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Pastor Yeadon installed at St. John's/Zion Lutheran Parish by Dorene Nelson

On June 5, 2022, Pastor Jeremy Yeadon was installed as the new minister at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, and at Zion Lutheran Church, Andover. He and his family recently moved here from Indiana.

Pastor Yeadon, a second career pastor, worked for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and in various factory jobs before he decided to return to school. "These factory jobs taught me the value of hard work and what a hard-earned dollar means," Pastor admitted.

"When I returned to college, I had every intention of becoming an elementary school teacher," he explained. "This experience quickly taught me that those elementary teachers are truly saints! There was not enough money or medication to keep me in a room with small children for eight hours day!"

"This led to my new major as a history teacher," Yeadon smiled. "However, God wasn't done with me yet! A week before I graduated with my education degree in history, I felt a call, a pull, and ended up at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana!"

"To be honest about this sudden switch in my career path, I had actually thought about becoming a pastor when I was a kid," he stated. "I never acted on that calling until I was older and felt it more clearly."

"My first job as a Lutheran pastor was in Wabash, IN, where I served for six years," Pastor said. "Following that I was a minister at St. Peter's in Brownstown, IN, for the next 5 years, and, of course, now I'm here in Groton."

"I've been a pastor for eleven years and am looking forward to meeting the members of my two congregations as well as other local individuals," Yeadon said.

"Indiana is my home state with my extended family still living there," he explained. "In North Judson High School, I played many sports and also had the opportunity to coach my own children in various sports."

"We enjoy the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and relaxing around the campfire in the evenings," Yeadon listed. "We are looking forward to this new experience: small town living in South Dakota!"

"I am eager to discover all of the great pheasant hunting available close to my new home," he smiled. "I've received many inquires about the pheasant wrap on the tailgate of my pickup, but many people here were surprised to find out that I did pheasant hunting in Indiana too!"

"My wife Diane was the Human Life Enrichment Coordinator in a Lutheran Life Communities facility where one can start in senior living, advance to assisted living and on to complete nursing home care," Pastor listed.

Pastor and his wife Diane have two adult sons, Owen and Seth, and a teenage daughter Abby who will be a sophomore in Groton Area High School next fall.



Pastor Yeadon is pictured with his daughter, Abby, and his wife, Diane. (Photo by Dorene Nelson)

Storm does damage in Frederick

Frederick was hit with 117 mph straight line winds last Tuesday at 5 a.m. It caused a lot of damage to trees and some structures around town.

100 year old trees were uprooted along with most 100 year old Evergreens.

There was a large crew of volunteers that helped with cleanup. According to Diane Bruns, Frederick Finance Officer, 56 had signed in to help. "It was a nice turnout," she said. Frederick also received 1.7 inches of rain and some hail from the storm.

Brunns said, "Every-one in Frederick has a Guardian Angel sitting on their shoulder! So amazing no one got hurt and no buildings damaged...unless a tree fell on a house."

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City Hall Air Conditioner in emergency replacement mode

The air conditioner unit at Groton City Hall has recently died and is in emergency replacement mode. Allied Climate Professionals got temporary units to help keep the facility cooled in the interim. Trying to find a 20 ton replacement unit has been challenging, but Kevin Nehls said that he does happen to have a 20 ton unit that could be used as a replacement. He said the unit was installed at another site, but the heating part of the unit did not work. The company sent a replacement unit so Kevin said he has this unit which will work perfectly for the cooling situation at City Hall. Even though it is over the \$20,000 threshold for a councilman to do work for the city, the lack of availability for anyone else to get a unit in a timely matter and by the council declaring it an emergency will allow Allied Climate Professionals to get the job done in a few weeks. The entire replacement project will cost around \$30,000.

There was discussion on one of the surcharges appearing on the city bills. Former Councilman David Blackmun had said before he left the council that he would like to see the surcharge removed once the loan is paid off. It was brought up during the May financial report which shows one of the loans being paid off in July with another one in October. The current water project set for this summer will have most of it paid for with state and federal funds.

The council agreed to keep the temporary raise for April Abeln, Deputy Finance Officer, until August 14th when the six month probationary period for Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich expires.

The first meeting in July will be Wednesday, July 6, at 7 p.m.



Topper Tastad and Nancy Larsen are pictured in the Pantry at the Groton Community Center. Larsen said there has been a lot of food that has been distributed through the Pantry. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



April Abeln and Kellie Locke were selling Grotonware with the proceeds going to the Pantry. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)



Travis McGannon and Joel Bierman are pictured here as some of the grillers at the Groton Community Transit Fundraiser held Thursday at the Groton Community Center. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Another Father's Day

We spent Father's Day sweltering in the house—86 degrees at it's peak. The part for the air conditioner should be here this week. The kids were about dying. They retreated to the basement or my man cave where a separate AC unit was still going.

But, I'm getting to that old man stage, combined with dropping a few pounds of insulation, where I don't mind it as much. Ceiling fans suffice. Remember walking into Grandma's house, opening the door, and it felt like a blast furnace? Apparently, that's my happy place these days, although I did concede at bedtime, and Dylan was kind enough to retrieve a window air-conditioner from the garage for my bedroom.

My kids are adults now, but it still freaked me out when they checked out the re-opening of the Duck Inn in Venturia last week—"Duck Inn and Waddle Out"—and actually ordered drinks. Just like real Benders. India and Dylan are splitting time between Ashley and Bismarck. She's interning at a law office. Dylan's working at the newspaper and helping me catch up with things that slud around the house since my hip surgery. (I'm making great progress.)

