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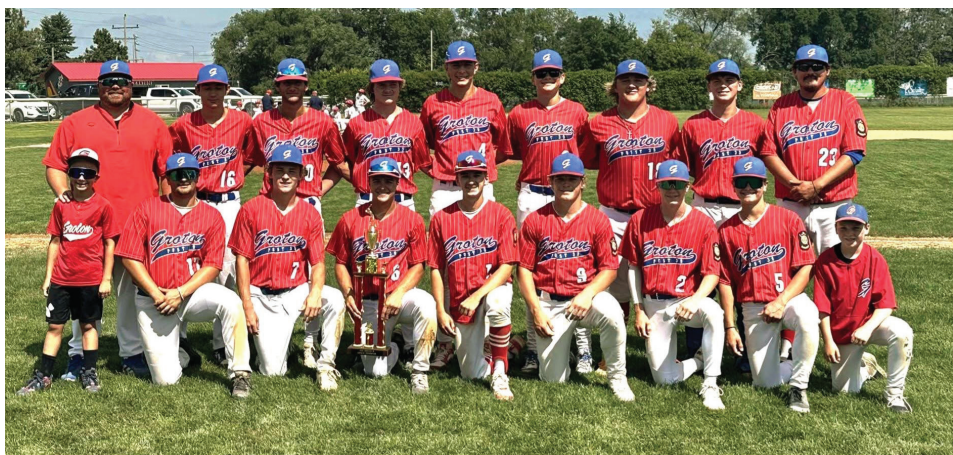


Junior Legion takes second in regions
Legion Baseball Official Travis Kurth administers the Code of Sportsmanship prior to Day 2 of the Groton Junior Legion Region Tournament Tuesday. Groton players are on the left in blue with Sisseton on the right. The team went 2-1 during the round robin. Clark went undefeated and will advance to state.. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Columbia Fest held Saturday

The Columbia Fire Department had a foam making machine for the kids at the Columbia Summer Fest held Saturday. The coverage of the event was published in the Groton Daily Independent. If you would like a copy of the GDI (16 pages), send \$6 to Groton Daily Independent, PO Box 34, Groton, SD 57445.



Groton Legion advances to state

The Groton Senior Legion team advanced to the state tournament to be held August 1-5 in Milbank.

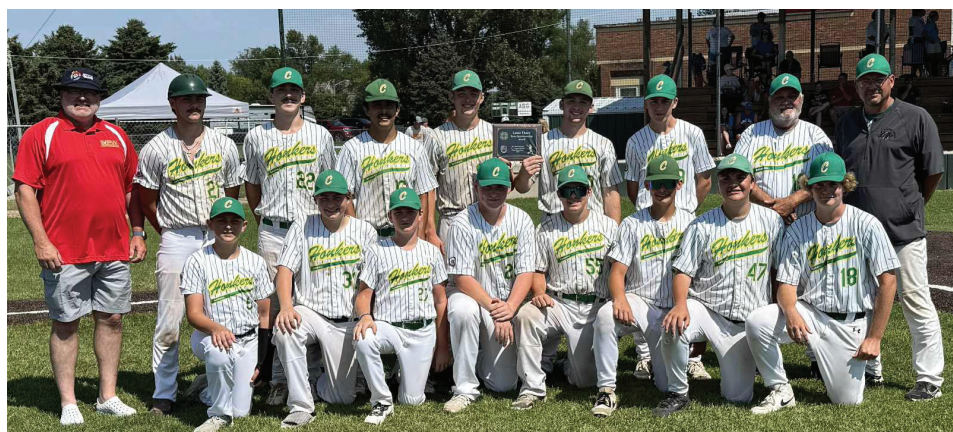
'Back Row L To R: Coach Seth Erickson, Kellen Antonsen, Jarrett Erdmann, Nick Groeblichhoff, Carter Simon, T.C Schuster, Gavin Englund, Karsten Fliehs, coach Aaron Severson

Front left to right: Max Erickson, Nick Morris, Teylor Diegel, Brevin Fliehs, Braxton Imrie, Korbin Kucker, Lincoln Krause, Alex Abeln, Micah Krause. (Photo from Groton Baseball/Softball Facebook Page)



Work on the new Crows Nest

Work on the new media center at Doney Field has been progressing very quickly. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Claremont Honkers Win Sportsmanship Award

The Claremont Honkers 17U VFW team earned the Sportsmanship Award at the State Tournament held over the weekend in Northville. The Honkers played in the Alpha Division.

In back, left to right, are David Grantham (SD VFW Representative), Coach Colby Dauwen, Kassen Keough, Rennan Bruns, Chris Cutler, Grant Cutler, Nate Schuller, Coach Dallas Bohle and Coach Joe Gustafson; in front left to right, are Dawson Feist, Bentlee Zerr, Charlie Schuller, Wes Morehouse, Nick Cutler, Case Reints, Carter Glines and Korbin McKane.

(Courtesy Photo Jennifer Gustafson)

Ace of Hearts Drawing

The Ace of Hearts drawing was held Thursday night at the Groton American Legion. The jackpot was \$5,821. Ticket sales for the week was \$370. The name of Lisa Adler was drawn. She picked card 22 which was the 10 of Hearts. She won the consolation prize of \$37.





JULY 22, 2025 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FEE SCHEDULE:

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #2025-33**

WHEREAS Title 3, Solid Waste Management System, Chapter 3.07011 of the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, effective March 12, 1997, as amended, requires the Board of County Commissioners to establish the Solid Waste Special Assessment fee schedule for the following year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Solid Waste Special Assessment fees shall be effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for the Brown County Sanitary Landfill:

SOLID WASTE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FEE SCHEDULE

(Assessment plus applicable sales tax billed with the Real Estate Tax Notice)

1. Households within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that require curbside service @ \$50.00 per year.

2. Households within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that do not require curbside service @ \$100.00 per year.

3. Condominiums taxed as single units within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that require curbside service @ \$50.00 per year.

4. Condominiums taxed as single units within Incorporated Cities or Civil Townships that do not require curbside service @ \$100.00 per year.

