lynch. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen ED \$217.20; CGI, LLC \$682.42; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$1,392.00; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$46,472.00; IMEG Corp \$24,107.78; Kristi Brandt \$46.00; Kuck Law Office \$1,434.00; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$2,935.00; Pennington County Sheriff's Office \$1,080.00; Sanford Health \$2,156.55; SD Dept of Health \$1,080.00; Jury Duty Participants \$2,299.82; US Bank \$1,452.04. Publishing: McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$69.30; South Dakota Magazine \$275.00; The Dakota Scout \$46.09; US Bank \$328.20. Repairs & Maintenance: Bituminous Paving, Inc \$1,468,072.80; Dakota Supply Group \$3,530.15; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$250.92; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$281.20; Pomp's Tire Service \$68.00; Quality Welding, Inc \$727.87; Sewer Duck, Inc \$950.00; Sioux Falls Crane & Hoist, Inc \$348.00; TripleC Pros LLC \$3,200.00; US Bank \$3,206.76. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$370.14; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$1318.51; Bob Barker Company Inc \$289.77; Century Business Products; 3,570.74; Christina M. Flack \$1,010.00; Geffdog Designs \$744.45; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$37,120.50; Kuck Law Office \$44.58; Leidholt Tool Sales, LLC \$71.41; Leidholt Electric \$295.08; Menards \$477.75; Midstates Group \$389.00; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$66.00; Performance Oil \$363.71; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$183.99; Pow-wowbling \$701.81; Pressure Washer Central \$262.00; Quality Welding, Inc \$41.00; Safety Service \$1,068.96; Share Corporation \$867.60; Sioux Falls Crane & Hoist, Inc \$1012.15; Thomson Reuters – West Payment Center \$331.96; US Foods \$11,699.14; Van Diest Supply Company \$1,185.60; US Bank \$16,915.83. Travel & Conference: Derek Hoefert \$20.00; Neil Bittner \$14.00; Scott Kolb \$14.00; US Bank \$1,397.28. Utilities: CenturyLink \$572.75; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$1,859.62; City of Hecla \$153.96; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$580.00; Northern Electric \$108.50; Northwestern Energy \$1,030.88; NVC \$269.21; Verizon Wireless \$1,414.63; US Bank \$6,538.18. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

o Hiring of Mycah Trolen as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$21.93/hr. – effective June 24, 2025.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS:** Moved by Commissioner Dennert, sec-

onded by Gage 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 Richmond Lake Association for July 26, 2025 to raise funds for Edwards Preserve Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENT:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to defer the lease agreement for the Dakota Horizons Girl Scouts to rent the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on July 12-18, 2025 due to no agreement/contract being signed yet. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL LICENSE PERMIT HEARING FOR RICHMOND LAKE ASSN:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to authorize advertising public hearing for the following Special Alcohol License Permit: Richmond Lake Association, Aberdeen SD for Poker Run to be held at Richmond Pavilion, Richmond Resort Outlot 2 in the NE ¼ Section 25-T124N-R65W Brown County, SD on July 15, 2025. (Temporary Special Event Alcohol License effective July 26, 2025). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TRAVEL REQUESTS:** Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following travel requests: Austin Ball, Sheriff's Department, to attend Blue to Gold Advanced Criminal Investigations on September 25, 2025 in Pierre and Proactive Patrol for Rural Areas Training on July 23-25, 2025 in Tea. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ZONING ORDINANCES – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING:** Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to set hearing date and authorize publication for the first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held on July 15, 2025, in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #304, applicant Dawn Weismantel for the purpose of rezoning from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 & 2, "Weismantel Farm First Addition" in the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 33-T126N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11747 397th Avenue; Shelby Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #305, applicants Earl & Amanda Maier for the purpose of rezoning from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Maier's First Addition" in the SW 1/4 of Section 17-T126N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11450 389th Avenue; Brainard Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #306, applicant Matthew Olson for the purpose of rezoning from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Description of property: Lots 2A & 2B, "Lockheed Replat of Lot 2 of 2nd Subdivision of O'Dea's Outlot 1" in the SW 1/4 of Section 34-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38518 & 38534 142nd Street; Warner Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PIGORS THIRD ADDITION PLAT:**

