

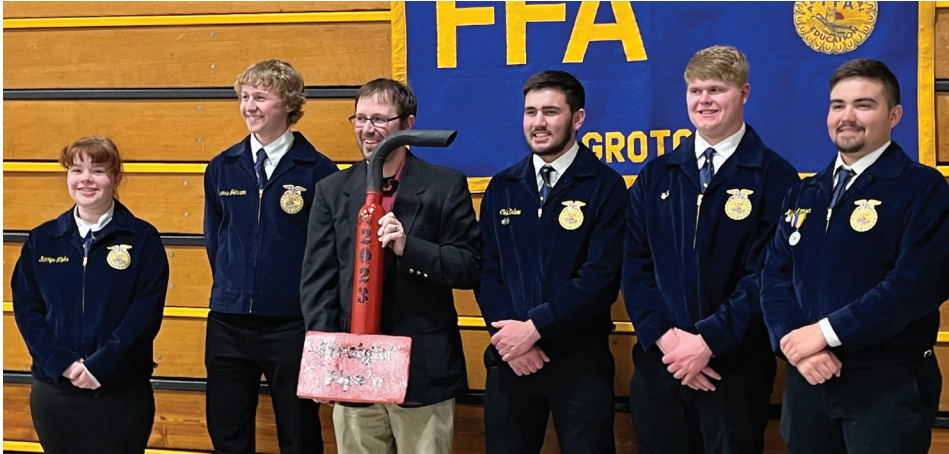


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Groton FFA Awards Banquet



Adam Franken with seniors presenting him with a senior gift. Kamryn Fliehs, Porter Johnson, Mr. Franken, Cole Bisbee, Caleb Hanten, Kaleb Antonson. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Chapter Degree recipients
Front Row: Ashlyn Sperry, Hannah Monson, Lexy Osterman.
Back Row: Layne Hanson, Turner Thompson, Kellen Antonsen, Payton Mitchell, Logan Ringgenberg, Austin Aberle. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



State Degree winners and scholarship winners
Kamryn Fliehs, Porter Johnson, Mr. Franken, Cole Bisbee, Caleb Hanten, Kaleb Antonson. (not pictured: Ethan Gengerke)
(Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Greenhand Degree recipients
Front Row: Makayla Jones, Ashley Johnson, Emma Schinkel, Aiden Heathcote. Back Row: Charlie Frost, Bradyn Wienk, Karter Moody, Blake Pauli, Logan Warrington. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Chapter Star Award winners
Karter Moody, Star Greenhand; Logan Ringgenberg, Star Agribusiness; Lexy Osterman, Star Farmer; Layne Hanson, Star Ag Placement. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



2023-2024 Chapter Officers
Front Row: Cadence Feist, Treasurer; Faith Fliehs, Secretary; Ava Wienk, Social Media Coordinator. Back Row: Hannah Monson, President; Turner Thompson, Vice President; Karter Moody, Sentinel; Logan Ringgenberg, Student Advisor; Layne Hanson, Reporter; Lexy Osterman, Activities Coordinator. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



Adam Franken swearing in the new officer team. (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)

My grass problem

Each spring or every June—whichever comes first—I realize that I've forgotten I have another job. Any illusions about having time to laze in the sun are just a mirage. I've got a grass problem, and it can't be solved by going to Minnesota to stock up on edibles and banned books.

Some people call it mowing. I call it hunting for giraffes.

I developed PTLD (Post-Traumatic Lawn Disorder) last year, which according to the Chinese Astrological Calendar, was the Year of the Grass. Farmers say it was an epic year. Now, I'm not the biggest operator around, but I'm not all hat and no hay, either. I have (puffs chest) five acres of prime Kentucky dandelions.

When we bought the place 25 years ago, I realized I was in deep when I had neighbors competing to see who could bale my lawn. Really. At first, I was able to handle it in three hours with the 8-N Ford tractor I bought from Randy Ulmer, and the 60" Farm King finishing mower I got at G&G Implement. I "trimmed" with the John Deere rider I got from Fey, Inc.

Then, we did the ecologically-responsible stupid thing. Planted more trees. That necessitated more nimble equipment, and a '52 Ford without power steering wasn't cutting it, anymore. Pun intended. For most of the last 15 years, we've held the line with a 50" Zero Turn Cub Cadet. Now, however, all the weaving, ducking and bobbing takes six hours—more, if you don't count weed whacking.

I'm not particularly handy. It takes a village. Of mechanics. I've had Jim Heupel on retainer for decades. He's the Siegfried or Roy of Briggs & Stratton tamers. Sometimes, if Jim wasn't around, I'd try a bloody goat sacrifice. It was only after we'd run out of goats that I realized that it would have made more sense to just turn them loose on the yard.

Two summers ago, I mowed the deck right off the Cub Cadet, and with the grass advancing two inches a day, it was an emergency. Soon, thankfully, I had ace welder Quentin Schumacher racing to the rescue. There were sirens and red lights. His wife and head nurse Gwyn consoled me as Quentin welded away, shouting intermittently to the mower, "Stay away from the light!"

"Do you need a goat?" I kept asking, which caused Gwyn to slowly back away.

So, I was surprised that Quentin took my call to resurrect the mower again last year. Again, it was an emergency. It seemingly rained every day I had off, and when we returned from India's graduation in West Virginia in late May, the giraffes were feeling claustrophobic.

Then, I miscalculated and mowed over a rock garden 45-minutes in. Jim Heupel offered to give the Cub Cadet the Last Rites, and I'm not even sure he's Catholic.

Dylan elbowed me. "Dad, tell him about the goats."

I elbowed him back hard enough to shut him up.

While Quentin was bi-onically re-creating the front deck, I bought a recycled 38" Craftsman that was sorely over-matched. Suicide, they called it.

But, in hard times people step up. Coffee can donation sites began appearing in stores: "Save Tony's Lawn." One included a picture of a despondent giraffe.

My neighbor, Dean Blumhardt, became increasingly concerned. He brought his sickle mower over—unannounced—and promptly mowed over the cement septic pipe, an event he dolefully reported with a phone call. Look up "No Good Deed Goes Unpunished" in the dictionary and this is what you'll find. I offered to pay for repairs, but he assured me he'd handle it. It's probably no coincidence that he retired from farming a few months after that.

