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## Groton 14U girls fastpitch wraps up first season

Front Row L-R: Tenley Frost, Makenna Krause, Ryelle Gilbert, Arianna Dinger, Kinsley Rowen, Kyleigh Kroll

Back Row L-R: Andi Gauer, Illyanna Dellaire, Libby Cole, Rylue Rose, Neely Althoff, Rylen Ekern, Audrey Davis, Coach Amanda Bisbee

The 14U girls fastpitch softball team has wrapped up its inaugural season, finishing with three wins and a whole lot of growth. Despite being a first-year fast pitch team, the girls came together quickly, showed heart on the field, and worked hard in practice to improve their skills. Great Season, ladies! (Photo courtesy Amanda Bisbee)



## Locke Family active in baseball

Members of the Locke family poses for a photo on July 12 during the second day of the 12U VFW South Dakota Baseball Tournament in Groton. Individuals include from the left in the back row: Matt, Jerry, Mitchell, Wyatt and Dalton. The front row includes Rose, Mason and Randy. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Members of the Locke family pose for a photo on July 12 during the second day of the 12U VFW South Dakota Baseball Tournament in Groton. Individuals include from left Mason, Matt, Jerry, Mitchell, Wyatt and Dalton. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



## Columbia Comet Midgets placed 3rd in the Three Rivers League Tournament

Back Row: Coach Josh Larson, Pierson Schaeffer, Gavin Dinger, Easton Larson, Bennett Roettele, Rylee Hofer, Babe Becker, Coach Cole Kampa, Kacyn Becker, Coach Collin Eichler

Front Row: Cooper Brust, Kason Hofer, Mason Stahl, Arthur Eichler, Garrett Faehn, Hudson Eichler, Landon Schaffner, Cooper Zemlicka. (Courtesy Photo)



## 2025 Columbia Comet PeeWee's Three Rivers League Runner Up

Back Row: Coaches Cole Kampa, Collin Eichler, Josh Larson  
Middle Row: Lillian Davis, Kason Hofer, Arthur Eichler, Cooper Zemlicka, Parker Glaspell, Shane Richey

Front Row: Landon Zemlicka, Saylor Gilchrist, Bryton Larson, Briggs Eichler, Paxton Eichler, Dawson Kampa. (Courtesy Photo)



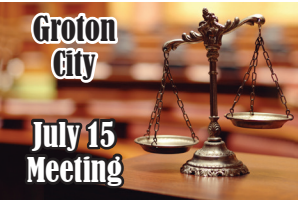
Homebase umpire Wyatt Locke calls a strike during Saturday's game between the Britton Jr. Jacks and Canova Gang during the VFW state 12U tournament.

(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Base umpire Dalton Locke prepares to run to second base following a runner during Saturday's game between the Britton Jr. Jacks and Canova Gang during the VFW state 12U tournament. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)





July 15, 2025 .....  
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Cutler, Shilhanek, Wambach, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Chad Locken, Douglas Heinrich, Ken Hier, April Buller, Elizabeth Varin, and Paul Kosel.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wambach to approve the agenda with no additions or changes. All members present voted aye.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1. Paul Kosel addressed the council regarding the need for daycare options within the community and shared information received from the Heartland Energy Summer Conference.

Kosel exited the meeting. Hier and Buller addressed the council regarding updating the city maps and GIS possibilities. In addition, an update was provided to council regarding the future DOT project on US Highway 12.

Hier and Buller exited the meeting.

Sealed bids for the baseball concessions and bathrooms building project were opened and read aloud. Due to the lack of a quorum with Bahr abstaining, the awarding of the bids was tabled to the next meeting on a motion by Shilhanek and seconded by Cutler. All members present voted aye.

The transfer of the property at 105 N 3rd Street was tabled on a motion by Cutler and seconded by Wambach. All members present voted aye.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 790 – Supplemental Appropriations was approved on a motion by Wambach and seconded by Bahr. All members present voted aye.

The June finance report was approved on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Shilhanek. All members present voted aye.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Wambach. All members present voted aye.

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

Payroll, \$15,561.23, Employee salaries; Public Safety, \$10,212.23, ; Culture & Recreation, \$5,349.00, ; SD Retirement System, \$12,220.70, Employee retirement; USPS, \$304.27, Utility billing postage; City of Groton, \$721.09, Utility overpayments/deposits applied to outstanding bills; Katelyn Nehlich, \$105.82, Utility deposit refund; Stacy Mayou, \$216.20, Swimming lesson refund; SD State Treasurer, \$11,260.29, Sales and Excise Tax - June 2025; City of Groton, \$421.55, Family crisis utility bill assistance; Dacotah Bank, \$100.00, HSA contributions; Dacotah Bank, \$4,940.80, Withholding/SS/Medicare; SD Supplemental Retirement , \$390.00, Supplemental retirement; The Groton Independent, \$297.34, Publishing costs; Heartland Energy, \$58,968.51, Power services - June 2025; Geffdog Designs, LLC, \$1,056.00, Legion/ Jr. Legion hats ; Jackie Iverson, \$1,800.00, U10/U12 softball tournament umpire pay; Alttec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease; Heartland Waste Management, \$12,409.10, Garbage hauling; South Dakota 811, \$86.10, Message fees - April through June, 2025; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc., \$258.49, Cylinder repair - Street Dept.; IMEG Corp., \$5,400.00, Engineering services - Airport; Locators & Supplies, Inc., \$98.20, Safety glasses - City Shop; Lien Transportation Co., Inc., \$2,019.60, Hot mix - Street Dept.; Irby, Inc., \$1,215.00, Cutout/arrester brackets, hot line clamps, and clevises - Electric Dept.; Border States, \$7,879.20, 3000ft of wire - Electric Dept.; WAPA, \$24,284.10, Power services - June 2025; Railroad Management Co, LLC., \$417.05, Annual power line crossing fee - Electric Dept.; James Valley Telecommunications, \$860.77, Telephone and internet services; MJ's Sinclair, \$1,823.80, Fuel purchases; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$4,996.80,

Printer ink, copy paper, sheet protectors, baseballs, candy, garbage bags, money tray for cash drawer, markers, book purchases, pump sprayer, sewer sample postage, water sample postage, food for resale - BB concessions, hotel stay for HR/FO school, pool sample postage, Foscam fee, trophies for little league baseball, pool windbreakers, rescue tubes, fastpitch softballs, duffle bags, leg guards, chest protector, helmet, helmet snaps - Multiple Depts.

Varin exited the meeting. Moved by Wambach and seconded by Shilhanek to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 9:20pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:29pm.

Moved by Shilhanek and seconded by Wambach to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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JULY 15, 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: Thomas Leonhardt asked the Commission about finishing the culverts by his place, stating they were never finished. Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent explained that he told him 'No' because didn't think any Construction companies knew what to do but he talked with Jacobs Construction, and they understand how to do it. Mr. Leonhardt wants to do the work himself, Dirk said that it is fine but then do not complain to the County if something doesn't stand up. Mr. Leonhardt also asked about County Hwy. 27 being black topped; Dirk figured within the month based on other projects.

PUBLIC HEARING – TEMPORARY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR SPECIAL EVENT: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Temporary Alcoholic Beverage Permit in conjunction with a Special Event for Malt Beverage and Wine License to 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; effective July 26, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #304 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #304. Applicant Dawn Weismantel to rezone 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.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #305 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #305. Applicants Earl & Amanda Maier to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "Maier's First Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 17-T126N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (11450 389th Avenue; Brainard Twp.).

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #306 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #306. Applicant Matthew Olsen to rezone 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.

DACOTAH PRAIRIE MUSEUM UPDATE: Patricia Kendall, the Museum Director, met with the Commission to give them an update on the Building Campaign; they completed the Feasibility Study and were surprised how many people were not aware of everything they do, where their funding comes from, etc. The next step is the Campaign Readiness Phase, where they will be conducting information gathering sessions. The goal is in one year to be at the Public Phase and break ground on the addition.

Patricia informed the Commission of other ongoing updates: the new Squire Gallery will open this fall; Buntrock Gallery will be ready by the end of the year; Gift Shop has moved to the second floor; they received a \$7,000.00 Grant from 3M for their STEM Camp.

