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Security concerns delay approval of alcohol sales at Celebration in the Park By Elizabeth Varin

A final say on whether new business owners will be able to sell alcohol at the Groton City Park is not clear as alcohol use and security concerns were brought to the City Council meeting Tuesday evening.

The first "Celebration in the Park" event is scheduled for Saturday, 27. The event, hosted by the Groton Lions Club with sponsorship from area businesses, is slated to include a rib cook-off, cornhole tournament, kids games, Lizzy Hofer karaoke and, contentiously, beer for sale.

Earlier this month, the council gave provisional approval for a special event liquor license, contingent on approval from Police Chief Stacy Mayou.

On Tuesday, two factions filled the council meeting to express their concerns or support for the event.

Joyce Grenz asked the council to reconsider approving the special event liquor license.

"It seems to us that the city park should be a safe place for children, teens and families to enjoy without the use of alcohol," she said. "There may be many unsupervised children and teens at this event. We feel it sends a mixed message to them, especially if they've gone through the DARE program that is promoted in our schools. It also seems the compromise the safety within the park atmosphere."

Glenna Remington reiterated those concerns.

"We believe the Groton park should be for children and family fun, and not for selling alcohol," she said. "In the summer, children ride their bikes to the park. What kind of example will that show when we sell alcohol in a place they normally play."

Remington also read a letter from Pastor Josh Jetto of the Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, who was out of town during the Tuesday meeting.

"The park is a place primary for children and families to come and play, where the whole community comes together to enjoy wholesome gatherings for all ages," he wrote. "We should not be turning the city park into a location for, essentially, a 21+ age drinking party."

"This event and its sales benefit a private business at the expense of the good of the community as a whole," the letter continued. "I do not believe this is good or right use of the public property. I have no problem with a celebration in the park or with karaoke, as long as the songs aren't vulgar. My issue is with allowing the sale and consumption of alcohol at any event in the park, a place that should always be a place that is safe for all ages for the whole community."

Suzie Easthouse, president of the Groton Lions Club, said the layout of the event should keep any area with alcohol away from the family and children area. She added that she couldn't speak about the alcohol sales specifically because the Lions Club is not involved in that part of the event. However, there have been other events around town that received special event liquor licenses.

The idea of having an area to sell alcohol is to keep it controlled and monitored, said Jason Schaunaman, one of the new owners of the Jungle Lanes & Lounge.

"For us, this was an opportunity to try and be a part of a community event, and obviously there is the profit side of it, but it was again brought up as an idea to make this more of a fun celebration," he said. "Obviously I know alcohol doesn't need to be part of an event to make it a fun celebration. But it does tend to be part of it when it comes to adult events."

"The way I look at it, it's almost better when it's being sold because you're monitoring who's buying it and who's consuming it."

There will be TAM (Techniques of Alcohol Management)-certified individuals checking IDs and people monitoring the area to keep issues from escalating, he said. There will also not be hard liquor sold, but rather one or two beer products and a hard seltzer.

Fellow owner Tim Janusz added that while he understands the concerns from a Christian standpoint and as a former alcoholic, if the proper methods are in place to check IDs and serve responsibly, there should be no negative impact on kids in the area.

"We want to be part of this community," he said. "We live in Aberdeen. We wanted to show this community that we're not, from Aberdeen, going to come here, make a profit and move back."

There will be insurance policies in place to cover the event should something happen, he added.

The idea of moving the event to downtown Groton was floated, but Easthouse with the Groton Lions Club dismissed the idea, saying the event is not set up to be a street dance downtown.

"We have a beautiful park that is underutilized," she said.

There are only two major events at the park each year: Summer Fest and Pumpkin Fest, she said.



Representatives from the Groton Lions Club as well as from the general public were on hand to discuss the sale of alcohol in the City Park. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)

Police Chief Stacy Mayou, who emphasized he is not the official granting a special event liquor license, said his concern is public safety. He suggested the council require certified law enforcement officers be hired as security at the event, as they are trained to deal with situations that others are not equipped to handle.

"There's a reason we're certified to do what we do," he said.

There is only one officer scheduled to be on duty in Groton during the scheduled event, and if an emergency like a vehicle accident were to happen, that officer would have to respond to that call, taking them away from the park.

Mayor Scott Hanlon said he respects everybody's feelings about the event. He emphasized, though, that having alcohol at an event like this can show kids that people can drink responsibly.

Grenz, feeling the shift in the room, said she was "disappointed with the way the conversation seems to be going, but I'm not surprised in this day and age."

Remington added, "do we have to have alcohol to have fun?"

Hanlon replied, "just because someone has a beer or two, that doesn't make them a bad person."

Remington quickly replied, "that's not what I'm saying."

Hanlon continued that an event like this can be used as a way to teach children to be responsible with alcohol.

"I understand," he said. "I really do. But the park is for the big kids too. We need to teach our kids ... not our kids, but our parents, responsibility and respect."

"...What I should do it outlaw these things," he said while holding up his cell phone.

Parents bring their kids down to the park and don't play with them, but rather sit and stare at their phones.

"I get it," he said, "but we have to teach our kids respect and responsibility."

Hanlon later asked if those opposed to the alcohol permit had seen the movie "Footloose," adding that those banned from dancing in the fictional town ended up doing it anyway.

"We have the right to have a beer or two," he said.

There were still concerns about certified officers being on site should something happen.

"If they can only get one, I don't think we can allow it," said Councilman Brian Bahr. "I'm leaning more in to giving them a shot if they have two certified officers."

It remains to be seen whether two certified officers will be able to be hired in time for the late-July event. The new business owners have until 5 p.m. July 23 to inform the city that it has hired two certified officers for the event. The business owners will also have to provide copies of the officers' certification documents to the city and police chief.

We Mark Time

Writer’s note: A memory from 2017.

We mark time in very personal way in a small town.

In a bigger city, there are so many anonymous moving parts, it’s not possible to have the same kind of connections. Here, we mark time in eras, by the inevitable changing of the guard. So, when Dorene Rueb went to sleep last Monday and didn’t wake up again, it was a touchstone moment in Ashley, N.D.

Fifty years. That’s how long Dorene was an institution at Ashley Super Valu. Although she was in retirement, sometimes I’d still see her helping out in the bakery, and things just always seemed a little more right in the world.

She was short and round, like all the best German women are, with a cherubic face that exuded kindness. Her husband, Adolf, was a classmate of my father’s. They’re both gone now.

Dylan and I talked about Adolf yesterday. “I don’t think he ever knew my name,” he laughed, “He just called me ‘Little Tony.’”

Dylan worked there for a while, like a good many students have over the years. The students fill out a core roster that has been surprisingly consistent. There have been losses, sure, but familiar faces are the norm.

Among the regulars are Wally Heupel and DeuWayne Arnold. Some months ago, I was in the dairy section watching as DeuWayne arranged paper products above the coolers, storage always at a premium in the store. Wally was on the other side, watching with some disgust as, in the process, DeuWayne pushed an inch too much and sent a row of bathroom tissue tumbling down at Wally’s feet.

My first instinct was to instigate a brawl. “Hey, Wally, did you see what DeuWayne did?”

“Yeah, I saw,” Wally grumbled as he gazed at the carnage.

“Hey, what’s the big idea, DeuWayne,” I said, “throwing bathroom tissue at Wally?”


No answer. He just pushed his glasses back onto his nose and squinted up at the stack. I walked away with one parting comment. “Violence is never the answer, DeuWayne.”

I crack myself up. Blessed are the peace-makers.

My office has been across the street since 1998, so the store has been my pantry for a very long time.

Sometimes, I pick up a bag of pastries for the office. They always ask how many are in the white bag. You’re on the honor system.

Honor is overrated. I’ll throw four in there and when they ask, I always say, “one.” I’m



That’s Life

by Tony Bender

trying to live a life of crime, but they never let me get away with it.

When I came to visit my grandfather before I moved back, he would always pull a ring of that famous sausage in the red casing out of his refrigerator and unwrap the white paper. He’d cut up pieces for us that were way too small in my opinion.

“Where did you get this sausage?” I remembered asking him once. “Rueb!” was the answer.

The baloney recipe remains, but the construction of the fry sausage has gotten more adventuresome, with the introduction of things like sauerkraut, which makes perfect sense. And jalapenos, which do not, in the sense of ethnic cross- pollination. But it sure is good. I used some in my Thanksgiving dressing. It was a big hit.

I love coming in on Tuesday mornings when baloney is steaming on the meat counter. Is there a better breakfast? I don’t think so. My family members often put in an order when we are about to gather for some event. “Hey, Sausage Boy...” the email begins.

Adolf and Dorene’s son, Kirk, is keeping the tradition alive as one of the sausage-makers. Kirk and Byron were adopted. I sometimes think about what it must have been like for them to contemplate their good fortune. To emerge from uncertainty, into a world filled with so much love and joy.

