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Story Time is held every Thursday during the Summer at 10 a.m. at Wage Memorial Library



Jerrie Vedvei reads about teddy bears and manners; and helps children make their own construction paper bear.

(Photos Courtesy April Abeln)



Brent Wienk, SD Army National Guard reads stories on heroes, lets the children explore an Army Humvee and shows them how MRE's are eaten by soldiers.

(Photos Courtesy April Abeln)



Heath & Katelyn Giedt entertains children with a petting zoo consisting of a puppy, kitties, baby pig, lamb and calf. Barnyard stories were shared inside the library with fun farm themed snacks.

(Photos Courtesy April Abeln)



Jerry Peltier reads about dogs and children enjoy making puppy dog puppets.

(Photos Courtesy April Abeln)

West Nile update – July 20, 2022

No human WNV cases have been reported at this time.
SD WNV (as of July 20): No human cases reported
3 counties with positive mosquito pools (Beadle, Brown, Minnehaha)
US WNV (as of July 12): 10 cases (AL, AZ, GA, IN, LA, MN, MS, ND, TX) and 1 death

The echoes we leave behind

Last week, I visited the one person who's responsible for this column other than me. Bernice Rollo. So you can take it up with her. My former (I guess I can say "old") English teacher turned 100 in June, and she's still razor sharp. She was working on a puzzle when I arrived while another centurion observed. What the heck is in the water around here? I was one of many former students who came to commemorate her milestone. Now, that's impact.

Bernice Rollo never once said to me, "Tony, I think you could be a fine writer someday," but she always—always—made it a point to read my compositions to the class and that was encouragement enough. Like I said, take it up with her. She taught at least three published writers that I know of, and hundreds of students who don't dangle participles. I've forgotten her position on the Oxford comma.

Two people impacted my life when I was a kid. The other one was my baseball coach Bob Fuhrman, who wore plaid shirts and work boots to practice. Bob turned an average athlete into a centerfielder, and with some fine-tuning at the plate, into a right-handed hitter that could go to the opposite field. I learned the poetry, the logic, the symmetry of the game with every deep sigh and scowl. Like Bernice, he wasn't warm and fuzzy, but when you got a compliment you never forgot it. I've been known to leave a baseball on his grave. I need to do that again. Sure, it's "just a game," but he instilled in me confidence that will carry me to the ninth inning.

As I sat with Bernice, I was reminded of something I noted at my Grandma Spillway's family funeral service—how this joyful church lady had touched so many people and how the echoes of her kindness reverberated within us and through our children, through generations. She continues to touch people she'll never know. It reminded me that if we don't leave this world a better place than we found it, we've just wasted precious time.

I've tried. As a people manager, I realize that I've incorporated what I learned from Bernice Rollo and Bob Fuhrman into the lessons I teach. People come and go, but my goal is that when they move on, they're better, more learned, and more successful in life. I wasn't always warm and fuzzy—demanding,

certainly—but I think most of them consider me a friend to this day, and even if they didn't understand at the time why I pushed as hard as I did, they do now.

Sometimes there were tears. In Hettinger, I had a terrific young saleswoman who came to me one Friday wondering if she could leave early. Hot date, I think. "Sure, I said, "If you feel you've done everything you can on this promotion, go ahead." Her eyes sank. There were tears. But she understood that ultimately in life, you're accountable to yourself.

I managed a sales team in the Black Hills and helped reorganize numerous publications that my company had purchased, and I remember the day a young man, newly married with a baby, came into my office. "I don't know if I can cut it," he confessed. Handsome kid. Blonde. Well dressed. Looked a little like Robert Redford. "Well, I don't know either," I answered, "but I do know you'll regret not trying."

He was a grinder, I told him. Not a natural charismatic salesman, "But I've seen a lot of naturals fail and a lot of grinders succeed." And I think that's why in the field of sports, the best managers are rarely the stars. They're the hardscrabble grinders who relied on grit and smarts to win. You can't teach natural talent, but you can teach resilience and persistence. A few years after I was transferred, the kid became a manager in the company. And I know, to my great satisfaction, that the turning point took place in my office.