QUOTE FOR PADDED CELL: Sheriff Dave Lunzman presented a quote from Marathon Engineering Corporation for the Padded Cell that we did not receive any bids for the on July 8th. The quote was for \$32,712.00 but would provide a "Deduct Alternated" of \$3,677.00 if they did not pad the ceiling, which brought the quote to \$29,035.00. They offered an additional deduction of \$1,472.00 if the County waved the Bid Bond. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to accept the quote of \$29,035.00 and require the Bid Bond. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the General Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims/payroll: Claims: Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$604.21; SDACC \$21,569.00. Professional Fees: Certified Languages International LLC \$1,168.20; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$450.00; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$1,908.00; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$72.00; Den Herder Law Firm \$192.00; IMEG Corp \$22,010.70; Jerald M. McNeary \$230.00; Jeremy Lund – Siegel Barnett & Schutz, LLP \$12,701.50; Kuck Law Office \$4,184.25; Language Line Services, Inc \$1,062.19; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$200.00; Lucy Lewno \$192.00; Mark Katterhagen \$20.00; Motorola Solutions, Inc \$9,681.69; PharmChem, Inc \$1,296.00; Saber Shred Solutions \$2,300.50; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$591.50; SD Dept of Health \$1,315.00; SDHSC \$600.00; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$102.33; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$4,926.00; Thomson Reuters – West Payment Center \$2,073.14; Tyler Technologies, Inc \$1,080.50; Valerie Larson \$20.00; Zylstra Investigations \$680.00. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$191.04; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$461.62; Midstates Group \$15.00. Rentals: Jackson Heights \$330.00; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$63.18; Vestis \$266.48. Repairs & Maintenance: Butler Machinery Company \$594.00; C.I.S. Company \$650.00; Dakota Supply Group \$52.86; Double A Plumbing, LLC \$2,910.84; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$577.50; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$74.00; Jake's Heating & Cooling \$929.62; Parkview Nursery \$618.10; RDO Equipment Co \$8,753.59; Steven Lust Automotive \$394.84. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$14,051.76; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$403.64; Applied Concepts, Inc. \$3,642.00; Binmo Foods USA, Inc \$729.30; Brown Conservation District \$1,473.12; Butler Machinery Company \$1,545.85; Central Network Retail Group LLC \$94.39; Century Business Products \$328.18; Cole Paper Inc \$1,426.89; Dakota Supply Group \$224.95; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$820.29; Ellwein Broth-

ers Inc \$1,866.05; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$345.79; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$10,233.00; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$1,288.06; Kessler's \$113.95; Kuck Law Office \$121.20; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$189.27; Lien Transportation Company \$6,665.40; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$204.91; Lucy Lewno \$6.73; Menards \$40.14; Midstates Group \$85.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$60.00; Performance Oil \$58.92; RaceWestEast \$279.00; Rinse & Go Car Wash \$13.00; Runnings \$271.38; Schwan Welding \$620.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$34.95; Thomson Reuters – West Payment Center \$337.57; Tri-State Water \$35.00; US Foods \$10,020.55; Van Diest Supply Company \$790.02. Travel & Conference: Anna Johnson \$94.00, Becca Tullar \$94.00; Joe Kretchman \$14.00; John Andersen \$14.00; Lexipol, LLC \$1,670.34; Neil Bittner \$14.00; Scott Kolb \$14.00; State 4-H Office – Fair passes \$85.00; The Lodge at Deadwood \$904.00. Utilities: City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$2,189.06; City of Hecla \$165.90; Economy Propane, LLC \$785.24; Northern Electric \$93.50. Other: SD Assoc of County Officials \$814.00; SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$5,679.78. Machinery & Equipment: Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$48,536.00. Payroll: Commission \$4,896.51; Elections \$1,936.80; Auditor \$10,443.10; Treasurer \$18,430.39; SA \$36,570.82; Public Defender \$5,384.61; Maintenance \$12,195.75; Assessor \$16,581.75; Register of Deeds \$10,905.91; VSO \$4,728.51; GIS \$2,946.49; IT \$9,855.68; HR \$5,490.97; Sheriff \$62,038.77; Jail \$75,670.40; Coroner \$750.00; Court Security \$6,593.00; JDC \$33,045.29; Welfare \$1,002.11; Museum \$12,296.26; Parks/Fairgrounds \$10,286.94; Fair Board \$4,591.91; 4-H \$1,734.44; Weed \$6,299.59; Planning & Zoning \$8,062.16; Highway \$60,181.36; Dispatch \$37,458.81; Emergency \$5,498.55; 24/7 Sobriety \$2,692.81; Landfill \$17,717.63; Meal Benefits \$70.00; FICA \$28,809.88; Medicare \$6,737.74; HSA \$2,309.40. 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.....Re-hire of Kendall Titze as Brown County Highway Seasonal Worker, FT; starting wage \$21.93/hr. – effective July 14, 2025.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agreements: Exchange Club of Aberdeen to lease the Fairgrounds Parking Lot for Flag Retirement on July 17, 2025; Joseph Berns to lease the Richmond Lake Youth Camp for a wedding on August 1-2, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the following travel requests: Brad Borge, Public Defender, to attend Continuing Legal Education Conference in Minneapolis, MN on July 9-12, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the application submitted by Richmond Lake Association for July 26, 2025 to raise funds for Richmond Lake Projects such as Fireworks Display. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese 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.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MAY 2025: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts for May 2025: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances \$34,454,457.79; Total Savings Account Balances \$2,465,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit: \$11,202,175.24; Grand Total Cash and Balances: \$48,129,780.45. General Fund Cash & Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund \$24,779,194.49; Road &

Bridge Fund \$1,886,286.17; Road & Bridge Fund-Restricted \$231,883.27; 911 Service \$614,591.40; Emergency & Disaster (\$20,671.09); Domestic Abuse \$1,154.79; Federal/State Grant \$32.11; SA Grants \$117,073.19; Truancy Court \$110.99; 24/7 Sobriety \$7,087.14; ROD M&P \$91,813.23; Rural Access Infrastructure \$559,577.54; TIF Debt Service \$76,292.73; Landfill + Cash Change \$7,399,775.55; Landfill-Restricted \$1,894,495.06; Trust & Agency Funds \$12,617,462.21; Grand Total General Fund Cash & Investments \$48,129,780.45. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chairman Sutton reminded everyone of the Lake Region Meeting that will be hosted by Marshall County

on Thursday, July 17th and will be held at Snappers Dry Bean in Britton, SD.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Move by Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into Executive Session for 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 Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:14 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 14, 2025

President Gengerke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Rix, Gengerke, Lerseth-Fliehs, Strom, and Weismantel. Absent: Fliehs, Harder. Others present were Samantha Weber, Supt. J. Schwan, Principal Edwards (7:16 pm), and Business Manager Hubsch.

Moved by Gengerke, seconded by Weismantel, to approve the proposed agenda. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Weismantel, seconded Lerseth-Fliehs to approve consent agenda items June 9, and July 9, 2025, board minutes, and year-ending FY 2025 bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Allied Climate Professionals – repairs, 196.43; Amazon – hard drives, 699.96; Best Western Plus Lakeview – golf lodging, 487.96; Cole Papers – Janitor supply, 2,596.12; Custodial Fund – advanced payments, 17,672.82; Dacotah Bank – gas/trimmer line/practice round, 288.29; Dependable Sanitation – garbage, 1,404.00; Groton Chiropractic – DOT Physical, 100.00; Groton Daily Independent – publication, 338.24; Aaron Helvig – meal reimbursements, 96.37; Hillyard – carpet rinse, 901.14; Jerke Irrigation – inspection/maintenance, 648.54; Jessica Maurer – background check, 43.25; MJ's Sinclair – gas/diesel, 5,194.32; Robert Moorlach – DOT Physical reimbursement, 85.00; North-western Energy – utility, 37.19; Petty Cash – Postage, 151.13; Shawn or Melissa Schultz – Robotics shirts reimb, 360.00. Total General Fund - \$31,300.76.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Custodial Fund – advanced payments, 114.23; NCS Pearson – Aimsweb EOY, 120.00. Total Capital Outlay - \$234.23

SPECIAL ED: \$0.00  
ENTERPRISE: Parent - lunch refund, 251.35; Parent – lunch refund, 441.90; Parent – lunch refund, 43.90; Brandon Clocksene – meal reimbursement, 108.60; Custodial Fund – advanced payments, 10.99; Dacotah Bank – convention hotel, 699.32; Teresa Davies – meal reimbursement, 110.58; Parent – lunch refund, 241.52; Parent – lunch refund, 101.30; Groton Area – lunch refund to yearbook, 60.00; Parent – lunch refund, 138.25; Parent – lunch refund, 71.58; Parent – lunch refund, 98.48; Parent – lunch refund, 18.00; Quality Inn – conference lodging, 1,408.00; Parent – lunch refund, 26.20; Jana Simunek – meal reimbursement, 105.22; Deb Tietz – meal reimbursement, 105.93; Parent – lunch refund, 40.25. Total Food Service - \$4,081.37

OST: Custodial Fund – advance payments, 876.36; Dacotah Bank – OST Staff movie, 36.40. Total OST - \$912.76

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. Amanda Bisbee spoke in favor of adding Girls' Softball to school athletics.

Moved by Strom, seconded by Weismantel, to approve June 2025 financials, custodial accounts, and investments. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded Lerseth-Fliehs to approve Supplemental Budget FY25-4. Motion carried.

