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Memorial Day brings up memories, call to thank service members by Elizabeth Varin

Donald Pasch remembers the day he found out his brother Bill had been killed in action.

"The day they told us was May 12, Mother's Day of '68," he said. "We went into church, came home from church. Mom made dinner. Me and my brother Elroy were out throwing a rubber ball against the barn because baseball was coming up.

"And a green car with white lettering – I can still remember it, still see it – drove in the yard. They told us to come in the house," he said. "And that's when I found out I was a gold star family member."

Donald painted a picture for the crowd gathered Monday at Groton Union Cemetery, exposing the hurt his family felt and the continued impact felt after losing a family member in war.

"For a while I thought he was a POW because you couldn't kill my brother... my big brother," he said, getting choked up.

Pasch, a 1978 graduate of Groton High School, served as guest speaker during the annual Memorial Day Service.

Through his speech, Pasch recalled painful moments that shaped his family after his brother William E. Pasch was killed in action in Vietnam. Bill and his dad Walter got a hunting cabin near Sand Lake, but after Bill died, Walter would go out there to get drunk.

Donald's mother, Lois, had a mental break at one point and was admitted to the St. Luke's mental ward, Donald said. But these were things people didn't talk about back then. It was hard to see the hurt the family was going through.



Don Pasch was the guest speaker at this year's Memorial Day Program held at the Groton Cemetery. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

More than 53,000 U.S. service men were killed in combat during World War I, Pasch said. More than 405,000 U.S. service men died in World War II. More than 36,000 died in the Korean War. More than 58,000 died in the Vietnam War.

"They all had mothers and dads," Pasch said. "Most of all of them had brothers. They're all Gold Star. They all went through what I'm going through. Can you comprehend how many people that is?

"...We had five in our family. Well... six. But with Bill killed we had five Gold Star family members," he said.

Pasch's message wrapped up with a call for people to thank and respect those who have served in the military.

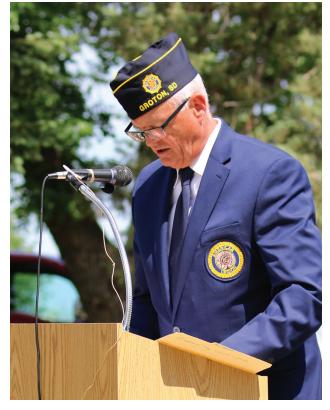
"Take pride in this place," he said. "Take pride in your country. These people all died for you to all go vote and keep this freedom. So that we can come and do what we're doing right now."

That message resonated with some in the crowd, including Dennis K. Larson. He and his wife have been going to the Memorial Day ceremony for quite a few years. It's a way to honor all the veterans.

Larson said he is grateful for those who have served "to protect our democracy. We wouldn't have it if it wasn't for all the sacrifices all the veterans have done over the years."

Bill Duncan also sees the Memorial Day event as a way to remember those who have served. Duncan, retired pastor from Groton Christian and Missionary Alliance, said he's lived here for more than 40 years, and the list of those who have died in service brings up a lot of familiar names.

"They gave to their country as a part of their military service," he said. "I appreciate that."



Groton Legion Commander Bruce Babcock gave the welcome and did the **prayers at the service.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Robert Wegner (at the podeum) and Doug Hamilton read the list of names of those buried at the Groton Cemetery.



The Groton American Legion Post #39 did the gun salute. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

The unforgotten

Editor's note: Tony took the Memorial Day weekend off. Here's one of our favorites from 2015.

The intoxicating smell of fresh cut spring grass permeates the senses. Hand shears trim close to the granite markers, wreaths are laid at the graves. American flags adorn other graves. A handkerchief polishes the stone and sweeps away time.

We pause. Reflect. Contemplate. Remember. I worked as a groundskeeper at a cemetery one summer, read the names as I walked by, memorized the names of many children. Parents would arrive regularly to mark some sad anniversary. The slamming of car doors reverberated like unintentional thunder. I would become invisible, a wraith solemnly watching with all the other ghosts in prayerful silence. Empaths, we mourned the living and the dead.

They usually stood, looking small, slumpshouldered, looking down, not at each other. She might kneel and brush away some dust, and when she rose, his arm might circle her shoulder as she leaned into him.

In time, she would draw a deep breath, the signal that it was time to leave. No words spoken, just plastic flowers left behind in a vase. The rest of the story drives away in the front seat of an aging Buick with protesting springs.

I wonder some days if the earth, every atom and particle, locked in a cycle of life and death, has within it the capacity to feel, or is the universe indifferent to our losses?

Even the elephants weep. They hold the bones of the departed and show their respect. When drought takes the young, the mothers will try desperately to waken the baby for a long while and then finally give up. They will stand there, sometimes for hours, in memoriam. A dog waits at the corner each day or his master to return from work. The man isn't coming back, and the dog must know it by now—maybe this is simply a show of respect. Or hope.

Old soldiers gather at the Legion Hall on Memorial Day, fewer in number than last year, but they stand taller this day than any other. If the sun shines, they smoke Pall Malls and Marlboros, adjust their gear and suck in their paunches. The sunshine seems fitting. And if it rains, it seems appropriate, too.

They keep their thoughts to themselves, don't talk about the wars, the things they've seen, friends they lost. Some things are to be remembered, some things best forgotten. They remind us of the duality of the struggle, that from the contest, honor is born, that light pierces the darkness.

It's a mystery, a miracle, an enigma. It's hard to fathom that the imprint we leave behind, in

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ways we cannot predict, endures. Some footprints are deeper than others, but we all leave a mark. Walk through the halls of your school. You may not know the names on these fresh faces, but the features are recognizable. There's a Geiszler... a Dockter... an Ebel... a Delzer... a Heupel. It's in the nose. The angle of the face. The eyes. You can hear it in the laugh. See it in the



That's Life by Tony Bender

posture. Look at tintype photographs in the museum and you may see yourself. Bloodlines run strong. There's comfort in this, a sense that things are as they are supposed to be. A continuum.

There were three of us that summer, watchmen of the dead, invisible servants to the living. We dug the graves. Poured cement for the vaults and painted them gold. We set up regal maroon tents and folding chairs, carefully smoothed the green plastic turf that hid the the sad death of Vikings' offensive tackle, Kodisturbed ground. It had to be perfect.

We waited in the shadows when the shiny black hearses led the somber parades through the cemetery. The arrhythmic beat of car doors, like drummers out of time. Pravers echoed off the statues of angels. Sometimes

In 20 minutes it was over. When they were gone, the tent came down, the sod was rolled back over the scar, and we watered it daily, respectfully, until it took root again. Each day, we plucked away rogue thistles and trimmed unruly branches, never having to be reminded of the sanctity of the task.

Every day was Memorial Day.

© Tony Bender, 2015 **Weekly Vikings Recap - Seasons the Vikings Failed to Meet Expectations**

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

Minnesota Vikings Seasons that Failed to Meet Expectations

Discuss Vikings' news

After looking at the Minnesota Vikings' teams that exceeded preseason expectations, last week, let's now look at the Vikings' seasons that greatly failed to live up to the expectations they had going into their respective season.

1990 Minnesota Vikings

The 1990 Minnesota Vikings' season was a continuance of failed expectations for the Vikings from the prior season when the team became "Super Bowl favorites" after making the Herschel Walker trade on October 12, 1989, and yet failed to make it to even the NFC



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Championship game. Coming off the hype in 1989, the team was predicted to win 10 games and finish 1st in the NFC Central.

