



Storm rages through Groton

It short of a war zone scenario. It was touted early in the day that the area was in the center of severe weather. The system was developing between the Missouri and James River. A severe thunderstorm watch was issued. A radar indicated tornado was located in northwest Spink County. Tornado warnings were issued. A tornado was spotted on the ground in the Verdon area. One after another emergency notices were sounding on the phones. The outdoor sirens were sounding in Groton. The weather alert radio kept going off with one warning after another. Then it hit. Sleets of rain came down. High wind swept through the area. There was no hail, but the wind left a field of downed trees, some power lines and vehicles and buildings damaged from downed trees. After the storm left, a pair of rainbows filled the eastern sky with the main rainbow about as bright as has ever been seen.

In Groton, four homes had downed power lines. There were blinks of a second or two outage, but no sustained outages were reported. A big tree came crashing down behind Ron Rehfluss that broke a couple of pins off the cross arm on the primary side and ripped his service line off the house. The tree blocked off the alley. Three other services around town had their services taken off their homes due to tree branches coming down on their lines. By 8 p.m., all services were repaired. **(More storm photos on Page 3)**



This was the chuckle of the day. Joni Groeblichhoff drove by the elementary school and discovered the balls were blown off the roof and chilling by the building. (Photo by Joni Groeblichhoff)



This big tree came crashing down in the alley behind Ron Rehfluss' place. It broke free the west phase of the line, but it did not cause an outage. This photo taken after the repair work was completed. The tree landed on the garage which received roof damage. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The flag poles at the Veteran's Circle in the Groton Union Cemetery were flattened by the wind. (Photo by Doug Hamilton)



The home of Tony Garcia received some structure damage from downed tree branches. (Photo by Wynella Abeln)



Tree uprooted at the Groton Cemetery. (Photo by Kim Weber)

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

Another defibrillator moment for Vikings fans as their beloved purple give up 11 points late in the 4th quarter before Kirk Cousins hit three passes to move within range for a Greg Joseph 54-yard field goal as time expired. Place it back on the wall and get it ready for next week.

First Half:

The first half moved along quickly. The Lions took the opening kick down the field, mixing in the pass and run, to set up a Siebert 39-yard field. The Vikings returned the favor, with some precision sideline passes to Justin Jefferson and hard running by Alexander Mattison to set up a 38 yard Viking field goal. 3-3 after the first quarter.

The Vikings appeared to take control in the second quarter, adding another Joseph 38-yard field at the 9:50 mark on 11 plays for 55 yards. The Vikings' defense holds tight, and the offense puts together its only touchdown drive of the game, ending with a Mattison 15-yard catch. The Lions put together a nine-play drive to get a 53-yard field goal to finish the half - Vikings 13 Lions 6.

Second Half:

The Vikings have struggled to get the ball in the endzone since the first game versus Cincinnati. Today was no different. Instead, they settled for 3 Greg Joseph field goals.

The score remained 13-6 after three quarters.

The fourth quarter was quiet as well up until the 5-minute mark. The Vikings appeared to secure the win, going up by ten with 4:40 to go on another Joseph 55-yarder. After stopping the Lions, the Vikings moved within field goal range, only to have Joseph come up short. That seemed to breathe a little life back into the Lions, who drove down and got a field goal of their own.

With 2:20 to play and up by seven, the Vikings just needed to run out the clock. Well, that's never a given with this team. They got

to the 2:00 minute warning. Then on third down, Mattison gets stripped, the Lions recover and have their best field position of the day. Starting at the Viking 20 yard line, it takes only three plays to punch it in and get within a point of tying the game. The Lions, looking for their first win, go for two and take a one-point lead with just 37 seconds to play.

A silenced and stunned crowd thought they had seen it all. But wait.

It was time for Kirk Cousins to earn his \$28 million contract. He quickly hit Adam Thielen for 20 over the middle. A quick pass to the sideline for Jefferson, unable to get out of bounds, costs the Vikings their final timeout. Cousins hit Thielen with another 20-yard gain over the middle to get the Vikings within range. Cousins then waited until two seconds were left on the clock and spiked the ball.

Joseph comes in to connect on his fourth field goal of the game, hitting a 54-yarder as time expired.

The final score of the game: Vikings 19 Lions 17.

Statistical Leaders:

Kirk Cousins 25 for 34, 275 yards, 1 TD pass

Alexander Mattison 25 carries for 113 yards rushing, 7 catches for 70 yards, 1 TD

Justin Jefferson 7 catches for 124 yards

The highlights of the day:

First-round draft pick Christian Darrisaw played in his first game of the year and was playing left tackle when the Vikings scored their only TD of the game. After missing 16 straight games, Anthony Barr returned to the starting line-up.

The irony of the day:

Sometimes it's nice to be on the winning end of games that come down to the wire, but then again, it was the Detroit Lions.

Next game: The Vikings will look to get back to .500 as they travel to Carolina to play the 3-2 Panthers. A lot hinges on whether or not the top two running backs in the NFC play: Christian McCaffery vs. Dalvin Cook. A 3-3 record heading into the bye week is just what the team needs to keep the playoffs in sight.

Make that appointment now

A friend of mine from my old school stops in once a month. He sells paper products, and I only need so much, so he doesn't often get an order, but anyone who's ever done that job knows you couldn't do it if it wasn't about the people. "I just like seeing you," he said.

It's an opportunity to catch up on hometown news, the changes in our families, and ultimately, the state of business. "We're hanging in there," is my usual answer. I once told a date about myself. "Well, I went into AM personality radio just as it was dying. It was a dinosaur. Then I went into newspapers on the cusp of the Internet Age. And I collect fossils." She howled.

My friend who sells paper in an ever-increasingly paperless PDF world, lamented the COVID supply chain issues. He's having a hard time getting paper cups and copy paper is being rationed because there are few warehouses anymore. With computer logistics, product travels from the manufacturer to the end-user in a "just in time" supply chain. That's when everything's going right. But get a ship stuck in a canal for a couple of weeks, clog up the shipping lanes, and we're reminded of just how vulnerable we are.

The COVID complications that took place more than a year ago still affect supplies in the same way an accident and rush hour slowdown used to affect my drive home in Denver. The accident might have been cleared up 45 minutes earlier, but the traffic snarl was still there.

That's what happened to health care. Routine tests and surgeries were stalled. A few months into the pandemic, most cancer screenings were down nearly 90 percent. Unfortunately, cancer didn't just go away. The number of diagnoses just dropped. I was one of the lucky ones. I was able to run the COVID gauntlet for treatment with a precarious timeline. I needed chemo and radiation, and then, if things went exactly right, the prize was major surgery at Mayo. They used the word "cure." I clung to that word like a life raft. But a COVID setback had the potential to set me back, possibly beyond a cure.

Two weeks ago, I had my first scans since all of that and they came back clean as a whistle, which is what we expected, but you mentally prepare yourself to dig in and fight again. I wonder how many people weren't as fortunate I was and lost their lives because of our health care supply chain issues. If you can avoid hospitalization through a vaccine, you aren't just helping yourself, you're helping others you'll never know about. I've been in the trenches. I know.