Board Motion - Adopt Supplemental Budget #FY25-4

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET #FY25-4

Let it be resolved that the school board of the Groton Area School District, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.12, and after duly considering the proposed supplemental budget, hereby approves and adopts the following supplemental budget in total:

**Senior Citizens can get a gym membership at GDI Living Heart Fitness Center for just \$20 a month. Contact Paul 605-397-7460 or Tina at 605-397-7285.**

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6 FINANCIAL REPORTS							
	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Ed.	Food Service	OST	Driver's Ed	Custodial
June.1 2025	\$1,880,857.49	\$1,181,386.81	\$436,980.21	\$149,420.07	\$31,677.47	\$28,671.32	\$291,254.11
RECEIPTS							
Local Sources	\$515,035.40	\$252,308.72	\$120,147.04	\$151.09	\$10,979.64		\$31,325.38
County Sources	\$3,562.26						
State Sources							
State Aid	\$43,108.00						
Wind Farm							
Mentor Teacher Program							
State Apportionment							
State Reimbursements							
Bank Franchise							
Federal Sources	\$4,105.00						
Sale of Assets							
Due from Govt/Others							
Transfer In/Out							

TOTAL MONTHLY RECEIPTS	\$565,810.66	\$252,308.72	\$120,147.04	\$4,982.72	\$10,979.64	\$0.00	\$31,325.38
FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$2,446,668.15	\$1,433,695.53	\$557,127.25	\$154,402.79	\$42,657.11	\$28,671.32	\$322,579.49
MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS	(\$811,322.36)	(\$5,513.39)	(\$170,941.17)	(\$29,634.97)	(\$15,682.95)	(\$3,369.71)	(\$49,614.65)
JOURNAL ENTRIES				\$7,587.19	\$6,316.20		

June 30. 2025	\$1,635,345.79	\$1,428,182.14	\$386,186.08	\$132,355.01	\$33,290.36	\$25,301.61	\$272,964.84
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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			

APPROPRIATIONS	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL EDUCATION	FOOD SERVICE
10-1210-181-690....DI Travel	\$2,000.00		
10-1210-000-315....DI Registration	\$3,000.00		
10-1112-000-111....Salaries	\$3,500.00		
22-1222-002-111....Salaries		\$6,650.00	
22-2171-000-319....Physical Therapy		\$7,200.00	
22-2172-000-319....Occupational Therapy		\$20,000.00	
22-2744-000-114....Salaries		\$18,000.00	
22-2744-000-210....OASI		\$2,000.00	
51-2562-000-334....Food			\$21,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$8,500.00	\$53,850.00	\$21,000.00
MEANS OF FINANCE			
10-2542-000-323....Transfer from Contingency Funds	\$3,500.00		
.....Cash on Hand		\$53,850.00	\$21,000.00
.....DI Raised Funds	\$5,000.00		
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE	\$8,500.00	\$53,850.00	\$21,000.00
Presiding Officer			
Business Manager...			

Moved by Gengerke, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to approve the June 2025 School Lunch Report. Motion carried.

Moved by Lerseth-Fliehs, seconded by Weismantel, to approve the June 2025 Transportation Report. Motion carried.

The board conducted its second reading of the following 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). Motion by Weismantel, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: J. Schwan: ASBSD/SASD Joint Convention will be August 7-8th; set staff negotiations for tentative March 31, and April 1; Federal Title Funding: the Trump Administration announced to State Departments of Education that the federal government would not be issuing grants for Title I-C (Migrant Education), Title II (Professional Development), Title III (English-Learner Services), IV-A(Academic Enrichment), or Title IV-B (Before/After-School Programs). In FY 25, Groton Area School District received \$116,025 in Title I funds. Currently, in FY26, we're set to receive \$ 103,298. In FY26, it appears that the District will receive only \$13,190 in Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) funds, compared to \$45,272 in FY25 (\$11,346 in Title IV-A and \$33,926 in Title II-A). The REAP program gives the District authority to utilize Title II-A and Title IV-A funds for Title I-A purposes.

Rix requested a short recess to discuss the 2025-2026 District Budget Hearing at 7:30 pm. Hubsch presented the 2025-26. District Budget. No action was taken. Rix declared out of recess at 7:45 pm.

President Rix thanked Gengerke for her years of service on the board.

With no further old or continuing business remaining, it was moved by Gengerke, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to adjourn the final 2024-25 school board meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion carried.

Hubsch convened the first meeting of the 2025-26 school year at 7:45 p.m. and read the Oath of Office statements to install Samantha Weber for a three-year term as a school board member.

Hubsch took nominations for the 2025-26 School Board President. Moved by Weismantel, seconded Strom to nominate Grant Rix. Motion carried.

Rix opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Moved by Weber, seconded by Weismantel to nominate Strom. Motion carried.

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

A potential conflict disclosure statement from Business Manager Becky Hubsch pursuant to SDCL 23-3. In addition to contractually serving the Groton Area School District, Mrs. Hubsch also serves as the Business Manager for the North Central Special Ed Coop. Moved by Weismantel, second Lerseth-Fliehs to authorize a waiver on the disclosure statement on the grounds that the terms of the contract are fair, reasonable, and not contrary to the public interest. Motion carried.

Potential conflict disclosure statement from Superintendent Joe Schwan pursuant to SDCL 23-3. Mr. Schwan's wife serves as the Opportunity Room Counselor for the school district and receives a contract for pay. Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Strom, to authorize a waiver on the disclosure statement on the grounds that the terms of the contract are fair, reasonable, and not contrary to the public interest. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Lerseth-Fliehs to approve the following consent agenda items: July 2025 District bills; Rodney Freeman, Jr. and his associates of Huron as official school attorney; Hubsch as custodian of all district accounts; Hubsch to continue existing funds, establish new accounts and continue to invest reinvest in local institutions which serve the greatest advantage to the District; Hubsch to publish staff salaries; Dacotah Bank as official bank depository; Groton Area School District Policy Manual with such revisions as previously approved; Special Education Comprehensive Plan; office personnel to administer Custodial Funds and National School Lunch Program funds with oversight by Hubsch; J. Schwan to administer or direct federal programs with Consolidated Applications for Title Programs and related ESSA com-

pliance issues assigned to the building principals; Appoint Jodi Schwan District's McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison; J. Schwan to act as Asbestos Compliance Officer; J. Schwan or his designee to close school in emergency situations or inclement weather; J. Schwan or designee to institute NSLP and School Breakfast Agreement; Food Safety Plan, HACCP-Based Standard Operating Procedures; J. Schwan or designee to institute ASBSD school bus mutual assistance pact; Hubsch to transfer petty cash and incident payment funds in accordance with SDCL 13-18-16/17; and peripheral sports and other volunteer school workers such as chain gang, line judges, Booster Club/PAC workers, assistant coaches, volunteer coaches, volunteer drivers, school board members etc., to be included in the school's worker's compensation insurance coverage; and approve lane change for Carrie Weisenburger from MS+15 to MS+30 Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Allied Climate Professionals – repairs, 132.65; Amazon – supplies, 4,736.11; ASBSD – dues, 1,467.10; ASCA – dues, 129.00; BHSSC – dues, 1,800.00; City of Groton – utility, \$15,336.93; Cole Papers – janitor supply, 66.64; Council on College Admission – workshop, 55.00; Dakota Supply Group – lights, 810.95; Dollar General – cleaner, 39.00; EMC – insurance, 27,418.67; Eric Armin – writing journals, 68.80; Farm Tire Services – tires, 270.00; Caitlyn Fischbach – coaching course, 80.00; Follett School Solutions – library program, 2,014.32; Full Circle Ag – oil/washer fluid, 257.73; Chelsea Hanson – SDHSCA membership, 83.20; Hillyard – janitor supplies, 4,333.87; Innovations Associates – Current Events Weekly, 175.00; James Valley Telephone – telephone, 984.45; Ken's Fairway – supplies, 13.56; Aubray Miller – cheer bows, 56.72; MJ's Sinclair – gas/diesel, 6,596.81; Nasco – science supply, 452.44; Northside Implement – repairs, 9,306.30; Northwestern Energy – utility, 1,015.39; Pocket Nurse – CTE Health Supply, 278.81; QBS LLC – Specialist certification fees, 72.00; SASD – memberships, 1,975.00; Scholastic Testing – reports/testing booklets, 332.68; School Specialty – supplies, 1,297.55; SDACTE – dues/registration, 542.00; SDCA – membership, 125.00; SDI Innovations – elementary planners, 576.43; SDSTE – dues, 30.00; Stamp Fulfillment – postage/envelopes, 4,709.65; Sway Medical – Sports+ Profiles, 402.99; Teacher Direct – sup-

plies, 628.92; US Postal Service – rent, 266.00. Total General Fund - \$88,937.67

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business – managed print agreement, 829.63; Advantage RV – 2025 Aero Trailer, 10,257.00; Amazon – equipment, 4,232.03; Apple – iPads, 28,716.00; Apptegy – Thrillshare, 13,896.13; BK Custom T's – embroidery, 177.14; Combined Building Specialties – inspection, 13,871.00; Don Donley – Summer project work, 1,800.00; EasyVista – software, 685.80; Eide Bailly – LanSchool, 1,800.00; Gopher – PE Equipment, 1,194.07; Groton Golf Association – shirts, 484.02; Joel Guthmiller – golf shirts, 247.50; Hanlon Brothers – crushed gravel, 560.00; Harlow's Bus Sales – 2026 IC CE Bus, 165,292.00; Hauff Mid-America Sports – Football pants, 1,900.00; Hewlett-Packard Financial – computer leases, 42,361.87; HM Receivables – Elementary Curriculum, 89,921.25; IXL Learning – IXL, 8,550.00; Lien Transportation – parking lot sealing, 22,470.00; Musco Sports Lighting – lighting, 11,450.00; Pearson Education – Write to Learn, 185.25; Renaissance – AR, 3,323.55; Riddell All American Sports – helmet reconditioning, 2,388.00; Ringneck Construction – Crow's nest deposit, 16,715.19; School Specialty – equipment, 353.51; SHI International – Windows, 3,679.02; Software Unlimited – software, 6,750.00; Splash-top – annual support license, 1,590.00; Sports Imports – VB Equipment, 6,910.30; Teacher Direct – equipment, 271.68; Time Management – software, 8,639.88; Typing Agent – software, 635.00; Uline – soccer canopies, 954.70. Total Capital Outlay - \$473,091.52

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Amazon – supplies, 15.35; Parent – mileage, 264.60. Total Special Education - \$279.95

ENTERPRISE – Food Service: Ace Refrigeration – repairs, 368.22; Infinite Campus – food service software, 1,387.20. Total Food Service - \$1,755.42

ENTERPRISE – OST: Amazon – supplies, 224.44; Ken's – supplies, 71.05. Total OST: \$295.49

The board reviewed and acknowledged South Dakota Open Meeting Law pursuant to SDCL 1-25-13.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Weber, to adopt the FY2026 District Budget and authorize the business manager to file tax requests with county auditors. Motion carried.