Resolution #2025-25  
Commissioner Dennert brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "PIGORS THIRD ADDITION IN THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 27-T122N-R60W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Gage. Scott Bader, Planning & Zoning Director, informed the Commission this plat will not be filed until October due to the second half of taxes won't be paid until then. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**WEISMANTEL FARM FIRST ADDITION PLAT:**

Resolution #2025-26  
Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "WEISMANTEL FARM FIRST ADDITION IN THE E ½ NE ¼ OF

SECTION 33-T126N-R62W OF THE 5TH P.M. BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provision of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**MAIER'S FIRST ADDITION PLAT:**

Resolution #2025-27  
Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "MAIER'S FIRST ADDITION IN THE SW ¼ OF SECTION 17-T126N-R63W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**MINA LAKE NORTHEAST ADDITION PLAT:**

Resolution #2025-28  
Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "MINA LAKE NORTHEAST ADDITION IN THE S ½ OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 123 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**TC WRIGHT ADDITION PLAT:**

Resolution #2025-29  
Commissioner Dennert brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "TC WRIGHT ADDITION IN THE NW ¼ OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 123 NORTH, RANGE 62 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**CWE ADDITION PLAT:**

Resolution #2025-30  
Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "CWE ADDITION IN THE N ½ OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 123 NORTH, RANGE 60 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Move by Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for Legal and Personnel 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 Wiese, seconded by Gage to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:23 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**NOTICE**

Application has been made by Dawn Weismantel to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on July 15, 2025, for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use:

Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 & 2, "Weismantel Farm First Addition" in the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 33-T126N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11747 397th Avenue; Shelby Twp.).

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

the amendment to the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the property described. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 304.

**ATTEST:** Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**NOTICE**

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Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Maier's First Addition" in the SW 1/4 of Section 17-T126N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11450 389th Avenue; Brainard Twp.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the property described. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 305.

**ATTEST:** Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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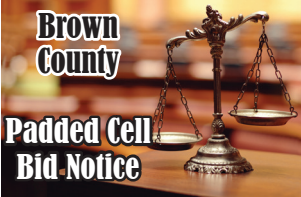
Application has been made by Matthew Olsen to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on July 15, 2025, for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use:

Description of property: Lots 2A & 2B, "Lockheed Replat of Lot 2 of 2nd Subdivision of O'Dea's Outlot 1" in the SW 1/4 of Section 34-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38518 & 38534 142nd Street; Warner Twp.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the property described. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 306.

**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 Commis-

sioners 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 FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL LICENSE**

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the following Temporary Special Event Alcohol License Application for Malt Beverage and Wine to be used by Richmond Lake Association will be held on July 15, 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 complaint on their approval may appear.

Richmond Lake Association, Aberdeen, SD for Poker Run to be held at Richmond Pavilion, Richmond Resort Outlot 2 in the NE ¼ Section 25-T124N-R65W Brown County, SD. Temporary Special Event Alcohol License effective July 26, 2025.

**ATTEST:** Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on July 15, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Mina Northeast LLC-Carl Hanson

Description of property: Lot 1 thru 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, Block 1; Lot 1, Block 2; Lot 2, Block 4; Lot 1 thru 6, Block 3; all of "Mina Lake Northeast Addition" in the S1/2 of Section 7-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13147, 13151, 13155, 13159, 13163, 13167, 13174, 13178, 13182, 13186 N Sunrise Drive; 37334 & 37345 Dusk Drive; 13135, 13184 & 13193 Feickert Drive; 37344 132nd Street; Mercier Twp.).

Reason: Rezone parcels from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG), Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) and Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to Lake Front Residential District (R-3) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.

Dated this 2nd day of July 2025.

Planning/Zoning Commission and  
Scott Bader – P&Z Director  
25 Market Street  
Aberdeen, SD 57401  
Office: (605) 626-7144

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climbed into a whale carcass in their search for relief, and were told to remain there for 20-30 hours, with occasional breaks. The heat and gases emitted by the decomposing animal were believed to create a sweat box of healing compounds.