The Vikings never even had a chance to meet those expectations as the team started 1-6 in their first seven games. After climbing back to a 6-6 record in week 13, the Vikings folded completely, losing their final four games to finish 6-10 and in last place in the NFC Central. The disappointing season would see Mike Lynn lose his position as general manager. Thankfully, for Vikings fans, the disappointment would not last for a while as the Vikings would win at least 8 games every season for the remainder of the 1990s decade.

2001 Minnesota Vikings

After losing in two of the previous three NFC Championship games, the Vikings came into the 2001 season with the expectation to compete once again for a chance to play in the NFC Championship game. Before the season, the Vikings were predicted to win nine games and finish tied for 2nd in the NFC Central.

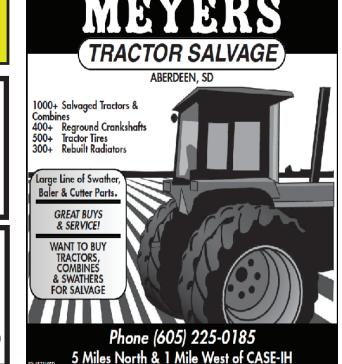
The 2001 season for the Vikings is one everyone would like to forget. During training camp that season, the team had to deal with rey Stringer, caused by a heat stroke during practice. The team was just never the same after that as they went a measly 5-11, after double-digit victory seasons in the prior three seasons. The 2001 season would also see the departure of Dennis Green and Cris Carter, they were lost to the wind. Sometimes it two Vikings legends who led the team to such success in the decade prior.

2010 and 2011 Minnesota Vikings

I thought I would combine the 2010 and 2011 Minnesota Vikings since those seasons happened back-to-back. Both seasons were oddly similar as the Vikings had two old quarterbacks who were past their prime leading their team with Brett Favre in 2010, and Donovan McNabb

The 2010 season was one with high expectations. The team had lost a heartbreaker in the NFC Championship game the year prior and brought back virtually the same roster as the year prior. In 2010, the Vikings were expected to win between nine and 10 games but only amassed a 6-10 record, which caused head coach, Brad Childress, to get fired. To make things worse, that was the same season as the Metrodome roof collapse, which happened to be a good representation of how the season went.

The 2011 season did not have the same expectations as 2010, but it had many of the same players. In 2011, the Vikings were predicted to win only seven games. Sadly, the team did not even come close to that as they finished with a 3-13 record, the worst record the Vikings had had since 1984. Surprisingly, the Vikings led the NFL in sacks that season with 50 sacks, thanks to Jared Allen's franchise record of 22 sacks. However, it was not enough as the Vikings still managed to put together the worst season in Vikings' history for the last four decades.









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The South Dakota Humanities Council is making available a weekly column -- "We the People" -- that focuses on the U.S. Constitution. It is written by David Adler, who is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality, and civic education.



By David Adler

Is Posting of Ten Commandments in Schools Constitutional?

The continued revival of interest among state legislatures in posting the Ten Commandments in public schools may present to the U.S. Supreme Court an opportunity to reverse yet another decades-old, landmark precedent, this time one that prohibits such displays on grounds that they promote religion in violation of the First Amendment's Establishment Clause.

Although time expired in the legislative session before the Texas House of Representatives could

approve a Senate bill to post the Ten Commandments in classrooms, the Longhorn State and several others are likely to pass such bills in the near term, aligning them with a dozen other states, including North Dakota and South Dakota, that already permit displays of the Commandments in public schools.

Posting the Ten Commandments on walls of classrooms was common in American schools before the Supreme Court, in Stone v. Graham (1980), declared the practice unconstitutional. The Court, in a 5-4 per curiam decision (an unsigned opinion), struck down a Kentucky statute that required display of the Commandments in every public school classroom.

The Court held that displays of the Ten Commandments serve a "plainly religious" purpose, which ran afoul of the governing "Lemon" Test." In Lemon v. Kurtzman (1971), the Court held that programs challenged under the Establishment Clause must have a secular purpose. The Court wrote, "The Ten Commandments are undeniably a sacred text in the Jewish and Christian faiths, and no legislative recitation of a supposed secular purpose can blind us to that fact."

Although copies of the Commandments were purchased by private funds, the mere posting provided official state support for religion. Portions of the Ten Commandments could have been regarded as secular in purpose, such as honoring one's parents, killing, adultery, stealing, false witness and covetousness. But other sections are clearly religious in nature: worshipping the Lord God alone, avoiding idolatry, not using the Lord's name in vain, and observing the Sabbath.

Stone v. Graham and its prohibition on the display of the Ten Commandments in public schools remains the law in the United States. Optimism that Stone may be reversed, particularly among states that have reintroduced, or will reintroduce, postings of the Commandments, is derived from a particular detail in the Kentucky statute, and two more recent Supreme Court decisions that punctuate the shifting standards in Establishment Clause jurisprudence.

The Kentucky statute required the conspicuous posting in every public schoolroom of a large blowup of the Ten Commandments. The size and projection of the Commandments undercut any hope of "saving" such postings under the Lemon Test.

In 2005, in Van Orden v. Perry, however, the Court upheld the placement of a six-foot Ten Commandments monument amidst 21 historical markers and 17 other monuments in a 22-acre park surrounding the Texas State Capital in Austin, against an Establishment Clause challenge. Chief Justice William Rehnquist acknowledged the religious nature of the Commandments, "but simply having religious content or promoting a message consistent with religious doctrine does not run afoul of the Establishment Clause." Rehnquist distinguished the "passive" nature of the display, which represented a part of the state's political and legal history, from the conspicuous posting of the Ten Commandments in public schools, at issue in Stone, since they 'confronted" students.

The Court's ruling in Van Orden, then, suggested a strategy to states wishing to permit postings of the Ten Commandments in public schools: Place the Commandments within a display that includes other historical, legal, and cultural documents and milestones, and avoid the conspicuous blowup of the posting that doomed the Kentucky law. This is precisely what the states of South Dakota and North Dakota have done in enacting statutes permitting the "passive" display of the Commandments. The South Dakota law, for example, provides that the Commandments "shall be" presented in the same "manner and appearance generally as other objects and documents displayed," and cannot be "presented or displayed in any fashion that results in calling attention to it apart from the other displayed objects and documents."

Displays of the Ten Commandments in public schools received additional support in the form of the Supreme Court's decision in 2022, upholding the right of a Washington high school football coach to pray on the 50-yard line after games, against an Establishment Clause challenge. In Kennedy v. Bremerton, the Court, in a 6-3 opinion written by Justice Neil Gorsuch, held that the coach's prayers were a private expression of his faith and not government endorsement of religion, even though they, like postings of the Ten Commandments, were offered at a state sanctioned event, held on state property, funded by state taxpayers.

The Court's ruling in Kennedy sounded the death knell of the Lemon Test and its requirement that laws have a secular purpose. The Supreme Court's evolving Establishment Clause jurisprudence has significantly lowered the wall between church and state and suggests that the North and South Dakota statutes permitting display of the Ten Commandments in public schools, like those across America, will be sustained, if they face legal challenges.

District Level Winners of the American Legion Auxiliary Poem and Essay Contest



Brynlee Dunker (Photo courtesy Jan Seibel)



Andi Iverson (Photo courtesy Jan Seibel)



Kaylee Sippel (Photo courtesy Jan Seibel)

Congratulations to the American Legion Auxiliary Essay and Poem winners representing the Columbia and Groton American Legion Auxiliaries at the district level. This year's theme for the essay is "What does patriotism mean to you?" and the poems theme is "Thanking our Veterans for our freedom."

