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## Moorlach returns to Groton-Conde Methodist Parish

by Dorene Nelson



**Rob Moorlach**

Rob Moorlach, the new pastor at the United Methodist Church in Groton, SD, was here fifteen years ago in 2008 and 2009. "While serving this church, I received an offer to work for the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church," Moorlach explained. "Altogether I've served in six different places."

"I started my ministry in 1991 in North Dakota," he said. "After that I was in Howard, SD for twelve years, followed by Groton, (1 1/2 years), Louisville, KY (3 years), Jackson, MN (8 years), and Oakes, ND (2 years)."

"I was born in the Netherlands to a Dutch father and an American mother," Moorlach stated. "My mother was from Glencoe, MN, and met the man who would become her husband when he was in the States, working in a flour mill in Fergus Falls, MN. I have three brothers, all living in the Midwest."

"I grew up near Brandon, SD, graduating from high school at Brandon Valley in 1983. Following my high school graduation, I enrolled in Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY," he said.

"I graduated from the seminary in 1991 and have been in church work ever since for a total of 32 years," Moorlach stated.

"Other than serving in the local church, I also worked in the area of administering the pension and health plans for the United Methodist Churches in the Dakotas," he explained. "Doing this work here led me to Kentucky for three years before returning back to the local church."

"I've had some health issues including an ankle fusion," he stated. "The ankle surgery and recovery was at least a three month process!"

"I enjoy traveling and have been to all 50 states and a handful of foreign countries," Moorlach said. "I am a fan of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture and love to cheer on the local high school athletic teams."

"Spending time in the local community activities as I share the love of Jesus Christ is what I really love to do," he explained. "I would like to substitute for the Groton Area School District and will come equipped with dollar bills."

"I like to ask 'dollar questions' as I teach," Moorlach smiled. "The questions are related to the subject matter but are not necessarily part of the lesson. The surprise dollar reward keeps the students interested and eager to answer."

"I'm glad to be back in Groton again," he admitted. "My first time serving these fine people went smoothly, and I expect the second time around to be even better!"

## City Park gets new speaker system



The Groton City Park has a new sound system thanks to the efforts of Enrich Groton SoDak, Inc. About \$15,000 was fundraised for the project and a \$5,000 Heartland Energy Economic Development Grant was applied for and received. Eight speakers were installed in the park by Pauer Sound of Aberdeen. It will get its first try-out on July 9th when the Groton Lions Club Summer Fest/Car Show will be held at the park. Enrich Groton SoDak, Inc. oversees the Common Cents Community Thrift Store and the Food Pantry.

# Weekly Vikings Recap - Worst Moments in Metrodome History

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

Similar to the past few weeks, there has been no major news regarding the Minnesota Vikings. However, although not the most exciting topic, the Vikings did release their training camp schedule, which will hold 14 practices open to Vikings fans from July 29 - August 24. Fans will finally get to see what the offense will look like with newly acquired Jordan Addison and what the defense will look like with Brian Flores at the lead.

Because of the lack of news, we will continue our discussion of fun Vikings topics. This week we will discuss the worst Vikings moments in Metrodome History.

## 1998 NFC Championship Game (1998)

For the Minnesota Vikings, heartbreak is in the franchise's DNA. However, for all the heartbreaks this franchise has had, most of them did not occur inside the walls of the Metrodome. With that said, of all the heartbreaks in Vikings franchise history, the loss in the 1998 NFC Championship might be the worst of them all.

Coming into the 1998 NFC Championship, the Vikings were poised to win their first Super Bowl in franchise history. The team had a 15-1 record and had scored the most points ever by a team in a regular season. To make the loss even worse, the Vikings were huge 11-point favorites to beat the Atlanta Falcons in the game. In the Super Bowl era, there have been nine teams favored by 11 or more points in the conference championship game. Of those nine teams, the Vikings are the only ones to lose.

If you ask a Vikings fan about the 1998 NFC Championship game, the first player that will get brought up is Vikings' kicker Gary Anderson. Anderson, who had not missed a kick all season, had an opportunity to give the Vikings a 10-point lead late in the 4th quarter. However, as we all know, Anderson missed the kick, and the Falcons went down and scored to send the game to overtime, where they would upset the Vikings on a Morten Anderson field goal.

Of all the Vikings' 63 seasons, the 1998 Minnesota Vikings might be the best one. Sadly, they could not get the job done, and Vikings fans are still waiting for the purple and gold to hoist the Lombardi Trophy.

## Tony Dorsett' 99-Yard Run (1982)

In the Vikings' first season in the Metrodome, the team hosted the Dallas Cowboys late in the season. With the Cowboys backed up on their one-yard line, the Cowboys decided to hand the ball off to their hall-of-fame running

back, Tony Dorsett. Dorsett then did the rest as he took off and scored the longest rushing touchdown in NFL history. Thanks to Derrick Henry, who tied that rushing record in 2018 against the Jacksonville Jaguars, the Vikings now no longer have to be the only team to give up a 99-yard run in NFL history.