\* Acrylic nails were invented in 1957 by a dentist experimenting with how to create an artificial fingernail to protect his thumb after he'd accidentally cut it.

\* The Inuit people used goggles made from bone, wood or other hard material to protect their eyes from UV rays more than 2,000 years ago, designed to cover the eye while leaving a small slit to see through. The slit narrowed and sharpened the wearer's field of vision while protecting their eyes from snow glare.

\* In 1980, Detroit gave Saddam Hussein a key to the city out of recognition of donations he had made to local churches.

\* School desks have 300 times more bacteria than a toilet seat.

\* Marion Donovan created the first practical disposable diaper in 1950 by using shower curtains for plastic covering and layers of tissue as the inner absorbent material.

\* Uranus rotates on its side, appearing to roll around the sun like a ball, according to NASA. The most likely explanation for this unusual orientation is that it experienced some type of massive collision in ancient times.

\* American Christians are more likely to take “morally neutral” risks when they think about God as a benevolent protector.

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Thought for the Day: "I'm all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with typewriters." -- Frank Lloyd Wright

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\* Squirrels play a role in reforestation by forgetting some of the buried nuts and seeds they store, which then sprout into new trees.

\* In late 1800's Australia, some desperate sufferers of rheumatism

# SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

## The dangers of bagged salad greens

Sometimes we just want to take the easy path and quickly grab a few things for dinner. Bagged salad greens are often on our list -- but it's the last place we should be taking a shortcut in meal prep.

Between contaminated water in the fields and many people involved in the processing, handling and storage, food safety experts are pointing to bagged salads as the item near the top of the list for safety concerns and outbreaks of E. coli. And that makes it a real risk for seniors or anyone with a compromised immune system.

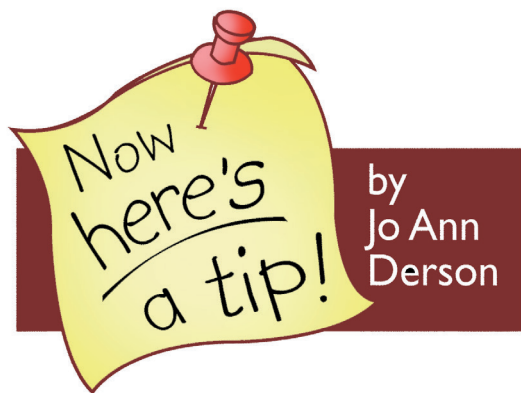
How to avoid the dangers of *E. coli*? Buy whole head lettuce instead of bagged and throw away the outer leaves. Rinse the lettuce under running cold water and dry it with paper towels. Besides the force of the water during rinsing, the drying with paper towels can also help remove the *E. coli* contamination. Do the same with other leafy greens such as spinach.

However, if you do want to buy packaged salad greens, the dilemma comes when the package claims that they have been pre-washed. "Triple washed! Ready to eat!" the package will proclaim. The question is: Should you believe it? Or should you go ahead and wash it? The experts, including the FDA and USDA, say not to wash it. The reason, they say, is that we at home are more likely to contaminate the greens ourselves with a dirty sink.

People on blogs across the internet are insulted, however, being told they would contaminate food in their own kitchens. They intend to wash all produce, even if the package says it's not needed and even if it's organic from a farmer's market.

It's difficult to know what to believe, but one thing is a fact: Seniors who develop an E. coli infection can become severely ill. Take care.

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\* "Check your mower to see if you are cutting your lawn to the optimum height. Generally, cutting grass to two and a half inches will allow it to retain more moisture, requiring less watering."  
-- O.F. in Alabama

\* Want to make that summer at-home pedicure last? Don't skip the base coat or a UV topcoat. The base coat will allow the color to adhere evenly and better. Then the topcoat will protect the color from the sun while giving it a little extra shine.