Representing Groton American Legion Auxiliary Unit #39 are Brynlee Dunker, 2nd place Class II poem and Kaylee Sippel, 1st place Class I essay. Representing Columbian American Legion Auxiliary Unit #58 is Andi Iverson, 1st place Class II poem. The first place winners now move onto state level competition. ALA Americanism chairman from the Groton Unit is Jerrie Vedei awarding the winners with a certificate and money.

Essays

Right Photo: The Columbia Legion Auxiliary presented the awards for the third grade essays. Jernie Weig, honorable mention; Giedon Rix, honorable mention; not pictured is **Hudson McGannon, first place.** Presenting the award is Co**lumbia Legion Auxiliary junior**





Columbia Fourth Grade Poems The Columbia Legion Auxiliary presented the awards for the fourth grade poems. Pictured are Lillian Davis, second place; Andi Iverson, first place; and Mya Moody, third place. Presenting the award is Columbia Legion Auxiliary junior mem-

ber, Ellie Weismantel. (Photo courtesy Cara Dennert)

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Columbia City May 26, 2023 **Special Meeting**

Special Meeting City of Co-lumbia Council Meeting — May

CALL MEETING TO ORDER -

12:00 p.m. ROLL CALL – Corey Mitchell, Trevor Meints, Cole Kampa, Meghan Butler, Emily Eichler (via Zoom)

Mayor Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. meeting was called to discuss the donation of the new city parks from the Buntrock family. After becoming aware of the By-Laws of the Columbia Community Foundation (which state the monetary commitment from the foundation for the upkeep of the park), the City Council agrees to accept the gift. A motion was made by Cole Kampa to accept the gift from the Buntrock family. Meghan Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion

Mayor Corey Mitchell declared the meeting adjourned.

Next City Council Meeting June 14, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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Brown County May 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes MAY 23, 2023 - GENERAL MEETING

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

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUB-LIC COMMENT: Mark Bossly informed the Commission that Summit Carbon Solutions are surveying too close to Freddie Robinson's house and wondering who is supposed to be enforcing the setbacks that were passed in the Ordinance. Mark asked about having a cease and assist put into place.

Freddie Robinson also asked who oversees enforcing the setbacks. He shared that they have armed security with them, and they can't even go on their own land. Wondering if we have an Ordinance regarding Private Security in Brown County.

Dennis Feickert thinks that the Brown County Commission needs to take a stand and stop Summit Carbon Solutions from continuing to survey within 1500 feet. He feels the Sheriff should be enforcing this. Dennis also stated that Summit Carbon Solutions are doing things without a permit from the PUC.

Commissioner Dennert shared that he received a phone call from a Brown County resident that was traveling a section line and came across them surveying and when she stopped and asked what they were doing, they said the Landowner was OK with it,

but that wasn't the case. When Dave Meyer, Summit Carbon Solutions was asked about this he shared that he was not privileged to this information.

Ross Aldentaler, State's Attorney Deputy shared that if anyone feels threatened, they should contact the Sheriff's Office.

ORDINANCE #244 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Gage seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #244 Applicant Levi Jensen to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: The West 520' of the North 1,965' of the SW ¼ of Section 9-T121N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14380 390th Ave., West Rondell Twp.). All members present vot-

ing aye. Motion carried.
BID RECOMMENDATION FOR BIG SCREENS AT BCF: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager met with recommended to accept the Bid from Sideline Productions. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to award the bid submitted by Sideline Productions in the amount of \$15,900/yr. for a total of \$63,600 for the 4-years for 2 screens to be used during the Dakota Stampede Rodeo and Concerts at the

Brown County Fair. Rejecting the bids from TMS @ \$35,450/ yr. and Fire Up Video @ \$28,999/ yr. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY FAIR UP-DATE: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager shared that Jimmy Johnson will not be performing at the Fair on Saturday night. Though the Board feels that Gary Vox, former member of Rascal Flatts could put on a good show, they are looking for a replacement for Jimmie Allen.

LOAD LIMITS: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent met with the Commissioners to discuss the load limits. His recommendation was to extend the Load Limit on County Rd. 5, from 281 to Co. Rd. 6 for 1 more week because of the road conditions. Load limits from Co. Rd. 6 west will be lifted this afternoon. Moved by Commissioner Dennert to extend load limits on County Rd. 5 from 281 to Co. Rd. 6 for 1 more week. Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY - NVC: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve application, submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #14 in Sec 22-T123-R63 of the 5th P.M, Brown County, SD to provide telecommunication services. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCU-PANCY - NORTHERN ELECTRIC: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve application, submitted by Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #12N in Sec 6-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M, Brown County, SD to provide primary electric services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent shared that they are moving on the Sand Lake Bridge, culture survey is done so should start work this fall. Bridge NE of Frederick has been poured so it needs to be cured and should be opened within the next month. Bridge 206 is going through the second round which has its own standalone funding, county is responsible for 20%. The fencing and mowing is slow going due to the wet conditions. Dirk informed the Commission that on June 5th they will be paving Co. 16. There will be a 3-mile stretch (2 miles South and 1 mile North) of Sand Lake Bridget that will be milled gravel due to the limited funds and that is the worst part of that road. Freddie Robinson asked Dirk about Railroad Crossings, he shared that south of Warner on 27 is extremely rough. Dirk shared that is on the plan to be worked on this summer. Patching has been done expect int the SW part of County. They will be milling up 13 west of State Park again, relaying it and then reprime it. Scott Bader, Planning & Zoning Director asked Dirk if he was aware of a new bridge on Br. Co. south of the spillway, Dirk said he was approached by someone else and checked with SD School & Public Lands and was told nothing was going on. Carl Perry informed Dirk and Commission that Brandei Schaefbauer, Dist. 3 Representative is on the Transportation Committee so would be a good contact/resource for Dennis Feickert shared they are doing a Summer Study on Funding for Counties, also. Carl Perry stated that Senator Novstrup will be working on that

Summer Study. MULTIPLE INTERMENT RE-QUEST: Schriver's Memorial submitted a multiple interment request to the Brown County Commission asking for permission for an additional interment into a county issued burial plot. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Interment Request. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting minutes of May 16, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims and payroll:

