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## Groton Area Clay Target League are state champions



**Top left to right Charlie Frost, Ashton Holmes, Porter Johnson, Turner Thompson, Tristan Kampa, Michael Powers-Dinger, Owen Sperry, Trey Smith**  
**Second row left (coach) Tom Mahan, Isiah Sepaniack, Taryn Thompson, Hollie Frost, Payton Mitchell, Bryson Wambach, Danny Feist,**  
**Bottom Left- Adeline Kotzer, Cadence Feist, Paisley Mitchell, Ashlynn Sperry, Noah Sepaniack, (coach) Stephen Wright, not pictured Jaeger Kampa, Aeydon Johnson, Tyton Stange.** (Photo courtesy Corey Mitchell)

**Turner Thompson took first place in the state varsity high overall score with a score of 100 for the tournament. He also won the state high overall average for males and overall for South Dakota with a 25.0/25.0 average.** (Courtesy Photo)

The Groton Clay Target Team took first place this year in the State Tournament held Saturday in Aberdeen. This is the first time that Groton has won the state title in the seven years the team has been competing. Turner Thompson took first with a score of 98. Others scoring in the top 100 were: 4, Payton Mitchell, 97; 7, Porter Johnson, 96; 15, Ashton Holmes, 94; 16, Cadence Feist, 94; 32, Tyton Stange, 91; 55, Danny Feist, 88; 58, Michael Powers-Dinger, 88; 61, Paisley Mitchell, 88; and 65, Tristan Kampa, 87. According to Corey Mitchell, president of the Groton Clay Target organization, "Around 400 trap shooters were registered to shoot on Saturday."

The organization is looking for land around Groton to have a trap shoot range. "It would be great to have something closer to Groton for the kids," Mitchell said.

## Concession stand replacement timeline top of mind during state official visit

by Elizabeth Varin

When can construction begin on a new Groton baseball complex concession stand?

A timeline for replacing the old building was the biggest question asked during a visit from a state Game Fish and Parks Department representative Tuesday afternoon.

Groton Baseball/Softball Foundation members and city councilmen met with GFP Grants Coordinator Randy Kittle to look at the blue building in need of replacement and whether Land and Water Conservation Funds could help with the project.

"This is 25 years old," said Doug Hamilton, baseball/softball foundation treasurer.

"Actually 28," responded foundation vice president Jarod Fliehs.

"At the time it was built it was adequate, but if ADA came in here... to me it's a black eye," Hamilton said. "We have a beautiful facility and then these bathrooms..."

The foundation and city plan to move the current building to another site and build a slightly-larger facility in its place. The project includes constructing a new 28-foot by 42-foot building that would house the concession stand, public bathrooms, a relaxation room for umpires and storage space for baseball gear and field maintenance equipment.

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**From left: Groton Baseball/Softball Foundation vice president Jarod Fliehs opens the door at the baseball complex concession stand for Groton Mayor Scott Hanlon, state GFP Grants Coordinator Randy Kittle, foundation president Lars Hanson, foundation secretary Adrienne Fliehs, City Councilman Jason Wambach and foundation treasurer Doug Hamilton during a tour of the building.** (Photo by Elizabeth Varin)



## "Think of me sometimes"

I'm not sure where such remembrances come from, if something stirs the embers, or if their appearance is just abstract, appearing like she did that summer, a cirrus wisp, a shooting star in the unordered clutter of memories.

We were all as immortal then, as forever as my memories are now.

Gloriously unencumbered, my buddy Bob and I screeched about on motorcycles, Hamms 12-packs routinely strapped to backrests in transport to that sparse apartment on Railroad Avenue. We were outfitted with the important things—a Marantz-powered stereo, hundreds of albums, a refrigerator barren except for condiments and longnecks. Donated cookware.

My mother was horrified by the state of a frying pan she washed on a mission of mercy one afternoon. "What happened to the the Teflon!?" she exclaimed. "We ate it," I deadpanned.

On weekends, there were pool tournaments and camaraderie at watering holes with names now irreversibly lost to the wind.

I was flying solo that night. The nightclub was "No Dogs Allowed," a title as unenlightenedly misogynistic as we were. Bob and I playfully nicknamed my girlfriends things like "Donna the Bod" and "Trish the Dish."

Ah, Trish.

It started inauspiciously.

Donna Summer was trilling through the speakers, a lighted dance floor blinking in epileptic spasms. She stood out even for those well-dressed disco days. Poured into a full-length glittering red gown, she was surrounded by men, a sequined bloom amidst hopeful pollinators. Pixie haircut. Delicate features, an upturned nose. A confluence of elegance and cute. She reminded me of Pat Benatar.

I don't recall what I said that blew up the moment, but that line is best-forgotten, anyway. Back then, I might have been counted as one of the more chivalrous members of my gang, admittedly a low bar, but it wasn't my finest hour. Her reaction was epic. She snatched her matching purse, stormed past me and headed for the stairs, me in futile pursuit.

"Don't go! I'll leave, I'm the a--hole, here! You stay. I'll leave..."

I gave up at the balcony overlooking the street. Moments later, the door to a wood-paneled station wagon slammed. It was hard to tell if there was more smoke from the tires or the exhaust as she burned rubber past the police station. Michigan plates.

What a jerk.

The next night, decidedly less peacocky, I was back. So was she. I didn't want to spend

the evening sharing uncomfortable glances, so I sheepishly shambled over, elbowed past the pollinators, and apologized.

I don't remember what I said, but I wish I could bottle it. Brown eyes twinkled. A smirk.

"Wanna dance?" And if all that clomping about didn't scare her away, nothing ever would.

So it began. I was 21. She was 33. She was staying with her mother, in retreat from a bad breakup. I was launching a radio career with the knowledge that such a vagabond lifestyle wouldn't be conducive to relationships. I wanted to see the world and planned to pack light.

But we had that summer.

She never shared her last name. I'm confident "The Dish" wasn't it. It was something out of a Bob Seeger song. My youthful optimism, her mysterious, sanguine wiseness.

She saw something in me. "I can't wait to see what you'll become," she said to me one day with the knowing look of a fortune teller. The ending hovered overhead from the beginning, lending an uncluttered poignancy to our affair.

"Then came that morning he woke up alone..."

She pulled up to my daytime employer's business one September afternoon with a wistful smile, wrapped her arms around my neck, and as my bosses and coworkers stared, locked me in a lingering, worldly, cinematic goodbye kiss. Bogie and Bacall, Casablanca, that sort of thing.

She was going back to her boyfriend.

After that, just one long, sweet, sassy letter. "Think of me sometimes," she directed in feminine cursive. No return address.

She drifted in last week unannounced—a shimmering, mysterious ghost.

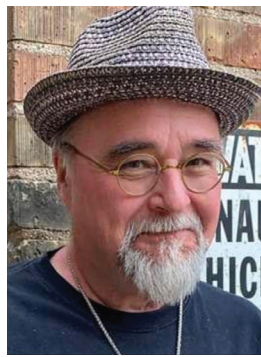
I smiled at the memory and wondered how she's doing. I imagined her on a sunlit porch, content, grayer now, still beautiful, still sly and mysterious, grandchildren buzzing about. A slamming screen door.

"Strange how the night moves. With autumn closin' in..."

I hope it all worked out for her.

And I hope I haven't disappointed her.

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## That's Life

by Tony Bender

## Weekly Vikings Recap - Dalvin Cook Release

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

Well, it finally happened. After discussing the possibility of the Minnesota Vikings trading or releasing Dalvin Cook last week, the Vikings made it real this past Thursday by releasing him. Cook will end his Vikings' career third all-time for the franchise in career rushing yards.

For his six seasons in Minnesota, Cook was consistently among the best running backs in the NFL. After tearing his ACL during his rookie season in 2017 and spending the following year getting up to speed, Cook truly burst onto the scene in 2019. It was evident every game how much the Vikings' offense relied on him. When Cook sat out the final two games of the 2019 season to rest his shoulder, the Vikings' offense completely cratered. When Cook came back for the playoffs, the Vikings were able to upset the New Orleans Saints in the Superdome thanks to Cook's 130 total yards of offense and two touchdowns.

The following year, Cook asserted himself as the best running back in football, rushing for 1557 yards and 16 touchdowns. The sad thing about NFL running backs is their success does not last very long. By last year, it was evident that Cook had started to decline. He was easily getting tackled and seemed to struggle to stay on his feet when running through the holes in the offensive line. Many, including myself, believed by the end of last season that the Vikings should have started to utilize Alexander Mattison more than Dalvin Cook in the offense.