\* Did you know you can curl your hair with straws? Wind sections of damp hair around a plastic straw and secure the ends with a bobby pin. Allow to dry in the sun or use a hair dryer on low heat. Remove and spritz with hair spray.

\* Remove all of the air from a plastic storage bag with a drinking straw. Slip the straw into the bag and close as much as possible. Then suck any air out through the straw, and quickly pull out and close in a single motion. Your leftovers will stay fresh longer, and foods may stack better in the freezer.

\* "Necklaces can be stored together without tangling if you thread each one through a straw. You can cut the straw to a shorter length for bracelets or choker-length necklaces. No knots!" -- I.A. in Arizona

\* "If you need a long, straight line, never fear. Grab a ball of yarn or string, and cut what you need. Then rub the whole length over a piece



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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

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By David Adler

The Framers’ Why: Rejecting Presidential Control of Warmaking and Foreign Affairs

The Trump Administration’s inability to identify persuasive legal footing for Donald Trump’s unilateral decision to bomb Iran, whether on the originalist premises that his camp prefers, or others that may be ginned up, reveals the depths of his unconstitutional action, another piece of his consistent pattern of usurping congressional powers. Presidential aggrandizement of the war power—the authority to initiate war and lesser military hostilities-- which the Framers granted solely and exclusively to Congress because they feared the possibility, as James Wilson explained, of “one man” taking the nation to war for arbitrary reasons, an offense at the very top of the hierarchy of impeachable offenses, however improbable the exercise of that power might be, represents a teaching moment, an opportunity for the citizenry to better understand the constitutional arrangement for war making and national security, before being plunged into a world of unforeseeable twists and turns that is the very essence of warfare. An overview of the conclusions of the Constitutional Convention will lay bare the “Framer’s Why,” their rationale for vesting in Congress the lion’s share of the nation’s foreign policy and national security powers.

Few issues rivaled in importance the maintenance of national security and foreign affairs. The search for an efficient foreign policy design was a primary goal and animating purpose of the Convention. The Framers might have adopted the English model which, like other nations at the time, concentrated virtually unlimited authority over foreign affairs, including the power of war and peace, in the hands of the executive, but they rejected that approach because, as Wilson explained, the prerogatives of the Crown were ill-suited to the aims and purposes of a republic.

The Framers’ emphatic rejection of presidential control of warmaking and foreign relations was rooted in a deep aversion to an unrestrained, unilateral executive power and a commitment to the cardinal principle of republicanism: collective decision-making, grounded in the belief that the conjoined wisdom of the many is superior to that of one. The Framers perceived a broad equatorial divide between the hemispheres of monarchism and republicanism, between the values of the Old World and the New World. The Convention’s deliberate fragmentation of powers relating to diplomacy, treaties and war and peace, and the allocation of the various foreign affairs powers to different departments of government, reflected the Framers’ determination to apply the doctrines of separation of powers and checks and balances, the principle of the rule of law, and the elements of constitutionalism to the realm of foreign relations as rigorously as they had been applied to the domestic domain.

This critical decision represented a bold departure from the prevailing wisdom of the day, which urged the unification and centralization of foreign relations powers in the executive and warned that the separation of those powers would invite chaos, disorder and even disaster. However, the Framers brought a fresh outlook, a new vision that recognized that the conduct of foreign affairs includes some elements that are primarily legislative in nature, others that are essentially executive, and still others characteristically judicial. In Federalist No. 47, Madison observed that “treaties with foreign sovereigns” assume, once they are made, “the force of legislative acts.” The Constitution characterizes the power to declare war as legislative and the power to conduct it as executive. The Supremacy Clause imposes upon judges the duty to enforce treaties as the law of the land. The Constitutional Convention discarded the British model—the executive model—as obsolete and inapplicable to the republican manners of the United States.