## The Metrodome Roof Collapses (2010)

Many Vikings fans had high expectations for the team in 2010. The team had just come off a loss in the NFC Championship game the year prior and brought back nearly every starter from that team. However, the season quickly fell apart as the Vikings finished with a 6-10 record and fired their head coach, Brad Childress, midway through the season.

The most notable thing about that season was not the play on the field but the fact that the Metrodome roof collapsed during the middle of the night on December 12. The Vikings, who were fast asleep ready to play the New York Giants the next day, woke up to find out that just seven hours before kickoff, the blizzard outside had caused the Metrodome roof to completely collapse. With the game in question, the NFL acted quickly and sent the Vikings and Giants to Ford Field in Detroit to play the game the next day.

After 28 years of so many memorable Minnesota sports moments, December 12, 2010, was the day that the Vikings knew that this building did not have many years left. Less than 15 months later, the Vikings would announce the US Bank Stadium deal.

## At 125, Wishek's still looking toward the future

The pace has been brisk as final preparations are made for Wishek's 125th birthday this weekend. We're calling it the 125th because quasiquicentennial uses entirely too many letters. You have to be a 4X just to get it on a T-shirt.

The WPA-era historic Wishek Civic Center, home of Sauerkraut Day (the second Wednesday each October), looks stately. The water tower has a new coat of paint, including South Border Mustang logos.

Not everyone is thrilled. If Wishek City Councilperson Kathy Welder had her way, the iconic Wishek Badger would be up there. When Wishek and historic rival Ashley formed a cooperative a couple decades ago, former Wishek Editor Francis Materi hated it, too.

This new generation of kids doesn't care about any of that. They often develop strong friendships... boyfriend-girlfriend stuff... cross-pollination... dogs and cats living together!

It's dwindling older generations of Badgers and Aces cling to the rivalry. An Ashley oldster once told me an old joke: "Everybody flush! Wishek needs the water." And he was a retired minister.

When the Bender Family purchased the Wishek Star and Ashley Tribune in 1998, we

walked into those politics, a Wishek Centennial, and the first of what would be many—and still counting—Ashley-Wishek state wrestling championships. We continue to enjoy some fine athletic programs.

Amidst the preparations, I began to reminisce. In 1998, the internet was picking up steam and some "experts" didn't give newspapers much more than a decade. But, we saw still-robust communities that were 100 miles from any big city and doggedly independent. We thought could make it here.

With hard work and a lot of community support, we're still standing strong. We've evolved. Today, the Wishek Star and Ashley Tribune are available on the internet at mcintosh-star-tribune.com. Like the successful businesses in this area facing shrinking populations, we've expanded our reach.

That's what's remarkable about Wishek. There are two car dealerships, two implement dealerships, a vastly-expanded hardware store, a fencing supply company that brings people in from two states away, a homebuilder that annually sends scores of completed houses hundreds of miles in every direction, a regional hospital, nursing home, and dozens upon dozens of other businesses. Wishek's become a destination community. A big regional economic engine.

You can count on another big shindig in 25 years.

Every community has a personality, and Wishek's is, well, direct. My friends wondered how I'd do in the second-most conservative county in the state. Just great, and I'll tell you why. These stoics would give you the shirt off their back. A few years ago in a conversation with a conservative local business owner, I kiddingly referred to myself as a "wild-eyed liberal."

"No," she corrected me, "You're a moderate. "But around here, moderates just seem liberal."

One day, I was taken off-guard when I called on someone I liked and admired for building his business the hard way.

I'll explain. You know how political parties seemingly send out a memo to get everyone talking about the same thing? Well, the week before, I'd mocked the sudden hysteria over socialism. That rubbed him the wrong way.

"Tony, I will never buy another ad from you because you're a socialist," he said.

"Well, I'm a terrible socialist," I responded, "because I'm trying to do capitalism! I'm trying to sell something!" I told him that I had always liked him and that wasn't about commerce and that I intended to keep calling on him. I stuck to my promise and he eventually forgot about his.

But, if you really want a political argument, discuss sausage. Loyalties in this area are fierce. They'll fight you in Long Lake over headcheese. I was born in Ashley, and Grandpa was a homer when it came to sausage.

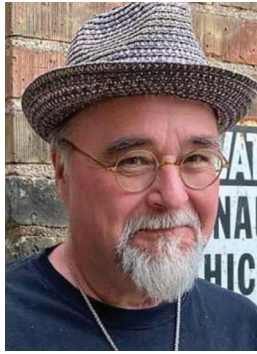
Of course, Wishek is famous for its sausage, and it was made more famous by Stan Deile of Stan's Supermarket, one of the last of the great small town promoters. Stan always seemed to be moving, but he always had time for a grin, a slice of wisdom, and a slap on the back. Hard to believe it's been five years. I miss Stan.

There are still some some exceptional entrepreneurs and community builders in Wishek, but none as colorful as Stan, except perhaps, Mike Martell, a gravely old-school guy. He's one of the reasons the annual Tri-County Fair keeps chugging along. Mostly, he just threatens people into action.