Now with Dalvin Cook gone, the Vikings running back room is lacking a big-name star. But, that does not mean that the Vikings' running back room cannot be successful. Mattison will be the veteran piece that the team will likely lean on early in the season. However, the Vikings have two young running backs who we should keep an eye on as the season goes along. Ty Chandler, who is coming into his second season, will likely get the most opportunities in preseason and training camp to become the backup running back. However, rookie DeWayne McBride might steal that spot if he lives up to the hype surrounding him after the Vikings drafted him in the 7th round. The only thing that might hold McBride back is his lack of pass-catching ability.

With the departure of Cook, the door is now open for the Vikings to move ahead on their contract extension discussions with Justin Jefferson and TJ Hockenson. The question will become what extension gets done first.

In other news, rumors are starting to swirl that the Vikings might look to trade Danielle Hunter. Hunter, who has been with the Vikings since 2015, has seemed to be very unhappy with his contract situation over the past 3 seasons. It might be smart for the Vikings to move on from Hunter before he starts to hit his decline. He still has plenty of value and could result in a good return for the Vikings should they trade him.

For such a slow past few weeks in Vikings' news, it appears that this offseason will be one with a lot happening. Kwesi Adofo-Mensah, and the new Vikings' regime, are starting to now create this Vikings' roster to their image.

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## Concession Stand

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The goal was to have a new building in place before the city hosts the state junior legion tournament in August 2024, Hamilton said.

Grants Coordinator Kittle asked how long the building would take to construct, to which vice president Fliehs said the foundation had hoped it could begin after baseball games are finished this year.

Fall or winter 2023 construction is not an option with the potential grant funding, Kittle said. The state should finalize its decision about which projects move forward in the grant process by the end of the summer. Those projects have to then be submitted by the state to the National Parks Services, as the grant is federally funded.

The earliest work can start would be next spring, he said.

Hamilton replied the foundation hoped to begin soon as concrete prices have sharply increased recently.

"The good Lord only knows what those numbers are going to be next year," he said.

The estimated total cost of the project is \$201,819, according to the budget presented to the city by the foundation.

The cost estimates for the project that was included with the grant application totaled \$187,620. That estimate had updated construction costs, no spray foam insulation and no walk-in cooler. The city requested \$65,667 in federal funding, with the remaining costs being covered by the city and fundraising by the baseball/softball foundation.

The project is one of about 20 submitted for grant funding from cities throughout the state, Kittle said. About \$1 million is available from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for South Dakota city outdoor recreation facilities.

Other applications include splash pads, swimming pools, pickle ball courts, playgrounds and baseball fields, Kittle said. The total requested for all those projects is a little over \$2 million.

Kittle is visiting each application site to review what is needed for each facility. Those projects chosen for the grant will be submitted by the state to the federal government for final approval.

"It's a lot of fun seeing the cool things going on in the cities," he said. "There are a lot of interesting ideas for communities and cities."

## Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Falls to Clark Area 14U

Clark Area 14U fired up the offense in the first inning, when Watson Grantham singled on a 3-0 count, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U knotted the game up at two in the bottom of the first inning. Alex Abeln singled on a 1-0 count, scoring two runs.

Clark Area 14U pulled away for good with one run in the second inning. In the second Jakob Steen doubled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run.

Clark Area 14U scored three runs in the fifth inning. The big inning for Clark Area 14U came thanks to a triple by Ky Vandersnick and a single by Max Bratland.

Michael Severson earned the win for Clark Area 14U. The lefty went four and two-thirds innings, allowing three runs on two hits and striking out one.

Nick Groeblichhoff took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The righthander allowed six hits and five runs over three innings, striking out two and walking one.

Gavin Kroll and Abeln each collected one hit to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U.

Clark Area 14U scattered ten hits in the game. Severson, Jakob Steen, Grantham, and Ky Vandersnick all had multiple hits for Clark Area 14U. Severson went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Clark Area 14U in hits.



## DARE Essay Winners

The Groton fifth grade class participated in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program taught by Groton Police Chief Stacy Mayou. Groton Police Chief Stacy Mayou is pictured with the essay winners of the D.A.R.E. program this year. On Janel Lone's side, the winners from left to right are Amelia Ewalt, third place; Axel Abeln, second place; and Illyanna Dallaire, first place. On Shelby Hendrickson's side, from left to right to the right of Mayou are Ryder Schwan, first place; Gavin Hanten, second place; and Trayce Schelle, third place. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Pictured in front, left to right, are Brantley Belden, Isabella Daly, Dawson Feist, Sophia Fliehs, Kinzleigh Furman and Andi Gauer; in the middle row, left to right, are Gavin Hanten, Jace Hofer, Xzavier Klebsch, Aubrie Lier, Liam Lord and Wyatt Morehouse; in back, left to right, are Shelby Hendrickson, Jameson Penning, Trayce Schelle, Ryder Schwan, Trey Tietz, Chloe Witchey, Ashley Zimmerman and Groton Police Chief Stacy Mayou. Not pictured is Haden Harder. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Pictured in front, left to right, are Axel Abeln, Nolan Bahr, Peyton Castles, Illyanna Dallaire, Rachel Dobbins and Major Dolan; in the middle row, left to right, are Hudson Eichler, Amelia Ewalt, Elias Heilman, Gracelynn Hubbs-Mullner, Liam Johnson and Dacey Kampa; in back, left to right, are Janel Lone, Keegan Kucker, Kyson Kucker, Tucker Leicht, Kamryn McKane, Rowan Patterson, Jaclyn Rudbusch, Owen Tewksbury and Groton Police Chief Stacy Mayou. Not pictured is Gavin Younger. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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**Brown County**  
**June 6, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
 JUNE 6, 2023 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Fjeldheim, Wiese and Gage. Commissioner Sutton was absent. Commissioner Wiese led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
 APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Gage moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None  
 RACIAL & ETHNIC DISPARITIES GRANT: Kelsi Vinger, States Attorney along with Annie Brokenleg, State Coordinator met with the Commissioners to discuss the Racial & Ethnic Disparities Grant which will provide a cultural appropriate diversion program. Commissioner Dennert asked if Item VI, which was meeting with the Aberdeen Area Diversity Coalition to gain community buy-in was removed could the grant stand on its own. Kelsi said it would, she was brainstorming some other possible partnership organizations. Commissioner Dennert moved to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the grant application with removing item VI. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 UPDATING CAMERAS AT CONTAINER SITES: Mike Scott, Landfill Manager and Pat Wolberg, IT Director met to discuss upgrading the cameras that are used to monitor the dumpster sites. The cameras being used now are 8-9 years old. They are looking at adding remote cameras to the Warner site as well. Currently, we are issuing about 20 tickets a week for violators at the dump sites. The fee for violators is \$100.00. The new camera system will be around \$30,000 and Avigilon is the company/system that we currently use so plan to purchase these cameras from them. Pat informed the Commission the cameras should be updated every 3-5 years but need to be conscious with tax dollars, also. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve purchasing the cameras out of the Landfill budget. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 ELECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT: Lynn Heupel, County Auditor presented the contract with Election Systems & Software (ES&S) for Election Services Agreement for June 2023 to December 2026. This is the company that has provided our Ballot Tabulator machines for years, and now will be doing our ballot layout and printing as well. Moved by Commissioner Wiese to approve and authorize Vice-Chairman Fjeldheim to sign the contract, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY DIS-

CRETIONARY: Gene Loeschke, Director of Equalization met with the Commission to ask to pass a new resolution for Residential Property Discretionary due to updating the Codified Laws. This is for plats in a residential subdivision with 8 lots or more.  
 Commissioner Wiese offered the following resolution as of June 6, 2023:  
 Resolution #21-23  
 Assessed Value on Certain Residential Property  
 Be it resolved by the Brown County Board of Commissioners, as follows:  
 For assessed value to be used for tax purposes on certain residential properties as described in SDCL 10-6-143.  
 Properties which can be valued according to this resolution shall meet each of the following conditions:  
 Property must be real property, platted and zoned after November 1, 2022, for future residential construction.  
 Property must be owned by the person or corporation who developed the real property.  
 Property to be classified for this purpose must contain a minimum of 8 lots.  
 The board of commissioners hereby adopts the following formula under authority of SDCL 10-6-144.  
 For the first five years following the filing of the plat for the subdivision the assessed value of the lots that remain unsold shall be the same assessed value of the property, which existed in the year preceding the filing of the plat for the subdivision. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed the full and true value as all other property for tax purposes.  
 Nothing in this resolution is intended to allow any refund or abatement of taxes levied prior to its passage.  
 Seconded by Commissioner Gage. Roll Call Vote: Dennert-aye; Fjeldheim-aye; Wiese-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-absent. Resolution adopted.  
 APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY – NORTHERN ELECTRIC: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve application, submitted by Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Hwy #13 in Sec 21-T124N-R61W of the 5th P.M, Brown County, SD to provide primary electric services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the General Meeting minutes of May 30, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims/payroll:  
 Claims: Professional Fees: Devnet \$9,926.25; Horizon Health Care, Inc \$83.86; Mariann Malsom \$60.00; Northwestern Mental Health Center \$1,430.00; Sanford Aberdeen Cardiology \$8.08; Sanford Aberdeen ED \$333.28; Sanford Acute Care Aberdeen \$90.08; Sanford Clinic Radiology-North Center \$663.34; Sara J. Zahn \$113.10; Schneider Geospatial,