The board conducted its first reading of recommended policy changes: BBB School Board Elections (amendment), GCDB/GDDB Background Checks (amendment), GCDBC Background Checks – Volunteers and Employees of Contractors (new). No action was taken.

Moton by Weismantel, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to approve sponsorship of the sport of Girls Softball for the 2026 season. Motion carried.

Motion by Lerseth-Fliehs, seconded by Weber, to approve out-of-district transportation requests from Langford Area School District and Webster Area School District. Motion carried.

Quotes for fuel oil, diesel, and gas were opened as follows: MJ's Sinclair/Fuel Stop: #2 Diesel – 2.860191, #1 Diesel – 3.210191, Ethanol – 2.536172, Lead-Free –

2.970191, and E-85 – 1.675928; Moved by Lerseth-Fliehs, seconded by Weber, to award fuel contract to MJ's Sinclair/Fuel Stop. Motion carried.

Quotes for the official newspaper were opened as follows: The Groton Independent – legal line rate \$0.3195 per line, classified advertising \$0.10 per word, with a minimum charge of \$9.00 for 30 words. Local open display advertising: \$5.00 per column inch. Current Groton Area School District patrons: 240. Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs to award the newspaper contract to The Groton Independent. Motion carried.

Board members appointed Rix as a voting member of the North Central Special Education Governing Board for the 2025-26 school year.

Board members set times and dates for regular school board meetings on the second Monday of each month to be held in the GHS Conference Room at 7:00 pm exceptions are for October 14 (Tuesday) 7 am, November (Tuesday) 11, 7 am, December 7 pm in Bristol, March 9 7 pm in Columbia, and May 12 (Tuesday) 7 am. The board will meet for negotiations on March 31 and April 1, 2026, with time to be determined. All dates will be considered for rescheduling to other dates, times, and places when deemed necessary or appropriate.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs to set board member salaries at \$50 per meeting and board president salary at \$75 per meeting, with mileage if applicable. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to set the rate for substitute teacher pay at \$135/day. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Strom, to set substitute bus drivers' rate at \$100/day. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs to approve admission & lunch prices: Admission – Adults \$5, \$6 for doubleheader, \$45 for 10-punch ticket, \$75 for all-season pass, Grades 1 through 12, \$4; Activity Tickets – Grades 6 through 12, \$30, Grades 1 through 5, \$25; Breakfast – Adults, \$3.50, Grades 6 through 12, \$3.10, Grades JrK through 5, \$2.60; Lunch – Adults, \$4.75, Grades 6 through 12, \$3.85, Grades Jr. K through 5, \$3.35, 2nds on meal – Grades K through 12, \$2.00, and extra milk – \$0.50. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Strom, to set OST rates at no change (\$3.00/hour). Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Strom, to adjourn at 8:37 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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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.

Last week, we did a breakdown on the defensive line, so this week we'll be focusing on the linebackers. The Vikings' 3-4 defense uses four linebackers in the base formation, two inside linebackers who are responsible for defending both the run and the pass, and two outside linebackers who are mainly responsible for getting to the QB and stopping the run.

Inside Linebackers

The Vikings will have the same two starting inside linebackers as they had last season, Ivan Pace Jr. and Blake Cashman. Pace Jr., the undersized and undrafted underdog, is entering his third season in the NFL. Cashman, the 29-year-old Eden Prairie native, is entering his seventh season in the NFL and second with the Vikings.

Behind the starting duo will be three players vying for two roster spots: Eric Wilson, Kobe King, and Brian Asamoah II. The soon-to-be 31-year-old Wilson started his career in Minnesota before bouncing around the league and eventually finding himself back to where it all started. King was a sixth-round pick just a few months ago and will need to improve his pass coverage if he wants to avoid the practice squad. Asamoah II was a third-round pick by the Vikings in 2022, but the speedster has yet to start a game in his NFL career.

Austin Keys, Dorian Mausí, and Max Tooley are all likely competing for a spot on the practice squad. Both Keys and Mausí are undrafted rookies from Auburn, while Tooley is a second-year player from BYU.

Outside Linebackers

Perhaps the strongest position group on the team, the Vikings have three outstanding outside linebackers in Jonathan Greenard, Andrew Van Ginkel, and Dallas Turner. Greenard, entering his sixth season in the NFL and second with the Vikings, earned his first Pro Bowl last year. Van Ginkel also earned his first Pro Bowl invite in his first season with the Vikings after spending the first five seasons of his career in Miami. Sitting behind the two Pro Bowlers is Dallas Turner, a first-round pick in 2024. Even though there are technically only two starting outside linebackers on the depth chart, I expect all three of these players to get significant playing time in 2025.

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2025 Pro-Am Tournament

Gross Scores	Net Scores
75- Tanner Waage	69- Brian Carrels
81- Tyler Sperry	74- Brandon Stanley
82- Kalen Kjellsen	74- Blake Ronning
82- Brad Larson	75- Brad Waage
82- Drake Patterson	75- Drake Patterson
83- Brandon Stanley	76- Jake Unzen
83- Brad Waage	77- Randy Stanley
83- Connor Hanson	77- Lance Frohling
83- Carter Jondahl	77- Brad Larson
84- Randy Stanley	77- Mitch Perman
86- Jake Unzen	77- Tyler Sperry
87- Mitch Perman	77- Tony Waage
87- Tony Waage	79- Connor Hanson
88- Treyton Diegel	79- Carter Jondahl
89- Scott Vedvei	80- Josh Heupel
90- Jason Hill	81- Jason Hill
90- Bailey Schahn	81- Bailey Schahn
90- Tyler Oliver	81- Tyler Oliver
91- Tom Mahan	81- Collin Jark
92- Eric Moody	82- Joe Groeblichhoff
92- Lance Frohling	83- Eric Moody
92- Jeff Christenson	84- Tom Mahan
93- Joe Groeblichhoff	84- Scott Vedvei
95- Austin Schuelke	85- Treyton Diegel
95- Josh Heupel	85- Jeff Christenson
98- Collin Jark	89- Austin Schuelke
99- Steve Dunker	89- Evan Bertsch
104- Evan Bertsch	90- Steve Dunker

Best Ball Points Net  
67- Jake Unzen, Mitch Perman, Josh Heupel.  
64 Tony Waage, Tanner Waage, Brad Waage.  
63- Kalen Kjelsen, Brandon Stanley, Scott Vedvei.  
62- Brad Larson, Tyler Sperry, Blake Ronning.



Tanner Waage  
1st Place- 75



1st Place Team 67. Jake Unzen, Mitch Perman and Josh Heupel. 67



2nd place Team 64. Scott Vedvei, Kalen Kjellsen and Brandon Stanley.