Claims: Professional Fees: Adamsoft LLC \$1,625.00; Civil Solutions LLC \$472.00; Den Herder Law Firm \$121.20; Falco Enterprises, Inc \$1,250.00; IMEG Corp \$10,256.59; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$200.00; Lumen \$258.54; Minnehaha County, SD \$30.41; Sara J. Zahn \$71.50; SD Dept of Health \$830.00; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$534.38; Yellow Robe Consulting \$9,000.00. Publishing: GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc. \$868.77; Todd County Tribune/ Mellette County News \$27.01. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Clean-All, LLC \$674.00; Ace Refrigeration, LLC \$671.16; Burdette Security & Technologies, LLC \$26.65; Century Business Products \$2.00; CommTech Inc \$5,880.00; Dakota Electronics \$683.10; Graham Tire Inc \$762.24: HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$4,361.59; Hub City Roofing Inc \$430.00; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$39,197.50; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$251.34; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$1,924.75; SD Dept of Public Safety \$2,840.00; Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc \$15.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$82.15. Supplies: Advance Auto Parts \$1,845.72; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$2,272.29; Burdette Security & Technologies, LLC \$1,305.63; Cartney Bearing \$63.20; Century Business Products \$223.22 Cole Paper Inc \$717.20; Creative Product Source, Inc \$2,986.83; Division of Motor Vehicles \$16.70; Farm Power Mfg. \$26.00; FedEx \$34.04; GovConnection, Inc \$247.52; Intellectual Technology, Inc \$132.51; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$47,802.00; LabSource, Inc \$254.88; Menards \$78.28; Midstates Group \$47.75; Performance Oil \$115.92; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$1,507.46; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$1,575.47; Regalia Manufacturing Co \$53.90; Runnings \$15.90; Safety Se-curity Products, LLC \$418.16; Safety Service \$251.00; Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc \$169.00; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$1,894.62; Verizon Wireless \$1,299.99. Travel & Conference: Adelaide Mounga \$412.52; Janel Hettich \$52.00; Karla Nelson \$466.52; Kelsi Vinger \$53.24; Laurie Richardson \$94.00; Lynn Heupel \$220.50; Mariann Malsom \$203.20; Ross Aldentaler \$134.00. Utilities: City of Ab-erdeen \$307.42; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$513.00; Northwestern Energy \$1,924.00; NVC \$3,615.62; Verizon Wireless 4.257.42. Payroll:

Commission \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.00; Treasurer \$16,603.64; SA \$32,312.25; Maintenance \$8,948.24; DOE \$16,796.84; ROD \$9,932.81; VSO \$4,254.09; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$5,998.30; HR \$5,001.68; Sheriff \$51,945.71; Jail \$58,159.64; Coroner \$613.59; Court Security \$6,729.21; JDC/HD \$29,922.45; Welfare \$2,336.49; DPM \$11,406.65; Parks/ Fairgrounds \$5,871.73; Fair \$4,107.20; 4-H \$786.80; W & P \$4,801.58; P & Z \$7,232.60; Hwy. \$46,053.28; Dispatch \$33,334.22; EM \$4,933.61; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,280.36; Landfill \$19,475.31; FICA \$24,186.31; Medicare \$5,570.19; Discovery_HSA \$5,656.47; Retirement_SDRS \$50,866.09. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Gage to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Erica Coughlin to approve hiring the following: MaKayla Hauck as Brown County Museum Intern, FT; starting wage \$12.50/hour; effective May 18, 2023: Allison Tunheim as Brown County Human Resources Director, FT; wage \$2,917.95/pay period; effective June 12, 2023; Molly "Eden" McClellan as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective May 15, 2023; Erin Kumpf as Brown County Deputy Treasurer, FT; starting wage \$19.67/hour; effective May 30, 2023. All members present vot-

ing aye. Motion carried.
TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Requests: Joe Kraft, DOE to attend 2023 USPAP in Pierre, SD on July 12-13, 2023; Sherri Rawstern, DPM to attend the Civics & History Summit in Sioux Falls, SD on June 12-14, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign application, submitted by Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area for a lottery to be held at the Moccasin Creek Country Club on June 19, 2023. All members present vot-

ing aye. Motion carried.
PLAT FOR ABERDEEN ZONING BOARD: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Plat of Brown County Commissioner's Fourth Subdivision brought from the Aberdeen City Zoning Board. OWNER'S CERTIFICATE: BROWN COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVI-SION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT IT IS THE OWNER OF THE WEST 71 FEET OF LOT 13 AND THE WEST 71 FEET OF THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 14, BLOCK 27 AND THE EAST 71 FEET OF LOT 13 AND THE EAST FEET OF THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 14, BLOCK 27, BOTH IN HAGERTY & LLOYD'S ADDI-TION TO ABERDEEN, BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA AND THAT IT HAS CAUSED THE SAME TO BE SURVEYED AND PLATTED AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED PLAT WHICH SHALL BE HEREAF-TER KNOW AND DESCRIBED AS: BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION-ER'S FOURTH SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF ABERDEEN, IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 13-T123N-R64W OF THE 5TH P.M.. BROWN COUNTY SOUTH DAKOTA, AS SHOWN BY THIS PLAT, AND THAT DEVELOPMENT OF THIS LAND SHALL CONFORM TO ALL EXISTING APPLICABLE ZONING, SUBDIVISION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REGULATIONS. BY THIS PLAT, BROWN COUNTY, A POLITICÁL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, DO HEREBY VACATE THE WEST 71 FEET OF LOT 13 AND THE WEST 71 FEET OF THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 14, BLOCK 27 AND THE EAST 71 FEET OF LOT 13 AND THE EAST 71 FEET OF THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 14, BLOCK 27, BOTH IN HAGERTY & LLOYD'S ADDITION TO ABER-DEEN, BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA AS FILED FOR RECORD ON JULY 31, 1888 AND DULY RECORDED AS PLAT NO. 8. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved

Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following lease agreement: Aberdeen Area Horsemen's Association for lease of Akkerman Open Horse Arena on June 4, June 25, July 16, and August 6, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ZÓNING ORDINANCES - SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize advertising for first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held June 13, 2023, in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Proposed Ordinance 245, applicants Steven Rossow requesting to move from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) for Lot 1 to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use: Proposed Lot 1, Steven Rossow Subdivision" in the NW 1/4 of Section 6-T121N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (40025 142nd St., Garden Prairie Twp.).

Proposed Ordinance 246 amending portions of Title 4 Zoning, 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P), Chapter 4.14 Highway Commercial District (HC), and Chapter 4.15 Light Industrial District (L-I). The proposed ordinance will be made available for public inspection at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.
OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Sutton informed the rest of the Commission that he reached out to a Commissioner from Minnehaha County asking for a copy of their Pipeline Ordinance so will share that with Commission and Planning & Zoning once he receives a copy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss Legal and Contracts per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting ave. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:08 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Meeting Minutes
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DIS-

TRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING May 8, 2023

President Gengerke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith, and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Fliehs approve the agenda with two amendments under New Business Item #2 – review report from JLG Architects and under New Business Item #18 - approve hiring Sadie Hanna. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rix, second Pharis to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of April 10, 2023, and April 24, 2023; bills; financial report, custodial accounts, and investments, transportation report and school lunch report. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary 191,442.82; FIT -17,626.34; Medicare – 7,253.28; FICA – 31,014.36; American Funds 508.00; SDRS - 32,070.14; Health Savings Account - 100.00; Waddell & Reed - 440.00; Hor ace Mann - 640.61; Thrivent - 250.00; AFLAC - 2,518.52; Delta Dental - 3,890.95; SD Supplemental Retirement -2,915.43; Division of Child Support - 372.28; US Dept of the Treasury – 252.04; Rosenberg Law – 243.73; Wellmark - 63,796.86; Standard Life -774.63; Wage Works – 1,041.64; Avesis Vision – 262.01; Advanced Auto – parts, 486.73; Amazon - supplies, 431.38; Award Emblem - awards, 523.35; Cole Papers – supplies, 2,605.36; Custodial Fund - advanced pays, 42,805.66; Dakota Electronics - repairs, 135.75; Dependable Sanitation - garbage, 1,238.00; Dollar General – supplies, 24.00; Brandon Dunham - labor, 495.00; East River Plumbing – plumbing, 244.95; Eide Bailly – audit, 5,000.00; Flinn Scientific – supply, 22.90;