5. Apartment Units and Assisted Living Units within incorporated Cities that require curbside service @ \$25.00 per unit per year.

6. Seasonal Lake Cabins @ \$65.00 per year.

7. Mobile Home parks, outside incorporated municipalities, which provide or require lot side waste pickup during the entire assessment period, for deposit into a permitted landfill solid waste facility @ \$50.00 per unit per year.

8. Mobile Home parks, outside incorporated municipalities, which do not provide or require lot side waste pickup during the entire assessment period, for deposit into a permitted landfill solid waste facility @ \$100.00 per unit per year.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2025

Seconded by Commissioner Gage.

Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Dinger-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye; Wiese-aye. Resolution adopted.

SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEE SCHEDULE - 2026

Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #2025-32

WHEREAS Title 3, Solid Waste Management System, Chapter 3.07010 of the Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, effective March 12, 1997, as amended, requires the Board of County Commissioners to establish the fees for use of the landfill.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Solid Waste Tipping Fee Schedule shall be effective January 1, 2026:

SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEE SCHEDULE

PRICES EXCEPT MINIMUM CHARGE DO NOT REFLECT APPLICABLE SALES TAX

ALL LOADS MUST BE TARPED AND SECURED

ALL WASTE MUST BE SORTED AND PUT INTO PROPER AREAS
Type, , Fee,
APPLIANCES , Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Water Coolers, \$12.50 per item, With or Without FREON

ASBESTOS1, Friable – Pow-

dery or Dusty state, can be crumbled and reduced, \$ 5.00 per bag, to powder by hand

COMPOST, Grass, Leaves and Light Garden Residue, , FREE

CONTSOIL, Gas and Diesel Contaminated Soil (Notification and Analysis Required, \$30.00 per ton, Before Disposal!)

CONTSOILSP, Contaminated Soil Special (i.e. NW Energy, Coal Gasification & Other, \$49.00 per ton, Like Material) Notification Required!

INDSW,Industrial Solid Waste, \$49.00 per ton

MSW1,Municipal Solid Waste (In County) Household trash, Sheetrock, Misc., \$49.00 per ton, Deo, Beef Plant, etc. (Check with Landfill for material not accepted)

MSW2,Municipal Solid Waste (Out of County) - same as MSW1, \$49.00 per ton

MSWCR, Rural container site collection waste, Assess per ton

MSWDA, Carcasses (Notification Required), \$49.00 per ton

MSWRB, Asphalt Shingles Only, \$42.00 per ton

MSWRB2, Heavy Debris: Concrete, Rock etc., \$42.00 per ton

RUBBLE3, Pallets / Other Wood Material, \$49.00 per ton

SCRAP METALMetals, , \$49.00 per ton

SLUDGE, City Waste Water Sludge, Other Sludge, \$49.00 per ton

TIRES,Large quantities priced per ton, \$350.00 per ton

TIRES COUNT, Car and light truck, \$4.50 per tire

TIRE SHREDS, Shredded Tires (New Deal Tire - Shreds), , \$49.00 per ton

TREE CHIPS, Wood chips from trees, \$49.00 per ton

TREES1, Trees less than 8 inches in diameter, \$40.00 per ton

TREES2, Trees more than 8 inches in diameter, \$40.00 per ton

MOBILE HOMES Mobile Homes (Left on site as is), \$500.00/home

BP Spinal Cords, Spinal Cords – Beef Plant, \$49.00 per ton

BP Hides, Hides – Beef Plant, \$49.00 per ton

Other BP Waste, Other Beef Plant Waste, \$49.00 per ton

\$5.00 MINIMUM CHARGE (EXCEPT ON PER ITEM FEES) 4.2 % SALES TAX INCLUDED

The following items are accepted free:

.....Residential: Lead Acid Batteries, Waste Oil, Paint, Grass & Leaves, Propane Tanks

Dated this 22nd day of July 2025.

Seconded by Commissioner Gage.

Roll call vote: Commissioners Dennert-aye; Dinger-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye; Wiese-aye. Resolution adopted.

DISCUSS GRANT APPLICATION FOR BRIDGE 350: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, informed the Commission that he will not be going through the Grant Program to update Bridge 350. They plan to recycle the deck units, and the substructure is timber, but he feels they have enough steel on hand for this project but will have IMEG look and make sure that it will meet the requirements.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, shared that they have completed the work up in the NE part of the County. They are turning around on Co. Hwy. 16. On Co. Hwy. 5, they will mill it and double-chip seal it. In about 4 weeks, they will be working down by Mansfield.

Dirk told the Commission they received 2 bids on the Elm Lake Bridge, which will be raised up another 1.5 feet. Sand Lake Bridge will be done in Spring of 2026 and done within that year. Dirk discussed the e-mail received from a concerned citizen about car headlights on the frontage road of 12W. This was designed in 2001 and was done the way it was for future development. Commissioner Wiese asked if he was aware that SD D.O.T. had pushed back the 6th Ave. Bridge to 2027. Dirk said he was and had been in contact with Mark Peterson regarding the detour routes on Co. Hwy 13 & 14 and they are on the same page.