3rd place Team 63. Tony Waage, Brad Waage and Tanner Waage

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Brown, Landon .....	47,970.00
Brudvig, Ashley .....	57,164.12
Bahr, Damian (bus driving).....	8,963.76
Bahr, Damian ^ .....	54,730.00
Bahr, Elizabeth .....	15.64/hour
Bartell, Karin .....	18.36/hour
Bisbee, Amanda* .....	16.93/hour
Carson, Jordan .....	55,088.48
Clocksene, Brandon (Maintenance) .	16.64/hour
Clocksene, Brandon ^ .....	36,968.43
Cole, Carrie .....	52,498.20
Cooper, Kristen .....	15.64/hour
Davies, Teresa.....	15.64/hour
DeHoet, Lindsey .....	55,808.42
Dinger, Emily .....	61,799.02
Dolan, Kristen ^ .....	16.02/hour
Donley, Don .....	75,881.02
Donley, Don (bus driving).....	20,944.17
Donley, Joann (Maintenance).....	15.64/hour
Donley, Joann^ (bus driving).....	17,927.52
Duree,Chantel .....	53,658.60
Edwards, Shelby ^ .....	80,000.00
Erdmann, Julie .....	64,745.94
Fischbach, Caitlyn.....	47,970.00
Fjeldheim, Susan .....	55,547.11
Fliehs, Claire .....	16.02/hour
Friez, Joshua .....	48,585.00
Fuhrman, Reilly .....	48,917.67
Gerlach, Kyle .....	52,350.04
Gibbs, Ann .....	60,564.35
Gonsoir, Kristen .....	68,612.49
Grieve, Lynette .....	65,141.57
Groebinghoff, Joni .....	16.93/hour
Gustafson, Beth ^ .....	39,930.74
Guthmiller, Joel.....	59,495.51
Guthmiller, Joel (bus driving) .....	18,448.04
Haaland, Jesse .....	15.64/hour
Hanten, Sarah .....	58,361.20
Harry, Janene.....	67,214.06
Hawkins, Lance .....	66,957.02
Helvig, Aaron ^ .....	69,752.16
Hinkelman, Anje .....	15.64/hour
Hinkelman, Delbert (bus driving) .....	17,927.52
Hinkelman, Delbert (maintenance)..	15.64/hour
Hjermstad, Adam^ .....	17.60/hour
Hjermstad, Randy (bus driving) .....	19,811.87
Homsombath, Alexandria .....	15.88/hour
Hoops, Barb .....	15.88/hour
Hubbart,Brittany .....	61,708.08
Hubsch, Rebecca^ .....	95,000.00
Johnson, Mary.....	53,505.00
Kjellsen, Greg .....	64,396.54
Krueger, Heidi ^ .....	21.82/hour
Krueger, Lois (bus shop) .....	17.00/hour
Krueger, Lois (maintenance) .....	17.61/hour
Kunze, Jennifer ^ .....	15.64/hour
Kurth, Travis .....	59,581.60
Kurtz, Diane .....	69,609.43
Kurtz, Sydney.....	54,817.44
Lewandowski, Rebecca .....	17.90/hour
Lipp, Kami .....	18.36/hour
Lipp, Kami (keyboarding) .....	20.92/hour
Lone, Janel .....	62,783.38
Madsen, Brenda ^ .....	18.30/hour
Marlow, Boston^ .....	15.64/hour
Maurer, Jessica .....	54,135.00
Mitchell, Jamie .....	16.93/hour
Moorlach, Robert.....	8,963.76
Neely, Emily ^ .....	56,877.02
Oswald, Kelly .....	15.64/hour
Peterson, Kristi ^ .....	46,000.57
Peterson, Todd .....	55,126.51
Pigors, Tom ^ .....	22.97/hour
Rowen, Heather .....	59,183.66
Scepaniak, Ryan ^ .....	51,000.00
Schwan, Brett ^ * .....	88,750.00
Schwan, Jodi ^ .....	52,112.78
Schwan, Joseph ^ .....	131,924.00
Serr, Megan.....	49,249.20
Simunek, Jana.....	15.64/hour
Smith, Melissa .....	59,334.64
Sperry, Alexa .....	54,575.12
Swenson,Eric.....	56,777.16
Thorson, Scott.....	61,369.04
Tietz, Deb .....	16.64/hour
Tietz, Deb (Bus Driving).....	21,321.04
Tietz, Lindsey .....	57,873.05
Torrence, Brooke .....	47,970.00
Tvinnereim,Alison .....	15.64/hour
VanderWal, Lindsey^ .....	53,300.00
Wanner, Shaun .....	62,950.32
Wattier, Sue ^ .....	24.57/hour
Weisenberger, Carrie.....	59,292.96
Wellnitz, Stacey .....	17.34/hour
Wimmer, Bertha ^ .....	17.61/hour
Zoellner, Anne .....	61,435.75

2025-26 On-Staff Extra Curricular

Brown, Landon* K-12 Vocal Music ..	1,872.00
Brown, Landon* Show Choir .....	4,680.00
Carson, Jordan * JH FB.....	2,340.00
Carson, Jordan* Asst. BBB .....	3,744.00
Fischbach, Caitlyn* Asst VB.....	3,276.00
Friez, Joshua* JH inst. Music.....	3,744.00
Friez, Joshua* 9-12 inst.music.....	4,680.00
Fuhrman, Reilly* JH VB.....	2,340.00
Fuhrman, Reilly* JH GBB .....	2,340.00
Grieve, Lynette* Asst. Track .....	3,276.00
Grieve, Lynette* JH GBB .....	2,340.00
Groebinghoff, Joni*-Co-DI .....	1,170.00
Guthmiller, Joel* Boys Golf .....	2,340.00
Guthmiller, Joel* Girls Golf .....	2,340.00
Madsen, Brenda*Co Senior Advisor...	936.00
Hawkins, Lance* JH Football .....	2,340.00
Helvig, Aaron* Asst. Track.....	3,276.00
Hubbart,Brittany* HOSA .....	2,340.00
Hubsch, Rebecca* Cross Country....	3,744.00
Kjellsen, Greg * V BBB .....	5,616.00
Kurth, Travis * Asst FB .....	3,276.00
Kurth, Travis * JH BBB .....	2,340.00
Kurth, Travis* JH Boys Track .....	2,340.00
Kurtz, Diane * Co senior advisor .....	936.00
Peterson, Kristi*-Yearbook.....	3,744.00
Gustafson, Beth* CPR.....	500.00
Sperry, Alexa* Athletic Director ....	10,530.00
Tietz, Lindsey * FCCLA.....	2,340.00
Torrence, Brooke* JH Track.....	2,340.00
VanderWal, Lindsey* FFA.....	4,680.00
Wanner, Shaun* V FB .....	5,148.00
Wanner, Shaun* V Track .....	5,148.00
2025-26 Off Staff Salaries	
Activity Trip Bus Drivers .....	17.00/hour
Full-Day Bus Route(Big Bus).....	100.00/day
IEP/Jrk/Columbia Route.....	15.56/hour
Auxiliary Adult Subs .....	15.56/hour
Auxiliary Student Subs .....	12.00/hour
Certified Teacher Subs .....	135.00/day
Certified Teacher Long Term Sub	263.25/day
Baumgartner, Matt*-V girls soccer ..	3,276.00
Bjerke, Madisen*- Co cheer .....	1,579.50
Ehresmann, Chris * - JH wrestling ..	2,340.00
Erickson, Seth * - Assist. FB.....	3,276.00
Hanson, Chelsea * - V volleyball .....	5,148.00
Locke, Matt * V GBB .....	5,616.00
Milbrandt, Julie* Co DI .....	1,170.00
Miller, Aubray* Co cheer .....	1,579.50
Olson, Ryan* V boys soccer .....	3,276.00
Schuster, Sarah* JH volleyball .....	2,400.00
Traphagen, Trent * Assist. GBB.....	3,744.00
JH BBB OPEN .....	2,340.00
Zoellner, Darin * V Wrestling .....	5,616.00
Zoellner, Troy* Assist. Wrestling.....	3,744.00

Bus Drivers - 169 days.....  
Other Auxiliary Staff-171 days, unless noted..  
^ Indicates additional contract days .....

\* Indicates additional extra-curricular .....

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Spiritual Pain and Grief

After nearly twenty years of parish ministry, I entered the world of health care, which, I learned, abounds in acronyms. My first clue was in chaplaincy training, known as “CPE” (Clinical Pastoral Education), the required education for most hospital and hospice chaplains. CNA, SoB (Shortness of Breath), PRN, HoH (Hard of Hearing), and a myriad of other acronyms are now part of my own vernacular. QoL (Quality of Life) is the ‘big’ one in hospice, sometimes called “comfort care.” When quantity of life becomes diminished, it’s all about quality.

Dame Cicely Saunders, the founder of hospice as we know it, understood human suffering as a combination of physical, psychological, social and spiritual pain. She famously said the following: YOU MATTER BECAUSE YOU ARE YOU, AND YOU MATTER TO THE END OF YOUR LIFE.

I suggest that all people are spiritual, where spirituality is defined as the source(s) of meaning and purpose that guide and encourage us. Spiritual pain, then, is part and parcel of being human. I describe it simply as anything that breaks your heart. A pet dies; a friend moves away; a family member becomes estranged; a dream is not realized; divorce, death, broken trust, and so on.

In hospice, when death is impending, spiritual pain can lead us to ponder existential questions, such as the following:

- How has my life been meaningful?
- Is there a God or Higher Power?
- What will be my legacy?
- Have I lived my life to the fullest?
- What do I do about my regrets?
- Will I see my loved ones again?

Chaplains abide with us when we boldly ask these (and other) questions. At our best, we provide both active and reflective listening, safe space, and a supportive presence. In the crying, wrestling, confusion and fear, we remain.

In addition to supporting areas of spiritual pain, chaplains are curious about sources of meaning in our lives (our spiritual resources). In whom or what do you place our ultimate trust? What people, experiences, music, places and/or Higher Power enliven your spirit and ground you? Life review in this realm can lead to laughter, connection and peace.

SPIRITUAL CARE IS NOT AN OPTIONAL EXTRA FOR THE DYING.  
-Dame Cicely Saunders

When we are grieving, spiritual pain can be exhausting. We can move through anger, sadness, numbness and peace in the course of thirty minutes. How do we ‘do’ life with the emptiness we feel? We are not made to endure this suffering alone.

Grief groups, clergy, therapists, good friends, music, books, podcasts and nature walks, are among the resources available to us. It is important, in all life chapters, to nurture our spiritual resources. When crises come, our spiritual grounding can buoy us.

As you tend to your body, mind and spirit through in this complex and beautiful life, may your QoL be well.

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# Nick Morris Throws Shutout As Groton Legion Post 39 Defeat Sisseton Post 50 18U

By GameChanger Media

Nick Morris shut down Sisseton Post 50 18U, throwing a complete game shutout and leading Groton Legion Post 39 to an 8-0 victory on Tuesday. This was first game of the region tournament being played in Sisseton.

Groton Legion Post 39 opened the scoring in the third after Korbin Kucker singled, scoring one run.

LJ Crooks started on the mound for Sisseton Post 50 18U. The righty gave up six hits and four runs (three earned) over five innings, striking out two and walking three.

Groton Legion Post 39 amassed 10 hits in the game. Alex Abeln led Groton Legion Post 39 with two runs batted in from the number seven spot in the lineup. The right-handed hitter went 2-for-3 on the day. Brevin Fliehs, Abeln, and Kucker each collected two hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Teylor Diegel paced Groton Legion Post 39 with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, piling up six walks for the game. Diegel and Fliehs each stole multiple bases for Groton Legion Post 39. Groton Legion Post 39 stole six bases in the game.

