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Soccer building, sewer system improvements discussed at city council meeting

A new building at the soccer field is on hold. The Groton City Council canceled an order for a new 14 foot by 40 foot building for the fields on the west side of town. Instead, repairs to the current building are in the works, and discussion will continue about what the Groton Soccer Association and Groton Area School District will need through the next few years to continue to grow the program.

During the July 16 council meeting, members of the soccer association expressed concerns about the size of the proposed building.

"We don't need a building that big, and I don't know where it would go," said Whitney Sombke, soccer association vice president. "I think we should maybe have a better discussion about this. ...The big thing, when we came to the city in May, we said we need that building fixed.

"...There are still nails sticking out," she added. "We've had the discussion, 'do we want to invest in that (old building)? Do you want to get a new building?' But the top priority is that needs to get fixed in less than two weeks."

Soccer association President Becah Flihs continued, "we talked about it in May, and safety, especially with our younger kids, is our biggest concern. ...That's why we started the discussion in May. We'd love to have a commitment from you guys that it's going to be done by camp."

Councilman Kevin Nehls said he would reach out to a carpenter and work to get the safety issues solved.

"We'll get something lined up," he said. "We said we'll get it taken care of. We'll get it taken care of."

Councilman Brian Bahr asked what price-point the soccer association was hoping for with a new building, to which Flihs said she didn't want to make a hasty decision.

"It's hard to make a decision that's right for the school and the soccer association about something that's going to be there for 20 years," she said.

Bahr agreed that it is more important to fit the needs of the soccer association and school district. He asked the soccer board to come up with a list of what they want and what is needed at the fields.

Other concerns about mosquitoes on the field were discussed, and the council approved having Skeeter Defeater spray the soccer fields as well as the city swimming pool area to knock down the pests.

Millions needed to improve wastewater systems

An initial price tag for a variety of projects the city could consider to improve the sewer system totals nearly \$10 million, according to projections presented to the City Council on July 16.

April Buller and Ken Heir with IMEG brought an update to the council on a wastewater study, which includes several projects and alternatives.

The first alternative, which is recommended to increase the sewer system capacity and reduce instances of compliance issues, is to replace the Aspen Lift Station and add a new force water main, Buller said. The Aspen station is the lift station located at the end of the line, just before it goes out to the wastewater ponds. It is the one all the water goes through,



Jim Lane (right) and Nicholas Groeblichhoff were working on the soccer building. Several other city employees were helping on and off as Lane is redoing the outside of the building. The siding was all painted blue. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

she said, and replacing the lift station and adding a new force main would increase the capacity of the system.

"If you do increase population in town, you just need that capacity," she said.

That alternative, which has a price tag of about \$3.186 million, needs to be done, Buller told the board. The other alternatives are needed, but aren't as critical of a concern.

The other alternatives include adding an aeration system and/or a new wastewater pond; rehabilitating the Hanlon Lift Station collection system; replacing the sanitary sewer system by the mobile home park; replace the Abeln Lift Station; and replacing manholes in town.

Initial costs total \$9.797 million for all of the options presented to the council. If the city were to only receive a state Department of Natural Resources loan and no grant coverage for the project, the city would need to increase the monthly rate by an average of \$67.25 per household.

"They're pushing that all communities have to be at \$65 or \$70 (for the average monthly rate) before the state will come in with a grant or loan," Buller said.

It hasn't been common for the state to provide a loan with no grant funding in this

type of situation, Heir said. It is also not going to be a quick process, as there are only two contractors in the area that can do these types of projects, and they have a lot of work.

Buller said she plans to bring a draft of the study to the council in September, and the city would have to prepare a grant and loan application by October to be on the state's water plan for the next year.

- IMEG is working on an airport plan, with an emphasis on making sure the city's airport is within compliance of any requirements the FAA has.

- The council approved allowing the garden club to remove juniper bushes near the Groton City Park sign on Main Street.

- The council approved allowing the public to possess and consume alcohol at Summer Sip & Shop, scheduled for 5 to 8 p.m. July 25 on Main Street.

- The Celebration in the Park scheduled for July 27th is a go with alcohol. Tim Janusz stopped by City Hall and provided the Certificate of Liability Insurance and the names of the two officers that will be working the event – Groton PD Officer Strickland and Brown Co. Deputy Gordon.

- Elizabeth Varin

SD Bridge to be Dedicated in Honor of U.S. Navy Radio Man Second Class Ordien F. Herr, Naval Air Force Lieutenant LeRoy M. Herr, and U.S. Navy Radio Man Second Class Eugene L. Herr

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs will be hosting a State Bridge Dedication Ceremony to honor three brothers, U.S. Navy Radio Man Second Class Ordien F. Herr, Naval Air Force Lieutenant LeRoy M. Herr, and U.S. Navy Radio Man Second Class Eugene L. Herr.

The ceremony will be Monday, August 5, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. (CT) at the High School Gym in Bristol (500 S. 3rd Street).

The US 12 Westbound bridge over the railroad three miles west of Groton will be dedicated to RM2, LT, and RM2 Herr.

Eugene was first reported as missing in action when he was serving on the USS Johnston, which was sunk at the Battle of Samar. Eugene survived the sinking, but died two days later, October 25, 1944, from exhaustion and exposure.

Having completed over 38 missions during the war, LeRoy's PV1 Ventura bomber crashed while flying over Catalina Island September 25, 1945.

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Thunder and lightning

Dark morning skies rumbled from the north, muting the usual chorus of Mourning Doves in the shelter belt. Outside my bedroom window stands a fresh new power pole. What's that old axiom—lightning never strikes twice? Well, this summer it did, twice cracking and scorching the pole and transformer. Knocked us out of power both times. Praise Generac.



That's Life by Tony Bender

I laid there yesterday morning feeling the vibrations of the low-growling thunder. I love a good thunderstorm. Every prairie dweller has experienced some dandies, but the most intense one for me was at about 10,000 feet in the Colorado Rocky Mountains. At that altitude, you're in the storm.

The only thing that kept our tent from blowing away was the combined ballast of me and my buddies, Bob and Tom. We re-staked the tent in the dark, yelling to be heard above the cacophony, flashes of lightning striking the ground in the near distance. I wondered how conductive aluminum tent poles were.

Otherwise, I suppose I'm a typical flatlander. When the weather alarms instruct us to hit the basement, I go out to stand on the deck. Gus the Wonder Pug, however, heads downstairs. It's the rare instances he follows instructions.