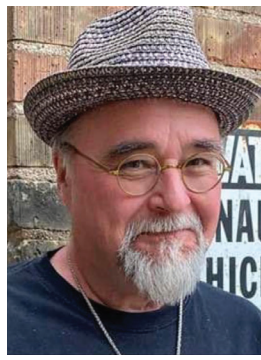
"What got ya, Dean? The hours? The stress? Drought? Hail? Low prices?"

"Nope, Bender's lawn broke me."

Enter another neighbor, Terry Gropper, his tractor, and a Bush Hog. He just showed up one day and restored order. I suspect it was pretty traumatic, though. I was mowing last week, myself, like a big boy, when I discovered the mangled remnants of a tomato cage. Hard telling how many goats it took to fix the Bush Hog. I'm afraid to ask.

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* No goats were harmed during the making of this column.



That's Life

by Tony Bender

Weekly Vikings Recap - Future Trade/Release of Dalvin Cook

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

With the ever-important June 1st having passed, the rumors of the Minnesota Vikings moving on from Dalvin Cook are going to start to heat up here. June 1st is an important date in the NFL because after that date teams can now trade or release players without having that player's entire remaining dead cap money hit the team's salary cap that season. In other words, a post-June 1st move of a player allows a team to spread out that player's dead cap money over the next two seasons.

For a team like the Vikings who have little salary cap space and have been rumored to want to move on from Dalvin Cook, a move seems likely to occur any day now with June 1st having passed. The question now becomes whether the Vikings will trade or release Dalvin.

It appears that the only way the Vikings will want to move on from Dalvin is through a trade. If the Vikings were willing to release him, they could have done so earlier this year and did what is called a "post-June 1st designation." This means that the Vikings could have released Cook before June 1st, but that would be treated as occurring after June 1st so the team could have received the cap benefits.

The two teams that have been rumored to be interested in Cook are the Buffalo Bills and the Miami Dolphins. Both teams would make sense for Cook as he has connections to both of them. The Bills would give Dalvin the chance to play with his younger brother, James Cook, whom the Bills drafted in the second round of last year's draft. And, the Dolphins would give Dalvin the chance to play in his hometown of Miami.

Both the Bills and Dolphins are in that position a lot of high-powered offenses find themselves in, thinking they are one true workhorse running back from becoming the best offense in the NFL. The issue for both those teams is that a lot of times, taking a risk on an older, declining running back does not pay off for your offense in the long run.

For the Vikings, the eventual release or trade of Dalvin means several things. First, it means that Alexander Mattison will officially become the true number-one running back in Minnesota. Although Mattison will be entering his fifth season in the NFL, which is old in running back years, he does not have a lot of miles on him. Mattison has a career total of only 404 carries, whereas Dalvin has three times that with 1,282 carries. That difference in career carries is a big reason why the Vikings decided to re-sign Mattison this offseason and will eventually move on from Dalvin Cook.

The other big thing that will come out of Dalvin's eventual trade or release is that it will open the door to a historic Justin Jefferson extension this summer. Jefferson, who has yet to participate in any of the Vikings' offseason activities, is set to make the most money ever for a wide receiver. His extension could completely flip the wide receiver market on its head.

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Groton looking into surveillance options after disgruntled citizen incident

by Elizabeth Varin

An incident at Groton City Hall has prompted officials to look into security options at city facilities.

A disgruntled Groton resident "conducted himself very unprofessionally," said Mayor Scott Hanlon when questioned after the meeting. This prompted the council to discuss surveillance options during the meeting.

The resident "apparently had some interaction with city workers and citizens coming in to City Hall," said Councilwoman Karyn Babcock. "And I just feel like that's not what they're here for. They're not here to get cussed out and threatened."

Babcock asked the council about whether the city should install cameras at the city building at 120 North Main Street. When people are in front of a camera screaming obscenities, they can be held accountable.

"People should be held accountable for their actions," she said. "We're representatives of the city, but if people get in our face and threaten us, they should be held accountable."

"...These girls aren't here for that," she added. "That's not their job."

Deputy Finance Officer April Abeln asked the council to instead look into purchasing panic buttons that would send a notice to police. This could bring police to City Hall faster without raising immediate ire.

Councilman Jason Wambach suggested that city police could offer training to abate situations that may come up.

Abeln replied, "We handled ourselves well. We had five witnesses, and it didn't matter."

Councilman Kevin Nehls said it wouldn't hurt to get pricing on cameras.

Wambach added, "In this day and age, you almost have to have it."

After it was revealed some city staff had also been approached at the city shop, Councilman Brian Bahr said the city should think of adding a camera there as well.

"Everybody's got to feel comfortable where they work," he said.

New park bathroom/tornado shelter plans on the way

Representatives with HKG Architects presented a preliminary floor plan for a tornado shelter and bathroom/shower facility at the city park.

The presented plan includes three toilets and two showers in the women's restroom, one toilet, two urinals and two showers in the men's bathroom, a utility room and a standing room for the shelter.

"It's certainly a plan, a layout for you to look at," said Dean Marske, president of HKG Architects. "...We have to have something to go off of."

The council was encouraged to provide feedback so a couple of options could be presented at the next meeting.

The architectural firm out of Aberdeen plans to bring a couple plans to walk through with the council at its next meeting June 20.

"The sooner, the better," said Mayor Hanlon. "...I think we're moving in the right direction."

Concession stand replacement discussion continues

City officials plan to wait for word on a grant to rebuild the baseball complex concession stand instead of moving forward with the project at a higher cost to the city.

The Groton Baseball/Softball Foundation has asked the city to consider starting the project to rebuild the concession stand and restrooms in order to get the new building in place by next summer, said Councilman Jason Wambach. The foundation would cover half of the about \$220,000 cost, with the city footing the rest of the bill.

The city has applied for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to cover some of the costs of the project. However, the council had been advised that they wouldn't be able to move forward with the project until the grant was in place, which may take about a year to finalize.

Council members lamented not being able to move forward yet, but made clear they would

wait until the grant application process was completed before moving ahead.

"I don't see any other way," said Councilman Brian Bahr. "I know they've fundraised a lot for it, but I just think we need to draw the line somewhere."

Councilwoman Karyn Babcock added the city risks losing out on possible grant money should construction begin this fall. City officials have agreed to move forward with the project on the condition that grant money go toward the building, and it's taxpayer money the city is dealing with.

The city has its hands tied, said Councilman Kevin Nehls.

"I know they've done a lot of work out there," he said. "And this is a vital piece to their ending, where they think they want it. I know it's hard to sit back and wait for a year."

