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American Legion Annual Convention

The 105th Annual Convention of The American Legion Department of South Dakota was held last weekend in Pierre SD. In attendance from the Groton Post 39 was Bruce Babcock, Post 39 Commander, Aaron Grant, Post 39 Vice-commander, Jan Siebel, outgoing District 4 Auxiliary President, and Karen Grant, Groton Auxiliary.



Legion Convention L-R Bruce Babcock, Post 39 Commander, Ted Kimball, new District 4 Commander, Bob Thomason, out going District 4 Commander, and Aaron Grant, new District 4 Vice-commander. (Courtesy Photo Bruce Babcock)



L-R Jan Siebel and Bruce Babcock, both from Groton, poise during the Legion Convention break. (Courtesy Photo Bruce Babcock)



Aaron Grant (center) gets sworn in as the new Department of South Dakota District 4 Vice-commander. Aaron is a member of Groton Post 39. (Courtesy Photo Bruce Babcock)



Back Row: Angel McGregor and Suzie

Front Row: Joan Bosanko, Tami Zimney, Denise Raap

Not Pictured: Collette Quam (Courtesy Photo Alexa Schuring)

Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament

Olive Grove Golf Course June 17, 2024

Championship Flight

1st - Collette Quam and Joan Bosanko - 73 2nd – Cindy Kraft and Carmen Meyer – 76 Carissa Drackley and Brooke Bierman – 76 Haley Ellingson and Ashley Foster – 78 Laura Stoebner and Toni Gisi – 80 Terri Holmes and Ellen Renner – 80

First Flight

1st - Suzie Easthouse and Angel McGregor

2nd - Sharon Zastrow and Cyndy Larson -

Becky Johnson and Jen Thomas – 81 Susie Sousa and Elaine Scherbenske – 84 Clara Nolz and Mary Kessler – 87 Brenda Waage and Sue Stanley – 87

Second Flight

1st – Tami Zimney and Denise Raap – 89 2nd - Ranae Ball and Betty Dunker - 89 Deb Fredrickson and Michelle Johnson – 91 Sharon Sombke and Mavis Rossow – 95 Brenda Madsen and Dar Larson – 97 Katelyn Giedt and Janene Harry - 103 Edith Bertsch and Patty Hearnen - 106

Pin Prizes

Closest to the Pin Hole #4 – Joan Bosanko Longest Drive Hole #2 – Carissa Drackley Longest Putt Hole #9 – Laura Stoebner



SDSU Champions! Larry Birchem, Brevin Fliehs, **Cole Simon, Carter Simon**

(Courtesy Photo Alexa Schuring)

SDSU Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

Olive Grove Golf Course, June 14, 2024 **Championship Flight**

1st - Larry Birchem, Brevin Fliehs, Cole Simon, Carter Simon – 61 2nd - Al Bahe, Ned Gavlick, Eric Ray – 61 Lorin Fliehs, Sherm Cutler, Jan Gilchrist, Terry Gilchrist – 62 Carter Jondahl, Treyton Diegel, Joe Groeblinghoff, Brandyn Anderson – 63

Tony Waage, Jackson Waage, Jay Waage, Tyson Ronne – 64 **First Flight**

1st - Graig Pugsley, Junior Schmidt, Mark Briley, Tim Danforth – 63 2nd - Bob Walter, Randy Stanley, Brad Larson, Brad Waage - 64 Kyle Spencer, Dave Blackmun, Jason Yeske, Kelly Pray – 64 Scott Simons, Roger Thorstenson, Jerry Stiegelmeier, Bill Sawinsky – 64 Al Heer, Lofton Heer, Jeff Amacher, Drew Amacher – 65 Scott Kettering, John Hilton, Aaron Scholl, John Peterson – 69 Gavin Voss, Andy Bertsch, Brandon Bertsch, Matt Haas – 70 **Second Flight**

1st - Karl Alberts, Rick Mettler, Austin Vaughn, Corey Gaulrapp – 66 2nd - Eric Moody, Mitch Locke, Ian Rose, Mackenzie Johnson – 66 Steve Dunker, Betty Dunker, Loren Schaller, Peggy Schaller, Ron Russell, Joan Russell - 68

Brittany Hubbart, Ken Hubbart, Dean Christensen, Shirlyn Christensen – 72 Russ Wright, Brady Wieker, Mike Traxinger, Tim Donavan – 72 Bob Wegner, Rob Wanous, Chip Hanson, George Wegner – 72 Austin Schuelke, Deb Schuelke, TJ Harder, Marcy Harder – 74

What a country

Writer's Note: A July 4 memory from 2009.

Dylan stopped blowing up things on his X-Box long enough for him to join me for the ride to Ashley on Independence Day so we could watch people blow things up. As I waited in the car for Mr. No Sense of Urgency, I glanced around in the fading light.



That's Life by Tony Bender

After years of living here, we finally have that expanded garage and the house has crisp white siding and red shingles. I swear the trees have grown four feet this summer alone. Flowers are in bloom, including a water lily in one of the gurgling ponds alive with darting goldfish.

Dylan and I talked about these things as we drove—the bounty of America and how an average American family like us could live on a five-acre plot surrounded by corn and soybeans—our little slice of the American pie.

"In Europe, everyone is so crowded," Dylan said. It's true. We have so much elbow room here, almost an embarrassment of space.

We often talk a lot about the human condition in our family, about the way things are By Jordan Wright and the way things ought to be, but I wanted to make sure that on this night we talked about the abundance of good things. I wanted to makes sure we stopped for a moment to realize how lucky we are to live in the United States of America.

As we approached Ashley in the dusk, we could see rockets decorating the night sky from one end to the other. Boats docked at Lake Hoskins, a jewel of a lake we are so fortunate to have near our home.

Someone said on the radio last week that certainly in the top 10. what happened in 1776 was a miracle, and it was. The assemblage of so many great men in one place at one time will never be duplicated again. There is an immense amount of wisdom and foresight in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

that vision with modern circumstance? Our leaders have wavered and sought and end run around certain amendments from time to time, warrantless wiretaps and expansion of eminent domain for commercial purposes among them.

We found a spot to park at the baseball diamond. Dylan scampered off with friends while I leaned the seat back and opened the sunroof for a perfect view. As I watched the spectacular bursts, I thought about, how across the country, the scene was being replicated in small towns and big cities.

We need these days of national celebration to bring us together and remind us that even if we have a long way to go, we have come a

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As the sparks from the final volley faded, car horns honked in applause. Dylan emerged from the darkness. "Man, that was awesome!"

watched sprawled out on the cool grass.

those days at the ballpark in Frederick, SD, which is where we watched our fireworks displays. I remembered the way it all reflected in the river behind us. I could almost feel again the sunburn I always seemed to have on July

As the years go by, my pride in my country grows. It's contradictory. I know I complain makes me appreciate what is right more, too.

We waited for the other cars to clear out before we headed home—a rare traffic jam for these parts. Some folks remained behind to light off the last of their arsenal. I could see the silent explosions in my rear view mirror. Dylan was upbeat and we talked about how some people get to watch these Independence Day celebrations from airplanes, and wouldn't that be neat.

"I'd like to do that someday," he said, "Fly all across the county watching the fireworks." I imagine he will. It's something that could only happen in America.

Weekly Vikings Roundup

As we wait for the Vikings to begin training camp next month, we continue our roster breakdown. Last week we covered the tight end position, and this week we move on to the offensive line. For many years, the Vikings' offensive line was a weak link, an Achilles heel that always held the team back. This year, however, the Vikings have one of the better offensive line units in the league. It's not perfect, but compared to the rest of the NFL, it's

The Starters

Left Tackle - The most important position on the offensive line is the left tackle position. Christian Darrisaw has become one of the best LTs in football, which bodes well for whichever quarterback is starting. Now that the Justin The great test of our time is can we reconcile Jefferson extension is done, Darrisaw is likely to make the Vikings' final 53-man roster. next on the list.

> Right Tackle - On the other side of the line, right tackle Brian O'Neill is about as solid as they come. While he has missed some time in the past few years because of injury, there's no doubt O'Neill is a top RT when he's on the field. He and Darrisaw are perhaps the best offensive tackle duo in the league.

> Center - The interior of the offensive line is where the biggest concern lies. Center Garrett Bradbury has improved every year he's been in the league, and while he might never live up to the expectations of being a first-round draft pick (18th overall in 2019), he is an average starter who could still improve. His biggest issue is his size. He is athletic for a center, which is great when he's asked to pull and block defenders on the edge. However, when he's lined up against mammoth nose tackles, he struggles.





Left and Right Guard – Last year, the Vikings traded away starting left guard Ezra Cleveland and replaced him with Dalton Risner. Even though he signed midway through the season, He told me how he and his friend Jacob had he played well and let it be known that he would love to re-sign in Minnesota. Unfortu-My mind flashed back to my own youth, to nately for Risner, the Vikings decided to try and fill his spot with Blake Brandel, a backup offensive lineman who the team gave a threeyear extension to this offseason. Recently, the Vikings decided to bring Risner back to compete with Brandel for a starting spot on the offensive line. Ed Ingram has been the starting right guard ever since he was over-drafted in 2022. Ingram has been the worst offensive more these days about what is wrong, but it lineman for the Vikings, although he did show marginal improvement last season. Head coach Kevin O'Connell has come out and said it will be a three-way competition between Risner, Brandel, and Ingram for the two starting guard positions.