For 25 years, Mike has been giving me orders. A year ago, when I saw him at the fair, he told me that the Wishek Star would be doing a commemorative photo edition after the 125th celebration.

We're on it, Mike. I may have saluted. Maybe I'll see you this weekend. I wouldn't miss it. Wishek knows how to throw a party.

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# We the People

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



By David Adler

## Trump Trial Challenges American Democracy and Rule of Law

A reader's question has captured the history-making nature of the forthcoming trial of former President Donald Trump: "What are the implications of the trial for the Constitution, presidential power and the rule of law?"

The gravity of the nation's first federal indictment of a former president cannot be overestimated. The rule of law, constitutional government, presidential power and, we should add, American Democracy, are on trial.

Defenders of President Trump, like the former chief executive himself, decry the indictment as part of a long-running "witch hunt," a "political trial" that reflects, they claim, partisan corruption in the FBI and the Department of Justice. This weaponization theme is destabilizing and dangerous, and it raises the question of the citizenry's interest in, and commitment to, an evidence-based system of justice.

There is little exaggeration in saying that our system's credibility is at stake. The previous convergence of political and legal challenges, as seen in the Watergate scandal or the 2000 presidential election, was resolved by a commitment to the rule of law and belief in the process by all parties involved.

President Richard Nixon, for example, did not try to tear down the system after the Supreme Court ordered him to turn over the Watergate Tapes, including the smoking gun tape that convinced the nation of his criminal activity. To his credit, Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore did not try to destroy the legal system when the Court delivered a ruling that awarded the presidency to George W. Bush after a bitterly contested presidential election. Both Nixon and Gore demonstrated their commitment to the rule of law.

Implementation of the rule of law lay at the heart of the Constitutional Convention's creation of a new system of government. For the Framers, the rule of law meant the subordination of the president to the law. James Wilson, second in importance to James Madison as an architect of the Constitution, laid bare the founders' understanding of the presidency and executive power in a speech to his colleagues at the Pennsylvania State Ratifying convention. The founding period's most acute constitutional theorist and future member of the first Supreme Court declared, "Not a single privilege is annexed to his character; far from being above the laws, he is amenable to them in his private character as a citizen, and in his public character by impeachment."

The subordination of the president—and former presidents—to the Constitution and the laws of the nation, including amenability to judicial process, includes the expectation of compliance with subpoenas. On this score, the founders brooked no exceptions.

Chief Justice John Marshall, presiding over the treason trial of Aaron Burr, wrote in 1807, "it is not known ever to have been doubted" that the president "may be served" with a subpoena. President Thomas Jefferson, who was subpoenaed in the Burr Trial, agreed with Chief Justice Marshall. Counsel for Jefferson, Alexander McRae, stated that "a subpoena may issue against the President as well as against any other man."

The speeches, lectures, testimony and judicial rulings at the founding demonstrate the subordination of all citizens, without exception, to the rule of law and the judicial process. The Framers' implementation of the rule of law, a grand achievement in the evolution of constitutional government, represented an American rejection of the English principle that "the King can do no wrong." In the early years of the republic, despite political wrangling and disagreements, there was honest adherence to the American ideal that all men are equal in the eyes of the law, which justified calling a president, even Thomas Jefferson, before a court of justice.

It is this history, and lessons and teachings of those who founded the nation, that justify the federal indictment of Donald Trump. Let us remember that the trial is an event of Trump's own doing. If he had simply complied with the court-ordered search warrant and the subsequent subpoena that required the former president to turn over government documents that he had taken to Mar-a-Logo, there would be no indictment and no forthcoming trial, at least on these issues. The essence of the indictment is the unlawful, indeed, willful retention of the documents.

Instead of turning over the documents, Trump, according to the indictment, organized an elaborate scheme to hide the papers and then

lied to officials seeking them. Trump also showed the secret documents to people without security clearance and said that he knew he was not supposed to do that.

It is the maintenance and enforcement of the rule of law that has compelled Special Counsel Jack Smith to indict Trump. There is little doubt that the indictment will further inflame Trump supporters, but let us hope that the American people will focus on the evidence introduced at trial and, after a speedy and fair trial, featuring an impartial judge and jury, will accept the verdict.

To say, as the founders said, that nobody is above the law should not be reduced to a cliché. It is that principle that is under scrutiny today, more so than ever in our history. The rule of law, like democracy itself, rests on Americans' belief in facts and evidence. They must govern Trump's trial and our reaction to its outcome.

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## Biggest Threats to a Comfortable Retirement?



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If you save and invest for decades, you'd like to know you can retire without financial worries. Nonetheless, you still have to be aware of some threats to a comfortable retirement – and how to respond to them.

These threats include:

- **Inflation** – Inflation has been high recently, but even a mild inflation rate can seriously erode your purchasing power. In fact, with just a 3% inflation rate, your expenses could double in about 25 years – and your retirement could easily last that long. So, if you're going to rely on your investment portfolio for a sizable part of your retirement income, you will need to own a reasonable number of growth-oriented investments, such as stocks or stock-based funds, whose potential returns can equal or exceed the inflation rate.