"It's unfortunate it takes that long for these grants, but we have to do our due diligence," he added. "I wish it was a different answer."

"But that's sometimes how it goes," replied Mayor Scott Hanlon.

Old city jail lot to be reviewed

The old city jail will remain under city ownership for a bit longer.

A proposal to transfer ownership to the Groton Historical Society through a quitclaim deed was put on hold while the city proceeds to replat the lot the jail sits on.

The lot, located at the corner of North Third Street and East First Avenue just south of the Groton Community Center, hosts the jail and open land. The quitclaim deed brought to the council by Groton Historical Society's Topper Tastad includes an easement reservation restriction that would allow the city to take back the west 70 feet of the lot should the council want to in the future.

City Attorney Drew Johnson advised the council to make distinct the two areas of the property, the open space and the land the jail sits on. It's a lot of land to give away without payment.

"You don't know who's going to be in charge of this five or ten years down the road," he said. "It's a lot of property that's not needed to have the jail where it's at."

He added there was a lot of language in the quitclaim deed that isn't normally in one.

Mayor Scott Hanlon suggested the lot be replatted to separate out the two areas of land.

"I think we would be better off to do that," he said. "That way we aren't leaving an issue for a future council."

A replat is a process used to add lots or otherwise change a recorded plat.

A replat should be pretty easy as the property has been owned by the city for more than 100 years, Tastad said.

Sump pump violators to be penalized sooner

The city is moving forward with amending an ordinance to get to those who violate sewer restrictions sooner.

The council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 768, which would reduce the sewer penalty timeframe to a 24-hour notice before fines can start to be assessed.

The ordinance amendment came before the council at its last meeting, and Councilwoman Babcock asked why there weren't additional notice requirements.

The ordinance requires a written notice be served by the city.

"There's nothing in here about an oral notice," Babcock said. "This strictly says written. It was supposed to be both."

"If you're not here to be served a written notice, someone has to pick up the phone and call," she added.

Deputy Finance Officer Abeln said the city isn't able to have solid proof that a verbal warning was issued. City Attorney Drew Johnson said that would prevent a "he said, she said" situation.

The council ultimately approved the first reading, but advised staff that a follow up call would be good to have as well.

Sound system updates

A new sound system is coming to the Groton Park.

Topper Tastad with Enrich Groton SoDak Inc. told the council work will begin Monday morning to dig electrical lines and add speakers to the park. The project, which will come in under \$21,000, has been funded by a \$5,000 grant and fundraising by Enrich Groton SoDak Inc.

Currently the group has two full pages of donors and many who have pledged money to the project, Tastad said. If all the pledges come in, the money will be there.

"We're really really really really close on this," he said.

As long as there aren't any disasters, Tastad said city staff will help put up speakers next week.

When not in use, the speakers will be housed at City Hall, Tastad said. The city will also receive an invoice from Pauer Sound, but it will be paid in full.

"You won't get a bill for this," he said. "This is a gift. This is a gift for the community."

Contentious pool advertising

After complaints from some residents, the council discussed options for business signs currently on the swimming pool fence facing Main Street.

The city had to move banners previously placed high on nearby tennis court fencing, said Technology Specialist Paul Kosel. There has been an added benefit as the signs act as a privacy blocker for the pool and offer some shade in the evening.

Councilwoman Babcock asked if the banner placement could damage the fence surrounding the pool. She also said she has fielded a couple of calls from residents not happy to see the signage on Main Street.

"They put up the pool to see the pool, not advertising," she said.

She asked that the city discuss where those signs could be relocated to before next year.

One option if the banners are moved would be to add slats to the swimming pool fence to act as a privacy screen, Kosel said.

In an era of weirdos, privacy is good, added Councilwoman Shirley Wells.

If the banners are moved, Councilman Wambach suggested making them smaller to possibly keep the banners and wind from damaging fences in the area.

Discussion could continue into next year, but the signs won't be an issue when summer is over, Hanlon said.

"For now, we're going to leave them and see how it turns out because we don't have another fence to put them on," he said. "Summer's going to go boom, boom, boom."

In other Action:

- The new city reservoir has not been filled to capacity yet. WEB Water is maxed out on their water capacity. Residents are asked to continue to conserve water, and there will continue to be no outdoor watering which includes irrigation systems and using large quantities to fill pools and water gardens.

- City staff and council members plan to contact Pro Track and Tennis to discuss options to fix cracks and other issues at the Tennis/PickleBall Courts.

- The city added another lifeguard, Marlee Tollifson, to the summer staff roster at the swimming pool.

- The city approved upping the summer salary of the U12 day baseball coach and the U8/U10 day baseball coach. The positions, currently held by Claire Zbylut, are being combined for a total yearly salary of \$2,500.

- The city may try some "trial and error" moves to improve conditions at the ice skating rink. Discussion is set to continue on options to get rid of grass on the field and make for a better frozen surface.

- The council accepted the resignation of Planning and Zoning Board member Chris Khali effective July 1. Mayor Hanlon indicated he would appoint Keith Wipf to the board effective July 1, which was approved by the council.

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Brown County Flying Pig Liquor Permit

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the following Liquor License Application is set for the 20th day of June, 2023, in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, in the Court-house Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register complaint on their approval may appear: Stacy Gossman, DBA: Flying Pig, Aberdeen, SD – Sumption Farm, Sec 30-T127N-R63 Brown County, SD. Special License effective July 29, 2023.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel
Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
Published June 7, 2023, at the total approximate cost of \$9.50 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 22236

Brown County May 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes

MAY 30, 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. Auditor Heupel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COURT RESOURCE GRANT: Kelsi Vinger and Karla Nelson met with the Commissioners to discuss the Court Resource Grant helps provide temporary housing for juveniles. They had a family that was going through the process but decided to withdraw from the program, so they are continuing to look for another family. Kelsi asked for Chairman Sutton to sign letter of support and grant application. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the letter of support and the Court Resource Grant application.