A friend of mine once said that, after he lost his mother—his father had passed first—“I felt like an orphan.” The natural order of things leaves us all orphans, doesn’t it?

I saw Dorene just a few days before she slipped away. We exchanged pleasantries in the first aisle of the store. I’m sure I was smiling, because I always did when I saw her. She was that kind of person.

I’ll hold that last image of Dorene in my mind. I miss her already.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

We’re inching closer to training camp, which will begin next week – which means we’re inching closer to preseason, which will begin next month. Football is almost back!

To get you ready for the 2024 NFL season, we continue our breakdown of the Minnesota Vikings’ roster. This week, we focus on the linebackers. Historically, the Vikings have run a 4-3 defense (four defensive linemen, three linebackers), but they have recently switched to a 3-4 defense. The biggest difference in a 3-4 defense is at linebacker, because instead of having the defensive ends line up with their hands in the dirt, they are now considered outside linebackers who have more responsibilities than simply rushing the passer. So for today’s roster breakdown, we’ll divide the linebackers into two groups – inside linebackers and outside linebackers.

Inside Linebackers

The Vikings currently have seven inside linebackers on the roster, a number that will need to be cut in half by the start of the regular season (the Vikings kept four ILBs last season).

Ivan Pace Jr. – Perhaps the best story of the 2023 season, Ivan Pace Jr. was an undrafted, undersized player who has a motor that just won’t stop (eerily similar to Hall of Fame defensive tackle John Randle). Pace was trusted to wear the green dot while Jordan Hicks was injured last season, and with Hicks leaving in free agency, it’s likely Pace will wear the dot full-time this season (the green dot means the player has a headset in his helmet, so that player is responsible for receiving the play call from the sidelines and relaying it to the team).

Blake Cashman – The former Golden Gopher is back in Minnesota after playing for the Texans (2022-23) and the Jets (2019-21). Cashman was signed in free agency to start alongside Pace Jr at the inside linebacker position.

Brian Asamoah II – Entering his third year in the NFL, this will be Asamoah’s last chance to prove he can stay healthy and help the team win. When he’s on the field, Asamoah is a fast, instinctive linebacker who is gifted enough to help the team. If he can stay healthy, he’ll have a spot on the roster, but his days of battling for a starting spot seem to be behind him at this point.

Kamu Grugier-Hill – The player with the inside track for the final ILB roster spot, Grugier-Hill is entering his ninth season in the NFL. He was drafted by the Patriots in 2016 (Brian Flores was the Patriot’s linebackers coach at the time), and later played for the Dolphins in 2020 when Flores was the head coach.

Abraham Beaulieu, K.J. Clouy, and Dallas Grant – all three are pretty much extra bodies for training camp, although one of the three may impress the coaches enough to earn a spot on the practice squad.

Outside Linebackers

The Vikings currently have nine OLBs on the roster, which will likely be whittled down to five by the start of the regular season.

Jonathan Greenard – The Vikings and Texans traded a ton of players this offseason, and no switch was more meaningful than Danielle Hunter for Greenard. While at first glance it might seem like a slight downgrade, Greenard is younger than Hunter and is a natural outside linebacker, whereas Hunter is a defensive end who was asked to play OLB when the Vikings made the switch to the 3-4 defense.

Dallas Turner – The Vikings’ other first-round pick, Turner was perhaps the best pass rusher in the draft. He might not start right away in week one, but once he’s comfortable with the Vikings’ system, he will undoubtedly enter the starting lineup. He is the top (non-QB) player I’m interested in watching this preseason.

Andrew Van Ginkel – Originally brought in to start opposite Greenard, Van Ginkel will likely be the starter until Dallas Turner is ready. AVG had a breakout season in 2023 for the Dolphins, and even if he eventually becomes the backup, he will see plenty of snaps on defense this season.

Pat Jones II – Entering his fourth season, Jones has the inside track for one of the backup OLB spots on the roster. But he will have to go out there and earn it because there is a ton of younger players gunning for his spot.

Andre Carter II – An undrafted player in 2023, Carter appeared in 12 games last season, mostly on special teams.

Gabriel Murphy – Continuing the trend of identifying and signing top-notch undrafted players, Murphy was perhaps the top undrafted rookie this year. He will be in the mix for an OLB spot.

Jihad Ward – The final player who will be in the mix for a roster spot, Ward was signed as a free agent this offseason. He is entering his ninth season in the NFL and is big enough that he can play on the defensive line if needed. That versatility might be what lands him a spot.

Owen Porter, and Bo Richter – Two rookies who will have a very steep hill to climb if they want to stick around on the practice squad.

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State Nebraska Bank & Trust vs Brian Dolan & Kristen Dolan (06CIV22-000424-01)
2012 Chevy Avalanche
An Execution of Judgement in the above referenced matter was received by the Brown County Sheriff's Office on January 3rd, 2024. The amount of the Judgment is \$33,157.48, \$260.50 Cost, \$373.39 Pre-Judgement interest, plus continuing costs, and interest, as provided by law. This amount does not include Sheriff's Office fees and costs related to this matter. The property to be sold pursuant to the Execution is: 2012 Chevy Avalanche, VIN 3GNTKFE79CG124632. Odometer Reading: 206,206.
THIS PROPERTY WILL BE AUCTIONED AND SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, WITH THE SALE BEING FINAL, SOLD AS IS WITH NO WARRANTIES EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED. CASH IS REQUIRED ON THE DAY OF SALE.

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DAVE LUNZMAN, SHERIFF OF BROWN COUNTY.
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JULY 9, 2024 – GENERAL MEETING
Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Fjeldheim, Gage, Sutton, and Wiese. Auditor Heupel led the Pledge of Allegiance.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Commissioner Wiese to approve the agenda, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None
ESTABLISH APPLICATION & ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR FUTURE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS (TIF) IN BROWN COUNTY: The Draft Resolution was read by Chairman Sutton then opened for floor for discussion. Gene Loeschke, Director of Equalization clarified these fees would only be on County

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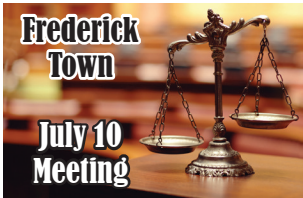
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TIF's not City TIF's. Aberdeen City Attorney, Ron Wager addressed the Commission stating the county's administrative fee cannot be applied to a City TIF but he was authorized to inform the Commission that the City of Aberdeen understands there are costs incurred by the County is ready, willing, and able to meet with the Commission and form a partnership to share the administrative fees for the TIF's. Mr. Wager stated that they need to be doing their compliance and enforcing of the TIF's better going forward. State's Attorney Deputy, Ross Aldentaler stated he attends to agree with Mr. Wager at this time to clarify the Resolution insert saying applications to the County for TIF and any Developer seeking TIF from the County, would clear it up that it applies to the County only. Gene Loeschke shared there are 27-28 active TIF's in the City that do take a lot of time, so he agrees that the County and the City do need to get together to account for the time the county puts into TIF's. Chairman Sutton responded to Mr. Wager that they appreciate the fact that the City is willing to meet and see what type of agreement we could come to offset some of the County's costs. Attorney Rod Tobin asked the Commission how they came up with the proposed fee and Commissioner Sutton shared that they looked at the amount of work/man hours the County Employees put into a TIF between the Assessor's Office, Auditor's Office, and IT Department, to come up with what we thought were reasonable fees over the 20 years which is the life of a TIF. Mr. Tobin than asked if they would be willing to consider a sliding fee scale like the city does based on the size of the development. Attorney Jay Gellhaus wanted to caution the Commission on having such as significant fee because they are trying to promote affordable housing and draw businesses into the City or County, he shared that some of these TIF's are razor thin for the developers and the change in interest rates, economy can have devastating effects and stifle development. Mr. Gellhaus agrees that the County and City should get together. Darin Beckius with Homes Are Possible also commented that they are trying to get new housing for smaller communities to help them keep schools and/or gas stations open and the repayment ability is extremely tight on affordable housing, so he feels that a percentage or sliding scale would be more appropriate. Commissioner Wiese thanked everyone for their input but shared about the Discretionary Formula for Commercial or Home Development, which defers property taxes; the County is not trying to stifle development, but we need to find a middle ground because the TIF's defer the income for the County to receive in property taxes which is very significant in what we try to utilize for our resources for all the different responsibilities the County has so that is a bit frustrating; and he appreciates the city's willingness to meet and discuss further. Gene Loeschke shared that there is a Development Discretionary that is available; if they have platted at least 8 lots for residential property; the land value is frozen for 5 years or until a property sells. After further discussion, Commissioner Fjeldheim moved to defer for further consideration and research, seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS PERMIT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the Fireworks permit for Bellino Fireworks for Aerial Show at the