Bernice thanked me for the flowers. But with the background noise, my hoarse throat—allergies—and her 100-year-old ears, it was hard to carry on a conversation, but being together was enough. I hugged her when I left. "Bernice, you're very important to me," I said into her ear. "And I love you." She nodded, didn't say anything, but she squeezed back extra hard. At the age of 100, she's getting warm and fuzzy.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

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Weekly Vikings Recap

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

As we near the end of the offseason for the Vikings, we carry on with our analysis of the different position groups for the Vikings. We'll look at any competition that might occur and predictions on who will make the final 53-man roster. This week we will look at the safeties.

Safeties:

Lock to make the 53-man roster: Harrison Smith, Lewis Cine, and Cam Bynum

Harrison Smith, who has been the best Vikings player over the past decade, will be entering this Vikings' season at the age of 33. Despite being only four years younger than Vikings' head coach, Kevin O'Connell, Smith has shown little regression from his peak years. Smith's "off-years" are still better than 90% of the safeties in the league's best year. Perhaps one day we will see Smith's name in the Ring of Honor, or maybe even with a bust in Canton.

The question of who will start next to Harrison Smith will continue this year. Last year, Smith played next to Xavier Woods, who left in free agency to the Carolina Panthers. This season, there will be a competition between star rookie Lewis Cine, and second-year player, Cam Bynum, to see who will take that starting role.

For Bynum, he enters his second season after seeing very little playing time at the safety position last year. Despite the lack of playing time, Bynum seemed to excel when given the chance to play. The special thing that Bynum brings to the table is that he played some cornerback in college at Cal. Some experts believe that Bynum's experience at that position might lead to the Vikings using three safeties on the field at once. As Bynum appears to have the chance to grow into a solid player, it is always good to find ways to get as many of your best players on the field at once.

The other interesting player in this safety group is Lewis Cine, the new Vikings' regime's first draft pick. Based on his college highlights, Cine is a heat-seeking missile on the field. Despite playing on arguably the best college defense of the last ten years, Cine stood out in many ways when watching Georgia's defense. That ability to go and make plays on a talented defense may bode well for Cine when playing on this Vikings team, which have a lot of big-name veterans on it. However, given that Cine is a rookie, the Vikings might wait to throw him to the wolves as the starting safety opposite Harrison Smith until he feels comfortable on the field.

Players competing for the final spot on the safety group: Josh Metellus and Myles Dorn

I will be shocked if Josh Metellus is not on the final roster for the Vikings. For starters, Metellus has shown himself to be one of the best special teams player on the team. Also, reports indicated that the Vikings started him over Cine during mini-camp when deploying their three-safety looks on the field. Cine may likely pass Metellus on the depth chart coming into training camp, there is still a good indication that Metellus is highly valued by the coaching staff.

Myles Dorn, on the other hand, will likely be subject to the practice squad rather than the Vikings' final roster. Dorn is entering his third season and has shown nothing when it comes to cracking the lineup. Given that the Vikings only have four reliable players at the safety position, Dorn might be valuable to keep on the practice squad just in case a player gets hurt.

Likely to be cut or placed on the practice squad: Mike Brown

53-man roster predictions:

Jack Kolsrud's prediction

Harrison Smith, Lewis Cine, Cam Bynum, and Josh Metellus

Duane Kolsrud's prediction

Harrison Smith, Lewis Cine, Cam Bynum, and Josh Metellus- Dad still wishes they would have drafted Antoine Winfield, Jr when they had the chance.

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Becah Fliehs, Love to Travel, teaches children about the ocean and children enjoy fun ocean themed activities and snacks. (Photos Courtesy April Abeln)



Ashley Dunham, story time reader helps children make fun book-marks. (Photos Courtesy April Abeln)



Town wide watering ban goes into effect Sept. 1

McGuire Iron will be coming to Groton to work on the city's 450,000 gallon reservoir. It will be sandblasted inside and outside and then repainted. The work will take about four or five weeks. Meanwhile, there will not be any outside watering allowed in the City of Groton. Currently, the booster pumps take water from the reservoir and push it into the water tower. The booster pumps can push upwards of 1,200 gallons a minute. WEB water refills the reservoir at a rate of 184 gallons a minute. Without the reservoir, the city's 125,000 gallon water tower will be the city's own source of water with WEB filling it at a rate of 184 gallons a minute. Without the restrictions, the city could quickly run out of water. The ban will be strictly enforced.