I'd vowed to myself that I wasn't going to spend a lot of time talking about cancer, but it's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and I realized that I needed to do what we all should be doing, our part to make lives around us better. So schedule that mammogram today. And if something doesn't feel quite right, get it checked out. I had no idea that acid reflux could lead to esophageal cancer, so it was a shock to see my doctor come in with a long face after my endoscopy. He and his nurse were more shook up about it than I was, but that might have had something to do with the anesthetic.

I was driving back from treatment one day talking to my sister on the phone. "I feel guilty," she said. "I never had to go through the chemo and radiation that you and (our sister) Patty (bladder cancer) have had to endure."

"Good grief," I said. "You lost a breast!" But they'd caught it early. No further treatment was necessary. She's a retired RN. She knew enough to go in when she discovered a lump.

You get my message. No excuses. Get checked out. Many hospitals offer discounted mammograms. I get the natural human psychology. Somehow, we feel better not knowing even if there's a niggling suspicion in the back of our minds. Most tests will come back clean, and I can tell you there are no sweeter words in the world than "cancer-free."

Advances in treatment mean it's no longer a death sentence. Just in my small circle of friends and family, I can count a dozen success stories. A couple of them were on the ropes. Patty's immunotherapy treatment has her cancer on the run. "I feel like we're both in the same canoe paddling like hell," I told her one day.

Make that appointment. And paddle on.

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Groton Storm Photos



Water over curb near high school.
(Photo by Tina Kosel)



Rainbows by Tanya Johnson



Street by Duane Flihs.
(Photo by Wynella Abeln)



Tree at Clint Fjelstad's home.
(Photo by Wynella Abeln)



Vehicle sustained damage from fallen tree branch.
(Photo by Tina Kosel)



Tree at Jody Bull's home.
(Photo by Wynella Abeln)

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Groton Area falls short of Bronze Title at Redfield Tourney

Groton Area took part in the Redfield Volleyball Pool Play Tourney Saturday. The Tigers went 1-3 on the day.

The opening match was with **Warner**. The Monarchs won the first set, 25-8 which included an eight point run. In the second set, it was tied at three, four and five before the Monarchs went on a run and ended up scoring the last seven points of the set for the 25-12 win. Anna Fjeldheim

Groton	8	12			
Warner	25	25			
	Kills	Digs	Blocks	Aces	Assists
Madeline Flihs	1	2	0	0	0
Sydney Leicht	1	6	1	1	0
Aspen Johnson	2	0	0	0	0
Megan Flihs	0	0	0	0	0
Liz Flihs	1	1	0	0	7
Alyssa Thaler	0	11	0	0	1
Allyssa Locke	0	6	0	0	1
Trista Keith	0	3	0	0	0
Anna Fjeldheim	5	2	0	0	0

had five kills and two blocks to lead the Tigers. Alyssa Thaler had 11 digs, Sydney Leicht had a block and an ace serve in addition to her six digs and one kill.

Belle Fourche jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the first set. Groton Area battled back to within one, 11-10, but Belle Fourche would rally for a 20-13 lead and would go on to win, 22-15. The second set was tied six times and there were two lead changes before Belle Fourche would get the upper hand and go on for the win, 25-17. Sydney Leicht had four kills and six digs. Elizabeth Flihs had 10 assists, three kills and three digs. Alyssa Thaler had the lone ace serve and she also had five digs.

Groton	15	17			
Belle Fourche	25	25			
	Kills	Digs	Blocks	Aces	Assists
Madeline Flihs	2	6	0	0	1
Sydney Leicht	4	6	0	0	0
Aspen Johnson	1	0	0	0	0
Maddie Bjerke	3	0	0	0	0
Liz Flihs	3	3	0	0	10
Alyssa Thaler	0	9	0	1	0
Allyssa Locke	0	1	0	0	0
Trista Keith	0	4	0	0	0
Anna Fjeldheim	2	0	0	0	0

Groton Area had 19 kills, one block and 11 ace serves in its double win over **Waverly/South Shore**. The Tigers jumped out to a 10-4 lead in the first set and went for a 25-15 win. The Tigers jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the second set as Sydney Leicht had five con-

Groton	25	25			
Waverly/South Shore	15	5			
	Kills	Digs	Blocks	Aces	Assists
Madeline Flihs	4	1	0	1	0
Sydney Leicht	6	5	1	5	0
Aspen Johnson	6	0	0	1	0
Maddie Bjerke	1	0	0	0	1
Liz Flihs	0	2	0	2	13
Alyssa Thaler	0	6	0	1	0
Allyssa Locke	0	3	0	1	1
Trista Keith	0	2	0	0	0
Anna Fjeldheim	2	2	0	0	0

secutive ace serves down the stretch to help give Groton Area a 25-5 second set win. Sydney Leicht and Aspen Johnson each had six kills while Alyssa Thaler had six digs and Leicht five. Leicht had a block and five ace serves while Elizabeth Flihs had 13 assists.

The final match would determine who would win the Bronze title as Groton Area and **Webster Area** were both 1-0 in the Bronze title. In the first set, Webster Area took a 3-0 lead before Groton Area came back to tie the set at four and five. The set was tied at 14, 16, 17, 18, 19 and

Groton	23	19			
Webster	25	25			
	Kills	Digs	Blocks	Aces	Assists
Madeline Flihs	5	5	1	1	0
Sydney Leicht	2	11	0	0	0
Aspen Johnson	7	4	0	0	0
Maddie Bjerke	4	1	0	0	1
Liz Flihs	0	5	0	1	20
Alyssa Thaler	0	6	0	0	0
Allyssa Locke	0	7	0	1	1
Trista Keith	0	6	0	0	0
Anna Fjeldheim	3	1	1	0	0

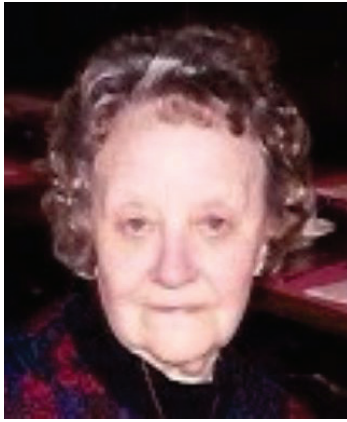
23. Webster scored the last two points for the 25-23 win. The Bearcats also took a 3-0 start in the second set, but after the set was tied at five, six and seven, the Bearcats took a 10-7 lead and went on to win, 25-19. Sydney Leicht had 11 digs. Aspen Johnson had seven kills and Madeline Flihs had five kills. Flihs and Anna Fjeldheim each had one block. Having one ace serve each were Flihs, Allyssa Locke and Elizabeth Flihs. Elizabeth also had 20 assists.