LLC \$2,703.00; SD Dept of Transportation \$55.00; SDAAO-SD Assoc of Assessing Officers \$350.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$945.00; Tyler Technologies, Inc \$260.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$150.00; Youngberg Law, Prof. LLC \$599.20. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$142.94; Hub City Radio \$300.00. Rentals: Fordham Signs and Designs \$2,200.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Clean-All, LLC \$700.00; Custom Installation Solutions \$125.00; Dakota Doors Inc \$382.91; Gary's Auto Body & Accessories \$542.45; House of Glass \$39.08; K & S Plumbing, Inc \$6,506.48; KNCOS Inc \$1,619.37; Lawson Products, Inc \$36.07; Otis Elevator Company \$3,686.84; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$1,341.76; RDO Equipment Co \$2,051.40; Runnings \$153.70; Sewer Duck, Inc \$500.00; TripleC Pros LLC \$1,220.00; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$251.02. Supplies: Auto Value Aberdeen \$87.46; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Century Business Products \$218.56; Charm-Tex, Inc \$889.80; Cole Paper Inc \$1,698.93; Dacotah Prairie Museum \$35.64; Dakota Electronics \$160.00; Fastenal Company \$2,663.95; Great Western Tire \$19,656.10; Hillyard Sioux Falls \$411.00; House of Glass \$1,914.92; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$420.85; Karen Swank \$243.00; Lar-Jo's Specialties \$296.58; Lawson Products, Inc \$427.29; Menards \$48.54; Midstates Group \$31.20; Nelson Sales & Service, LLC \$113.92; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$84.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$60.00; RDO Equipment Co \$951.34; Save A Life \$30.00; Specialty Manufacturing \$14.38; Tyler Technologies, Inc \$11,044.00; US Foods \$8,255.85. Travel & Conference: C. Scott Bader \$597.00; Dave Lunzman \$540.00; Ernest Thompson \$466.52. Utilities: AT&T Mobility 183.91; Midcontinent Communications \$163.80; Northwestern Energy \$9,330.70; State of South Dakota \$125.55. Others: Office of Child & Family Services \$10,646.50.

Payroll: Commission \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.00; Treasurer \$16,567.02; SA \$27,696.40; Maintenance \$8,440.18; DOE \$16,836.50; ROD \$9,932.81; VSO \$4,254.09; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$5,992.04; HR \$10,929.22; Sheriff \$45,863.00; Jail \$66,475.67; Coroner \$613.60; Court Security \$7,308.14; JDC/HD \$28,305.20; Welfare \$2,336.49; DPM \$12,384.10 Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,641.99; Fair \$5,107.20; 4-H \$786.80; W & P \$4,845.22; P & Z \$7,315.54; Hwy. \$49,388.13; Dispatch \$33,902.36; EM \$4,933.61; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,208.12; Landfill \$16,274.95; Meal Benefits \$266.00; FICA \$24,425.84; Medicare \$5,712.40; Discovery\_HSA \$1,482.96; Health Insurance\_Wellmark BCBS \$118,355.20; Dental Insurance\_Delta \$7,621.88; Life Insurance\_Dearborn \$1,003.34. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Assistant, Jessica Johnson: Acknowledge the resignation of Rhaecine Sam, Brown County JDC Detention Officer, FT; effective May 28, 2023. Request to fill. Approve personal miles driven for March 2023 at .655 per mile as follows: Kendall Titze 120 miles at \$78.60; John Florey 114 miles at \$74.67; Mike Scott 220 miles at \$114.10. Approve personal miles driven for April 2023 at .655 per mile as follows: Kendall Titze 90 miles at \$58.95; John Florey 114 miles at \$74.67; Mike Scott 140 miles at \$91.70. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage 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 by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve and authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the following lease agreement: Good Shepard Lutheran Church for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge on October 8, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Travel Requests: Kathy Fisher, DOE to attend 2023 Annual Assessor School in Rapid City from Sept. 18-22, 2023; Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent to attend NACE Annual Conference in Pierre on June 7-8, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to acknowledge the Landfill Tonnage Report for May 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 OTHER BUSINESS: Commissioner Fjeldheim informed everyone that the Airport was doing a Mock Disaster drill today.  
 Representative Carl Perry informed the Commission about the following upcoming dates: June 12th – Long-Term Care in Pierre – important because we have a lot of Long-Term Care Facilities in Brown County. June 14th – County Financing in Pierre and Senator Al Novstrup is on the Committee. August – International Legislation Forum and Representative Perry will be involved with this project. Representative Schaeffbauer will be on the Air Today with Tamara from Lindell Group on Property Rights. Representative Perry also commented on the Airport Mock Disaster Drill that it is very important for our First Responders.  
 EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to go into executive session to discuss Contracts and Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The vice-chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.  
 ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:42 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.  
 Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor  
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## Stratford Town Drinking Water Facilities

### Improvements

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05  
RESOLUTION GIVING APPROVAL TO CERTAIN DRINKING WATER FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS; GIVING APPROVAL TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A REVENUE BOND TO FINANCE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITIES; AND APPROVING THE FORM OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE REVENUE BOND.

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of SDCL Chapter 9-40 (the "Act") as found and determined by the Legislature is to provide for financing the acquisition, maintenance, operation, extension or improvement of any system or part of any system of waterworks for the purpose of providing water and water supply for domestic, municipal, and industrial purposes; or any system for the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage and other domestic, commercial and industrial wastes; or any system for the control of floods and drainage; or any combination thereof, together with extensions, additions, and necessary appurtenances; and,

WHEREAS, a municipality is authorized to defray the cost of extensions, additions and improvements to its drinking water system by SDCL 9-40-6; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Stratford (the "Town") currently operates a water distribution system to supply municipal, industrial and domestic water to its inhabitants and has determined that improvements to the drinking water facilities are necessary for the conduct of its governmental programs and qualifies as an improvement, extension or addition to its drinking water system; and,

WHEREAS, the Town has determined to issue its revenue bonds to finance the improvements to its system for the purpose of providing water and water supply for domestic, municipal, and industrial purposes (the "System") and has applied for a Loan to finance the improvements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town as follows:

1. Declaration of Necessity and Determination of Facilities Financed. The Town desires and hereby determines it is necessary to construct improvements to its wastewater facilities within its System, as described in Exhibit A hereto (the "Project"). The Town hereby expressly finds that if the Project is not undertaken, the System will pose a health hazard to the Town and its inhabitants, and will make the Town unable to comply with state and federal law. Because of the functional interdependence of the various portions of the System, the fact that the System may not lawfully operate unless it complies with state and federal laws, including SDCL Chapter 34A-3A, and the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and the nature of the improvements financed, the Town hereby determines that the Projects will substantially benefit the entire System and all of its users within the meaning of SDCL 9-40-15 and SDCL 9-40-17.

2. Approval of Loan. The Town hereby determines to finance up to \$1,846,000 of the costs of the Project through the issuance of utility revenue bonds (the "Revenue Bond").

3. Approval of Loan Agreement. The execution and delivery of the Revenue Obligation Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") between the Town as Borrower and the South Dakota Conservancy District (the "District"), is hereby in all respects authorized, approved and confirmed, and the President and Finance Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement in the form and content attached hereto, with such changes as the Attorney for the Town deems appropriate and approves, for and on behalf of the Town. The President and Finance Officer are hereby further authorized and directed to implement and perform the covenants and obligations of the Town set forth in or required by the Loan Agreement. The Loan Agreement herein referred to and made a part of this Resolution is on file in the office of the Finance Officer and is available for inspection by any interested party.

4. Approval of Revenue Bonds. The issuance of the Revenue Bond in aggregate principal amount not to exceed

\$1,846,000 with 100% principal forgiveness as determined according to the Loan Agreement in the form and content set forth in Appendix B attached to the form of Loan Agreement shall be and the same is, in all respects, hereby authorized, approved, and confirmed and the President, Finance Officer, and other appropriate officials shall be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute and seal the Revenue Bond and deliver the Revenue Bond to the District, for and on behalf of the Town, upon receipt of the purchase price, and to use the proceeds thereof in the manner set forth in the Loan Agreement. The President and Finance Officer are hereby authorized to approve the final terms of the Revenue Bond and their execution and delivery thereof shall evidence that approval. The Revenue Bond shall be issued under the authority of SDCL Chapter 940 and SDCL Chapter 6-8B, and the provisions of the Act are hereby expressly incorporated herein as provided in SDCL 9-40-19.