Carter Stickland went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Sisseton Post 50 18U in hits.

# Groton Locke Electric Go Down On Final Play Against Redfield Dairy Queen

By GameChanger Media

A walk-off left Groton Locke Electric on the wrong end of a 5-4 defeat to Redfield Dairy Queen on Sunday at Groton. The game was tied at four in the bottom of the ninth when Bennett Osborn singled, scoring one run.

A walk by Ty Sieber put Groton Locke Electric on the board in the top of the second.

Groton Locke Electric added to their early lead in the top of the third inning after Ben Althoff singled to the right side of the infield, and Jonah Schmidt scored after tagging up, each scoring one run.

Redfield Dairy Queen tied the game in the bottom of the fourth thanks to a single by Cooper Hainy, and a ground out by Keith Gall.

Groton Locke Electric took the lead in the top of the seventh. Peyton Osborn induced Althoff to hit into a fielder’s choice, but one run scored, to give Groton Locke Electric the advantage, 4-3.

Hainy grounded out, which helped Redfield Dairy Queen tie the game at four in the bottom of the seventh.

Ryan Groeblichhoff stepped on the hill first for Groton Locke Electric. The hurler gave up three hits and three runs over five innings, striking out three and walking two. Noah Hainy started the game for Redfield Dairy Queen. The hurler gave up five hits and three runs over five and two-thirds innings, striking out four and walking five.

Althoff went 1-for-3 at the plate and led the team with two runs batted in. Wyatt Locke and Alex Morris each collected two hits for Groton

Locke Electric. Groton Locke Electric had a strong eye at the plate, collecting six walks for the game. Sieber and Althoff led the team with two free passes each.

Hainy drove the middle of the lineup, leading Redfield Dairy Queen with two runs batted in. The shortstop went 1-for-4 on the day. Nolan Gall set the tone at the top of the lineup, leading Redfield Dairy Queen with two hits in five at bats. Owen Osborn stole two bases. Redfield Dairy Queen stole four bases in the game.

# Groton Locke Electric Lose To Redfield Dairy Queen

By GameChanger Media

Groton Locke Electric fell to Redfield Dairy Queen 7-4 on Sunday at Redfield.

Redfield Dairy Queen jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Cooper Hainy doubled, scoring two runs, and an error scored one run.

Redfield Dairy Queen added one run in the third. Keith Gall singled down the right field line, making the score 4-0.

Nolan Gall earned the win for Redfield Dairy Queen. The starting pitcher surrendered three hits and four runs over five innings, striking out two and walking five. Jonah Schmidt pitched four innings in relief for Groton Locke Electric. The hurler surrendered eight hits and three runs (two earned) while, striking out four and walking three. Alex Morris took the loss for Groton Locke Electric. The righty went three innings, allowing four runs (three earned) on six hits, striking out one and walking none.

Ryan Groeblichhoff went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Locke Electric in hits. Ben Althoff, Cade Larson, Morris, and Schmidt each drove in one run for Groton Locke Electric. Groton Locke Electric had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating six walks for the game. Ty Sieber and Larson led the team with two walks each. Groton Locke Electric turned one double play in the game.

Redfield Dairy Queen piled up 14 hits in the game. Hainy provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Redfield Dairy Queen with two runs batted in. The shortstop went 2-for-4 on the day. Redfield Dairy Queen’s Noah Hainy, the number eight hitter, led Redfield Dairy Queen with three hits in four at bats. Bennett Osborn and Owen Osborn each collected multiple hits for Redfield Dairy Queen. Osborn stole two bases. Redfield Dairy Queen turned two double plays in the game. Redfield Dairy Queen didn’t commit a single error in the field. Nathan Hainy had the most chances in the field with eight.

Next up for Groton Locke Electric is a game at Hitmen Amateurs on Thursday.

# Big Sixth Inning Leads Circus Sports Bar Past Locke Electric

By GameChanger Media


Circus Sports Bar defeated Groton Locke Electric 15-1 on Saturday at Groton thanks in part to eight runs in the sixth inning.

A tag up by Jaiden Smith put Circus Sports Bar on the board in the top of the first.

Circus Sports Bar added to their early lead in the top of the second inning after Smith tripled to center field, and Michael Babcock singled to center field, each scoring one run.

Circus Sports Bar scored eight runs on four hits in the top of the sixth inning. Colton Cox scored after tagging up, Joshue Steinwandt singled, scoring two runs, Kelly Coates drew a walk, scoring one run, Rhett Florey singled, scoring one run, Cox singled, scoring two runs, and Florey scored after tagging up.

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win for Circus Sports Bar. The pitcher surrendered four hits and one run over six innings, striking out 10 and walking two. Wyatt Locke took the loss for Groton Locke Electric. The hurler went four and one-third innings, giving up seven runs on 12 hits, striking out one and walking eight.

Ty Sieber, Brian Hansen, Nick Morris Legion, and Karsten Fliehs Legion each collected one hit for Groton Locke Electric. Morris Legion went 1-for-3 at the plate and led the team with one run batted in. Groton Locke Electric were sure-handed in the field and didn’t commit a single error. Sieber had the most chances in the field with seven.

Circus Sports Bar amassed 16 hits in the game. Steinwandt drove the middle of the lineup, leading Circus Sports Bar with three runs batted in. The left-handed hitter went 1-for-3 on the day. Circus Sports Bar’s Cox, the number nine hitter, led Circus Sports Bar with four hits in four at bats. Kris Kwak, Casey Vining, Babcock, and Florey each collected multiple hits for Circus Sports Bar. Circus Sports Bar had patience at the plate, accumulating 14 walks for the game. Smith and Kwak led the team with three bases on balls each. Circus Sports Bar were sure-handed and didn’t commit a single error. Coates made the most plays with 10.

Groton Locke Electric play at home on Sunday against Redfield in their next game.

## Groton Legion Post 39 Defeat Rattlers 2025 Legion On Multiple Hit Performance By Alex Abeln

By GameChanger Media

Alex Abeln collected three hits in three at bats, as Groton Legion Post 39 defeated Rattlers 2025 Legion 18-4 on Saturday. Abeln singled in the third inning, singled in the second inning, and singled in the third inning.

Groton Legion Post 39 won thanks in part to 14 runs in the third inning. Abeln singled, scoring one run, Lincoln Krause singled, scoring one run, Teylor Diegel singled, scoring one run, Korbin Kucker doubled, scoring two runs, Brevin Fliehs singled, scoring two runs, Carter Simon singled, scoring one run, Braxton Imrie doubled, scoring two runs, Abeln singled, scoring two runs, Kucker drew a walk, scoring one run, and an error scored one run.

Rattlers 2025 Legion got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Cole Nitschke singled to center field, and Colin Goettle walked, each scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 took the lead, 4-2, in the top of the second thanks to singles by Nick Groeblinghoff, Abeln, and Diegel.

Rattlers 2025 Legion tied the game up in the bottom of the second thanks to two singles. Rattlers 2025 Legion tied the game at four on a single by Berkley Frantz.

Gavin Englund led things off on the bump for Groton Legion Post 39. The hurler gave up four hits and four runs over three innings, striking out four and walking four. Parker Salwei opened the game for Rattlers 2025 Legion. The pitcher allowed 15 hits and 18 runs (11 earned) over two and two-thirds innings, striking out two and walking four.

Groton Legion Post 39 collected 15 hits in the game. Krause and Abeln were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected three hits for Groton Legion Post 39 while hitting back-to-back. Diegel, Abeln, and Kucker each drove in three runs for Groton Legion Post 39. Englund collected two hits for Groton Legion Post 39 in two at bats.

Frantz went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Rattlers 2025 Legion in hits. Justin Bosch, Frantz, and Nitschke each drove in one run for Rattlers 2025 Legion.

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

## Tristin McGannon’s Clutch Hitting Propels Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion To Victory Over Clear Lake

By GameChanger Media

Tristin McGannon drove in four runs on three hits to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion past Clear Lake 18-1 on Saturday. McGannon tripled in the third scoring two, singled in the first scoring one, and singled in the second scoring one.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion got on the board in the top of the first inning after T.C Schuster lined out, scoring two runs, McGannon singled, scoring one run, an error scored one run, Isaiah Scepaniak tripled, scoring one run, and John Bisbee drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion scored six runs on four hits in the top of the second inning. Schuster doubled, scoring one run, McGannon singled, scoring one run, Kason Oswald singled, scoring two runs, Lincoln Krause drew a walk, scoring one run, and Alex Abeln was struck by a pitch, driving in a run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion added to their early lead in the top of the third inning when McGannon tripled, scoring two runs, Bisbee was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, and Abeln drew a walk, scoring one run.

Schuster earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The hurler

the team had patience at the plate, piling up nine walks for the game. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion turned one double play in the game.

Will Lucke led Clark with two hits in three at bats from the leadoff position. Cavaas, Stean, and Weston Olsen each drove in one run for Clark. Clark turned one double play in the game.

## Milbank Squeaks By Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion In Pitchers Duel

By GameChanger Media

Both teams were strong on the mound on Thursday, but Milbank was just a little bit stronger at the plate in their 2-1 victory over Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Nick Groeblinghoff started the game for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion and recorded 21 outs.