BENEFIT PLAN AGREEMENT: Moved by Commissioner Denne-

rt, seconded by Dinger to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Benefit Plan Agreement with Health Equity, Inc. to qualify as “cafeteria plan”. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2025. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Claims: Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$988.34; Alcohol Monitoring Systems, Inc. \$1,036.80; Brown County Sheriff’s Office \$20.00; Gretchen Sharp \$40.00; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$50.26; Jerald M. McNeary \$60.00; Kelli Lardy \$51.00; Kuck Law Office \$4,503.75; Lincoln County Auditor \$484.16; Modern Day Health Care PLLC \$1,202.67; Network Center, Inc \$9,218.29; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$1,943.75; Sanford Health \$1,050.00; Sewer Duck, Inc \$170.00; Smiths Detection, Inc \$2,141.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$1,044.00; Taylor Bell \$106.25. Publishing: Aanenson Media, LLC \$902.23; Groton Daily Independent \$138.37; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$1,301.66. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00; Dakota Electronics LLC \$4,154.95. Repairs & Maintenance: Bituminous Paving, Inc. \$2,266,755.20; CommTech Inc \$8,742.45; Custom Installation Solutions \$500.00; Diamond Mowers LLC \$195.55; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$8,000.00; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$167.64; House of Glass \$544.41; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$194.42; Hub City Roofing Inc \$170.00; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$962.15; Lenslock Inc \$1,066.83; Lien Transportation Company \$625.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$235.96; Steven Lust Automotive \$3,003.95. Supplies: A-1 Locksmithing \$160.00; ADAPCO LLC \$2,473.90; Advance Auto Parts \$647.52; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$1,525.61; Bituminous Paving, Inc. \$8,499.38; Burdette Security & Technologies, LLC \$295.30; Century Business Products \$363.92; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$8,250.00; Cole Paper Inc \$479.52; Diamond Mowers LLC \$461.52; Jebro Inc \$59,330.85; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$17,512.20; Kuck Law Office \$179.86; Lien Transportation Company \$18,222.30; Macks Auto Sales \$222.00; Marco Technologies, LLC \$88.21; Menards \$295.05; Network Center, Inc \$2,536.43; NVC \$34.74; Performance Oil \$863.50; Sander’s Sew-N-Vac \$209.94; Share Corporation \$349.20; Sprocket Ventures, LLC \$81.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$3,202.27; Thomson Reuters – West Payment Center \$2,010.00. Travel & Conference: Bryan Gordon \$46.00; City of Groton \$184.68; Jon Lemke \$46.00; Kyler Dinger \$397.60; Lynn Heupel \$102.20; Lynn Zacher \$46.00; Neil Bittner \$14.00; Sarah Swenson \$14.00; Scott Kolb \$14.00; Wes Graff \$46.00. Utilities: CenturyLink \$647.52; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$541.45; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$580.00; House of Glass \$181.47; Northwestern Energy \$1,477.13; NVC \$3,270.77; T-Mobile USA Inc \$2,193.10; Verizon Wireless \$5,193.45. Other: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$597.50; Central Network Retail Group LLC \$537.72; Lisa and James Kiesz \$50.00; Tony Arampatzis \$50.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

o Employment ending for Trajan LaRocque, Brown County 911 Communications Officer; FT – effective July 11, 2025. Request to fill.

o Hiring of Richard Gearey as Brown County Building Service Worker, PT; starting wage \$16.48/hr. – effective July 21, 2025.

o Promotion of Ryan McClain from Brown County Sobriety Coordinator to Brown County Jail Sergeant, starting wage \$27.39/hr. – effective July 20, 2025.

o Approve personal miles driven for April 2025 at .70 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthews 252 miles at \$176.40; Matt Heupel 100 miles at \$70.00; John Florey 144 miles at \$100.80; Mike Scott 160 miles at \$112.00.

o Approve personal miles driven for May 2025 at .70 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthews 264 miles at \$184.80; Matt Heupel 100 miles at \$70.00; John Florey 126 miles at \$88.20; Mike Scott 180 miles at \$126.00.

o Approve personal miles driven for June 2025 at .70 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthews 228 miles at \$159.60; Matt Heupel 85 miles at \$59.50; John Florey 120 miles at \$84.00; Mike Scott 160 miles at \$112.00.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded

by Wiese to approve the following travel requests: Mariann Malsom, Register of Deeds and Patty VanMeter, Treasurer to attend the Lake Region District Meeting in Britton on July 17, 2025. 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.

ZONING ORDINANCES – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize publication for the first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held on August 12, 2025, in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #307, applicant Dennis Volzke for the purpose of rezoning from Residential District (R-1) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: 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; Lot C, Block 12, “Wylie Park Estates 5th Addition” in the N1/2 of Section 11-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (1421 24th Avenue NW & 1920 N Hwy 281; Aberdeen Twp.). Proposed Ordinance #308, applicant Roger Pic 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: 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.). Proposed Ordinance #309, applicant Mina Northeast LLC-Carl Hanson for the purpose of rezoning 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: 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.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

VVV RENTALS FIRST ADDITION PLAT:

RESOLUTION #2025-34

Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution “Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing “VVV RENTALS FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, IN THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 29-T125N-R62W 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 Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS: Senator Carl Perry shared that the County Employees have SD State Retirement, but they can also enroll in a Supplemental Retirement Plan that has lower fees but greater returns.

Chairman Sutton thanked those that attended the Lake Region Meeting last week. It was a good meeting.

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

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

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the agreement with North Star Solutions, LLC to provide Grant Research and Writing Services to Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to forgo the bid bond requirement from Marathon Engineering Corporation that will be installing the

Padded Cell in the Jail. Deputy State Attorney Ross Aldentaler stated that since we entered into a contract via the quote, there was no need for a bid bond. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:35 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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NOTICE

Application has been made by Dennis Volzke 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 August 12, 2025 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Residential District (R-1) to Highway Commercial District (HC) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.

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; Lot C, Block 12, “Wylie Park Estates 5th Addition” in the N1/2 of Section 11-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (1421 24th Avenue NW & 1920 N Hwy 281; Aberdeen 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. 307.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE

An application has been made by Mina Northeast LLC-Carl Hanson 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 August 12, 2025 for the purpose of rezoning the following properties 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.

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.).

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. 309.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE

An application has been made by Roger Pic 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 August 12, 2025 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.

Description of property: Lot 1, “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.).

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. 308.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota, will open bids for an electric cellular AMI metering system on August 19, 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. Sealed bids are due to City Hall by 5pm on August 19, 2025.

The bid is to include delivery of approximately 1100 meters for a cellular AMI system.

The specifications and other related information 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 the City Finance Office, 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.