We've been trying desperately to catch up with five acres of lawn and brome grass that's three feet high and gone to seed. We traveled in May, then the rain didn't accommodate our schedules, then 45-minutes into the first mowing, I mowed my rock garden. While my Cub Cadet is being welded—again—I bought a used 42" cut Craftsman that has been since tortured. It takes two or three passes and a lot of moaning to cut the grass low enough to where I can see more than the heads of the giraffes.

It's going to be an expensive year with gas prices and operator error. I forgot to disengage the mower on the gravel and put a rock through the rear window of a friend's SUV. I will be accepting donations for our welding bill.

My plan is to stake out the ditch and wait for whoever's cutting it this year and throw myself in front of the mower and beg them to cut the back 40. But the deer, birds and bees are happy as can be for now. Still, everything seems fine with the kids in the house, eating the last cookie every damn time, something I'll deal with because it seems like old times that I know won't last.

India, our Magna Cum Laude graduate, brought a rambunctious rescue cat from West Virginia University, and Miss Margot has been so entertaining and frisky, I've been willing to look past the broken things and the rules about being on the counters that 19-year-old Squirrel is no longer physically able to break. Margot picked a fight with Gus the other day. Pug 1, Cat 0, but Squirrel, the World's Grumpiest Cat, so far has managed through pure intimidation. After four years of solitude, I embrace the anarchy.

Dylan's dragged me out of 35 years of retirement from chess so it's become an evening ritual. When I'd last played, it was an ignominious performance at a chess tournament in Juneau. But I find it sharpens the mind if not the ego. If this keeps up, these columns might start getting good. Anyway, I dominated early, but Dylan's come roaring back and I've begun hearing "checkmate" in my dreams. They're all grown up. And fierce.

I've often said that the moment you become a father (or mother) you become a better person, so you can imagine what I was like before. You put your kids ahead of yourself, and that never changes. I'll bet if I asked, you'd see my mom on my mower. But she hates giraffes.

It's hard to believe that my father's been gone 29 years. Sometimes I worry that I no longer remember what his voice sounds like, but sometimes I hear his wheezing laugh come from my throat, and that's enough. I've made it my mission to tell my kids everything I can about him, about their great-grandparents, but I lament that there just aren't enough memories with my dad. We were just becoming friends, equals, when I lost him.

And I realize what we're doing in these fleeting months. We're making memories.

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That's Life

by Tony Bender

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

As we hit a lull in the offseason for the Vikings, we thought we'd take this time to look at different position groups for the Vikings. We'll look at any competition that might occur, as well as make our predictions for who will make the final 53-man roster. This week we will look at the tight ends competing to make the Vikings.

Tight Ends: Lock to make the 53-man roster: Irv Smith Jr

It is rare to analyze a team's position group and think that there is only one player that is a lock to make the final roster. However, that is the predicament the Vikings find themselves in with the tight end group. Last year at this time, many were thinking that Irv Smith Jr would break out and become a dynamic pass-catching tight end for the Vikings. Some even thought that the Vikings would use him as their third wide receiver, behind Justin Jefferson and Adam Thielen. Nevertheless, all those expectations quickly went away when it was revealed that Irv Smith Jr needed knee surgery which ended his 2021 season before it even began.

With the loss of Irv Smith Jr to injury, the Vikings relied on Tyler Conklin last year to fill the void. This season, the Vikings will not have such a luxury as Tyler Conklin signed with the New York Jets during free agency. Thus, the Vikings are going to need Irv Smith Jr to remain healthy if they want to utilize a tight end in their passing game. The gap between Irv Smith Jr and the next tight end on this Vikings roster is vast when it comes to receiving abilities. Outside of Irv Smith Jr, the remaining tight ends on the roster have a combined career receiving yards total of 103.

News has recently come out that Irv Smith Jr will be 100% healthy as he enters the Vikings' training camp this summer. Irv Smith Jr's health will ultimately dictate what scheme the Vikings can have this season. With Irv Smith Jr, the Vikings' offense will have immense flexibility in the passing game. Without him, the use of tight end for the Vikings will likely be limited to blocking.

Players competing for the second and third tight end spots: Ben Ellefson and Johnny Mundt

As mentioned, the rest of the Vikings' tight end depth features a group of blockers rather than pass catchers. Ben Ellefson, who will be the only tight end on the roster who played any snaps for the Vikings last season, has only caught one pass in his career. Johnny Mundt, who won a Super Bowl with the Los Angeles Rams, has only ten receptions in his career. The rest of the tight end group after that has never seen a snap in the NFL.

The experience of Ellefson and Mundt will likely be the reason they are the backup tight ends on the final roster. However, the playing time of these two might be limited this season. All indications are that the Vikings will run a one-tight end system this season. And, unless Irv Smith Jr gets injured, it will not be with Ellefson and Mundt.

Likely to be cut or placed on the practice squad: Zach Davidson and Nick Muse

Both Zach Davidson and Nick Muse will need to impress in training camp and preseason if they want any chance to make the Vikings' final roster. Since Davidson was on the practice squad all last year, and Muse is a rookie drafted in the 7th round, neither of these two have any resume to rely on when trying to make an argument to not get cut. However, the good thing for Davidson and Muse is that if they can show any sort of possible production in the Vikings' passing game, that could be enough to make the final roster as the two backups in front of them will likely provide none of that.