You feel small, powerless, when Mother Nature roars. I suppose that's what we stand outside in the storms—to be reminded of our place in the universe.

Tornadoes really do sound like freight trains, as my roommate Tim and I discovered around midnight on Mill Hill in Jamestown, ND one summer. Naturally, we were in a mobile home because we're traditionalists. We stood at the front door, poised to jump, airborne garbage cans and other shrapnel rattling about outside, but the trailer house held. As natural disasters go, tornadoes—especially those which appear at night—are the most unsettling because they're so unpredictable. Sometimes their path feels punitive.

But a hurricane will give them a pretty good run for their money. I took a radio gig in Myrtle Beach just in time to experience Hurricane Hugo. I'm mostly serious when I say it was the best part. I hated that place.

Hugo was impressive, though. With a generator, we were the only radio station on the air for hundreds of miles, broadcasting in the blackness to battery-powered radios owned by those who couldn't evacuate in time. There's nothing but two-way blacktop in and out of the community. An evacuation is an instant traffic jam.

Somebody called the contractor who'd built the place to see how much confidence he had

in the building's ability to withstand 180 mph gusts. There was a long pause on the other end. Not helpful. Between air-shifts, I huddled under a desk in the lobby providing reports to other stations across the country while watching the glass on the front door bow inward. If there had been a basement, I sure as heck would have been there.

Most of the staff abandoned ship including our fearless leaders. Ironically, they were forced to come back because the hurricane spurned dozens of inland tornadoes. Mother Nature has a way of mandating courage.

The National Guard was cutting trees strewn across roadways when I finally ventured home, not knowing if I even had a home waiting. Because there's so much moisture in the South Carolina soil, the pines don't root deeply even though they grow tall. They tumble easily. My condo looked unscathed until I opened the blinds to the back patio. A tree was leaning against the glass having taken out the fence. Inches away from the condo's destruction.

My checklist of natural disasters is incomplete but I feel no need to fill that BINGO card.

There was the Frederick, SD, flood when I was in grade school, however. We hustled through the night to move people's belongings from the west side of town. By morning, the floodwaters of the Maple River had pushed two and a half blocks up to Main Street. Harold Schlosser opened his barn doors and when the waters retreated, the barn was a clean as the day it was built.

The earthquake in Juneau barely counts. I was pulling a Saturday oldies shift on the top floor when the place started shaking. "What the heck are they doing down there?" I wondered before I figured it out. All in all, given the option, I think I'll just stick to thunderstorms.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings have officially started training camp. Rookies reported to the facilities on Sunday, with the rest of the team showing up a few days later. It seems like only a few days ago the Vikings were preparing for the draft, but in a few weeks we're going to have the first preseason game of the 2024 NFL season (August 10, Raiders at Vikings). As the team gears up for the season, we continue our roster breakdown. This week is the cornerbacks.

Byron Murphy Jr. – The only cornerback on the roster that's a lock to be a starter in week 1, Murphy is entering his sixth season in the NFL and his second as a member of the Minnesota Vikings. In his first year with the Vikings, he had a career-high 13 passes defensed, to go along with his three interceptions. While he is a solid starting CB, the team is hoping he can turn his game up a notch and become a

leader in the secondary.

Shaq Griffin – Brought in as a free agent this offseason, Griffin will be battling for the other starting cornerback spot. He brings a ton of experience to the team, considering this will be his eighth season in the NFL. Griffin was drafted by the Seahawks in 2017 and made the Pro Bowl in 2019. However, after starting 67 games in his first five seasons, he's only started 18 since. Can he recapture his Pro Bowl-caliber of play in Brian Flores' defense? That will be an interesting development to watch.

Akayleb Evans – Speaking of things to watch for, keep an eye on Evans this preseason. He was drafted by the Vikings in the fourth round two years ago and claimed a starting spot in his sophomore season. However, despite starting 15 games for the team, his play seemed to decline as the season wore on and he was eventually pulled from games late in the season. This upcoming season seems like a make-or-break situation for Evans.

Mekhi Blackmon – A third-round pick in 2023, Blackmon enters training camp with an eye on a starting role. He started three games last season, and with all the uncertainty surrounding the CB position, he is definitely in the mix for extended playing time in 2024.

Andrew Booth Jr. – In a perfect world, we would be talking about Booth Jr. building off an impressive second season and how well he'll do starting across from Byron Murphy Jr. – unfortunately, this isn't a perfect world. While he will never be considered the biggest flop of Kwesi Adofo-Mensah's inaugural draft class (hint, we'll be covering that play next week), it's discouraging that Booth hasn't made more of an impact on the team. The former second-round pick has only started two games in his career so far, and unless he steps his game up, don't be surprised if he's cut from the team this season.

A.J. Green III, Dwight McGlothern, NaJee Thompson, Jaylin Williams – These four players will be battling it out to make the final roster spot (or the practice squad at least). A.J. Green III has the most experience out of this group, as he's entering his fifth season in the NFL. NaJee Thompson played in 15 games for the Vikings last season as a core special teamer, which is his best shot to make the roster again this year. Jaylin Williams is another candidate for special teams, although he only played in three games last season. And Dwight McGlothern is a rookie and is likely hoping to make the practice squad

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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By David Adler

Presidential Assassinations Can Destroy Democracy

The use of force, including assassination and other forms of lethal political violence, as a means of altering governmental regimes and political systems—tyrannicide, regicide and revolution-- was part of the warp and woof of ancient politics and a central concern to the Framers of the Constitution. America, after all, was founded on revolution. Delegates to the Constitutional Convention, therefore, sought to create a republic sufficiently responsive to the will of the people to facilitate peaceful political reforms, which would eliminate the perceived need to resort to violence, the dark side of politics, to make changes.

John Adams, a child of the Enlightenment and with Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin, part of the Holy Trinity of the founding era, spoke for his generation when he declared, "tyranny begins when frequent elections end." Thus, the Framers provided for frequent elections at regular intervals, which empowered voters to create plans and campaigns to usher in peaceful change when they thought it was required. Franklin explained to the Constitutional Convention that the power to impeach an errant president was necessary; otherwise, "there would be no recourse but to assassination." Jefferson asserted that government officials should be "bound by the chains of the Constitution," precisely because those who wielded power were eyed suspiciously. James Madison, Father of the Constitution, wrote eloquently in The Federalist Papers of the various ways that checks and balances would restrain officials and encourage adherence to the will of the people. The Framers' assertions, moreover, that a president would be amenable to the judicial process and the provisions of the criminal justice system, aimed to alleviate the fear that they had created an embryonic monarchy, which would have placed the president above the law.