RACIAL & ETHNIC DISPARITIES GRANT: Kelsi Vinger and Karla Nelson met with the Commissioners to discuss the Racial & Ethnic Disparities Grant which will provide a cultural appropriate diversion program. After some discussion Commissioner Wiese asked if Kelsi could provide more information to the Commission so that they could review it more. Commissioner Wiese moved to postpone approving this grant until the next Commission meeting so they could review the documentation, which was seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE VOLUNTEERS FOR WORK COMP: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following volunteers for Work Comp: Joe Akkerman, Pearl Holt and Jennifer Alsleben for Fairgrounds/Akkerman Arena; Alexandria Brunmaier, Jax Holmes, Mileah Holmes, Kierra Johnson, Noah Kippley, Titus Kippley, Ella Meehan, Payton Mitchell, Allena Shell, Sascha Ussleman and Ava Wienk which are Junior Fair Board Members. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TITLE COMPANY CONTRACTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese,

seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the contracts with the following Titles Companies in Aberdeen: Titles of Dakota and Brown County Title Company. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting minutes of May 23, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$212.79. Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$251.26; Darcy L. Lockwood \$36.00; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$310.00; Lincoln County Treasurer \$227.70; Lucy Lewno \$330.00; Mark Katterhagen \$18.00; Sanford Health \$9,803.00; Tyler Technologies, Inc \$520.00; US Bank Visa \$1,300.64; Valerie J. Larson \$54.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$50.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$227.20. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$475.20. Repairs & Maintenance: Auto Glass Solutions Inc \$40.00; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$2,011.74; Don Schlosser \$700.00; Eilers Water Conditioning and Lawn Irrigation \$93.00; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$913.58; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$42,730.00; US Bank Visa \$13,735.06; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$381.63. Supplies: American Solutions for Business \$676.95; Cole Paper Inc \$1,324.07; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$3,859.00; Farm Power Mfg. \$169.33; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$3.60; GovConnection, Inc \$411.95; Groton Daily Independent \$30.00; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$49,574.58; JGE, Inc \$92.66; Lucy Lewno \$13.20; Marco Technologies, LLC \$127.87; Menards \$136.86; Midstates Group \$481.30; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$56.00; SHI International Corp \$23,812.00; US Bank Visa \$17,349.38; Young Guns LLC \$2,800.00. Travel & Conference: City of Groton \$237.60; Patricia VanMeter \$169.32; Tony Sorensen \$171.87; US Bank Visa \$6,998.81. Utilities: CenturyLink \$284.83; Midcontinent Communications \$138.23; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$50.74; Northwestern Energy \$8,732.93; US Bank Visa \$5,045.21. Others: Andax Industries LLC \$1,071.04; Alan P. or Angela P. Bernard \$13,025.80; Darwin H. or Mary J. Bettmann \$1,953.87; David and Jill Lehmann Living Trust \$16,282.80; Donald D. or Maxine E. Fischer \$1,953.85; FDM Revocable Living Trust \$16,281.65; Great Plains Bank \$19,538.70; Herman Schumacher \$8,141.40; James D. Gressett \$16,281.65; John Kippley \$3,256.45; Joop Antonius Hubertus Bollen \$16,281.65; Kendall or Linda Peterson \$6,512.90; Kendall Peterson Trustee PT 09 \$39,077.40; Lynette Durheim \$6,512.90; Mark & Mary Volk \$6,512.90; Marlin Nilsson \$13,025.80; Plains Commerce Bank-Abdn \$248,462.34; Pyush Ramanlal Patel \$16,281.65; Robert M. or Lora M. Larson \$3,255.85; SD Assoc of County Officials \$526.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Assistant, Jessica Johnson to approve the following: Acknowledge the resignation of Ty Gibson, Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; effective June 2, 2023. Request to fill. Transfer of Ryan McClain from Brown County Jail Records Technician to Sobriety Coordinator, FT; starting wage \$21.72/hour; effective June 12, 2023. Request to fill.

Hiring Kandi Shantz as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, PT; starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective May 24, 2023. Hiring of Kymberly Gasser as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective May 30, 2023. Hiring of Abby Wentz as Brown County 911 Communication Officer, FT; starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective June 5, 2023. Hiring of Ashley Schnell as Brown County 911 Communication Officer, FT; starting wage \$20.67/hour; effective June 12, 2023. Hiring of Tucker Anderson as Brown County Deputy State's Attorney, FT; starting wage \$72,211.12/year; effective August 14, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS: Resolution #19-23: Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Faye Gunther 1st Subdivision in the SE 1/4 of Section 21-T128N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #20-23: Commissioner Gage brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Steven Rossow Subdivision in the NW 1/4 of Section 6-T121N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

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.

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Alcoholic Beverage Temporary Permit for a Special Event to Stacy Gossman, DBA: Flying Pig (RL-5733) for a wedding at the Brown County Fairgrounds Clubhouse on September 9, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT HEARING: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to authorize advertising public hearing for the following Special Liquor License Permit: Stacy Gossman, DBA Flying Pig (RL-5733) for event at Sumption Farm, Sec 30-T127N – R63, Brown County, SD on June 20, 2023 (Special License effective July 29, 2023). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Fireworks Display Permit for Richmond Lake Association for July 3rd & 4th, 2023 to be held at Edwards Preserve-Richmond Lake. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP BONDS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Township Bonds (Treasurer & Clerk): PORTAGE #1 – Mary A. Ewing, Tom Stehly; GREENFIELD #2 – Valerie Weisser, Karen Lunzman; FREDERICK #3 – Dennis Walworth, Jill Gisi; ALLISON #4 – Kash Cutler, Pamela Cutler; LANSING #5 – Dixie Clark; ONEOTA #6 – Karla Engelhart, Neil Schauman; BRAINARD #7 – Charles Dennert, Diane Bruns; SHELBY #8 – Michael Knecht, Colby Crawford; NORTH DETROIT #9 – Candi Beck; CLAREMONT #10 – Donald Wegleitner, Justin Wegleitner; WESTPORT #12 – Bruce Jones, Doug Fjeldheim; CARLISLE #13 – Ashlee Nelson; ORDWAY #14 – Kerry Howell, Mike McHugh; CAMBRIA #15 – Monte McNickle, Brenda Johnson; RIVERSIDE #16 – Steve Simon, Bruce Sippel; GROTON #17 – Joyce Walter, Jeff Howard; HENRY #18 – Matt Oswald, Darlene Sass; BATH #19 – David Stahl, Scott Sperry; ABERDEEN #20 – William Donaldson, Marguerite Donaldson; MERCIER #21 – Rodney Artz, Daryl Reick; NEW HOPE #22 – Alan Borchard, Kim Schneider; WARNER #23 – Sarah Swanson, Robert Seaton; GEM #24 – Loel Schott, Bob Simon; EAST HANSON #25 – Justin Harry, Lynn Miller; GARDEN PRAIRIE #26 – Craig Dunker, Todd Osterman; EAST RONDELL #27 – Carson Stange; PALMYRA #28 – Renae Martin, Greta Thorpe; OSCEOLA