53-man roster predictions:

Jack Kolsrud's prediction

Irv Smith Jr, Ben Ellefson, and Johnny Mundt

Duane Kolsrud's prediction

Irv Smith Jr, Ben Ellefson, and Johnny Mundt

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Brown County June 14, 2022

Meeting Minutes JUNE 14, 2022 – GENERAL MEETING

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

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:
An opportunity for public comment was given.

GROW SD ANNUAL UPDATE AND BUDGET REQUEST:

Grow SD presented an annual update to the board of county commissioners and requested \$5,000 appropriation in 2023. No action taken.

AGREEMENT – ABERDEEN DEVELOPMENT CORP (REGIONAL JAIL BUILDING SEWER LINE):

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize chair sign agreement between Brown County and the Aberdeen Development Corporation (ADC) to allow ADC to construct a new sanitary sewer line leading to the regional jail. ADC will pay all construction costs and expenses to construct the new sewer line. A Sanitary Sewer Easement on the west ten feet of the property to give the County the right to access the easement area for maintenance, repair, and replacement of the new sewer line. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

WARRANTY DEED:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize chair sign warranty deed for Lot 1, ADC 2022-2 Addition to the City of Aberdeen, in the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 123 North, Range 63 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, according to the recorded plat thereof. Deed is issued in accordance with the contract to purchase the regional jail building. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Moved by Wiese, seconded by

carried.

CAMPGROUND NAME:
Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve naming of the new fairgrounds campground Northern Electric Cooperative Campground. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES:
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the general meeting minutes of June 7, 2022 and the election canvass minutes of June 10th, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS:
Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Insurance FINANCIAL SERVICES OF ABERDEEN, INC. \$863.16 Professional Fees-CARLSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY \$4,250.00 CERTIFIED LANGUAGES INTERNATIONAL LLC \$853.05

CGI \$1,535.24 DREW BECKER \$200.00 HELMS & ASSOCIATES INC \$972.60; LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC \$1,164.85; LEXISNEXIS RISK DATA MGMT INC. \$150.00; MEDICAL WASTE TRANSPORT INC \$203.55; MINNEHAHA COUNTY AUDITOR \$809.64; NE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER \$225.00; SARA ZAHN \$23.20; SATELLITE TRACKING OF PEOPLE, LLC \$1,241.50; SD DEPT OF HEALTH \$2,645.00; SD DEPT OF REVENUE & REGULATIONS \$1,380.00; STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA \$13,734.00; WEST PUBLISHING CORP. \$275.05; WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL RODEO ASSOCIATION \$200.00; YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$50.00; YANKTON COUNTY TREASURER \$137.60 Publishing GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc. \$1,108.88; GROTON INDEPENDENT \$580.18; LEE ENTERPRISES \$21.13; MIDSTATES PRINTING \$208.00; THE DAY COUNTY PRINTING CO. INC \$12.92 Repairs & Maintenance: ABERDEEN CLEAN-ALL, LLC \$525.00; ARTZ EQUIPMENT \$159.90; Brian Braaten \$459.18; COMMTECH INC. \$900.00; DAKOTA DOORS INC \$391.78; DIESEL MACHINERY \$6,026.67; FARNAMS GENUINE PARTS INC \$77.38; INTERSTATE POWERSYSTEMS \$799.00; POMPS TIRE SERVICE, INC \$1,157.18; PRECISION KIOSK TECHNOLOGIES \$2,700.00; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$6,405.00; SANDERS'S SEW-N-VAC, INC \$62.49; STEVEN LUST AUTOMOTIVE \$146.19; TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC. \$5,946.95; WALTH SAFETY SERVICE INC \$502.38 Supplies: AGTEGRA CO-OPERATIVE \$17,498.59; ARTZ EQUIPMENT \$429.94; CARTNEY BEARING \$209.70; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$105.02; CHARM-TEX \$279.60; COLE PAPERS \$510.90; COMMTECH INC. \$720.00; DAKOTA OIL \$8,544.43; DIESEL MACHINERY \$358.40; EARTHGRAINS BAKING CO. INC. \$755.71; EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY, INC \$998.08; KAREN SWANK \$20.00; LEIDHOLDT TOOL SALES, LLC \$43.70; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc. \$713.66; MAC'S INC \$49.99; MENARDS \$653.65; MIDSTATES PRINTING \$3,382.50; PANTORIUM CLEANERS INC. \$56.00; PERFORMANCE OIL & LUBRICANTS \$67.04; POMPS TIRE SERVICE, INC \$1,141.20; PRO AG SUPPLY, INC \$129.54; RUNNINGS \$1,989.88; SHARE CORP \$654.60; STERLING SOLUTIONS INC \$750.00; TASER INTERNATIONAL \$564.50; TIMOTHY C. GARDNER \$429.24; TRANSSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC. \$19,631.19; TRI STATE WATER \$85.25; TRUENORTH STEEL \$3,060.00; US FOODS \$9,797.97; WEB WATER BOTTLING COMPANY \$30.00 Travel & Conference: BECKY BERTH \$45.12; Brock Hoyle \$76.56; Charla Rye \$18.80;

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All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Wiese seconded by Gage to approve the following Human Resource Report:

Approve hiring of Veronica Garcia as Legal Secretary for State's Attorney office, full-time; starting wage of \$16.47 per hour; effective July 5, 2022

Approve hiring of Joe Kaven as Brown County Fairgrounds seasonal worker, part-time; starting wage \$13.50 per hour; effective June 16, 2022