Ashley and Tom Bentz talked about the upcoming Shop and Sip. It was mentioned that the bars could sell alcohol inside their business and that people can take their drinks out on Main Street. The council lifted the ordinance from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday.

The survey and easement work at the airport is expected to cost \$2,000 to \$2,500. However, if the water does not go away on the south end, that price could nearly double. The council considered that IMEG should wait until the water disappears before any survey work is done.

A used bucket truck has been purchased for \$136,839.

The community center fees were discussed. The fees will be Groton Area businesses and gatherings for \$100 for the whole building, \$75 for the east room and \$15 for the southwest room. Out-of-area businesses and gathering will be double the fee. In addition, there will be a \$150 fee for lost keys. They will be required to leave a check for \$150 and will get it back when the keys are dropped off.

Groton Police Chief Stacy Mayor was authorized to attend the NESD Family Violence Prevention Conference Sept. 28-29 in Aberdeen. The cost of the conference is \$75.

The street chip seal project will be starting on Saturday and will be finished on Monday. The project was reduced from 56 blocks to 40 blocks to keep the project within its budget.

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The Life of Arlys Kluess



A Celebration of Life for Arlys Kluess was held Wednesday, July 20th at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Burial followed in Lorinda Cemetery, Henry with Pastor Kari Foss officiating.

Arlys passed away July 16, 2022 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen.

Arlys Marlene was born on March 16, 1952 in Watertown to Roy and Marian (Pearson) Sharp. She was raised in the Henry area and graduated from Henry High School in 1970. Arlys attended Lake Area Technical School where she earned a degree in Dental Assisting. On August 28, 1971, she was united in marriage with Rodney Kluess and together

they were blessed with two children. In 1973, the couple moved to Groton and Arlys returned to college. She graduated in 1977 with her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Presentation College. For over 40 years, she worked as an RN for Dakota Midland, Avera St. Lukes, Dakota House and New Beginnings. Arlys retired completely in January of 2022,

Outside of her career, Arlys was an active member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. She sang in the choir for 49 years and helped serve in WELCA. In younger years, she enjoyed playing softball. More recently, her hobbies included golfing, decorating for holidays and of course taking care of her flowers, as well as her yard.

Arlys is survived by her children, Wade Kluess (Ashley Allbee) of Sioux Falls, Cassie (Steve) Monson of Bath, her grandchildren, Colton (Mackenzie) Monson, Clayton Stippich, Becca Monson and fiancé Nick Buum, great-grandchildren, Rayce Monson, Holden Buum and her sister Dianne (Howard) Easthouse of Henry.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband of 49 years and her brother, Dennis.

Casketbearers were Ryan Easthouse, Robbie Easthouse, Colton Monson and Becca Monson.

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Groton Post 39 Jr Legion Walks Away Victorious Over Titans Varsity in High-Scoring Game, 19-9

Both Groton Post 39 Jr Legion and Titans Varsity had their offenses going on Monday, but Groton Post 39 Jr Legion eventually prevailed 19-9.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion secured the victory thanks to 14 runs in the third inning. Groton Post 39 Jr Legion big bats were led by Braxton Imrie, Brevin Flihs, Caden McInerney, Teylor Diegel, Kaleb Hoover, and Colby Dunker, who each had RBIs in the inning.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion opened up scoring in the first inning when Logan Ringgenberg singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion took the lead for good with 14 runs in the third inning. In the third Imrie singled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run, Flihs was hit by a pitch, driving in a run, McInerney singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run, Levi Little induced Diegel to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored, Hoover singled on a 2-2 count, scoring two runs, Dunker singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run, Imrie singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run, Ringgenberg singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run, Korbin Kucker singled on a 0-1 count, scoring two runs, McInerney singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run, and Diegel doubled on a 1-1 count, scoring two runs.

Titans Varsity scored three runs in the fourth inning. Connor Spitzer, Little, and Milo Sumption each had RBIs in the frame.

Ringgenberg was the winning pitcher for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion. The pitcher lasted two and a third innings, allowing six hits and five runs while striking out two. Dunker threw two-thirds of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Little took the loss for Titans Varsity. The pitcher allowed 15 hits and 17 runs over two and two-thirds innings, striking out one.