#29 – Deborah Witte, Chris Sumption; SAVO #30 – Calvin Raisanen, Judy Bretsch; LIBERTY #31 – Todd Lunzman, Janet Elsen; RAVINIA #34 – Anna Wyly, Peggy Salwei; HIGHLAND #35 – Dan Misslitz, Deanna Nelson; FRANKLYN #36 – Chelsea Gappa, Shirley Stein; RICHLAND #37 – Diana Kopetsky, Cheryl Gelling; LINCOLN #39 – Tawney Beitelspacher, Terry Nash; BATES #44 – Kathy Dobberpuhl, Betty Geist; GARLAND #46 – Landon Dennert, JoLynn Podoll; PUTNEY #48 – David LaMee, Mark Thompson; WEST HANSON #49 – Alyssa Lord, Jennifer Dirks; HECLA #50 – Susan Rosendahl, Mary Tisher; PRAIRIEWOOD #53 – Heidi Carrels, Matt Prehn; WEST RONDELL #57 – Jim Fischbach, Allen Ryckman; SOUTH DETROIT #59 – Faye Hoines. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and declare the following items surplus from the Weed & Pest Control Department: 1994 Chevy Half-Ton Truck; 2000 Yamaha Grizzly ATV with 24-gallon sprayer; 2 Sprayer Injection Units; 20 ft. Spray Boom. Chris Hemen, Weed & Pest Supervisor will contact Jark/Worlie Auction to sell the items. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: None
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None
ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 8:54 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Frederick Town May 23, 2023 Special Meeting

Town of Frederick
Special Meeting for Kopecky Addition
May 23, 2023

A special meeting to approve the Kopecky Addition was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell by phone, Board members Jeff Koters and Troy Millard, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock, Greg Kopecky, Dalton and Gameilla Kopecky.

Troy Millard opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve All of Blocks 1,2,3,6,7 and 8, Campau's Addition to the Village of Frederick, and all of vacated alleys lying within Block 6,7 and 8 thereof, and all of vacated First Avenue and Second Avenue lying within said Addition, and also all of vacated Second Street east of Second Avenue to Campau in said Addition, according to the plat thereof of record, subject to easements, restrictions and reservations of record, if any; made by Koters/Campbell; motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Koters/Campbell at 7:10 PM; motion carried.

J Morlock
Finance Officer
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Claremont Town Storm Water Project

Public Hearing

Notice of Public Hearing for the Town of Claremont Storm Water Improvement Project

The Town of Claremont is proposing to replace their storm water collection system. The Town will be submitted a Clean Water Sate Facilities Funding Application in an amount up to \$550,000 to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The funding may be awarded in the form of a grant, loan or a principal forgiveness loan; any portion of the loan that is not forgiven will have a term of up to 30 years at a rate of up to 3.25 percent. The amount and source of funds will be determined by the Board of Water and Natural Resources when the application is presented at a scheduled board meeting. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the proposed project, the proposed financing, and the source of repayment for the loan. The public is invited to attend and comment on the project.

The public hearing will be held at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. on June 15, 2023.

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Belden wins Queen of Hearts
 Greg Belden was the lucky winner of the first Queen of Hearts raffle. His name was drawn in Week 16 and he picked number 41 which happened to be the Queen of Hearts. He won half of the jackpot of \$29,722.

A new board will be started with the first drawing on June 8th at the Olive Grove Clubhouse.

Greg is pictured with his son, Brantley.
 (Photo courtesy of Brenda Waage)



James Valley Telecommunications Cooperative held its annual meeting with several individuals winning credit toward this bill. Pictured left to right are William and Mary Lynn James \$100 credit; Lyle Busch \$500 credit; Donna Hearnen \$250 credit; David Sigdestad \$250 credit; and Sue Wattier \$100 credit. (Courtesy Photo)



The board of directors for James Valley Telecommunications are pictured above. Left to right they are Roger Zastrow, Bill Ewalt, Garrett Rahm, Bob Wegner, Wendell Rye, Duane Jark, Mark Wattier and James Groft, CEO. (Courtesy Photo)

Guthmiller places 12th at state golf

The state golf tournament concluded on Tuesday with Carly Guthmiller placing 12th with a final score of 85. Carlee Johnson was 34th with a 93, Mia Crank was 76th with a 108, Shaylee Peterson was 87th with a 119 and Carly Gilbert was 90th with a score of 90. Groton Area placed 12th as a team.



Top 25 State A Girls Golfers in the state meet. Groton Area's Carly Guthmiller is the one in white, third from right, in the middle row. (Courtesy Photo from Joel Guthmiller)

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Aspen Johnson and Emma Schinkel were working on the window art at the Groton Swimming Pool. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Carly Guthmiller receives her medal at the state golf meet. (Courtesy Photo from Joel Guthmiller)

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Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Out-Hits Competition, Yet Aberdeen Smittys 13U Takes The Win

Even though Groton Jr. Teeners 14U collected six hits to Aberdeen Smittys 13U's three, they still fell 9-4 on Monday

In the second inning, Aberdeen Smittys 13U got their offense started. An error scored one run for Aberdeen Smittys 13U.

In the bottom of the second inning, Groton Jr. Teeners 14U tied things up at two. TC Schuster grounded out, scoring one run.

Aberdeen Smittys 13U pulled away for good with five runs in the third inning. In the third Brooks Jett's sac fly scored one run for Aberdeen Smittys 13U, Jace Byrum doubled on a 0-1 count, scoring one run, an error scored one run for Aberdeen Smittys 13U, and Kaylor Swenson drew a walk, scoring one run.

Donovan Kiesow earned the win for Aberdeen Smittys 13U. Kiesow surrendered two runs on three hits over three innings, striking out six. Maddox Dinger and Mason Backous entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Tristin Mcgannon took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The righthander went two and two-thirds innings, allowing seven runs on two hits and striking out four.

Ethan Kroll led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with two hits in two at bats.

Aberdeen Smittys 13U stole 12 bases during the game as four players stole more than one. Byrum led the way with three.