5. General Covenants.

(a) The Town hereby covenants and agrees with the District and other owners of the Revenue Bond that it will punctually perform all duties with reference to the Project, the System and the Revenue Bond required by the constitution and laws of the State of South Dakota and by this Resolution.

(b) The Town agrees and covenants that it will promptly construct the improvements included in the Project.

(c) The Town agrees not to sell or otherwise dispose of the System, the Project, or any substantial part thereof, and shall not establish, authorize or grant a franchise for the operation of any other utility supplying like products or services in competition therewith, or permit any person, firm or corporation to compete with it in providing water and water supply for domestic, municipal, and industrial purposes within the Town-so long as any portion of the Revenue Bond remain outstanding.

(d) The Town covenants and agrees with the District and other owners of the Revenue Bond that it will maintain the Project and the System in good condition and operate the same in an efficient manner and at a reasonable cost, so long as any portion of the Revenue Bond remain outstanding; that it will maintain insurance on the System for the benefit of the holders of the Revenue Bond in an amount which usually would be carried by private companies in a similar type of business; that it will prepare, keep and file records, statements and accounts as provided for in this Resolution and the Loan Agreement.

(e) In the event of mismanagement of the System, a default in the payment of the principal or interest of the Revenue Bond, or in any other condition thereof materially affecting the lawful holder of the Revenue Bond, or if the revenues of the Project or System are dissipated, wasted or diverted from their proper application as set forth in the Loan Agreement, Revenue Bond, or herein, the Town hereby consents to the appointment of a receiver pursuant to SDCL 9-40-33, and agrees that the receiver will have the powers set forth therein, and in SDCL 9-40-34 and SDCL 9-40-35 to operate and administer the System, and charge and collect rates as described therein.

6. Issuance without Election. The Town hereby determines that because the Revenue Bond is issued in connection with a financing agreement described in SDCL 46A-1-49, pursuant to SDCL 9-40-15 no election is required to issue the Revenue Bond.

7. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution, the Loan Agreement, the Revenue Bond, or any other Loan Document shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution or said Loan Agreement, Revenue Bond, or any other Loan Document.

8. Authorization of Town officials. The President, Finance Officer, Town Attorney and Town officials shall be and they are hereby authorized to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Town any and all other certificates, documents or other papers and to perform such other acts as they may deem necessary or appropriate in order to implement and carry out the actions authorized herein.

9. Definitions. All terms used

in this Resolution which are not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Loan Agreement unless the context clearly otherwise requires.

10. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect on the 20th day following its publication, unless suspended by a referendum.

Adopted at Town of Stratford, South Dakota, this 12 day of June 2023.

APPROVED:  
/s/ Vern Prickett  
President  
Town of Stratford  
Attest: /s/ Suzanne M. Moen  
Town Finance Officer  
Adopted June 12, 2023  
Approved June 14, 2023  
Published June 14, 2023  
EXHIBIT A  
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Town of Stratford Drinking Water Improvement September 2023 as outlined in the facilities plan dated February 2023.

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## Groton City June 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2023  
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Wells, Babcock, Wambach, Nehls, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, April Abeln, Kellie Locke, Dwight Zerr, Stacy Mayou, Todd Gay, Topper Tastad, Keith Wipf, and Elizabeth Varin.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to approve the agenda with the addition of improper behavior from citizens at City Hall to be discussed during Executive Session. All members present voted aye.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

Paul Kosel entered the meeting.

Department reports were reviewed and an update on the Water Reservoir Tank was given.

Zerr, Mayou, and Gay exited the meeting.

No discussion took place regarding the Groton Municipal Airport due to the absence of Darrell Hillestad.

Discussion took place on the Pickleball Court, Swimming Pool signage, and the Skating Rink.

Dean Marske and Elissa Hammrich from HKG Architects entered the meeting.

Paul Kosel exited the meeting. HKG Architects presented plans for a Comfort Station with restrooms and showers at the City Park. Further discussion will take place next meeting.

Marske and Hammrich exited the meeting.

Tastad presented a Quit Claim Deed for the transfer of ownership of the Jailhouse to the Groton Historical Society. Motion by Bahr and seconded by Babcock to have the property re-platted prior to approval with the City paying 1/2 of the engineering fees and the Historical Society paying the remainder. All members present voted aye.

Tastad gave an update on the park sound system. He advised fundraising efforts were going very well and proposed installation to commence June 12th. Motion by Babcock and seconded by Wambach to accept the proposal and take ownership of the gift from Enrich Groton SoDak, Inc. after installation is complete. All members present voted aye.

Tastad announced the Transit Fundraiser will be held at the Community Center on June 15th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Moved by Wells and seconded by Nehls to accept the resignation of Chris Khali from the Planning and Zoning Board effective July 1st. All members present voted aye. Moved by Nehls and seconded by Bahr to appoint Keith Wipf to the Planning and Zoning Board. All members present voted aye.

The baseball concessions project was discussed, and the decision was made to wait on the results of the LWCF grant application.

Discussion took place regarding City Hall surveillance. It was suggested a panic button also be installed.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 768 – Amending Sewer Penalty Timeframe was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Wambach. All members present

ent voted aye.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Wells. All members present voted aye.

Tastad exited the meeting.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Babcock to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Payroll, \$29,039.14, Employee salaries; Executive, \$653.11; Administrative, \$4,427.86; Public Safety, \$9,721.08; Public Works, \$11,713.60; Culture & Recreation, \$2,523.49; Kellie Locke, \$257.37, Med flex; mileage reimbursement - Aberdeen, SD; Verizon Wireless, \$40.01, Wireless router; Groton Community Transit, \$103.32, Building permit refund; Guardian Insurance, \$38.49, Employee insurance; Allied Benefit Systems, \$10,978.48, Employee insurance; Employer's Mutual Insurance, \$82.70, Employee insurance; Aflac, \$336.62, Employee insurance; Dacotah Bank, \$5,930.35, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, \$622.90, HSA contributions; Colonial Life, \$69.40, Employee insurance; City of Groton, \$300.00, Family Crisis utility assistance; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Dacotah Bank, \$3,448.53, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$50.00, HSA contributions; Aaron Severson, \$1,760.00, Jr. Legion umpire pay - \$80/ump per game; Seth Erickson, \$1,760.00, Legion umpire pay - \$80/ump per game; S&S Lumber Company, \$484.81, Galvanized nipple, insert, female adapter, keys cut, magnetic key holder, trimmer line, cable ties, side cutter, 9v battery, glue, balast, concrete screws, masonry bit, 2 gallon sprayer, tarp, screw extractor set, nuts, bolts, Gorilla Tape, floor dry, field marker, propane, gloves, cable clamps, turnbuckle, 2-cycle engine oil; US Bank, \$21,275.30, DW #5 loan payment; Amanda Zimmerman, \$1,360.00, U12 & U10 Blue umpire pay - \$40/ump per game; Jaclyn Iverson, \$1,200.00, Girls' softball umpire pay - all teams; SD Retirement System, \$9,909.14, Employee retirement; Sisseton Youth Baseball Assoc., \$125.00, U12 baseball tournament entry fee; NW Energy, \$12.48, Natural gas service - PD; Chad Locken, \$720.00, U10 White umpire pay - \$40/ump per game; Associated Supply Co, Inc., \$83.42, Pool water testing kit; SD Department of Health, \$665.00, Water/Sewer samples; National Notary Association, \$104.00, Notary insurance coverage - 3 year; Cole Papers, Inc., \$377.10, Garbage bags; SD Municipal League, \$30.00, Budget training registration fee; BK Custom T's & More, \$2,470.00, Softball shirts & visors, baseball hats; Flihs Sales & Service, \$101.95, Mower battery; Hansmeier & Son, Inc., \$314.00, Grass seed for airport; JGE, Inc., \$5,576.28, Repairs to Skidsteer; Irby, Inc., \$3,721.50, Electric supplies - fuse links, parallel groove connectors, spool of copper wire, electrical tape, pole saw; EcoLab Pest Elimination, \$112.36, Rubble site rodent control; Farmers Union Co-op Assoc., \$601.44, Unleaded gasoline; Groton Daily Independent, \$367.63, Publishing fees; J's Superior Cleaning, \$120.00, Commercial cleaning services - May 2023; Crawford Trucks & Equip., Inc., \$5,585.04, Repairs to 1988 GMC sander truck; Runnings, \$6.50, Parts for weedeater; Chuck Padfield, \$496.65, Reimbursement for baseball concessions supplies; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC, \$61.10, Flex spout, filter removal cups; Darrel's Sinclair, \$546.70, Tire repair for lawn mower and mosquito control pickup; Harry Implement, Inc., \$362.30, Blades for red tractor mower; AutoZone, Inc., \$128.35, Oil filters and battery; Angerhofer Concrete Products, \$17.50, 1 sandblasted brick w/ name; Coca-Cola Bottling Co., \$1,268.18, Soda/drink purchases for baseball & pool concessions; WEB Water, \$20,954.23, Water services - May 2023; American Legion Post 39, \$144.76, Reimbursement for LED flagpole lights and pulleys; Aramark, \$50.47, Rug rent; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$4,707.22, (2) boxes stamped envelopes, (2) rolls of stamps, various books, socket set, jump starter, certified letter postage, water sample postage, pool rope & floats, sewer sample postage, pool sample postage, fuel, equipment bag, candy, food for resale, batting tees, little league trophies, Red Cross lifeguard facility fee, storage for pool, swim lesson achievement booklets;