Kaleb Antonsen started the game for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion. Antonsen went two innings, allowing four runs on one hit and striking out one

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion had 18 hits in the game. Dunker, Ringgenberg, Imrie, McInerney, Hoover, and Flihs all collected multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion. Imrie, Ringgenberg, and Dunker each managed three hits to lead Groton Post 39 Jr Legion.

Titans Varsity racked up seven hits. McKinley Kosters and Sumption each had multiple hits for Titans Varsity. Brayden Sumption led Titans Varsity with four stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with eight stolen bases.

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Locke Electric Takes a Tough Blow From Outlaws

Locke Electric had a tough time generating runs on Monday, dropping their game with Outlaws 16-5.

Outlaws fired up the offense in the first inning, when Harvey singled on a 2-0 count, scoring one run.

Locke Electric knotted the game up at five in the bottom of the third inning. Ryan Groeblichhoff drove in one when Groeblichhoff singled.

Outlaws pulled away for good with one run in the fourth inning. In the fourth Winter singled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run.

Locke Electric notched three runs in the third inning. The offensive firepower by Locke Electric was led by Spencer Locke, Austin Jones, and Groeblichhoff, who all drove in runs.

Outlaws scored four runs in the eighth inning. Outlaws big bats were led by Clemente, Winter, and Casey Schlechter, who each had RBIs in the inning.

Heyd got the win for Outlaws. The ace went three innings, allowing zero runs on five hits, striking out four and walking zero. Josh Koeck and Harvey entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Aaron Severson took the loss for Locke Electric. The righthander went three innings, allowing five runs on eight hits and striking out two.

Knox started the game for Outlaws. The hurler allowed five hits and five runs over two innings, striking out six

Locke Electric collected 12 hits. Evan Erickson, Dylan Frey, and Wilson Bonet each had multiple hits for Locke Electric. Frey and Erickson all had three hits to lead Locke Electric.

Outlaws tallied 19 hits. Winter, Clemente, Schlechter, Heyd, and Perez all managed multiple hits for Outlaws. Winter went 4-for-6 at the plate to lead Outlaws in hits. Outlaws was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Winter had the most chances in the field with 12.

With Pierce On The Mound, Groton Legion Post #39 Shuts Out NE SD Webster Legion Post 40 Legion

Pierce Kettering threw a shutout to lead Groton Legion Post #39 past NE SD Webster Legion Post 40 Legion 11-0 on Thursday.

Groton Legion Post #39 got things moving in the first inning, when Cole Simon drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post #39 scored five runs in the fourth inning. Simon, Bradin Althoff, and Tate Larson all drove in runs in the frame.

One bright spot for NE SD Webster Legion Post 40 Legion was a single by Matt Mount in the third inning.

Kettering was the winning pitcher for Groton Legion Post #39. The pitcher lasted five innings, allowing two hits and zero runs while striking out four.

Brent Snaza took the loss for NE SD Webster Legion Post 40 Legion. The bulldog lasted three innings, allowing two hits and eight runs.

Jackson Cogley, Kettering, Althoff, and Larson each managed one hit to lead Groton Legion Post #39. Groton Legion Post #39 tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Cade Larson led the way with two.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion Takes 6-2 Victory Over NE SD Webster Legion Post 40 Legion

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion wins contest against NE SD Webster Legion Post 40 Legion, 6-2
In the first inning, NE SD Webster Legion Post 40 Legion got their offense started when Samuel Nelson was hit by a pitch, driving in a run.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion pulled away for good with two runs in the third inning. In the third Groton Post 39 Jr Legion scored on a stolen base during Colby Dunker's at bat. Then Dunker singled and Logan Ringgenberg singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion scored three runs in the fourth inning. The offensive onslaught by Groton Post 39 Jr Legion was led by Caden McInerney, Braxton Imrie, and Bradin Althoff, all

sending runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Ringgenberg was the winning pitcher for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion. Ringgenberg went five innings, allowing two runs on three hits and striking out four.

Matt Mount took the loss for NE SD Webster Legion Post 40 Legion. The hurler surrendered three runs on four hits over three innings, striking out one.