July 29, 2025

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King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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Walking Taco and a drink

Free Will Donation
Proceeds go to Groton's Angel Tree
15 N Main, St. #103
Groton Daily Independent
Suggested Donation: \$5

Family Fun Fest -Thursday, Aug. 7 ~ 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

2ND ANNUAL CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

SAT, AUG 2ND

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8AM RIB TEAM CHECK-IN
- 9:30AM RIB TEAM RULES MEETING
- 1PM LIONS START SERVING LUNCH
- 1PM CORNHOLE REGISTRATION
- 2PM CORNHOLE TOURNEY
- 1-3PM HUB CITY RADIO LIVE BROADCAST
- 1-4:30PM KIDS ACTIVITIES
 - WATER BALLONS AT 4:30PM
- 5PM RIB TASTING \$1/RIB (LIMIT 10 PER PERSON) WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**
- 6-9PM B&M TUNES KARAOKE

Enjoy karaoke and a chance to win—two split pot drawings will be held!

Groton City Park



FUNDRAISER EVENT DAY SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2025

RESTORE OUR HERITAGE



Municipal Building

Join us for a fun-filled day at our **Municipal Building Restoration Fundraiser!** Participate in a poker run, enjoy delicious food from a food truck, listen to live music from two local bands, and bid on amazing items at our live auction. Your support helps preserve our community's heritage and brings us one step closer to restoring our beloved building. Come make a difference! Support our community and have fun!

EVENT SCHEDULE

2:30pm - Poker Run Registration at Conde Park (ATV, UTV, Motorcycle, Car, Golf Cart, Bicycle...Whatever you want to ride!)
Ride begins at 3:00pm and ends at 5:00pm with 4 stops in town

2:30pm - 12:30am - Food Truck (Burgers, Roast Beef Sandwiches, Brats, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad and Chips served by Trixy Schwabe)

6:00pm - 8:30pm - Music by Bob Styles

9:00pm - 12:00am - Music by The Barstool Prophets

****The Live Auction will be held at 8:30 ****



♥ Help Lead a Cause that Gives Back! ♥

COMMON CENTS THRIFT STORE

is Seeking a Volunteer Manager + Assistants!

Are you passionate about community, organizing, and helping others? Common Cents is looking for A Volunteer Manager and Volunteer Assistants to help lead our team and keep the store running smoothly.

Positions Available:

-  **Volunteer Store Manager** – Help coordinate volunteers, organize donations, and oversee daily operations.
-  **Volunteer Assistants** – Help sort items, stock shelves, greet shoppers, and create a welcoming space!

209 N MAIN STREET, GROTON, SD
Need more info? Call 605-216-2350

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ULTIMA SERIES™ ZT™



ULTIMA SERIES™ ZTXS™



ULTIMA SERIES™ ZTX™

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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.

We continue this series with a look at the Vikings' cornerback situation. If you've been reading my articles this offseason, you know that the CB position is the weak link on the roster. Even though I have full confidence in the Vikings' front office, and I think Brian Flores is perhaps the best defensive coordinator in the league, I can't help but worry about the secondary.

Starter(s)
Byron Murphy Jr. – The Vikings re-signed Murphy this offseason to a three-year deal worth \$54 million after he made his first Pro Bowl in 2024. Entering his seventh season in the NFL, the 27-year-old CB is the only one on the roster guaranteed to be a starter this upcoming season.

Battling for a starting spot
Isaiah Rodgers – A 6th-round pick by the Colts in 2020, Rodgers would be entering his 6th season in the NFL, but he was forced to miss the 2023 season because he violated the league's gambling policy. In his three seasons with the Colts and one with the Eagles, Rodgers has only started a combined 13 games. He signed a two-year, \$11 million contract with the Vikings this offseason, and the coaching staff has been raving about him in training camp.

Mekhi Blackmon – A 3rd round pick by the Vikings in 2023, Blackmon started three games in his rookie season and seemed to be coming along. Then he suffered an injury last offseason and missed the entire 2024 season. He was the in-house favorite to earn a starting spot before his injury, so it will be interesting to see if he can return to form and claim a large role in 2025.

Jeff Okudah – The 3rd overall pick by the Lions in 2020, the 26-year-old Okudah is now on his fourth team. There is no doubt the talent is there, but for whatever reason, he's never been able to put it all together. The Vikings are betting on Flores unlocking his potential, but it

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wasn't a huge gamble considering they only signed him to a one-year deal worth \$2.35 million.

Battling for a roster spot (alphabetical order)
Keenan Garber – An undrafted rookie from Kansas State, Garber is likely hoping for a spot on the practice squad.

Kahlef Hailassie – After two years with the Cleveland Browns in which he appeared in 10 games (mostly special teams), Hailassie joined the Vikings this offseason and will likely be vying for a spot on the practice squad, although it's possible he plays well enough to sneak his way onto the 53-man roster.

Dwight McGlothern – Undrafted in 2024, McGlothern is the most likely player from this group to make the 53-man roster. He played in five games for the Vikings last season and has been impressing the coaching staff this offseason.

Reddy Steward – Undrafted out of Troy, Steward played his rookie season with the Chicago Bears and appeared in one game. Now with the Vikings for his sophomore season, he'll be hoping for a spot on the practice squad.

Ambry Thomas – A 3rd round pick by the 49ers in 2021, Thomas started 11 games for them over three seasons. However, he suffered a broken forearm during the 2024 preseason and missed the entire season before the team waived him. Now healthy, he is in the mix for one of the final roster spots.

Tavierre Thomas – The veteran of this group, Tavierre is entering his eighth season in the NFL. Officially listed as a defensive back, he can play both cornerback and safety, and he also has experience returning kicks.

Zemaiah Vaughn – Although he is an undrafted rookie, Vaughn is someone to keep your eye on. He has impressive size (6'3") and speed (4.45-second 40-yard dash), and while he will likely be put on the practice squad this season, in a year or two, he could develop into a solid CB for the Vikings.

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Boston Marlow gets ready to mark the spot where Superintendent Joe Schwan is pointing. Earlier in the day Groton Area Maintenance Director Ryan Scepaniak and one of his helpers cleaned the multipurpose facility at the skating pond.
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



Aaron Severson was busy striping the parking lot at the baseball field on Friday in preparation of the state tournament.