Brown County Speedway (postponed due to weather) on July 12, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the July 2, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims:
CLAIMS: Insurance: SD Assoc of County Commissioners \$2,949.00. Professional Fees: Aberdeen ED \$2,098.31; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$1,299.00; Avera Medical Group Radiology \$1,020.67; Avera St. Luke's Hospital \$9,786.98; CGI, LLC \$1,479.38; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$216.00; Fischbach Law Office \$2,271.25; Houston Engineering, Inc \$1,135.00; Satellite Tracking of People, LLC \$1,508.00. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$501.19; Hub City Radio \$4,000.00; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$429.00; Midstates Group \$210.00. Rentals: Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$51.19. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Clean-All, LLC \$1,238.37; Consolidated Electrical Distributors Inc \$390.00; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$232.74; Dakota Pump & Control \$774.49; Napa Central \$190.39; Olson's Pest Technicians \$250.00; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$623.08; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$2,700.00; RDO Equipment Co \$2,930.73. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$11,541.08; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$946.43; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$799.79; Bimbo Foods USA, Inc \$656.49; Century Business Products \$316.52; Cole Paper Inc \$1,884.86; East Side Jersey Dairy Inc \$880.74; Menards \$114.05; Midstates Group \$26.25; PharmChem, Inc \$766.80; Runnings \$513.16; Thomson Reuters-West Payment Center \$306.89; Tri-State Water \$35.00; US Foods \$9,374.22. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$43.23; CenturyLink \$270.53; Midcontinent Communications \$148.81; Northwestern Energy \$1,158.83; WEB Water Development Association, Inc \$139.68. Others: SD Assoc of County Officials \$764.00; SD Dept of Agriculture & Natural Resources \$4,295.17. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:
• Retraction of Resignation of Penny Hart, Brown County State's Attorney Administrative Coordinator; FT – effective June 30, 2024.
• Transfer of Penny Hart from FT Brown County State's Attorney Administrative Coordinator to PT Brown County State's Attorney Legal Assistant; starting wage \$20.00/hr. – effective July 7, 2024.
• Hiring of Daniel Dow as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$21.29/hr. – effective July 17, 2024.
• Approve personal miles driven for April 2024 at .62 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthews 235.60 miles at \$146.07; Matt Heupel 105 miles at \$65.10; John Florey 108 miles at \$66.96; John Florey 85 miles at \$52.70; John Florey 120 miles at \$74.40; Mike Scott 190 miles at \$117.80.
• Approve personal miles driven for May 2024 at .62 per mile as follows: Joshua Matthews 235.60 miles at \$146.07; Matt Heupel 105 miles at \$65.10; John Florey 108 miles at \$66.96; John Florey 96 miles at \$59.52; Mike Scott 130 miles at \$80.60.
All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
LANDFILL TONNAGE REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to acknowledge the Landfill Tonnage Report for June 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignments against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
TRAVEL REQUESTS: Move by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Travel Request: Scott Bader, Planning & Zoning Director to attend Western Planner 2024 Conference on August 6-9, 2024 in Cheyenne, WY. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim 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.
Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve retaining Attorney Melanie Carpenter for a personnel matter. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:02 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.
Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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City of Frederick
July 10, 2024 Minutes
Frederick's town board meeting was held Wednesday, July 10, 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.
Chairman Campbell opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
The minutes of the June 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 July accounts payable were approved with a motion by Millard/Campbell; motion carried.
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
MDU electric BP/Wtr/Mun Bldg/SP/Sts/Swr/EBL \$1,212.61; Badger Meter fees Swr \$134.92; Brown County Sheriff's Office deputy svcs Gen'l \$1,041.67; Century Bus Products printer Gen'l \$81.73; DANR fee Wtr \$100; Dennis Durheim gravel Sts \$801.85; Dependable Sanitation Grbg \$1,723; Dickey County Leader ad fee Gen'l \$32; DRN Readitech service FO \$21.04; EFPTS taxes Gen'l/FO/CC/EBL/Sts/Wtr/Swr/Cmty \$902.32; Farmer's Union Oil propane/gasoline Sts/EBL \$1,084.30; FDC Econ Devlp \$1200; GDI minutes Gen'l \$36.42; USDA-RD loan Swr \$3,763; J. Morlock wage FO \$1,443.04; JVT Gen'l/Wtr/EBL/FO \$289.01; M. Cox wage EBL \$625.30; M. Heine wage FO \$1,195.64; M. Morlock mowing Gen'l \$321.37; O. Morlock cleaning CC \$15.93; R. Bakeberg supervisor wage Wtr \$230.87; S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$69.26; S. Campbell supplies SP \$7.88; SD Dept of Health test Wtr \$92; SD Dept of Rev sales tax Gen'l \$65.78; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$46.17; VISA postage, supplies Gen'l/SP \$208.06; USDA-RD loan Wtr \$475; WEB Water Wtr \$5,632.76
OLD BUSINESS
Campbell provided a utility report. Motion to pay the interim utility worker the utility wage of \$16 per hour when doing utility work made by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The board reviewed the Brown County Sheriff's report from patrolling the area. The board discussed response and lack thereof relating to the letters sent out regarding nuisance properties. The county is now coming on a weekly basis to spray for mosquitos.
NEW BUSINESS
Motion to approve the Emma Burnham Library second quarter report made by Millard/Campbell; motion carried. The city received a notice of increasing water rates from WEB Water. There were dumpsters in town last month that were well utilized. Motion to charge \$25/1,000 for bulk water rates to Astech Asphalt made by Campbell/Millard; motion carried.
The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 7 at 7PM.
Motion to adjourn made by Millard/Campbell at 7:41 PM; motion carried.
M. Heine
Assistant Finance Officer
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City of Faith to scrap code enforcement crackdown

Bart Pfankuch
South Dakota News Watch

Applause rang out among residents at the city council meeting in Faith on Tuesday, July 16 when the council voted to begin the process to rescind a controversial new code enforcement policy.

After weeks of negative feedback from the public over a recent property code enforcement crackdown, the council voted to remove the International Property Maintenance Code from its ordinances. The first reading of the ordinance to rescind the code was approved, and it will take another affirmative vote and a few weeks to legally rescind the code.

The code, used by communities across the state as a guide for code enforcement, allows an enforcement officer to access land and dwellings of code scofflaws without permission in some circumstances. The Faith council said it would instead revert back to its local code enforcement rules that were in place before the code crackdown began this spring.

Mayor Glen Haines told the council and public that the city will provide copies of the property codes to all residents in an effort to educate them about the rules and the requirements that they abide by them.

"It's up to the people now," Haines told News Watch in an interview on July 17. "It's what they wanted, so we'll see what the

people do."

The council on July 16 also went into executive session to discuss whether to continue, change or exit a contract with Code Enforcement Specialists (CES), a private code enforcement firm the city hired in March 2024 to lead its new code enforcement efforts.

Haines said no new action was taken on the CES contract after the executive session, so for now the CES contract remains in effect.

Whereas a feeling of anger was present among attendees at a spirited council meeting on July 2 – when some residents spoke of taking up arms over the code crackdown – the vibe at the July 16 meeting was one of relief and reconciliation.

Longtime Faith resident Eddie Henschel said he thinks Faith is a beautiful town despite a need for some properties to be cleaned up. Henschel said he hopes the residents can come together to beautify the city, just as they did in helping one another recover from recent bad storms.

"People in this community, even if they hate their neighbors ... we all pull together as a team," he said.

As reported earlier by News Watch, the hub-bub arose when the city hired CES, of Burke, S.D., to visit the city and begin stricter enforce-

ment of its codes. The council also adopted the international property code as recommended by Joel Johnson, owner of CES. The firm has code enforcement contracts with more than 80 communities in South Dakota and elsewhere.

After visiting Faith, Johnson sent out 53 enforcement warning letters to residents of the northwest South Dakota town of 300 that has about 200 properties. The letters landed with a thud, as residents were suddenly faced with potentially expensive repairs and cleaning requirements for things that had not been addressed by the city for decades in some cases.

At the same time, there was an acknowledgement in Faith that some properties had become eyesores, with disabled vehicles parked in yards, tall grass and weeds or junk piled within sight of neighboring properties.

Haines said further action to remove the international code and possibly alter the CES contract will occur at council meetings in the coming weeks and possibly months. "It takes a while to get everything settled out," he said.

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Unit 39 American Legion Auxiliary news

All Unit 39 ALA members are reminded to bring a salad along with the recipe that lists all of the ingredients to the Legion hall by 10 am on Wednesday, July 17. Please include your name on the recipe, lid, and bowl.

