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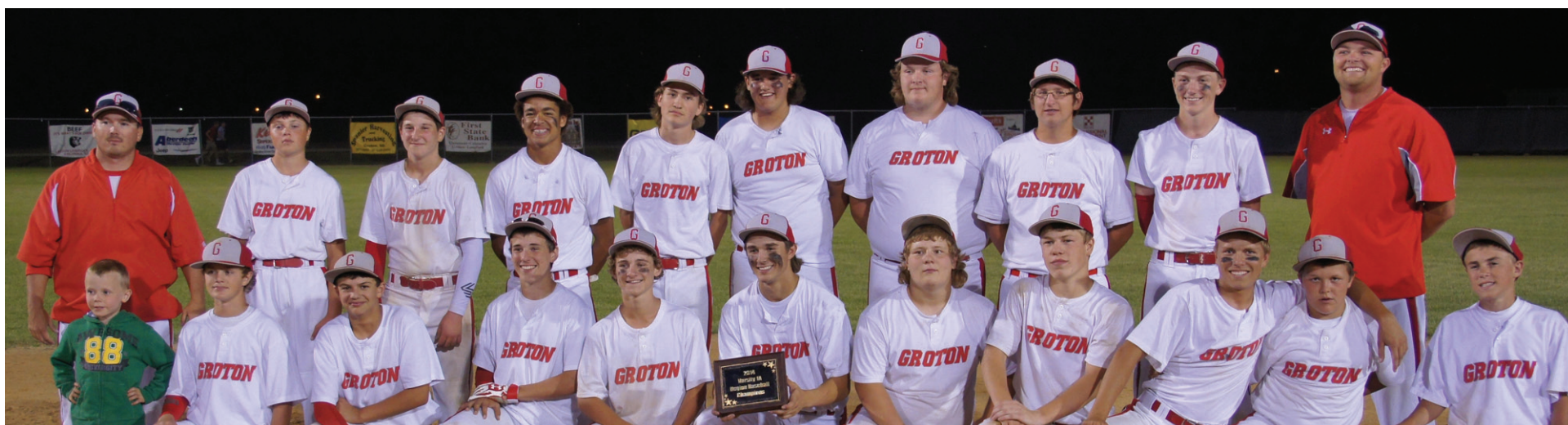
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Groton Teeners are State Bound

Region 1A Teener Champions. Back Row: Coach Pat Krause, Turner Webb, Brandon Keith, Bennett Shabazz, Truitt Rogers, Aaron Severson, Joe Groeblichhoff, Brady Keith, Sean Schuring and Coach Justin Hanson. Front Row: Lincoln Krause, Anthony Sippel, Korbin Blackmun, Marshall Lane, Trevor Pray, Adam Herman, Brandyn Anderson, Kelby Hawkins, Jackson Oliver, Wyatt Locke and Treyton Deigel. (Photo by Stacy Oliver)

It took two games, but Groton walked away with the Region 1A Teener Championship Friday evening against Milbank. Since the tournament is a double elimination tournament, Milbank had to defeat Groton twice. Groton had already defeated Milbank in the first game of the tournament and Milbank won the first game of the championship, forcing a second game.

Bennett Shabazz was the opening pitcher for Groton, and he made short work of Milbank in the first inning, three batters and three outs. Brandon Keith was the leadoff batter for Groton and was walked, but would score on a double by Adam Herman. A single by Kelby Hawkins would also score runners, Trevor Prey and Shabazz, who each had singles. At the end of the first inning, Groton had the lead, 3-0.

Milbank had only one hit in the second inning, a single by Jake Anderson. They had no runs and left Anderson on the field. Groton was unable to keep the momentum going and was out after three batters, with no runs, no hits. Neither team had any errors that inning.

Milbank was in position to score during the third inning, with the bases loaded and Jacob Jackson hitting a single, however the Groton defense was able to stop the runner at home plate for the second out. Shabazz then strike out Nick Jackson end the top of the third inning with three runners left in the field. Groton would double their score during the bottom third inning. Leadoff batter, Brandon Keith would be hit by the pitch and walked to first base. Shabazz had a line drive single and both would be brought home by birthday boy Sean Schuring's double. Groton now leads, 5-0. A single RBI by Hawkins would complete the scoring. Groton had three runs on three hits and left one man in the field. Milbank picked up two errors. Groton leads, 6-0.

Six runs in two hits would tie up the score for Milbank. Groton had one error and Turner Webb came in as the relief pitcher midway through. Groton was unable to answer the challenge, only having one hit, a single by Keith, who was left in the field. Score tied at 6.

Milbank would take the lead in the fifth inning off a bunt by Brady Krause, allowing Logan Hammer to score. Milbank would once again load the bases, but couldn't bring anyone home. Milbank had two hits for one run and left two runners in the field. Groton had one error. Groton would answer with two runs on two hits. Adam Herman scored on a single by Hawkins and Sean Schuring would steal home to regain the lead for Groton, 8-7.

It was a quick inning for Milbank in the sixth. Four batters would gain no hits, no runs and one runner left in the field. A single RBI by Schuring would increase the Groton lead to 9-7. Shabazz would later steal home for a 10-7 lead. Groton had two runs on three hits, but would leave three on the field. Milbank had one error.

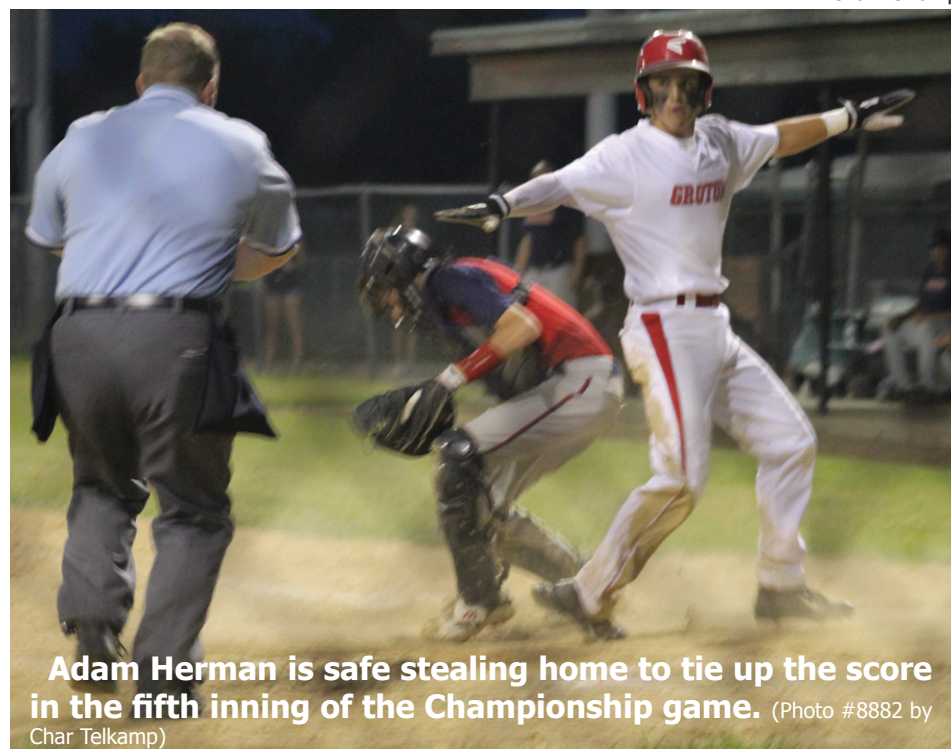
Adam Herman would be the closing pitcher for Groton. He had five batters, walking two. Milbank had no runs, no hits and left both runners on the field. The final score was Groton 10, Milbank 7.

Groton now advances to the State Tournament in Volga next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Groton will play Volga on Friday at 7:30.