The Backups

Backing up Darrisaw and O'Neill at offensive tackle will be veteran David Quessenberry and rookie Walter Rouse. Oli Udoh was the Vikings' primary backup tackle for the past few seasons, but he's now in New Orleans. Quessenberry has the inside track for the top backup spot, but the Vikings drafted Rouse with high expectations. However, as is usually the case with young offensive linemen, it will take a few years before Rouse is ready to play any meaningful snaps.

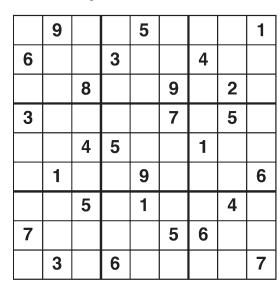
Backing up Bradbury at center will be Dan Feeney, a former third-round pick by the Chargers who started 57 games for them in his four years on the team. He has since jumped around to a few teams, but he comes to Minnesota with 65 starts under his belt.

Theoretically, whoever loses the competition between Risner, Brandel, and Ingram will be the primary backup offensive guard. Fourth on the depth chart figures to be rookie Michael Jurgens, as the Vikings will undoubtedly give him every opportunity to earn his spot.

Filling out the offensive line depth chart (with their position in parenthesis according to the Vikings' website) are Henry Byrd (G), Tyrese Robinson (G), Jeremy Flax (OL), Doug Nester (OL), and Spencer Rolland (OL). All of these players have an uphill battle in front of them

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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JUNE 18, 2024 - GENERAL

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

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

AWARD PRESENTATION: Scott Meints, Emergency Management Director, and Sheriff Dave Lunzman presented the Brown County Citizen Valor Award to Joel Carda for assisting a deputy with a belligerent, noncompliant driver during a traffic stop on May 29, 2024.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AREA IV SENIOR NUTRITION: Marla Kiesz, Executive Director for Area IV Senior Nutrition met with the Commission to inform them about the program and requesting \$8,000 for 2025 Budget. Marla shared that they have 22 sites that provide meals to Seniors in NE Area of SD that they cover. There is no income limit but the individual needs to be age 60 or over; thus far for their 2024 Fiscal Year they have served 255,000 meals. Marla also shared that 60% of their funding comes from donations; 40% comes from State Funds which is why she is asking for an increase due to it being harder to find volunteers; increase in pay for staff and mileage.
ORDINANCE #271 - FIRST

READING: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #271. Applicants Morgan & Jackie Beving to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use. Proposed Lot 1, "Beving Addition" in the W ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 35-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (37865 135th Street, Mercier Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OŔDINANCE #272 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #272. Applicant Julie Lillis to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use. Proposed Lot 2A, "Jackson and Karlen's Third Subdivision" in the NW 1/4 & the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 33-T125N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (12342 396th Ávenue, Columbia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2024-2025 ROBERTS COUNTY JAIL BED PER DIEM CONTRACT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese. seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the 2024-2025 Roberts County Jail Contract at the rate of \$115.00 per day for adult prisoners and \$315.00 per day for juvenile prisoners housed by Roberts County. All member present voting ave. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO CREATE A COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE LEVY: Commissioner Dennert offered the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #31-24
RESOLUTION TO CREATE A

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE LEVY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF BROWN COUNTY, SD desires to properly maintain, repair, construct and reconstruct and improve roads and bridges in Brown County in order to benefit and preserve the welfare of Brown County residents and taxpayers in the long term. Law now permits the governing board of said entity to establish a tax amount which may be levied, and such amount can increase each year with the amount of inflation and new construction. All property within the county must pay the Road & Bridge Levy. However, 25% of the taxes generated by the property within a city will be remitted back to that city for their own bridge and street purposes. Therefore, the board does now establish a base property tax in the amount of \$2,167,872.79 (.40/1000) starting with calendar year 2024 taxes payable in the calendar year 2025. This action has been taken by the board and approved

by at least two-thirds vote of

This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision.

Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread a levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount, allowing for percentage increases from inflation and new construction in subsequent

Dated this 18th day of June,

Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Dennertaye; Fjeldheim-aye; Wiese-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLI-ANCE (SDPAA) BOARD MEMBER: Commissioner Fieldheim of-

fered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #32-24 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

SDPAA BOARD MEMBER WHEREAS: The South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance requires a resolution of sup-

port from the governing body of an applicant to the Board of

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission of Brown County, South Dakota hereby supports Commissioner Mike Wiese to serve on the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance Board of Directors.

Seconded by Commissioner Gage. Roll call vote: Commissioners Dennert-aye; Fjeldheimaye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye and Wiese-abstained Resolution

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the June 11, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried. CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims/payroll: CLAIMS: Professional Fees: Bill Schaeffer \$15.00; CGI, LLC \$433.75; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$8,986.17; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$8,986.17 Dependable Sanitation, Inc. \$39,441.00; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$8,986.17; Election Systems & Software \$7,053.21; Gellhaus & Gellhaus, P.C. \$320.00; Jerald M. McNeary \$8,986.17 Jeremy Lund-Siegel Barnett & Schutz, LLP \$3,763.48; John Noyes-Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$8,986.17; Kristen Gonsoir \$300.00; Kuck Law Office \$8,986.17; Language Line Services, Inc \$318.69; Lewis & Clark BHS \$1,974.00; Lincoln County Auditors \$665.85; Lucy Lewno \$460.00; Mark Katter-hagen \$36.00; Northeastern Mental Health Center \$1,768.00; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$729.00; Sanford Health \$2,741.00; SD Dept of Revenue \$5,084.90; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$8,986.17; Valerie Larson \$21.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$50.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$435.00. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$495.31; Hub City Radio \$16,000.00; Mobridge Tribune \$319.00. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00; Vestis \$284.02. Repairs & Maintenance: Abra Auto Body \$4,268,37: Dakota Electronics \$228.00: EcoLab Pest Elimina-

tion Division \$132.12; Eilers Water Conditioning and Lawn Irrigation \$349.40; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$688.78; Hoven Auto Repair, Inc \$232.95; Hub City Roofing Inc \$125.00; Huff Construction \$566.33; Ken's Alignment \$897.36; Otis Eleva-tor Company \$775.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$493.00; Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc \$11,340.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$37.20; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$11,718.86. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$234.05; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$121.74; Cartney Bearing \$267.20; Century Business Products \$1,483.90; Cole Paper Inc \$1,008.00; Cook's Correctional \$111.98; Dakota Electronics \$2,250.55; Dakota Structured Cabling \$15.14; House of Glass \$178.84; Karen Swank \$20.00; Karl Chevrolet \$22,573.05; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$205.08; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$174.23; Lucy Lewno \$15.53; Menards \$671.02; Midstates Group \$71.50; NVC \$28.24; Pantorium Cleaners Inc \$32.00; PastPerfect Software, Inc \$540.00; Pro Ag Supply, Inc \$22.61; Runnings \$92.53; Safeguard \$1,017.96; Safety Service \$10,500.00; Stan Houston Equipment Company, Inc \$131.20; Steven Lust Automotive \$44.95; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$1,951,46; Vestis \$134,06; Warne Chemical & Equipment Company, Inc \$231.61. Travel Conference: Anissa Stange \$19.38; Becky Berreth \$46.92; Jan Erickson \$10.20; Kelly Clark \$20.40; Kristin Boeshans \$100.00; Laura Adema \$14.99; Lynn Butler \$10.71; Marcia Haa-land \$42.84; SDAAO-SD Assoc of Assessing Officers \$2,200.00; Steinley Real Estate Appraisals \$350.00; Tonya Zinter \$30.60. Utilities: CenturyLink \$732.14; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$107.32; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$360.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$209.10: Northern Electric \$86.00; Northwestern Energy \$683.94; NVC \$3,464.18; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$169.76; Verizon Wireless \$283.87. Others: Jurors \$3,646.10; Safe Harbor \$1,385.00; SD Assoc of County Officials \$906.00; SD Dept of Revenue \$987,050.83.

PAYROLL: Commission \$4,753.89; Elections \$18,316.49; Auditor \$9,176.65; Treasurer \$17,048.59; SA \$36,743.10; Maintenance \$11,875.07; Assessor \$15,401.70; Register of Deeds \$10,406.84; VSO \$4,491.55; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,322.67; HR \$4,978.26; Sher-\$55,207.47; Jáil \$72,904.69; Coroner \$899.37; Court Security \$9,013.90; JDC \$34,738.56; Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum 12,954.47; Parks/Fairgrounds \$6,933.95; Fair Board \$5,260.34; 4-H \$1,142.80; Weed \$5,394.78; Planning & Zoning \$7,635.85; Highway \$57,453.72; Dispatch \$37,047.84; Emergen cy \$5,054.58; 24/7 Sobriety \$3,198.51; Landfill \$19,438.27; Meal Benefits \$228.00; SDRS Pay-out \$4,728.83; FICA \$27,871.38; Medicare \$6,518.29; Discovery-HSA \$1,739.78. All members present voting aye. Motion carried

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:

· Extension of Jennifer Powell as Brown County Jail/JDC Nurse, PRN; PT-Temporary for an additional approximate two-week time period assignment; effective June 14, 2024.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following Lease Agreements: Good Shephard for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge on October 13, 2024; Great Plains CEF Church (Pastor Neil Hannahs) for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on June 24-29, 2024; Daelyn Dirkson for lease of Club House on July 6, 2024 for a Wedding; Massenomics for lease of 15 Tables & 200 Chairs on July 20, 2024. All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

TRAVÉL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Travel Requests: Gene Loeschke. Sarah Swenson, Kathy Fischer, Joe Kraft & Stephanie Morgan, DOE to attend Assessor School on September 15-20, 2024 in Oacoma, SD; Stephanie Morgan, DOE to attend USPAP Course on July 22-24, 2024 in Pierre, SD; Derek Hoefert, BCSO to attend Criminal Patrol Tactics Training on September 3-5, 2024 in Spearfish, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. OTHER BUSINESS: NECOG

Survey, consensus was to have Chairman Sutton complete the

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:57 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Lynn Heupel, Brown County

Auditor

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Brown County hereby requests proposals from attorneys to provide legal services to fulfill Brown County's statutory obligations as set forth in SDCL 23A-40-6 and 23A-40-7 and other such instances in which the appointment of legal counsel at the expense of the County has been mandated by statute. This includes adult criminal cases, juvenile criminal cases, abuse and neglect proceedings, mental illness commitments and alcohol

commitments. Brown County prefers to enter into either a two- or three-year contract which will commence on January 1, 2025. To minimize the need for conflict counsel, Brown County may contract with one or more attorneys that are not associated with each other.