In sum, those who founded our nation and wrote the Constitution, keenly aware of the destructive capacity of violence as a weapon for undermining and, indeed, destroying democracy, sought at every turn to signal to American citizens that the system they designed had rendered obsolete the need to use force to make political and policy changes. And yet, after nearly 250 years of constitutional governance, in the wake of a Civil War, the unforgivable treatment of Native Americans and Black Americans, an insurrection on January 6, 2021, not to mention the fact that of the 22 men who have served in the White House from 1900-2024, eight have been the victims of assault, we bear witness to the perpetuation of violence as a weapon of political change.

Political violence is the scourge of democracy, a system grounded on the consent of the governed, propelled by reasoned discussion and debate undergirded by truths, facts and evidence. Violence, including assassination, undermines the democratic predicate of compromise and peaceful transitions of power, based on the premise that half a loaf is better than none. Democracy requires acceptance of electoral results, without which the country descends into a deep spiral of chaos and interminable violence. As of this writing, we don't have an explanation of the motives of the shooter who attempted to assassinate former President Donald Trump, whether politically inspired or the work of someone who had been bullied throughout life and sought recognition, but the outrageous act may well affect the outcome of the 2024 presidential race. Previous assaults on presidents and presidential candidates have left a big footprint on America's electoral history.

President Richard M. Nixon acknowledged that he could not have defeated Robert F. Kennedy in the 1968 presidential election. American history changed because Kennedy was assassinated. If John Wilkes Booth had not murdered President Abraham Lincoln, our Poet President likely could have facilitated the recovery of the nation torn apart by the Civil War, through a forgiving spirit and genuine enforcement of the Reconstruction Acts, rather than their disregard by his successor, Andrew Johnson.

In a nation, deeply polarized by political differences, it is imperative for citizens to reject violence as a justifiable means to an end. Such assertions represent a complete rejection of democratic principles and values, and certainly are not the hallmark of a patriot. At this juncture in American politics, political leaders bear the responsibility to tone down their rhetoric, abandon reckless and false claims that may inspire violence and, above all, they absolutely must declare, publicly, their own opposition to the use of force. Responsible leadership requires it.

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Queen of Hearts

Week number 19 of the Queen of Hearts was held Thursday night. Ticket sales for the week were \$2,855. The jackpot at \$30,697. The name of Faye Hoines was drawn. She picked card number 6 which was the King of Spades. She won the consolation prize of 10 percent of the ticket sales - \$285.

The Life of Elaine Odland Cain

Elaine Odland Cain, 91, passed away peacefully on April 15th, 2024. Born November 5th, 1932, in Britton, South Dakota, she was raised on a farm in Claremont, SD, until the family moved to California. After her graduation from Van Nuys high school, she attended Pomona College, in Claremont, CA, earning a bachelor's degree in English Literature. Her undergraduate studies included a semester at the University of Oslo, Norway, where she began a lifelong interest in her Norwegian heritage. She earned a master's degree in education, then taught in both public and private schools before opening her own private school, Three Oaks Carden school in Brea, CA.

On March 31st, 1957, Elaine married Joseph Neil Cain, her childhood sweetheart, and they were married 63 years, until his death in April 2020. They had 3 children- David, Amanda, and Jennifer. They settled in La Habra Heights, CA, and were enthusiastic members of that community for over 50 years.

Elaine's passion for teaching was rivaled only by her love for creating. She poured herself into a second career as a full-time tile artist, becoming a recognized name known for her large, Norwegian themed tile murals. She traveled the country doing art shows, exhibitions, and public installations.

She loved birds, flowers, antiques, travel, good food, New Mexico, the California coast, and was always up for fun.

Preceded in death by her sister, Elizabeth Berry, husband, Joseph Cain, and son, David Cain. Survived by her brother, Lynn Odland, daughters Amanda Vasiliou and Jennifer Williams, grandchildren Chelsea Taber, Ashley Cain, Kristine Cain, Adam Vasiliou, Alexander Vasiliou, Benjamin Vasiliou, and Christian Williams, and two great grandchildren Cassidy and Cameron Hull. The family is grateful for the loving care Elaine received from Generations Assisted Living in Rathdrum, ID, and from Crest Hospice. No service is planned at this time.

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NOTICE OF SALE
 AUGUST 16th, 2024, at 10:00 AM

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.

The sale will be held at the Brown County impound, 1015 1st Ave SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401 (Next to BMX Track) on August 16th, 2024, at 10:00 AM.

DAVE LUNZMAN, SHERIFF OF BROWN COUNTY.

By: Nate Smith, Deputy, 605-626-7100 ext. 509.

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filling one railcar per day. Mr. Vincent shared the tallow is going to be shipped once a week to the west coast and be used for Renewable Diesel. He also shared they met with the Claremont Community, who asked them to find a different route in and out of town, so they are looking into that; Mr. Vincent shared he has visited with Dirk Rogers, County Highway Superintendent, also on this matter.

ORDINANCE #273 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #273. Applicant Arlene Webb to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use: Proposed Lot 1, "Beving-Webb Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 13-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13291 382nd Avenue; Mercier Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #274 – FIRST READING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #274. Applicants TC Wright Trust/Dennis Jones/Chad & Jean Ferguson to rezone 3 parcels from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) and 1 parcel from Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: Lot 1 & 2, "Wright Third Subdivision" in the NE1/4 of Section 7-T123N-R62W and Lot 1 & 2, "Jones-Wright Addition" in the E1/2 of Section-T123N-R62W, all of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13121, 13145, 13149, 13153 395th Avenue, Bath Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following application submitted by Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Highway #14 in NW 1/4 of Section 21-T126N-R63W Brown County, South Dakota for primary electric cable. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following application submitted by Northwestern Energy for occupancy of Brown County Highway #14 in Section 36-T123N-R63W Brown County, South Dakota to install 35 kv URD cable. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent gave the Commissioners a Department Update. Dirk shared that they should finish the grade raise at Frederick this week; Micro-surfacing is done except the striping and Monday they will begin paving projects. He shared there are sensors that are measuring the water pressure at Richmond Lake to gather information for the Richmond Spillway project.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TEMPORARY PERMITS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Alcoholic Beverage Temporary Permit for Special Event to Stacy Gossman, DBA: Flying Pig (RL-5733) at the Brown County Fairgrounds Clubhouse for 3M 50th Anniversary Event on September 14, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following Alcoholic Beverage Temporary Permit for Special Event to Stacy Gossman, DBA: Nacho Business (RL-26086) at the Brown County Fairgrounds Clubhouse for a wedding on