Approve hiring of LeeAnn as Brown County Jail/JDC Nurse, PRN; effective June 8, 2022.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS PERMIT:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following fireworks permit: Display by Big Shot Fireworks at the Brown County Fairgrounds – Grandstand Stage July 1, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASES:

Moved by Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following lease agreement:

Aberdeen Downtown Association for lease of West half of parking lot north of museum August 27th, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENT MALT BEVERAGE:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following temporary special event malt beverage permit: Aberdeen Downtown Association June 16th and July 15th, 2022 at the Brown County Fairgrounds Clubhouse. The permit is for a back up location if inclement weather during the Downtown Summer Concert Series. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel and legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Gage, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:12 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Groton Legion Post #39 Holds Off Warner W.I.N. Varsity as 5-Run Deficit Is Nearly Erased

Groton Legion Post #39 got out to a five-run lead in the third inning and held on for a 6-5 victory over Warner W.I.N. Varsity on Monday. Warner W.I.N. Varsity managed five runs in the failed comeback. Aiden Hoffman, Gage Ratigan, Cade Trenhaile, Trekk Hannahs, and Kade Stahl all picked up RBIs in the rally.

Groton Legion Post #39 earned the victory despite allowing Warner W.I.N. Varsity to score three runs in the sixth inning. Trenhaile, Hannahs, and Stahl powered the big inning with RBIs.

Groton Legion Post #39 got things started in the first inning when Bradin Althoff singled on a 0-1 count, scoring one run.

Jackson Cogley got the win for Groton Legion Post #39. The righthander allowed nine hits and five runs over seven innings, striking out seven.

Ashton Remily took the loss for Warner W.I.N. Varsity. The southpaw lasted six innings, allowing nine hits and six runs while striking out nine.

Groton Legion Post #39 tallied ten hits on the day. Cogley and Althoff all managed multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Cogley led Groton Legion Post #39 with three hits in three at bats. Groton Legion Post #39 stole ten bases during the game as three players stole more than one. Pierce Kettering led the way with four.

Warner W.I.N. Varsity racked up nine hits in the game. Sam Nilsson, Hunter Schipke, and Quinton Fischbach all managed multiple hits for Warner W.I.N. Varsity. Nilsson went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Warner W.I.N. Varsity in hits.

Jr. Legion game cut short with Groton leading

The Junior Legion game was called after one out in the top of the second inning due to thunderstorms moving in. Groton scored five runs in the top of the second inning. Teylor Diegel had a three RBI double. Logan Ringgenberg scored on a single by Braxton Imrie and Ryan Groeblichhoff scored on a single by Ringgenberg.



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Groton Post 39 Jr Legion Defeats Selby Post 100 Despite Allowing 3-Run Inning

Post 100 scored three runs in the first inning, but Groton Post 39 Jr Legion still won 14-5 on Friday. Xavier Hobert and Luke Fiedler each drove in runs during the inning.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion secured the victory thanks to ten runs in the second inning. The rally was led by singles by Korbin Kucker and Caden McInerney, an error on a ball put in play by Bradin Althoff and Braxton Imrie, doubles by Logan Ringgenberg and Dillon Abeln, and a groundout by Brevin Fliehs.

Post 100 fired up the offense in the first inning. Post 100 scored one run when Hobert singled. Groton Post 39 Jr Legion pulled away for good with ten runs in the second inning.

In the second Kucker singled on a 0-2 count, scoring one run, an error scored one run for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion, Ringgenberg doubled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring two runs, an error scored two runs for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion, Abeln doubled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run, Fliehs grounded out, scoring one run, and McInerney singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run.

Fliehs was the winning pitcher for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion. The pitcher allowed three hits and three runs over two innings, striking out four. Imrie threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Hobert took the loss for Post 100. The pitcher lasted four innings, allowing 12 hits and 14 runs while striking out two.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion tallied 12 hits. Teylor Diegel, Ringgenberg, and Abeln each racked up multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion. Ringgenberg and Diegel each managed three hits to lead Groton Post 39 Jr Legion. Groton Post 39 Jr Legion stole six bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Diegel led the way with two.

Groton won the second game, 11-0, in three innings. Ryan Groeblichhoff had a double and a triple to lead the hitting effort. Diegel had two singles.

Milbank Jr. Teener Tourney

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Clinches Lead in Fifth Inning for Victory Over Webster

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U ran off with the lead late in the game in a 3-2 victory over Webster on Saturday. The game was tied at one with Webster batting in the top of the fifth when Gage Baumgarn singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Gavin Englund struck out ten, while Webster pitchers sat down 13.

Englund earned the victory on the hill for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The pitcher lasted six innings, allowing seven hits and two runs while striking out ten and walking one.

Baumgarn took the loss for Webster. The bulldog went two-thirds of an inning, allowing one run on two hits and walking one.

Matthew Mount started the game for Webster. Mount lasted five innings, allowing two hits and two runs while striking out 13

Nick Groeblichhoff, Englund, Jarrett Erdmann, and Karsten Fliehs each managed one hit to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Fliehs made the most plays with ten. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U stole ten bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Erdmann led the way with four.

Webster racked up seven hits on the day. Baumgarn, Mount, and Dylan Carlson all collected multiple hits for Webster. Webster didn't commit a single error in the field. Sheldon Schmeig had 12 chances in the field, the most on the team.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Clings to Victory as Britton Nearly Erases 6-Run Deficit

Despite seeing its six-run lead whittled down by the end, Groton Jr. Teeners 14U still held off Britton for a 6-4 victory on Saturday. Britton scored three runs in the failed comeback on a double by #1, a groundout by Jace, and a single by #20.