Dollar General, \$328.65, Bottled water, batteries, tissues, coffee, creamer, USB cable, garbage bags, dish soap, cleaning supplies, insect repellent, baking soda, hydrogen peroxide, toilet paper, command strips; David McGannon, \$1,576.39, Circulating pump for swimming pool boiler; A&B Business Solutions, \$476.07, Printer lease; Drew Johnson, \$1,950.00, Legal services - May 2023;

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wambach to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:55pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:47pm.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wells to hire the following summer employee: Marlee Tollifson – Swimming Pool Lifeguard. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Wambach and seconded by Babcock to establish a wage of \$2500.00 for the Day Baseball/Softball Coach. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Nehls and seconded by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 9:49pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
April Abeln, Deputy Finance Officer

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## Frederick City June 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

City of Frederick  
June 7, 2023 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, June 7, 2023 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board member Troy Millard, Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock, and Assistant Finance Officer Maria Heine. Others attending were Dalton Kopecky and Gary Peterson of the Frederick Development Corporation.

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the May Meeting were read and approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The financial statements were reviewed and

accepted with a motion by Millard/Campbell motion carried. The June accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,245.85; Bower Tree Services park clean-up SP \$325; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$75.03; Dana Maunu mowing wages Gen'l \$243.80; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,701; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$875.68; FDC Gen'l \$1200; Farmers Union Oil propane, gas Gen'l/EBL \$1,441.10; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; GDI minutes Gen'l 32.84; J. Kusters wage Gen'l \$92.34; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,373.77; JHC Services snow plow Sts \$187.50; JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$296.06; M. Cox wage EBL \$682.33; M. Heine wage FO \$1,126.37; Menards supplies Gen'l 59.98; O. Morlock wage Mun Bldg \$15.93; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$138.52; SD Dept of Health coliform test Wtr \$15; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Grbg \$72.71; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$92.34; VISA supplies Gen'l \$204.66; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$5.612.65

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Campbell provided a utility report. The board is sending out more letters to abate nuisances in accordance with the town ordinances. Motion to hire Dalton Kopecky for city utility manager position made by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. Motion to accept purchase agreement to allow the Frederick Development Corporation to purchase the deed with the stipulation that the building be demolished and new structure built on the property made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The city will be spraying for mosquitos once per week in the middle of the week. The city will be planting some new trees in Simmons Park in the fall.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, July 11 at 7PM.

Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Campbell at 8:09 PM; motion carried.

M. Heine

Assistant Finance Officer

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**This was the last meeting for Groton Area School Business Manager Mike Weber. He will be retiring from his post after more than 35 years and 700 board meetings. Pictured are Brett Schwan, Grant Rix, Mike Weber, Deb Gengerke, Joe Schwan, Marty Weismantel and Tigh Flihs.** (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)

# Renovations continue through summer at Groton Area schools

by Elizabeth Varin

Though students are home for the summer, work continues to improve facilities at Groton Area School District.

HVAC duct work laid outside the high school arena as the school board met Monday evening.

Demolition and removal of old ventilators and ducting is underway as the district replaces the HVAC system at the arena, weight room, locker room and wrestling room. The concrete pad for the condensing unit was poured after the graduation ceremony in May, and crews are installing new equipment now, reported Superintendent Joe Schwan.

"There is no indication that there is anything there that would cause us a delay," he said.

Principal Brett Schwan asked if work would be completed before volleyball season begins, to which Superintendent Schwan said it should be.

Work is also taking place at the health science lab.

The district received a South Dakota Department of Education CTE Innovation Equipment Grant for \$236,522 to be used for the Health Science Simulation Lab. That grant includes equipment purchases, not updates to the existing facility.

The district is investing more than \$80,000 into the lab for demolition, new flooring, updated lighting, adding a stainless steel sink and painting the interior of the lab. Funding for renovations to the lab facility is coming from shifting some capital outlay funds.

During the last week of school, the room was cleared of furniture and supplies, Superintendent Schwan said. A demolition crew spent a day removing cabinets and tables from the room.

Last week, the asbestos tile floor was removed, he said.

Overall, he said, the project should be completed by early to mid-July, he said. A staff training session with SynDaver, a company that creates medical simulation models and task trainers, is scheduled for mid-July. Materials have also arrived for the elementary school roofing work scheduled for this summer. Hub City

Roofing plans to begin work at the end of June, Schwan said.

Work is also scheduled to begin at the end of June to replace the fiber line and run a new line between the school buildings.

While some projects are underway, others remain in the planning phase.

The school board reviewed a report from JLG Architects about the 1969 gymnasium improvements.

However, more information is needed to move forward.

"We're trying to come up with a list of per-item costs to try to tackle it in a more feasible way," Schwan said.

Some small projects that could be done include replacing the curtain between the main gym and east end of the addition, replacing some of the bleachers in the gym and replacing the stage floor. Those smaller project costs were not included in the architect report presented to the board.

Schwan asked the board to consider what smaller fixes they would like to see to improve the building.

Board President Deb Gengerke said she doesn't see a need for all the bleachers currently there. She asked for numbers on bringing in some replacement bleachers, possibly portable ones, and moving the elementary school concerts to the arena, as those are the only events that seem to require all the bleachers to be used.

Work is going to be driven by private donations, she said. In order to raise those funds, the district should have an ala carte list of project costs.

"I don't think I could speak to a decision because I don't have the information," she said.

## Changes in insurance causes some concerns

The district board is looking at how to move forward with property and liability insurance.

One of the biggest changes for the 2024 fiscal year is the addition of a wind and hail damage deductible per building, said Royce Erdmann, insurance agent at CorTrust Bank. That deductible totals \$75,000 per building, though there are options to reduce that deductible.

Board Vice President Marty Weismantel asked when the last wind or hail damage claim was made by Groton Area School District.

"You're talking Castlewood," said Business Manager Mike Weber, referencing the tornado that tore through the school in 2022. "It happens."

If you're looking at that level of damage, Weismantel said, a \$75,000 deductible doesn't seem like it's that big of a deal.

The district has had weather-related claims before, including around 30 years ago when lightning hit the smoke stack at the high school, leaving rain to damage the computer lab located below, said Business Manager Weber.

The board has until July 1 to decide on a direction for the property and liability insurance.

## June meeting the last for business manager Weber

Monday's meeting was Business Manager Mike Weber's last meeting after working for the school district for more than 35 years.

Superintendent Joe Schwan estimates Weber has been to about 700 board meetings.

"Thank you for your continued work and staying engaged," Schwan said to Weber.

Weber joked that those in Pierre are celebrating his retirement with a desk audit for fiscal year 2021. Documents for the thorough audit were delivered to the state before the June 2 deadline, and Weber

said he hasn't heard back about any more information needed. If they wait too long, though, he said the next business manager Becky Hubsch will be ready to answer their questions.

In other action:

- The board accepted the resignation of Adam Franken, ag teacher, cross country coach and FFA advisor. Franken, who has taught in Groton for 19 years, has applied for a recently-opened pastor position at a church in Aberdeen.

- The board reviewed plans for the 2023-2024 music trip. Instrumental music teacher Desiree Yeigh and show choir director Amy Warrington discussed the proposed May 18-21, 2024 trip to Branson, Miss. for an estimated 50 students and five adults. The trip usually takes place in February or March, but weather concerns have prompted the music staff to move the trip to May, Yeigh said. Board member Tigh Flihs asked if the music program has ever taken a trip to Branson, to which Yeigh said not since she's been with the district.

- The 2023-2024 Groton Area School District budget is set to be published, with a public hearing to discuss the financials scheduled for 8 p.m. July 10.

- The school district still has more than half a dozen staffing vacancies as of Monday's meeting. Open positions include a high school ag education instructor/FFA advisor, K-12 vocal music teacher, middle school/ high school special education paraprofessional, head cross country coach, junior high wrestling coach and head boys soccer coach. There are also substitute teachers positions available.

- The board adopted new job descriptions for the school nurse and athletic director.