The officers for 2024-2025 Auxiliary year are Tami Zimney, President; Meri Erickson, 1st VP; Sarah Grant, Secretary; Lori Giedt, Treasurer, Samantha Oswald, Chaplain; and Coralea Wolter, Historian.

Groton Unit 39 memberships goal was 105 and we achieved 90% of that goal so we end our year with 16 junior and 78 senior members for a total of 94. For 2025: The membership chairman for Groton Unit 39 is Jan Seibel (not Gertie Erickson). Membership dues remain the same as last year; seniors \$31 and juniors \$5.50. You may send your dues to Jan anytime after September 1st, and her address is 42541 102nd St., Britton SD 57430. Your check is made to Groton Unit 39 ALA. Nationals does not send out your renewal notice until after their national convention which is September so your cards will be mailed AFTER that month. You may wait and pay your dues at the first meeting which will be Tuesday, September 3 at 6:00 pm at the Groton Legion hall. Membership cards are available at every meeting for you to pick up after paying your dues. All dues need to be paid by Dec. 31, 2024 for membership year 2025.

All Groton Unit ALA members are encouraged to donate back-to-school items for our Give 10 to Education Program by August 15. A drop off box will be placed in the Legion. You can call and ask teachers what their needs are, look through BTS lists, donate gift cards, make baked goods, clothes, winter hats/gloves, volunteer time at the school, buy books, etc. for this "Give 10 to Education" Program. Any questions should be directed to Jan Seibel, 605-448-3002.

Groton Unit 39 is looking to send CARE packages to enlisted soldiers and honor blue star families of our Groton graduates and beyond during the holidays. Please reach out to Jan Seibel at 605-448-3002 or email information to seibelj@venturecomm.net and let her know the soldier's name, branch of service, were stationed, and anything else of importance.

Upcoming events for Unit 39:

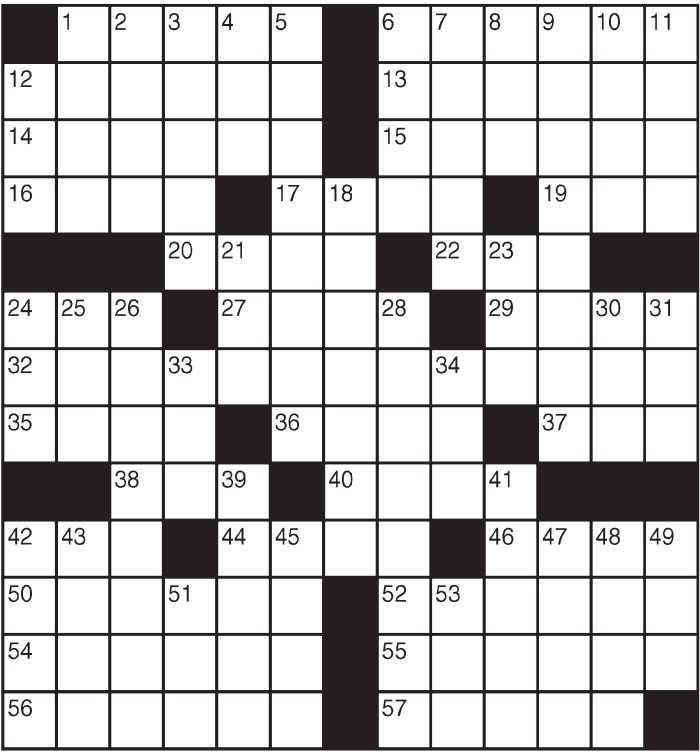
Back-to-School drive for our "Give 10 to Education" Program from July 17 to August 17. Bring in ANY type of school supply (pen, pencil, notebook, markers, erasers, etc.), gift card, winter hat/gloves, volunteer and hour or two in a classroom, playground, library etc. This program is for members and nonmembers of the American Legion Auxiliary. Drop off box at the Legion hall.

Veterans Day program. Mr. Wanner's classes will interview veterans during September and October and then they will write their service reports to read at the program. Groton Unit member Karen Wolter, is sewing the quilts for each honored veteran and quilts will be delivered to those veterans interviewed at the Veterans Day program on November 11.

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Overall, students from 35 states and 24 nations graduated following the spring 2024 semester.

More than 70 students received two or more degrees or certificates from a college.

Kaycie Lois Hawkins of Groton, South Dakota, (57445) graduated with a Bachelor of Science in SDSU's Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering.

Tanae Nicole Lipp of Groton, South Dakota, (57445) graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in SDSU's College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

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Groton Jr Teeners Fall After Strong Showing By Britton Jr Teeners

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr Teeners couldn’t keep up with Britton Jr Teeners and fell 11-1 on Tuesday. Groton had defeated Britton on Monday, 10-1. The loss on Tuesday forces a second game between Groton and Britton on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Britton Jr Teeners got on the board in the top of the third inning after Drew Heitmann drew a walk, scoring one run, and Lincoln Kilker singled, scoring two runs.

Ben Suther earned the win for Britton Jr Teeners. The starting pitcher gave up four hits and one run over six innings, striking out 11 and walking three. Jordan Schwan took the loss for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. They went four and two-thirds innings, surrendering six runs (five earned) on three hits, striking out three and walking nine.

Ethan Kroll, Sam Crank, Ryder Schelle, and Alex Abeln each collected one hit for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. Abeln led Groton Jr Teeners with one run batted in. The right-handed hitter went 1-for-2 on the day. Crank stole two bases.

Lofton Heer went 1-for-1 at the plate as the leadoff hitter led the team with two runs batted in. Chaz Vietor, Britton Jr Teeners’s number seven hitter, led the team with two hits in four at-bats. Heer led Britton Jr Teeners with four walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, tallying 17 walks for the game. Britton Jr Teeners were sure-handed and didn’t commit a single error. Colton Chapin made the most plays with 11.

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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Take Lead And Never Look Back In Win Over Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 won big over Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U 11-3 on Monday.

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

A fielder’s choice by Kroll extended the Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 lead to 4-1 in the top of the third inning.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 scored five runs on four hits in the top of the fifth inning. Kroll singled, scoring two runs, Lincoln Krause singled, scoring one run, Carter Simon drew a walk, scoring one run, and Nicholas Morris singled, scoring one run.

Nick Groeblichhoff earned the win for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. They surrendered seven hits and three runs (two earned) over five innings, striking out eight and walking five. Hunter Bimger took the loss for Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U. The starting pitcher went four innings, allowing six runs (four earned) on three hits, striking out three and walking six.

Kroll, the number eight hitter for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39, led the way with three runs batted in. They went 1-for-2 on the day. Karsten Fliehs and Morris each collected two hits for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Simon paced Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, piling up nine walks for the game. Krause, Simon, and Tristin McGannon each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 stole 12 bases in the game. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 turned one double play in the game.

Bimger, E Falk, and Micah Zasrow each drove in one run for Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U. T Neuwar led Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U with two hits in four at bats.

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Jacob Schmitt stole two bases. Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U turned one double play in the game.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 welcome Clark Area Jr Legion 17U on Thursday for their next game.

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Bradin Althoff’s Clutch Hitting Propels Groton Post 39 To Victory Over Milbank

By GameChanger Media

Bradin Althoff drove in four runs on one hit to lead Groton Post 39 past Milbank 12-9 on Tuesday. Althoff doubled in the first inning, scoring three runs, and walked in the fourth inning, scoring one.

Groton Post 39 jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Althoff doubled, scoring three runs, and Ryan Groeblichhoff singled, scoring one run.

A double by Colby Dunker, and a single by Groeblichhoff helped Groton Post 39 extend their early lead in the second.

Groton Post 39 scored five runs on three hits in the top of the fourth inning. Braxton Imrie singled, scoring two runs, Dillon Abeln was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Brevin Fliehs drew a walk, scoring one run, and Althoff drew a walk, scoring one run.

Jarret Erdmann earned the win for Groton Post 39. They gave up three hits and three runs over five innings, striking out seven and walking seven. Josh Pederson took the loss for Milbank. They went one inning, giving up six runs on three hits, striking out none and walking four. Althoff collected the save. Abeln and Imrie each appeared in relief for Groton Post 39.

Groton Post 39 piled up 10 hits in the game. Groeblichhoff led Groton Post 39 with four hits in five at bats. Groton Post 39 had patience at the plate, collecting nine walks for the game. Abeln, Fliehs, and Teylor Diegel led the team with two walks each. Diegel stole three bases. Groton Post 39 were sure-handed in the field and didn’t commit a single error. Abeln had the most chances in the field with seven.

Reece Rabe led Milbank with three runs batted in. Tanner Hallquist, Dillen Scheeley, Joe Schulte, Nolen Scheely, Pederson, Mason Miester, and Mac Koplin each collected one hit for Milbank. Pederson led Milbank with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, tallying 14 walks for the game.