Britton scored four runs in the fifth inning, but Groton Jr. Teeners 14U still managed to pull out the victory. Britton big bats were led by #1, Jace, and #20, who all drove in runs.

Nicholas Morris took the win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Morris allowed five hits and four runs over four and two-thirds innings, striking out nine. Nick Groeblichhoff threw one-third

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of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

#9 took the loss for Britton. The pitcher surrendered six runs on nine hits over four innings, striking out two.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U racked up nine hits. Kellen Antonsen, Gavin Englund, and Groeblinghoff each racked up multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Antonsen went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U in hits. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U tore up the base paths, as three players stole at least two bases. Jarrett Erdmann led the way with three.

Bridger led Britton with two hits in two at bats. Bridger led Britton with two stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with nine stolen bases. Britton didn't commit a single error in the field. #9 had seven chances in the field, the most on the team.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Takes the Win Over Milbank, wins tourney

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U was victorious over Milbank 14U, 5-2

Kellen Antonsen was credited with the victory for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The pitcher allowed nine hits and two runs over five innings, striking out six and walking one.

Mac Koplein took the loss for Milbank 14U. The bulldog lasted five innings, allowing ten hits and five runs while striking out two and walking one.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U tallied ten hits in the game. Karsten Flihs, Gavin Englund, and Antonsen all managed multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Antonsen, Englund, and Flihs each managed two hits to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Flihs had the most chances in the field with six.

Milbank 14U collected nine hits on the day. Tyler Heinje, Jaxson Wise, and Lance Engebretson all managed multiple hits for Milbank 14U.

Redfield Pheasants Runs Away With Early Lead in Victory over Locke Electric

Locke Electric fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 22-4 loss to Redfield Pheasants on Saturday. Redfield Pheasants scored on a groundout by Logan, an error, and a fielder's choice by Boomsma in the first inning.

The Locke Electric struggled to contain the high-powered offense of Redfield Pheasants, giving up 22 runs.

In the first inning, Redfield Pheasants got their offense started when Logan grounded out, scoring one run.

Redfield Pheasants scored ten runs in the eighth inning. Redfield Pheasants batters contributing to the big inning included Krumm, Logan, Jandel, Gregg, Kuehn, and Dickhaut, all sending runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Gregg pitched Redfield Pheasants to victory. Gregg went six innings, allowing two runs on eight hits, striking out two and walking one. Krumm threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Austin Jones took the loss for Locke Electric. The righty surrendered three runs on three hits over four innings, striking out seven.

Wilson Bonet went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Locke Electric in hits.

Redfield Pheasants racked up 21 hits on the day. Krumm, Millar, Kuehn, Binger, Boomsma, Dickhaut, and Jandel all collected multiple hits for Redfield Pheasants. Krumm led Redfield Pheasants with five hits in six at bats.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Drops Game to Selby 14 After Late Score

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U stayed in it until the end, but Selby 14 pulled away late in a 4-2 victory on Wednesday. The game was tied at two with Selby 14 batting in the top of the sixth when Selby 14 scored one run on a stolen base.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U got things started in the first inning when Karsten Flihs grounded out, scoring one run.

Selby 14 knotted the game up at two in the top of the fifth inning. Mason Jores drove in one when Jores singled.

Xavier Ritter led the Selby 14 to victory on the mound. The fireballer surrendered two runs on five hits over four innings, striking out two and walking one. Xavier Hobert threw three innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Jarrett Erdmann took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Erdmann lasted three innings, allowing six hits and four runs while striking out three.

Nicholas Morris started the game for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Morris went four innings, allowing zero runs on six hits, striking out eight and walking zero

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U collected nine hits on the day. Carter Simon, Tristin McGannon, and Nick Groeblinghoff each managed multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groeblinghoff, McGannon, and Simon each collected two hits to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U didn't commit a single error in the field. Flihs had the most chances in the field with 11.

Selby 14 tallied 12 hits. Jores, R L., Hobert, and Gavin H. each collected multiple hits for Selby 14. Selby 14 was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Keegan R. had the most chances in the field with six. Selby 14 tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Hobert led the way with four.



Nick Groeblinghoff fields the ground ball in the Selby game played Wednesday in Groton. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Nicholas Morris started the game for Groton Jr. Teeners. Morris went four innings, allowing zero runs on six hits, striking out eight and walking none. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Lincoln Krause tries to make the play at second base. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Karsten Flihs catches for the Groton Jr. Teeners. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

High Score Not Enough to Secure Win for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Over Selby

Bats were blistered on Thursday, but Groton Jr. Teeners 14U couldn't quite get the job done against Selby 14 and lost 12-7.

Selby 14 fired up the offense in the first inning, when Xavier Hobert drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U knotted the game up at three in the bottom of the first inning, when Nicholas Morris singled on a 1-1 count, scoring two runs.

After Selby 14 scored three runs in the top of the fourth, Groton Jr. Teeners 14U answered with three of their own. Selby 14 scored when Peyton Lutz singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run, Houston H. was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, and Gavin H. drew a walk, scoring one run. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U then answered when Karsten Flihs drew a walk, scoring one run, Morris drew a walk, scoring one run, and Gavin Englund drew a walk, scoring one run.

Selby 14 pulled away for good with five runs in the second inning. In the second Lutz doubled on a 0-2 count, scoring one run, H. tripled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run, H. grounded out, scoring one run, and Selby 14 scored two runs on a stolen base.