-Char Telkamp



Sean Schuring and Brandon Keith team up to tag Milbank's Brady Krause out at third to end the second inning of the first game on Friday. (Photo #8788 by Char Telkamp)




Adam Herman is safe stealing home to tie up the score in the fifth inning of the Championship game. (Photo #8882 by Char Telkamp)

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Adam Herman was the closing pitcher in game two, allowing Milbank no hits and no runs. (Photo #8891 by Char Telkamp)



Brandon Keith scores the first run of the second game for Groton, off a double by Adam Herman in the first inning. (Photo #8855 by Char Telkamp)



Aaron Severson completes the play and Milbank's Dalton Koch is out on first. Turner Webb backs up the play. (Photo #8861 by Char Telkamp)

Milbank hands Groton first loss in region

Groton had hopes of defeating Milbank in the first game for the championship of the Teener Region 1A Tournament on Friday, despite being shut out twice in the regular season. Even though they had beat Milbank in the first game of the tournament, their hopes were dashed as Milbank won 8-1.

Marshall Lane was the opening pitcher for Groton, allowing no hits in the first inning and only one walk before the defense got three quick outs. The first inning ended scoreless with no runs, no hits and no errors by either teams.

At the top of the second inning, Milbank scored on a double by Logan Hammer. A double by Brady Krause brought in two more runners before he was caught in a hotbox between Shortstop Sean Schuring and second baseman Adam Herman and getting tagged at third base ending the inning. They had three runs off of two hits. There were zero errors and no one was left on base. Groton continued to be scoreless in the second inning, having no runs, no hits and leaving two men on the field. Milbank had no errors. Milbank was up by three.

Milbank had one hit in the third inning, a single by Triston Hill. Groton had one error and no one was left on base. Groton also had had two hits, both singles from Brandon Keith and Trevor Prey. Neither were able to make it home and were left on the field. Score remains Milbank in the lead 3-0.

Two more runs in the fourth inning gave Milbank a 5-0 lead. Jake Anderson had a triple and Logan Hammer had a single. Kelby Hawkins was the lone hitter for Groton with a single. He was left on base at the end of the inning. At the end of the fourth inning, Milbank retains the lead, 5-0.

Milbank had two hits in the fifth inning but no runs. Nick Jackson and Dalton Koch each had singles, but were left in the field. Adam



Bennett Shabazz was the starting pitcher for Groton in the Championship game of the Teener Region 1A Tournament on Friday. (Photo #8838 by Char Telkamp)

Herman was the lone hitter for Groton with a single. He was walked to second base on a pitchers balk and was able to score on a ground out by Bennett Shabazz. Milbank still up by four runs.

A double to deep center field by Brady Krause brought home Logan Hammer to increase Milbank's lead, 6-1. Milbank would add one more run during the inning, making the score 7-1. Turner Webb came in for Groton as the closing pitcher. Webb and Jackson Oliver would be the lone hitters for Groton in the sixth inning, each batting singles, neither were able to make it home. Milbank had two runs off one hit and had one error. Groton had two hits, no runs and one error. Milbank still leads, 7-1.

Two more hits in the seventh inning for one run would clinch the win for Milbank. Both Koch and Domenic Beurger hitting singles and Koch scoring. Three straight outs for Groton and the game was over. Milbank winning, 8-1.

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Teeners turn back Mobridge

Groton took an early command of the second game of the Teener Region 1A Tournament on Thursday at Locke/Karst Field. Groton scored 13 runs while denying Mobridge any runs and only five hits in five innings.

Starting pitcher Turner Webb only allowed Mobridge two hits in the first inning before getting the third strike out with three left on. Mobridge's hits came from Carson Keller and Dylan Cerney, who each had singles. Dalton Faenhrish was walked to load the bases. Mobridge had no runs, two hits and five errors. Groton's leadoff batter Brandon Keith started with a triple hit. Trevor Prey's sacrificial fly allowed Keith to score the first run. Adam Herman (triple), Bennett Shabazz (single), Kelby Hawkins (single), Aaron Severson (single), Marshall Lane (double), and Brandon Keith (single) all had hits in the first inning. Groton had a total of seven runs, five hits and no errors. Groton leads 7-0.

Mobridge had no runs and one hit in the second inning, but added three more errors. Groton had their only error when shortstop Sean Schuring dropped a popfly off Mobridge's Jordan Bachmeier's single. Mobridge's turn at bat ended with a double play when Herman tagged Bachmeier on second base and threw the ball to Aaron Severson on first to get the third out on Noah Fried. Groton retains the lead, 9-0.

The third inning was scoreless as neither team had any runs. Mobridge had two hits to Groton's none and neither team had any errors. Wyatt Locke came in as the closing relief pitcher for Groton. Mobridge's hits came from Sam Goodshield and Carson Keller, who each had singles. Groton still leads, 9-0.

The first three batters of the fourth inning were quickly out by the Groton defense. Groton's first three batters were walked to bring up a bases loaded situation for designated hitter Marshall Lane. Lane's pop up to center field was caught, bringing in hitter Jackson Oliver. Schuring was able to steal home on a wild pitch, giving Groton a 10-0 lead. Oliver's double then brought home Trey Deigel (Courtesy runner for catcher Kelby Hawkins) and Severson. Groton was now up by 12. Oliver came home a single by Truitt Rogers. Groton had two hits for four runs in the fourth inning. Mobridge added one error. Groton has the commanding lead with 13-0.

The game ended at the top of the fifth with three quick outs. Mobridge did have one hit, a single by Keller. The final score was Groton up by 13.

Groton now advances to the championship game on Friday at 5:30 against the winner of the Milbank / Mobridge game.

-Char Telkamp



Marshall Lane was the opening pitcher for Groton in the first game of the championship Region 1A Tournament on Friday. (Photo #8772 by Char Telkamp)



Right: **Coach Justin Hanson** holds a time out to confer with pitcher **Marshall Lane** during the top of the sixth inning in game one of the championship match up against **Milbank**. (Photo #8815 by Char Telkamp)

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Wyatt Locke pitched the last three innings of the game against Mobridge, holding them to only three hits in three innings. (Photo #8764 by Char Telkamp)



Trevor Pray pitched for most of the game in the Groton win over Milbank in the Region 1A Teener Tournament on Wednesday. (Photo #8603 by Char Telkamp)



Jackson Oliver makes the first of two spectacular catches in the right field during the third inning of the Region 1A Teener Baseball Tournament on Wednesday. (Photo #8624 by Char Telkamp)



With the score tied at 3-3, Milbank tries a bunt. Pitcher **Trevor Pray** makes the pass to **Turner Webb** for the out. (Photo #8656 by Char Telkamp)

Groton rallies to beat Milbank

Groton got off to a slow start Wednesday evening in the first game of the Region 1A Teener Tournament, but came back to defeat Milbank 5-4. The tournament opened with the Groton Legion Post #39 providing the Color Guard and Camille Sippel singing the National Anthem.

The first inning ended scoreless with Trevor Pray getting the lone hit, but was left on base.

Milbank would score two runs in the second inning to take the early lead. Groton had two hits, a double by Kelby Hawkins and a single by Brandon Keith. Anthony Sippel was walked. All three players were left on base at the end of the inning. Milbank leads by two.

Milbank would add a run in the third inning, but two spectacular catches by right fielder Jackson Oliver would put a stop to any further RBI's. Groton had two hits, a single by Adam Herman and one by Sippel. Both Bennett Shabazz and Hawkins were walked. Groton was unable to bring home a

run and Milbank advanced their lead to 3-0.

A leadoff single by Milbank was the only hit of the fourth inning by the Bulldogs. Groton had three hits. Jackson Oliver and Brandon Keith each had a single. They were brought home on a single by Herman. Herman would come home a single by Shabazz. The fourth inning ended with Milbank having no runs, one hit and two errors. Groton had three runs, two hits and no errors. The score was tied at 3.

The fifth inning was scoreless for both teams, as they each had quick outs. There were no runs, hits or errors for either team. The score remained 3-3.

Milbank had one hit, a single, in the sixth inning, but no runs and no errors. Groton would advance their lead with a single by Brandon Keith and a double by Sean Schuring, bringing home Keith and Shabazz, who was walked. Groton had two runs, two hits and no errors to take the lead 5-3.