The purpose of this new constitutional arrangement for foreign affairs, a distinctively American contribution to politics and political science, was to require and implement collective decision-making –joint participation, consultation and concurrence—by the political branches in the formulation, conduct and management of the nation’s foreign policy. The Framers supposed that the infusion into the foreign policy process of checks and balances would maintain the constitutional allocation of powers and, therefore, prevent unilateralism, aggrandizement and usurpation. They believed that the structure of shared powers in the conduct of international affairs, bottomed on the premise and promise of legislative deliberation, would produce wise policies and, in the words of Wilson, “a security to the people,” for it would afford in Congress an airing of the various political, economic and military interests that were bound up in the nation’s external relations.

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# T.C Schuster’s Big Day Propels Groton Jr. Legion Past Clear Lake

By GameChanger Media

T.C Schuster collected three hits in three at bats, as Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion defeated Clear Lake 12-1 on Saturday. Schuster tripled in the third inning, singled in the fourth inning, and singled in the fifth inning. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion were the first to get on the board in the first when Nick Groeblichhoff singled, scoring one run. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning when Schuster tripled, scoring two runs, and Groeblichhoff singled, scoring one run. Kason Oswald earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The hurler surrendered three hits and one run over five innings, striking out two and walking two. Gabe took the loss for Clear Lake. The starting pitcher went four innings, surrendering 12 runs on 11 hits, striking out four and walking six. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion accumulated 11 hits in the game. Schuster and Groeblichhoff were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected three hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Groeblichhoff drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with four runs batted in. The left-handed hitter went 3-for-4 on the day. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion had a strong eye at the plate, piling up six walks for the game. Lincoln Krause and Alex Abeln led the team with two walks each. Krause, Braeden Fliehs, and Schuster each stole multiple bases for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion ran wild on the base paths, tallying 10 stolen bases for the game. Brock led Clear Lake with one run batted in. Gabe, Asher, and Kyler each collected one hit for Clear Lake.

# Shilhanek With 3 Hits As Groton Jr. Teeners Beat Clear Lake

By GameChanger Media

Lincoln Shilhanek collected three hits in four at bats, as Groton Jr. Teeners 14U defeated Clear Lake 14U 18-3 on Saturday. Shilhanek doubled in the second inning, singled in the first inning, and singled in the fourth inning. Clear Lake 14U opened the scoring in the first after Asher Bauman doubled, scoring one run. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the first, scoring five runs on three hits to take the lead, 5-1. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Kolton Antonsen that drove in two. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U added three runs in the second. Shilhanek doubled down the left field line on an 0-2 count, making the score 8-1. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Sam Crank stole home, and Noah Scepaniak grounded out, each scoring one run. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U scored eight runs on five hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. Shilhanek singled, scoring one run, Zach Fliehs singled, scoring one run, Keegan Kucker drew a walk, scoring one run, an error scored one run, an error scored two runs, Trayce Schelle singled, scoring one run, and an error scored one run. Antonsen earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The hurler gave up seven hits and three runs (one earned) over four innings, striking out three and walking none. Gray Holden took the loss for Clear Lake 14U. The starting pitcher went three and two-thirds innings, giving up 18 runs (eight earned) on 12 hits, striking out four and walking six. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U collected 12 hits in the game. Jordan Schwan, Schelle, and Wesley Borg each collected multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Schelle paced Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, piling up six walks for the game. Schwan and Schelle each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U ran wild on the base paths, tallying six stolen bases for the game. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U turned one double play in the game. Holden went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Clear Lake 14U in hits. Bauman, Kenton Timmons, and Riley Sattler each drove in one run for Clear Lake 14U. Holden stole two bases.

# Brevin Fliehs Drives 5 Runners Home In Groton Legion Post 39 Victory Over 2025 Lake Norden/Badger Legion

By GameChanger Media

Brevin Fliehs drove in five runs on three hits to lead Groton Legion Post 39 past 2025 Lake Norden/Badger Legion 18-0 on Friday at Lake Norden. Fliehs hit a grand slam to right field in the second inning, scoring four runs, and doubled in the sixth inning, scoring one. Groton Legion Post 39 got on the board in the top of the second inning after Karsten Fliehs drew a walk, scoring one run, Lincoln Krause singled, scoring one run, Teylor Diegel singled, scoring one run, and Fliehs hit a grand slam to right field. Groton Legion Post 39 added one run in the third. Krause hit a sacrifice fly, making the score 8-0. Jarrett Erdmann earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The starting pitcher allowed two hits and zero runs over six innings, striking out six and walking two. Ted Smith took the loss for 2025 Lake Norden/Badger Legion. The hurler went two innings, giving up eight runs on