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Bradin Althoff Drives In 4 To Lead Groton Post 39 Past Milbank

By GameChanger Media

Bradin Althoff drove in four runs on two hits to lead Groton Post 39 past Milbank 11-1 on Tuesday. Althoff doubled in the third inning, scoring three runs, and singled in the second inning, scoring one.

Groton Post 39 won thanks in part to six runs in the second inning. Dillon Abeln singled, scoring two runs, Althoff singled, scoring one run, Colby Dunker doubled, scoring one run, and an error scored two runs.

Milbank got on the board in the first inning after Tanner Hallquist was struck by a pitch, driving in a run.

Groton Post 39 scored five runs on five hits in the top of the third inning. An error scored one run, Althoff doubled, scoring three runs, and Dunker doubled, scoring one run.

Korbin Kucker earned the win for Groton Post 39. The right-handed pitcher surrendered zero hits and one run over three innings, striking out six and walking eight. Dillen Scheeley took the loss for Milbank. The right-handed pitcher went three innings, surrendering 11 runs (eight earned) on nine hits, striking out

one and walking three.

Althoff, Abeln, and Dunker each collected two hits for Groton Post 39. Groton Post 39 were sure-handed and didn’t commit a single error. Karsten Fliehs made the most plays with six.

Hallquist led Milbank with one run batted in. Milbank had a strong eye at the plate, collecting eight walks for the game. Joe Schulte and Josh Pederson led the team with two bases on balls each.

Groton Post 39 play at home on Thursday against Clark/Willow Lake Senators in their next game.

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Groton Defeats Britton On Multiple Hit Performance By Bisbee

By GameChanger Media

John Bisbee collected four hits in four at bats, as Groton defeated Britton 10-1 on Monday. Bisbee singled in the third inning, singled in the sixth inning, singled in the second in-

ning, and singled in the fifth inning. A walk by Braeden Fliehs put Groton on the board in the bottom of the first.

Groton added one run in the second. Kason Oswald doubled after a 6-pitch at-bat, making the score 2-0.

Groton added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Bisbee singled, Groton scored on a passed ball, and Groton scored on a passed ball, each scoring one run.

Groton scored five runs on four hits in the bottom of the sixth inning. An error scored one run, Sam Crank singled, scoring one run, Bisbee singled, scoring one run, Oswald drew a walk, scoring one run, and an error scored one run.

Alex Abeln started the game for Groton. They surrendered one hit and one run over five and one-third innings, striking out six and walking two. Chaz Veitor led things off on the hill for Britton. The starting pitcher gave up three hits and two runs (one earned) over one and one-third innings, striking out one and walking three. T.C. Schuster threw one and two-thirds innings of zero-run ball for Groton in relief. They gave up zero hits, striking out one and walking none.

Groton accumulated 14 hits in the game. Ryder Schelle, Jordan Schwan, and Crank each collected multiple hits for Groton. Fliehs paced Groton with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, piling up six walks for the game.

Lincoln Kilker led Britton with one run batted in. Drew Heitmann led Britton with one hit in three at bats.

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Groton Locke Electric 2024 Defeat Hitmen Amateurs On Multiple Hit Performance By Ty Sieber

By GameChanger Media

Ty Sieber collected three hits in four at bats, as Groton Locke Electric 2024 defeated Hitmen Amateurs 9-5 on Sunday. Sieber doubled in the fourth inning, tripled in the ninth inning, and singled in the third inning.

Groton Locke Electric 2024 got on the board in the top of the first inning after Brian Hansen singled, and Austin Jones grounded out, each scoring one run.

Groton Locke Electric 2024 added to their early lead in the top of the third inning after Hansen singled, Bradin Althoff singled, Hitmen Amateurs committed an error, and Althoff stole home, each scoring one run.

Jones earned the win for Groton Locke Electric 2024. The righty surrendered two hits and two runs over four and one-third innings, striking out three and walking seven. Gunner Brueggman took the loss for Hitmen Amateurs. They went nine innings, allowing nine runs (three earned) on 11 hits, striking out 11 and walking three. Aaron Severson and Spencer Locke each appeared in relief for Groton Locke Electric 2024.

Groton Locke Electric 2024 amassed 11 hits in the game. Sieber and Hansen each collected three hits for Groton Locke Electric 2024. Althoff and Hansen were a one-two punch in the lineup, as each drove in two runs for Groton Locke Electric 2024. Ben Althoff collected two hits for Groton Locke Electric 2024 in five at bats. Groton Locke Electric 2024 ran wild on the base paths, accumulating five stolen bases for the game. Groton Locke Electric 2024 turned two double plays in the game.

Bennett Cassens, Hitmen Amateurs’s number nine hitter, led the team with two hits in four at-bats. Tyler Cunningham, Brueggman, Cassens, and Ryan Engle each drove in one run for Hitmen Amateurs. Jett Kleinsasser led Hitmen Amateurs with four walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, amassing 17 walks for the game. Hitmen Amateurs turned two double plays in the game.

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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 With Tough Game Against LAW Rattlers

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 couldn’t keep up with LAW Rattlers Legion and fell 11-4 on Saturday.

LAW Rattlers Legion got on the board in the top of the first inning after Parker Salwei grounded out, and , each scoring one run.

LAW Rattlers Legion scored five runs on two hits in the top of the fourth inning. Carter Simon induced Caleb Kosiak to hit into a fielder’s choice, but one run scored, Connor Kosiak doubled, scoring three runs, and an error scored one run.

Simon stepped on the hill first for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. They gave up seven hits and 11 runs (seven earned) over four and one-third innings, striking out three and walking five. Berkley Frantz started on the mound for LAW Rattlers Legion. They gave up two hits and zero runs over three innings, striking out four and walking one.

Gavin Englund provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with two runs batted in. The number three hitter went 2-for-3 on the day. Gavin Kroll paced Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, amassing six walks for the game.

Kosiak led LAW Rattlers Legion with four runs batted in. They went 4-for-4 on the day. Levi Keeney stole two bases. LAW Rattlers Legion turned one double play in the game.

LAW Rattlers Legion didn’t commit a single error in the field. Justin Bosch had the most chances in the field with eight.

Next up for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 is a game at Redfeild Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U on Monday.

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Bottom Of The Lineup Carries Groton Post 39 Past SMC Post 140 (Salem/Montrose/Canova)

By GameChanger Media

The bottom of the lineup helped Groton Post 39 capture a 4-1 victory over SMC Post 140 (Salem/Montrose/Canova) on Saturday. Ryan Groeblinghoff, Braxton Imrie, and Teylor Diegel combined for four of the team’s eight hits in the victory. They scored three runs and drove in none.

SMC Post 140 (Salem/Montrose/Canova) were the first to get on the board in the fifth when Jackson Remmers singled, scoring one run.

Groton Post 39 took the lead in the bottom of the fifth. Brevin Fliehs grounded out, scoring three runs, to give Groton Post 39 the lead, 3-1.

Bradin Althoff earned the win for Groton Post 39. The starting pitcher allowed five hits and one run over seven innings, striking out six and walking none. Owen Alley took the loss for SMC Post 140 (Salem/Montrose/Canova). They went six innings, allowing four runs (two earned) on eight hits, striking out six and walking one.

Groton Post 39’s Groeblinghoff made the most of their chances at the plate. The number seven hitter led the team with three hits in three at bats. Fliehs and Carter Simon each drove in one run for Groton Post 39.

Remmers went 2-for-3 at the plate as they led the team with one run batted in.

Groton Post 39 will travel to Redfield Post 92, Clay Kiser for their next game on Monday.

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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Stymied By LaMoure

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 had trouble keeping up with LaMoure Post 19 in a 10-1 loss on Friday at the Clark Tournament.

A single by Gavin Englund put Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 on the board in the top of the first.

LaMoure Post 19 jumped back into the lead in the bottom of the first inning after Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 committed an error, Colby Thielges singled, and Mason Warcken hit a sacrifice fly, each scoring one run.

LaMoure Post 19 added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Blase Isaacson singled, Connor Johnson singled, and Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 committed an error, each scoring one run.

LaMoure Post 19 added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Avery Kramer singled, Gunner Thielges doubled, Isaacson grounded out, and Johnson grounded out, each scoring one run.

Nicholas Morris stepped on the mound first for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The starting pitcher gave up eight hits and 10 runs (four earned) over three and one-third innings, striking out two and walking three. Owen Lesko stepped on the hill first for LaMoure Post 19. The starting pitcher surrendered six hits and one run over four innings, striking out five and walking two.

Englund led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with one run batted in. The 3-hole hitter went 1-for-2 on the day. Carter Simon went 2-for-2 at the

plate to lead Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 in hits.