Milbank added a run in the final inning to close the Groton lead. Groton brought in Shabazz to pitch the final outs of the game. With one out, he walked the first player to load the bases. He struck out the second player. The final pitch was a pop fly to centerfield which was caught by Herman to end the game. The final score was Groton up by one, 5-4. Groton held on for the victory and will advance to the second game against Mobridge Thursday afternoon at 4 at Locke/Karst Field. The loser will play Milbank following that game and the winner advances to the Championship Game on Friday. The tournament is a double elimination tournament.

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Brown County July 29 Meeting Minutes



JULY 29, 2014 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Fischbach and Wiese. Commissioner Kippley was absent. Chairman Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to approve the General Meeting minutes of July 22, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims:

Payroll: Commission \$3,527.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$3,992.74; Auditor \$7,124.47; Treasurer \$11,647.69; Data Processing \$2,460.73; State's Attorney \$15,075.41; Blood Draws \$700.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,269.24; Maintenance \$6,034.97; Assessor \$12,733.31; Register of Deeds \$8,402.07; Veterans Service Office \$3,539.84; GIS \$2,147.60; Sheriff Admin \$33,490.33; Jail \$32,069.01; JDC \$15,102.42; HD \$4,596.04; Welfare Office \$3,104.47; Museum \$7,624.16; Parks & Fairgrounds \$6,310.22; Fair Board \$2,994.61; 4-H \$1,722.23; Weed \$5,211.90; Planning and Zoning \$1,453.85; Highway \$53,302.88; Communications \$18,532.96; Emergency Management \$3,209.72; Teen Court \$75.65; 24/7 \$2,605.93; Landfill \$12,821.00

Matching Benefits: FICA \$16,692.19; Medicare \$3,903.83; Life \$675.57; Dentl \$6,373.04; Health Insurance \$106,501.04; Retirement \$3,554.97.

Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$280.00.

Professional Fees: Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$98.94; AMG Internal Medicine \$166.53; AMG Neurosurgical \$202.99; Avera St. Luke's \$8,602.38; Lois Bechner \$100.00; Dakotabilities \$360.00; Christopher Dohrer \$3,839.28; Steve Gauer \$28.88; Susan Gerlach \$68.12; Hope Giest \$40.00; Chris Jansen \$3,214.28; Kuck Law Office \$3,214.28; Lewis & Clark BHS \$160.00; Allen Lundquist \$100.00; Ken & Penny Nelson \$200.00; Otis Elevator \$899.64; Tom Rawerts \$100.00; Christine Rawstern \$200.00; Richardson, Wylly, Wise, Sauck \$3,214.28; Gina Rogers \$3,214.28; Ronayne Law Office \$3,214.28; Sanford Health \$169.00; Schriver's Memorial Mortuary \$1,000.00; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$1,110.00; SDN \$62.50; Christy Serr \$3,839.28; Sivertsen Technology \$5,775.00; Kristi Spitzer \$1,608.00; Spitzer Miller Funeral Home \$1,000.00; Tammy Stolle \$110.00; Toni McGhee \$40.00;

Kristi Vetter \$23.32; Perk Washenberger \$100.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$25.00.

Transcripts: Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$60.00; Tammy Stolle Court Reportin \$74.80.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$462.83; Dex \$52.00; Groton Independent \$228.65; Ingstad Family Media \$1,020.00; Midstates Printing \$1,051.09.

Rentals: Wolfson Apartments \$260.00; Zumbaum Property Mgmt. \$330.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Asphalt \$6,000.00; Aberdeen City Treasurer \$9,790.00; Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$2,410.76; DFP \$958.82; Diamond Mowers \$79.73; JM Electric \$4,042.70; KONE Inc. \$450.00; Marco \$89.86; Mattern Electric \$1,852.15; SD Dept. of Public Safety \$5,400.00; SD DOT \$29,155.63; TrueNorth Steel \$53,892.00; US Bank \$331.07; Weigel Construction \$4,998.99.

Supplies: A & B Business \$415.11; A-A Towing \$180.00; Aberdeen Area Radiator \$28.50; Aberdeen Moose Lodge #590 \$150.00; Academy Trophy & Engraving \$54.00; American Stamp \$228.54; Ameripride \$58.90; Beadle Floral & Nursery \$172.32; DFP \$2,378.58; Dakota Supply Group \$2.27; Diamond Mowers \$607.72; Digital Alley \$40.00; DPM Mercantile \$3.95; DSS Image Apparel \$329.90; Galls \$274.88; Gardner Locksmithing \$97.50; Gary's Engine & Repair \$28.95; Geffdog Designers \$11.00; GovConnection \$1,095.55; HF Jacobs & Son \$2,021.83; Jensen Rock & Sand \$487.10; Kmart Pharmacy \$29.21; Lar-Jo's \$65.70; Lien Transportation \$63,417.51; Marco \$262.11; Menards \$226.25; Midstates Printing \$186.30; Midwest Pump & Tank \$15.00; Diane Mielke \$102.95; NCFE- Warner Elevator \$8,313.34; Nelson Sales & Service \$19.50; Newman Signs \$1,922.71; Parcel Erickson \$108.00; Parkview Nursery \$707.04; Pizza Ranch \$609.85; Polk Directories \$800.00; SD Assoc. of County Officials \$50.00; Christy Serr \$160.00; Share Corp \$129.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$217.16; US Bank \$11,155.29; Volk Upholstery \$50.00; West Payment Center \$3,177.56.

Travel & Conference: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$12.00; Crisis Prevention \$150.00; Exec. Mgmt. Finance Office \$1,122.36; Jefferson Lines \$291.50; Leo Leshner \$103.40; Amy Scott \$93.34; SD Emergency Mgmt. Assoc. \$80.00; US Bank \$1,137.81; Mary Worlie \$86.08.

Utilities: CenturyLink \$2,456.65; Dependable Sanitation \$451.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$37.42; North Star Energy \$57.06; NWPS \$1150.81; US Bank \$519.31; Verizon \$2,034.09.

Improvements Other Than Buildings: B & B Contracting \$223,435.73.

Other: Safe Harbor \$1,893.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve the following employee

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step increase, effective August 3, 2014: Daryl Lloyd @ \$18.69 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve employee status change for Marissa Mickelson from part-time to regular part-time, effective August 3, 2014 at \$11.94 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following agreement: Watertown Human Service Agency for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on September 10-12, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL UNIT 2 CELL 2 PAY REQUEST #3: Moved by Fischbach seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Pay Request #3 for Landfill Unit 2 Cell 2 Construction Project to B & B Contracting in amount of \$223,435.74. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CDBG-NEW TEC PROJECT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Payment Request #7 Community Development Block Grant #1212-307 for New Tec in amount of \$15,621.24. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL FALL RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fischbach to approve waiving fees on all material types from Residential Users only during the Fall Residential Cleanup at the Brown County Landfill, to be held from August 29 thru September 13, 2014 (open Labor Day). Tires are limited to car/pickup tires only with a maximum of 4 tires per customer for event period. Fees will apply to commercially generated tires and other tire sizes. No free waste will be accepted from commercial contractors or businesses (including mobile homes). In the event circumstances beyond the control of Brown County (flood, tornado, fire, other) would occur during the FREE Cleanup period the Brown County Commission would reserve the right to end the free cleanup period at such time and implement the regular fee structure. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PROPERTY DONATION AGREEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Donation Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, Donor and Brown County, Donee for acceptance of property located at 408 S 3rd Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GRANARY TREE SERVICE QUOTE: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Wiese to approve recommendation from Sue