- **Excessive withdrawals** – Once you retire, you should establish a withdrawal rate for your portfolio – an amount you can take out each year and still feel secure that you won't run out of money. Some people make the mistake of withdrawing too much, too soon, once they're retired. Your withdrawal rate should be based on several factors, including your age at retirement, the size of your portfolio and the amount of income you receive from other sources, such as Social Security. A financial professional can help you determine a withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your needs.

- **Market volatility** – The financial markets will always fluctuate. When you're still working, this volatility may not be such a problem, as you have years or decades to recover from short-term downturns. But when you retire, you don't want to have to sell investments when their price is down. To help prevent this, you can tap into the cash in your portfolio, assuming you have enough to cover several months' worth of living expenses. You could also draw on a CD "ladder" – a group of CDs that mature at different times – to provide you with resources for the next few years and allow your equity investments time to recover their value.

- **Unexpected costs** – You had them when you were working, and you'll probably have them when you're retired: the furnace that breaks down, the car that needs a major repair, and so on. But if you've established an emergency fund containing a year's worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account, you may be able to "ride out" these costs without jeopardizing your investment portfolio. Be sure to keep these reserves separate from your typical day-to-day accounts to avoid the temptation of spending your emergency money.

- **Health** – Retirees may face more health concerns than younger people, and those concerns often come with larger medical bills. That's why it's important to maximize the benefits from Medicare or your Medicare Advantage plan. Also, if you contributed to a Health Savings Account (HSA) while you were working, and you haven't depleted it, you can use the money in retirement. As long as the HSA funds are used for qualified medical expenses, withdrawals are tax- and penalty free, and won't be included in your income. This could help keep your income below certain levels, lower your Medicare premiums or avoid the 3.8% surtax on net investment income that can be assessed on high-net-worth taxpayers.

Retirement can be a pleasant time in your life – and you'll enjoy it more if you're prepared for the challenges that face all retirees.

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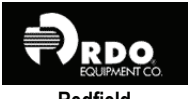







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# July Groton Community Calendar

**Saturday, July 1**  
Amateurs host Redfield DQ, 7 p.m.  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.  
Common Cents Community Thrift Store is Closed

**Sunday, July 2**  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.  
Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.  
United Methodist: Worship with communion (Conde at 8:30 a.m., Groton at 10:30 a.m., coffee hour at 9:30 a.m.)

**Monday, July 3**  
Senior Menu: Chicken and rice casserole, mixed vegetables, chocolate pudding with bananas, whole wheat bread.  
Food Pantry Closed

**Tuesday, July 4**  
Olive Grove: His/Her Firecracker Tourney.

**Wednesday, July 5**  
Senior Menu: Beef stew, biscuit, Waldorf salad, muffin, tomato juice.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Circles potluck and joint Bible study, 6 p.m.; Game/Project night, 7 p.m.  
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.  
Chamber Meeting, noon, at City Hall  
Olive Grove: Kid's Lessons  
Jr. Legion hosts Watertown, DH, 5 p.m.  
U12BB hosts Borge, DH, 5:30 p.m.  
U10 R/W hosts Webster, DH, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, July 6**  
Senior Menu: Ham, au gratin potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower blend, fruit, cookie.  
U8 R&B hosts Hannigan/Borge, DH, 5:30 p.m.  
City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**Friday, July 7**  
Senior Menu: Chicken strips, tri-tators, peas and carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread.  
Jr. Teeners at Vern Jark Memorial Tournament in Aberdeen  
U12 State Tournament at Webster  
T-Ball Scrimmage (B&G), 6 p.m.

**Saturday, July 8**  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.  
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. ago 1 p.m.  
Avantara Summer Event, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Jr. Teeners at Vern Jark Memorial Tournament in Aberdeen  
U12 State Tournament at Webster

**Sunday, July 9**  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.  
Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.  
United Methodist: Conde worship at 8:30 a.m., coffee hour 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Groton Summer Fest/Car Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., City Park  
Amateurs at Northville, 5 p.m.  
Jr. Teeners at Vern Jark Memorial Tournament in Aberdeen

**Monday, July 10**  
Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, spinach salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, cookie, whole wheat bread.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.  
Food Pantry open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Groton Community Center  
Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.  
Legion host Claremont, DH, 6 p.m.  
U10 W/B at Columbia, DH, 6:30 p.m.  
Softball hosts Claremont (U8 at 5:30 p.m., U10 at 7 p.m.); hosts Warner, DH  
T-Ball at Columbia, 5:30 p.m.  
School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 11**  
Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, oriental blend vegetables, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread, fruit.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Church Council, 7 p.m.  
Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Groton Community Center  
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Olive Grove: Bridge, Ladies League at 6 p.m.  
Legion at Aberdeen Smitty's, 1 game, 6 p.m.  
Jr. Teener Regional Tournament, TBD  
U10 R/B hosts Milbank, DH, 5:30 p.m.  
Softball U12 hosts Clark, 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 12**  
Senior Menu: Chicken cordon bleu hot dish, broccoli and carrots, pears, chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Campfire night, 7 p.m.  
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.  
Olive Grove: Kid's Lessons; Men's League  
Jr. Teener Regional Tournament, TBD  
T-Ball B&G Scrimmage, 6 p.m.