- The district business manager will be able to apply for a credit card from Dacotah Bank. The credit card had previously been with Well Fargo.



## Groton Area Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

### Seniors

4.0 GPA: Ethan Clark, Andrew Marzahn, Jacob Lewandowski, Carter Barse, Shaylee Peterson, Elliana Weismantel, Jackson Dinger, Cole Simon, Ashtyn Bahr, Cole Bisbee, Sierra Ehresmann, Nathalia Garcia, Brooke Gengerke, Caleb Hanten, Aspen Johnson, Cade Larson, Gracie Traphagen, Cadance Tullis

3.99-3.50: Porter Johnson, Kaleb Antonsen, Tate Larson, Brenna Carda, KayLynn Overacker, Shallyn Foertsch, Ethan Gengerke, Cameron Johnson, Marlee Tollifson

3.49-3.00: Kamryn Fliehs, Hollie Frost, James Brooks, Aeydon Johnson, Tyson Parrow, Tannor McGannon

### Juniors

4.0 GPA: Lydia Meier, Emily Clark, Claire Heinrich, Kyleigh Englund, Hannah Monson, Ashlyn Sperry, Holden Sippel, Lexi Osterman

3.99-3.50: Cadence Feist, Anna Fjeldheim, Sydney Leicht, Sara Menzia, Abigail Jensen, Colby Dunker, Emma Schinkel, Celia Moreno Mananes, Dillon Abeln, Lane Tietz, Logan Ringgenberg, Jaycie Lier, Camryn Kurtz, Bryson Wambach, Anna Bisbee, Faith Fliehs

3.49-3.00: Bradin Althoff, Carly Guthmiller, Karsyn Jangula, Ava Wienk

### Sophomores

4.0 GPA: Gretchen Dinger, Elizabeth Fliehs, Payton Mitchell, Diego Eduardo Nava Remigio, Faith Traphagen, Axel Warrington

3.99-3.50: Kennedy Hansen, Kayla Lehr, Blake Pauli, Brooklyn Hansen, Laila Roberts, Turner Thompson, Logan Pearson, Nicolas Fernandez Gonzalez, Brevin Fliehs, Karrah-Jo Johnson, Emily Overacker, Korbin Kucker, Corbin Weismantel, Jeslyn Kosel

3.49-3.00: Riley Carman, Kaden Kampa, Abby Yeadon, Emma Kutter, Ashley Johnson, Kellen Antonsen, Rebecca Poor, Carter Simon, Drew Thurston, Aiden Heathcote

### Freshmen

4.0 GPA: Mia Crank, Carly Gilbert, Jerica Locke, Jaedyn Penning, Nathan Unzen

3.99-3.50: Lucas Carda, Natalia Warrington, Talli Wright, Gage Sippel, De Eh Tha Say, Paisley Mitchell, Benjamin Hoef, Ryder Johnson, Raelee Lilly, Olivia Stiegelmeier, Logan Warrington, Aiden Meyers, Karter Moody, London Bahr

3.49-3.00: Lincoln Krause, Cali Tollifson, Keegen Tracy, Karsten Fliehs, Hannah Sandness, Jayden Schwan, Breslyn Jeschke, Cambria Bonn, Jarrett Erdmann, Garrett Schultz, Karol Janesly Diaz Torres

### Eighth Graders

4.0 GPA: Teagan Hanten, Carlee Johnson, Ashlynn Warrington, Colt Williamson

3.99-3.50: Kira Clocksene, Liby Althoff, Brody Lord, Emerlee Jones, Halee Harder, Zander Harry, Taryn Traphagen, Kella Tracy, Addison Hoffman Wipf, Aiden Strom, McKenna Tietz

3.49-3.00: Avery Crank, Leah Jones, Blake Lord, Walker Zoellner, Gavin Kroll, Claire Schuelke, Hayden Zoellner, Brenna Imrie, Hailey Pauli

### Seventh Graders

4.0 GPA: Elizabeth Cole, Makenna Krause, Thomas Schuster

3.99-3.50: Sydney Locke, Jace Johnson, Layne Johnson, Ryder Schelle, Chesney Weber, Rylen Ekern, Mya Feser, Addison Hoef, Ethan Kroll, Taryn Thompson, Rylie Rose, Dee Eh June Say, Kyleigh Kroll, Easton Weber, Wyatt Wambach

3.49-3.00: John Bisbee, Karson Zak, Ryelle Gilbert, Kinsley Rowen, Alex Abeln, Brysen, Sandness, Kason Oswald, Gracie Pearson, Braeden Fliehs

### Sixth Graders

4.0 GPA: Novalea Warrington

3.99-3.50: Wesley Borg, Asher Johnson, Kolton Antonsen, Zachary Fliehs, Tevan Hanson, Brooklyn Spanier, Neely Althoff, Aspen Beto, Arianna Dinger, Abby Fjeldheim, Madison Herrick, Lincoln Shilhanek

3.49-3.00: Samuel Crank, Adeline Kotzer, Connor Kroll, Savannah Beauchamp, Wesley Morehouse, Logan Olson, Aurora Washenberger, Jordan Schwan, Kaedynce Bonn, Tenley Frost, Wyatt Hagen

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Fliehs, Megan Kathleen, Interior Design; Kettering, Pierce Gerald, Agribusiness; Kettering, Portia R, Interior Design

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Trista Keith \*, College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions; Allyssa Locke \*, College of Education and Human Sciences; Nicole Marzahn, College of Nursing; Hailey Monson, College of Nursing; Sage Mortenson, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences; AnneMarie Smith \*, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Emily Thompson \*, College of Education and Human Sciences

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## Althoff Strong at the Plate as Groton Legion Post 39 Defeats Claremont Post 262 Legion

Five hits from Bradin Althoff helped lead Groton Legion Post 39 past SD Claremont Post 262 Legion 22-5 on Tuesday. Althoff singled in the first, singled in the third, singled in the third, tripled in the fifth, and doubled in the fifth.

Groton Legion Post 39 earned the victory despite allowing SD Claremont Post 262 Legion to score three runs in the first inning. Will Cutler and Colby Dauwen all contributed in the big inning with RBIs.

SD Claremont Post 262 Legion got things started in the first inning. SD Claremont Post 262 Legion scored two runs when Cutler homered.

Groton Legion Post 39 pulled away for good with ten runs in the third inning. In the third Cole Simon singled on a 3-1 count, scoring two runs, Althoff singled on a 1-1 count, scoring one run, Logan Ringgingberg drew a walk, scoring one run, Colby Dunker singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run, Cade Larson singled on a 1-0 count, scoring two runs, Braxton Imrie singled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring one run, Simon singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run, and Althoff singled on a 1-1 count, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 notched ten runs in the fifth inning. Groton Legion Post 39's big bats in the inning were led by singles by Brevin Flihs, Simon, Ryan Groeblichhoff, Ringgingberg, and Dunker, a walk by Imrie, a triple by Althoff, and a double by Althoff.

Simon pitched Groton Legion Post 39 to victory. Simon allowed six hits and five runs over five innings, striking out six.

Jesse Keough took the loss for SD Claremont Post 262 Legion. The hurler surrendered ten runs on nine hits over two and two-thirds innings, striking out two.

Groton Legion Post 39 collected 18 hits on the day. Althoff, Simon, Flihs, Larson, and Dunker each racked up multiple hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Althoff led Groton Legion Post 39 with five hits in five at bats.

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

## Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Fall Short to SD Claremont Post 262 Legion, 6-2

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion fired up the offense in the first inning. Braxton Imrie grounded out, scoring one run.

SD Claremont Post 262 Legion pulled away for good with five runs in the third inning. In the third Jesse Keough drew a walk, scoring one run, Colby Dauwen drew a walk, scoring one run, Rennan Bruns singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run, and Nate Schuller singled on a 0-2 count, scoring two runs.

Bruns was the winning pitcher for SD Claremont Post 262 Legion. The ace surrendered two runs on two hits over three innings, striking out three. Grant Cutler threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Kaleb Hoover was on the mound for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The bulldog went two innings, allowing two runs on zero hits and striking out three. Kellen Antonsen threw two innings in relief.

Taylor Diegel went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion in hits.

## Groton Jr. Teeners Claims Victory Over Webster VFW Post 4690 Teeners in Blow-Out Fashion, 13-1

Groton Jr. Teeners easily did away with Webster VFW Post 4690 Teeners 13-1 on Tuesday. Groton Jr. Teeners got things started in the first inning when an error scored one run for Groton Jr. Teeners.

Groton Jr. Teeners tallied six runs in the fourth inning. Groton Jr. Teeners's offense in the inning came from singles by Ethan Kroll, Gavin Kroll, Alex Abeln, and Lincoln Krause.