Groton Area wins NEC Championship outright; moves up to number two in the state

Clark/Willow Lake defeated Aberdeen Roncalli last night, 20-19. That was the second loss for Roncalli and that loss gave Groton Area the Northeast Conference championship outright in football. Groton has only one loss on the season in the conference while everyone else now has at least two loses. This was a bye week for Groton Area.

Meanwhile in the state power ratings, Groton Area has now moved up to the number two spot in the state, behind Winner.

The Life of Lois Pasch



Graveside services for Lois Pasch, 97, of Groton were held October 9th at Union Cemetery, Groton. Rev. Larry Johnson officiated. Arrangements were under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Lois passed away October 5, 2021 at Wheatcrest Hills in Britton.

Lois Jane Hoops was born on October 14, 1923 to William and Louise (Reber) Hoops on the family farm in West Hanson Township. She attended school in West Hanson and later worked for several neighbors.

Lois was later employed at the Gamble's Store and Blue Bird Cafe. On December 11, 1946 she was united in marriage with Walter Pasch on the farm. In 1957, the family purchased a farm nearby where they raised their family. Lois and Wally were blessed with four boys, but tragically lost their first born son Billy in Vietnam, making Lois a Gold Star Mother. Their third boy, Alroy "Porky" died at an early age from a heart attack. Through these hardships, Lois always kept her faith.

Lois was baptized and confirmed in West Hanson and later began attending St. John's Lutheran in Groton. She was active in Ladies Aid, Good Cheer Circle and in their quilting circle. Lois also belonged to the Brown County 4-H Club, American Legion Auxiliary, and was Chairman of the James Jimmy's Baseball Team. In her free time, she enjoyed crocheting, quilting, gardening and tending to her yard.

Celebrating her life are her two sons, Robert Pasch (Anita Rieprich) of Webster, Donald Pasch of Watertown, six grandchildren: Ron (Amy) Pasch, Tamora German, Tanya Groft, Becky (Brook) Stephens, Raelynn (Lonnice) Geiman and Roberta Elkins, 16 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, two sons, William "Billy" Pasch, Alroy "Porky" Pasch, her husband, Walter and three siblings, Fritz Hoops, Wallace Hoops and Dorothy Martin.

New Deal Tire Transfer Notice

NOTICE OF SOLID WASTE PERMIT TRANSFER AND RECOMMENDATION

Waste Not Recycling, LLC (dba New Deal Tire)

By the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) has received a request to transfer a solid waste permit from Waste Not Recycling, LLC (dba New Deal Tire), 311 S 7th St., Bismarck, ND 58504 to Saber Shred Solutions, LLC, 1800 40th Ave., SE, Mandan, ND 58554. The solid waste permit proposed for transfer is for a Type IIB waste tire storage, handling, and processing facility located within the Groton, SD city limits. The legal description for the facility is SW 1/4 SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 13, T123N, R61W, Brown County, South Dakota. The total acreage of the site is 2.95 acres. The facility will serve the operations of New Deal Tire. The permit transfer will be granted for a period ending August 24, 2023 as provided for under SDCL 34A-6-1.16.

DANR has reviewed the application and information submitted, and has reached a tentative decision and recommends to the Board of Minerals and Environment (board) that the permit be transferred to the applicant to operate the solid waste facility. The recommendation for approval of this permit transfer is subject to the applicant's compliance with the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:27 and a total of 38 permit conditions. The permit conditions include general requirements (10 conditions), design and construction requirements (4 conditions), operating requirements (12 conditions), recordkeeping and reporting (6 conditions), closure requirements (3 conditions), and financial assurance (3 conditions) as have been determined to be necessary to ensure the facility complies with the environmental laws of this state.

In accordance with SDCL 34A-6-1.14, DANR's recommendation for approval will become the final decision of the permit transfer request and this permit will be issued 30 days after publication of this notice. A person adversely affected or having an interest adversely affected by the DANR's recommendation for approval may petition the board for a contested case hearing. The petition must comply with the requirements of ARSD 74:09:01:01. If a petition for such a hearing is not filed within 30 days of this publication date, a permit will be formally and finally granted at that time.

A copy of all recommended terms and conditions are available from DANR and may be obtained upon request from: South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Waste Management Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182, Attn.: Kalyndi Martin, telephone (605) 773-3153. A copy of the draft permit is available at <https://danr.sd.gov/Public/>.

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Groton City Meeting Minutes Oct. 5, 2021

October 5, 2021

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Blackmun, Bahr, Babcock, Flihs, Wells and Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Paul Kosel and Deputy Finance Officer April Abeln.

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

Sealed bids for the safe deposit boxes were opened and read aloud. Lloyd Jark submitted a bid for \$586.00. Garth Johnson submitted a bid for \$20.00. Moved by Wells and seconded by Bahr to accept the bid from Lloyd Jark for \$586.00. All members voted aye. Boxes must be picked up by end of October unless other arrangements are made.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Flihs. All members voted aye.

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

Payroll, \$26,777.72, Employee salaries; Executive, \$549.07; Administrative, \$7,738.10; Public Safety, \$7,274.93; Public Works, \$11,051.66; Culture & Recreation, \$163.96; Dacotah Bank, \$7,392.30, SS and WH; Dacotah Bank, \$545.82, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$690.00, Employee savings; Employers Mutual Ins, \$85.20, Employee insurance; Aflac, \$385.66, Employee insurance; Guardian, \$108.91, Employee insurance; Colonial

Life, \$90.16, Employee insurance; SD Retirement System, \$8,702.88, Employee retirement; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$430.00, Employee retirement; Allied, \$11,336.03, Employee insurance; City of Groton, \$298.95, Utility deposit refund and family crisis; Seric Shabazz, \$76.05, Utility deposit refund; Rick Carlson, \$252.20, Utility deposit refund; Travis Sperry, \$135.34, Utility deposit refund; Michael Gruenstein, \$308.79, Utility deposit refund; Cheryl's Cleaning Service, \$60.00, Cleaning at City Hall; NW Energy, \$1,355.57, Natural gas at pool; Greg's Repair, \$170.22, 17 Ford Interceptor oil pressure sensor, oil filter; Heartland Consumer Power, \$59,042.60, Power 8/21; Safety Benefits, \$130.00, Registration fees; SD Municipal League, \$100.00, Registration fees; Dollar General, \$486.71, Paper products, cleaners, binders, batteries, swiffer, gloves, air fresheners, office supplies; Dacotah Bank Card Services, \$1,905.11, Postage, stamps, frames, ink, name plates, street signs, bean bags, chlorine testing kit, bathroom cabinet, key box lock box, laminating maps, one call credits, magazine racks, parade candy; CocaCola, \$21.00, Pool concessions; SourceOne Graphics, Inc, \$1,000.00, 2 page Miss America Groton Advertisement (Request to Chamber to pay half); Dakota Supply Group, \$27.29, Marking flags; Dakota Supply Group, \$1,257.14, 4 LED lights; Dakota Supply Group, \$1,160.65, Directional lights; Dakota Supply Group, \$30.01, Locate flags; Dakota Supply Group, \$242.59, Wire repair material; Irby, \$12,997.78, Underground repair material, safety tools, tools for electric truck, fuse tube lifter, stirrup, pole, canister, tarps, wire, high impact wrench kit, hot line clamp, tools to open transformers, flashlight for truck, hoses and covers, protective grounding tool, pliers, impact kit, cross arm pins, utility augers, covers for connectors, paint for locates, secondary connectors, tool to pull wire, case for extendo stick, ties for power lines; Stan Houston, \$39.00, Ear plugs; Fire Safety First, \$404.10, Annual maintenance and certification for first aid kits and fire extinguishers; Metering & Technology, \$303.52, Water meters; DGR Engineering, \$1,970.00, Midco fiber review; Brown County HWY Dept, \$1,311.00, Airport culvert; SPS Works, \$149.28, 2022 dog tags; April Abeln, \$38.33, Reimburse for library canvas print; Brian Bahr, \$200.00, Heating