**Thursday, July 13**  
Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, apricots, whole wheat bread.  
Jr. Teener Regional Tournament, TBD  
Softball hosts Webster (U8 at 6 p.m., U10 at 6 p.m. DH, U12 at 7:30 p.m. DH)  
T-Ball Black at Andover, 6 p.m.

**Friday, July 14**  
Senior Menu: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread.  
Jr. Legion hosts Aberdeen Smitty's, DH, 5:30 p.m.  
U10BB State Tourney in Parker

**Saturday, July 15**  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at Rosewood Court, 10 a.m.  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.  
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. ago 1 p.m.  
Jr. Legion at Brookings (vs. Harrison, 1 p.m.; vs. Brookings, 3 p.m.)  
U10BB State Tourney in Parker

**Sunday, July 16**  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; worship at Avantara, 3 p.m.  
Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.  
United Methodist: Conde worship at 8:30 a.m., coffee hour 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Amateurs host Miller, 6 p.m.

**Monday, July 17**  
Senior Menu: Chicken Tetrizine, mixed vegetables, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.  
Food Pantry open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Groton Community Center  
Senior Citizens Meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m.  
Softball at Mellette (U10 at 5:30 p.m. DH, U12 at 7:30 p.m. (DH))

**Tuesday, July 18**  
Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham, green beans, sunset salad, whole wheat bread.  
Food Pantry open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Groton Community Center  
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Olive Grove: Ladies League at 6 p.m.  
Region 6B Legion Tournament in Groton  
T-Ball B&G Scrimmage, 6 p.m.  
City Council meeting, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 19**  
Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked sweet potato, creamed peas, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Movie night, 7 p.m.  
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.  
Olive Grove: Kid's Lessons; Men's League  
Amateurs at Aberdeen, 7 p.m.  
Region 6B Legion Tournament in Groton

**Thursday, July 20**  
Senior Menu: Breaded chicken breast on bun, sliced tomato, potato salad, mandarin oranges, cucumber salad.  
Water Tower Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 11:30 a.m. to Noon followed by open house at City Hall, noon to 1:30 p.m.  
Sip and Shop, Downtown Groton, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Olive Grove: Pro Am  
Region 6B Legion Tournament in Groton

**Friday, July 21**  
Senior Menu: Bratwurst on bun, mashed potatoes, green beans, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread.  
Olive Grove: Ferney Open  
Region 6B Legion Tournament in Groton  
State Jr. Teener Tournament in Corsica

**Saturday, July 22**  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 3:45-4:15 p.m.; SEAS Mass, 4:30 p.m.  
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. ago 1 p.m.  
Region 6B Legion Tournament in Groton  
State Jr. Teener Tournament in Corsica

**Sunday, July 23**  
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.  
Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.  
United Methodist: Conde worship at 8:30 a.m., coffee hour 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship at 10:30 a.m.  
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Region 6B Legion Tournament in Groton  
State Jr. Teener Tournament in Corsica



## Simon Throws Perfect Game Over Hamlin, Takes Victory For Groton Legion

Cole Simon threw a gem on Monday to lead Groton Legion Post 39 past Hamlin Post 37 / 217 15-0 with the rarest of baseball moments: The Perfect Game. Simon induced a fly out from Ted Smith to end the game.

Groton Legion Post 39 fired up the offense in the first inning, when Parker Boerger threw a wild pitch allowing one run across the plate for Groton Legion Post 39.

Groton Legion Post 39 put up four runs in the fourth inning. Cade Larson and Colby Dunker all drove in runs in the frame.

Simon earned the win for Groton Legion Post 39. Simon surrendered zero runs on zero hits over four and two-thirds innings, striking out six and walking zero.

Boerger took the loss for Hamlin Post 37 / 217. Boerger allowed 11 hits and 15 runs over four innings, striking out five.

Groton Legion Post 39 saw the ball well today, racking up 13 hits in the game. Brevin Flihs, Larson, Bradin Althoff, and Dunker each had multiple hits for Groton Legion Post 39. Flihs led Groton Legion Post 39 with three hits in four at bats. Groton Legion Post 39 was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Larson had the most chances in the field with seven.

## Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Grabs Lead in Seventh Inning to Defeat Hamlin

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion took the lead late and defeated Hamlin Post 37 / 217 15-14 on Tuesday. The game was tied at 11 with Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion batting in the top of the seventh when Gavin Englund grounded out, scoring one run.

Braxton Imrie collected five hits in five at bats to help lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion to victory. Imrie singled in the first, singled in the second, singled in the fourth, singled in the sixth, and singled in the seventh.