five hits, striking out none and walking four. Groton Legion Post 39 tallied 14 hits in the game. Nick Morris, Krause, Korbin Kucker, and Nick Groeblichhoff each collected multiple hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Groton Legion Post 39 had a strong eye at the plate, piling up nine walks for the game. Braxton Imrie and Diegel led the team with two free passes each. Rylan Thue and Smith were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected one hit for 2025 Lake Norden/Badger Legion. Thue stole two bases.

# Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Roll Past Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion easily dispatched Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks on Thursday, 10-3. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion got on the board in the first inning after Ethan Kroll singled, scoring one run. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Lincoln Krause grounded out, and Alex Abeln singled to center field, each scoring one run. Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks tied the game in the top of the third thanks to an error, a single by Ben Suther, and a tag up by Lincoln Kilker. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion took the lead in the bottom of the third. Tristin McGannon singled, scoring one run, to give Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion the lead, 4-3. Nick Groeblichhoff earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The starter allowed eight hits and three runs (two earned) over seven innings, striking out seven and walking none. Dylan Redler stepped on the hill first for Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks. The starter allowed four hits and four runs (two earned) over two and two-thirds innings, striking out four and walking two. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion collected 10 hits in the game. Krause, T.C Schuster, and Abeln each collected two hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Krause, McGannon, and Kroll each drove in two runs for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Jordan Schwan paced Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, piling up six walks for the game. Suther and Bryce Hawkinson were a one-two punch in the lineup, as each drove in one run for Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks.

# Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Fall After Strong Showing By Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion had trouble keeping up with Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks in a 13-3 loss on Thursday. Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Emmett Symens was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Lofton Heer hit a sacrifice fly, scoring one run, Kaden Mills was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, and an error scored three runs. Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks added to their early lead in the top of the second inning when Ethan Kroll induced Dylan Redler to hit into a fielder’s choice, but two runs scored, Kroll induced Symens to hit into a fielder’s choice, but one run scored, and Mills grounded out, scoring one run. Kroll led things off on the hill for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The righty gave up three hits and 10 runs (four earned) over one and one-third innings, striking out none and walking one. B Suther led things off on the mound for Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks. The hurler allowed two hits and one run (zero earned) over two innings, striking out four and walking one. T.C Schuster and John Bisbee each drove in one run for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Braeden Fliehs went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion in hits. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion turned two double plays in the game. Mills, the number eight hitter for Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks, led the way with two runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 1-for-2 on the day. Mills, William Richter, Colton Chapin, Mitch Burger, Jace Rein, and Bryce Hawkinson each collected one hit for Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks. Symens and Hawkinson each stole multiple bases for Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks. Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks ran wild on the base paths, amassing nine stolen bases for the game. Britton U17 VFW Lumberjacks turned one double play in the game.

# Nick Morris Leads Groton Legion Post 39 Past Webster

By GameChanger Media

Nick Morris was dominant on the mound, as the pitcher rang up 11 strikeouts in Groton Legion Post 39’s 9-0 victory over Webster on Wednesday at Groton. Morris gave up zero hits and zero runs over five innings while walking one. Groton Legion Post 39 were the first to get on the board in the first when Brevin Fliehs singled, scoring one run. Groton Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning when Jarrett Erdmann doubled, scoring one run, and Teylor Diegel singled, scoring two runs.



Groton Legion Post 39 added one run in the third. Webster committed an error, making the score 5-0.

Blaize Amdahl took the loss for Webster. The starting pitcher went four innings, surrendering nine runs (five earned) on seven hits, striking out three and walking one.

Diegel and Korbin Kucker were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected two hits for Groton Legion Post 39 while hitting back-to-back. Diegel and Kucker were a one-two punch in the lineup, as each drove in two runs for Groton Legion Post 39.