and cooling rebate - Reimbursed by Heartland; Steve Schaller, \$200.00, Hot water heater rebate - Reimbursed by Heartland; Steve Schaller, \$300.00, Hot water heater rebate - City; Doty & Sons Concrete Products, \$2,180.00, Corn hole sets for park - to be reimbursed by Fire Dept; Lyle Signs, \$191.19, Street signs; Michael Todd & Company, \$132.46, Bolt for street sweeper; Lori's Pharmacy, \$38.50, Funeral flower; Hope Block, \$215.00, Med flex; Cotton Seed Service, \$140.00, Camping overpayment refund; Drew Johnson, \$1,500.00, Legal fees 9/21; Groton Independent, \$101.90, Publishing; Badger Meter, \$25.81, Monthly cellular fee; NW Energy, \$12.86, PD natural gas; Jensen Feed & Grain, \$1,465.34, Street salt; Department reports were reviewed.

Abeln was congratulated on receiving the 2021 Distinguished Service Award from Heartland Consumer Power District.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Bahr to accept the Groton City Airport lease with Rix Farms Inc. through October 31, 2023. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Babcock to approve the second reading of Ordinance #752 Amending Security Light Rates. All members voted aye.

Babcock presented a preliminary library schedule. Kosel left the meeting. Moved by Flihs and seconded by Wells to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1- 25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:22pm. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:21pm.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Babcock to approve the second reading of Ordinance #753 - 2022 Salary Summary implementing a 3% raise for all full time employees except the Electric Superintendent. Along with the revision of implementing on call time for one public works employee at \$200 per week (only employees eligible for the additional on call time are: Public Works Coordinator, Wastewater Superintendent, and Assistant Street Superintendent). All members voted aye.

Moved by Wells and seconded by Bahr to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
April Abeln, Deputy Finance Officer
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Questions arise over COVID grants received by state senator's son

Bart Pfankuch
South Dakota News Watch

The son of a South Dakota state senator received more than \$1 million in COVID relief funding for a business he says is located in Union Center, S.D., but which public records and other data indicate actually operates in Texas.

Chris Cammack, son of Senate Majority Leader Gary Cammack, received more than \$700,000 in state coronavirus relief funds designed to help businesses in South Dakota recover losses suffered during the pandemic. Rules of the program require that small businesses "must be physically located in South Dakota" in order to qualify for the funding.

Chris Cammack owns Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studios, a business he started more than a decade ago in a building on the Cammack family ranch in Union Center, a town of 400 in Meade County.

Cammack received \$709,792 in state coronavirus relief funds in early 2021 to cover losses he reported at the Union Center business during the pandemic. Cammack also received more than \$300,000 in forgivable Paycheck Protection Program loans from the federal government to keep 10 workers at the Union Center location employed.

However, a News Watch investigation using tax and property documents, source interviews, website information and a public statement from Chris Cammack indicates that Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studios is run from a site in Cypress, Texas, where Cammack owns a 7,300-square-foot studio building and he and his wife Felicia own an \$880,000 home.

Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studios was merged with Brush Country Studios of Cypress, Texas, in late 2014 or early 2015, and Chris and Felicia Cammack now own and operate the combined Brush Country/Prairie Mountain business in Cypress, according to the company website and Texas property records.

The taxidermy studio in Union Center still exists, but a nearby business operator, Brian Walker, said there had been no recent commercial activity there. News Watch visited the site three times in 2021 and saw no activity or people present. Sen. Cammack, in an interview, told News Watch that his son's taxidermy studio is located in Texas.

Chris Cammack did not respond to phone calls or an email seeking comment for this article, and state officials overseeing the coronavirus relief program declined to comment on individual grant applications or recipients.

The state Coronavirus Relief Fund program was started in 2020 as a way to distribute federal Cares Act funds to help South Dakota businesses remain viable by covering some of their cash losses incurred during the worst of the pandemic.

As of September 2021, the South Dakota relief program had distributed more than \$490 million in payments to 5,833 applicants. Grants were awarded under several separate programs, including small businesses, small nonprofits, acute healthcare providers, community providers, safety-net organizations and startups.

The small business portion of the program, in which Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studio received two payments, distributed the largest portion of funds. As of September 2021, the small-business program had distributed more than \$302 million to 4,760 applicants.

Applications for state relief funds and federal PPP loans both require signed statements that all information submitted is true and accurate, and applicants are notified that providing false information can be considered fraud.

To date, no fraud has been uncovered by two firms hired by the state to audit the coronavirus relief grant payments, according to Colin Keeler, director of financial systems at the South Dakota Bureau of Finance and Management. About a dozen complaints of potential fraud and abuse are being investigated by the state and its contractors, Keeler said. Also, mistakes have been found on several dozen grant applications that are under review or have been fixed, Keeler said.

Cammack testimony, websites reveal Texas ties

In March 2020, before the pandemic landed hard in South Dakota, and several months before he would receive more than \$700,000 in state coronavirus relief grants, Chris Cammack told a legislative committee why he moved his family and business to Texas a few years ago.

Cammack testified by phone before the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee on March 3, 2020, in favor of a bill that would allow non-residents of South Dakota to get a special license to hunt on land they own in the state. Cammack's father, Sen. Gary Cammack, R-Union Center, chaired the committee during the hearing that day.

Chris Cammack told the committee that he had been interested in



State and federal records show that Chris Cammack owns this taxidermy studio in Union Center, S.D., and has received more than \$1 million in COVID relief grants or forgivable loans for pandemic-related losses at this address. This photo was taken on a weekday afternoon in June. Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch

News Watch

taxidermy since he was a boy, and later, while living and working on his family's ranch in Union Center, he started Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studios.

Cammack told lawmakers that as the business flourished, he and his wife, Felicia Cammack, took on a big job building a museum in Austin, Texas, and while there, found a taxidermy business for sale near Houston.

Cammack told the committee that his South Dakota taxidermy business "outgrew" the Union Center location and that he and his wife were doing so much taxidermy work in Texas that "we ended up purchasing a taxidermy shop in Houston, Texas, which is where we reside, where our home mostly is now," according to an archived tape of the hearing.