Milbank got on the board in the second inning after Tyler Heije doubled, scoring one run.

A single by Bennet Hunt extended the Milbank lead to 2-0 in the top of the third inning.

Aiden Kelly earned the win for Milbank. The hurler gave up six hits and one run over seven innings, striking out four and walking four. Groeblinghoff took the loss for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The righty went seven innings, surrendering two runs on nine hits, striking out seven and walking one.

Kason Oswald and Alex Abeln each collected two hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Isaiah Scepaniak went 1-for-2 at the plate and led the team with one run batted in.

Jeter Sconlar, Mason Allen, and Heije each collected two hits for Milbank. Hunt and Heije each drove in one run for Milbank. Milbank were sure-handed and didn’t commit a single error. Zack Karges made the most plays with nine.

## Groton Jr. Legion Surge Past Milbank Thanks To Big First Inning

By GameChanger Media


Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion defeated Milbank 11-0 on Thursday thanks in part to seven runs in the first inning. Alex Abeln singled, scoring one run, T.C Schuster singled, scoring one run, John Bisbee drew a walk, scoring one run, Isaiah Scepaniak drew a walk, scoring one run, Lincoln Krause drew a walk, scoring one run, and Abeln singled, scoring two runs.

Abeln earned the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The righty allowed one hit and zero runs over four innings, striking out four and walking one. Jeter Sconlar took the loss for Milbank. The reliever went one and one-third innings, giving up zero runs on one hit, striking out one and walking two. Mack Koplin opened the game for Milbank. The pitcher gave up five hits and seven runs over two-thirds of an inning, striking out two and walking three.

Schuster and Abeln each collected two hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Bisbee and Abeln each drove in three runs for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Tristin McGannon led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, amassing eight walks for the game. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion were sure-handed in the field and didn’t commit a single error. Krause had the most chances in the field with five.

Bennet Hunt led Milbank with one hit in two at bats. Milbank didn’t


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gave up one hit and zero runs over two and one-third innings, striking out three and walking none. Gabe took the loss for Clear Lake. The starter went one and one-third innings, giving up 10 runs (six earned) on eight hits, striking out none and walking two. Xavior Ellenecker appeared in relief for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion tallied 12 hits in the game. Oswald and Ryder Schelle each collected multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Ellenecker led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, amassing 10 walks for the game.

Gabe led Clear Lake with one hit in two at bats.

## Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Lose To Beresford Area 14U

**By GameChanger Media**

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U could not keep up with Beresford Area 14U 4-1 on Saturday.

Beresford Area 14U got on the board in the top of the first inning after Karzen Sommervold walked, and Max Kinney lined out, each scoring one run.

A ground out by Stetson Lounsbery extended the Beresford Area 14U lead to 3-0 in the top of the second inning.

John Savey earned the win for Beresford Area 14U. The starter gave up three hits and one run over six innings, striking out 11 and walking none.

Trayce Schelle went 1-for-3 at the plate and led the team with one run batted in. Asher Zimmerman, Schelle, and Kyson Kucker each collected one hit for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U.

Kinney drove the middle of the lineup, leading Beresford Area 14U with two runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 1-for-3 on the day. Bentley Schurch, Kinney, Evan Rosheim, Lounsbery, Savey, and Garrison Zweifel each collected one hit for Beresford Area 14U. Savey stole two bases.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U will travel to Clear Lake 14U for their next game on Saturday.

## Jordan Schwan Goes Cycling As Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Defeat Clear Lake 14U

**By GameChanger Media**

Jordan Schwan hit for the cycle to carry Groton Jr. Teeners 14U to an 18-3 victory over Clear Lake 14U on Saturday. Schwan hit an inside the park home run in the first inning, doubled in the fourth inning, tripled in the third inning, and singled in the third inning.

An inside the park home run by Schwan put Groton Jr. Teeners 14U on the board in the top of the first.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U scored nine runs on eight hits in the top of the third inning. Lincoln Shilhanek singled, scoring one run, Sam Crank doubled, scoring two runs, Keegan Kucker singled, scoring three runs, Trayce Schelle doubled, scoring two runs, and Schwan singled, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U scored six runs on five hits in the top of the fourth inning. Noah Scepaniak drew a walk, scoring one run, Asher Zimmerman singled, scoring one run, Schelle singled, scoring one run, Schwan doubled, scoring two runs, and Shilhanek doubled, scoring one run.

Kolton Antonsen earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The pitcher surrendered one hit and zero runs over two innings, striking out one and walking two. Asher Bauman took the loss for Clear Lake 14U. The pitcher went two and one-third innings, surrendering 12 runs (11 earned) on 10 hits, striking out two and walking three. Kyson Kucker appeared in relief for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U tallied 16 hits in the game. Zimmerman, Schelle, and Shilhanek each collected multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U turned one double play in the game. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Shilhanek made the most plays with four.

Jace Warren and Kyler Marson each collected one hit for Clear Lake 14U. Warren went 1-for-2 at the plate and led the team with one run batted in. Kolton Fieber paced Clear Lake 14U with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, accumulating nine walks for the game.

## Groton Jr. Legion Defeated By Clark

**By GameChanger Media**

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion could not keep up with Clark 6-2 on Wednesday.

Clark got on the board in the top of the first inning after Jakob Stean singled to center field, and Clark scored on a wild pitch, each scoring one run.

Clark added one run in the third after Stean grounded out.

Charlie Cavaas earned the win for Clark. The hurler surrendered five hits and two runs over six and two-thirds innings, striking out seven and walking nine. Ethan Kroll took the loss for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The righty went four innings, giving up three runs (two earned) on six hits, striking out one and walking two.

Kason Oswald led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with one run batted in. Alex Abeln led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with two hits in four at bats. Oswald paced Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with three walks. Overall,

commit a single error in the field. Zack Karges had the most chances in the field with four.

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

## Jr. Teeners Fall To Redfield After Surrendering Big Third Inning

**By GameChanger Media**

Redfield Flickertails scored seven runs in the third inning, which helped them defeat Groton Jr. Teeners 12-6 on Thursday.

A single by Hudson Binger following a 7-pitch at-bat put Redfield Flickertails on the board in the bottom of the first.

Groton Jr. Teeners scored on a wild pitch, which helped Groton Jr. Teeners tie the game at one in the top of the second.

Redfield Flickertails took the lead in the bottom of the second. Brantley Schwartz grounded out, scoring one run, to give Redfield Flickertails the edge, 2-1.

Redfield Flickertails scored seven runs on six hits in the bottom of the third inning. Jace Edgar scored after tagging up, Tayber Hansen singled, scoring one run, Davey Bixler singled, scoring one run, an error scored one run, Schwartz singled, scoring one run, and Braxon Maher singled, scoring two runs.

Schwartz earned the win for Redfield Flickertails. The pitcher surrendered zero hits and three runs over four innings, striking out two and walking seven. Trayce Schelle took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners. The starter went four innings, giving up 12 runs (six earned) on 11 hits, striking out one and walking two.

Asher Zimmerman, Jordan Schwan, and Kyson Kucker each collected one hit for Groton Jr. Teeners. Zimmerman, Kucker, and Lincoln Shilhanek each drove in one run for Groton Jr. Teeners. Schwan led Groton Jr. Teeners with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, piling up eight walks for the game. Schwan stole two bases.

Redfield Flickertails collected 11 hits in the game. Schwartz, the number seven hitter for Redfield Flickertails, led the way with three runs batted in. The pitcher went 1-for-3 on the day. Bixler, Binger, and Tate Neuharth each collected two hits for Redfield Flickertails. Neuharth stole two bases.

## Schwan’s Big Day Propels Jr. Teeners Past Redfield Flickertails

**By GameChanger Media**

Jordan Schwan collected three hits in three at bats, as Groton Jr. Teeners defeated Redfield Flickertails 15-2 on Thursday. Schwan singled in the first inning, singled in the second inning, and singled in the third inning.

Groton Jr. Teeners jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Schwan singled, scoring one run, an error scored two runs, Wesley Borg grounded out, scoring one run, and an error scored one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners added to their early lead in the top of the second inning after Trayce Schelle singled to center field, Schwan singled down the left field line, Lincoln Shilhanek walked, Kolton Antonsen singled to center field, Tucker Leicht walked, and Gavin Hanten walked, each scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners added to their early lead in the top of the third inning after Sam Crank was struck by a pitch, Antonsen grounded out, Borg grounded out, and Redfield Flickertails committed an error, each scoring one run.

Noah Scepaniak earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners. The starter allowed two hits and two runs (zero earned) over four innings, striking out six and walking one. Jack Lewis took the loss for Redfield Flickertails. The pitcher went one and one-third innings, allowing 10 runs (seven earned) on seven hits, striking out two and walking four.

Groton Jr. Teeners piled up 10 hits in the game. Asher Zimmerman and Schwan each collected three hits for Groton Jr. Teeners. Antonsen, Schwan, Borg, and Shilhanek each drove in two runs for Groton Jr. Teeners. Schelle paced Groton Jr. Teeners with three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, accumulating 10 walks for the game.

Gentry Puffer and Breckan Waldner were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected one hit for Redfield Flickertails. Carson Peterson stole two bases.

Groton Jr. Teeners will travel to Beresford Area 14U for their next game on Saturday.