## Groton Legion Post 39 Defeat Webster

By GameChanger Media

Groton Legion Post 39 beat Webster 5-2 on Wednesday at Groton. Groton Legion Post 39 got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Webster committed an error, and Nick Morris hit a sacrifice fly, each scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after TC Schuster singled down the left field line, Webster committed an error, and Brevin Fliehs grounded out, each scoring one run.

Kellen Antonsen earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The right-handed pitcher gave up three hits and two runs (one earned) over five innings, striking out six and walking none. Carter Williams took the loss for Webster. The starting pitcher went four innings, allowing five runs (one earned) on six hits, striking out two and walking one.

Lincoln Krause, Braxton Imrie, Teylor Diegel, Schuster, Korbin Kucker, and Nick Groeblichhoff each collected one hit for Groton Legion Post 39. Morris, Schuster, Fliehs, and Carter Simon each drove in one run for Groton Legion Post 39. Diegel and Kucker each stole multiple bases for Groton Legion Post 39. Groton Legion Post 39 ran wild on the base paths, collecting six stolen bases for the game. Groton Legion Post 39 turned one double play in the game.

Jack Shoemaker, Martin Dorsett, and Brent Bearman each collected one hit for Webster. Sheldon Schmeig stole two bases. Webster stole five bases in the game.

## Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Triumph Over W.I.N. Jr. Teeners

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U beat W.I.N. Jr. Teeners 4-2 on Wednesday. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U opened the scoring in the first after Lincoln Shilhanek doubled, scoring one run.

W.I.N. Jr. Teeners took the lead in the bottom of the first. Decklin O'daniel drew a walk, scoring one run, to give W.I.N. Jr. Teeners the leg up, 2-1.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U took the lead in the top of the second inning after Keegan Kucker singled, and Trayce Schelle was struck by a pitch, each scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U added one run in the third. Zach Fliehs singled to left field, making the score 4-2.

Shilhanek earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The hurler allowed two hits and two runs over five innings, striking out two and walking six. Colton Smith took the loss for W.I.N. Jr. Teeners. The hurler went five innings, surrendering four runs on seven hits, striking out one and walking one.

Noah Scepaniak, Kolton Antonsen, Fliehs, Jordan Schwan, Kucker, Sam Crank, and Shilhanek each collected one hit for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Fliehs, Kucker, Schelle, and Shilhanek each drove in one run for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U turned two double plays in the game.

Carson Reppe and Smith each collected one hit for W.I.N. Jr. Teeners. W.I.N. Jr. Teeners had patience at the plate, piling up six walks for the game. Drew Sparling and Reppe led the team with two free passes each. Sparling stole two bases. W.I.N. Jr. Teeners were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Reppe had the most chances in the field with five.

## Jordan Schwan Drives 4 Runners Home In Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Victory Over W.I.N. Jr. Teeners

By GameChanger Media

Jordan Schwan drove in four runs on four hits to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U past W.I.N. Jr. Teeners 15-5 on Wednesday. Schwan doubled in the fifth scoring two, tripled in the first scoring one, tripled in the second scoring one, and singled in the third scoring one.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U got on the board in the top of the first inning after Trayce Schelle singled to the left side of the infield, Schwan tripled to center field, Lincoln Shilhanek grounded out, and Gavin Hanten walked, each scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U added to their early lead in the top of the second inning after Schwan tripled to center field, and Schwan scored after tagging up, each scoring one run.

A single by Kyson Kucker, a ground out by Schelle, and a single by Schwan helped Groton Jr. Teeners 14U extend their early lead in the third.

Keegan Kucker earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The pitcher surrendered three hits and five runs (one earned) over five innings, striking out two and walking three. Jaron Haven took the loss for W.I.N. Jr. Teeners. The hurler went two innings, allowing six runs on six hits, striking out two and walking three.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U amassed 12 hits in the game. Zach Fliehs, Schelle, and Kucker each collected multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U had a strong eye at the plate, piling up 13 walks for the game. Hanten and Kolton Antonsen led the team with three free passes each. Kucker stole two bases.