September 21, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSS RFP FOR COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS (INDIGENT COUNSEL): Karly Winters met with the Commission regarding the RFP received for Court Appointed/Indigent Counsel. Chairman Sutton shared that this is still ongoing process and nothing to present at this time but will decide in the next couple of weeks.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the July 9, 2024 General Meeting Minutes. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims/payroll: CLAIMS: Professional Fees: Best Western Ramkota Hotel-Aberdeen \$300.00; Boyce Law Firm \$1,380.00; Certified Languages International LLC \$810.15; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$9,523.81; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$9,523.81; CO-OP Architecture \$475.00; Dependable Sanitation \$32,630.40; Dohrer Law Office, PC \$9,523.81; Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$16,380.00; Jerald M. McNeary \$9,523.81; John Noyes-Bantz, Gosch & Cremer \$9,523.81; Kelli Lardy \$25.50; Kuck Law Office \$9,523.81; Language Line Services, Inc \$725.59; Leidholt Electric, LLC \$550.91; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgt, LLC \$200.00; Marco Technologies, LLC \$277.50; Network Center, Inc \$6,005.14; Northwestern Mental Health Center \$1,274.00; Northern Plains Animal Health \$36.48; Sanford Health Occupational Medicine \$756.00; Sanford Health \$10,838.00; Sara Zahn \$152.30; Sewer Duck, Inc \$85.00; Taliaferro Law Firm, PC \$9,523.81. Publishing: Aberdeen Parks, Recreation and Forestry \$200.00; Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation, Inc \$400.00; Groton Daily Independent \$236.34; N.W. Blade \$116.00. Rentals: Pantorium Cleaners \$207.36; Vestis \$291.32. Repairs & Maintenance: Artz Equipment, Inc \$34.50; Auto Value Aberdeen \$47.97; Century Business Products \$17.48; Crawford Truck & Equipment \$625.93; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$10.00; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$8,958.68; EcoLab Pest Elimination Division \$286.98; Graham Tire \$1,318.16; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$437.79; Holloway Bridge and Culvert, Inc \$44,673.41; House of Glass \$581.76; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$1,023.76; Pantorium Cleaners \$189.32; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$140.98; RDO Equipment \$3,845.24; Sewer Duck, Inc \$285.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$368.81; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$19,046.37. Supplies: Agtegra Cooperative \$12,431.94; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$453.07; Artz Equipment, Inc \$21.64; Auto Value Aberdeen \$52.21; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$4.24; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Cartney Bearing \$75.22; Century Business Products \$907.59; Crawford Trucks & Equipment \$745.42; Dakota Fluid Power, Inc \$649.59; Dakota Oil \$247.85; Diesel Machinery, Inc \$2,401.09; Farm Tire Service LLC \$785.00; FedEx \$37.92; Geffdog Designs \$219.86; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$1,718.62; Interstate Battery System of South Dakota \$419.85; Jebro Inc \$160.00; Kessler's \$91.99; Kyle Hoeltzner \$350.00; Lien Transportation Company \$29,718.85; Linde Gas & Equipment Inc \$117.77; Mac's Inc-Capital One Trade Credit \$85.55; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$100.00; Menards \$338.10; Midstates Group \$305.65; Midwest Alarm Fire & Security Systems \$304.39; Midwest Pump & Tank \$145.00; Mike Eliason \$3,224.96; Newman Signs, Inc \$264.73; NVC \$27.75; Performance Oil \$256.90; Pharm-Chem, Inc \$1,054.35; Pomp's Tire Service, Inc \$285.00; RDO Equipment Co \$1,973.39; Runnings \$659.58; Safety Service \$1,125.85; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$1,087.08; Steven Lust Automotive \$44.95; Taylor Harman \$57.31; Titan Machinery \$57.98; Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$9,299.30. Travel & Conference: Becca Tullar \$88.00; Clubhouse Hotel & Suites Pierre \$470.24. Utilities: CenturyLink \$652.34; City of Aberdeen Treasurer \$2,195.96; City of Hecla \$145.34; Economy Propane, LLC \$603.72; James Valley Telecommunications \$209.10; Northern Electric \$93.50; Northwestern Energy \$979.05; NVC \$550.00; Town of Frederick \$77.00; Verizon Wireless \$610.54. Machinery & Equipment: Transource Truck & Equipment, Inc \$148,500.00. Others: Safe Harbor \$1,491.50.

PAYROLL: Commission \$4,753.89; Elections \$2,023.80; Auditor \$9,850.83; Treasurer

\$17,265.64; SA \$35,141.37; Maintenance \$11,824.05; Assessor \$15,370.28; Register of Deeds \$10,406.83; VSO \$4,491.56; GIS \$2,790.90; IT \$9,322.67; HR \$5,054.64; Sheriff \$59,744.41; Jail \$74,930.39; Coroner \$829.37; Court Security \$8,864.21; JDC \$41,576.37; Welfare \$2,466.75; Museum \$12,164.18; Parks/Fairgrounds \$7,515.45; Fair Board \$5,067.58; 4-H \$1,451.55; Weed \$5,774.50; Planning & Zoning \$7,635.85; Highway \$63,080.87; Dispatch \$40,728.79; Emergency \$5,208.68; 24/7 Sobriety \$3,142.32; Landfill \$19,819.55. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

-Resignation of JoAnn Hatzenbeller, Brown County Jail Cook; FT – effective July 9, 2024. Request to fill.

- Employment ending for Monica Hein, Brown County Jail/JDC Nurse; FT – effective July 9, 2024. Request to fill.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Move by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Travel Request: Lynn Heupel, Auditor; Stephanie Jacobson, Elections Coordinator; Pat Wolberg, IT Director and 1 Employee from the Sheriff's Department to attend Tabletop the Vote 2024 on August 26, 2024 in Pierre, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL LICENSE PERMIT HEARING: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to authorize advertising public hearing for the following Special Alcohol License Permit: Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area, Aberdeen, SD – Brown County Fair Grandstand – SW 1/4 of Sec 1-T123N-R64W Brown County, SD on August 6, 2024. (Special License effective August 12-18, 2024). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (LEMPG): Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the 3rd Quarter Report for LEMPG Grant. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGE RESIGNATION OF BROWN COUNTY FAIR BOARD MEMBER: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to acknowledge the resignation of Brown County Fair Board Member, Lee Koch due to moving out of the County. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Commissioners expressed their "Thanks" for his many years of service to the Fair Board.