Sealed proposals shall be received by the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market St., Ste. 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401, no later than 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 1, 2024. Copies of similar contracts entered into in the past between Brown County and a group of attorneys are available at the Brown County Auditor's Office.

Brown County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities, and make a selection deemed to be in the best interest of Brown County, SD.

I. INSTRUCTIONS TO OF-**FERORS** A. All proposals shall be

sent to: **Brown County Auditor**

25 Market St., Ste. 1 Aberdeen, SD 57401

B. All proposals shall be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked in the upper left-hand corner "Proposal Indigent Defense Contract."

C. All proposals shall be received by 8:00 a.m., July 1, 2024. An original and seven copies of proposals must be presented. No faxed, e-mailed, or telephone proposals will be accepted.

D. Brown County will attempt to schedule interviews, if it so desires, during the week of July 8th. Attorneys shall take note that Brown County may make its selection based solely upon the written proposal submitted.

E. The attorneys selected will be notified by July 30, 2024. The Brown County Board of Commissioners must approve a contract with the selected attorneys as appropriate. The start date will be January 1, 2025.

F. All proposals must include the following information:

A proposed annual pay ment amount that shall be paid in monthly installments, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

2. The amount of monthly payment to be paid to each attorney.

The name of each individual attorney who proposes to provide indigent defense services and his or her area of responsibility.

A statement warranting that each attorney proposed to provide legal services shall be licensed to practice law by the State of South Dakota and be a member in good standing with the South Dakota State Bar Asso ciation during the contract term.

5. A statement indicating the

attorney's willingness and capability to always maintain professional liability coverage during contract term. In addition, indicate the attorney's willingness and capability to indemnify, defend and hold Brown County harmless for any and all costs, loss and liability for all injury or damage caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of an attorney providing services under the contract or anyone directly or indirectly employed by or contracting with the firm.

II. SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection of a service provider will be based upon the ability of the attorneys to best provide adequate legal representation for those individuals who because of social or economic barriers are unable to afford or secure it. Brown County will consider the completeness of the written proposal, the qualifications of the specific individuals proposed to provide services, the attorneys experience in similar work, and the competitiveness of the fee amount proposed.

dently evaluated on the above-

III. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SELECTION PROCESS A. Brown County reserves

the right to reject any proposals and to waive minor irregularities contained therein.

B. Brown County reserves the right to request clarification of information submitted and to request additional information from any attorney.

C. If Brown County selects a proposal, the County and the selected attorneys will work diligently to enter into a mutually agreed upon contract.

D. In the event a prior selection fails to result in the execution of a contract within thirty days after a proposal has been selected, Brown County reserves the right to enter into contract negotiations with the next most qualified proposal.

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Notice of Audit of the Fiscal Affairs of Groton Area School District No. 06-6

Notice is hereby given that the records and books of account of Groton Area School District No. 06-6 of Brown County, South Dakota, have been audited by Eide Bailly LLP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and that a detailed report thereon is filed with the governing board, the Business Manager, and the Department of Legislative Audit, 427 South Chapelle, Pierre, South Dakota, for public inspec-

The following findings and recommendations referred to in the report are hereby published in compliance with the provisions of SDCL 4-11-12:

Current Audit Findings and Recommendations

Finding 2023-001 – Preparation of Financial Statements, Footnotes and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards SEFA) including Significant Audit Journal Entries

Criteria: The Groton Area School District 06-6's (School District) internal control structure should be designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements, footnotes, and the SEFA, which includes having an adequate system for recording and processing entries mateto the financial statements being audited in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles

Condition: The School District requested the external auditors to assist in the preparation of the financial statements and related footnotes along with assistance in preparing the SEFA for the vear ended June 30, 2023. As part of the financial statement preparation process, we proposed material audit adjustments that were not identified as a result of the School District's existing internal controls and, therefore, result in a misstatement of the School District's

financial statements. Cause: The limited size of the School District's staff and resources causes the inability to prepare the financial statements, footnotes and SEFA and could cause the need for auditors to propose material journal entries.

Effect: This condition may affect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Recommendation: This circumstance is not unusual in an organization of this size. It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations. Also, a thorough review of the transactions in each fund should take place prior to the beginning of the audit, to ensure generally accepted accounting principles have been followed for each fund type, especially for transaction types infrequent in occurrence.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the

finding.
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ATTENTION TAXPAYERS: NOTICE TO IMPOSE A COUN-TY LEVY FOR MAINTENANCE. REPAIR & CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS & BRIDGES (RESERVE

Commissioner Dennert offered

the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #31-24 RESOLUTION TO CREATE A

COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE LEVY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF BROWN COUNTY, SD desires to properly maintain, repair, construct and reconstruct and improve roads and bridges in Brown County in order to benefit and preserve the welfare of Brown County residents and taxpayers in the long term. Law now permits the governing board of said entity to establish a tax amount which may be levied, and such amount can increase each year with the amount of inflation and new construction. All property within the county must pay the Road & Bridge Levy. However, 25% of the taxes generated by the property within a city will be remitted back to that city for their own bridge and street purposes. Therefore, the board does now establish a base property tax in the amount of \$2,167,872.79 (.40/1000) starting with calendar year 2024 taxes payable in the calendar year 2025. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least two-thirds vote of the board.

This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision.

Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread a levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount, allowing for percentage increases from inflation and new construction in subsequent

Dated this 18th day of June,

Seconded by Commissioner Wiese.

Roll call vote: Dennert-aye; Fjeldheim-aye; Wiese-aye; Gage-aye; Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

Duane Sutton, Board Chair-

Doug Fjeldheim, Board Vice-

Mike Gage, Board Member Drew Dennert, Board Member Mike Wiese, Board Member

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Queen of Hearts

Week 16 of the Queen of Hearts drawing was held Thursday with the jackpot of \$24,157. Ticket sales for the were \$1,725. The name drawn was Diane Schelle with chose card number 51, it was the King of Diamonds. She won the consolation prize of \$172.

— **King** Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.



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City of Frederick June 5, 2024 Minutes

Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, June 5, 2024 in the Frederick Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Attending the meeting were Chairman Scott Campbell, Board member Troy Millard, and Finance Officer Jennifer Morlock and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine. Also attending the meeting was Dan Nickelson and Manny Shellito.

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,298.58; Badger Meter fees Swr \$134.92; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$71.19; Dana Maunu mowing Gen'l \$166.23; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,734; DRN Readitech service FO \$21.04; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$923.27; FDC Econ Devlp \$1200; USDARD loan Swr \$3,763; J. Morlock

wage FO \$1,443.04; JVT Gen'l/ Wtr/EBL/FO \$289.21; M. Cox wage EBL \$685.33; M. Heine wage FO \$1,195.64; M. Morlock mowing Gen'l \$221.64; O. Morlock cleaning CC \$15.93; Quality Quick Print envelopes Gen'l \$387.63; R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr \$230.87; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; SD Assoc of Rural Water repair Wtr \$400; SD Dept of Health test Wtr \$363; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l \$66.35; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; VISA postage, supplies Gen'l \$677.63; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$5,370.26

OLD BUSINESS

Campbell provided a utility report. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's report from patrolling the area. Millard provided a list and photos of properties that are in violation of town ordinances. Notices will

wage FO \$1,443.04; JVT Gen'l/ be sent to those in violation to abate the nuisances. There will be road work later this month wage FO \$1,195.64; M. Morlock mowing Gen'l \$221.64; O. Mor-

NEW BUSINESS

The city has hired Brown County to begin spraying for mosquitoes. Four new trees were planted in Simmons Park. Dan Nickelson discussed replacing gravel on the road that goes by his house that was not replaced after the recent wastewater project.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, June 10 at 7PM. Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Campbell at 8:07 PM;

motion carried. M. Heine

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET

Groton Area School District Board of Education will conduct a public hearing in the High School Conference Room on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 8:00 pm to consider the forthcoming budget for fiscal year July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 as follows:

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Vehicle Maintenance	
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Taxes	10,700
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Small Rural School Achievement 18,369	
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June 18, 2024

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Wells, Wambach, Cutler, Nehls, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, Douglas Heinrich, Darrell Hillestad, Elizabeth Varin, and Whitney Sombke.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Wambach to approve the agenda with no changes or additions. All members present

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

Discussion took place regarding the airport and the progress with improvements taking place. Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to authorize Hillestad to work with IMEG to have the airport platted. All members present voted aye.