Ryder Schelle earned the victory on the mound for Groton Jr. Teeners. The righty allowed two hits and one run over four innings, striking out five.

Tayten Kurkowski was on the hill for Webster VFW Post 4690 Teeners. Kurkowski lasted three innings, allowing five hits and seven runs while striking out two. Dylan Carlson threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Groton Jr. Teeners tallied 12 hits on the day. Abeln, Krause, and Kroll each collected multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners. Abeln went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners in hits. Groton Jr. Teeners stole nine bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Krause led the way with three.

## Weber Earns Victory for Groton Jr. Teeners in No-Hitter Against Webster VFW Teeners

Easton Weber was brilliant on the hill on Wednesday, as Weber threw a no-hitter to lead Groton Jr. Teeners past Webster VFW Post 4690 Teeners 15-0.

Groton Jr. Teeners opened up scoring in the first inning. Groton Jr. Teeners scored on a stolen base during Ryder Schelle's at bat. Then Schelle singled, driving in one.

Weber led the Groton Jr. Teeners to victory on the pitcher's mound. The righty surrendered zero runs on zero hits over four innings, striking out five.

Tucker Acree took the loss for Webster VFW Post 4690 Teeners. The pitcher lasted one inning, allowing seven hits and seven runs.

Groton Jr. Teeners tallied 14 hits on the day. TC Schuster, Weber, and Lincoln Krause all had multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners. Schuster went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners in hits.

## Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Falls to W.I.N. Jr

Legion After Fourth Inning Score

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion lost the lead late in a 5-4 defeat to Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion on Tuesday. The game was tied at four with Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion batting in the bottom of the fourth when Gavin Lane grounded out, scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion got on the board in the first inning when an error scored one run for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion.

Lane was credited with the victory for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion. The righthander allowed four hits and four runs over five innings, striking out two.

Braxton Imrie took the loss for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The righty surrendered five runs on five hits over three and two-thirds innings, striking out three.

Taylor Diegel went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion in hits.

H Williams led Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Jr Legion with two hits in three at bats.

## Groton Jr. Teeners Drops Game to W.I.N. After Late Score

Groton Jr. Teeners stayed in it until the end, but W.I.N. pulled away late in a 15-11 victory

on Monday. The game was tied at ten with W.I.N. batting in the top of the fourth when Mac Heinz drew a walk, scoring one run.

Despite the loss, Groton Jr. Teeners did collect eight hits in the high-scoring affair. Unfortunately, W.I.N. had eight hits on the way to victory.

In the first inning, Groton Jr. Teeners got their offense started. Easton Weber grounded out, scoring two runs.

Groton Jr. Teeners put up five runs in the third inning. Ethan Kroll, Lincoln Krause, and Braeden Flihs each had RBIs in the frame.

W.I.N. scored nine runs in the second inning. Noah Bakeburg, Easton Bruns, Braydon Kroll, Logan Fischbach, Alec Mckellson, and Heinz powered the big inning with RBIs.

Mckellson was the winning pitcher for W.I.N.. Mckellson surrendered nine runs on five hits over two and two-thirds innings, striking out three. Gage Lnpupe threw two and a third innings in relief out of the bullpen. Krause was on the hill for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The righthander went three and a third innings, allowing 13 runs on seven hits and striking out two. TC Schuster threw one and two-thirds innings out of the bullpen.

Groton Jr. Teeners totaled eight hits in the game. Krause and Flihs all managed multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Flihs and Krause each collected three hits to lead Groton.

Mckellson went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead W.I.N. in hits.

## Early Lead For W.I.N. Seals Fate For Groton Jr. Teeners 14U

Groton Jr. Teeners watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 2-0 loss to W.I.N. on Tuesday. W.I.N. took the lead on a groundout in the first inning.

The pitching was strong on both sides. W.I.N. pitchers struck out 13, while Groton Jr. Teeners sat down five.

One bright spot for Groton Jr. Teeners was a single by Nick Groeblichhoff in the third inning.

Lincoln Kroll was the winning pitcher for W.I.N. Kroll went five innings, allowing zero runs on one hit and striking out seven. M Heinz and Number Forty Five entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the game in relief.

Alex Abeln took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The righthander surrendered two runs on eight hits over seven innings, striking out five and walking zero.

Groeblichhoff led Groton Jr. Teeners with one hit in two at bats. Groton Jr. Teeners didn't commit a single error in the field. Groeblichhoff had eight chances in the field, the most on the team.

W.I.N. was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. L Fischbach made the most plays with 14.

## Groton Legion Post 39 Claims Blow-Out Victory Over W.I.N. Legion, 9-2

Groton Legion Post 39 blew out Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion 9-2 on Monday.

Groton Legion Post 39 got things started in the second inning when Logan Ringgingberg singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run.

Ryan Groeblichhoff earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. The pitcher allowed four hits and two runs over seven innings, striking out eight and walking zero.

Dawson Ward took the loss for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion. The righty went two innings, allowing six runs on three hits and striking out one.

Brevin Flihs led Groton Legion Post 39 with two hits in four at bats.

Henry Williams went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion in hits.



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## **Groton Legion Clinches Lead in Fourth Inning to Defeat Milbank**

Groton Legion Post 39 defeated Post 9 16-6 on Saturday after taking the lead late in the game. The game was tied at three with Groton Legion Post 39 batting in the bottom of the fourth when an error scored one run for Groton Legion Post 39.

The base paths were crowded in this high-scoring game. Groton Legion Post 39 collected ten hits and Post 9 had five.

Groton Legion Post 39 got things started in the first inning when Ryan Groeblichhoff drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 took the lead for good with two runs in the fourth inning. In the fourth Bradin Althoff singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 tallied seven runs in the fifth inning. Logan Ringgingberg, Braxton Imrie, Brevin Flihs, Althoff, Groeblichhoff, and Cade Larson each had RBIs in the big inning.

Tate Larson earned the victory on the pitcher's mound for Groton Legion Post 39. The righthander lasted three and a third innings, allowing one hit and three runs while striking out four. Flihs threw two and two-thirds innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Tanner Hallquist took the loss for Post 9. The hurler lasted one and one-third innings, allowing five hits and 11 runs while striking out one.

Justus Osborn started the game for Post 9. The righthander went four innings, allowing five runs on five hits and striking out six.

Groton Legion Post 39 racked up ten hits in the game. Althoff, Groeblichhoff, Cole Simon, Flihs, and Larson each managed multiple hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Larson, Flihs, Simon, Groeblichhoff, and Althoff each collected two hits to lead Groton Legion Post 39. Groton Legion Post 39 tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Althoff led the way with two.

Merik Junker led Post 9 with two hits in four at bats.

## **Groton Jr. Legion Takes Victory Over Milbank Jr. Legion, 5-1**

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion wins contest against Milbank Jr. Legion on Saturday, 5-1.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion got on the board in the second inning.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion notched four runs in the third inning. Teylor Diegel, Gavin Englund, and Carter Simon all drove in runs in the frame.

Korbin Kucker earned the victory on the mound for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Kucker lasted six and a third innings, allowing four hits and one run while striking out nine. Jarrett Erdmann threw two-thirds of an inning in relief out of the bullpen.

J Schulte took the loss for Milbank Jr. Legion. The hurler lasted six innings, allowing seven hits and five runs while striking out nine.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion collected seven hits on the day. Caden Mcinerney and Brevin Flihs each managed multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Flihs and Mcinerney each collected two hits to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. Kucker led the way with two.

## **Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Defeats Mobridge Legion - 2023 On Heels Of Englund's No-Hitter**

Gavin Englund was brilliant on the pitcher's mound on Friday, as Englund threw a no-hitter to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion past Mobridge Legion - 2023 11-1.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion opened up scoring in the first inning, when Braxton Imrie singled

on a 1-1 count, scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion pulled away for good with two runs in the second inning. In the second Brevin Flihs grounded out, scoring one run and an error scored one run for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion tallied five runs in the third inning. Caden Mcinerney, Carter Simon, and Flihs all moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Englund earned the victory on the mound for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Englund lasted five innings, allowing zero hits and one run while striking out four.

Kellen Pfitzer took the loss for Mobridge Legion - 2023. Pfitzer allowed four hits and three runs over two innings, striking out three and walking zero.

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

Collin Tisdall went 0-for-2 at the plate as Tisdall led the team with one run batted in.

## **Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Overcomes Mobridge Legion - 2023 In Face Of Early 4-Run Inning**

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion claimed a 15-7 victory on Saturday, despite a big push by Mobridge Legion - 2023 in the third inning. Mobridge Legion - 2023 big bats were led by Easton Eisemann, Taylon Carmody, Peter Fried, and Mack Saxon, all sending runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Both pitching staffs had their hands full, frequently dealing with runners on base. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion collected six hits and Mobridge Legion - 2023 had four.