Aberdeen Smittys 13U Runs Away With Early Lead in Victory

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 29-10 loss to Aberdeen Smittys 13U on Tuesday. Aberdeen Smittys 13U scored on a double by Brooks Jett and a triple by Porter Lozenski in the first inning.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U collected ten hits and Aberdeen Smittys 13U had 13 in the high-scoring affair.

Aberdeen Smittys 13U got on the board in the first inning when Jett doubled on a 2-1 count, scoring two runs.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U tallied four runs in the second inning. Gavin Kroll, Lincoln Krause, Shaydon Wood, and Ryder Schelle all moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Aberdeen Smittys 13U scored 15 runs in the fifth inning. Jett, Maddox Dinger, Donovan Kiesow, Max Bonns, Ryan Peterson, and Preston Welke each had RBIs in the frame.

Jace Byrum got the win for Aberdeen Smittys 13U. The righty surrendered eight runs on eight hits over four innings, striking out two. Mason Backous threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Ethan Kroll took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The righty surrendered nine runs on four hits over one and two-thirds innings.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U saw the ball well today, racking up ten hits in the game. Karson Zak and Nick Groeblichhoff each managed multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Zak led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with three hits in four at bats.

Aberdeen Smittys 13U tallied 13 hits on the day. Jett, JaSean Rivera, Backous, and Lozenski all collected multiple hits for Aberdeen Smittys 13U.



Groton Legion wins Milbank Tournament

Back row left to right. Coach Aaron Severson, Carter Simon, Gavin Englund, Cade Larson, Colby Dunker, Tate Larson, Bradin Althoff, Caden McInerney, Teylor Diegel, Coach Seth Erickson Bottom Row Left to right. Nick Morris, Karsten Flihs, Kellen Antonsen, Braxton Imrie, Cole Simon, Korbin Kucker, Brevin Flihs, Dillon Abeln, Ryan Groeblichhoff. (Courtesy Photo)

Two Groton Legion Post 39 Pitchers Combine In Shutout Victory Against SD Claremont Post 262 Legion

Groton Legion Post 39 defeated SD Claremont Post 262 Legion 8-0 on Saturday as two pitchers combined to throw a shutout. This was the first game of the Milbank Tournament. Brevin Flihs struck out Danny Feist to finish off the game.

Groton Legion Post 39 got things moving in the first inning, when Tate Larson was hit by a pitch, driving in a run.

Groton Legion Post 39 put up three runs in the second inning. Bradin Althoff and Larson all contributed in the big inning with RBIs.

A single by Jack Podoll in the third inning was a positive for SD Claremont Post 262 Legion.

Althoff was credited with the victory for Groton Legion Post 39. The southpaw lasted five innings, allowing two hits and zero runs while striking out nine. Flihs threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Ben Gustafson took the loss for SD Claremont Post 262 Legion. The pitcher lasted five innings, allowing nine hits and eight runs while striking out two.

Groton Legion Post 39 racked up ten hits on the day. Colby Dunker, Flihs, and Larson all had multiple hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Larson, Flihs, and Dunker each managed two hits to lead Groton Legion Post 39. Groton Legion Post 39 was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Cade Larson made the most plays with ten.

Grant Cutler went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead SD Claremont Post 262 Legion in hits.

Groton Legion Clinches Lead in Eighth Inning to Defeat Milbank

Groton Legion Post 39 snatched the lead late in the game in a 20-12 victory over Milbank Post 9 on Saturday at the Milbank Tournament. The game was tied at ten with Groton Legion Post 39 batting in the top of the eighth when Brevin Flihs tripled on a 1-0 count, scoring two runs.

Groton Legion Post 39 was boosted by Flihs who went 4-for-7 at the plate. Flihs singled in the fourth, tripled in the sixth, doubled in the seventh, and tripled in the eighth.

Groton Legion Post 39 got on the board in the first inning. Tate Larson drove in one when Larson singled.

Groton Legion Post 39 knotted the game up at ten in the top of the seventh inning. Larson singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run.

After Groton Legion Post 39 scored three runs in the top of the fourth, Post 9 answered with three of their own. Groton Legion Post 39 scored when an error scored one run for Groton Legion Post 39, Cole Simon singled on a 2-1 count, scoring one run, and Bradin Althoff doubled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run. Post 9 then answered when Merik Junker drew a walk, scoring one run, Owen Tesch drew a walk, scoring one run, and Sage Locke was struck by a pitch, driving in a run. Flihs pitched Groton Legion Post 39 to vic-

tory. Flihs lasted two innings, allowing five hits and two runs while striking out five and walking one. Colby Dunker and Caden McInerney entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Locke took the loss for Post 9. Locke went two-thirds of an inning, allowing zero runs on one hit and walking zero.

Simon started the game for Groton Legion Post 39. The righthander surrendered eight runs on seven hits over three and two-thirds innings, striking out five. Joe Schulte started the game for Post 9. The hurler allowed 20 hits and 20 runs over seven and a third innings, striking out seven.

Groton Legion Post 39 tallied 21 hits on the day. Dunker, Flihs, Larson, Braxton Imrie, Simon, Ryan Groeblichhoff, and Althoff all managed multiple hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Flihs and Dunker each collected four hits to lead Groton Legion Post 39. Groton Legion Post 39 tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Teylor Diegel led the way with two.

Post 9 tallied 13 hits. Junker, Justus Osborn, Schulte, and Josh Pederson each managed multiple hits for Post 9. Junker went 4-for-5 at the plate to lead Post 9 in hits.

Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser Nearly Erases 5-Run Deficit in Loss to Groton Legion Post 39

Groton Post #39 won the Milbank Tournament on Sunday with a 5-4 win over Redfield in the championship game. Despite seeing its five-run lead whittled down by the end, Groton Legion Post 39 still held off Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser for a 5-4 victory on Sunday. Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser scored four runs in the failed comeback on a single by Keaton Rohfls in the fifth, a single by Rohfls in the sixth, a single by Kevin Weller in the seventh, and a sacrifice fly by Camden Osborn in the seventh.

Groton Legion Post 39 got things moving in the first inning. Tate Larson drew a walk, scoring one run.

Korbin Kucker got the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The pitcher allowed three hits and one run over four innings, striking out three. Ryan Groeblichhoff threw three innings in relief out of the bullpen. Groeblichhoff recorded the last nine outs to earn the save for Groton Legion Post 39.

Rohfls took the loss for Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser. The righty.

Cole Simon led Groton Legion Post 39 with three hits in four at bats. Groton Legion Post 39 was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Cade Larson made the most plays with seven.