Cole Kampa was the MC for most of the events during the day. He dressed up for the announcing of the parade entries.



Yes.

South Dakota U.S. Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds and Rep. Dusty Johnson voted to cut \$1.1 billion in federal funding to public broadcasting.
South Dakota Public Broadcasting expects to lose \$2.2 million – 23% of its budget. That will result in cuts to programming and 15-20 positions lost, SDPB said.
During a telephone town hall on July 24, Johnson praised the state's public broadcasting network but defended the cuts due to the deficit.
"I do think when you have \$37 trillion in debt, you've got to get back to basics," Johnson said. "Unfortunately, that was the place for the White House to try to start."
Rounds cited the need to take "meaningful steps to reduce wasteful spending," but he negotiated a deal with President Trump's administration that would secure \$9.1 million for Native American radio stations.
Thune said the vote was a "small but important step toward fiscal sanity."

Big Sixth Inning Leads Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Past MVP Titans

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U defeated MVP Titans 12-2 on Tuesday at Plankinton thanks in part to 12 runs in the sixth inning. Wesley Borg singled, scoring two runs, Asher Zimmerman drew a walk, scoring one run, Trayce Schelle drew a walk, scoring one run, Jordan Schwan singled, scoring one run, Lincoln Shilhanek singled, scoring one run, Zach Fliehs drew a walk, scoring one run, Kolton Antonsen was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Borg drew a walk, scoring one run, Noah Scepaniak grounded out, scoring one run, and an error scored two runs. A single by Lucas Hanson put MVP Titans on the board in the bottom of the fourth.

Borg earned the win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The starter allowed four hits and one run over five innings, striking out seven and walking three. Trysten Eide took the loss for MVP Titans. The hurler went five innings, giving up three runs on six hits, striking out six and walking three. Schwan and Schelle each appeared in relief for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U.

Borg led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with three runs batted in from the number seven spot in the lineup. The pitcher went 1-for-3 on the day. Schwan led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with two hits in two at bats. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U had patience at the plate, amassing eight walks for the game. Zimmerman and Schwan led the team with two bases on balls each. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Keegan Kucker had the most chances in the field with 10.

Sutton Fristad led MVP Titans with one run batted in. The infielder went 1-for-2 on the day. Alex Rojas, Fristad, Preston Nedved, Teagan Bush, and Hanson each collected one hit for MVP Titans. MVP Titans had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating six walks for the game. Brentley Nelson and Eide led the team with two free passes each. Rojas, Nelson, and Eide each stole multiple bases for MVP Titans. MVP Titans stole eight bases in the game.

Groton will host Mt. Vernon/Plankinton in the second game of the region. Game time is 5 p.m. If Groton wins the game, they will advance to state. If Mt. Vernon/Plankinton wins, then a third game will be played right after the 5 p.m. game with the winner of that game going to state.

Nick Groeblinghoff Of Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Shuts Out Sisseton

By GameChanger Media

Nick Groeblinghoff shut down Sisseton, throwing a complete game shutout and leading Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion to a 5-0 victory on Tuesday at Locke/Karst Field.

A single by T.C Schuster put Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion on the board in the top of the third.

Bryson Hanson opened the game for Sisseton. The pitcher allowed eight hits and five runs (two earned) over four and two-thirds innings, striking out four and walking four.

Schuster and Ethan Kroll were a force together in the lineup, as they

each collected three hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Lincoln Krause and Schuster each drove in one run for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion turned one double play in the game. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion didn't commit a single error in the field. Krause had the most chances in the field with seven.

Luke Nielsen went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Sisseton in hits. Sisseton turned one double play in the game.

Clark went undefeated in the two day tournament to advance to the state tournament. Groton finished second with a 2-1 record, Sisseton was third at 1-2 and Redfield was fourth at 0-3.

Bats Stymied For Both Teams As Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Loses To Clark Area Jr Legion

By GameChanger Media

Both teams were strong on the mound on Monday, but Clark Area Jr Legion was just a little bit stronger at the plate in their 1-0 victory over Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Alex Abeln started the game for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion and recorded 18 outs.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion was right in it until Clark Area Jr Legion singled in the seventh inning.

Abeln stepped on the bump first for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The hurler surrendered one hit and one run over six innings, striking out seven and walking three. Charlie Luvaas stepped on the bump first for Clark Area Jr Legion. The righty gave up two hits and zero runs over six innings, striking out four and walking two.

Lincoln Krause and Ryder Schelle each collected one hit for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion.

Bennett Pommer went 1-for-3 at the plate and led the team with one run batted in. Charlie Luvaas and Bennett Pommer each collected one hit for Clark Area Jr Legion. Jakob Steen and Ky Vandersnick each stole multiple bases for Clark Area Jr Legion. Clark Area Jr Legion were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Jakob Steen made the most plays with six.

T.C Schuster With 3 Hits Leads Groton Over Redfield in Jr. Legion Region Game

By GameChanger Media

T.C Schuster collected three hits in four at bats, as Groton Jr. Legion defeated Redfield Jr. Legion 12-0 on Monday at Locke/Karst Field. Schuster singled in the first inning, singled in the second inning, and singled in the fourth inning.

Groton Jr. Legion got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Schuster singled, scoring two runs, and Braeden Fliehs was struck by a pitch, driving in a run.

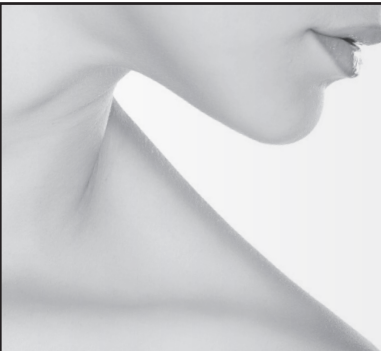
Groton Jr. Legion extended their early lead with three runs in the bottom of the second thanks to RBI singles by Schuster, Ethan Kroll, and Ryder Schelle.

Groton Jr. Legion scored six runs on six hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. Schuster singled, scoring one run, an error scored one run, an error scored two runs, Tristin McGannon singled, scoring one

run, and Alex Abeln singled, scoring one run.