Korbin Kucker, Althoff, Ringgenberg, Dunker, McInerney, and Teylor Diegel each managed one hit to lead Groton Post 39 Jr Legion. Groton Post 39 Jr Legion didn't commit a single error in the field. Dillon Abeln had four chances in the field, the most on the team.

NE SD Webster Legion Post 40 Legion didn't commit a single error in the field. Jared Schimmel had the most chances in the field with six.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion Loses Lead Early in Defeat

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 7-5 loss to Smittys Junior Legion 2022 on Saturday. Smittys Junior Legion 2022 scored on a single by Grant Beyer in the first inning, a walk by Cooper Eisenbeisz in the second inning, and a walk by Jackson Welke in the second inning.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion lost despite out-hitting Smittys Junior Legion 2022 eight to seven.

After Groton Post 39 Jr Legion scored one run in the top of the fifth, Smittys Junior Legion 2022 answered with one of their own. Groton Post 39 Jr Legion scored when Ryan Groeblichhoff doubled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run. Smittys Junior Legion 2022 then answered when Welke singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

Smittys Junior Legion 2022 pulled away for good with three runs in the second inning. In the second Eisenbeisz drew a walk, scoring one run and Welke drew a walk, scoring one run.

Donnie Soderlund was the winning pitcher for Smittys Junior Legion 2022. Soderlund allowed four hits and one run over four innings, striking out three and walking zero.

Korbin Kucker took the loss for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion. The pitcher surrendered six runs on three hits over two and a third innings.

Thomas Stickelmyer started the game for Smittys Junior Legion 2022. The hurler surrendered four runs on four hits over three innings, striking out one

Groeblichhoff went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Post 39 Jr Legion in hits. Groton Post 39 Jr Legion was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Teylor Diegel had the most chances in the field with four.

Smittys Junior Legion 2022 had seven hits in the game. Beyer, Soderlund, and Welke each had multiple hits for Smittys Junior Legion 2022.

Groton Jr Legion Stymied by Smittys Junior Legion, Lose 14-4

Saturday was a long day for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion, falling to Smittys Junior Legion 2022 14-4.

Groton Post 39 Jr Legion opened up scoring in the first inning. Jackson Welke threw a wild pitch allowing one run across the plate for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion.

Smittys Junior Legion 2022 pulled away for good with 11 runs in the third inning. In the third Brevin Flihs induced Grant Beyer to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored, an error scored one run for Smittys Junior Legion 2022, Talan Duttenhoeffer drew a walk, scoring one run, Charlie Phillips drew a walk, scoring one run, Jared Klootwyk drew a walk, scoring one run, Cooper Eisenbeisz singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run, Welke singled on a 3-2 count, scoring three runs, and Caden McInerney induced Lance Siefken to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored.

Welke toed the rubber for Smittys Junior Legion 2022. The ace surrendered four runs on four hits over six innings, striking out three.

Flihs was on the hill for Groton Post 39 Jr Legion. Flihs allowed one hit and four runs over two and a third innings, striking out one. McInerney threw three innings in relief.

Ryan Groeblichhoff led Groton Post 39 Jr Legion with two hits in three at bats.

Smittys Junior Legion 2022 tallied seven hits in the game. Eisenbeisz and Jacob Weishaar all had multiple hits for Smittys Junior Legion 2022. Eisenbeisz went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Smittys Junior Legion 2022 in hits.

Legion Region Games

Groton Legion Post #39 Blows Away Hamlin Sr Post 37 / 217 by 25 Runs

Groton Legion Post #39 asserted their will over Hamlin Sr Post 37 / 217 on their way to an easy 27-2 victory

In the first inning, Groton Legion Post #39 got their offense started when Cole Simon grounded out, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post #39 notched 11 runs in the fourth inning. Groton Legion Post #39's offense in the inning came from an error on a ball put in play by Ryan Groeblichhoff, Andrew Marzahn, and Pierce Kettering, singles by Dillon Abeln and Kaleb Hoover, a walk by Cade Larson, and a home run by Simon.

Kettering got the win for Groton Legion Post #39. The pitcher surrendered zero runs on zero hits over two and two-thirds innings, striking out two and walking one. Colby Dunker threw two and a third innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Dawson Arbach took the loss for Hamlin Sr Post 37 / 217. The pitcher surrendered two runs on zero hits over one inning.