Gates, Dacotah Prairie Museum Director to hire Dakota Tree Service for tree removal and tree trimming at the Granary, as the other tree services contacted are not prepared to name Brown County as additional insured for workers compensation and other insurance coverage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SD ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: **RESOLUTION #49-14.** Resolution to Allow Counties to Share the Burden of Court Services. WHEREAS, Brown County is concerned about the costs associated with providing adequate space and furnishings for court services; and WHEREAS, Counties are continually struggling with funding all required services and functions; and WHEREAS, While Counties take on this burden there is no available funds on the State and Federal side to help share in these costs; and WHEREAS, There are numerous statutes (Reference State of South Dakota Statutes 16-2-25, 16-2-25.1, 16-12A-29.1 and 16-12A30.1) pertaining to the Counties responsibilities in regards to Courts and it is our desire to amend any and all of those statutes to at least share in the burden of cost with the State; and NOW, THEREFORE, that the Brown County Board of Commissioners expresses their full support and cooperation of these statute amendments; and Does direct its administrator to prepare and furnish a certified copy of this Resolution for submission to the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners for consideration. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-absent, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #50-14. Resolution To Allow Counties To Set Their Own Mileage Per Diem Rates For Employees. WHEREAS, Brown County is concerned about the ability to set their own mileage per diem rates for officials/employees; and WHEREAS, Gas prices and vehicle maintenance costs continue to fluctuate; and WHEREAS, Per State of South Dakota Statute 7-7-24 "Mileage allowance to county officials. All county officials, excepts sheriff's, shall be paid for traveling expenses for each mile traveled in the discharge of their official duties not to exceed the state mileage rate" should be amended to "Mileage allowance to county officials/employees. All county officials/employees, excepts sheriff's, shall be paid for traveling expenses for each mile traveled in the discharge of their official duties not to exceed

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the rate set by each County Board of Commissioners" ; and NOW, THEREFORE, that the Brown County Board of Commissioners expresses their full support and cooperation of this statute change; and Does direct its administrator to prepare and furnish a certified copy of this Resolution for submission to the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners for consideration. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-absent, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted. Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution: **Resolution #51-14.** Resolution to Allow Counties to Set Their Own Jail Visit Schedule. WHEREAS, Brown County is concerned about the State Statute requiring an annual jail visit during a regular meeting of the board; and WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioner's visit the jail as needed outside of a regular board meeting; and WHEREAS, Per State of South Dakota Statute 24-11-26 "Jail visit annually during regular meetings of board. It shall also be the duty of the board of county commissioners to visit all the jails of its county once during its regular meetings each year" can be scheduled at any time and does not need to be during a regular meeting and should be repealed; and NOW, THEREFORE, that the Brown County Board of Commissioners expresses their full support and cooperation of this statute repeal; and Does direct its administrator to prepare and furnish a certified copy of this Resolution for submission to the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners for consideration. Seconded by Commissioner Hansen. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-absent, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution

adopted. Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: **Resolution #52-14.** Resolution to Allow Counties to Choose Who Completes Their Financial and Compliance Audits. WHEREAS, Brown County is concerned that counties are not allowed by state law to have an outside independent contractor complete their financial and compliance audits if they choose; and WHEREAS, Municipalities and School Districts can "contract" for their audits from a source other than the Department of Legislative Audits; and WHEREAS, A statute should be created that allows counties the choice of using the Department of Legislative Audit or an independent contractor as they choose to fulfill their financial and compliance audits in accordance with federal guidelines; and

NOW, THEREFORE, that the Brown County Board of Commissioners expresses their full support and cooperation of this statute creation; and Does direct its administrator to prepare and furnish a certified copy of this Resolution for submission to the South Dakota Association of County Commissioners for consideration. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Kippley-absent, Fischbach-aye, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) with Larry Lovien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

RECESS: The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until August 5, 2014. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of \$117.62.

July Building Permits

Chris Kassube, 23 N Main, new window and A/C unit, \$500

Justin Cleveland, 26 N 4th St, replace tub, sink and flooring, \$2,100.

Perry Blocker, 301 N 6th St., steel roof, \$300
Robert Howard, 13370, 407th Ave, build hoop building, \$16,000.

Roger Rix, 13052 406 Ave, reshingle garage, \$3,000.

Harlan Williams, 204 N Madison, reshingle north side of house, \$1,000.

Michael Ewalt, 230 E. 7th Ave, soffit, fascia and gutter, \$750.

Michael and Emily Wieseler, 308 N Broadway, move in a home, \$150,000.

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The Rollercoaster Ride They Call a Season.....

In May we started the season out very confident. The First few practices were going well, we were having fun, and things seemed to be headed in the right direction.

Then, a disappointing fact came before us. Groton's numbers were down this year and we were not going to have the numbers to field a Legion and 2 Teener teams. A few kids had decided to quit throughout the entire program which left rosters short, so a decision had to be made. We ended up doing the only thing we could do and combine the 13-16 year olds to make a Teener team.

We know this discussion was going to be hard on the kids all the way through the program. This left us with 19 players on the roster. We knew it would take a lot to get these kids all adequate innings, but yet we weren't afraid of the task at hand. We had a healthy schedule, and we knew they were going to get lots of experience.

The season started off as expected, we won some, we lost some, but slowly everyone was starting to get better and their confidence levels were getting boosted. We were playing really good some games and not so good others. We would win by 10 runs and then lose by 10 runs in the same week. We had sore arms, sore legs and a broken down confidence.

Then, we reached the start of the turning point in our season. We were going to Brookings to play in a Jr. Legion tournament. Our schedule for this tournament consisted of Mitchell, Brookings, Brandon Valley and SF West. Keep in mind these were all Jr. Legion AA teams. These kids were all 16-17 years old, and our team 13-15, with one or two 16 year olds sprinkled in. We definitely were overmatched in the experience category, but what we seen this weekend proved to me that we weren't overmatched in the HEART category. Our boys came out the first game versus Mitchell with no fear. They battled for all 7 innings, and yes we lost 8-7, but they played so hard and learned so much. That is kind of how this entire weekend went. We lost all 4 games that weekend, but I seen the team take some large leaps forward in their play; I knew this season would be successful.

Now for successful, this term can be used in a lot of different ways, successful to some is winning, winning, winning. Successful to us was making sure the kids learned something this season, and they got to become veterans of the game of baseball. We knew starting the season we were going to have to take our beatings. Especially with a schedule playing Mitchell, Brookings, SF West, Brandon Valley, Aberdeen four times, West Central, Lennox, Vermillion, Beresford, Tea, Warner (who are 16-17 and very talented), Webster (who won state teener title last year) and of course Milbank 4 times and twice or 3 times in regions. You look at the size of those towns and then realize what I said earlier with our numbers and our young team. Playing this schedule was going to be a battle all the way through. That's exactly what we did we battled and we battled and we battled all season long. Some weeks we battled with having only 9 or 10 kids to play with, but it didn't stop us, we kept on battling. Now when I say battle I'm not saying we won, actually we lost a lot. Winning isn't always everything though. It was hard on the kids; it's not easy going through a losing streak like we did and over-

coming it, but here is where the story starts to get real exciting.

All the camps were over, the weddings, the vacations, all of this was over. We had our full team back and stuff started to fall into place. The last week of the season our pitchers started throwing strikes, our fielders started fielding the ball, and we started to hit it, boy oh boy we started to hit!!! Our confidence levels slowly started coming back. Our older leaders started falling into their rolls and some of our younger leaders started to recognize what leadership was. As coaches, our confidence level was at an all time high going into the Region Tournament, which was held in Groton. A lot were complaining because we drew Milbank, our toughest competition, heck probably one of the elite teams in the state, the first round of Regions. This didn't bother us, the way we looked at it, we had to beat them twice in order to extend our season, may as well get them the first day!