Hamlin Post 37 / 217 opened up scoring in the second inning when an error scored two runs for Hamlin Post 37 / 217.

Korbin Kucker earned the victory on the hill for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The righthander lasted one inning, allowing one hit and zero runs while striking out two and walking zero. Jarrett Erdmann threw four and two-thirds innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Gavin Maag took the loss for Hamlin Post 37 / 217. The pitcher surrendered five runs on four hits over one inning, striking out one.

Parker Boerger started the game for Hamlin Post 37 / 217. Boerger surrendered two runs on two hits over one-third of an inning, walking zero. Englund started the game for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The righty lasted one and one-third innings, allowing three hits and eight runs.

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion racked up 17 hits in the game. Imrie, Kucker, Brevin Flihs, and Carter Simon all had multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Kucker and Imrie all had five hits to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion tore up the base paths, as three players stole at least two bases. Imrie led the way with two.

Hamlin Post 37 / 217 racked up seven hits. Watson Grantham and Maag each racked up multiple hits for Hamlin Post 37 / 217.

## Groton Jr. Teeners Falls to Huron Tigers After Fourth Inning Score

Groton Jr. Teeners lost the lead late in a 10-5 defeat to Huron Tigers 13U on Monday. The game was tied at three with Huron Tigers 13U batting in the bottom of the fourth when Colt C singled on a 1-0 count, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners lost despite out-hitting

Huron Tigers 13U seven to four.

In the first inning, Groton Jr. Teeners got their offense started when Ryder Schelle singled on a 1-2 count, scoring two runs.

In the bottom of the second inning, Huron Tigers 13U tied things up at three. An error scored two runs for Huron Tigers 13U.

Huron Tigers 13U pulled away for good with four runs in the fourth inning. In the fourth Josh G drew a walk, scoring one run and Jimmie M was struck by a pitch, driving in a run.

Carter P was credited with the victory for Huron Tigers 13U. The righthander lasted four innings, allowing two hits and three runs while striking out eight. Parker B threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Tristin Mcgannon took the loss for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Mcgannon lasted four innings, allowing two hits and seven runs while striking out three.

Schelle, Nick Groeblichhoff, Gavin Kroll, Easton Weber, Shaydon Wood, Lincoln Krause, and Karson Zak all had one hit to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U.

Jaxon S went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Huron Tigers 13U in hits. Huron Tigers 13U didn't commit a single error in the field. G had the most chances in the field with ten.

## Groton Jr. Teeners Defeats Huron Despite Allowing 5-Run Inning

Despite allowing five runs in the fourth inning, Groton Jr. Teeners defeated Huron Tigers 13U 20-6 on Tuesday. Carter P, Josh G, Eric B, and Quincy R each had RBIs in the frame.

There was plenty of action on the basepaths as Groton Jr. Teeners collected 14 hits and Huron Tigers 13U had eight.

Huron Tigers 13U got on the board in the first inning when Colt C singled on a 2-0 count, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners pulled away for good with four runs in the second inning. In the second Shaydon Wood singled on a 0-1 count, scoring one run, Karson Zak singled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run, and Nick Groeblichhoff drew a walk, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Teeners tallied nine runs in the fourth inning. Groton Jr. Teeners batters contributing to the big inning included Zak, Ryder Schelle, Tristin Mcgannon, Ethan Kroll, Gavin Kroll, and Easton Weber, all driving in runs in the inning.

Schelle was the winning pitcher for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Schelle surrendered six runs on eight hits over four innings, striking out four and walking one. Quinn Cogley threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Jimmie M was on the pitcher's mound for Huron Tigers 13U. M went two innings, allowing four runs on five hits and striking out one. Sean J, G, and Blaise S each contributed in relief for Huron Tigers 13U.

Groton Jr. Teeners tallied 14 hits on the day. Weber, Kroll, Zak, and Wood all managed multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Kroll and Weber each collected three hits to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U.

Collyn H led Huron Tigers 13U with two hits in three at bats.

## Two Groton Legion Post 39 Pitchers Rally Together In Shutout Victory Against Hamlin

Groton Legion Post 39 defeated Hamlin Post 6-0 on Wednesday as two pitchers combined to throw a shutout. Logan Ringgingberg induced a groundout from Carter Jutting to finish off the game.

Groton Legion Post 39 got on the board in the second inning when Caden McInerney grounded out, scoring one run.

Groton Legion Post 39 scored three runs in the third inning. Groton Legion Post 39's big bats in the inning were led by a single by Cade Larson and a groundout by Colby Dunker.

A single by Watson Grantham in the first in-

ning was a positive for Hamlin.

Dunker led the Groton Legion Post 39 to victory on the mound. The righty lasted five and two-thirds innings, allowing four hits and zero runs while striking out eight. Ringgingberg threw one and one-third innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Parker Boerger took the loss for Hamlin. The righthander lasted four and two-thirds innings, allowing five hits and six runs while striking out five.