Cammack added: "I still own cattle, I still own land in South Dakota, I still come back to South Dakota every chance I get, but work calls me to Texas."

Cammack testified that the non-resident hunting bill, which passed and was eventually signed into law, would help him keep family ties to South Dakota.

"We're on the road most always, whether it's in Texas or everywhere, all over," Cammack testified, noting that he had a daughter he someday wanted to take hunting in South Dakota. "It's so important to me that I'm able to bring my daughter back to my own personal land in South Dakota and let her hunt."

Property records from Harris County, Texas, and other documentation appear to support Chris Cammack's legislative testimony that he lives and works in Cypress, a suburb of Houston.

The combined Brush Country/Prairie Mountain studios in Texas performs taxidermy and also constructs elaborate trophy rooms, which can include dozens of animals, murals, water features and animatronics.

After Chris and Felicia Cammack bought Brush Country Studios, Texas tax records show the business was registered with the state on Dec. 30, 2014 under ownership of Chris Cammack. On Feb. 5, 2015, a limited liability company called PM Wildlife Studios at the same address in Cypress was registered with the state of Texas under ownership of Chris Cammack.

Property records from Harris County show that Chris Cammack owns adjacent properties in Cypress — a 7,341-square-foot building at 16526 Cypress Rosehill Road, which Google maps lists as the Brush Country taxidermy studio; and a 4,415-square-foot single-family residence at 16522 Cypress Rosehill Road owned by Chris and Felicia Cammack.

A satellite view of the Cypress address for Brush Country Studios on Google Maps shows a long building with several cars in the parking lot. A large home sits just south of the studio building.

On their company website, Chris and Felicia Cammack tell how Brush Country and Prairie Mountain were merged.

"After ten years of running a successful taxidermy shop in South Dakota, Chris and Felicia acquired a taxidermy shop in Cypress, Texas called Brush Country Studios where they continue to produce world class pieces of taxidermy. Chris and Felicia partnered their companies together to build world class trophy rooms all across the world to create two companies with one goal," the website states. "Brush Country



Chris Cammack

“That taxidermy studio ... it outgrew Union Center. I still own cattle, I still own land in South Dakota, I still come back to South Dakota every chance I get, but work calls me to Texas.”

-- Chris Cammack, in 2020 legislative testimony

Studios Taxidermy, in Cypress Texas, and Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studios have joined forces to offer World Class custom designed Trophy Rooms.”

On the Brush Country/Prairie Mountain company website, the address for the business is listed as 16526 Cypress Rosehill Road in Cypress, Texas, and separate Facebook pages for Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studios and Brush Country Studios both list the Cypress address. The Facebook pages and business website have phone numbers with area codes in the Houston area, and the salesman for the company lists a cell number on the website with a Texas area code.

Texas state tax records show Chris Cammack as the owner of Brush Country Studios in Cypress and another business called PM Wildlife Studios, also located at the business address in Cypress.

Felicia Cammack also has a LinkedIn page where she lists her job as taxidermist/mural artist for Brush Country Studios in Houston.

Chris Cammack did not return an email or multiple phone calls from News Watch to the business in Cypress, Texas and to his cell phone seeking comment. The business card of a News Watch reporter was given personally in July to Gary Cammack, who said his son would call the reporter, though his son never did.

A call seeking comment from Jim Peterson, a Spearfish taxidermist who lists himself on his LinkedIn page as general manager of Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studios, also was not returned.

Questions about activity at Union Center site

In South Dakota, Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studios is listed as an LLC in good standing under ownership of Chris Cammack. State records show it has a physical address at 16970 Highway 34 in Union Center, and its mailing address is a post office box in Union Center.

The PPP loan documents estimate that in 2019, Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studios in Union Center, S.D., had 10 employees and an annual payroll of about \$775,000, according to Small Business Administration information on the website Federalpay.org.

In Union Center, there is a sign for Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studios at the entrance to the Cammack family ranch on the north side of Highway 34. The ranch property has a house on one side, and to the east sits a white, barn-like structure that has a small apartment on the second floor. A large hoop building is attached to the building.

A News Watch reporter visited the Union Center site twice in June and again in mid-July and saw no activity at the site.

During the July visit, the reporter knocked on the door of the studio building and apartment and got no answer; the studio contained some taxidermy animal heads on the wall but did not have obvious signs of work being done. No people were present.

As the News Watch reporter was leaving, Sen. Cammack drove up and gave a brief, taped interview in which he indicated that his son's business is in Texas but that his son lives in Union Center. The reporter informed the senator that inquiries were being made about COVID relief grants made to South Dakota businesses.

“He’s in Texas, but this is where he lives, here,” Sen. Cammack said when asked how his son could be reached. “Most of the time he spends on people’s job sites.”

Cammack said his son spent almost three years living in a camper on a job site in Texas, where he built a large wildlife gallery. Cammack said one job included outfitting of a 48,000-square-foot building with 95-foot ceilings.

Asked about Chris and his wife listing a Texas address on the state taxidermy association website, Sen. Cammack replied: “They go there once in a while because of his business being there,” adding, “this is home here ... this is where he lives; his mail comes here, he votes here.”

Sen. Cammack later added: “That [Texas] is where the studio, the business is. This is the home address; the studio, like I told you, is the address down there.”

When asked, “So that’s the actual business down there [in Texas]?” Cammack replied, “Yeah, yeah. He was doing the taxidermy and he still manufactures a lot here, but right now they’re not because like everything, you can’t get materials.”

Other than the main home on the Cammack family ranch, the other residential structure is a 640-square-foot loft above the taxidermy studio, according to Meade County property records. The records show the taxidermy studio is 1,280 square feet and has a 3,360-square-foot hoop building attached.

Meanwhile, Brian Walker, a 15-year resident of Union Center who

manages the CBH Co-Op Cenex convenience store across the highway from the Cammack ranch, said in July that he had not seen recent activity at the studio building on the ranch property.

“I haven’t seen Chris for a long time, so I don’t know that he’s living or working here; it’s been a year, probably two years,” said Walker, who noted that he is often at his convenience store business seven days a week. “As far as I knew, I thought he [Chris] moved to Texas five years ago.”

In late September, News Watch called Walker again and was told that after the News Watch reporter’s July visit with Sen. Cammack at the ranch, activity at the Union Center studio had picked up.

“It was very shortly after you came around, we started seeing them over there, and they’re actually building things there,” Walker said. “It was kind of a weird coincidence, it was shortly after you came around that we started seeing more people over there, and Chris has been around and they’re back to building things.”

COVID payments received in South Dakota and Texas

In Cypress, Texas, the studio building owned by Chris Cammack at 16526 Cypress Rosehill Road is valued at nearly \$1.2 million, and the home owned by Chris and Felicia Cammack at 16522 Cypress Rosehill Road in Cypress is valued at \$881,471.