Well, we came out guns a blazing, our pitching, fielding, hitting and most important confidence levels were high and we pulled off a victory. Now this might not mean much to a whole lot of you, but to Pat and I it was huge. These kids had battled tooth and nail all year, they had taken their beatings, their confidence had been crushed, but these kids had learned something. They had learned that if they competed with confidence, they could always achieve, what most people that, the unachievable. We went into Friday's championship day knowing that Milbank had to beat us twice. The first game we made a few mistakes and Milbank beat us 8-1, but what happened after that was the final proof of the leaps and bounds these kids have come. We jumped out to an early 6-0 lead on them. Things were going well, but its Teener baseball, we all knew the dreaded crooked number was coming. It was just how we responded from that, which was going to be the difference in the game. Well, we were right. Milbank put up 6 runs in one inning. Tie ball game 6-6. When they boys came to the huddle after that inning, spirits were down a little, heads were hanging a little. We went to the plate and had a quick inning without scoring any. In the next inning Milbank scored 1, and they now had a 7-6 lead. Now here's where I got the chills. When the boys came off the field, one of them said "boys this is our game, let's go get it!" I told the kids, "He's right, no one

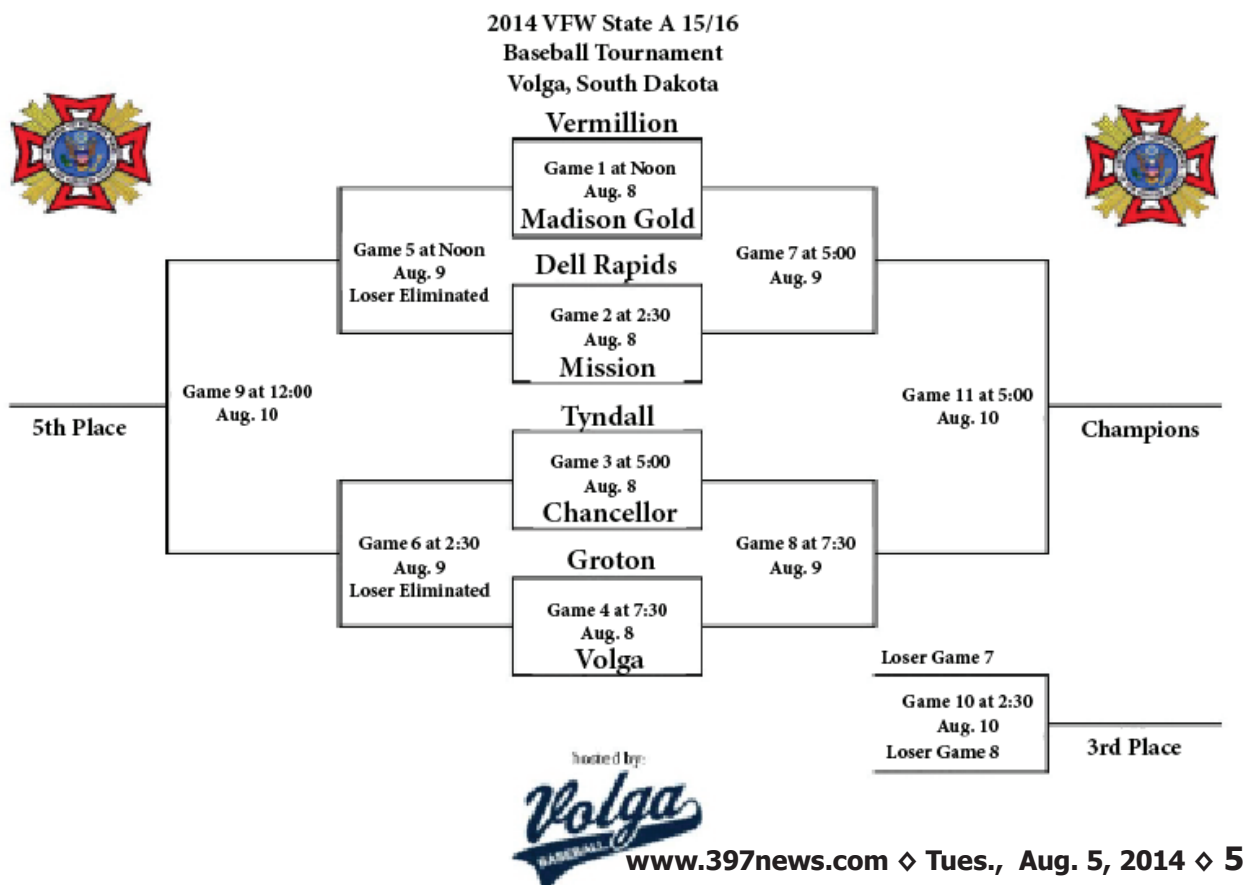
expected you guys to even be in this situation, you guys are playing your hearts out and earned this spot, now finish the game because you honestly have nothing to lose!" That inning we came out and put up 4 runs and the rest is history. From that time on we never for one minute questioned the fact that this was our game. The boys had learned what it takes to win, they all had big calloused hearts, and they WERE going to win this game.

Quite the Cinderella story really. David and Goliath type of deal, but that's not why I am writing this. I am writing this so that other people out there can understand the life story these kids learned this season. This season taught these kids that nothing in life is ever going to be given to you. All throughout life there are going to be people that on paper are better than you, hard obstacles to overcome. Some of them you won't overcome, but most importantly if you don't overcome them, you need to stay strong, have a HUGE heart and the good will always prevail. Life is not always how much money you have or how much power you have, but more about believing you can succeed and working hard to achieve that goal even though it won't always go your way.

In all honesty if you would have asked me a month ago we would be playing in the State Tournament next weekend, I would have questioned you. I owe the boys an apology for that. They proved me and in my opinion everybody wrong. These boys gave every blood, sweat and tear they had all summer to achieve this goal, and I believe that they truly believed they could do it all season. They kept the dedication, the hard work, the positive attitudes they needed and they DID it.

I will leave you with this. I want to give a huge THANKS to the boys this season. They played hard for us all year! They all contributed all season long in one way or another. They all recognized and accepted their roles on the team. Everyone who sees these boys on the streets needs to congratulate them. They truly earned everything they have at this point by hard work and confidence. Thanks boys for teaching me a lot this season. It's been a pleasure. Now let's go get some wins down at State... remember we have "NOTHING TO LOSE!"

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Groton Area Back To School Information

Groton Area School District 06-6 – "Mission Statement"

Each school will foster a school climate conducive to learning by encouraging good behavior and citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards. Teachers will employ strategies and approaches to instruction to meet the needs of all children assigned to them. With proper motivation and instruction, all children can learn!

Teacher Qualifications

All teachers of core academic subjects must hold at least a bachelor's degree, have full state certification, and demonstrate knowledge in the core academic subject they teach. For information regarding your child's teachers' qualifications, you may contact the superintendent's office at 397-2351.

Certified Staff Changes

Certified staff new to the District include: Brooke Lingbeck, Business Education; Kayla Krause, Junior Kindergarten; Cody Swanson, Vocal Music/Show Choir

Certified staff reassignments within the District include: Julie Milbrandt, 1st Grade Teacher; Jill Helvig, Title I Math; Bonnie Schimmel, RtI Coordinator; Cara Dennert, Technology Integration

Registration Day – Wed., August 6

Registration will be held on Wednesday, August 6 from 9:00AM – 12:00PM or 1:00PM – 3:00PM for all K-12 students new to the District. Most kindergarten children were registered at pre-school screening in April; therefore, only those who did not register in April need to report for registration. Anyone new to the District should contact the respective building principal(s) as soon as possible.

Schedule Changes

Schedule changes for students in grades 9-12 can be made before the first day of school on Monday, August 18, 2014 from 9:00AM – 3:00PM.

School Supply Lists

Students' school supply lists for the elementary school (preschool – grade 5) and middle school (grades 6-8) are posted on the District's web site at www.grotonarea.com.

Welcome Back Picnic & Open House – Tuesday, August 19

All students enrolled in the district for the 2014-2015 school year, their parents, and all staff are invited to a "Welcome Back" picnic and Open House on Tuesday, August 19. The picnic will be held at the GHS gym and will run from 5:00PM – 6:30PM. A free meal will be served and door prizes will be given away.

Open House will run from 6:30PM – 8:00 PM at the elementary school and from 7:15PM – 8:30 PM at the MS/HS.

6th Grade Orientation – Tuesday, August 19

Orientation for all 6th grade students and their parents will take place at 6:30PM in the GHS Arena following the "Welcome Back" picnic. This will be an opportunity for the 6th grade students and their parents to meet the teaching staff, become familiar with the building, and get questions answered.

Tablet PCs Issued to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

Prior to being issued their tablet PC, students and their parents must sign and return the following documents: Laptop Computer Protection Agreement, the Student Pledge, E-mail Acceptable Use Agreement, the Groton Area School District Network/In-

ternet agreement, and the Parental Consent to Publish Student Photos/Work. The following arrangements have been made for student/parent orientation and paperwork/tablet disbursement:

Sophomores and their parents should meet in the GHS Arena on Tuesday, August 19 at 7:15 PM with High School Principal, Anna Schwan.

Juniors and Seniors will be given the required documents on the first day of school and must return all of them appropriately completed prior to being issued their tablet.