OTHER BUSINESS: Kyler Dinger informed the Commission that he was contacted by a constituent due to having gotten 3 flat ties by the South Dumpsite. Chairman Sutton said he would contact the Landfill and Highway Superintendents to look into this matter.

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.

Chairman Sutton shared they just received notice that Milton Ustad, former Union County Commissioner passed away on Saturday, July 13th. Condolences to his family were expressed.

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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JULY 16, 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. Commissioner Dennert 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: Scott Vincent, Director of Logistics for Strobel Energy Group/Strobel Logistics met with the Commission to inform them what their plans are regarding hauling tallow to Claremont from the Beef Processing Plant and loading into the rail cars. There will be 4 trucks a day and it takes about 30 minutes to unload into the railcar; estimating roughly

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The Life of Sandra Knudson



A Celebration of Life for Sandra Knudson, 70, of Aberdeen will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens on Saturday, July 20th at 1:00 p.m. Rev. Rob Moorlach will officiate. Inurnment will follow under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. A time of fellowship will be held at the United Methodist Church in Groton at 2:30 p.m. and all are welcome.

Sandy passed away July 16, 2024 at Aberdeen Health and Rehab.

Sandra Kay was born on May 25, 1954 in Aberdeen to Dayle Keith and Blanche (Bonn) Craig. She attended country school and later graduated from Groton High School. Sandy was united in marriage to Darrel and together they raised two children, LyBeca and Lance. Sandra was employed at the Groton Independent and later worked for many years at Hub City in their purchasing department.

Sandy had an amazing personality and was always quick witted. She cherished time with her family, especially her grandchildren along with her many nieces and nephews. She loved dogs, planting flowers and having coffee with friends. Sandy will forever be remembered for her infectious smile, gift of gab and her love of baking.

Grateful for having shared in her life are her children, LyBeca Schaunaman of Aberdeen, Lance (Becky) Knudson of Athens, GA, her grandchildren, Zach Kolb, Stephanie Molash, Chase Knudson, Reagan Knudson, Jaiden Knudson, Faith Knudson, siblings, Gary (Terry) Craig of Houston, Roger (Jennifer) Craig of Alexandria, Vicki (Les) Hovrud of Madison, Becky (Todd) Sapp of Alexandria and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her brother, Scott Craig and her grandson, Matthew Knudson. Honorary Urn Bearer will be Challen Knudson.

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ORDINANCE NO. 777
2024 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Groton, South Dakota that the following sums are supplementally appropriated to meet the obligations of the City of Groton and shall be effective immediately following passage.

E 101-42320 Building Inspection	\$12,000.00
E 101-45123 Soccer	\$8,500.00
E 101-45130 Baseball - General	\$6,500.00
E 101-45140 Baseball - Grounds	\$12,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$39,500.00
SOURCE OF FUNDING	
E 101-41150 Contingency	\$8,500.00
Unassigned Fund Balance (Cash Applied)	\$31,000.00
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE.....	\$39,500.00

Dated at Groton, South Dakota this ___ day of _____, 2024.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE
Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2 & 35-4-124, a Public Hearing on the following Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License (Malt Beverage) Application is set for the 6th day of August, 2024, in the chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, in the Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register a complaint on their approval may appear:
Boys & Girls Club of Aberdeen Area, Aberdeen, SD – Brown County Fair Grandstand – SW ¼ of Sec 1-T123N-R64W Brown County, SD.
Temporary Special Event Alcohol License effective August 12-18
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor
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Jean Harrison

Clarice Vergene (Jean) (Moore) Harrison passed away July 17, 2024 at Silver Lace Memory Care by Primrose in Aberdeen, SD. A prayer service will be held on Friday July 26th from 5-8 pm at Spitzers Funeral Home in Aberdeen with the funeral on Saturday July 27 at 10:30 am at Aldergate Church in Aberdeen. The burial will follow Saturday afternoon at Oakes View Cemetary in Oakes, ND under the direction of Dahlstrom Funeral Home in Oakes, ND.

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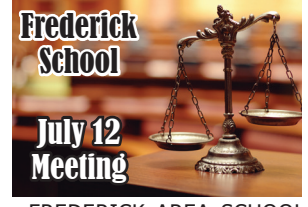
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July 16, 2024
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Wambach, Wells, Cutler, Nehls, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Drew Johnson, Aaron Grant, Sarah Grant, Joyce Grenz, Glenna Remington, Suzie Easthouse, Brenda McCarthy, Tim Janusz, Jason Schaunaman, Julian Schaunaman, Whitney Sombke, Jason Rowan, Becah Fliehs, Ken Hier, April Buller, Elizabeth Varin, Stacy Mayou, Dwight Zerr and Kellie Locke.
Moved by Nehls and seconded by Cutler to approve the agenda with the addition of discussing mosquito spraying at the swimming pool and soccer field. Also, moving agenda item number 6 to agenda item number 3. All members present voted aye.
Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.
1st Annual Celebration in the Park Event on July 27, 2024, was discussed. The allowance of alcohol for the event is contingent upon the hiring of certified security officers.
Aaron Grant, Sarah Grant, Joyce Grenz, Glenna Remington, Suzie Easthouse, Brenda McCarthy, Tim Janusz, Jason Schaunaman and Julian Schaunaman exited the meeting.
Discussion took place regarding the soccer shed. The purchase of a new shed will no longer take place.
Whitney Sombke, Jason Rowan and Becah Fliehs excited the meeting.
Hier and Buller gave Wastewater update.
Johnson exited the meeting.
Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to approve the Airport Services Agreement with IMEG Corp. All members present voted aye.
Hier, Buller and Zerr exited the meeting.
Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to approve the removal of the bushes at the City Park. All members present voted aye.
Moved by Wambach and seconded by Nehls to appoint The Groton Independent as the official newspaper and Dacotah Bank as the official bank for the City of Groton. All members present voted aye.
Moved by Nehls and seconded by Wambach to authorize Skeeter Defeeter to mosquito spray at the Groton Swimming Pool and Soccer Field. All members present voted aye.
Moved by Wells and seconded by Bahr to approve the June Finance Report. All members present voted aye.
The second reading of Ordinance No. 777 – Supplemental Appropriations was approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Wambach. All members present voted aye.
Moved by Wambach and seconded by Wells to temporarily pause Ordinance 6-2-2 to allow public to possess and consume alcoholic beverages for Summer Sip & Shop on July 25, 2024, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm on Main Street. All members present voted aye.
The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Nehls and seconded by Cutler with the following changes. All members present voted aye:
The Special Event Alcoholic Beverage License for the 1st Annual Celebration in the Park on July 27, 2024, was approved on a motion by Bahr and seconded by Nehls contingent of Police Chief Stacy Mayou's recommendation. All members present voted aye.
Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to table authorization to pay bills. All members present voted aye.
Moved by Nehls and seconded by Cutler to adjourn the meeting at 10:08pm. All members present voted aye.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Kellie Locke, Assistant Finance Officer
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FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2
Special Board of Education Meeting
July 12, 2024
A special meeting of the Frederick Area Board of Education was called to order on July 12, 2024 at 3:03 p.m. by President Rich Schlosser. Members present were Rich Achen, Jon Ellwein, Alex Hart and Eric Sumption. Others present were Superintendent/9-12 Principal/Athletic Director Jeff Koters, Prek-8 Principal Jessica Ringgenberg and Business Manager Shauna Severson. Guests present: Representatives from the following: McGough, Puetz Design+Build, Kyburz-Carlson Construction and Huff Construction.
The meeting began with all