Cole Z. led the Selby 14 to victory on the pitcher's mound. The bulldog surrendered seven runs on five hits over four innings, striking out three.

Flihs took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The pitcher surrendered nine runs on nine hits over three innings.

Tristin McGannon started the game for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The righthander went one-third of an inning, allowing three runs on zero hits

Lincoln Krause went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U in hits. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U didn't commit a single error in the field. Krause had five chances in the field, the most on the team. Carter Simon led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with five stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with 15 stolen bases.

Selby 14 racked up ten hits. Lutz and Hobert each had multiple hits for Selby 14. Lutz led Selby 14 with three hits in three at bats. Selby 14 stole 19 bases during the game as four players stole more than one. Hobert led the way with six.

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Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, Cash Balances and Payroll**

Ending May 31, 2022	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	Food Service Fund	Drivers Ed Fund	Governmental & Enterprise Fund Act. Totals	Custodial Fund	Ovid Stevens Scholarship Fund	Fiduciary Funds Account Totals
Beginning checking Balance	\$304,925.83	\$463,875.20	\$104,692.19	\$5,515.04	\$2,315.15	\$881,323.41	\$6,685.42	\$0.85	\$6,686.27
Receipts:									
Local Sources	\$4,067.46	\$82.00	\$31.00	\$1,073.35			\$7,755.55	\$1,000.00	
County Sources	\$269,093.01	\$146,670.02	\$65,922.55						
State Sources	\$50,523.00								
Federal Sources	\$919.27			\$8,614.00					
Interest	\$43.24						\$0.48		
Total Receipts	\$324,645.98	\$146,752.02	\$65,953.55	\$9,687.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,756.03	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Disbursements									
Bills	\$39,385.92	\$13,110.55	\$3,962.40	\$5,609.53			\$6,389.96		
Payroll	\$158,864.66	\$13,110.55	\$22,683.06	\$4,962.92	\$2,273.00				
Total Disbursements	\$198,250.58	\$13,110.55	\$26,645.46	\$10,572.45	\$2,273.00	\$250,852.04	\$6,389.96	\$0.00	\$6,389.96
Total checking balance	\$431,321.23	\$597,516.67	\$144,000.28	\$4,629.94	\$42.15	\$1,177,510.27	\$8,051.49	\$1,000.85	\$9,052.34
Beginning investment balance	\$274,596.71	\$1,933,634.20	\$1,446,175.05			\$3,654,405.96		\$27,419.15	\$27,419.1
Interest	\$179.80							(\$1,000.00)	
Transfer to checking									
Total investment balance	\$274,776.51	\$1,933,634.20	\$1,446,175.05			\$3,654,585.76		\$26,419.15	\$26,419.15
Ending Fund Balance	\$706,097.74	\$2,531,150.87	\$1,590,175.33	\$4,629.94	\$42.15	\$4,832,096.03	\$8,051.49	\$27,420.00	\$35,471.49

**Frederick School
June 13, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
JUNE 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order on June 13, 2022, at 6:57 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Alex Hart, Jon Ellwein and Eric Sumption. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Koters and Business Manager Janel Hettich.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the public are allowed three minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. Ms. Shauna Severson was introduced as the newly hired Business Manager.

Action 22-124 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, carried.

Action 22-125 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to approve consent agenda which included the following items as presented: minutes of meeting held May 9,

2022, May 2022 financial report, agency accounts and investments, district bills and May 2022 payroll. All aye, carried.

Claims approved: May 2022 Payroll - General Fund salaries 92,741.87; Special Education salaries 15,011.23; Food Service salaries 3,111.05; Driver's Education 1,646.92. EFTPS, federal income tax/Social Security/Medicare 30,577.21; AFLAC, supplemental insurance 1,229.69; American Funds, retirement 1,466.70; Delta Dental, insurance 1,922.28; The Standard, life insurance 297.81; Security Benefits, retirement 1,238.48; Optilegra, vision insurance 428.36; Wellmark, health insurance 18,015.00; SD Retirement 16,603.56; SD Retirement Supplemental, 4,493.48. General Fund: Aberdeen School District 6-1, ATEC 2nd sem 4,876.80; Agtegra Bath Fertilizer, fuel 3,655.35; Blumhardt Chevrolet Inc, repairs 50.00; Britton-Hecla School District, region track meet share 224.21; Cash-Wa Distributing - Fargo Division, FFVP 84.42; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt & Burns LL, legal fees 1,026.29; Coffee Cup, fuel 99.02; Cole Papers Inc, supplies 239.71; Custodial Account-FASD, Imprest reim-

bursement 3,709.21; Ellendale True Value, supplies 188.33; GDI News, publishing 181.52; Hauff Mid America Sports, letters 251.75; Holiday Station Stores, fuel 53.20; House of Glass Inc, repairs 177.55; Hub City Radio, advertising 500.00; Innovative Office Solutions LLC, supplies 26.58; James Valley Telecommunications, telephone 231.66; Ketterling Photography, photos 37.50; Lodge at Deadwood, The, conference travel 336.00; Marathon Petro, fuel 87.01; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, supplies 121.36; Merchant Services, online lunch payment fees 8.55; Mid-American Research Chemical, supplies 5,484.90; Midstates Group, track awards 48.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co, electric 3,733.55; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies .254.00; Sheraton Sioux Falls, state track travel 2,322.00; Town of Frederick, utilities 624.12; United States Postal Service, postage 62.00 Total \$28,694.59. Capital Outlay Fund: A&B Business Solutions, managed print contract 693.96; Interior Design Concepts, carpet 8,170.54; Precision Floors & Interiors, carpet install 2,160.00 Total \$11,024.50. Special Education Fund: Amazon Capital Services, supplies 31.68;