Rohfls went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser in hits. Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser didn't commit a single error in the field. Eli Morrissette had seven chances in the field, the most on the team.



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Morris Throws Shutout as Groton Locke Electric Defeats Redfield DQ

Alex Morris shut down Redfield DQ, throwing a complete game shutout and leading Groton Locke Electric to a 10-0 victory on Monday

Groton Locke Electric fired up the offense in the first inning, when Dalton Locke's sac fly scored one run for Groton Locke Electric.

Groton Locke Electric put up four runs in the sixth inning. Morris, Locke, Chandler Larson, and Conner Thaler all contributed in the big inning with RBIs.

A single by Simon Bower in the third inning was a positive for Redfield DQ.

Morris earned the victory on the mound for Groton Locke Electric. The pitcher allowed four hits and zero runs over eight innings, striking out nine.

Kole DeSpieglee took the loss for Redfield DQ. DeSpieglee went five innings, allowing six runs on seven hits and striking out one.

Groton Locke Electric scattered ten hits in the game. Morris, Dylan Frey, and Spencer Knecht each collected multiple hits for Groton Locke Electric. Morris went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Locke Electric in hits. Groton Locke Electric didn't commit a single error in the field. Wyatt Locke had nine chances in the field, the most on the team.

Groton Jr. Teeners Grabs Lead in Fourth Inning to Defeat Mobridge

Groton Jr. Teeners snatched the lead late in the game in an 8-7 victory over Mobridge on Saturday. The game was tied at seven with Groton Jr. Teeners batting in the top of the fourth when.

Despite falling down by five runs in the second inning, Mobridge tried to fight back. Mobridge scored four runs in the failed comeback. Trueth Crow Ghost, Wesley Arnott, Delmar Erickson, and Tyrel Bleyle all picked up RBIs in the rally.

In the first inning, Groton Jr. Teeners got their offense started. Ethan Kroll hit into a fielder's choice, scoring one run.

Mobridge evened things up at seven in the bottom of the third inning.

Groton Jr. Teeners tallied four runs in the second inning. The offensive firepower by Groton Jr. Teeners was led by Quinn Cogley, Shaydon Wood, Alex Abeln, and Ryder Schelle, all sending runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Mobridge scored three runs in the second inning. Mobridge offense in the inning was led by Crow Ghost, Arnott, and Erickson, who each had RBIs in the inning.

Nick Groeblichhoff led things off on the hill for Groton Jr. Teeners. Groeblichhoff surrendered seven runs on four hits over three innings, striking out five.

Mack Saxon toed the rubber for Mobridge. The righty lasted one and one-third innings, allowing zero hits and six runs. Arnott threw two and two-thirds innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Schelle went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners in hits.

Mobridge racked up four hits. Crow Ghost and Bleyle each collected multiple hits for Mobridge.

Mobridge won the second game, 12-1, scoring four runs in the first inning and eight in the second. Groton scored one run in the third inning. Lincoln Krause hit a single to get on base. He advanced to second on an Alex Abeln grounder and scored when Ethan Kroll hit a single line drive to center field. Ethan Kroll, TC Schuster, Braeden Flihs and Lincoln Krause all had a hit.

Lake Norden Runs Away With Early Lead in Victory

Groton Legion Post 39 fell behind early and couldn't come back in an 8-5 loss to Lake Norden on Friday. Lake Norden scored on a walk by Ryker Warrington in the first inning, a sacrifice fly by Carson Stormo in the first inning, a single by Turner Stevenson in the first inning, a single by Cristian Rodriguez in the second inning, and a single by Stevenson in the second inning.

Groton Legion Post 39 lost despite out-hitting Lake Norden eight to four.

Lake Norden got things started in the first inning. Warrington drew a walk, scoring one run.

Warrington earned the victory on the pitcher's mound for Lake Norden. The pitcher allowed eight hits and five runs over six and two-thirds innings, striking out seven. Stormo threw one-third of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Tate Larson took the loss for Groton Legion Post 39. The pitcher allowed four hits and eight runs over four and two-thirds innings, striking out five.

Bradin Althoff went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead Groton Legion Post 39 in hits.

Lake Norden racked up four hits on the day. Stevenson and Rodriguez each collected multiple hits for Lake Norden.

Groton Jr. Legion Clinches Lead in Sixth Inning for Win Over Lake Norden

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion stole the lead late and defeated Lake Norden 8-5 on Saturday. The game was tied at five with Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion batting in the bottom of the sixth when Korbin Kucker singled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion got on the board in the second inning when Karsten Flihs drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion tallied four runs in the fifth inning. Gavin Englund, Flihs, and Carter Simon all moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Kucker got the start for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Kucker surrendered zero runs on zero hits over two innings, striking out four and walking one.

Stevenson was on the hill for Lake Norden. The hurler allowed four hits and five runs over five innings, striking out eight. Stevenson threw one inning in relief.

Nicholas Morris led Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion with three hits in three at bats.

Jensen went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Lake Norden in hits.

Groton Jr. Teeners Drops Game to Post 100 14U After Late Score

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U stayed in it until the end, but Post 100 14U pulled away late in a 15-9 victory on Thursday. The game was tied at nine with Post 100 14U batting in the bottom of the sixth when an error scored one run for Post 100 14U.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U collected five hits and Post 100 14U had 18 in the high-scoring affair.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U took an early lead in the second inning. Lincoln Krause drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U put up four runs in the fourth inning. The big inning was thanks to walks by Ryder Schelle and Nick Groeblichhoff and a single by Ethan Kroll.

Xavier Ritter toed the rubber for Post 100 14U. The righty lasted three innings, allowing three hits and three runs while striking out five.

Schelle was on the hill for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The righthander lasted five innings, allowing 14 hits and ten runs while striking out three and walking one. Kroll threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Schelle led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with two

hits in three at bats.

Post 100 14U scattered 18 hits in the game. Xavier Hobert, Luke Fiedler, Keegan Russell, Thatcher Kihne, and Jonah Pribyl all managed multiple hits for Post 100 14U. Hobert went 5-for-5 at the plate to lead Post 100 14U in hits.

Despite Fewer Hits, Post 100 14U Beats Groton Jr. Teeners 14U

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U out-hit Post 100 14U seven to six, but it wasn't enough in a 12-9 loss on Friday

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U lost despite out-hitting Post 100 14U seven to six.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U got things started in the first inning. Ethan Kroll drove in two when Kroll singled.