present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion 2024-128 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
No conflict of interest disclosures.
Motion 2024-129 Motion by Achen, second by Hart to go into executive session at 3:04 p.m. for SDCL 1-25-2 (1) Personnel. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
Schlosser declared the board out of executive session at 6:28 p.m.
Motion 2024-130 Motion by Ellwein, second by Achen to hire McGough as Construction Manager at Risk. All voted aye, Hart abstained. Motion carried.
Motion 2024-131 Motion by Ellwein, second by Sumption to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
Rich Schlosser, President
Shauna Severson, Business Manager
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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Come Up Short Against Selby

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 fell to Selby 9-5 on Monday.

Selby were the first to get on the board in the first when Xavier Hobert doubled, scoring one run.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 captured the lead, 2-1, in the bottom of the first after Selby committed an error, and Nicholas Morris doubled, each scoring one run.

A single by Carter Simon extended the Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the second inning.

Kaden Russell singled on an 0-2 count, which helped Selby tie the game at three in the top of the fourth.

Selby flipped the game on its head in the top of the fifth, scoring five runs on five hits to take a 8-3 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Luke Fiedler that drove in two.

Nick Groeblichhoff pitched three and two-thirds innings in relief for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The reliever surrendered eight hits and six runs (five earned) while, striking out seven and walking four. Tristin McGannon started on the mound for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The starting pitcher gave up three hits and three runs (two earned) over three and one-third innings, striking out two and walking four. Keegan Russell stepped on the hill first for Selby. The starting pitcher surrendered five hits and five runs (one earned) over five innings, striking out seven and walking seven.

Gavin Englund and Morris were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected two hits for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Karsten Flihs went 1-for-3 at the plate as they led the team with two runs batted in. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating seven walks for the game. Gavin Kroll and Kellen Antonsen led the team with two free passes each. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 turned one double play in the game.

Selby tallied 11 hits in the game. Russell seized on their opportunities, leading Selby with three runs batted in from the number eight spot in the lineup. The infielder went 2-for-4 on the day. Russell led Selby with three hits in four at bats. Selby had patience at the plate, amassing eight walks for the game. Houston Hauge, Tristan Thompson, and Peyton Lutz led the team with two free passes each. Russell and Lutz each stole multiple bases for Selby. Selby ran wild on the base paths, piling up seven stolen bases for the game.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 welcome Selby on Monday for their next game.

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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Beat Selby

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 outsted Selby 4-0 on Monday.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 opened the scoring in the first after Gavin Englund was struck by a pitch, driving in a run.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Selby dropped a third strike, and Carter Simon singled, each scoring one run.

Kellen Antonsen earned the win for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The starting pitcher surrendered five hits and zero runs over four and two-thirds innings, striking out five and walking none. Luke Fiedler took the loss for Selby. The right-handed pitcher went four innings, giving up four runs (two earned) on eight hits, striking out three and walking two.

Simon led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with two runs batted in. The right-handed hitter

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went 3-for-3 on the day. Lincoln Krause and Karsten Flihs each collected multiple hits for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 were sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. Nicholas Morris made the most plays with five.

Fiedler led Selby with two hits in two at bats. Copyright © 2024 GameChanger Media, Inc. All rights reserved. Any reuse or republication of this story must include the preceding attribution and is subject to the Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. Terms of Use, License Agreement, and Privacy Policy.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Fall After Big Comeback By Britton U16 Lumberjacks

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 could not hold onto the lead against Britton U16 Lumberjacks on Friday and fell 11-9 despite leading by five at one point.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 opened the scoring in the bottom of the first thanks to two singles. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 first got on the board when Nicholas Morris singled, scoring two runs.

Britton U16 Lumberjacks flipped the game on its head in the top of the sixth, scoring six runs on three hits to take a 8-7 lead. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Will Richter that drove in two.

Jade Tisher earned the win for Britton U16 Lumberjacks. The right-handed pitcher allowed two hits and two runs (zero earned) over two and two-thirds innings, striking out two and walking four. Karsten Flihs took the loss for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The starting pitcher went six innings, allowing eight runs (one earned) on 11 hits, striking out seven and walking five. Dylan Redler started on the bump for Britton U16 Lumberjacks. The righty allowed six hits and seven runs (six earned) over five innings, striking out two and walking five.

Morris provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with three runs batted in. The shortstop went 2-for-3 on the day. Lincoln Krause led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with three hits in five at bats from the leadoff position. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 had a strong eye at the plate, amassing nine walks for the game. TC Schuster, Morris, and Ryder Shelle led the team with two walks each. Krause and Morris 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.

Britton U16 Lumberjacks tallied 13 hits in the game. Colton Chapin and Ben Suther were a one-two punch in the lineup, as each drove in three runs for Britton U16 Lumberjacks. Suther went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Britton U16 Lumberjacks in hits. Richter, Ben Folkman, Bryce Heitkamp, and Redler each collected multiple hits for Britton U16 Lumberjacks. Chapin paced Britton U16 Lumberjacks with two walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, accumulating nine walks for the game. Britton U16 Lumberjacks turned one double play in the game.