Casey's, supplies 66.20; family member, mileage 42.00; USD Center for Disabilities, conference registration 750.00 Total \$889.88. Food Service Fund: Cash-Wa Distributing - Fargo Division, food/supplies 656.85; Community Store, food 28.40; Pantorium Cleaners Inc, supplies 45.85 Total \$731.10. Imprest checks: Cattail Crossing Golf Course, golf meet 54.00; Cattail Crossing Golf Course, golf meet 54.00; Dickey County Sheriff, fingerprinting 5.00; Division of Criminal Investigation, background check 43.25; Ellendale School District, track meet 300.00; First National Bank, state track meet meals 2,508.00; Great Plains Lutheran School, Region golf share 22.96; Ipswich School District, track meet entry fee 50.00; Oakes Public School District #41, track meet entry fee 500.00; Rolling Hills Golf Club, golf meet 30.00; Sisseton American Legion, track meet 150.00; University of South Dakota, Choral Institute 175.00; Warner School District, HASBO meeting 17.00 Total \$3,709.21. Custodial Fund: Aberdeen Awards, track/golf medals 1,796.00; Bauer, Dave, LRC track official 250.00; Donat, Eric, LRC track official 272.68; Hauff Mid America

Sports, golf shirts 201.00 Total \$2,519.68. Scholarship Checks: Hinz, Mason, 2022 Alex Bowman Memorial Scholarship 1,000.00; Hinz, Mason, 2022 Ovid J Stevens Scholarship 1,000.00; Mehlhaff, Katelyn, 2022 Sam Kenser Memorial Scholarship 1,000.00; Nickelson, Kierah, 2022 Sam Kenser Memorial Scholarship 1,000.00; Sumption, Jakob, 2022 Mark Nuese Memorial Scholarship 1,000.00 Total \$5,000.00

Report was given by Mr. Koters. No reports from Principal or NCSEC.

Mr. Koters presented the Safe Return Plan for review. No action taken.

Action 22-126 Motion by Sumption, second by Achen to approve Open Enrollment applications #SY2223-7. All aye, carried.

Action 22-127 Motion by Hart, second by Sumption to approve the 2022-2023 Associated School Boards Protective Trust Property and Liability Fund Participation Agreement, Adoption & Renewal Motion. Roll call vote-all aye, carried.

Action 22-128 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to accept 2021-2022 Business Manager employment agreement

for Shauna Severson at \$20.00/hour. All aye, carried.

Action 22-129 Motion by Achen, second by Ellwein to accept the following 2022-2023 employment agreements with salaries to be published in July 2022: Michelle Dosch-para-professional; Alex Sumption-Assistant Boys Basketball coach; Michelle Sumption-para-professional. All aye, carried.

Action 22-130 Motion by Sumption, second by Hart to approve amendment to Policy GBCBB - Employee Use of Networking Sites. All aye, carried.

Set Fiscal Year 2022 closeout board meeting for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2022.

Set Fiscal Year 2023 budget hearing for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2022.

The school board would like to congratulate the participants of the state track meet.

Action 22-131 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Janel Hettich, Business Manager

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**Frederick School
June 6, 2022 Coop Meeting**

UNOFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
JUNE 6, 2022

The joint school board meeting was called to order on June 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser at the Frederick Area School Library. Frederick Area school board members present were Eric Sumption, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Rich Achen. Leola school board members present were ReEtta Sieh, Richard Westphal, Trevor Zantow and Kristi Spitzer. Others present were Business Managers Janel Wagner and Kayla Casey (via zoom), Superintendents Bev Myer and Jeff Koters, Leola Athletic Director Brett Flemmer.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action 22-121 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to approve

the agenda as presented. All aye, carried.

Members of the public were allowed three minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.

The boards called on Ms. Chandler Cox and Ms. Julie Berry to discuss the current Strength & Conditioning program. No action taken.

The boards discussed the 2022-23 Sports Coop Agreement and 2022-23 Titan Student Activity Handbook. No action taken.

The Annual Coaches and Parent Information Meetings will be in Leola on August 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Action 22-122 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to offer JH Girls Basketball coaching contract to Troy Podoll. All aye, carried.

Action 22-123 Motion by Achen, second by Sumption to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. All aye, carried.

Rich Schlosser, President
Janel Hettich, Business Manager
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GROTON'S UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 Firecracker
Tourney at Olive
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July 10 Summer
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A number of century old evergreen trees were uprooted in Frederick from the story that hit last Tuesday.

(Photos courtesy Diane Bruns)



Westport Town June 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting

June 6th, 2022

The Town of Westport met on June 6th, 2022 with Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General
NWPS (\$492.25), Groton Independent (\$28.42), Runnings (\$297.95), Hall Sand & Gravel (\$200.00), Menards (\$123.76), Simplot Grower Solutions (\$600.00) Payroll – Jeff Schroeder (\$222.34), Derek Schoenfelder (\$230.00), Shane Storm (\$380.00), Mitch Wilson (\$240.00), & Doreen Hertel (\$900.00).

Sewer
NWPS (\$55.46), NRWA –loan repayment (\$210.13) & Payroll

–Doreen Hertel (\$300.00).

Water
WEB (\$1,542.69), Dept of Health (\$15.00), Water Maintenance District (\$459.18), SD Rural Water System (\$360.00), Payroll- Doreen Hertel (\$300.00).