General	Assigned	Capital	Special	Bond	Enterprise	Custodial	Total for
Description Fund	Gen Funds	Outlay	Education	Redemption	Fund	Fund	District
1. Beginning Balance 1,482,652.00	143,322.65	1,689,959.61	337,034.96	0.00	148,760.78	153,432.69	3,955,162.69
a. checking 1,482,652.00	143,322.65	1,689,959.61	337,034.96	0.00	148,760.78	153,432.69	3,955,162.69
b. petty cash0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Transfers in							
3. Revenue to date 3,141,001.16	19,243.30	1,130,043.78	513,266.52	250.71	304,774.61	780,674.68	5,889,254.76
4. Total accounted for 4,623,653.16	162,565.95	2,820,003.39	850,301.48	250.71	453,535.39	934,107.37	9,844,417.45
5. Transfers out	•		•		•	•	
6. Expenditures to date 4,038,563.80	16,047.68	1,909,156.36	619,902.15	0.00	252,951.11	867,640.42	7,704,261.52
a. encumbrances0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements 4,038,563.80	16,047.68	1,909,156.36	619,902.15	0.00	252,951.11	867,640.42	7,704,261.52
7. Ending Balance 585,089.36	146,518.27	910,847.03	230,399.33	250.71	200,584.28	66,466.95	2,140,155.93
a. checking 585,089.36	146,518.27	910,847.03	230,399.33	250.71	200,584.28	66,466.95	2,140,155.93
b. petty cash(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
April Recéipts 172,427.10	1,657.00	184,237.27	54,348.29	0.00	37,869.05	49,183.44	499,722.15
April Expenses 379,857.73	932.14	6,632.70	54,492.29	0.00	23,657.63	114,901.68	580,474.17
Custodial Checking	66,466.95	•	•		•	•	•
District Checking	2,097,517.66						
USDA Supply Chain Defer	(23,828.68)						
Total all Funds	2.140.155.93						

Groton Area – fee, 83.00; Groton Chiropractic - fee, 100.00; GDI - legals, 108.09; Hanlon Brothers - services, 1,470.00; Harlow's – parts, 136.61; Hauff Mid-America – supplies, 915.00; Aaron Helvig – meals, 57.02; Hillyard – supplies, 561.76; House of Glass – keys, 121.96; Rebecca Hubsch – meals, 12.24; JW Pepper – music, 110.00; JLG – design fee, 7,995.98; Jones School Supply – awards, 175.67; Matheson Tri-Gas – supplies, 308.12; MARC - supplies, 2,160.00; Midstates Group – awards, 50.00; Northside Implement - parts, 2,295.78; NWPS utilities, 12.01; NSU Women's Basketball - fee, 750.00; Rushmore Plaza Civic Center - room, 182.00; S&S Lumber – supplies, 5.98; Taylor Music – supplies, 253.86; Time Management – fee, 210.20; Wageworks - fee, 92.00; Michael Weber - expenses 153.70. Total General Fund

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business – print contract, 1,824.85; CommTech cameras 11,200.89; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 16,804.34; Dakota Playground - slide, 4,805.36; Fay's Refrigeration – equipment, 28,962.55; Follett Content – books, 958.70; US Bank – interest, 56,632.50. Total Capital Outlay - \$121,189.19.

SPÉCIAL ÉD: Net Salary – 30,158.62; FIT – 2,203.07; Medicare – 1,101.96; FICA – 4,711.78; SDRS - 4,475.36; Waddell & Reed – 100.00; AFLAC - 776.21; Delta Dental – 835.58; SD Supplemental Retirement -100.00; Wellmark – 8,905.00; Standard Life - 211.13; Avesis Vision - 78.10; Custodial Fund advanced pays, 13,585.12; Judy/Gene Williamson - mileage, 685.44. Total Special Ed - \$67,927.37.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service: Net Salary - 4,788.25; FIT -447.08; Médicaré – 176.04; FICA – 752.80; SDRS – 742.02; AFLAC – 389.44; Wellmark – 2,406.00; Standard Life - 5.76; Avesis Vision - 19.63; BIMBO - bread, 310.05; Cintas – kitchen aprons/ towels, 92.19; Custodial Fund advanced pays, 494.51; CWD – food, 1,432.98; East Side Jersey milk, 908.07; Performance Foodservice – food, 4,245.44; SD DOE – food, 104.01; US Foods - food, 1,846.90. tal Food Service - \$19,161.17. OST: Net Salary - 1,925.96; FIT -104.93; Medicare - 67.84; FICA 289.90; SDRS - 213.64; ÁFLAC 163.93; Wellmark - 705.00; Standard Life - 23.28; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 747.50. Total OST - \$4,241.98. Total Enterprise - \$23,403.15.

CUSTODIAL FUND: Total

\$114,901.68. RÉCEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 298,513.87; Other Lo-cal Sources – 84,228.74; County Sources – 1,868.09; State Sources – 5,290.00; Federal Sources 109,821.45. Total Receipts \$499,722.15.

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members requesting to speak, the board proceeded with their agenda items.

MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6

For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending April 30, 2021

The board reviewed the CO-VID-19 Learn On Plan. No action was taken.

Weber presented the FY'24 District Preliminary Budget in accordance with SDCL 13-11-12. No action was taken.

The board reviewed a report from JLG Architects regarding 19690 Gym Remodeling. No action was taken.

Moved by Smith, second Pharis to approve open enrollment applications #24-01, #24-02, #24-04, #24-05, #24-06, #24-07, #24-08, #24-09, #24-10, #24-12 and #24-13. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second Fliehs to approve 2023-24 teacher contracts. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to hire Jordan Carson as JH Football Coach for the 2023-24 school year at 5% base salary. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to hire Alexa Schuring as Athletic Director for the 2023-24 school year at 22.5% base salary. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, second Harder to hire Chantel Duerre as MS/ HS Special Education Teacher for the 2023-24 school year with salary to be published in July. Motión carried.

Moved by Rix, second Pharis to issue 2023-24 auxiliary staff work agreements with a return date of May 17, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Fliehs to cast ballot for Randy Hartman, Pierre School District. for SDHSAA Board of Directors Large School Board of Education Member. Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, second Harder to cast ballot for Adam Shaw, Madison High School, for SDHSAA Board of Directors Division III Representative. Motion

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to cast ballot as yes for SDHSAA Constitutional Amendment #1 regarding prohibited recruitment tactics. Motion

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to cast ballot as yes for SDHSAA Constitutional Amendment #2 regarding adjusted penalties for student and or coach contest ejections. Motion carried.

Gengerke declared a short recess at 7:55 pm. The board returned at 8:01 pm.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to go into executive session at 8:01 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel issues and SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried.

Gengerke declared the board out of executive session at 9:25

Moved by Pharis, second Fliehs to approve 2023-24 GTA Negotiated Agreement and 2023-24 amended teacher contracts. Motion carried.

Moved Rix, second Weismantel to approve Connect 4 Summer School Agreements with Emily Dinger, Julie Erdmann, and Anne Zoellner for 88 hours each Elementary Special Ed Extended School Year Agreements with Ann Gibbs, and Anne Zoellner for 75 hours each, MS.HS Special Ed Extended School Year Agreements with Reilly Fuhrman for 27 hours and Todd Peterson for 21 hours. Summer Library with Joni Groeblinghoff for 45 hours and Summer Custodial with Kristen Dolan and Joann Donley each for 40 hours per week. Motion carried.