In the first inning, Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion got their offense started when Nicholas Morris drew a walk, scoring one run.

Caden Mcinerney took the win for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Mcinerney allowed two hits and four runs over two and a third innings, striking out three and walking one. Carter Simon threw two and two-thirds innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Andrew Ulmer took the loss for Mobridge Legion - 2023. The pitcher went two innings, allowing one run on two hits, striking out two and walking zero.

Fried started the game for Mobridge Legion - 2023. The righthander

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion racked up six hits. Jarrett Erdmann and Karsten Flihs all had multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Flihs and Erdmann each managed two hits to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion.

## **Groton Legion Post 39 Drops Game to Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser After Late Score**

Thursday's game against Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser was a heartbreaker for Groton Legion Post 39, as they lost the lead late in an 8-4 defeat. The game was tied at four with Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser batting in the bottom of the sixth when Keaton Rohfls singled on a 3-2 count, scoring three runs.

Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser opened up an early lead in the second inning when Owen Osborn singled on a 1-2 count, scoring one run.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser tied things up at four when Kellan Hurd singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run.

Peyton Osborn was the winning pitcher for Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser. The righthander lasted five innings, allowing five hits and four runs while striking out seven. Eli Morrissette threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

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

Braxton Imrie, Brevin Flihs, Logan Ringging-

berg, Ryan Groeblichhoff, and Althoff all had one hit to lead Groton Legion Post 39.

Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser tallied 12 hits on the day. Camden Osborn, Nolan Gall, and Morrissette each racked up multiple hits for Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser. Osborn led Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser with three hits in four at bats. Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser stole six bases during the game as two players stole more than one. Osborn led the way with three.

## **4-Hit Day for Flihs Leads Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Past Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U**

Brevin Flihs did the opposing team no favors on Friday, picking up four hits over four at bats and leading Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion to a 15-1 win over Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U. Flihs tripled in the first, singled in the second, singled in the third, and tripled in the fourth.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion secured the victory thanks to eight runs in the fourth inning. Caden Mcinerney, Jarrett Erdmann, Flihs, Braxton Imrie, Karsten Flihs, and Nicholas Morris each had RBIs in the big inning.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion got on the board in the first inning. Korbin Kucker singled on a 0-1 count, scoring two runs.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion tallied eight runs in the fourth inning. Mcinerney, Erdmann, Flihs, Imrie, Flihs, and Morris each had RBIs in the frame.

Kellen Antonsen earned the victory on the pitcher's mound for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The hurler lasted four innings, allowing three hits and one run while striking out two and walking one.

Elliot Komraus took the loss for Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U. The bulldog surrendered 15 runs on ten hits over four innings, striking out three.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion racked up ten hits on the day. Flihs and Imrie each managed multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Flihs went 4-for-4 at the plate to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion in hits.

## **Groton Jr. Teeners 14U Loses Lead Early in Defeat**

Groton Jr. Teeners 14U fell behind early and couldn't come back in an 8-4 loss to Clark Area 14U on Wednesday. Clark Area 14U took the lead on a groundout in the first inning.

Clark Area 14U got things moving in the first inning, when Logan LaBrie grounded out, scoring one run.

Clark Area 14U scored four runs in the seventh inning. The big inning for Clark Area 14U came thanks to doubles by Jakob Steen and Michael Severson and a single by Watson Grantham.

Will Hovde was the winning pitcher for Clark Area 14U. The pitcher surrendered two runs on two hits over three innings, striking out four.

Ryder Schelle took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The righthander went six and two-thirds innings, allowing eight runs on 11 hits and striking out three.

Max Bratland started the game for Clark Area 14U. The righty surrendered two runs on one hit over four innings, striking out one.

Lincoln Krause, Schelle, and TC Schuster each collected one hit to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U.

Clark Area 14U tallied 12 hits in the game. Ky Vandersnick, Jakob Steen, Grantham, and Severson each racked up multiple hits for Clark Area 14U.



Dear EarthTalk: Is global warming creating the increase in turbulence on airplane flights?

-- Ginny C., Prescott, AZ

Air turbulence is defined as a sudden change in the speed, direction or air pressure in the atmosphere. Turbulence can cause abrupt changes in the motion of an airplane, ranging from small bumps to violent jolts that cause significant damage to aircrafts and injury to passengers. Air turbulence has increased rapidly in the last few decades. It is now the main cause of in-flight injuries and is estimated to cost the airline industry over \$500 million annually.

The main causes of air turbulence are storms, jet streams—the bands of strong winds in the upper atmosphere—and mountains. In such cases, pilots can anticipate turbulence from pre-flight weather reports, sophisticated radar equipment and warnings from other pilots. But there is another kind of turbulence pilots have to contend with known as “clear-air turbulence,” which has no visible cause and cannot be detected by radars. This makes clear-air turbulence very perilous since pilots cannot warn passengers to buckle up and avoid injury. Clear-air turbulence is becoming more frequent; scientists and meteorologists predict that it will double in frequency between 2050 and 2080.

At the source of the rise in clear-air turbulence is global warming. As carbon emissions increase, greenhouse gases trap more heat in the troposphere (the layer closest to the Earth’s surface) instead of letting it rise into the stratosphere. This is causing a rising temperature difference between the two atmospheric layers, which in turn is causing large disruptions in the circulation patterns of atmospheric winds. These abrupt changes in the speed and direction of winds—known as “wind shear”—play a big role in creating the atmospheric disturbances that cause clear-air turbulence.

Although clear-air turbulence can occur at all levels of the troposphere in which airplanes cruise, they are most likely at the altitudes where the jet streams flow. Meteorologists have found that jet streams are experiencing 15 percent more wind shear than they did 40 years ago.

Can anything be done to avoid clear-air turbulence? Pilots could avoid flying in the four jet streams that circle the earth, and could limit flying through regions known to have high clear-air turbulence. The industry could invest in aircraft designs that improve aircraft stability and develop technology to detect clear-air turbulence. But pilots fly in the jet stream to shorten flight times and use less fuel. Thus, taking these steps will lead to longer flights, higher costs, more fuel consumption and carbon emissions, further increases in global warming and more turbulence, not less.

A better solution is to tackle rising clear-air turbulence at its source: by reducing global warming. Among other things, governments should accelerate policies that mitigate climate change such as carbon taxation, and provide incentives for clean energy adoption. Businesses should speed up investment in clean-energy products, services and infrastructure. And ordinary people should reduce their consumption of fossil-fuels by conserving energy, using public transit, recycling and participating in citizen science projects that mitigate climate change.

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## “Primary, deciduous, baby teeth: Do they even matter?”



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In a single word, yes. Our first teeth are important in so many ways. They require just as much attention and love as our permanent teeth. Not to mention that beginning with good habits is the best way for anyone to maintain those healthy habits.

As parents, we know kids don't come with an owner's manual and that includes their teeth. One of the best ways to get the answers to all of your pediatric dental questions is to bring your little one to the dentist by age one, or 6 months after they get their first tooth. A first dental visit is often more about answering caregiver questions than examining any teeth. Some common questions may be: when do children get teeth, when do they lose them, do I need to brush them, what kind of brush or toothpaste is best?

A child's first tooth generally erupts into the mouth between 4 and 18 months, and should be brushed from the day they come in. It can also help with teething if you brush the gums before the tooth erupts. The type of toothbrush and toothpaste can be best determined by your dentist but, in general, a small soft bristle toothbrush with a rice size spot of fluoride toothpaste is a great start. Starting the twice-a-day brushing habit is always good too.

Our first set of teeth are meant to be in our mouths for between 4-10 years. Doesn't seem like too long to maintain, but they are designed with less protection during some of the hardest years to keep clean (childhood!). They have less enamel thickness and larger nerve spaces than our permanent teeth. For this reason cavities can form quickly and become problems much faster. From the moment that a tooth erupts into the mouth it is exposed to acid, sugar and bacteria. As a baby this is either in the form of breastmilk or formula and then baby food. As our children get older it's common to add juice, fruits, soda and candy to the list. We cannot completely remove food from our diet, but reducing the amount of time our children's teeth are exposed can reduce the likelihood for dental treatment, especially during their primary dentition.

If a cavity does form in a primary tooth, it is important to detect and treat, if necessary, to try and maintain the tooth. Small cavities can often be treated prophylactically, but once the cavity breaks through the enamel more involved treatment will need to occur in order to avoid nerve involvement and pain. Our primary teeth are required for the most predictable long-term maintenance of our permanent teeth - meaning, without our primary teeth it becomes difficult to maintain proper spacing and a guide path for the permanent tooth to follow.

Teeth matter at all ages, it is never too late to help your children build a healthy relationship with their teeth.

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