First Day of School – Thurs., Aug. 21

The first day of school is on Thursday, August 21. School supply lists are available on the District website. Students participating in band should bring their instruments. Buses will run and school lunch will be served. Each route driver will contact parents to confirm bus arrival times. Other bus route questions may be referred to transportation supervisor, Loren Bahr, at (605) 397-8117. The GRASP (OST) program at the elementary school will be available on the first day of school.

Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade

The District offers all-day, every day kindergarten classes. Children may enter kindergarten if they are 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the year in which they are to enter school. The District offers a junior kindergarten program each day from 12:30PM – 3:23PM for students that are eligible to attend kindergarten, but are not quite ready for kindergarten. Students enrolling in first grade must be 6 years of age on or before September 1 of that school year.

Non-Resident Enrollment

For out-of-district students, applications to open enroll may be accepted throughout the school year. Applications are available from any school district administrative office. All open enrollment requests and related questions should be referred to school superintendent, Joe Schwan, at (605) 397-2351.

2014-2015 School Hours

Groton Area Elementary
8:15AM Arrival Time (Supervision)
8:25AM – 3:23PM Classes in Session
Groton Area MS/HS
8:25 AM First Bell
8:30AM – 3:30PM Classes in Session

Athletic Physicals

In accordance with SDHSAA regulations and District policy, each student (grades 7-12) who intends to participate in athletic competition is required to have an athletic physical prior to participation, including practice.

1st practice for HS boys golf
Monday, August 11
1st practice for HS soccer
Thursday, August 7
1st practice for HS football
Thursday, August 14
1st practice for HS volleyball
Thursday, August 14
1st practice for HS cross country
Monday, August 18
1st JH practice
First week of school

Note: There will be a meeting on Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the GHS Arena for all student-athletes and their parents. All student-athletes in grades 9-12 planning to participate in a fall sport must plan to attend.

Since athletic physical requirements are more comprehensive and are required only every third year, parents are advised to make appointments directly with their family physician or chiropractor. Any questions may be directed to head coaches or athletic director, Brian Schuring, at (605) 397-8381.

GRASP (OST) Program

The GRASP program services children in junior kindergarten through grade five with before and after-school homework help, supervised learning activities, and snacks. The GRASP program will be held in the Groton Area Elementary School from 7:00AM - 8:00AM and 3:25PM – 6:00PM each day that school is in session. Rates are \$2.50 per hour, per child. Any OST questions or registrations may be directed to elementary principal, Mr. Dalchow, at (605) 397-2317.

The following policy has been adopted for OST accounts and will be enforced:

When family balances drop below -\$100.00, OST services will be denied until such a time when a satisfactory payment plan has been established between the family and the OST director.

K-12 Breakfast and Lunch Program

The school provides breakfast and lunch for all students each day school is in session. All meals are on a cash basis (i.e. pay as you go), while recognizing the provisions for free and reduced price meals. Guidelines for 2014-2015 applications for free and reduced priced meals were mailed out on August 1, 2014. Parents are encouraged to apply for free and reduced priced meals if there is a possibility they may qualify. Prices are as follows:

Groton Area Elementary:

	Milk	Juice
Monthly	\$5.90	\$7.00
Semester	\$23.60	\$28.00
Yearly	\$47.20	\$56.00
Daily Breakfast		\$2.00
Daily Lunch		\$2.75

Prices for second servings at the elementary are \$0.50.

Groton Area Middle School/High School:

Daily Breakfast	\$2.50
Daily Lunch	\$3.25

Prices for second servings at the middle/high school are \$0.75.

Activity Tickets

Activity tickets are intended to admit all students to regularly scheduled home activities or events, with about the only exceptions being tournaments and the Pops Concert. Students in grades 1-5 may purchase an activity ticket, if they wish. All students who participate in activities for which an activity stipend is paid are required to purchase an activity ticket as a condition of participation since they are the primary beneficiaries of the activity programs. For example, staff activity stipends include: all sports, marching band, forensics, cheerleading, drama, oral interp, DI, FFA, FCCLA, etc.

Activity Ticket prices for 2014-2015 are as follows:

Grades 1-5	\$25.00
Grades 6-12	\$30.00
Adults	\$45 (10 events)

Admission Prices:

Adults = \$5.00; \$6.00 for double headers
Students, Grades 1-12 = \$4.00

Church Night

Wednesday nights during the school year are set aside for activities in the community's churches. No locally sponsored school activities or conflicting practices are to be held after 6:00PM on Wednesday.

School Cancellations

All school cancellations or early dismissals due to inclement weather or emergencies will be sent out via the School-Reach Instant Parent Contact System. Within minutes, School-Reach automatically sends a pre-recorded message to every recipient on a selected list. Parents will be asked to provide phone numbers and e-mail addresses (when available) to the school so that a selected calling list can be created. Emergency cancellations will be broadcast over TV stations KSFY, KDLT, and KELO. The Groton Daily

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Technology Upgrades/Improvements

The Groton Area School District has expanded the availability of Ipad to the elementary students with the purchase an additional Ipad cart containing 30 ipads. Many of the projectors in the elementary school have been replaced.

All students in grades 10-12 will be issued a tablet PC for the sixth consecutive year.

Capital Outlay Projects

Elementary: New carpet and new ceiling fans have been installed in the preschool room. The Title I room has been relocated to the former "orange room" to accommodate the Junior Kindergarten class relocation to the former Title I room. New bathroom partitions have been installed in the restrooms in the upper pod. Extensive work has been done to emergency exit lighting. An electronic access fob has been installed on the main entrance. New shower heads have been installed in the elementary locker rooms.

Middle School/High School: The boys bathroom on the second floor of the 1934 addition has been repaired with new fixtures, new partitions, and fresh paint. Several classrooms have been re-carpeted. The floors in the middle school locker rooms have been refinished. The facility has been rekeyed including the installation of two electronic access fobs.

Immunization Requirements (SDCL 13-28-7.1)

State law requires that any pupil entering school or an early childhood program in the state shall, prior to admission, be required to present the appropriate school authorities certification from a licensed physician that the new child has received or is in the process of receiving adequate immunization against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, rubeola, rubella, mumps, tetanus, and varicella, according to recommendations provided by the Department of Health. The Department of Health may modify or delete any of the required immunizations. As an alternative to the requirement for a physician's certification, the pupil may present:

Certificate from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child would be such that immunization would endanger the child's life or health; or

A written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such immunization; or

A written statement signed by one parent or guardian requesting that the local health department give the immunization because the parents or guardians lack the means to pay for such immunization.

Harassment and Bullying Policies

The district has harassment & bullying policies in place in both buildings. Bullying among students can be defined as intentional, repeated hurtful acts, words or other behavior, such as name-calling, threatening and/or shunning committed by one or more students against another. This definition also includes "cyber-bullying" which is the sending or posting of cruel or harmful texts or images using the Internet or other digital media such as cell phones, etc. For a complete copy of the district's harassment or bullying policy, please contact the building principal.

Grievance Procedure

In an effort to maintain effective communications, if you have a particular concern about your child's progress or about what is

happening on the bus, at school, in a class or activity, first discuss it with the driver, teacher, or director of the activity. If your concern or grievance remains unresolved at that level, or if there is a need to share your concern, contact the principal in charge of the school in which your child attends. If the concern/grievance remains unresolved at that level, contact the superintendent. If school policy is at issue or if the concern grievance remains unresolved, you may request that the superintendent include the subject on the school board meeting agenda. To maintain confidentiality, student matters may be confined to an "executive session" with the Board and administration.

Complaint Policy for Federal Programs and Homelessness Policy

A parent, student, employee, or district stakeholder who has a complaint regarding the use of federal funds and is unable to solve the issue, may address the complaint in writing to the district's superintendent. Disputes addressing the enrollment, transportation, and other barriers to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness are also addressed under this procedure. For a copy of the complete policy, contact the school superintendent.