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Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 Roll Past Hamlin/ Castlewood 16U

By GameChanger Media

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 won big over Hamlin/Castlewood 16U 8-0 on Sunday.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 got on the board in the top of the first inning after Jarrett Erdmann singled, and Tristin McGannon walked, each scoring two runs.

Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 added to their early lead in the top of the second inning after Lincoln Krause walked, Erdmann doubled, and Nick Groeblichhoff grounded out, each

scoring one run.

Kellen Antonsen earned the win for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. The starting pitcher surrendered one hit and zero runs over one inning, striking out one and walking none. Kyrell Baker stepped on the bump first for Hamlin/Castlewood 16U. They gave up four hits and seven runs (five earned) over two innings, striking out none and walking three. Alex Abeln collected the save. Kolton Antonsen pitched one inning of no-run ball for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 in relief. The reliever allowed two hits, striking out none and walking one.

Erdmann provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 with three runs batted in. The left-handed hitter went 2-for-3 on the day. Karsten Flihs and Erdmann each collected two hits for Groton Jr. Legion Post 39. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 turned two double plays in the game. Groton Jr. Legion Post 39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Flihs had the most chances in the field with four.

Baker, Kypton Eidson, Dante DeGeest, Talen Olson, and #8 each collected one hit for Hamlin/Castlewood 16U.

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Groton Jr Teeners Claw Back, But Fall Just Short Against Britton in region championship game

By GameChanger Media

Despite a 4-run deficit in the third inning, Groton Jr Teeners 14U almost came all the way back, eventually falling 6-5 to Britton U14 Jr Teeners on Wednesday. Groton Jr Teeners 14U closed the gap by scoring on a single, a ground out, and a single. Britton will advance to the state tournament.

Groton Jr Teeners 14U lost despite out-hitting Britton U14 Jr Teeners four to two. TC Schuster, Kason Oswald, Ethan Kroll, and Ryder Schelle each collected one hit for Groton Jr Teeners 14U.

An error put Britton U14 Jr Teeners on the board in the bottom of the first.

Britton U14 Jr Teeners added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning when Colton Chapin was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, and Drew Heitmann hit a sacrifice fly, scoring two runs.

Chaz Vietor earned the win for Britton U14 Jr Teeners. The starting pitcher allowed three hits and four runs (zero earned) over six innings, striking out four and walking two. Schuster took the loss for Groton Jr Teeners 14U. They went four and one-third innings, giving up six runs (four earned) on two hits, striking out two and walking nine.

Kroll led Groton Jr Teeners 14U with two runs batted in. The right-handed hitter went 1-for-2 on the day. Groton Jr Teeners 14U turned one double play in the game.

Chapin drove the middle of the lineup, leading Britton U14 Jr Teeners with three runs batted in. They went 1-for-2 on the day. Chapin and Mitch Burger each collected one hit for Britton U14 Jr Teeners. Ben Suther led Britton U14 Jr Teeners with three walks. Overall, the team had a strong eye at the plate, collecting nine walks for the game. Britton U14 Jr Teeners turned one double play in the game.

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Groton Post 39 Defeats Mobridge Legion 18U On Back Of Clutch Display From Braxton Imrie

By GameChanger Media

Braxton Imrie drove in four runs on two hits to lead Groton Post 39 past Mobridge Legion 18U 25-2 on Tuesday in the first round of the region tournament in Clark. Imrie doubled in the second scoring two, walked in the first scoring one, walked in the fourth scoring one, and singled in the fifth scoring one.

Groton Post 39 jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Bradin Althoff grounded out, scoring two runs, Colby Dunker doubled, scoring one run, and Imrie drew a walk, scoring one run.

Mack Saxon homered to left field, scoring two runs in the bottom of the first for the Mobridge Legion 18U.

Groton Post 39 scored six runs on two hits in the top of the second inning. Althoff grounded out, scoring one run, Gavin Englund was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Imrie doubled, scoring two runs, and Teylor Diegel doubled, scoring two runs.

Groton Post 39 scored nine runs on five hits in the top of the third inning. Dunker grounded out, scoring one run, Ryan Groeblichhoff singled, scoring one run, Korbin Kucker singled, scoring two runs, Dillon Abeln drew a walk, scoring one run, Brevin Flihs hit a sacrifice fly, scoring one run, Althoff tripled, scoring two runs, and a wild pitch scored one run.

Nick Morris pitched three innings in relief for Groton Post 39. The reliever gave up zero hits and zero runs while, striking out two and walking one. Groeblichhoff led things off on the hill for Groton Post 39. They surrendered three hits and two runs over two innings, striking out one and walking none. Saxon opened the game for Mobridge Legion 18U. The righty surrendered two hits and four runs over two-thirds of an inning, striking out one and walking five.

Groton Post 39 tallied 14 hits in the game.

Imrie and Diegel each collected two hits for Groton Post 39. Althoff and Imrie each drove in four runs for Groton Post 39. Groton Post 39 had a strong eye at the plate, amassing 15 walks for the game. Abeln and Imrie led the team with three walks each. Abeln, Imrie, Dunker, and Diegel each stole multiple bases for Groton Post 39. Groton Post 39 ran wild on the base paths, accumulating 13 stolen bases for the game. Groton Post 39 didn't commit a single error in the field. Althoff had the most chances in the field with six.

Saxon drove the middle of the lineup, leading Mobridge Legion 18U with two runs batted in. The cleanup hitter went 1-for-2 on the day. Saxon, Wesley Arnott, and Taylon Carmody each collected one hit for Mobridge Legion 18U.

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The Groton 14U baseball team and coaches pose after game after a close hard fought championship game. Back row L-R: Coach Carlos Camacho, Braeden Flihs, T.C. Schuster, Kason Oswald, Shaydon wood, Jordan Schwan, Ethan Kroll, Ryder Schelle, Layne Johnson, Coach Spencer Locke ; Front row: L-R: Sam crank, Alex Abeln, John Bisbee, Lincoln Shilhanek, Kolten Antonsen, Zach Flihs, Xavier Ellenbecker, batgirl Lexie Locke. (Photo by Bruce Babcock)

Bradin Althoff Drives In 4 To Lead Groton Post 39 Past W.I.N. Legion Baseball; Groton on 7 game winning streak

By GameChanger Media

Bradin Althoff drove in four runs on three hits to lead Groton Post 39 past W.I.N. Legion Baseball 9-2 on Tuesday in Region 6B action at Clark. Althoff tripled in the first scoring two, doubled in the second scoring one, and singled in the fourth scoring one.