Jasper Ophal, Kyle Olson, and Dalton Lee each collected one hit for W.I.N. Jr. Teeners. Reign Mansfield and Aaron Ackerman each drove in one run for W.I.N. Jr. Teeners. Carson Reppe stole two bases.

## Locke Electric Fall After Strong Showing By Circus Sports Bar

By GameChanger Media

Groton Locke Electric had trouble keeping up with Circus Sports Bar in a 17-2 loss on Wednesday at Aberdeen.

Groton Locke Electric were the first to get on the board in the first when Alex Morris hit into a double play, but one run scored.

Circus Sports Bar took the lead in the bottom of the first inning after Casey Vining tripled down the right field line, and Michael Babcock hit a sacrifice fly, each scoring one run.

BJ Richter singled down the right field line, which helped Groton Locke Electric tie the game at two in the top of the second.

In the bottom of the second, Circus Sports Bar broke up the tie when Easton Millar singled, scoring one run. Then a single by Vining followed to extend the lead to 4-2.

Circus Sports Bar added one run in the third after Joshue Steinwandt grounded out.

Circus Sports Bar scored eight runs on two hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. WolfDon Thorson hit a grand slam to right field, Jesse Babcock was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Millar drew a walk, scoring one run, Jaiden Smith drew a walk, scoring one run, and Vining drew a walk, scoring one run.

Chad Ellingson earned the win for Circus Sports Bar. The righty gave up five hits and two runs over five innings, striking out three and walking none. Ryan Groeblichhoff took the loss for Groton Locke Electric. The starter went three and two-thirds innings, surrendering 13 runs (eight earned) on seven hits, striking out none and walking four.

Number eight hitter, Richter, showed the depth of Groton Locke Electric's lineup, by leading them with two hits in two at bats.

Circus Sports Bar amassed nine hits in the game. Thorson provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Circus Sports Bar with four runs batted in. The cleanup hitter went 2-for-4 on the day. Number seven hitter, Kelly Coates, showed the depth of Circus Sports Bar's lineup, by leading them with three hits in four at bats. Vining collected two hits for Circus Sports Bar in three at bats. Circus Sports Bar had patience at the plate, amassing 10 walks for the game. Millar, Smith, Babcock, and Steinwandt led the team with two free passes each. Thorson stole two bases. Circus Sports Bar ran wild on the base paths, collecting four stolen bases for the game. Circus Sports Bar turned one double play in the game.

## Runs Hard To Come By In Groton Legion Post 39 Win over W.I.N.

By GameChanger Media

Both teams were strong on the hill on Monday, but Groton Legion Post 39 defeated W.I.N. Legion 2-1. Nick Morris started the game for Groton Legion Post 39 and recorded 21 outs.

Groton Legion Post 39 were the first to get on the board in the first when Braxton Imrie singled, scoring one run.

Mac Heinz grounded into a fielder's choice, which helped W.I.N. Legion tie the game at one in the bottom of the second.

A ground out by Logan Fischbach gave W.I.N. Legion the lead, 2-1, in the bottom of the fourth.

W.I.N. Legion committed an error, which helped Groton Legion Post 39 tie the game at two in the top of the sixth.

Morris earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The starting pitcher surrendered three hits and two runs (one earned) over seven innings, striking out two and walking one. Devon Fischbach took the loss for W.I.N. Legion. The pitcher went seven innings, surrendering two runs (one earned) on four hits, striking out three and walking five.

Imrie led Groton Legion Post 39 with one run batted in. The right fielder went 1-for-4 on the day. Imrie, Brevin Fliehs, Jarrett Erdmann, and Korbin Kucker each collected one hit for Groton Legion Post 39.

Chays Mansfield, Fischbach, and Beckett Halvorson each collected one hit for W.I.N. Legion. Heinz led the team with one run batted in.

Next up for Groton Legion Post 39 is a game against Big Stone City on Wednesday.

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