Custodial

Total for

Moved by Weismantel, sec-ond Pharis to issue off-staff extra-curricular agreements for 2023-24 to Amanda Bisbee, Madisen Bjerke, Brian Dolan, Seth Erickson, Chelsea Han-son, Chris Kucker, Matt Locke, Brenda Madsen, Aubray Miller, Kristi Peterson, Ryan Scepaniak Jenna Strom, Kelby Tracy, Trent Traphagen, Amy Warrington, and Darin Zoellner. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Fliehs to hire Sadie Hanna as Elementary Special Education Teacher for the 2023-24 school year with salary to be published in July. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to adjourn at 9:27 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Man-

Deborah Gengerke, President The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes

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Touch-up work was done on the Groton City Water Reservoir on Friday. With the painting now completed and some of the inside painting was done in the water line, there will be a cure time of five days. Then the reservoir can be filled. Then two samples can be sent to the state bealth lab. Samples can be sent to Bierre only on Mon health lab. Samples can be sent to Pierre only on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. June 7th still looks to be the day the reservoir will come on-line. (Photo by Paul K

Boys 1600m Relay Team places sixth at state
The boys 4x400m Relay team of Keegen Tracy, Andrew Marzahn, Ryder Johnson and Cole Simon placed sixth at the state track and field event held in Sioux Falls. Saturday was the final day of the three-day state event.

Saturday's Results

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay Finals: 6. (Keegen Tracy [9], Andrew Marzahn [12], Ryder Johnson [9], Cole Simon [12]), 3:31.83.

Girls Shot Put: 19. Emma Kutter [10], 32-081/4

Friday's Results

Girls 4x200 Meter Relay Prelims: 19. (Jerica Locke [9], Kennedy Hansen [10], Rylee Dunker [9], Kella Tracy [8]), 1:52.73

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay Prelims: 9. (Keegen Tracy [9], Ryder Johnson [9], Andrew Marzahn [12], Lane Tietz [11]), 1:33.70

Girls 4x400 Meter Relay Prelims: 18. (Laila Roberts [10], Jerica Locke [9], Kennedy Hansen [10], Kella Tracy [8]), 4:19.76.

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay Prelims: 4. (Keegen Tracy [9], Andrew Marzahn [12], Ryder Johnson [9], Cole Simon [12]), 3:31.34

Thursday's Results

Girls Triple Jump: 18, Aspen Johnson (12), 31-111/2

Girls 4x800 Meter Relay: 12. (Faith Traphagen [10], Kella Tracy [8], Ashlynn Warrington [8], Taryn Traphagen [8]), 10:16.93

Boys 1600m Sprint Relay: 15. (Andrew Marzahn [12], Lane Tietz [11], Keegen Tracy [9], Blake Pauli [10]), 3:47.87

Boys 4x800m Relay: 10. (Keegen Tracy [9], Cole Simon [12], Blake Pauli [10], Lane Tietz [11]), 8:35.88

Boys 4x100 Meter Relay Prelims: 13. Andrew Marzahn [12], Ryder Johnson [9], Teylor Diegel [10], Korbin Kucker [10]), 45.73 Groton Independent ♦ Wed., May 31, 2023 ♦ 5

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Can't Catch Up To Clark/ Willow Lake

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 9-6 loss to Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion on Sunday. Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion scored on a single by Emmerson Larson, a wild pitch during Collin Gaikowski's at bat, and a groundout by Ernie Garcia in the first inning.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion collected 11 hits and Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion had five in the high-scoring affair.

Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion got things moving in the first inning, when Emmerson Larson singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion scored four runs in the third inning. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion batters contributing to the big inning included Gavin Englund, Korbin Kucker, and Caden Mcinerney, all sending runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Josh Kannegieter took the win for Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion. The righthander surrendered four runs on nine hits over three and a third innings, striking out six and walking zero. Cooper Pommer threw one and two-thirds innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Nicholas Morris took the loss for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Morris allowed four hits and six runs over one and one-third innings, striking out two and walking one.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion racked up 11 hits on the day. Jarrett Erdmann, Mcinerney, and Morris each racked up multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Morris, Mcinerney, and Erdmann each managed two hits to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion.

Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion saw the ball well today, racking up five hits in the game. Conner Mudgett and Emmerson Larson each had multiple hits for Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion. Clark/Willow Lake Jr. Legion tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Will Hovde led the way with three.

Groton Legion Post 39 Falls to Watertown Post 17 on Walk-off

Groton Legion Post 39 fell to Watertown Post 17 Legion 6-5 on Tuesday on the final play of the game. The game was tied at five with Watertown Post 17 Legion batting in the bottom of the eighth when Treyton Himmerich singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 lost despite out-hitting Watertown Post 17 Legion ten to nine.

Watertown Post 17 Legion knotted the game up at five in the bottom of the sixth inning. An error scored one run for Watertown Post 17 Legion.

After Groton Legion Post 39 scored two runs in the top of the fifth, Watertown Post 17 Legion answered with two of their own. Groton Legion Post 39 scored when Tate Larson's sac fly scored two runs for Groton Legion Post 39. Watertown Post 17 Legion then answered when Himmerich singled on a 1-1 count, scoring one run.

Ryan Roby got the win for Watertown Post 17 Legion. Roby surrendered one run on four hits over three innings, striking out three and walking one. Chase Christanwon threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Cole Simon took the loss for Groton Legion Post 39. The pitcher went two innings, allowing one run on two hits, striking out three and walking one.

Ryan Groeblinghoff started the game for Groton Legion Post 39, Groeblinghoff went five and two-thirds innings, allowing five runs on seven hits and striking out six Dylan Rawdon started the game for Watertown Post 17 Legion. The righty surrendered one run on four

hits over three innings, striking out two

Groton Legion Post 39 racked up ten hits in for Groton Legion Post 39. Althoff, Abeln, Larson, and Fliehs each collected two hits to lead Groton Legion Post 39.

Watertown Post 17 Legion collected nine count, scoring two runs. hits. Himmerich and Spencer Weintjes each managed multiple hits for Watertown Post 17 Legion. Himmerich went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Watertown Post 17 Legion in hits. Watertown Post 17 Legion tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Himmerich led the way with two.

Groton lost the second game, 10-0, in three innings. Cade Larson had the lone hit for Groinning and three in the third.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Loses Lead Early in Defeat

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 20-7 loss to Huron Tigers 14U on Tuesday. Huron Tigers 14U took the lead on a walk in the first inning.

Despite the loss, Groton Jr. Teeners 14U did collect four hits in the high-scoring affair. Unfortunately, Huron Tigers 14U had 16 hits on the way to victory.

Huron Tigers 14U got things moving in the first inning. Anderson Porisch drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U notched five runs in the sixth inning. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U batters contributing to the big inning included Nick Groeblinghoff, Ryder Schelle, TC Schuster, and Gavin Kroll, who all drove in runs.

Huron Tigers 14U scored eight runs in the seventh inning. The big inning for Huron Tigers 14U came thanks to singles by Teagen Lien, Diego Colon, and Korbin Brock and a home run by Landon Hulst.

Porisch was credited with the victory for Huron Tigers 14U. The righthander went four innings, allowing zero runs on zero hits, striking out eight and walking one. Tyce Huber, Crayton Siedschlag, and Gavin Waldner all put in work in relief out of the bullpen, steering their team towards the victory.

Groeblinghoff started the game for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The righty lasted four innings, allowing six hits and eight runs while striking out three. Karson Zak and Tristan Mcgannon entered the game as relief, throwing two innings and one inning respectively.