Hillestad exited the meeting. Discussion took place regarding the soccer complex and the building maintenance. Council would like to review options for a new shed at the complex.

Sombke exited the meeting. The May finance report was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Cutler. All members present voted aye.

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

voted aye.
Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wambach to authorize the fóllowing bills for payment. All

members present voted aye. Payroll, \$48,045.75, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$4,743.83, ; Public Safety, \$8,480.29, ; Public Works, \$14,517.22, ; Culture & Recreation, \$20,304.41, ; US Bank, \$35,000.00, Interest payment 2015 refinancing bond; Team Lab Chemical Corp., \$32.00. Freight charge; Full Circle Ag, \$106.54, Weed control chemi-cals; WEB Water, \$22,630.14, Water services - May 2024; USPS, \$292.49, Utility billing postage; DANR, \$60.00, Water distribution level 1 exam fee; Dacotah Bank, \$9,215.33, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Da kotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee savings; Dacotah Bank, 3,647.90, HSA contributions; Dacotah Bank, \$3,818.71, Withholding/SS/Medicare; Dacotah Bank, \$800.00, HSA contributions; Dwight Zerr, \$60.00, Med flex; Greg's Repair, \$892.72, Mount and balance 2 new tires on 2023 PD Tahoe; Linda Bahr, \$112.84, Utility deposit/overpayment refund; Adam and Jenna Franken, \$129.95, Utility deposit/overpayment refund Baily Job, \$250.00, Utility deposit refund; Scott and Shelly Freeman, \$126.88, Utility deposit/ overpayment refund; City of Groton, \$42.58, Utility deposit applied to outstanding bill; Jason Chambers, \$207.42, Utility deposit refund; Betty Breck, \$50.00, Water aerobics class refund; Chris Khali, \$50.00, Swimming lesson refund; SD State Treasurer, \$10,591.78, Sales and excise tax - May 2024 Justin Cleveland, \$727.97, Med Flex; Dollar General, \$282.85, Bottled water, batteries, cleaning supplies, markers, bug spray, t naner, first storage bags, storage bins, baking soda, potting soil, latex gloves - Multiple Depts.; Ecolab Pest Elimination, \$317.98, Insect elimination services - Community Center and Pool; rodent control services at rubble site; Badger Meter, Inc., \$150.05, Cellular service fee - Water metering; Coca-Cola Bottling Co., \$1,515.00, Soda/drinks for resale - Baseball Concessions; AutoZone, Inc., \$199.80, Diesel exhaust fluid City Shop; WAPA, \$21,438.64, Power services - May 2024; Darin Erdmann, \$395.96, Reimbursement for Baseball Concession supplies purchased; A&B Business Solutions, \$415.17, Printer lease - City Hall; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$290.00, Supplemental retirement; Share Supplemental retirement; Snare Corporation, \$372.37, Ground marking paint - blue/green - Water/Sewer Dept.; Farmers Union Co-op Assoc., \$1,480.00, Dyed gov't diesel - Street Dept.; Avera Occupational Medicine, \$270.00 Employed drug test.

\$270.00, Employee drug testing fees; Fire Safety First, LLC.,

\$32.65, First aid supplies; Lori's

Pharmacy, \$46.33, Window paint, liquid bandage, elastic bandages - Pool; Darrell Hilles-tad, \$504.62, Reimbursement

for airport drainage materials; Bruce Kleinsasser, \$2,135.00,

In-service lifeguard training; Schwan Welding and Boiler Repair, \$1,697.50, New mounts on directional plow - Street Dept.; Heartland Waste Management, \$10,239.90, Garbage hauling; Greg's Repair, \$36.00, Tire repair Parks; Auto Value Aberdeen, \$297.76, x2 CV axle shafts; Irby, Inc., \$2,836.40, Bolts, split bolts, bare copper wire, duplex wire, ground rods - Electric Dept.: Core & Main. \$868.27 Paving adapters - Water Dept. Associated Supply Company Inc., \$26,208.37, Swimming pool chemicals and electrodes; Locke

Electric, \$1,077.81, PD sign hookup, soccer field light repair,

baseball field 220 outlet installa

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\$139.14, Publishing costs; Altec Capital Services, LLC, \$2,189.93, Digger truck lease; Heartland Energy, \$31,481.32, Power services May 2024; Cole Papers, Inc., \$94.34, Toilet paper - Baseball, Boys Athletics 2032, \$325.00 U8 & U10 baseball entry fees Sisseton Youth Baseball Assoc. \$125.00, U12 baseball entry fee; NW Energy, \$13.45, Natural gas service - water tower; Douglas Heinrich, \$629.00, Meal/mileage reimbursement - HR/FO School in Spearfish, SD; Matt Locke, \$960.00, Umpire pay for June 29-30 Jr. Legion tournament; James Valley Telecommunications, \$852.27, Telephone and internet services; MJ's Sinclair, 1,756.48, Fuel purchases; Ken's Fair Foods, \$2,496.86, Fuel purchases, grocery/food items for resale for baseball and pool concessions; Harve's Sport Shop, \$259.96, Equipment bags for U8/U10/U12 baseball teams; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$6,441.50 Book purchases, new calculators and telephones for City Hall, stamper, infield screens, prestamped envelopes for City Hall, sewer samples, water sample, BB concession food for resale, fuel purchases, pool samples, head immobilizer kit for pool, fitness bar bells for pool, Phil-

Multiple Depts. Announcement: City offices closed on June 19, 2024, for Juneteenth.

lips HeartStart AED for pool,

softball equipment, cleat cleaner,

z screens, catcher's set for Jr.

Teeners, nose tissues, cleaner, candy, toilet paper, creamer -

Varin exited the meeting. Moved by Bahr and seconded by Nehls to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal matters 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:14pm. All members present voted ave. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:54pm.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Nehls to adjourn the meeting at 8:54pm. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor Douglas Heinrich, Finance

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The board of Trustees for the town of Claremont met on 6-11-2024 at 8pm. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Spencer and Rasmussen present. On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by meeting were approved. Motion carried. On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants were allowed: General: Jason Spencer, trustee, 831.15; Frank Rasmus-sen, trustee, 831.15; Shane Johnson, President, 831.15; Shane Johnson, gas for mow ing, 163.50; NWE, street lights, 376.13; NWE, city hall, 65.63; JVT, phone, internet, phone, 140.18; Valley Plains Equip, labor, parts and misc/tractor, 965.57; Full Circle Ag, RFI dyed diesel #1, 145.58; Holland Auto Parts, parts, 153.42; Charla Rye, wage, 500.00; Charla Rye, ink columnar pdd, 118.48; post office, stamps, 68.00; WWW: NWE, water pump, 41.76; NWE, sewer, 94.83; NWE, storm sewer, 20.07; CDJ, 2 water switches, 558.14; Rural Development, water loan, 576.00; With no further business before the Board a motion was made by Spencer to adjourn and seconded by Rasmussen motion carried.

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JUNE 24, 2024 - POST-ELEC-TION AUDÍT OF JUNE 4, 2024 RIMARY ELECTION

On June 24, 2024 a Post-Election Audit was conducted on the following Vote Centers in Brown County from the Primary Election that was held on June 4, 2024.

The results of the Post Election Audit are as follows: Vote Center Stratford:

The following races were

Statewide Race: DEM, **Presidential Candidate Official Canvass Totals:**

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Armando Perez-Serrato	

Post-Election Audit Totals	:
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Armando Perez-Serrato1	

2nd Race: REP State Representative, District 01 Official Canvass Totals: Logan Manhart.....15 Tamara St. John10

Post-Election Audit Totals: Logan Manhart.....15 Tamara St. John10 Christopher Reder....

Christopher Reder.....20

Vote Center Columbia: The following races were Statewide Race: DEM,

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Groton Jr Teeners 14U Firing On All Cylinders Against Watertown White Sox 14U

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr Teeners 14U easily dispatched Watertown White Sox 14U on Monday, 15-0.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Jordan Schwan singled, scoring one run, an error scored one run, Ethan Kroll singled, scoring two runs, and an error scored

A fielder's choice by Schwan, a walk by Braeden Fliehs, and a fielder's choice by Kroll helped Groton Jr Teeners 14U extend their early lead in the second.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U scored five runs on four hits in the bottom of the third inning. Alex Abeln singled, scoring one run, TC Schuster drew a walk, scoring one run, Schwan singled, scoring one run, an error scored one run, and Fliehs singled, scoring one run.

John Bisbee earned the win for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The starting pitcher surrendered three hits and zero runs over three innings, striking out two and walking none. Levi Brownlee took the loss for Watertown White Sox 14U. The starting pitcher went two and onethird innings, giving up 13 runs (six earned) on five hits, striking out three and walking six.

Schwan went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Groton Jr Teeners 14U in hits. Kroll and Schwan each drove in three runs for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Ryder Schelle led Groton Jr Teeners 14U with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating seven walks for the game. Schuster and Schwan each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Groton Jr Teeners 14U ran wild on the base paths, piling up six stolen bases for the game. Groton Jr Teeners 14U didn't commit a single error in the field. Abeln had the most chances in the

Grant Mayo, Case Hulscher, and Konrad Frankfurth each collected one hit for Watertown White Sox 14U.