Shane Storm made motion to pay all bills; second by Mitch Wilson.

The following deposits were presented:

City General
Brown County Collections (\$4,625.81), State of SD (\$4330.26) & Interest (\$3.25).

Sewer Resident Payments - (\$2,100.00).

Water Resident Payments - (\$3,157.34).

NEW BUSINESS:
It was decided to donate \$1,000 to the fireworks, which will be held on June 25th.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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This was Margie Dosch's barn. (Photo courtesy Diane Bruns)



A big tree fell on Cootie Anderson's house. The porch is beyond repair and some shingles came off the roof. (Photo courtesy Diane Bruns)



A grain bin was destroyed from the wind. (Photo courtesy Diane Bruns)



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-- Mary C., Seattle, WA

Dog and cat waste may seem harmless, but the reality is that your pet's poop can be very problematic for ecosystems where it accumulates. Think of an ecosystem as a closed box. Within that closed box is everything that makes up an ecosystem: the dirt, the bugs, the animals, the plants, the microbes, and all the different chemicals necessary for the functioning of each of the organisms that call this "box" home. Some organisms prefer some chemicals in abundance; others do not. As such, a homeostasis of sorts develops over time that eventually balances the populations of each organism in the box.

As these organisms eat one another, they absorb nutrients and excrete waste that is essentially a product of the organism they ate, derived from the very same chemicals that organism was made of. So, in effect, there is never an addition or subtraction of anything to that box. The same chemicals are being used over and over. However, if you were to add waste that was derived from an outside source to that box (ecosystem), say a dog-food factory where the ingredients (and therefore

the chemicals) are chosen in abundance to provide the best possible diet, then you would be upsetting the balance of that ecosystem.

The chemicals found in pet feces that are the most problematic are nitrogen and phosphorus, which in overabundance can cause certain organisms to thrive, and others to falter. Algae blooms, for example, thrive when nitrogen and phosphorous levels are high. These blooms can spread very quickly across waterways, sucking the oxygen from aquatic ecosystems and suffocating the wildlife found therein.

According to an article by the British Ecological Study, the average dog excretes 11 kg of nitrogen and 5 kg of phosphorus per hectare. Livescience.com estimates that there are some 83 million dogs in America alone, producing 10.6 million tons of feces each year. With numbers like these, it's easy to see the significant influence this amount of waste can have on the chemical balance of natural ecosystems.

That being said, pet waste is an issue of extreme importance not only for Earth's ecosystems, but for our own health as well. According to the Clean Water Campaign of Atlanta, Georgia, pet waste can contain up to 23 million fecal coliform bacteria per gram, the kind that causes serious intestinal illnesses and kidney disorders. To make the issue worse, Livescience also states that the microbiota of certain American watersheds (20-30 percent) and airways (10-50 per cent)



Your pet's poo and pee might be polluting the local environment more than what's coming out of tailpipes and smokestacks. Credit: Alotrobo, Pexels.com.

consists of dog feces- derived bacteria.

So, what are we supposed to do with all this poop? Throwing it in the trash unfortunately just moves the problem to another location. Our best option would be to naturally compost it, but if your options are limited, flushing it down the toilet to be processed at a sewage treatment facility is considered the most convenient and greenest option today.

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Ectopic Pregnancy Often Fatal

It's been a long time since I've worked in the ER, but some stories stay with me. One such story belongs to a woman in her early 30s. After a year of trying to conceive, she was finally pregnant. Then she started spotting. When she developed severe pain, and almost fainted while putting their toddler to bed, her husband brought her to the emergency room.

It didn't take long for us to identify an ectopic pregnancy. The fertilized egg had implanted in her fallopian tube. Our obstetrician took her to the operating room, where we found large amounts of blood in her abdomen. The surgeon removed the pregnancy and the damaged tube, stopping the bleeding.

The uterus is a highly specialized organ. It is usually a bit smaller than a pear but stretches with pregnancy to accommodate six plus pounds of baby and another three plus pounds of placenta and amniotic fluid. The muscle is invaded by the developing placenta but remains strong enough to push a baby out months later.

In a normal pregnancy, the fertilized egg divides as it travels down the fallopian tube, entering the uterus approximately four days after fertilization. By seven days after fertilization, or the third week of pregnancy, as many as 300 cells have developed from that fertilized egg. These cells have started to differentiate. Some will form the embryo, and some will go on to form the placenta and other organs that protect and support the pregnancy. It is around this time that the blastocyst, which is the technical term for these cells, will attach to the lining of the uterus. For this attachment to happen, both the uterus and the blastocyst must be in exactly the right stage. The window of opportunity is only a few days which pass by even before a woman misses her period.

Unfortunately, not all pregnancies land in the uterus. Pregnancies that attach elsewhere are called ectopic pregnancies. Most ectopic pregnancies are found in the fallopian tubes, although they can be located on the ovary, the cervix, or somewhere in the abdomen.

Many ectopic pregnancies will resolve on their own: the cells will stop dividing and the mother's body will reabsorb the tissue. However, some will continue to grow, causing tearing and bleeding. Untreated, continuing ectopic pregnancies are almost always fatal for the pregnant person. Even with modern imaging and surgical techniques, ectopic pregnancies are the leading cause of pregnancy-related death in early pregnancy.

My patient's story had a happy ending. Thanks to early diagnosis and treatment, she survived her ectopic pregnancy, and she now dotes on her grandchildren. Too many women around the world don't get that chance.



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