Huron Tigers 14U tallied three home runs on the day. Hulst had a four bagger in the third and seventh innings. Porisch went yard in the third inning.

Kroll, Schelle, Ethan Kroll, and Schuster all had one hit to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Groton Jr. Teeners 14U tore up the base paths, as five players stole at least two bases. Schuster led the way with two.

Huron Tigers 14U racked up 16 hits in the game. Brock, Cooper Bischoff, Lien, and Hulst each managed multiple hits for Huron Tigers 14U. Brock went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Huron Tigers 14U in hits. Huron Tigers 14U didn't commit a single error in the field. Colon had seven chances in the field, the most on the team. Huron Tigers 14U stole 21 bases during the game as seven players stole more than one. Davis Chase led the way with four.

Early Lead For Huron Tigers 14U Seals Fate For Groton Jr. Teeners

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in an 18-1 loss to Huron Tigers 14U on Wednesday. Huron Tigers 14U scored on a double by Anderson Porisch, a walk by Nolan Stahly, a single Siedschlag in the first inning.

The Groton Jr. Teeners 14U struggled to put the game. Brevin Fliehs, Cade Larson, Dillon runs on the board and had a tough time de-Abeln, and Bradin Althoff all had multiple hits fensively containing Huron Tigers 14U, giving up 18 runs.

Huron Tigers 14U got things started in the first inning when Porisch doubled on a 2-0

Huron Tigers 14U scored nine runs in the second inning. Huron Tigers 14U big bats were led by Stahly, Jeremy Hofer, Tyce Huber, Schuchhardt, Zach Scheer, and Gavin Waldner, all driving in runs in the inning.

Hofer led things off on the hill for Huron Tigers 14U. Hofer allowed three hits and one run over four innings, striking out nine.

Lincoln Krause was on the pitcher's mound ton. Watertown scored seven runs in the first for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Krause allowed four hits and 12 runs over one inning. TC Schuster, Ethan Kroll, and Kason Oswald each contributed in relief for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U.

Ryder Schelle led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with two hits in two at bats.

Porisch went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Huron Tigers 14U in hits. Cooper Bischoff led Huron Tigers 14U with two stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with five stolen bases. Huron Tigers 14U was surehanded in the field and didn't commit a single error. Porisch had the most chances in the field with eight.

Five RBI Day for Bradin **Althoff Brings in Win For Groton Legion Post 39 Over** Clark/Willow Lake Senators

Five runs batted in from Bradin Althoff helped lead Groton Legion Post 39 past Clark/ Willow Lake Senators 19-2 on Sunday. Althoff drove in runs on a home run in the third, a double in the fourth, and a single in the fifth.

Groton Legion Post 39 secured the victory thanks to 11 runs in the third inning. Ryan Groeblinghoff, Logan Ringgingberg, Cade Larson, Colby Dunker, Dillon Abeln, and Groeblinghoff each drove in runs during the inning.

Groton Legion Post 39 put up 11 runs in the third inning. The offensive firepower by Groton Legion Post 39 was led by Groeblinghoff, Ringgingberg, Larson, Dunker, Abeln, and Groeblinghoff, all knocking in runs in the inning.

Althoff was the winning pitcher for Groton Legion Post 39. The lefty went five innings, allowing two runs on six hits and striking out

Lucas Kannegieter took the loss for Clark/ Willow Lake Senators. The righthander surrendered 12 runs on nine hits over two and two-thirds innings, striking out one.

Groton Legion Post 39 socked one home run on the day. Althoff put one out in the third inning.

Groton Legion Post 39 totaled 18 hits in the game. Groeblinghoff, Larson, Althoff, Brevin Fliehs, Tate Larson, and Ringgingberg all managed multiple hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Groeblinghoff led Groton Legion Post 39 with four hits in five at bats.















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June 1-18 Groton Community Calendar

Thursday, June 1

Senior Menu: Baked cod, macaroni and cheese, spinach salad, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m. CANCELLED: Legion hosts Webster, 6 p.m.

Jr. Teener at Selby, 6 p.m. (2)

U12BB vs. Borge 11 at Aberdeen North Complex, 5:30 p.m. (2)

U8BB R/B hosts Britton, 5:30 p.m. (2)

Friday, June 2

Senior Menu: Bratwurst on bun, sauerkraut, 3 bean salad, chocolate pudding with bananas. (2) Legion hosts Lake Norden, 5 p.m. (1) Jr. Legion hosts Lake Norden/Badger, 7 p.m. (1)

Saturday, June 3

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Legion at Milbank Tourney Jr. Teener at Mobridge, 3 p.m. (2)

Sunday, June 4

United Methodist: Worship with communion: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran worship with communion, 9 a.m.

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

St. John's worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Zion worship with communion, 11 a.m.

Amateurs at Redfield, 7 p.m. Legion at Milbank Tourney

Monday, June 5

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken breast, boiled potatoes, mixed vegetables, pineapple tidbits, whole wheat bread.

The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., community

Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study, 6:30 a.m. Jr. Teener hosts Aberdeen Smitty's, 5:30

U10BB R/W hosts Britton, 5:30 p.m. (2) U8BB Blue hosts Britton, 5:30 p.m. (2) U10SB at Doland, 7 p.m. (1) State Golf at Rapid City

Tuesday, June 6

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Senior Menu: Beef stroganoff, noodles, squash, cookie, apple sauce.

Olive Grove: Ladies League, 6 p.m. United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m. Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., community center

Legion hosts W.I.N, 5 p.m. (1) Jr. Legion hosts W.I.N., 7 p.m. (1) U12BB at Webster, 6 p.m. (2) U10BB R/B at Webster, 6 p.m. (2) U8BB R/B hosts Webster, 6 p.m. (2) State Golf at Rapid City

Wednesday, June 7

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, creamed peas, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Olive Grove: Men's League

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle, 5 p.m.; Campfire Night, 7 p.m.

Groton Chamber Meeting, noon, at city hall Jr. Teener hosts Clark, 6 p.m. (2)

U12BB hosts Britton, 5:30 p.m. (2) U10BB B/W vs. Borge at Aberdeen North Complex, 5:30 p.m. (2)

U8Blue vs. Borge at Aberdeen North Complex, 5:30 p.m. (2)

U8SB hosts Oakes, 5:30 p.m. U10SB hosts Oakes, 7 p.m.

U18SB vs. Claremont at Aberdeen, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 8

Senior Menu: Beef stew, biscuit, tossed salad, rainbow sherbet, whole wheat bread. Legion at Redfield, 5:30 p.m. (1)

Jr. Legion at Redfield, 7:30 p.m. (1)

U12BB vs. Hannigan at Aberdeen North Complex, 5:30 p.m. (2)

U10BB R/W vs. Hannigan at Aberdeen North salad, whole wheat bread, ambrosia. Complex, 5:30 p.m. (2)

U8BB Red vs. Hannigan at Aberdeen North Complex, 5:30 p.m. (2)

U8SB hosts Britton, 5:30 p.m. U10SB hosts Britton, 6 p.m. (2) H12SB hosts Britton, 7 p.m. (2)

Friday, June 9

Senior Menu: Chicken pasta salad, grape juice, breadstick, apple crisp. Olive Grove: Spring Fundraiser, 7 p.m. Amateurs host Aberdeen, 7 p.m. Jr. Legion at Mobridge, 5 p.m. (2)

Saturday, June 10

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Legion hosts Milbank, 2 p.m. (2) U12BB at Sisseton Tourney U8 R/B Groton Tourney U10BB W/B at Columbia, 6:30 p.m. (2)

Sunday, June 11

United Methodist: Pastor Brandon and Ashley going away party. Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m. St. John lutheran worship, 9 a.m.; Zion at 11 a.m.