Schuster started the game for Groton Jr. Legion. The righty gave up one hit and zero runs over five innings, striking out eight and walking one. Jacksan Rude stepped on the hill first for Redfield Jr. Legion. The pitcher surrendered 13 hits and 12 runs (six earned) over four innings, striking out two and walking two.

Groton Jr. Legion collected 13 hits in the game. Schuster and Abeln each collected three hits for Groton Jr. Legion. Lincoln Krause collected two



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hits for Groton Jr. Legion in three at bats. Krause stole two bases. Groton Jr. Legion ran wild on the base paths, tallying six stolen bases for the game. Groton Jr. Legion turned one double play in the game. Groton Jr. Legion were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Krause made the most plays with eight. Tate Bray went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Redfield Jr. Legion in hits. Groton Jr. Legion will travel to Clark Area Jr Legion for their next game on Monday.

Groton Locke Electric Defeats Northville Merchants On Back Of Clutch Display From Dylan Frey In District Competition

By GameChanger Media

The District Baseball Tournament is underway and Groton Locke Electric won the first game to advance to the next round Wednesday against Redfield Dairy Queen at Northville. Dylan Frey drove in four runs on four hits to lead Groton Locke Electric past Northville Merchants 13-7 on Sunday. Frey singled in the fifth scoring two, singled in the second scoring one, and singled in the fourth scoring one. Northville Merchants got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Ashton Remily tripled down the right field line, and Ben Fischbach grounded out, each scoring one run. Groton Locke Electric captured the lead, 4-2, in the top of the fourth when Bj Richter doubled, scoring two runs, and Frey singled, scoring one run. Northville Merchants made the score 6-4 in the bottom of the fourth after Fischbach doubled, scoring three runs, and Kyle Stahl singled, scoring one run. Groton Locke Electric flipped the game on its head in the top of the fifth, scoring five runs on five hits to take the lead, 9-6. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Frey that drove in two. Alex Morris earned the win for Groton Locke Electric. The starter gave up nine hits and seven runs (five earned) over nine innings, striking out six and walking two. Fischbach took the loss for Northville Merchants. The pitcher went three and one-third innings, surrendering seven runs (six earned) on eight hits, striking out none and walking two. Remily stepped on the hill first for Northville Merchants. The pitcher allowed six hits and four runs (zero earned) over four innings, striking out two and walking none. Groton Locke Electric collected 17 hits in the game. Ryan Groeblichhoff, Richter, Brian Hansen, and Jonah Schmidt each collected multiple hits for Groton Locke Electric. Northville Merchants tallied nine hits in the game. Fischbach provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Northville Merchants with four runs batted in. The third baseman went 1-for-5 on the day. Stahl and Devin Fischbach each collected two hits for Northville Merchants. Fischbach stole two bases. Northville Merchants turned one double play in the game.

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Claremont Honkers With Tough Game Against Canton C-Hawks

By GameChanger Media

Claremont Honkers had trouble keeping up with Canton C-Hawks in an 8-0 loss on Friday at Northville Baseball Field. Canton C-Hawks opened the scoring in the first after Wyette Greenwood scored after tagging up. Canton C-Hawks extended their early lead with three runs in the bottom of the second thanks to RBI singles by Landon Hill and Shane Sehr. Canton C-Hawks added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Jacoby Ulrikson scored after tagging up, and Alex Opland singled down the left field line, each scoring one run. Wesley Morehouse led things off on the bump for SDVFW 17A Claremont Honkers 17U. The pitcher allowed 12 hits and eight runs over four innings, striking out none and walking one. Kayden Chaulk stepped on the mound first for Canton C-Hawks . The hurler surrendered two hits and zero runs over three innings, striking out two and walking four. Chris Cutler, Grant Cutler, and Morehouse each collected one hit for SDVFW 17A Claremont Honkers 17U. Canton C-Hawks collected 12 hits in the game. Hill led Canton C-Hawks with two runs batted in from the number nine spot in the lineup. The third baseman went 2-for-2 on the day. Ryder Thompson went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Canton C-Hawks in hits. Espn Anderson and Sehr each collected multiple hits for Canton C-Hawks . Anderson and Thompson each stole multiple bases for Canton C-Hawks . Canton C-Hawks stole seven bases in the game. Canton C-Hawks were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Sehr had the most chances in the field with seven.

An error, a tag up by Beckett Halvorson, and a single by Alec Mikkelsen helped W.I.N. Gators extend their early lead in the second. W.I.N. Gators scored five runs on five hits in the top of the third inning. Mansfield singled, scoring one run, Mikkelsen singled, scoring two runs, Nick Cutler induced Logan Fischbach to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored, and Mac Heinz doubled, scoring one run. Cutler stepped on the hill first for SDVFW 17A Claremont Honkers 17U. The right-handed pitcher gave up 12 hits and 12 runs (10 earned) over three and two-thirds innings, striking out one and walking two. Heinz started the game for W.I.N. Gators. The starting pitcher allowed zero hits and zero runs over two and one-third innings, striking out two and walking two. Kassen Keough led Claremont Honkers with one hit in two at bats. W.I.N. Gators amassed 14 hits in the game. Mikkelsen and Mansfield were tough to handle back-to-back in the lineup, as each drove in five runs for W.I.N. Gators. Heinz and Quinn Huettl each collected multiple hits for W.I.N. Gators. Jacob Schmit stole two bases.

Claremont Honkers Come Up Short Against Tri-Valley Mustangs

By GameChanger Media

Claremont Honkers fell to Tri-Valley Mustangs 9-4 on Saturday. Tri-Valley Mustangs jumped out to the lead in the bottom of the second inning after an error scored one run, an error scored two runs, and Lawson Schneiderman singled, scoring one run. A fielder's choice by Tristen Bunde extended the Tri-Valley Mustangs lead to 5-0 in the bottom of the third inning. Evan Focken stepped on the bump first for Tri-Valley Mustangs. The starter surrendered three hits and four runs (one earned) over seven innings, striking out five and walking one.