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Groton Jr Teeners 14U Defeat Watertown White Sox 14U In High-Scoring Affair

By GameChanger Media

There were runs aplenty on Monday, as Groton Jr Teeners 14U took down Watertown White Sox 14U 14-11. Groton Jr Teeners 14U collected eight hits, while Watertown White Sox 14U had three.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U came back to win despite trailing 8-0 in the and singled in the fifth inning.

inning after Gabe Larson singled, Dray Dahlgren walked, Konrad Frankfurth walked, Max Larson walked, Watertown White Sox 14U scored on a wild pitch, Case Hulscher hit into a fielder's choice, Dustin Garvey walked, and Leo Dunn was struck by a pitch, each scoring one run.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the first, scoring 12 runs on five hits to take a 12-8 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Shaydon Wood after a 6-pitch at-bat that drove in three.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Groton Jr Teeners 14U scored on a wild pitch, and Watertown White Sox 14U committed an error, each scoring one run.

Xavior Ellenbecker earned the win for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The reliever surrendered zero hits and three runs (two earned) over one and one-third innings, striking out one and walking five. Hulscher took the loss for Watertown White Sox 14U. They went three innings, giving up five runs (four earned) on six hits, striking out two and walking two. Wood started on the bump for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The righty allowed one hit and eight runs (five earned) over two-thirds of an inning,

Wood seized on their opportunities, leading Groton Jr Teeners 14U with two runs batted in from the number eight spot in the lineup. The pitcher went 1-for-2 on the day. Number seven hitter, Kason Oswald, showed the depth of Groton Jr Teeners 14U's lineup, by leading them with two hits in two at bats. Jordan Schwan and Ellenbecker each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Groton Jr Teeners 14U had a strong eye at the plate, piling up six walks for the game. Groton Jr Teeners 14U stole 12 bases in the game.

Larson led Watertown White Sox 14U with two hits in two at bats. Hulscher, Larson, Dunn, Frankfurth, and Garvey each drove in one run for Watertown White Sox 14U. Watertown White Sox 14U had patience at the plate, collecting 12 walks for the game. Dahlgren and Larson led the team with two walks each. Hulscher and Garvey each stole multiple bases for Watertown White Sox 14U. Watertown White Sox 14U turned one double play in the game.

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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Victorious Over Hitmen Jr Legion

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 were victorious against Hitmen Jr Legion 8-4 on Sunday.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 opened the scoring in the first after a steal of home scored one run.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 extended their early lead with two runs in the top of the second thanks to RBI errors by Gavin Kroll and Lincoln Krause.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the top of the third inning after Jarrett Erdmann singled, and Alex Abeln grounded out, each scoring two runs.

Nicholas Morris led things off on the mound for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. They surrendered seven hits and four runs over five and two-thirds innings, striking out nine and walking three. Henery Bossly started the game for Hitmen Jr Legion. The starting pitcher gave up four hits and seven runs (five earned) over three innings, striking out two and walking two. Nick Groeblinghoff pitched one and one-third innings of no-run ball for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 in relief. They surrendered one hit, striking out one and walking one.

Erdmann drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with two runs batted in. The left-handed hitter went 1-for-3 on the day. Krause and Morris each collected two hits for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Krause stole four bases. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 ran wild on the base paths, accumulating seven stolen bases for the game.

Weston Senn led Hitmen Jr Legion with two runs batted in from the number eight spot in the lineup. The first baseman went 1-for-3 on the day. Landon Coyle led Hitmen Jr Legion with three hits in four at bats. Korbon Stark collected two hits for Hitmen Jr Legion in four at bats. Stark stole two bases. Hitmen Jr Legion turned one double play in the game.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 will travel to Hamlin Area 16U for their

next game on Thursday.
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Groton Locke Electric 2024 Rally Defeats Hitmen Amateurs

By GameChanger Media

Groton Locke Electric 2024 rallied to best Hitmen Amateurs 17-7 on Sunday. Groton Locke Electric 2024 trailed by as many as five runs during the game.

Ty Sieber collected five hits in five at bats in the win. Sieber doubled in the fifth inning, singled in the first inning, singled in the third inning,

Groton Locke Electric 2024 opened the scoring in the first after Gun-Watertown White Sox 14U got on the board in the top of the first ner Brueggman induced Brian Hansen to hit into a fielder's choice, but one run scored.

> Tyler Cunningham grounded out, which helped Hitmen Amateurs tie the game at one in the top of the second.

> A ground out by Peyton McDonnell gave Hitmen Amateurs the lead, 2-1, in the top of the third.

> Alex Morris grounded out, which helped Groton Locke Electric 2024 tie the game at two in the bottom of the third.

> Hitmen Amateurs flipped the game on its head in the top of the fourth, scoring five runs on five hits to take a 7-2 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a double by Rafael Clemente that drove in two.

> Groton Locke Electric 2024 flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the fifth, scoring nine runs on three hits to take a 11-7 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a walk by Aaron Severson that drove in two.

Morris earned the win for Groton Locke Electric 2024. They surrendered two hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out eight and walking one. Brueggman took the loss for Hitmen Amateurs. They went four and two-thirds innings, surrendering eight runs on striking out two and walking seven. Ryder Schelle collected the save. five hits, striking out nine and walking six. Cole Simon led things off on the hill for Groton Locke Electric 2024. The right-handed pitcher surrendered four hits and seven runs over three innings, striking out two and walking four.

Groton Locke Electric 2024 collected 18 hits in the game. Ben Althoff drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Locke Electric 2024 with three runs batted in. The infielder went 2-for-4 on the day. Dylan Frey and Morris each collected multiple hits for Groton Locke Electric 2024. Althoff led Groton Locke Electric 2024 with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, piling up nine walks for the game. Groton Locke Electric 2024 turned one double play in the game. Groton Locke Electric 2024 were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Wyatt Locke had the most chances in the field with eight.

Clemente went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead Hitmen Amateurs in hits. Hitmen Amateurs turned one double play in the game. Hitmen Amateurs didn't commit a single error in the field. Lay Winter had the most chances in the field with nine.

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Bradin Althoff Drives In 4 To Lead Groton Post 39 Past

Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion

By GameChanger Media

Bradin Althoff drove in four runs on two hits to lead Groton Post 39 past Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion 9-4 on Sunday. Althoff tripled in the fifth inning, scoring three runs, and doubled in the fourth inning, scoring one.

Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion were the first to get on the board in the second when Chays Mansfield singled, scoring two runs. Groton Post 39 tied the game in the top of the fourth thanks to a double by Althoff, and an error.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion went back into the lead after Xavier Kadlec singled, and Quinton Fischbach hit a sacrifice fly, each scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 flipped the game on its head in the top of the fifth, scoring seven runs on five hits to take a 9-4 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a triple by Althoff that drove in three.

Althoff earned the win for Groton Post 39. The reliever surrendered one hit and zero runs over one and two-thirds innings, striking out one and walking none. Fischbach took the loss for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion. They went one and one-third innings, giving up two runs (one earned) on two hits, striking out one and walking two. Brevin Fliehs began the game for Groton Post 39. The starting pitcher surrendered four hits and four runs (two earned) over three and one-third innings, striking out two and walking two. Ashton Remily started on the bump for Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion. The lefty allowed zero hits and zero runs over two and two-thirds innings, striking out none and walking none.

Althoff and Teylor Diegel each collected two hits for Groton Post 39. Number eight hitter, Mansfield, showed the depth of Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion's lineup, by leading them with two hits in two at bats.

Next up for Groton Post 39 is a game at Clark/Willow Lake Senators on Wednesday.

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Groton Post 39 Firing On All Cylinders Against Claremont Post 262 Honkers

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 easily dispatched Claremont Post 262 Honkers 18U on Saturday, 11-1.

Groton Post 39 got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Bradin Althoff doubled, Ryan Groeblinghoff walked, and Groton Post 39 scored on a wild pitch, each scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Brevin Fliehs walked, and Claremont Post 262 Honkers 18U committed an error, each scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning when Fliehs tripled, scoring three runs, and Althoff singled, scoring one run.

Teylor Diegel earned the win for Groton Post 39. The righty surrendered three hits and one run over three and one-third innings, striking out six and walking none. Tristan Leidtholt took the loss for Claremont Post 262 Honkers 18U. The starting pitcher went two and two-thirds innings, allowing nine runs (eight earned) on four hits, striking out two and walking eight. Althoff appeared in relief for Groton Post 39.

Althoff and Fliehs each collected two hits for Groton Post 39. Fliehs went 2-for-2 at the plate as they led the team with three runs batted in. Groeblinghoff paced Groton Post 39 with three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, accumulating nine walks for the game. Fliehs stole two bases.

Will Schuller led Claremont Post 262 Honkers 18U with one run batted in. The third baseman went 1-for-2 on the day. Chris Cutler, Schuller, and Kassen Keough each collected one hit for Claremont Post 262 Honkers 18U. Keough stole two bases.

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Groton Post 39 Take Lead And Never Look Back In Win Over Castlewood

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 easily dispatched Castlewood Post 250 on Saturday, 9-0.

Groton Post 39 opened the scoring in the second after Bradin Althoff doubled, scoring three runs.

A single by Teylor Diegel, and a walk by Althoff helped Groton Post 39 extend their early lead in the third.

Dillon Abeln earned the win for Groton Post 39. The starting pitcher gave up two hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out six and walking none. Brody Bass took the loss for Castlewood Post 250. They went four innings, allowing nine runs on seven hits, striking out three and walking eight.