Isaacson, Thielges, and Johnson each collected two hits for LaMoure Post 19. Isaacson led LaMoure Post 19 with two runs batted in. They went 2-for-3 on the day. LaMoure Post 19 turned one double play in the game. LaMoure Post 19 were sure-handed in the field and didn’t commit a single error. Warcken had the most chances in the field with five.

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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Storm Back To Defeat Clark-Willow Lake Senators 18U

By GameChanger Media

Despite trailing by as many as five runs, Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 rallied to best Clark-Willow Lake Senators 18U 6-5 on Friday at the Clark Tournament.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 didn’t take the lead until later in the game. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 were down 5-4 in the top of the seventh inning when Nick Groeblinghoff doubled, scoring two runs.

Clark-Willow Lake Senators 18U opened the scoring in the first after Michael Severson homered to right field, scoring three runs.

Clark-Willow Lake Senators 18U added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Jack Helkenn singled, and Josh Kan-negierter grounded out, each scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 made the score 6-5 in the top of the seventh after an error scored one run, and Groeblinghoff doubled, scoring two runs.

Gavin Englund opened the game for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. They surrendered six hits and five runs (three earned) over six innings, striking out six and walking three. Tyson Huber started on the mound for Clark-Willow Lake Senators 18U. The starting pitcher surrendered five hits and three runs over four innings, striking out eight and walking four. Jarrett Erdmann appeared in relief for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39.

Groeblinghoff led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with three runs batted in. The first baseman went 2-for-4 on the day. Carter Simon, Englund, and Groeblinghoff each collected two hits for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Lincoln Krause led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, tallying six walks for the game.

Michael Severson drove the middle of the lineup, leading Clark-Willow Lake Senators 18U with three runs batted in. They went 1-for-2 on the day. Jack Helkenn led Clark-Willow Lake Senators 18U with two hits in three at bats. Jack Helkenn stole two bases. Clark-Willow Lake Senators 18U ran wild on the base paths, amassing six stolen bases for the game.

Next up for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 is a game at LAW Rattlers Legion on Saturday.

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Fourth-Inning Burst Enough To Lead LAW Rattlers Legion Past Groton Post 39

By GameChanger Media

LAW Rattlers Legion defeated Groton Post 39 11-2 on Friday thanks in part to seven runs in the fourth inning.

LAW Rattlers Legion got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after an error scored two runs, Collin Goettle grounded out, scoring one run, and Levi Keeney grounded out, scoring one run.

LAW Rattlers Legion scored seven runs on five hits in the bottom of the fourth inning. Berkley Frantz singled, scoring one run, an error scored one run, Keeney doubled, scoring two runs, Blake Goebel singled, scoring two runs, and Justin Bosch drew a walk, scoring one run.

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Ryan Groebelinghoff opened the game for Groton Post 39. The starting pitcher allowed six hits and nine runs (five earned) over three and one-third innings, striking out none and walking four. Jace Nitschke led things off on the mound for LAW Rattlers Legion. They allowed five hits and two runs over five innings, striking out three and walking one.

Bradin Althoff led Groton Post 39 with one run batted in. The number three hitter went 1-for-3 on the day. Carter Simon led Groton Post 39 with two hits in two at bats.

Frantz provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led LAW Rattlers Legion with three runs batted in. The outfielder went 2-for-3 on the day. Connor Kosiak led LAW Rattlers Legion with three hits in four at bats. LAW Rattlers Legion had patience at the plate, accumulating six walks for the game. Parker Salwei and Bosch led the team with two walks each. Frantz stole two bases.

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Groton Post 39 Fall To Lennox On Walk-Off

By GameChanger Media

A walk-off left Groton Post 39 on the wrong end of a 5-4 defeat to Lennox on Thursday. The game was tied at four in the bottom of the tenth when Ethan Larsen singled, scoring one run.

Lennox were the first to get on the board in the first when Isaac Bambas singled, scoring one run.

Dillon Abeln singled on the sixth pitch of the at-bat, which helped Groton Post 39 tie the game at one in the top of the fourth.

A single by Conner Eich gave Lennox the lead, 2-1, in the bottom of the fourth.

Groton Post 39 took the lead in the top of the sixth. Ryan Groebelinghoff doubled, scoring two runs, to give Groton Post 39 the advantage, 3-2.

Eich singled, which helped Lennox tie the game at three in the bottom of the sixth.

Groton Post 39 took the lead in the top of the ninth. Carter Simon singled, scoring one run, to give Groton Post 39 the lead, 4-3.

Eich singled, which helped Lennox tie the game at four in the bottom of the ninth.

Abeln led things off on the mound for Groton Post 39. The righty surrendered nine hits and three runs (two earned) over five and two-thirds innings, striking out six and walking two. Braxton Musser stepped on the bump first for Lennox. They allowed 10 hits and three runs over seven and one-third innings, striking out six and walking none.

Groton Post 39 piled up 11 hits in the game. Bradin Althoff, Abeln, and Colby Dunker each collected two hits for Groton Post 39. Groebelinghoff led Groton Post 39 with two runs batted in. They went 1-for-4 on the day. Groton Post 39 turned one double play in the game.

Lennox accumulated 12 hits in the game. Eich, the number seven hitter for Lennox, led the way with three runs batted in. They went 4-for-4 on the day. Jaxon Bittner collected three hits for Lennox in five at bats. Lennox were sure-handed and didn’t commit a single error. Sawyer Bowers made the most plays with 11.

Next up for Groton Post 39 is a game at LAW Rattlers Legion on Friday.

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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Walk It Off Against Aberdeen Smittys

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 took Wednesday’s game in dramatic fashion, with a 13-12 walk-

off victory over Aberdeen Smittys. The game was tied at 12 in the bottom of the ninth when Jarrett Erdmann singled, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 collected 12 hits and Aberdeen Smittys had 17 in the high-scoring affair.

A single by Noah Circle Eagle put Aberdeen Smittys on the board in the top of the second.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 took the lead, 3-1, in the bottom of the second thanks to singles by TC Schuster, and Lincoln Krause.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Erdmann doubled, and Erdmann stole home, each scoring one run.

Aberdeen Smittys tied the game in the top of the sixth thanks to a single by Carter Jara-goske, a single by Jack Dickey, and a double by Isaac Torbert.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 took the lead in the bottom of the sixth. An error scored one run, to give Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 the edge, 8-7.

In the top of the seventh inning, Aberdeen Smittys went back into the lead after Brayden Heuer walked, and Cash Bahr singled, each scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 took the lead in the bottom of the seventh inning after Gavin Kroll walked, Krause walked, and Carter Simon was struck by a pitch, each scoring one run.

Aberdeen Smittys took the lead, 12-11, in the top of the eighth thanks to doubles by Simon Voorhees, and Heuer.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 went back into the lead after Gavin Englund doubled, and Erdmann singled, each scoring one run.

Nicholas Morris earned the win for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. They gave up four hits and three runs over two innings, striking out three and walking one. Branson Peterson took the loss for Aberdeen Smittys. They went three innings, surrendering five runs (four earned) on five hits, striking out one and walking two. Simon stepped on the mound first for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. They surrendered six hits and two runs over four innings, striking out one and walking one. Erdmann and Kellen Antonsen each appeared in relief for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 collected 12 hits in the game. Krause, Karsten Fliehs, Erdmann, and Englund each collected two hits for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Krause, Erdmann, and Englund each drove in two runs for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Antonsen led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, amassing 10 walks for the game. Simon and Erdmann each stole multiple bases for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 stole six bases in the game. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 turned one double play in the game.

Aberdeen Smittys accumulated 17 hits in the game. Bahr and Dickey each collected three hits for Aberdeen Smittys. Heuer and Dickey each drove in two runs for Aberdeen Smittys. Circle Eagle and Boyd Willems each collected multiple hits for Aberdeen Smittys. Tyler Davidson led Aberdeen Smittys with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, tallying eight walks for the game. Aberdeen Smittys turned one double play in the game.

Next up for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 is a game at Redfield Clay Kiser Jr. Legion 17U on Monday.

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Groton Post 39 With Tough Game Against Lisbon Post 7

By GameChanger Media

Groton Post 39 had trouble keeping up with Lisbon Post 7 in a 15-4 loss on Wednesday.

Lisbon Post 7 jumped out to the lead in the top of the second inning after Lincoln Adair

singled, scoring one run, Brandt Levos doubled, scoring two runs, Teylor Diegel induced Kashden Wadeson to hit into a fielder’s choice, but one run scored, Wyatt Olson singled, scoring one run, and Blaze Reinke tripled, scoring two runs.

Lisbon Post 7 scored five runs on five hits in the top of the fifth inning. Reinke singled, scoring two runs, Cameron Opp doubled, scoring two runs, and Grady Wehlander singled, scoring one run.