Monday, June 12

School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread.

United Methodist: PEO meeting (outside a.m. group), 7 p.m.

Community Center.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m. Legion vs. W.I.N. at Northville, 5 p.m. (1) Jr. Legion vs. W.I.N. at Northville, 7 p.m. (1) Jr. Teener hosts W.I.N., 5:30 p.m., (2) U10BB R/B hosts Webster, 6 p.m. (2) U8 Blue hosts Webster, 6 p.m. (2)

Tuesday, June 13

Senior Menu: Scalloped potato with ham, beets, sunset salad, cookie, whole wheat

Olive Grove: Ladies League, 6 p.m.; Bridge. United Methodist: Bible Study with Amanda,

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., community

Emmanuel Lutheran: Church Council, 7 p.m. Legion at Claremont, 6 p.m. (2) Jr. Teener at Webster, 5:30 p.m. (2)

U8 Red at Britton, 5:30 p.m. (2) U8SB at Webster, 6 p.m. (2) U10SB at Webster, 6 p.m. (2)

T-Ball black hosts Columbia, 5:30 p.m. U10BB R/W hosts Columbia, 6:30 p.m. (2)

Wednesday, June 14

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad with dressing, mandarin orange

Olive Grove: Men's League

United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.

Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm Legion at Sisseton, 6 p.m. (1)

Jr. Legion at Sisseton, 7:30 p.m. (1) U12BB hosts Hannigan, 5:30 p.m. (2) U10BB B/W hosts Hannigan, 5:30 p.m. (2) U8SB at Claremont, 5:30 p.m. U10SB at Claremont, 7 p.m. (2)

U18SB vs. Leola Merchants, 6 p.m.; and Claremont, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 15

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, cookie, dinner roll. Groton Transit Fundraiser, 5-7 p.m., Community Center

Emmanuel Lutheran: Movie night, 7 p.m. U12BB at Doland, 8 p.m. (1) U10BB at Doland, 7 p.m. (1) U8 Blue at Doland, 6 p.m. (2) U10SB hosts Doland, 6 p.m. (2) T-Ball Gold at Doland, 5 p.m.

Friday, June 16

Senior Menu: Taco salad, Mexican rice, breadstick, Lemmon tart bar. Olive Grove: SDSU Tournament

Saturday, June 17

Groton Triathlon

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. ago 1 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at Rosewood Court, 10 a.m.

Sunday, June 18

United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., community Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., 1 p.m.: Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Worship at Avantara, 3 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran with communion at 9 a.m.; Zion worship with communion, 11 a.m. Amateurs host Northville, 5 p.m.

Legion at Milbank, 2 p.m. (2) Groton Independent ♦ Wed., May 31, 2023 ♦ 7

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Dear EarthTalk: I don't get how cryptocurrency is so bad for the environment? L.H., via email

Cryptocurrency's impact on the environment is a big cause for concern. While cryptocurrencies (e.g., Bitcoin, Ethereum) offer various benefits, such as decentralized transactions and financial inclusivity, their underlying technology, known as blockchain, has significant environmental drawbacks.

One of the main environmental issues associated with cryptocurrency is its energy consumption. The process of "mining" cryptocurrency involves complex mathematical calculations that require substantial computational power, primarily from fossil fuel sources. The Bitcoin network relies on a consensus mechanism called Proof-of-Work (PoW), which demands vast computational resources that consume more electricity than entire countries like Argentina or Ukraine. As a result, the carbon footprint of Bitcoin alone is substantial, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions and exacerbating climate change.

Furthermore, the energy requirements of cryptocurrency mining have led to the emergence widespread adoption of PoS and other energyof large-scale mining operations, often located in regions where electricity is cheap and abundant. These mining farms consist of rows upon rows of powerful computers running around the clock, consuming vast amounts of energy. In some cases, they rely on coal-fired power plants, a highly polluting energy source.

Another ecological concern is electronic waste. As mining becomes more competitive, miners require increasingly powerful and specialized hardware. This leads to a constant cycle of upgrading or discarding older equipment. The discarded waste, which contains hazardous materials, poses risks to both the environment and human health. Moreover, the popularity of cryptocurrencies has contributed to a surge in demand for graphic processing units (GPUs) and other hardware, which has led to supply shortages and inflated prices, as well as the creation of new manufacturing facilities. The production of these components requires significant amounts of energy and raw materials, further straining the environment.

It's worth noting that not all cryptocurrencies have the same environmental impact. Some newer cryptocurrencies, such as Ethereum, are transitioning from PoW to a more energyefficient consensus mechanism called Proof-of-Stake (PoS), which requires validators to hold and "stake" a certain amount of the cryptocurrency, eliminating the need for energy-intensive mining. This transition could potentially reduce the impact of some cryptocurrencies in the future. Another option is the use of renewable energy sources for operations, reducing the



Caption: It is technically possible to convert a gas-powered car to an EV, but not without complications and expense. Credit: Tony Castley, FlickrCC.

industry's carbon footprint. Additionally, more efficient consensus mechanisms could help minimize energy consumption.

Of course, cryptocurrency's recent fall from grace in the wake of crypto giant FTX's late 2022 flame-out might be a good thing for the planet. The moral of the story on the evolution of cryptocurrency is that as we continue to explore and develop new forms of digital currency, it is crucial that we prioritize sustainabilitv and consider the long-term environmental effects of the tools and instruments we are unleashing on the world...

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"Big Pharma has gone fishing"

You are probably familiar with drug commercials. There are all sorts of them showing people being active and smiling as they attend a birthday party, go biking, go surfing,



or shopping at a flower shop. At some point they start listing some of the side effects and precautions, including some obvious and some scary statements. "Do not take this medication if you take nitrates for chest pain, do not take this medication if you do not suffer from a disease, or do not take his medication if you are allergic to this medication. Stop taking this medication if you experience headache, dizziness, sudden death, or body odor."

If you think there are more of these commercials now than there used to be, you are correct. In 1997, the FDA relaxed some of the requirements such as listing all possible side effects, as long as they provide a phone number or website to obtain that information. Thus, direct to consumer advertisements have been on the rise ever since. Now, instead of focusing on the education of physicians and other prescribers, the drug companies have greatly increased their budgets on advertising and lobbying. Often they spend more on advertisements than they do on research and development, let alone the actual

The research behind how these companies share this information is fascinating. For instance, they know it helps to "water down" bad side effects, such as stroke, with minor side effects, such as body odor. If the list of side effects ends with sudden death, it sounds worse than if it ends with flatulence, so they invest heavily in the research and psychology behind every word in the commercial.

The benefits of direct to consumer advertisements may include increasing public awareness of diseases and treatments, empowering patients to know more about their options. However, these advertisements can lead to increased prescriptions of unnecessary medications, expensive medications, or the preference for an expensive medication over a cheaper one that may be comparable or better. This in turn increases healthcare costs. Meanwhile, the high costs of these advertisements also end up being passed along to people in rising drug prices. Given these concerns, New Zealand and the United States are the only two industrialized nations which allow for direct to consumer marketing by the pharmaceutical industry.

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