Post 100 14U pulled away for good with seven runs in the second inning. In the second Luke Fiedler singled on a 0-1 count, scoring two runs, Keegan Russell singled on a 0-1 count, scoring one run, Kaden Russell grounded out, scoring two runs, and Xavier Ritter grounded out, scoring one run.

Keaton Fiedler got the start for Post 100 14U. The pitcher lasted one inning, allowing five hits and nine runs.

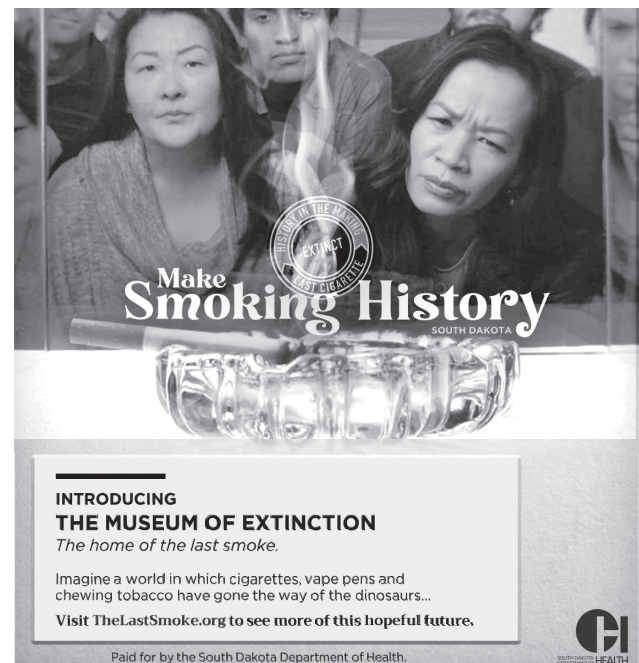
Quinn Cogley was on the pitcher's mound for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The pitcher lasted one inning, allowing four hits and ten runs while striking out one. Easton Weber threw two innings in relief.

Kroll led Groton Jr. Teeners 14U with two hits in three at bats.

Post 100 14U collected six hits on the day. Houston Hauge, Russell, and Fiedler all collected multiple hits for Post 100 14U.



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Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion Runs Away With Early Lead in Victory

Groton Legion Post 39 watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 7-0 loss to Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion on Tuesday. Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion scored on a passed ball during Drew Bakeburg's at bat, a single by Andrew Bishop, a walk by Ashton Remily, and a single by Quinton Fischbach in the second inning.

The Groton Legion Post 39 struggled to put runs on the board and had a tough time defensively containing Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion, giving up seven runs.

Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion fired up the offense in the second inning, when.

One bright spot for Groton Legion Post 39 was a single by Logan Ringgingberg in the third inning.

Remily was the winning pitcher for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion. Remily lasted six innings, allowing four hits and zero runs while striking out six. Fischbach threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Braxton Imrie took the loss for Groton Legion Post 39. The pitcher allowed five hits and seven runs over four innings, striking out eight.

Ringgingberg led Groton Legion Post 39 with three hits in three at bats. Groton Legion Post 39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Cade Larson had the most chances in the field with ten.

Bishop went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion in hits.

Late Score Costs Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Against Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion stayed in it until the end, but Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion pulled away late in a 6-5 victory on Wednesday. The game was tied at five with Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion batting in the top of the fifth when Xavier Kadlec drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion lost despite out-hitting Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion seven to five.

Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion got things moving in the first inning. Gavin Lane drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion notched four runs in the fourth inning. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion batters contributing to the big inning included Jarrett Erdmann, Karsten Flihs, and Brevin Flihs, who all drove in runs.

Devon Fischbach got the win for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion. The righty allowed seven hits and five runs over five innings, striking out eight. Fischbach recorded the last 15 outs to earn the save for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion.

Nicholas Morris took the loss for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The pitcher allowed two hits and two runs over two innings.

Taylor Diegel started the game for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The righthander went two innings, allowing two runs on two hits and striking out one

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

Mac Heinz went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion in hits.



Major Dolan and Owen Tewksbury were selling lemonade Friday afternoon at the north end of Main Street.

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Kyson Kucker, Keegan Kucker and Axel Abeln were busy selling lemonade and freebies on Wednesday in downtown Groton.

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"How Are You? Does Midwestern Politeness Get In The Way?"

Midwest Culture is unique. We "America's Heartlanders" are known for our outdoor hobbies, farming, winter survival strategies, hard work and country living. We are also known for our politeness. It is at times an autopilot response to hold a door open, greet another with a smile, drop off treats for a neighbor or when running into someone familiar ask, "how are you?" How often have we asked, "how are you" and heard the answer, "good" or "fine" or even answered this question ourselves this way.

Unfortunately, "Midwestern Polite" has also created a belief that if we truly answer the question, "how are you" with honesty, we are burdening others. For this reason, we often answer "good" or "fine" when maybe in fact, we are not. This is called passive communication. Passive Communication is when we do not express our feelings or needs, do not believe our feelings or needs matter equally to others, or often we find ourselves apologizing for things. Overtime this passive communication style often leads to misunderstanding, anger or even resentment.

This is where it is vital for us to understand emotional and social wellness skills. To learn that every single one of us as humans has feelings and that this is normal. The more we ignore these feelings the more we impact our overall health.

Having the skills to be able to truly answer the question, how are you, requires emotional wellness skills. The skills of recognizing one's feelings, understanding those feelings, labeling them, expressing them and regulating them. This skill, known as the "RULER" skill is an acronym for the five evidence-based skills of emotional intelligence (recognizing, understanding, labeling, expressing, and regulating) founded by psychologist Marc Brackett out of Yale University. This skill is not a skill we are born with. This skill provides a sense of understanding and control of what is going on within us. Emotional wellness skills aid in our overall ability to manage stress, communicate effectively and manage conflict which supports our overall physical wellness.

So, the next time a kind Midwesterner asks, "How Are You?" I encourage you to be honest. I encourage you to use the skills of checking in to recognize how you really are feeling, labeling it and expressing it to that person asking. The other wonderful value we South Dakotans have is showing up for one another. We are not a burden. We are wonderful Midwestern neighbors who show up for each other. Let's continue to work on defining and modeling that "Midwest Nice" as honest and authentic support.

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