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Evan Focken stepped on the bump first for Tri-Valley Mustangs. The starter surrendered three hits and four runs (one earned) over seven innings, striking out five and walking one.

Nick Cutler led Claremont Honkers with two runs batted in from the number seven spot in the lineup. The right fielder went 1-for-3 on the day. Korbin Mckane, Cutler, and Grant Cutler each collected one hit for SDVFW 17A Claremont Honkers 17U.

Jackson Williams, Tri-Valley Mustangs’s number eight hitter, led the team with two hits in three at-bats. Cole Hendrixson led Tri-Valley Mustangs with two runs batted in. Focken and Cooper Durick each stole multiple bases for Tri-Valley Mustangs. Tri-Valley Mustangs stole eight bases in the game.

Canton C-Hawks Take Down Claremont Honkers A Little At A Time

By GameChanger Media

Canton C-Hawks kept adding on runs in an 8-2 victory over Claremont Honkers on Sunday.

Canton C-Hawks were the first to get on the board in the first when Jacoby Ulrikson drew a walk, scoring one run.

Canton C-Hawks added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Claremont Honkers committed an error, and Theo Meister singled to right field, each scoring one run.

Canton C-Hawks added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Shane Sehr was struck by a pitch, and Meister grounded into a fielder’s choice, each scoring one run.

Rennan Bruns began the game for SDVFW 17A Claremont Honkers 17U. The pitcher gave up three hits and five runs (three earned) over three innings, striking out three and walking five. Kayden Chaulk started on the bump for Canton C-Hawks . The left-handed pitcher gave up one hit and zero runs over two and one-third innings, striking out three and walking two.

Chris Cutler, Kassen Keough, and Nate Schuller each collected one hit for SDVFW 17A Claremont Honkers 17U. Wesley Morehouse led Claremont Honkers with one run batted in.

Meister provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Canton C-Hawks with three runs batted in. The number three hitter went 1-for-3 on the day. Wyette Greenwood and Chaulk each collected two hits for Canton C-Hawks . Sehr paced Canton C-Hawks with three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, tallying 12 walks for the game. Meister, Greenwood, and Landon Hill each stole multiple bases for Canton C-Hawks . Canton C-Hawks stole six bases in the game. Canton C-Hawks turned one double play in the game.

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Claremont Honkers Stymied By W.I.N. Gators

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Claremont Honkers had trouble keeping up with W.I.N. Gators in a 13-0 loss on Friday at Northville Baseball Field.

W.I.N. Gators opened the scoring in the first after Chays Mansfield singled, scoring one run.

Nick Cutler led Claremont Honkers with two runs batted in from the number seven spot in the lineup. The right fielder went 1-for-3 on the day. Korbin Mckane, Cutler, and Grant Cutler each collected one hit for SDVFW 17A Claremont Honkers 17U.

Jackson Williams, Tri-Valley Mustangs’s number eight hitter, led the team with two hits in three at-bats. Cole Hendrixson led Tri-Valley Mustangs with two runs batted in. Focken and Cooper Durick each stole multiple bases for Tri-Valley Mustangs. Tri-Valley Mustangs stole eight bases in the game.

Canton C-Hawks Take Down Claremont Honkers A Little At A Time

By GameChanger Media

Canton C-Hawks kept adding on runs in an 8-2 victory over Claremont Honkers on Sunday.

Canton C-Hawks were the first to get on the board in the first when Jacoby Ulrikson drew a walk, scoring one run.

Canton C-Hawks added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Claremont Honkers committed an error, and Theo Meister singled to right field, each scoring one run.

Canton C-Hawks added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Shane Sehr was struck by a pitch, and Meister grounded into a fielder’s choice, each scoring one run.

Rennan Bruns began the game for SDVFW 17A Claremont Honkers 17U. The pitcher gave up three hits and five runs (three earned) over three innings, striking out three and walking five. Kayden Chaulk started on the bump for Canton C-Hawks . The left-handed pitcher gave up one hit and zero runs over two and one-third innings, striking out three and walking two.

Chris Cutler, Kassen Keough, and Nate Schuller each collected one hit for SDVFW 17A Claremont Honkers 17U. Wesley Morehouse led Claremont Honkers with one run batted in.

Meister provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Canton C-Hawks with three runs batted in. The number three hitter went 1-for-3 on the day. Wyette Greenwood and Chaulk each collected two hits for Canton C-Hawks . Sehr paced Canton C-Hawks with three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, tallying 12 walks for the game. Meister, Greenwood, and Landon Hill each stole multiple bases for Canton C-Hawks . Canton C-Hawks stole six bases in the game. Canton C-Hawks turned one double play in the game.

Groton Legion Post 39 Beats Sisseton Post 50 in Region 6B Title Game

By GameChanger Media

Groton Legion Post 39 was victorious against Sisseton Post 50, 6-2, on Friday. This was the Region 6B championship game played in Sisseton.

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

Groton Legion Post 39 scored five runs on five hits in the top of the fifth inning. Gavin Englund singled, scoring one run, Nick Morris doubled, scoring two runs, and Alex Abeln singled, scoring two runs.

Englund led things off on the mound for Groton Legion Post 39. The starter surrendered two hits and two runs (zero earned) over seven innings, striking out eight and walking four. Rylan Anderson stepped on the hill first for Sisseton Post 50. The hurler surrendered four hits and one run over three and two-thirds innings, striking out three and walking two.

Groton Legion Post 39 accumulated nine hits in the game. Morris led Groton Legion Post 39 with two runs batted in. The infielder went 1-for-4 on the day. Simon went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Groton Legion Post 39 in hits.

Hughin Current and Bryson Hanson each collected one hit for Sisseton Post 50. Current and LJ Crooks were tough to handle back-to-back in the lineup, as each drove in one run for Sisseton Post 50. Levi Nelson stole two bases.

Groton Legion Post 39 Victorious Over Big Stone City Badgers

By GameChanger Media

Groton Legion Post 39 were triumphant over Big Stone City Badgers 6-1 on Thursday in the championship semifinal of the Region Tournament being played in Sisseton. Groton will play Sisseton in the championship game today at 2 p.m.