Groton Post 39 tallied 10 hits in the game. Althoff provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Groton Post 39 with three runs batted in. They went 1-for-2 on the day. Karsten Fliehs and Brevin Fliehs each collected two hits for Groton Post 39. Groton Post 39 had patience at

the plate, collecting eight walks for the game. Abeln, Fliehs, and Diegel led the team with two walks each. Fliehs stole two bases. Groton Post 39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Althoff had the most chances in the field with seven.

Watson Grantham and Riggs Prouty each collected one hit for Castlewood Post 250.

Next up for Groton Post 39 is a game at Warner-Ipswich-Northwestern Legion on Sunday.

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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Defeat Tri-Valley Mustangs 16U Maroon In Nail-Biter

By GameChanger Media

Despite seeing their 5-run lead whittled down by the end, Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 still held off for an 8-7 victory on Saturday. Tri-Valley Mustangs 16U Maroon closed the gap by scoring on a single, a double, and an error.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 got on the board in the top of the first inning after Gavin Englund lined out, and Jarrett Erdmann walked, each scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 added one run in the third after Tristin McGannon was struck by a pitch.

Tri-Valley Mustangs 16U Maroon tied the game in the bottom of the third thanks to a single by Alex Wingen, and a double by Tristen Bunde.

In the top of the fifth inning, Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 went back into the lead after Erdmann walked, and Jackson Williams balked, each scoring one run.

Englund stepped on the bump first for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The right-handed pitcher surrendered eight hits and five runs over six and two-thirds innings, striking out nine and walking four. Williams stepped on the hill first for Tri-Valley Mustangs 16U Maroon. The starting pitcher surrendered four hits and seven runs over six innings, striking out one and walking five. Erdmann appeared in relief for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39.

Englund and Jordan Schwan were tough to handle back-to-back in the lineup, as each drove in one run for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Jordan Schwan led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with two hits in three at bats. Erdmann and Jordan Schwan each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39.

Tri-Valley Mustangs 16U Maroon collected 10 hits in the game. Tristen Bunde provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Tri-Valley Mustangs 16U Maroon with four runs batted in. The infielder went 2-for-4 on the day. Wingen went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Tri-Valley Mustangs 16U Maroon in hits. Tri-Valley Mustangs 16U Maroon ran wild on the base paths, tallying six stolen bases for the game.

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Dated at Groton, South Dakota this 25th day of June, 2024. Douglas Heinrich, Groton City Finance Officer

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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Fall In Back-And- Forth Affair Against Colton Teeners

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 and Teeners passed the lead back-andforth on Saturday, but eventually Teeners prevailed 18-7. The game was tied at six in the top of the eighth when Jeter Scoular drew a walk, scoring one run.

Teeners got on the board in the first inning after a wild pitch scored one run

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 jumped back into the lead in the bottom of the first inning after Jarrett Erdmann singled, and Nick Groeblinghoff doubled, each scoring one run.

Aiden Kelly lined out, which helped Teeners tie the game at two in the top of the third.

In the bottom of the fourth, Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 broke up the tie when Gavin Kroll was struck by a pitch, driving in a run. Then a hit by a pitch followed to extend the lead to 4-2.

Teeners made the score 5-4 in the top of the sixth after Jeter Scoular singled, scoring two runs, and Keaton Johnson drew a walk, scoring one run.

Erdmann walked, which helped Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 tie the game at five in the bottom of the sixth.

A walk by Tyler Heinje gave Teeners the lead, 6-5, in the top of the seventh.

Alex Abeln walked, which helped Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 tie the game at six in the bottom of the seventh.

Teeners flipped the game on its head in the top of the eighth, scoring 12 runs on two hits to take a 18-6 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a walk by Mason Allen that drove in two.

Erdmann opened the game for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The southpaw surrendered three hits and two runs (one earned) over five innings, striking out nine and walking five. Keaton Johnson began the game for Teeners. The starting pitcher allowed five hits and four runs (two earned) over four innings, striking out four and walking two.

Erdmann drove the middle of the lineup, leading Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with two runs batted in. The left-handed hitter went 1-for-4 on the day. Jordan Schwan went 3-for-5 at the plate to lead Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 in hits. Groeblinghoff collected two hits for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 in four at bats. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 had a strong eye at the plate, amassing six walks for the game. Lincoln Krause and Abeln led the team with two free passes each. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Gavin Englund had the most chances in the field with 11.

Jaxson Wiese and Jeter Scoular each collected two hits for Teeners. Jaxson Wiese, Mack Koplin, and Jeter Scoular each drove in two runs for Teeners. Keaton Johnson led Teeners with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating 16 walks for the game. Mason Allen stole two bases. Teeners turned one double play in the game.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 will travel to Hamlin Area 16U for their next game on Thursday.

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Groton Jr Teeners 14U Make A Run Against Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen But Fall Short

By GameChanger Media

Despite a 4-run deficit in the fourth inning, Groton Jr Teeners 14U almost came all the way back, eventually falling 5-4 to Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen on Friday. Groton Jr Teeners 14U closed the gap by scoring on a steal of home, a walk, a walk, and a walk.

Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen got on the board in the first inning after Mason Backous hit a sacrifice fly, scoring one run.

Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Kaylor Swenson grounded out, and Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen scored on a wild pitch, each scoring one run.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U tied the game up in the top of the sixth thanks to three walks. Groton Jr Teeners 14U tied the game at four on a walk by Zach Fliehs.

Maddox Dinger earned the win for Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen. The reliever surrendered zero hits and zero runs over one-third of an inning, striking out none and walking one. Alex Abeln took the loss for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The righty went five innings, surrendering five runs (four earned) on eight hits, striking out four and walking one. Brody Beitelspacher started the game for Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen. They gave up one hit and one run over five innings, striking out five and walking four.

Jordan Schwan and John Bisbee each collected one hit for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Xavior Ellenbecker and Kolton Antonsen each drove in one run for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Groton Jr Teeners 14U had patience at the plate, accumulating eight walks for the game. Fliehs and Sam Crank led the team with two free passes each.

Beitelspacher and Backous each collected two hits for Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen. Swenson and Backous were a one-two punch in the lineup, as each drove in one run for Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen. Jace Byram stole two bases.

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Second-Inning Burst Enough To Lead Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen Past Groton Jr Teeners 14U

By GameChanger Media

Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen defeated Groton Jr Teeners 14U 12-0 on Friday thanks in part to seven runs in the second inning.

Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen jumped out to the lead in the bottom of the first inning after Mason Backous hit an inside the park home run, scoring two runs, Donovan Kiesow tripled, scoring two runs, and JaSean Rivera drew a walk, scoring one run.

Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen scored seven runs on six hits in the bottom of the second inning. Backous singled, scoring two runs, Jace Byram singled, scoring one run, Kiesow doubled, scoring two runs, a steal of home scored one run, and one run scored on another play.

Carsen Hofland earned the win for Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen. The starting pitcher surrendered two hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out five and walking four. Ethan Kroll took the loss for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. The starting pitcher went three innings, giving up 12 runs (11 earned) on 11 hits, striking out none and walking three.

Kroll and Jordan Schwan were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected one hit for Groton Jr Teeners 14U while hitting back-to-back. Groton Jr Teeners 14U were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Zach Fliehs made the most plays with two.

Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen tallied 11 hits in the game. Backous went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen in hits. Kiesow and Backous each drove in four runs for Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen. Maddox Dinger and Byram each collected multiple hits for Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen. Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen turned one double play in the game. Smittys 14U 2024 Aberdeen were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Byram made the most plays with six.

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Groton Area varsity takes third in the Rumble in the Jungle

The second day of the Rumble in the Jungle was held Tuesday in the air conditioned Groton Area Arena. The event is scheduled to be an annual event and according to Coach Brian Dolan, all of the teams that participated have committed to next year's events. He said that his goal is get to 12 teams and he said that he already had 11 that are interested in attending.

In the first round brackets games, Dawson-Boyd defeated Viborg-Hurley, 55-46. Groton varsity had a first round bye as Lennox was not able to participate on Tuesday. In the lower bracket, Aberdeen Christian defeated Mobridge-Pollock, 51-43, and Rapid City Christian defeated Groton Area JV, 55-39. In the Groton game, Easton Weber made four three-pointers and finished with 12 points, Ryder Schelle made one three-pointer and finished with seven points, Karson Zak and Jayden Schwan each had five points, Jace Johnson and Wyatt Wambach each made a three-pointer, Logan Warrington had two points and Asher Johnson added a free throw.

In the loser's bracket, Viborg-Hurley defeated Mobridge-Pollock, 44-42, and the fifth place game, Groton Area JV defeated Mobridge-Pollock, 49-27. In the Groton game, Jayden Schwan led Groton Area with 10 points which included one three-pointer, Easton Weber made two three-pointers and finished with nine points, Ryder Schelle had eight points, Jace Johnson six, Asher Johnson and Ethan Kroll each had four points, Karson Zak had three, Wyatt Wambach made a three-pointer for three points and Logan Warrington finished with a free throw.

In the championship bracket, Rapid City Christian defeated Aberdeen Christian, 60-38, and Dawson-Boyd defeated Groton Area, 51-43. In the Groton game, the Tigers had an eight point run in the first half to take a 22-10 and led at halftime, 31-24. Dawson-Boyd had a 12-point run early in the second half to take a 42-33 lead and went on to win by eight. Keegen Tracy led Groton Area with one three-pointer and finished with 15 points, Ryder Johnson made one three-pointer and finished with 14 points, Gage Sippel had six points while Kassen Keough and Becker Bosma each had two points.