Groton Legion Post #39 hit one home run on the day. Simon went yard in the fourth inning.

Groton Legion Post #39 collected 18 hits. Kettering, Dunker, Abeln, Hoover, Jackson Cogley, and Marzahn each managed multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Abeln, Dunker, and Kettering each managed three hits to lead Groton Legion Post #39.

Watson Grantham led Hamlin Sr Post 37 / 217 with one hit in two at bats.

Late Score Costs Groton Legion Against Clark/Willow Lake

Groton Legion Post #39 stayed in it until the end, but Clark/Willow Lake Senators 18U pulled away late in a 12-6 victory on Tuesday. Clark/Willow Lake Senators 18U was down 6-5 in the top of the sixth inning when Mitchell Larson homered on a 2-1 count, scoring two runs.

Groton Legion Post #39 collected nine hits and Clark/Willow Lake Senators 18U had ten in the high-scoring affair.

Groton Legion Post #39 got on the board in the first inning when Bradin Althoff drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post #39 notched three runs in the second inning. Althoff and Tate Larson all moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Clark/Willow Lake Senators 18U scored four runs in the seventh inning. Clark/Willow Lake Senators 18U's big inning was driven by a single by Zach Winter, a home run by Mitchell Larson, and a double by Conner Mudgett.

Trey Huber led the Clark/Willow Lake Senators 18U to victory on the pitcher's mound. The pitcher allowed zero hits and zero runs over two innings, striking out two.

Cole Simon took the loss for Groton Legion Post #39. The pitcher allowed six hits and seven runs over one and two-thirds innings, walking one.

Jackson Cogley started the game for Groton Legion Post #39. The righty surrendered five runs on four hits over five and a third innings, striking out six Hudson Fuller started the game for Clark/Willow Lake Senators 18U. The righty allowed nine hits and six runs over five innings, striking out 11

Groton Legion Post #39 racked up nine hits on the day. Pierce Kettering and Ryan Groeblichhoff each had multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Kettering led Groton Legion Post #39 with three hits in three at bats.

Clark/Willow Lake Senators 18U had ten hits in the game. Mitchell Larson, Lucas Kannegieter, and Collin Gaikowski all collected multiple hits for Clark/Willow Lake Senators 18U. Clark/Willow Lake Senators 18U didn't commit a single error in the field. Zach Winter had 14 chances in the field, the most on the team

Groton plays at 1 p.m. today in the double elimination tournament in Redfield.

Groton Legion Post #39 Defeats Warner W.I.N. Varsity Despite Allowing 3-Run Inning

Groton Legion Post #39 managed through a push by Warner W.I.N. Varsity in the third inning where Groton Legion Post #39 coughed up three runs, but Groton Legion Post #39 still won 20-3 on Wednesday. Sam Nilsson and Quinton Fischbach all drove in runs in the frame.

Groton Legion Post #39 got on the board in the first inning. Bradin Althoff drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post #39 put up nine runs in the second inning. The offensive firepower by Groton Legion Post #39 was led by Kaleb Hoover, Pierce Kettering, Cole Simon, and Althoff, all driving in runs in the inning.

Dillon Abeln was the winning pitcher for Groton Legion Post #39. The righthander allowed one hit and zero runs over two innings, striking out three and walking one. Ryan Groeblichhoff and Althoff entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Trekk Hannahs took the loss for Warner W.I.N. Varsity. The righthander allowed one hit and seven runs.

Groton Legion Post #39 socked one home run on the day. Tate Larson had a homer in the fourth inning.

Groton Legion Post #39 had ten hits in the game. Kettering and Simon all managed multiple hits for Groton Legion Post #39. Simon and Kettering all had two hits to lead Groton Legion Post #39. Groton Legion Post #39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Althoff had the most chances in the field with seven.

Fischbach led Warner W.I.N. Varsity with two hits in three at bats.



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Dear EarthTalk: Are oil companies actually taking steps to cut emissions overall or are their claims mostly just “greenwashing”?