Groton Legion Post 39 were the first to get on the board in the first when Gavin Englund singled, scoring two runs.

A single by Nick Morris extended the Groton Legion Post 39 lead to 3-0 in the bottom of the third inning.

Jarrett Erdmann stepped on the hill first for Groton Legion Post 39. The hurler surrendered seven hits and one run over six and two-thirds innings, striking out five and walking four. Isaac Brown started on the mound for Big Stone City Badgers. The starting pitcher surrendered 10 hits and six runs (four earned) over six innings, striking out five and walking none.

Groton Legion Post 39 accumulated 10 hits in the game. Alex Abeln, Groton Legion Post 39’s number eight hitter, led the team with three hits in three at-bats. Morris and Englund were tough to handle back-to-back in the lineup, as each drove in two runs for Groton Legion

Post 39. Brevin Fliehs and Carter Simon each collected multiple hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Teylor Diegel stole two bases. Groton Legion Post 39 ran wild on the base paths, piling up four stolen bases for the game. Groton Legion Post 39 turned one double play in the game.

Braxton Brandriet led Big Stone City Badgers with two hits in four at bats from the leadoff position. Connor Ohm led Big Stone City Badgers with one run batted in. The right-handed hitter went 1-for-2 on the day. Kirby Olson stole two bases.

Groton Locke Electric Defeat Hitmen Amateurs On Multiple Hit Performance

By Ty Sieber

By GameChanger Media

Ty Sieber collected three hits in six at bats, as Groton Locke Electric defeated Hitmen Amateurs 9-8 on Thursday. Sieber doubled in the fifth inning, singled in the ninth inning, and singled in the ninth inning.

Groton Locke Electric rallied for the victory despite trailing 5-1 in the fifth.

Hitmen Amateurs were the first to get on the board in the third when Gunner Brueggeman drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Locke Electric flipped the game on its head in the top of the ninth, scoring six runs on four hits to take the lead, 9-6. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Sieber that drove in two.

Wyatt Locke earned the win for Groton Locke Electric. The pitcher allowed four hits and two runs over two-thirds of an inning, striking out one and walking one. Brueggeman took the loss for Hitmen Amateurs. The hurler went two innings, allowing five runs on five hits, striking out three and walking two. Ryan Groeblichhoff stepped on the bump first for Groton Locke Electric. The starting pitcher allowed five hits and five runs over six innings, striking out 10 and walking four. Layne Cotton stepped on the bump first for Hitmen Amateurs. The starting pitcher allowed six hits and two runs over six innings, striking out seven and walking three. Jonah Schmidt threw one and two-thirds innings of zero-run ball for Groton Locke Electric in relief. The hurler allowed zero hits, striking out one and walking one.

Groton Locke Electric tallied 12 hits in the game. Brian Hansen and Dylan Frey each collected multiple hits for Groton Locke Electric. Groton Locke Electric had patience at the plate, amassing eight walks for the game. Locke and Cade Larson led the team with two walks each. Groton Locke Electric didn't commit a single error in the field. Larson had the most chances in the field with 12.

Hitmen Amateurs collected 10 hits in the game. Cotton provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Hitmen Amateurs with two runs batted in. The pitcher went 2-for-5 on the day. Blaze Herdman led Hitmen Amateurs with three hits in five at bats. Brueggeman and Beau Kirsch each collected multiple hits for Hitmen Amateurs. Hitmen Amateurs had patience at the plate, piling up nine walks for the game. Ryan Engle, Tyler Cunningham, and Miles McPeak led the team with two free passes each. Herdman stole two bases. Hitmen Amateurs didn't commit a single error in the field. Brueggeman had the most chances

in the field with eight.

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Feeling Dizzy? How Physical Therapy Can Help You Find Your Balance

Have you ever stood up too quickly and felt the room spin? Or rolled over in bed and suddenly felt like you were on a merry go round you didn't ask to ride? Maybe you've started to notice you feel a little unsteady when walking or need to hold onto furniture "just in case." If that sounds familiar, you are not alone. And more importantly, you are not without options.

Dizziness and balance problems are surprisingly common. These issues can develop after a cold, a minor head injury, or simply as part of the aging process. But despite how common they are, they are often overlooked. Many people chalk them up to aging or learn to "just live with it," avoiding stairs, skipping favorite outings, or giving up activities they enjoy because they don't feel steady.

That is where physical therapy can make a real difference. And no, it is not just about stretching or lifting weights. Physical therapists who focus on balance and vestibular care can help identify the source of your symptoms and offer practical, personalized solutions.

Let's start with one of the most common causes of vertigo: Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo, or BPPV. It sounds complicated, but the fix is often simple. In BPPV, tiny crystals in your inner ear float into the wrong place and start sending confusing signals to your brain. The result? Sudden, brief spinning sensations with head movement or changes in position. A trained physical therapist can perform a series of head and body movements called repositioning maneuvers to guide the crystals back where they belong. Relief is often immediate.

But not all dizziness is BPPV. Sometimes it stems from vestibular system weakness, where the inner ear is not working properly. This can be caused by a virus, changes that come with age or for reasons unknown. Other times, balance problems are linked to neurological conditions like Parkinson's disease or stroke, or to weakness and reduced movement after illness. Even changes in vision or sensation in your feet can throw off your balance.

That is why careful evaluation is so important. A physical therapist will assess how your eyes, ears, brain and muscles work together to keep you steady. Then they will create a personalized plan to help you feel more confident and stable. This may include exercises to improve gaze control, strengthen your muscles, practice safe walking and retrain your sense of balance.

Most importantly, therapy helps you rebuild your confidence. When you are afraid of falling or feeling dizzy, it is easy to stop moving. But that can make things worse. Physical therapy offers a safe way to stay active and regain control.

You do not have to live in fear of the next dizzy spell or miss out

on the things you enjoy. If you are feeling off balance, ask your doctor if a referral to a vestibular trained physical therapist is right for you. The path to steady footing might be closer than you think.

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