## Groton Legion Walk-Off In Nail-Biter Win Over Clark/Willow Lake

**By GameChanger Media**

Groton Legion Post 39 took Wednesday's game in dramatic fashion, with a 5-4 walk-off victory over C/WL Legion at Groton. The game was tied at four in the bottom of the seventh when Jakob Steen induced Braxton Imrie to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored.

Groton Legion Post 39 got on the board in the first inning after Carter Simon singled, scoring one run.

C/WL Legion captured the lead, 3-1, in the top of the second when an error scored one run, and Waylan Olson singled, scoring two runs.

Karsten Fliehs singled to center field, which helped Groton Legion Post 39 tie the game at three in the bottom of the fourth.

A single by Will Hovde gave C/WL Legion the lead, 4-3, in the top of the fifth.



Groton Legion Post 39 took the lead in the bottom of the seventh inning after Brevin Fliehs singled to center field, and Imrie grounded into a fielder’s choice, each scoring one run.

Nick Morris earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The hurler surrendered seven hits and four runs (one earned) over seven innings, striking out one and walking three. Jakob Steen took the loss for C/WL Legion. The reliever went three and one-third innings, giving up four runs on seven hits, striking out four and walking one. Cooper Pommer started on the mound for C/WL Legion. The right-handed pitcher gave up three hits and one run over three innings, striking out two and walking two.

Groton Legion Post 39 collected 10 hits in the game. Fliehs led Groton Legion Post 39 with two runs batted in from the number nine spot in the lineup. The catcher went 2-for-3 on the day. Gavin Englund went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Legion Post 39 in hits. Fliehs and Simon each collected multiple hits for Groton Legion Post 39.

Waylan Olson led C/WL Legion with two runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 1-for-2 on the day. Jakob Steen, Will Hovde, Josh Kannegieter, Ky Vandernick, Waylan Olson, Collin Gaikowski, and Jack Helkenn each collected one hit for C/WL Legion.

Groton Legion Post 39 will travel to Region 6B Tournament for their next game on Monday.

## First-Inning Burst Enough To Lead Smittys 13U Past Groton Jr. Teeners 14U

**By GameChanger Media**

Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen defeated Groton Jr. Teeners 13-3 on Wednesday thanks in part to 11 runs in the first inning.

Groton Jr. Teeners got on the board in the first inning after Lincoln Shilhanek grounded out, scoring two runs.

Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the first, scoring 11 runs on five hits to take the lead, 11-2. The biggest blow in the inning was a double by Mason D that drove in three.

Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen added two runs in the third after D tripled down the left field line.

Dylan J earned the win for Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen. The righty gave up five hits and three runs (two earned) over four innings, striking out four and walking none. Shilhanek took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The starting pitcher went two-thirds of an inning, surrendering 10 runs (three earned) on four hits, striking out none and walking five.

Shilhanek drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Jr. Teeners with two runs batted in. Number eight hitter, Wesley Borg, showed the depth of Groton Jr. Teeners 14U’s lineup, by leading them with two hits in two at bats. Trayce Schelle stole two bases.

D went 3-for-3 at the plate and led the team with six runs batted in. Sonny S paced Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen with three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, accumulating nine walks for the game. Jackson D stole two bases.

## Groton Jr. Teeners Fall Victim To Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen Rally

**By GameChanger Media**

Groton Jr. Teeners lost to Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen 21-11 on Wednesday even though they once led by seven runs.

Groton Jr. Teeners collected 10 hits and Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen had 13 in the high-scoring affair.

Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen got on the board in the first inning after Dylan J grounded out, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners flipped the game on its head in the top of the second, scoring eight runs on four hits to take the lead, 8-1. The biggest blow in the inning was an error that drove in two.

Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the second, scoring eight runs on five hits to take the lead, 9-8. The biggest blow in the inning was a double by Brody K that drove in three.

Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Brady R walked, Mason D doubled down the right field line, and K singled down the left field line, each scoring two runs.

Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen scored six runs on two hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. Cade T singled, scoring one run, Abe K drew a walk, scoring one run, an error scored one run, Zack V drew a walk, scoring one run, and D doubled, scoring two runs.

K earned the win for Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen. The starting pitcher gave up four hits and seven runs (four earned) over one inning, striking out one and walking none. Tucker Leicht took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The hurler went three innings, giving up 15 runs (seven earned) on 11 hits, striking out three and walking three.

Groton Jr. Teeners piled up 10 hits in the game. Sam Crank, the number seven hitter for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U, led the way with two runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 2-for-3 on the day. Crank, Trayce Schelle, and Lincoln Shilhanek each collected two hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U.

Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen collected 13 hits in the game. K drove the middle of the lineup, leading Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen with five runs batted in. The infielder went 2-for-2 on the day. K, T, Sonny S, D, and Dane S each collected two hits for Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen. Smittys 13U 2025 Aberdeen had patience at the plate, tallying six

walks for the game.

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## Jr. Teeners 14U Trounce Faulkton 14U

**By GameChanger Media**

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U easily dispatched Faulkton 14U on Monday, 16-6.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U got on the board in the top of the first inning after Lincoln Shilhanek grounded out, and Kolton Antonsen singled to the left side of the infield, each scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U added one run in the second. Keegan Kucker scored after tagging up, making the score 3-1.

Faulkton 14U made the score 5-3 in the bottom of the second after Brayden Heime drew a walk, scoring one run, Bryant Coltman singled, scoring one run, and Simeon Sime singled, scoring two runs.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U jumped into the lead in the top of the third when Sam Crank drew a walk, scoring one run, Kucker singled, scoring two runs, and Heime induced Asher Zimmerman to hit into a fielder’s choice, but one run scored.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U scored six runs on five hits in the top of the fourth inning. Shilhanek singled, scoring two runs, Antonsen doubled, scoring one run, Crank doubled, scoring one run, Noah Scepaniak drew a walk, scoring one run, and Paxton Hartung induced Zimmerman to hit into a fielder’s choice, but one run scored.

Jordan Schwan earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The hurler surrendered zero hits and one run over three and two-thirds innings, striking out 11 and walking five. Heime took the loss for Faulkton 14U. The pitcher went three innings, surrendering 13 runs (12 earned) on nine hits, striking out none and walking eight. Tucker Leicht began the game for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The hurler allowed three hits and five runs over one and one-third innings, striking out two and walking six.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U tallied 12 hits in the game. Kucker led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with three runs batted in from the number nine spot in the lineup. The right-handed hitter went 2-for-2 on the day. Antonsen, Schwan, Kucker, and Shilhanek each collected two hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Crank led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, tallying 13 walks for the game. Zimmerman, Schwan, Kucker, Crank, Trayce Schelle, and Kyson Kucker each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U stole 15 bases in the game.

Sime provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Faulkton 14U with two runs batted in. The infielder went 2-for-3 on the day. Heime led Faulkton 14U with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, tallying 11 walks for the game. Sime stole two bases.

## Shilhanek’s Big Day Propels Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Past Faulkton 14U

**By GameChanger Media**

Lincoln Shilhanek drove in five runs on three hits to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U past Faulkton 14U 17-6 on Monday. Shilhanek singled in the second scoring two, singled in the third scoring two, and doubled in the fourth scoring one.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U won thanks in part to nine runs in the second inning. Noah Scepaniak grounded out, scoring one run, Gavin Hanten drew a walk, scoring one run, Jordan Schwan drew a walk, scoring one run, Shilhanek singled, scoring two runs, and Sam Crank hit an inside the park grand slam.

A double by Kolton Antonsen put Groton Jr. Teeners 14U on the board in the top of the first.

A double by Waylon Adams gave Faulkton 14U the lead, 2-1, in the bottom of the first.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U scored six runs on five hits in the top of the third inning. Hanten grounded out, scoring two runs, Shilhanek singled, scoring two runs, Keegan Kucker drew a walk, scoring one run, and Kyson Kucker singled, scoring one run.

Kucker earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The right-handed pitcher allowed six hits and six runs (five earned) over four innings, striking out three and walking five. Henry Homm took the loss for Faulkton 14U. The starting pitcher went three and one-third innings, allowing 16 runs (seven earned) on nine hits, striking out one and walking 10.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U piled up 11 hits in the game. Trayce Schelle and Shilhanek each collected three hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating 10 walks for the game. Schwan and Kucker led the team with two walks each. Scepaniak stole two bases.

Adams drove the middle of the lineup, leading Faulkton 14U with three runs batted in. The outfielder went 1-for-2 on the day. Brayden Heime went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Faulkton 14U in hits. Tate Bray stole two bases.

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- 5 Low voice
- 9 Pouch
- 12 Dog's bowlful
- 13 Fascinated by
- 14 FDR project
- 15 Leeway
- 16 Toe woe
- 17 Have the flu
- 18 Butte's kin
- 19 Econ. mea-  
sure
- 20 Baby carriage
- 21 Water-testing  
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- 23 Equal (Pref.)
- 25 Hue and cry
- 28 Obligations
- 32 "Give it —!"
- 33 Report card  
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- 6 Soon, poeti-  
cally
- 7 Inane

8 Drunkard	30 Heart chart
9 Rating unit	(Abbr.)
10 Athletic shoe brand	31 Away from NNW
11 Tranquil	35 Author
20 Addictive snack	Rushdie
22 Like Cheerios	36 NAACP
24 Japanese wrestlers	co-founder
25 Former Mideast org.	W.E.B.
26 Opposite of "post-"	39 Campus ar
27 Flushed	40 Celestial be
29 Roth svgs. plan	41 Jet-black
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