Harris County, Texas, property records also show three listings for business properties owned by Chris Cammack, including one for Brush Country Studios and two for PM Wildlife Studios, at the 16526 Cypress Rosehill Road address.

Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studios in South Dakota received \$424,214 in state coronavirus relief funds on Jan. 15, 2021, and \$285,578 on Jan. 22, 2021, according to state records.

Chris Cammack’s businesses also received forgivable Paycheck Protection Program loans from the federal government during the pandemic totaling almost \$800,000 for two taxidermy businesses that have nearly the same names in both South Dakota and Texas.

Federal records show that Chris Cammack’s companies in both South Dakota and Texas received PPP loans at the same time in 2020 and 2021 totaling \$798,217 to pay employees at both locations. PPP loans were designed to help companies suffering financial losses during the pandemic to keep employees paid and working. PPP loans can be forgiven if certain conditions are met, and records show that Cammack’s applications likely have allowed for or will allow for full forgiveness of the loans.

Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studios in Union Center received a \$153,600 PPP loan as a “male-owned” business in April 2020 under the “Miscellaneous Store Retailers” section of the program. That loan was to protect 10 jobs with an annual payroll of \$737,280 in 2019, according to Small Business Administration information on Federalpay.org.

Prairie Mountain Wildlife Studios of Union Center received a second PPP loan of \$161,417 in January 2021 as a “female-owned” business under the “Specialty Trade Contractors” section of the program. That loan was to protect 10 jobs with an estimated annual payroll of \$774,802, SBA records show.

At the same time, Cammack’s LLC in Texas, PM Wildlife Studios, received a \$241,600 PPP loan in April 2020 as a “female-owned” business under the “All Other Personal Services” section of the program. That loan was to protect 25 jobs at an estimated annual 2019 payroll of \$1.16 million.

PM Wildlife Studios in Texas then received a second PPP loan of \$241,600 in January 2021 as a “female-owned” business under the “Support Activities for Animal Production” section of the program. That loan was to protect 27 jobs at an estimated annual payroll of \$1.16 million, according to Federalpay.org.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Oct. 14

High School LifeTouch Pictures, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
3:30 p.m.: Region 1A cross Country Meet in Webster
4:00 p.m.: Junior High Football Jamboree in Groton
Volleyball hosts Milbank (7th/C match at 6 p.m., 8th/JV at 6 p.m. with varsity to follow (Parent’s Night)

Friday, Oct. 15: 7 p.m.: Football at Sisseton

Saturday, Oct. 16

Oral Interp at Florence
State Soccer in Sioux Falls
Volleyball Tourney in Milbank (Groton vs. Sisseton at 9 a.m., vs. Sioux Valley at noon and Mobridge at 1 p.m. Finals are set for 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.)

Monday, Oct. 18

Volleyball at Langford. JV at 6:30 p.m. followed by varsity.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Volleyball hosts Northwestern. 7th/C match at 5 p.m., 8th/JV at 6 p.m., Varsity to follow

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Senior Scholarship Info at GHS Library Conference Room, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 21

First Round Football Playoffs

Friday, Oct. 22

End of First Quarter
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Brown County Oct. 5, 2021

Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 5, 2021 – GENERAL MEETING Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Groton Community Center, 109 N 3rd St. Groton, SD Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Sutton, and Kippley. Commissioner Wiese was absent. Commissioner Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPEED LIMIT CHANGE: Discussion on speed limit change on County Road #15 beginning at the intersection of County Road #15 and Roosevelt St between the SW1/4 of Section 5 and the South1/4 corner of Section 5, Township 123N, Range 63W of the 5th PM, at 35 MPH. No action taken.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Discussion on request from Dakota Valley Electric. No action taken. Request will be reviewed again at a future meeting.

HIGHWAY UPDATE: Highway Superintendent, Dirk Rogers gave an update on highway projects.

MINUTES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the general meeting minutes of September 28, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the following claims:

Professional Fees: CGI \$1,419.88; CHRISTOPHER A. HAAR \$18.60; COGLEY LAW OFFICE, PROF LLC \$1,010.08; HELMS & ASSOCIATES INC \$400.00; MATTHEW PAYNE \$200.00; MICHELLE GAIKOWSKI \$17.00; SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE ABERDEEN \$98.00; STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA \$7,134.55; US BANK \$1,296.25; WEX HEALTH INC. \$198.30 Publishing: GROTON INDEPENDENT \$263.75; HUB CITY RADIO \$300.00; US BANK \$674.00 Repairs & Maintenance: DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC \$207.14; DAKOTA PUMP & CONTROL \$450.00; GRAHAM TIRE INC \$120.00; HAAR PLUMBING & HEATING INC \$580.81; HOUSE OF GLASS \$489.93; HUB CITY ROOFING \$525.00; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC \$15.57; LEIDHOLT ELECTRIC LLC \$112.25; MYERS TIRE SUPPLY - SALT LAKE CITY #20 \$8.54; POMPS TIRE SERVICE, INC \$1,694.61; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. - AG \$1,014.53; SEWER DUCK INC \$475.00; STEVEN J. HAUG \$130.61; US BANK \$1,786.07; VOSIKA FENCING \$3,020.00 Supplies: ARAMARK UNIFORM & CAREER APPAREL GROUP, INC \$113.74; ARC Fabricators \$4,680.00; BAKKEN BUILD MAINTENANCE \$500.00; BONNIE BITZ \$24.00; CARTNEY BEARING \$22.62; Coy Petersen \$125.00; CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO \$28.49; HARLEE HEIM \$250.00; JEBRO INC. \$880.00; JENSEN ROCK & SAND INC \$68,861.92; KING MIDAS, INC. \$300.00; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC \$174.01; LEIDHOLT TOOL SALES, LLC \$79.15; LIEN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY \$32,072.67; MARCO INC \$562.50; MENARDS \$122.93; MIDSTATES PRINTING \$305.50; MYERS TIRE SUPPLY - SALT LAKE CITY #20 \$345.74; PHARMICHEM \$1,211.00; PLUMBING & HEATING WHOLESALE, INC. \$976.52; SHARE CORP \$465.00; The UPS Store \$381.50; US BANK \$14,118.62 Travel & Conference: BARRY BRAATEN \$34.00; Erica Coughlin \$245.40; JOE KRAFT \$351.34; MARK MILBRANDT \$280.00; MIKE SCOTT \$34.00; REGENCY MIDWEST VENTURES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP \$2,411.40; ROBERT BAUMGARTNER \$34.00; RUSSELL METZ \$337.34; SAFETY BENEFITS INC \$65.00; SARAH SWENSON \$392.70; US BANK \$1,983.18 Utilities: LUMEN \$489.98

MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$229.10; **NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATION** \$2,838.61; **NORTHWESTERN ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS** \$5,348.77; **QWEST CORPORATION** \$61.66; **US BANK** \$4,083.28; **WEB WATER DEVELOPMENT ASSOC. INC.** \$129.87 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the HR Report as follows: Approve Hiring of MaKayla Madsen as Brown County Communications Dispatcher,

full-time; starting wage \$20.54 per hour; effective October 25, 2021; Approve request to fill Brown County State's Attorney Victim Specialist position. Refer to 9/21/21 HR Report; Approve hiring Brittney Bain as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$16.82 per hour, effective October 5, 2021; Acknowledge resignation of Roberta Nichols Brown County Register of Deeds effective October 15, 2021 and approve appointing Patty VanMeter as interim Register of Deeds effective October 16, 2021. Approve interim pay increase for Patty VanMeter at \$500 per pay period starting October 4, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Leases: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the following leases: Agtegra Cooperative for lease of one people mover October 2, 2021; Aberdeen Area Horsemen's Association for lease of Akkerman Arena October 9, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CONTRACT – KNOWINK POLL BOOKS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to authorize chair sign contract for master software license an service agreement with KnowInk for Poll Pad System. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to go into executive session to discuss personnel per SDCL 1-25-2(1). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:34 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Columbia City Oct. 6, 2021

Meeting Minutes

City of Columbia Council Meeting – October 6, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Ellen Harr, Emily Eichler, Cole Kampa, Corey Mitchell

Community –

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the September 1st meeting. Ellen Harr made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Minutes were passed out from the September 12th 2022 Budget meeting. Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All in Favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: Warrant Vouchers: Web Water – 45.79; JVT – 125.64; Northwestern Energy – 434.04; Agtegra – 771.98; Artz Equip – 123.39; Jeremy Dosch – 419.99; Kelsie Ehresmann – 336.00; GDI – 74.57;

Cara Dennert – 823.50; Runnings – 29.96; Menards – 1119.46; SD Unemployment Insurance – 6.89;

US Treasury – 1735.67; Corey Mitchell – 278.46 ; Ellen Harr – 230.58 ; Emily Eichler – 230.58 ; Trevor Meints – 197.64 ; Cole Kampa – 230.58 ; B&B Contracting – 2236.50; Corey Mitchell – 465.20; Pipe Detectives – 16,508.01 – last month's check was not sent - made out for incorrect amount (16,900.00) Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented with the correction to the payment to Pipe Detectives. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORESPONDENCE – e-mails from Gellhaus & Gellhaus, P.C.; e-mails regarding Brown County Mitigation Meeting; Agtegra letter regarding tax exempt licenses

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There were no changes to the current suspended Columbia Covid19 ordinance. Baseball Field Update – there is a bit of a hold up with the land sale for projected site; Corey has reached out to lawyer regarding situation in town

Nuisances - There have been many improvements in town regarding vehicle licensing. Another car has been noticed that is not licensed. They will receive notice to get it licensed.

Streets - good shape

Parks - no report

Lagoon/sewer – Cole reported that we are up to date with reporting to the end of October.

Rubble Site – cameras are go-

ing up. We will have a bulldozer push up the trees in site so that they can be burned properly this winter.

NEW BUSINESS – The Lodge's liquor licenses are up for renewal. Ellen Harr made a motion to renew the licenses. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Cara presented bank balances. Ellen Harr made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.

September 30, 2021 balances: SF - \$181,425.98; GF - \$150,769.45; FIT - \$13,978.76

Cash on hand - \$0

Cole Kampa made a motion to adjourn. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor – meeting adjourned.

Next City Council Meeting – November 3, 2021 7:00 p.m. Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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Uncashed Checks

This notice is hereby given that the persons or entities listed below have uncashed capital credit checks issued in 2014. In accordance with the bylaws (Article VIII Section 8.2), the amounts of these uncashed checks will be forfeited to James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company six months after the date of publication of this notice unless money is claimed and proper evidence of ownership is submitted to James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company within the six month period. Any persons knowing the current address of the persons listed below, please contact James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, PO Box 260, Groton, SD 57445 or call 800-556-6525.

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Dillon, Larry & Pam
Franklin, Larry
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Hanson, Bryce
Hanson, George & Edith
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Hoefler Doggett, Jackie
Jackson, Travis & Karen
Kraai, William
Kutter, Randy
Kutter, Rose
Lehman, Chad
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McKague, Mike
Mewes, Spencer
Nehls, Helen
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Olson, Carol
Olson, Daren
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I think explorers took big risks...



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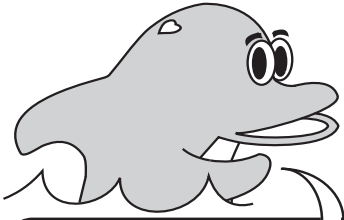
...by sailing into the unknown.



Kids: color stuff in!



Explorers of the Past



A thousand years ago, Europeans began setting out in ships with visions of adventure and treasure. The lands they found in their travels, and the native people they met, were forever changed. In 1492, Christopher Columbus launched his historic voyage. **Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle about him.**

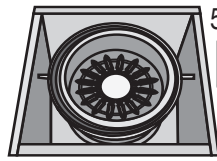
Among the crew of Christopher Columbus' ships were **grummetts** or **cabin boys**. The cabin boys did many small chores and received about one half the pay of the seamen. One of their jobs was to keep track of the time by turning half-hour glasses every 30 minutes.



Read these clues to find out more about the life of the boys.

Christopher Columbus:

- was born in _____, Italy.
- started to sail at the age of _____.
- believed earth was _____.
- wanted to go to the Indies (Southeast Asia and India) to find gold, precious stones and _____.
- thought he could reach there by sailing west instead of having to sail east around _____.
- was supported by Queen Isabella of _____.
- sailed three ships westward: _____, Pinta and Santa María.
- landed on _____ 12, 1492 and claimed the land for Spain.
- called the people already living there _____ because he thought he had reached the Indies.
- sailed back to Spain on the Niña leaving some men on _____.



San Salvador 8

October

Africa

Indians

Genoa

Niña

Spain

Life on the Ship!

Can you imagine having everything you own in one box or chest? I'd be really crabby!

After 1492, contact between Europe and the Americas caused an exchange of food, culture, animals and plants, but also disease.

A Cabin Boy:

- had to _____ in spaces between the gear below or on the deck
- would swim next to his _____
- kept water out of the bilge using _____
- often did not wear shoes, went _____
- used a red wool _____ to keep his head warm
- had only a small sea _____
- was lucky to have one hot _____ daily
- let his hair and _____ grow during the voyage
- kept _____ to kill rats
- used a _____ bowl for food

cats

ship

beard

cap

barefoot

chest

meal

sleep

wooden pumps

Food and Supplies

There are few records about the food and supplies explorers like Columbus stored on their ships. **Find and circle these items that they probably had:**

beans
pitch
rope

oil
fish
rice

sea biscuits
salt
meat
flags

cheese
honey
raisins
vinegar
water
wine

muskets
firewood
lanterns

candles
canvas
compasses
cooking pots

I'm hiding my treasure.