In the third place game, Groton Area defeated Aberdeen Christian, 62-35. Keegen Tracy led Groton Area, making two three-pointers and finished with 14 points. Kassen Keough made three three-pointers and finished with 13 points. After that Becker Bosma had seven points, Teylor Diegel made one three-pointer and finished with seven points, Ryder Johnson made two three-pointers and had six points, Jayden Schwan had four points, Easton Weber made one three-pointer and had four points, Karson Zak made one three-pointer for three points and Blake Pauli had two points.

In the championship game, Dawson-Boyd defeated Rapid City Christian, 62-58.

The Groton Area games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Brad and Pam Hanson.

- Paul Kose

The first of two days of was held Monday at the Gwith Groton Area Head Bashe said he had talked with at the state tournament levent. Unfortunately, due of the interstate, Dakota it to the event. So Groton varsity team to fill in for I Each game featured two minutes between halves games. For the day, Ryd free throws.

Rapid City Christian defeadame, 61-60, in overtime, and the game was tied so Groton Area with 14 point with nine, Karson Zak had

Ryder Johnson makes this shot in the Lennox game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

The first of two days of the Rumble in the Jungle was held Monday at the Groton Area Arena. In talking with Groton Area Head Basketball Coach Brian Dolan, he said he had talked with the Dakota Valley coach at the state tournament last year about creating this event. Unfortunately, due to flooding and the closing of the interstate, Dakota Valley was unable to make it to the event. So Groton Area put together a junior varsity team to fill in for Dakota Valley.

Each game featured two 20-minute halves with two minutes between halves and five minutes between games. For the day, Ryder Johnson made 18 of 20 free throws.

Rapid City Christian defeated Groton Area in the first game, 61-60, in overtime. There were 18 lead changes and the game was tied six times. Ryder Johnson led Groton Area with 14 points followed by Easton Weber with nine, Karson Zak had eight, Becker Bosma (coming from Aberdeen Christian) with seven, Gage Sippel six, Keegen Tracy and Turner Thompson each had five, Kassen Keough had four and Blake Pauli added two points. Weber made three three-pointers, Johnson and Zak each made two three-pointers, and making

one each were Tracy, Bosma and Thompson.

In the other game, Viborg-Hurley defeated Mobridge-Pollock, 60-51.

In the second round game, Aberdeen Christian defeated Groton Area JV, 37-25. Karson Zak had seven points, Easton Weber six, Jace Johnson and Jayden Schwan each had four, Asher Johnson two and Ethan Kroll one. Making three-pointers were Weber with two and Zak with one. In the other game, Dawson-Boyd defeated Lennox in overtime, 61-59.

Groton Area won the third game with a 56-55 win over Viborg-Hurley. Ryder Johnson had 22 points, Becker Bosma 12, Keegen Tracy nine, Karson Zak and Gage Sippel each had four points. Tevlor Diegel had three and Blake Pauli had two points.

In the other game, Rapid City Christian defeated Mobridge-Pollock, 56-42.

In the fourth round, Groton Area JV defeated Dawson-Boyd, 41-37. Easton Weber had 11 points, Asher Johnson and Karson Zak each had 10, Jace Johnson seven, Jayden Schwan two and Logan Warrington one. Making three-pointers were Johnson with three and Tracy with one. In the other game, Aberdeen Christian defeated Lennox in overtime, 53-48.

Groton Area junior varsity played right after the fourth round, against Mobridge-Pollock. This was the biggest margin of victory of the day as Groton Area won, 58-30. Easton Weber had 16 points, Jace Johnson 12, Asher Johnson 10, Karson Zak and Logan Warrington each had five, Jayden Schwan four Major Dolan three and Wyatt Wambach two. Making three-pointers were Weber with four, Jace Johnson with two and Zak, Dolan and

In the other game, Viborg-Hurley defeated Aberdeen Christian, 56-46.

In the final round of the day, Lennox edged Groton Area, 54-53. There were 12 lead changes and the game was tied eight times. Ryder Johnson had 17 points, Keegen Tracy 12, Gage Sippel eight, Kassen Keough and Becker Bosma with seven each and Blake Pauli two. Keough made two three-pointers while Tracy and Bosma each had one. Dawson-Boyd defeated Rapid City Christian in the other game.

All of the Groton games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by the Groton Chiropractic Clinic. The games are archived under 2023-24 School Year, Other Events, Rumble in the Jungle, Monday's Games.

The Life of Carson James Bentz



Warrington with one each.

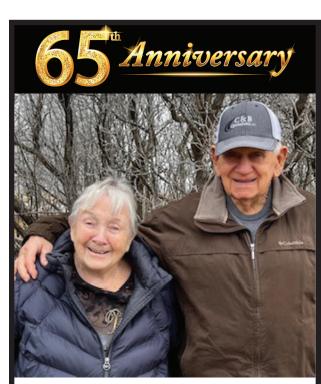
Carson James Bentz, infant son of Thomas and Ashley (Dragt) Bentz was born into Heaven on June 21, 2024 at Sanford Medical Center in Aberdeen.

Services were Wednesday, June 26th at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Rev. Michael Lassley officiated.

Cherishing his memory are his parents, Thomas Henry and Ashley Ninette (Dragt) Bentz, siblings, Jaclyn Rudebusch, Beau Bentz, Madilynn and MeKalynn Bentz, maternal grandparents, James & Tamara Dargt of South Shore, paternal grandparents, Jacob

& Joan Bentz of Aberdeen, maternal great-grandparents, Loyd and Harleth Crook of Groton, uncles, Bryan (Danielle) Dragt of Stockholm, James Dragt, Jr. of White, and an aunt, Taylor (Jace) Canaan of Pierre. Preceding him in death were his great-grandparents.





Don and Nancy Hein will celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on July 3, 2024. Greetings may be sent to 918 Arbor Lane #46, Aberdeen SD 57401.

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By David Adler

D-Day Reminder: Constitutional Principles Went to War Abroad to Preserve Them at Home

The 80th anniversary of D-Day, justly commemorated as history's greatest military invasion, reminds us of the fact that World War II was waged to defeat the forces of authoritarianism abroad so our constitutional democracy and all that comes with it -- freedom, justice and the rule of law -- could be preserved at home.

When American soldiers stormed the beaches at Normandy on June 6, 1944, they fought for the cherished principles embodied in the Constitution and those trumpeted by the Bill of Rights: limited governmental powers confined by the Constitution, freedom of speech, press and religion, equal protection of the law, due process of law and popular sovereignty. If allied forces had not prevailed, those constitutional principles and democratic values might have been

War abroad to preserve democracy at home cannot by itself succeed if America's governmental institutions, including the Supreme Court, fail to defend fundamental constitutional principles.

Fully informed and influenced by the existential threats that authoritarianism posed to our constitutional democracy in World War II, the Court, in West Virginia Bd. of Education v. Barnette -- delivered on June 14, 1943 (Flag Day) -- a 6-3 decision that enjoys its lofty status in the pantheon of landmark cases extolling the virtues of freedom of speech, religion and constitutionally limited government.

The state of West Virginia had enacted a law that required teachers and students to salute the flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance each day. The Supreme Court, just three years before, in Minersville v. Gobitis (1940), had upheld in an 8-1 decision, a similar Pennsylvania statute, challenged by Jehovah's Witnesses, who contended that the mandate violated their First Amendment right of freedom of religion because it coerced them to engage in idolatry. The Court upheld the statute on grounds that it promoted the goals of citizenship and patriotism and served the interests of national unity and security.

Legal scholars, as well as organizations as patriotic as the American Legion, had roundly criticized the compulsory statute, believing the question of saluting the flag should be voluntary. Now, the Barnette Court, in full view of the fact that Germans, in the iron grip of Hitler's totalitarianism, were required by law to salute the Fuhrer, recoiled at the prospect of imposing on Americans a requirement that they, too, assume a mandated physical position to salute the flag.

The Court, in a remarkable 6-3 ruling, overturned Gobitis and upheld a challenge to the law brought by Jehovah's Witnesses on the grounds that it violated their First Amendment rights of free speech and religion. Three Justices -- William O. Douglas, Hugo Black and Frank Murphy -- who had voted with the Gobitis majority, reversed course in Barnette and recanted their position in Gobitis.

In what represented Justice Robert H. Jackson's most memorable and eloquent opinion, he wrote for the Court, "If there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein."

West Virginia was promoting patriotism, but its means could not justify its use of coercive power.

"The Bill of Rights," Justice Jackson said, "denies those in power any legal opportunity to coerce" allegiance. "Authority here is to be controlled by public opinion, not public opinion controlled by authority."

Jackson's stark contrast of the essential difference between totalitarianism, as manifested in Hitler's Germany, a closed society without freedom, and the constitutional democracy of the United States, founded on the indispensable conditions of a free and open society, brought into sharp focus what allied forces were fighting for in World War II.

In America, as in all republics grounded on the consent of the people, national unity must be obtained through persuasion and example, not by coercion.

Justice Jackson, drawing on history, and the current practice in Germany, perceived the paths and results of state coercion of beliefs, thoughts, religion and speech. "Those who begin coercive elimination of dissent soon find themselves exterminating dissenters. Compulsory unification of opinion achieves only the unanimity of the graveyard."

Justice Jackson's opinion was applauded by the legal fraternity and the nation. The eloquence of his judicial defense of individual liberty and democracy has not been matched since.