Child Find

Parents or guardians are to be informed that the Groton Area School District 06-6 continuously conducts a "Child Find" search to identify and evaluate District children ages 0-21, with special education needs. Persons who know of a child with un-served education needs may refer the child, by name, to the appropriate building principal. With the parent or guardian's consent, an evaluation will be made. After the evaluation has been completed, a placement committee will meet with the parent or guardian to determine if special assistance is needed.

Title I

The federal government provides funding to states each year for Title I services. The goal of Title I is to provide extra help in math and reading for eligible students. Students are selected for the program based on information provided by classroom teachers, parents, and achievement test results. Title I services in our district are provided to students in grades K-5, with a strong emphasis on students in grades K-3.

Federal Compliance Notice

Students, their parents, and employees of the Groton Area School District #06-6 are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin, color, age, disability or religion in employment practices and educational activities. To ensure compliance with Section 427 of GEPA, effective steps shall be taken to remove potential barriers so as to ensure equity of access and participation in grant programs and to achieve high standards. Any person having inquiries concerning compliance or application of Title VI, Affirmative Action, Title IX, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act is directed to contact Federal Program compliance coordinator, Joe Schwan, Superintendent, Groton Area School District 06-6, Phone 397-2351 or, Department of Education, Civil Rights Office, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114; Phone: (816) 268-0550; TTD (800) 4370-0833; FAX: (816) 823-1404; Web link: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=mr>

FERPA Notification of Rights

The Family Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and eligible students certain

rights with respect to the student's educational records including:

Inspection or review of the student's records within 45 days of request for access;

Request for amendments to student records that the parent may believe to be inaccurate or misleading, and;

The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained on the student's educational records. Except upon request, the District may disclose records without consent to officials of a school district in which a student intends to enroll.

In accordance with federal law, military recruiters are entitled to receive the names, addresses, and telephone listings of juniors and seniors in public high schools. A parent or secondary school student may "opt out" of allowing the school to provide information about the student to military recruiters. The request must be in writing and kept on file in the student's permanent records.

In accordance with SDCL 13-1-46, any public secondary school accredited by the South Dakota Department of Education shall permit active duty and reserve duty military recruiters or South Dakota National Guard military recruiters reasonable access to school facilities and students, at reasonable times and at reasonable places, for the purposes of providing information about military careers and benefits.

Parents and eligible students may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
US Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave SW
Washington, DC 20202

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, and all professional organizations holding negotiated agreements or professional agreements with the school district are hereby notified that this district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, gender, disability, national origin, or ancestry in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

Section 504

Section 504 is the part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that applies to persons with disabilities. Section 504 is a civil rights act that protects the civil and constitutional rights of persons with disabilities. It states that no person with a disability can be excluded from or denied benefits of any program receiving federal financial assistance. Section 504 and special education are two separate services.

Notification of Asbestos in School Building(s)

In compliance with the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, the Groton Area School District had its school buildings inspected on 06/18/13 by an asbestos inspector, accredited by the state of South Dakota. During that inspection, areas of suspected asbestos (ACBM) were identified and inspected. The Groton Area School District has an Asbestos Management Plan which provides information on the periodic monitoring of the condition of asbestos (ACBM) remaining in the school buildings. Anyone that would like to see the Asbestos Management Plan can contact a building principal or superintendent.

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Listening carefully, I mean really listening, is the most important diagnostic tool in the doctor's bag, but it is rarely straightforward.

"It's that pesky ulcer again," she said. "Just prescribe me more of that heartburn drug, and I'll be better..." But the pain progressed;

the after-a-fatty-meal and recurrent nature of the pain story came out. With the added character of the exam and an ultrasound test, the diagnosis of gall bladder disease finally was made. Soon after, we removed the infected and almost ruptured gallbladder.

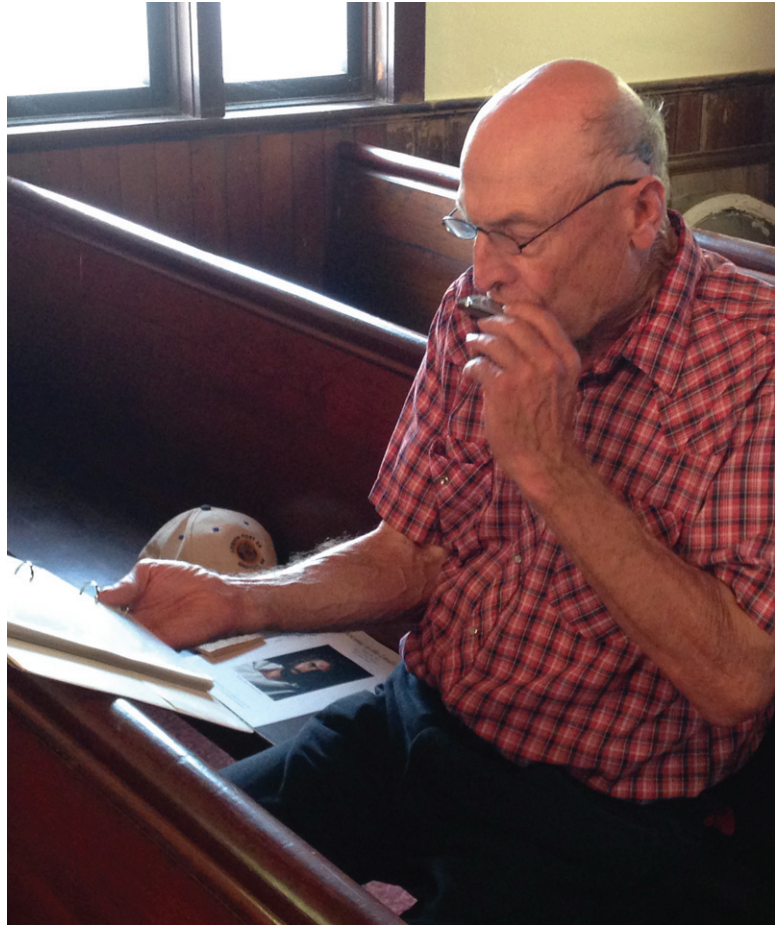
"I have sinusitis and bronchitis, and need an antibiotic. Nothing helps until I get the antibiotic. Just give me the antibiotic," He demanded. And yet after learning of the two days of sore throat and ache-all-over, then the runny nose, and two weeks of cough, it was clear he had a viral infection, which in turn triggered some asthma-bronchitis-like problems. What he needed was inhaled steroid-asthma medicines and some time for the viral illness to run its course. That given, the correct treatment was provided, the coughing resolved, and an exposure to a dangerous antibiotic was avoided.

"There's been blood in the toilet again but it's just my hemorrhoids," he said. It took some convincing to get him in for colonoscopy, but when we did, there was a large polyp turning to cancer out on a stalk in his colon, which was removed through the scope. Not what he expected, but his story brought us to save him from a cancer death.

With all these misleading words, still the patient's story and the clinician's ear are the most important diagnostic tools available. Even with advanced technology, extensive blood and laboratory tests, complex genomics, and MRI, CT, and PET scans, the old-fashioned taking a careful history is still the most important way to make the correct diagnosis. More than one research study has shown



By Richard P. Holm M.D.



Gilbert Hinkelman played the harmonica at the church service held Sunday at the Trinity historic church. Worship service is held each Sunday at 5 p.m. The church is located at Third Street and Third Ave.

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that laboratory and imaging tests make the diagnosis about five percent of the time, the physical exam about 15 percent, and the history about 80 percent.

Of course it is important to use the right test when appropriate, but in this day and age, some would criticize modern medical providers for becoming too dependent on fancy and expensive tests, and for not taking enough time to listen, I mean really listen to what our patients have to say.

Dr. Rick Holm wrote this Prairie Doc Perspective for "On Call®," a weekly program where medical professionals discuss health concerns for the general public. "On Call®" is produced by the Healing Words Foundation in association with the South Dakota State University Journalism Department. "On Call®" airs Thursdays on South Dakota Public Broadcasting-Television at 7 p.m. Central, 6 p.m. Mountain. Visit us at OnCallTelevision.com.



Brown County 4-H Fashion Revue Results

The 2014 Brown County 4-H Fashion Revue was held Wednesday, July 16th. Primrose Retirement Community graciously offered their facility for the event. Becca Tullar, the Brown County 4-H Youth Program Advisor, and Ashley Farrand, the 4-H Summer Assistant narrated, while eight models modeled 10 constructed and selected outfits.