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

Groton Post 39 added to their early lead in the top of the second inning after Teylor Diegel singled, W.I.N. Legion Baseball committed an error, and Althoff doubled, each scoring one run.

Dillon Abeln stepped on the mound first for Groton Post 39. The starting pitcher allowed five hits and two runs (zero earned) over five innings, striking out four and walking none. Ashton Remily stepped on the hill first for W.I.N. Legion Baseball. The lefty surrendered nine hits and eight runs (three earned) over four and one-third innings, striking out six and walking two. Althoff threw one and one-third innings of scoreless ball for Groton Post 39 in relief. The southpaw surrendered two hits, striking out one and walking none.

Groton Post 39 piled up 11 hits in the game. Colby Dunker and Brevin Flihs each collected multiple hits for Groton Post 39.

Devon Fischbach and Dawson Ward each collected two hits for W.I.N. Legion Baseball. Copyright © 2024 GameChanger Media, Inc. All rights reserved. Any reuse or republication of this story must include the preceding attribution and is subject to the Dick's Sporting Goods, Inc. Terms of Use, License Agreement, and Privacy Policy.

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- 5 "Big Blue"
- 8 Driver with a handle
- 12 Sci-fi prefix
- 13 Rep.'s rival
- 14 Sea predator
- 15 Be overly sweet
- 16 The Stars and Stripes
- 18 A cause of pay inequity
- 20 Political meeting
- 21 — butter
- 23 SUV maker
- 24 Veterans
- 28 Snack
- 31 Museum-funding org.

- 32 TV, radio, etc.
- 34 Fib
- 35 Lummoxes
- 37 Celtic language
- 39 Bear hair
- 41 Architect Saarinen
- 42 "Alfie" singer Warwick
- 45 Painter Georges
- 49 It may be hard to break
- 51 Sushi fish
- 52 India's continent

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- 10 Beige
- 11 Sunbeams
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"Our fallen heroes are no longer with us, but their memories live on in the hearts of their loved ones and our state," said Greg Whitlock, secretary of the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs. "Naming our South Dakota bridges in honor of our fallen gives us the opportunity for remembrance, reflection, and respect. It helps us to honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to this nation. They cherished liberty and loved freedom so much, they were willing to lay down their lives to preserve our way of life."

"We can never underestimate, or over appreciate, the costs they bore for us," said Whitlock.

"We must never forget that our fallen sacrificed their future and their dreams. Their memories can only live through the accomplishments to present and future generations."

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Pollock Dairy Plant to Close

The following was posted on the Prairie Pioneer Facebook Page:

URGENT NEWS STATEMENT:

Statement: Pollock, S.D., Plant

Dairy Farmers of America (DFA) announced on Thursday, July 18, that after a careful analysis of new demand and current supply dynamics and as part of a coordinated, Cooperative-wide milk marketing and balancing optimization project, the decision has been made to close our dairy ingredient facility in Pollock, S.D.

Unfortunately, as a result, 33 full-time positions will be eliminated, as well as four parttime roles.

The employees at the facility have done an excellent job producing dairy ingredients, and we appreciate all their hard work and dedication. Any decision impacting people's livelihoods is one not taken lightly, and we will work with employees to help them through this transition.

The raw milk volume currently received at the Pollock plant will continue to have a home at nearby production facilities, and our customers will continue to be served by our network of ingredients facilities. This was a difficult decision, but we have a responsibility to operate financially sound businesses that bring additional returns to our family farmowners' investment in the Cooperative.

"A Hidden Issue"

Mental health treatment within the criminal justice system plays a pivotal yet often overlooked role in both the well-being and rehabilitation of incarcerated individuals. This is often overlooked by the general population due to attitudes against the incarcerated and the lack of overall media attention. It is my belief that change needs to take place.

Leah Hendrickson, MSW, LCSW, QMHP

Firstly, while many in society have negative outlooks on incarcerated or previously incarcerated individuals, most fail to realize that approximately 45% of Americans have had an immediate family member incarcerated. These individuals are not unknown strangers, they are, have been, and will be your own family members. Furthermore, the vast majority of incarcerated individuals will be released from their correctional facilities at some point in time. This is where the importance of rehabilitation needs to be stressed in order to prevent a revolving door back into the criminal justice system and to promote safer communities. One way this can be done is through consistent and quality mental health treatment for incarcerated individuals.

Access to mental health services can profoundly affect not only an individual's experience behind bars but it can also reduce the likelihood of recidivism (reoffending). Many incarcerated individuals grapple with various mental health issues, including depression, anxiety, substance use disorders, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). These mental health issues are often exacerbated or even created by the stresses of incarceration itself. Providing quality and consistent treatment can alleviate suffering and enhance coping mechanisms, thus fostering a safer and more humane environment within correctional facilities and beyond. The research is clear, untreated mental health issues increase the risk of reoffending. Access to mental health treatment aids in equipping individuals with tools to not only effectively manage their conditions within the walls but also reintegrate into society upon release.

How can we increase access to mental health treatment to incarcerated persons? Firstly, we need to acknowledge the issue. Secondly, we need to recognize and take on the systemic barriers that hinder the delivery of mental health treatment within correctional facilities. These barriers include but are not limited to the attitudes surrounding incarcerated peoples, attitudes surrounding the criminal justice system itself, overcrowding, lack of staff, and insufficient funding resources. While we also need to focus on the implementation of quality education in terms of mental health, interpersonal skills, and coping skills within our homes and our educational facilities to aid in the prevention of incarceration, we also need to support incarcerated individuals following their release from correctional facilities. This requires a multifaceted approach, including investment in community mental health resources, diversion programs, and reentry support.

In conclusion, the prioritization of mental health treatment within the criminal justice system is essential for the promotion of individual well-being, rehabilitation, and successful reintegration of incarcerated individuals into society. This approach is not "soft on crime," it instead embodies the ability of empathy and accountability to co-exist. The road to a safer and happier community takes all of us. We must not forget about those out of sight.

Leah Hendrickson specializes in treating individuals who are currently or formerly incarcerated. She also provides outpatient counseling services for adolescents and adults struggling with anxiety, depression, abuse, stress management, cultural diversity, interpersonal issues, and trauma related to sexual violence. Her eclectic therapeutic style incorporates cognitive behavioral therapy, strength based therapy, dialectical behavioral therapy skills, solution focused therapy, and mindfulness techniques. She currently works at Avera in Brookings, SD and can be contacted by phone at 605-692-2790. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.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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