Larson went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Legion Post 39 in hits. Groton Legion Post 39 was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Larson had the most chances in the field with six.

Grantham led Hamlin with two hits in three at bats.

## Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Slides Into a Blow-Out Win Over Hamlin

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion cruised to an easy victory over Hamlin 10-2 on Thursday

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

Kellen Antonsen was the winning pitcher for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. Antonsen surrendered two runs on three hits over five innings, striking out three and walking zero.

Gavin Maag took the loss for Hamlin. The righthander allowed six hits and six runs over three and two-thirds innings, striking out two.

Jose Mahe started the game for Hamlin. The pitcher lasted one-third of an inning, allowing two hits and four runs

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion totaled eight hits. Logan Ringgenberg, Braxton Imrie, and Caden McInerney all collected multiple hits for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. McInerney, Imrie, and Ringgenberg each managed two hits to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion.

## Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion Can't Catch Up To Smittys

Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 5-1 loss to Smittys Junior Legion on Tuesday. Smittys Junior Legion scored on an error and a single by Donnie Soderlund in the first inning.

Smittys Junior Legion got things moving in the first inning. An error scored two runs for Smittys Junior Legion 2023.

Michael Dutenhoffer was credited with the victory for Smittys Junior Legion. The hurler lasted four innings, allowing one hit and one run while striking out six and walking one. Joran Foss threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Brevin Flihs took the loss for Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion. The righty surrendered four runs on six hits over five innings, striking out two.

Flihs and Braxton Imrie all had one hit to lead Groton Post 39 Jr. Legion.

Smittys Junior Legion tallied seven hits on the day. Soderlund and Grant Beyer each managed multiple hits for Smittys Junior Legion.

## Tight Game Between Clark and Groton Jr. Teeners Ends in a Tie

Clark Area 14U tied the game on a single in the fourth inning as Groton Jr. Teeners tied Clark Area 14U 9-9 on Wednesday.

Groton Jr. Teeners got things started in the first inning. Groton Jr. Teeners scored one run when Ryder Schelle singled.

Groton Jr. Teeners collected six hits. Easton Weber and Schelle each racked up multiple hits for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. Schelle and Weber each collected two hits to lead Groton Jr. Teeners 14U.

Clark Area 14U was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Jakob Steen made the most plays with five.



## Groton Jr. Teeners Claws Back, but Falls Just Short Against Clark

Groton Jr. Teeners effort to come back from down five runs in the third inning came up just short, as they fell 5-4 to Clark Area 14U on Tuesday. Groton Jr. Teeners managed four runs in the failed comeback. Karson Zak, Easton Weber, and TC Schuster all picked up RBIs in the rally.

Groton Jr. Teeners couldn't keep up with Clark Area 14U early in the game. Clark Area 14U scored on a wild pitch by Ky Vandersnick in the first inning and a single by Watson Grantham in the second inning.

Clark Area 14U fired up the offense in the first inning. Ky Vandersnick's sac fly scored two runs for Clark Area 14U.

Max Bratland was the winning pitcher for Clark Area 14U. Max Bratland went six innings, allowing four runs on seven hits, striking out four and walking zero. Jakob Steen threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen.

Lincoln Krause was on the pitcher's mound for Groton Jr. Teeners 14U. The righty surrendered five runs on four hits over three innings, striking out two. Nick Groeblichhoff threw three innings in relief.

Weber went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Teeners in hits.

Clark Area 14U racked up seven hits on the day. Grantham and Michael Severson each had multiple hits for Clark Area 14U.

### Claremont Town June 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met on 6-13-2023 at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

Johnson called the meeting to order with Trustees Rasmussen and Spencer present. Also present were Jill Hinrichs representing Community Club and Brett Gibbs with questions of disposing with junk and burning of the old house next door.

On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the minutes of the meeting were approved. Motion carried.

On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were allowed:

General:  
New, street lights, 291.78; New, city hall, 71.81; GDI, publishing, 13.52; NAPA Auto Parts, parts/machinery & Shop, 258.13; Post Office, stamps, 63.00; Jason Spencer, trustees, 831.15; Frank Rasmussen, trustees, 831.15; Shane Johnson, trustee, 831.15; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; Shane Johnson, gas pump and gas cans, 168.00; JVT, phone and internet, 142.45; Missi Smith, mowing at 29.5 hrs., 435.90; Jack Klinger, 8 hrs. road maintenance, 119.02; Jason Spencer, gas, 64.00; Shane Johnson, gas, 129.00.

WSSW:  
NEW, water, 91.73; New, sewer lift, 134.71; New, 2nd lift, 40.82; BDM, water purchased, 947.20; DANR, drinking water fee, 60.00; Hydro Klean, 1750.00; SD Dept. Health Lab, purification water, 15.00.

The firemen requested a temporary liquor license for 7-1-2023 at the firehall. This request was approved on a motion by Jason Spencer and seconded by Frank Rasmussen.

Michelle Jones of the Bull Pen would like to have a street dance on July 27th. She has agreed to have security. The board agreed.