In the early afternoon, Pat Dennert of Frederick and Karen Sluneka of Faulkton judged the models. The models were judged on the following criteria: the fit and style of the garment, as well as the accessories; the individual's modeling ability; the construction of the garment; and the garments cost and care. Each model was given a ribbon placing. Senior and Junior purple ribbon winners will represent Brown County at the South Dakota State Fair.

RESULTS:
 Beginners:
 Purple Ribbon- Alexis Hanten and Aspy Frink

Juniors:
 Purple Ribbon-Peyton Johnson, Alexis Simon (2), Portia Kettering, Dawson Frink, and Nicole Marzahn
 Seniors:
 Purple Ribbon-Ashley Gibbs (2)

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City's cash flow shortage normal for August

City Finance Officer Anita Lowary reported at the council meeting Monday night that the city is really short on funds right now. "That is normal for August," she said. "We are waiting for sales tax money to come in. We may have to go to the bank to borrow money to get us through, like \$100,000, but I don't think that will be necessary."

There was a change order from the Robert Johnson Company for the west side street project. They did not use as much drain tile so there will be a deduct of \$220.12.

Glenn Cooper came the council to discuss the cemetery regulations. "I'm not very happy with your cemetery policy," he said. "My fern peonies get mowed off at least once or twice each year. I even put a fence around them and they still got run over. It's uncalled for." He said that he planted five plants and they have been mowed off for six years in a row. They mowed them off and the fences were gone two weeks ago. "I think this cemetery should be kept up nice. I like a nice cemetery."

In 1968 the cemetery association went bankrupt and the cemetery was handed to the city. Then in 1984, then Mayor Omer Nelson said if the city is taking care of the protestant cemetery, the city should take care of the Catholic side and that was the year the city took over the Catholic side as well. Mayor Scott Hanlon said he will relay the message to watch the mowing practices.

The gold Dodge pickup has died and will be declared as junk. A used pickup was purchased for \$3,500. The council decided to raise the cemetery lot price from \$100 to \$200 with \$100 going into the perpetual care fund and \$100 going to upkeep. It will go into effect September 1, 2014.

Curb and gutter is done on the west side project. The aprons and driveways need to be done yet. Dirt is being hauled in behind the curb and gutter. If everything goes according to plan, the asphalt part of the project will begin August 14.

The city of Huron accepted the \$3,000 bid from Groton for their slide, and would help Groton employees take it down. Councilman Michelle Muilenberg said she has someone line up to get the slide at \$390 a load.

First State Bank, Groton, submitted the only quote for interest rates for this year's curb and gutter project. Their annual interest rate was 3.95 percent for \$250,000 spread over 10 years. The city will charge 4.50 percent back to the property owners.

Twenty-eight nuisance letters were sent out. Five letters were not picked up and five others are not done yet. Three property owners had not cleaned up their property and two were given extensions. The undelivered letters will be hand delivered by the Groton Police Department. The trailer house at HRH Mobile Home park will be given until Monday to get rid of it.

The \$63,000 for taking out the sidewalks should have been \$6,300. The grant is for \$121,000 and the project for seven blocks is about \$145,000. The project was reduced to five blocks. The north side of Fifth Avenue from First Street to Lincoln Street and the west side of First Street from Fifth Avenue to Fourth Avenue.

The council gave first reading on preventing the blowing grass into the streets, roads, alleys or onto the sidewalk. The playground equipment at the baseball complex is in need of being replaced. Another round of grant money is available to get it replaced and the council agreed to proceed with the grant. It is a 60:40 matching grant.

Approval was given to send Justin Cleveland to a police leadership school August 19 and 20 in Aberdeen, to send someone to the annual safety conference November 11 and 12 in Pierre, and to send Anita Lowary to the South Dakota Municipal League conference October 8-10 in Spearfish.

Drought creeps back into this region

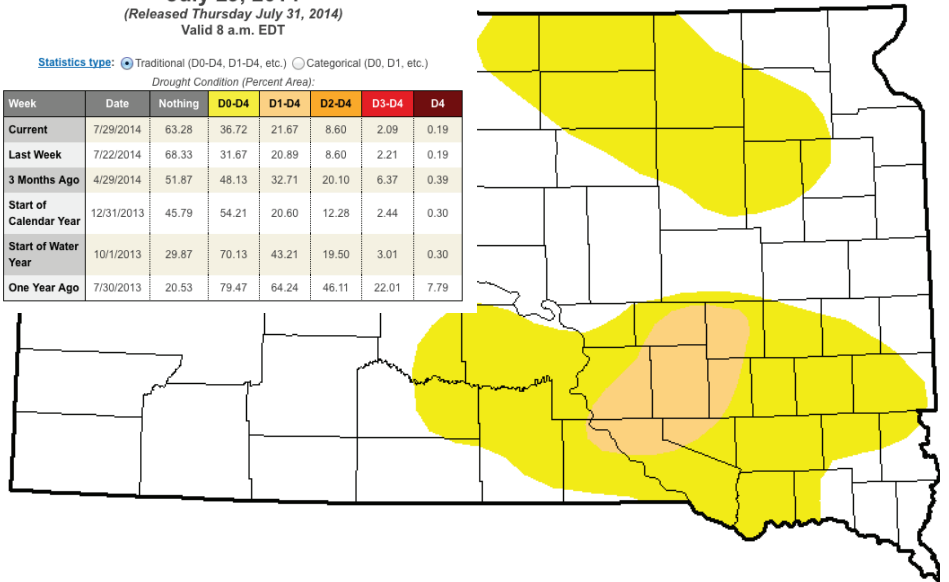
Patchy July dryness across the northern Plains and Midwest stood in stark contrast to near-record to record-setting June wetness. In one of the more dramatic examples, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, received rainfall totaling 0.80 inch (28% of normal) from July 1-29, following its wettest June and month on record (13.70 inches, or 349%). Due to antecedent wetness and persistently cool conditions, impacts from July dryness have been slow to emerge. However, pockets of abnormal dryness (D0) have begun to develop in a few areas of the western and southwestern Corn Belt. In addition to Sioux Falls, July 1-29 rainfall totaled less than an inch in locations such as Lincoln, Nebraska (0.51 inch); Mobridge, South Dakota (0.53 inch); Aberdeen, South Dakota (0.70 inch); Chesterfield, Missouri (0.70 inch); Valley, Nebraska (0.88 inch); Mason City, Iowa (0.90 inch); and Cahokia, Illinois (0.99 inch). By July 27, about one-sixth of the rangeland and pastures rated in very poor to poor condition Montana and Nebraska (16% in both states). On the same date, topsoil moisture ranged from one-quarter to one-half very short to short in several states across the northern Plains and Midwest, including Montana (48%), Nebraska (41%), Missouri (39%), South Dakota (29%), and Michigan (26%).

July 29, 2014
(Released Thursday July 31, 2014)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Statistics type: Traditional (D0-D4, D1-D4, etc.) Categorical (D0, D1, etc.)

Drought Condition (Percent Area)

Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7/29/2014	63.28	36.72	21.67	8.60	2.09	0.19
Last Week	7/22/2014	68.33	31.67	20.89	8.60	2.21	0.19
3 Months Ago	4/29/2014	51.87	48.13	32.71	20.10	6.37	0.39
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	45.79	54.21	20.60	12.28	2.44	0.30
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	29.87	70.13	43.21	19.50	3.01	0.30
One Year Ago	7/30/2013	20.53	79.47	64.24	46.11	22.01	7.79



Athletics Student/Parent Meeting

Groton Area Fall Athletics Student/Parent meeting will be held on Monday, August 11 at 7:00 PM in the GHS Arena. All student-athletes, along with a parent, planning to participate in any fall athletics activity must plan to attend. We will complete paperwork requirements, discuss policies, procedures, and philosophies as a large group followed by team meetings conducted by the coaching staff.

The storms have bypassed Groton during the month of July and as a result, the city has received only 0.15 of rain for the month. Groton received .15 of rain Sunday night.

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