— J.B.S., Waukesha, WI

It’s no secret that the climate crisis is intensifying and the world is looking for solutions. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) stated in its latest report that we are facing a “code red” for humanity if we are unable to make substantive changes. According to the IPCC we must cut our carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in half by 2030 in order to secure a livable future. Even though there has been a push for emissions reduction, global emissions are not showing signs of declining.

As top contributors of pollution, oil companies are under a microscope. In response to increased pressure, many have begun to make promises that they are working towards being part of the solution. The scientific journal PLOS One reports that major oil companies are using terms like “climate,” “low-carbon” and “transition” more frequently in their reports and claim that they are striving to go “carbon neutral.”

Carbon neutral is as much of an oxymoron as there can be when applied to oil companies, which begs the question: How do they plan to accomplish this goal? One way they are trying to achieve net-zero emissions is by investing in nature-based carbon credits. Essentially, they are pledging money to plant trees that

absorb the CO₂ equivalent of the output of their company.

While this solution seems simple enough, common criticisms of oil companies’ responses are that net-zero promises are solely based on facility operations and not on the fuel sales themselves; additionally, oil companies have continued to invest in more acreage for the express purpose of extracting more oil—thereby showing their true priorities. Researchers at Tohoku University and Kyoto University conclude that transitioning to clean energy is not occurring because investments and actions by oil companies simply do not match the public promises they are making.

It’s important to understand that nature-based credits come with complications. It takes years for trees to mature so it’s often unclear how much CO₂ they’ll absorb. In addition, the lifespan of these trees is not a guarantee either: With increasingly warm and dry conditions, there is an increased likelihood that these trees could die due to drought or fire, in which case the carbon offset becomes worthless.

So, are oil companies simply greenwashing? Some have made minor efforts but it is not nearly enough. That being said, it is important to know how we as individuals can still make a difference. Divesting from oil companies will help reduce the amount of money going towards these polluters. Even if you are not



Oil companies have made big strides when it comes to embracing clean energy, but they’re still holding up the transition to a greener future. Credit: Pexels.com.

giving money directly to oil companies, your money can indirectly exacerbate the problem. Doing your due diligence to make sure that your bank is not funding oil companies along with other investments in your portfolio can make a world of difference. Reallocating money to make sure you are investing in a clean energy future will help to take the fate of our planet out of the hands of big oil companies.

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The student doctor; a complement to patient care



Kelly Evans-Hullinger, MD

As a clinical professor at my state’s medical school, I frequently have medical students seeing patients with me in clinic. While the majority of patients are happy to allow student involvement, some decline. This makes me wonder what misconceptions lead patients to be averse to trainees participating at their clinic visits or hospital bedsides. In my experience, the presence of learners has a positive influence on our work in the clinic and hospital.

Medical education is a complex, highly intensive program that requires years of education and practice. Most medical students are college graduates who performed well in their undergraduate studies and went above and beyond their peers in volunteering, extracurricular activities, and other achievements. After college, some go directly to medical school, and some have variable years of other experiences.

Traditionally the first two years of medical school take place in the classroom, learning about anatomy, physiology, disease processes, microbiology, and pharmacology. The third and fourth years are spent almost entirely in the clinical setting, seeing patients, and learning how to apply their hard-earned knowledge.

After medical school, new doctors go on to their residencies to receive further training in their chosen specialty; and after that, some continue to fellowship. This postgraduate training is rigorous. After at least three but sometimes many more years, those physicians will be ready to practice independently in their specialty.

Recently a student and I saw a patient with leg pain and swelling. After the student’s evaluation, we discussed in the patient’s presence what features of this patient’s pain concerned me for an urgent condition, how we should proceed with diagnostics, and why. The patient was able to observe how much thought went into our assessment, and hopefully the patient appreciated serving as teacher.

When I as an attending physician have a student or resident in my clinic, I am at my best. Students are caring and thorough with our patients. Teaching often requires me to talk about a new diagnosis or treatment in greater detail, and the patient reaps the benefit of hearing that discussion. It is not uncommon for a student to ask me a question to which I don’t know the answer, and ultimately both of us learn something new.

I would encourage patients, when they encounter trainees in their medical care, to view these compassionate and hardworking people as I do: a true complement to patient care. All physicians are life-long learners and are exceedingly grateful for our patients, who are our greatest teachers.

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