Jayden Bittner earned the win for Lisbon Post 7. They gave up zero hits and zero runs over one inning, striking out none and walking one. Diegel took the loss for Groton Post 39. The starting pitcher went two innings, giving up seven runs on five hits, striking out none and walking two. Opp stepped on the bump first for Lisbon Post 7. They allowed one hit and zero runs over one inning, striking out one and walking none.

Bradin Althoff provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Groton Post 39 with two runs batted in. The number three hitter went 3-for-3 on the day. Gavin Englund collected two hits for Groton Post 39 in three at bats.

Lisbon Post 7 accumulated 11 hits in the game. Opp provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Lisbon Post 7 with four runs batted in. The cleanup hitter went 3-for-4 on the day. Reinke collected two hits for Lisbon Post 7 in three at bats. Wehlander led Lisbon Post 7 with two walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, tallying seven walks for the game.

Next up for Groton Post 39 is a game at Clark Rotary Tournament on Thursday.

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Groton Locke Electric 2024 Stymied By Circus Sports Bar

By GameChanger Media

Groton Locke Electric 2024 had trouble keeping up with Circus Sports Bar in a 9-2 loss on Wednesday.

A single by Michael Babcock put Circus Sports Bar on the board in the bottom of the first.

Circus Sports Bar added two runs in the second after Wolf’Don tripled after a 6-pitch at-bat.

A walk by Tyler Oliver, and a single by Ryan Ellingson helped Circus Sports Bar extend their early lead in the third.

Evan Brandt earned the win for Circus Sports Bar. They gave up five hits and one run over five innings, striking out four and walking none. Wyatt Locke took the loss for Groton Locke Electric 2024. The right-handed pitcher went eight innings, surrendering nine runs (eight earned) on 11 hits, striking out four and walking seven.

Spencer Locke, Groton Locke Electric 2024’s number eight hitter, led the team with two hits in four at-bats. Ben Althoff and Cole Simon each drove in one run for Groton Locke Electric 2024.

Circus Sports Bar tallied 11 hits in the game. Kelly Coates, Corey Harrell, and Ellingson each collected two hits for Circus Sports Bar. Ellingson and Wolf’Don each drove in two runs for Circus Sports Bar. Circus Sports Bar had a strong eye at the plate, piling up seven walks for the game. Easton Millar, Oliver, and Wolf’Don led the team with two free passes each. Wolf’Don stole two bases. Circus Sports Bar turned two double plays in the game.

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The Life of Adrian Paulson



Funeral services for Adrian Paulson, 87, of Andover, SD will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 22nd at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, SD. Pastor Adam Franken will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow in Skudesnes Lutheran Cemetery rural Pierpont, SD.

Adrian passed away July 1, 2024 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen, SD.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Casket bearers will be Steven Paulson, Henry Paulson, Bill LaMee, Craig Kroll, Suton Paulson, Paul Carlson and Torre Raap.

Adrian Henry Paulson was born on March 3, 1937 in Webster, SD to Henry and Helen (Peterson) Paulson. He grew up on the family farm near Roslyn, SD and attended country school. He later graduated from Roslyn High School and continued his education at Northern State Teacher's College. Adrian taught at a rural country school south of Webster until his enlistment in the US Army. He was honorably discharged as an E-4 in June of 1962. He joked that he had it easy because he could type, so he became a clerk instead of an auto mechanic. After his discharge, he returned to teaching in Watertown, SD as a sixth grade teacher. In 1973 Adrian left teaching and moved to Andover where he farmed.

Adrian had a gift to be able to fix or construct anything from wiring, plumbing, concrete work, and more. He was also known as a "Betty Crocker" to some for the cookies, bars, and cakes that would go along to fairs and shows.

Adrian was involved in many organizations on local, state, and national levels. They included Groton School Board, Andover Township Board, Day County DHIA, South Dakota DHIA, South Dakota Dairy Farmer Foundation, South Dakota Jersey Breeders, Minnesota Valley Breeder Association, 21st Century Genetics, and Land O' Lakes.

Grateful for having shared his life are his children Andy (Kara) Paulson of Andover and Allyn Paulson (Tammy Voegeli) of Rockford, IL, his grandchildren Steven Paulson, Henry Paulson, Cort Paulson, Tyler Grams, Suton Paulson, and Dakota Paulson; his brothers Bryon (Madonna) Paulson of Springfield, MO and Lew (Carol) Paulson of Hosmer; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Adrian in death were his parents, his wife Arlene in 2021, his brother Boyd, and a sister, Madeline.

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Groton Chamber of Commerce

July 3, 2024

12pm City Hall

- Individuals present: Katelyn Nehlich, Topper Tastad, Ashley Bentz, April Abeln, Douglas Heinrich, and Carol Kutter
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Tastad and seconded by Kutter. All members present voted aye.
- Treasurer's report was given. Dacotah Bank checking account balance is \$31,796.80. An estimated \$2,100.00 is in the Bucks account. The report was approved by Abeln and seconded by Tastad. All members present voted aye.
- Thank you notes were received from the Bentz family and scholarship recipient, Emily Clark.
- Lisa Dutenhoeffer was the winner of our 605 Day Facebook giveaway.
- More color options will be added to our 2024 shirts and Abeln will ask about profit.
- Motion by Abeln and seconded by Kutter to use shirt proceeds for Groton banners. All members present voted aye. The quantity is undecided, but order will be placed ASAP so banners can be hung this summer. It was discussed to rotate between the flower and tiger design and hang banners on both Main Street and Hwy 12.
- The POET grant was awarded to the Aberdeen Area Foster Closet as well as the Langford Area Ag Dept/FFA.
- A quote from Aberdeen Awards for tumblers was shared. It was discussed to ask for a quote from Rustic Cuts as well.
- An email motion was given prior by Kutter and seconded by Abeln to advertise in the Olive Grove Monday Night Football books for \$100. All members present voted aye.
- Motion by Abeln and seconded by Heinrich to do another Facebook giveaway for a shirt. All members present voted aye. Users will be encouraged to comment with a Main Street bench selfie.
- Motion by Heinrich and seconded by Nehlich to publish a \$300 full inside page ad in the Jr. Legion State Baseball Tournament program. All members present voted aye. Foul ball sponsorship was also discussed.
- Motion by Heinrich and seconded by Nehlich to gift \$500 to the Groton Lions Club to sponsor Lizzy Hofer at the 1st Annual Celebration in the Park. All members present voted aye.
- Motion by Abeln and seconded by Kutter to have giveaway baskets at Family Fun Fest and Wine on Nine. All members present voted aye. Baskets will include \$25 Chamber Bucks, a shirt and tumbler.
- The soon-to-be new owners of the Jungle were introduced, and a welcome will be scheduled later.
- Next Meeting: August 7th, 2024, at City Hall at 12:00pm

State Fire Marshal Granting \$5.0 Million to Local Volunteer Fire Departments

Pierre, S.D.- Governor Noem signed HB1127 during the 2023 Legislative Session approving a new grant program to support local volunteer fire departments purchase \$5.0 million of personal protective Equipment (PPE). The Department of Public Safety (DPS) in partnership with the South Dakota Firefighters Association create the grant program to support local VFDs. DPS recently delivered a progress report to the Legislature's interim committee on appropriations announcing 116 VFDs thus far have received \$2.27 million in grant funding as additional VFDs continue to submit their requests.

Over 250 volunteer fire departments were approved for funding from the new grant program. Awards ranged from \$720 to \$40,500 depending on the applications and need. Karl Moser, Leola Fire Chief, spoke on behalf of his department. "We needed to upgrade our PPE to keep our firefighters safe. We just didn't have the funds to do it," Moser said. "I'd like to thank our elected officials and the Governor for making this grant possible."

PPE includes items such as bunker gear, boots, gloves, helmets, and self-contained breathing apparatus. The grant program was administered by the South Dakota Firefighters Association and the State Fire Marshal's Office.

"Volunteer fire departments are essential in protecting communities and maintaining public safety through their prompt and committed response to emergencies," stated State Fire Marshal, Paul Merriman. "They form a fundamental part of the state's firefighting and disaster management system."

The State Fire Marshal's Office is an agency of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety.

The Andover Volunteer Fire Department requested \$43,200 and was awarded \$21,600.

The Bristol Volunteer Fire Department requested \$80,000 and was awarded \$33,300.

The Claremont Volunteer Fire Department requested \$22,105 and was awarded \$16,357.70

The Columbia Volunteer Fire Department requested \$32,400 and was awarded \$16,200.

The Frederick Volunteer Fire Department requested \$73,575 and was awarded \$22,500.

The Groton Area Volunteer Fire Department requested \$101,817.75 and was awarded \$22,500.

The Hecla Volunteer Fire Department requested \$37,800 and was awarded \$15,120.