Jill Hinrichs requested time at the July Board Meeting for the community club members.

With no further business before the board a motion was made by Rasmussen to adjourn, seconded by Spencer. Motion carried.

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## 2023 West Nile Virus Awards

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Health (DOH) is pleased to announce that nearly 200 cities, counties, and tribes across South Dakota will collectively receive \$500,000 in grants to combat mosquitoes and prevent the spread of West Nile virus (WNV) in 2023. These grants have been allocated to support local efforts in controlling mosquito populations and reducing the risk of WNV transmission.

Grant recipients were selected based on various factors, including the population of the applying jurisdiction and its history of human WNV cases up until 2022. Every community that applied for funding has been awarded a grant, ranging from \$500 to \$20,000, reflecting the specific needs and challenges faced by each locality. These reimbursement grants are designed to alleviate some of the financial burdens associated with mosquito control measures necessary for protecting public health.

Secretary Melissa Magstadt expressed her gratitude for the ongoing dedication and proactive approach taken by communities in controlling mosquitoes and preventing the spread of West Nile virus. "Thanks for all your efforts to control mosquitoes and prevent West Nile virus. Your commitment to public health is commendable, and we appreciate the work you are doing to safeguard the well-being of our communities" said Secretary Melissa Magstadt.

Last week, the department issued a release announcing the detection of the first human case of WNV in Sanborn County.

Area towns receiving grants are: Aberdeen \$20,000, Andover \$750, Bristol \$1,138, Claremont \$1,500, Columbia \$1,137, Doland \$977, Groton \$4,993, Hecla \$2,000, Langford \$2,000, Pierpont \$1,000, Stratford \$1,936, Warner \$1,800, Westport \$1,700.

## Heavens open up with rain!

What seemed like a long time in getting rain, the heavens opened up during the past week with much needed rain. Groton received 3.16 inches of rain since June 22nd. That boosts the total of month of

June to 3.44 inches, just shy of the average for June through the 28th at 3.51.

For the year, Groton remains above average in moisture with a total of 11.35 recorded. The average through June 28th is 10.76.

June Rain	
June 7	0.06
June 9	0.41
June 22	1.48
June 23	0.08
June 24	0.69
June 25	0.10
June 27	0.37
June 28	0.44

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Dear EarthTalk: Can we mass produce heat pumps with the same effort as when the country retooled to make tanks for World War II? -- Jan K., via email

Environmental advocates are bullish on heat pumps as a better choice for home heating than the traditional options. "Heat pumps use only about a third as much electricity as baseboard electric heaters and considerably less energy than gas or oil furnaces," reports Bob Schildgen in Sierra magazine. "You don't need gas or oil to operate a heat pump, as it relies only on electricity."

Heat pumps were rare just a decade ago, but nowadays are now much more common. "The share of new homes using an air or ground source heat pump as the primary means of providing heat has increased, going from 23 percent in 2000 to 40 percent in 2021," reports the National Association of Home Builders. "Meanwhile, the share relying on a forced air systems has slipped, going from 71 to 58 percent in the same time frame." And in 2022, sales of heat pumps outpaced sales of gas furnaces for the first time ever.

While production is certainly ramping up on its own due to rising demand, the federal government could spearhead a more concerted effort to mandate a national switchover akin to retooling manufacturing for the WWII war effort. Of course, doing so would be no small task. During World War II, Americans mobilized their industrial capabilities to an unprecedented level, converting existing factories and building new ones to produce large numbers of tanks, planes and other military equipment. Similarly, to mass-produce heat pumps, it would require a substantial expansion of manufacturing capacity, including retooling existing factories or constructing new ones.

Another hurdle to overcome would be building up the supply chain. Heat pumps require various components and materials, including compressors, heat exchangers, motors and refrigerants. Ensuring a consistent and reliable supply of these components would be essential to meet production demands. Finding large numbers of skilled workers to be trained in the intricacies of producing heat pumps would be yet another challenge to ramping up production World War II-style.

Perhaps the largest impediment of all to ramping up heat pump production way above current rates is mustering the political will to bring federal and other subsidies to bear in funding the effort. Similar to wartime efforts, substantial government support and coordination would be essential to drive the mass production of heat pumps. This support would include financial incentives, regulatory measures and collaboration between government agencies, manufacturers and research institutions. Such an endeavor could contribute significantly to addressing climate change and transitioning to more sustainable energy systems.



**Environmentalists like heat pumps because they use a lot less energy than baseboard electric heat and oil or gas furnaces** Credit: WFIU, FlickrCC.

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Most people likely do not realize they have this until they are screened within a clinic setting with their primary care provider. Others may find out that they have this disease once a significant event occurs, such as a heart attack or stroke. These events in specific, can occur as a result of high cholesterol.

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For many people high cholesterol can be preventable, yet for some it is familial. To prevent high cholesterol, we recommend maintaining a healthy weight, daily physical exercise, avoiding tobacco, as well as a healthy diet.

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