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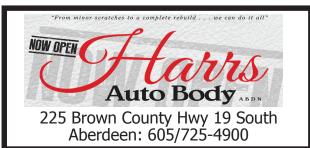
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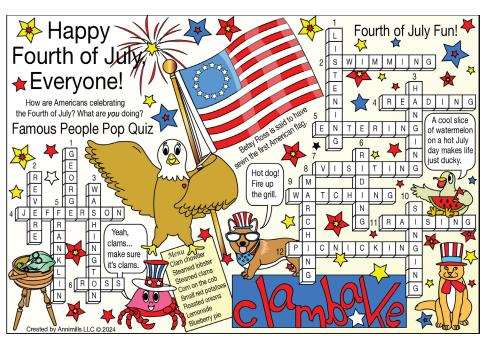
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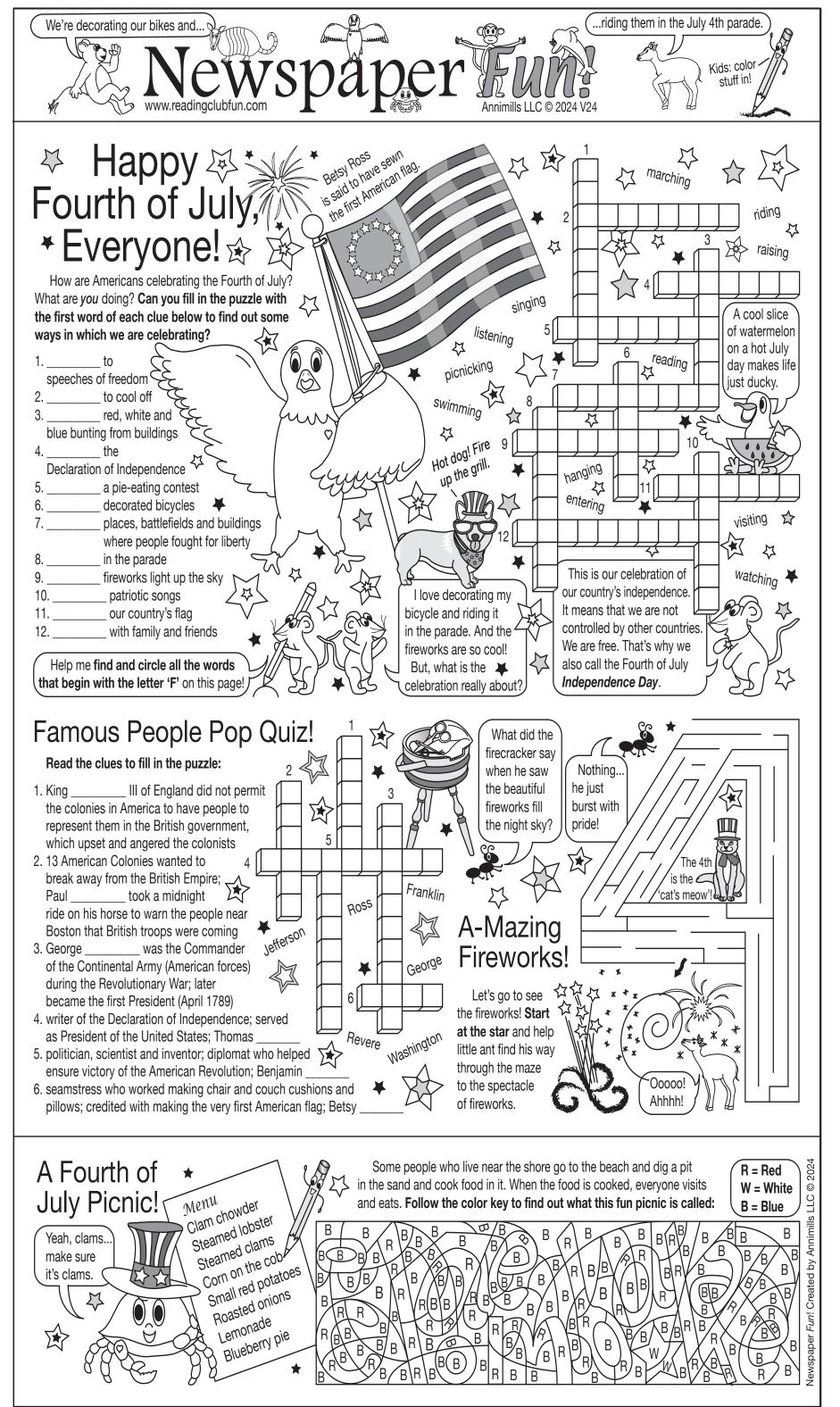
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EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: What are the environmental impacts of the widespread legalization of marijuana in recent years? -- Mac Styles, Tallahassee, FL

Cannabis is an increasingly popular recreational and medicinal drug that is capable of producing psychogenic effects. As more states legalize cannabis for some

medicinal and recreational uses, cannabis production is on the rise.

On average, cannabis requires double the amount of water than food staples like corn, soybean and wheat. Over 60 percent of marijuana grown in the United States originates from California. Additionally, California produces nearly 75 percent of the nation's fruits and nuts and over 33 percent of its vegetables. Californian agriculture is significantly supported by aquifers, surface water diversion, springs and rivers. The rising demand for cannabis may exacerbate water scarcity, divert freshwater from essential agriculture and municipal needs, and harm water ecosystems by altering stream flows.

A single pound of commercial marijuana product correlates to over 4,600 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions produced. Additionally, cannabis plant matter has been found to contain high concentrations of biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOCs), especially monoterpenes, which have been linked to increases in ground-level ozone pollution and particulate matter that can lead to severe health issues. Further, cannabis cultivation is often enhanced by pesticides and ammonia-rich fertilizers that are used to supplement the plant's high nitrogen requirement. The ammonia frequently volatilizes into the atmosphere, bonding with nitrogen oxides to produce particulate matter. Runoff from these inputs also causes soil acidification, water eutrophication, oxygen depletion and harm to aquatic life.

Indoor planting facilities require significant energy for lighting, heating, ventilation and dehumidification. One 2012 study even attributed "the energy consumption for this practice in the United States at 1% of national electricity use, or \$6 billion each year." Back then, only 16 states had legalized marijuana for medicinal use. Today, that number has risen to 38 states, suggesting that current energy consumption for indoor cannabis production is likely even higher.

Several foundational changes could make cannabis crops more sustainable. Many states that have legalized cannabis have not established energy standards for indoor cultivation facilities. By mandating LED bulbs instead of metal halide or fluorescent bulbs, policymakers can initiate energy reduction. However, this is not always feasible. Facilities located in cooler areas sometimes rely on the heat generated by non-LED bulbs to keep temperatures warm enough for the cannabis to grow.

In the early days of the cannabis industry, it was widely believed that growers had to use reverse osmosis (RO) to remove heavy metals and sodium from water before applying it to their crops. Roughly half of the water that was put through RO was discarded as wastewater. Yet, testing showed tap water works similarly without impacting product quality, prompting a shift away from RO.

Some facilities are transitioning their root media from traditional, non-recyclable 'stone wool' to a coconut-fiber-based product. Coconut fiber offers improvements in water retention and filtration, allowing plants to maintain a cleaner root environment and reduce watering frequency. Moreover, coconut fiber promotes better aeration and drainage, preventing waterlogging that can lead to root rot.

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"Urinary leakage in men and women"

As husband and wife urologists, we talk a lot about the urinary tract and how it affects our patients.

In women, the most common urinary concern is in-



continence, or the involuntary leakage of urine. There are several causes and many treatment options exist depending on the type.

The two main types of urinary leakage in women are urge urinary incontinence and stress urinary incontinence. For women with urge incontinence, treatment is aimed at improving quality of life disrupted by overactive bladder. Overactive bladder is characterized by urinary urgency, frequency, waking up at night to urinate, with or without urge urinary incontinence. The most important first steps a patient can take to reduce bother include limiting caffeine intake, minimizing fluid intake (unless you have kidney stones, you do NOT need to drink 8 glasses of water a day), and urinating on a schedule every two hours or so while awake. The next step in treatment is medication. Many medications are no longer used due to unfavorable side effects of dry mouth, constipation and even dementia. Newer medications are much safer and better tolerated. Be sure to ask your doctor if your bladder medication is associated with an increased risk of memory loss and dementia.

If medications fail, "third line therapy" is available. This includes tibial nerve stimulation, Botox bladder injections and an outpatient procedure to place a neuromodulation device (think of this as a pacemaker for the bladder). Treatment duration with Botox can last up to 9-12 months and neuromodulation is typically effective for 10-15 years or more, at which point a battery will need to be replaced.

For women with stress incontinence, the mainstay of treatment is procedural, either with an in office urethral bulking agent or a surgically implanted mid-urethral sling. These procedures can be curative and greatly improve women's quality of life.

In men, the majority of leaking is due to prior prostate cancer surgery. This type of leakage with movement and activity is called male stress urinary incontinence. In addition to pelvic floor muscle exercises, procedural interventions exist as well. The mainstay of treatment is a procedure in which an artificial urinary sphincter is inserted. This is for men with the most severe leakage who are using many pads daily. It involves an inflatable cuff that encircles the urethra, a reservoir behind the pubic bone that stores the fluid when not around the urethral cuff and a pump placed in the scrotum to move the fluid from one location to another. Slings are also used in men with milder incontinence. In both instances, the goal is to get patients down to 1-2 light pads daily.

Men can also experience urge incontinence and treatments are similar as for women; however, some differences do exist which can relate to enlarged prostate.

The bottom line is, if you are suffering from urinary incontinence, many treatment options exist and we encourage you to speak with your doctor about these issues.

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