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AGYIVMA
LNITFUM
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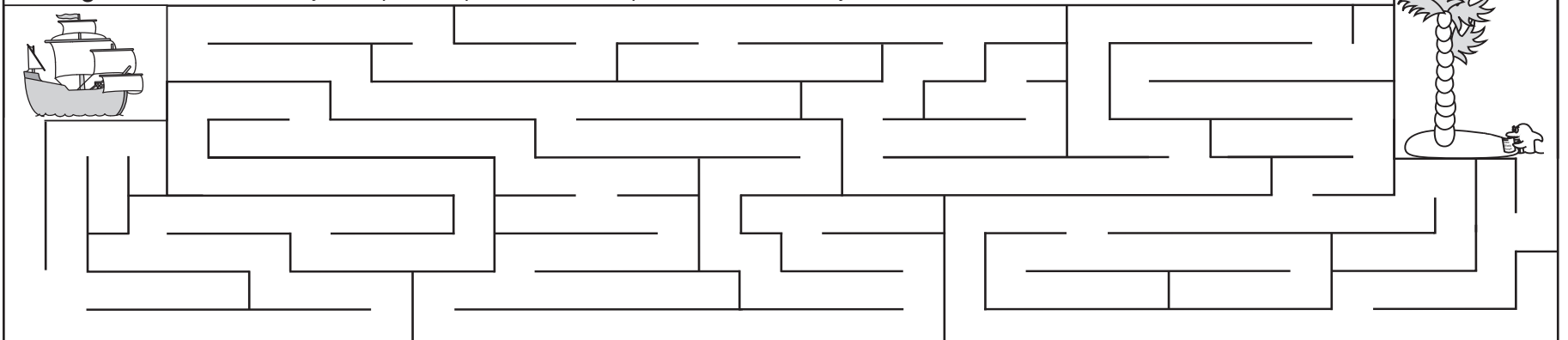
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Famous European Explorers!

Pop Quiz! Let's see if you know these four famous explorers. Match each name to the correct description:

- Marco Polo
 - Ferdinand Magellan
 - Juan Ponce de León
 - Leif Erikson
- his voyage was the first to sail around the world; he was killed in battle before the voyage was completed; only 18 out of the 237 men who set out on five ships made it all the way
 - is thought to be the first European to have landed on North America
 - this merchant was one of the first westerners to tell about visits to China
 - founded the first European settlement in Puerto Rico (native people were already living there); is well-known for his voyage to Florida, where legend holds that he searched for the "Fountain of Youth"

Sailing to Discover Can you help this explorer and his ship's crew find their way "across the ocean" to land on the unknown island?



EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: What's the latest on efforts to force Procter & Gamble to stop using virgin forest fiber for its toilet paper products? -- P. Brody, Boulder, CO

Strolling down the toilet paper aisle, one is faced with a grave decision: 3-ply or ultra-plush? For consumers, factors like price, size and comfort always come to mind first while consuming this household product, yet why do we fail to prioritize the environmental impact of toilet paper?

The average American household consumes an average of three rolls of toilet paper per week, or an annual average of 100 pounds of the stuff, according to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a leading non-profit environmental group. Procter and Gamble (P&G), like other major companies have continued to employ traditional toilet paper production processes that devastate forests, earning the company an F grade for all its tissue brands according to a recent report from NRDC.

P&G sources northern bleached softwood kraft (NBSK), the primary softwood pulp in most U.S. tissue products, from Canada's boreal forest. An indispensable global carbon sink (a natural environment that absorbs carbon from the atmosphere), the boreal forest constitutes 25 percent of the planet's remaining intact forest and contains twice as much carbon as the world's oil reserves.

Although P&G promised in a 2020 resolution to begin eliminating deforestation from its supply chains, the company actually increased logging and production of NBSK from Canada's boreal forest in 2021. This excessive logging has prompted a continual collapse of this vital ecosystem, where the forest now emits more carbon into the atmosphere than it absorbs.

In Canada, the logging industry alone accounts for more than 26 million metric tons of carbon emissions every year, substantially more than the total emissions from passenger cars and trucks. Rather than making a change to sourcing and production methods, P&G is busy deflecting the responsibility of sustainability upon consumers—as with other common products like cars or straws.

"As the climate crisis worsens, the tissue industry's continued reliance on a devastating 'tree to toilet pipeline' has become only more untenable," said Shelley Vinyard, NRDC's boreal corporate campaign manager. "Major corporations like P&G must start responding to the pressure and accept their own, much larger, role in the climate catastrophe."

Though consumers can certainly make a difference by selecting bamboo-based or recycled fiber toilet paper, the weight of the responsibility falls upon large corporations. Forests have no voice against the exploitations of the logging industry, so companies like P&G must stop taking half-measures and turn their resolutions into reality.



Activists are demanding that Procter & Gamble stop cutting down Canada's boreal forest to make pulp for toilet paper.

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The Scientist Who Swallowed the Bacteria

In the last couple years, I have developed a renewed awe and appreciation of our scientists around the world who work for entire careers to advance science and medicine in their laboratories and beyond. One such scientist is Dr. Barry Marshall.

Marshall is an Australian physician scientist, who in the early 1980's along with his cohort Dr. Robin Warren, initiated a paradigm shift in the world's understanding of gastrointestinal disease when they discovered the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori*. Prior to that, peptic ulcer disease was thought to be due entirely to lifestyle factors and stress. Marshall and Warren were ultimately able to show that *H. pylori* played a major role in maybe 80 percent of ulcers worldwide at that time.

H. pylori is an unusual bacterium in that it can grow and thrive in a highly acidic environment like the stomach, and for that reason it was difficult to grow in culture. It was found to be widespread around the world, partly due to poor water sanitation systems. The bacteria can invade the surface of the stomach and duodenum, causing inflammation of the stomach or gastritis, ulcers, and rarely, stomach cancer. We now know that if *H. pylori* is a causative factor in a patient's stomach ulcers, eradication of the bacteria is an essential part of curing the patient's disease.

Now here is the greatest piece of this science story. At the time Marshall and Warren made their discovery, the worldwide scientific community was skeptical that *H. pylori* was an important factor in peptic ulcer disease. *H. pylori* did not grow in mouse or rat stomachs, so there was not a good way to study it in a traditional lab. Famously, in 1984 Marshall underwent biopsy of his own stomach, proving he did not carry the bacteria nor have any stomach disease. Then, he drank a beaker of *H. pylori* culture broth. What followed was an acute gastric illness, and after 2 weeks he had another biopsy showing proven *H. pylori* infection and gastritis. He then cured himself with an antibiotic and bismuth.

After Marshall's case study was published, much further research ensued. Today, we can detect *H. pylori* in our patients with several noninvasive testing strategies, and if detected treat them with a combination of antibiotics and acid reducing medication. Surgery to remove a portion of ulcerated stomach, commonplace prior to this discovery, is now incredibly rare in the developed world. In 2005 Marshall and Warren were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology for their detective work.

I wonder, had Dr. Marshall not risked his own health for his experiment, would our understanding have shifted so quickly? Maybe, maybe not, but the story sure wouldn't be as captivating.

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