The Langford Volunteer Fire Department requested \$38,000 and was awarded \$19,000.

The Pierpont Volunteer Fire Department requested \$188,575 and was awarded \$33,300.

The Stratford Volunteer Fire Department requested \$19,814.54 and was awarded \$14,662.76.

The Turton Volunteer Fire Department requested \$65,000 and was awarded \$22,500.

The Warner Volunteer Fire Department requested \$70,547 and was awarded \$22,500.

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Dear EarthTalk: Is plywood a viable sustainable material for furniture and home building? –P.K.

Plywood is a manufactured composite material consisting of multiple wooden sheets layered on top of one another and glued together. To assess its sustainability, one needs to assess that of its constituent parts, both the wood sheets and the glue in between them. Scientists utilize Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) to assess the environmental impact of the material from production, transportation and utilization to end of life. By observing the carbon footprint in each part of the material's lifetime, we can then gain a holistic understanding of the true net carbon footprint of a material.

Using LCA, a research group from the Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute analyzed the carbon footprint of plywood across its lifetime. The group concluded that plywood can be a carbon-negative material (removes carbon from the atmosphere) as its wooden material absorbs carbon given that it is not incinerated. In fact, the entire process of production and transportation of plywood produces fewer carbon emissions than the amount of carbon it contains, thus making it carbon-negative.

However, the environmental impact of the glue in plywood is not as clear cut. Countless types of glues can be used in the production of plywood, with each differing in their environmental impact. Glues can be categorized into two groups: those containing volatile organic compounds (VOCs) like formaldehyde and those that do not. Formaldehyde is a harmful substance released as a gas during the lifetime of the glue. Prolonged exposure to formaldehyde can cause a plethora of human and animal health problems. Thus, plywood is only safe for the environment when it is produced with glues not containing VOCs. However, when produced with safe glues, plywood is highly safe for the environment. Compared to aluminum, plastic and concrete, plywood is crowned as the most sustainable material.

So, plywood is a green material, but is it good for making furniture or for home construction? Plywood is cheaper, more durable and more flexible than solid wood, making it a versatile material for many furniture-making applications. Manufactured in thin large sheets, plywood is perfect for assembling into shelving, tables and beds. Plywood

can also be an excellent material for home construction because of its ease of working and its dimensional stability. Because plywood comes in pre-processed sheets, it can be used at the construction site easily without further processing. Moreover, plywood is dimensionally stable, meaning it tends to maintain its structure over time, making it a great material for areas in need of structural rigidity. So, in home construction, plywood can be found commonly used to construct floors, walls and roofs to provide the home with excellent structural support.

To an environmentally conscious consumer, plywood serves as a great carbon-negative alternative to materials like plastic, aluminum and solid wood. However, it is imperative to make sure the plywood you purchase is produced in a way that is produced responsibly. The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is a non-profit organization that certifies wood that is sustainably harvested. When purchasing plywood, ensure it is FSC certified and that it contains no added formaldehyde.

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“If your happy and you know it clap your hands”

“If you’re happy and you know it clap your hands.” A song familiar to all of us. However, how familiar is the awareness of our body clues of feeling happy to all of us to truly “know it”? Recognizing body clues and sensations to aid in the next steps of labeling emotions is the first key skill in emotional intelligence. Unfortunately, these are not skills we are taught.

Mental health development across the lifespan is as vital as physical and cognitive development. Understanding the biology of our nervous system, the sensations and body clues linked to emotions, and the outcomes of attending to these sensations and body clues, allows us to increase wanted outcomes within our lives. There is a growing trend towards normalizing the practice of developing mental health skills among adults, mirroring the emphasis long placed on physical and academic education. This shift recognizes that mental well-being is integral to overall health and productivity in adulthood. Initiatives promoting mindfulness, stress management, and emotional resilience are gaining traction in workplaces and community settings. Employers are offering resources such as mental health days, counseling services, and workshops on mental health topics. By prioritizing mental health alongside professional development, organizations aim to create healthier, more productive environments where individuals can thrive personally and professionally. This holistic approach acknowledges that mental health skills are essential for navigating the complexities of adult life and achieving long-term well-being.

Dr. Mark Brackett, from Yale University, is renowned for his work on emotional intelligence and the role of emotions in learning, decision-making, and overall well-being. Brackett’s research and teachings focus on how sensations in the body signal emotional states and how acknowledging these feelings can enhance emotional regulation and decision-making. He emphasizes the significance of recognizing comfort levels as a crucial aspect of emotional awareness, suggesting that attunement to one’s emotional comfort can lead to better self-regulation and improved interpersonal interactions.

Practicing these skills is as simple as getting curious about what is happening within our body and noticing if our body is comfortable or uncomfortable. Regularly check in with yourself throughout the day to assess your emotional sensations. Ask yourself how you’re feeling and whether any discomfort or stress is present. Get curious about yourself.

Developing emotional awareness and comfort with these skills is a gradual process that requires patience, self-compassion, and consistency. Be gentle with yourself and celebrate small improvements along the way. By incorporating these practices into your routine, you can cultivate greater emotional awareness, understand your comfort levels more deeply, and create more outcomes you desire to have. You will also truly be able to live the song, “If you’re happy and you know it clap your hands.”

Nikki Eining is a private independent practice licensed social worker who serves as the Statewide Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program Coordinator for The USD Center for Disabilities and Owner of Grace Grit Growth Counseling LLC in Brookings, SD. Nikki brings a diverse set of experiences and passions spending over 18 years working in the mental health field. Her previous experience has focused on supporting youth and families in office, school, and community settings without outpatient behavioral health services and prevention programming. She has professional experience in clinical mental health, education, research design, non-profit, program development, and trauma-informed care practices.

Nikki is passionate about trauma and healing-informed practices, the power of protective factors and collaboration across communities to help decrease barriers for youth and families. Nikki is a Theraplay Level 1, 2 and Group trained therapist, SAPST trained prevention provider, and an ACE Interface Certified educator. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairedoc.org and on Facebook and Instagram featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show celebrating its 22nd season of health information based on science, built on trust, on SDPB and streaming live on Facebook most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.



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App Deal OF THE WEEK!

USDA CHOICE

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\$4.99
lb

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USDA CHOICE DENKOTA BONELESS TOP ROUND ROAST

RED OR GREEN SEEDLESS GRAPES

\$1.99
lb

USDA CHOICE

DENKOTA

\$9.99
Ea.

USDA CHOICE DENKOTA BONELESS NEW YORK STRIP STEAK 12 OZ.

FREE

With \$10 purchase and Ken's App

CASS CLAY FRENCH ONION DIP 8 Oz. Ctn

BEST CHOICE WHITE VINEGAR 1 Gallon Jug

\$2.99

SUN 9 AM - 1 PM
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SAT 8 AM - 2 PM
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COFFEE • GOURMET DRINKS & FOODS

WIND & WILLOW CHEESEBALL MIXES

\$2 OFF

Flavor of the Week
ORANGE DREMSICLE (ORANGE & VANILLA)

\$3.49-\$4.49

GROCERY

LIBBY'S VEGETABLES 14.5-15 OZ. CANS

4/\$3

KOOL-AID JAMMERS 10 Ct. Pkgs.

2/\$5

HUNT'S PASTA SAUCE 24 Oz. Cans

4/\$5

HAWAIIAN PUNCH 1 GALLON JUG

\$2.99

MEAT

KEN'S 85% LEAN GROUND BEEF 10 Lb. Tubes

\$4.59
Per Lb.

DAIRY

CASS CLAY COTTAGE CHEESE 22 Oz. Ctn.

\$3.69

FROZEN

BELLATORIA ULTRA-THIN CRUST PIZZA 12.75-21.75 OZ.

2/\$10

BEER

CARBLISS VODKA COCKTAILS *ALL FLAVORS 4 PK.

\$8.99

HOUSEHOLD

DAWN ULTRA, POWER WASH OR EZ SQUEEZE DISH SOAP 16-20 Oz. Bottle

\$4.99

BAKERY

KEN'S FRESH BRAT BUNS 6 Count

\$2.99

DELI

CHEESE OF THE WEEK! KERRY GOLD *ASSORTED FLAVORS 7 Oz. Pkg.

\$4.99
ea.

South Dakota Pork Producers Council

In Conjunction with 7-Up Bottling Company, Old Dutch Potato Chips & Sara Lee Bakery we will be serving FREE Pork Sandwiches, Chips & Pop

Thursday, July 18th at Ken's Aberdeen 11:00 am - 1:00 pm (while supplies last)
Located in Front of the Ken's Food Court in the Northwest Corner of the Parking Lot

BEER

BUSCH LIGHT 30 PK. 12 Oz. Cans

\$18.88
Limit 4

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