



## Sun Dogs are out!

If you thought it was going to be a warm winter, guess again. The Sun Dogs are out in full force and you know what that means. Frigid air is here. Sub zero readings have been recorded with Thursday's high reaching only to a minus eight and lows Thursday night to a negative 18. Bundle up and stay warm! (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

### UpComing Events

#### Thursday, Jan. 6

6 p.m.: Wrestling Tri-angular at Groton with Redfield and Webster

#### Friday, Jan. 7

Penguin Classic Debate on-line

5 p.m.: Junior High Wrestling at Milbank

Girls Basketball hosts Sisseton with C game at 5 p.m. followed by JV and varsity.

#### Saturday, Jan. 8

**CANCELLED:** Groton Robotics Tournament

Penguin Classic Debate on-line

Girls Basketball Classic at Redfield. Groton

Area vs. Platte-Geddes at 3:30

#### Monday, Jan. 10

Boys' Basketball hosts Webster Area. C game starts at 5 p.m. with JV and Varsity to follow.

7 p.m.: School Board Meeting

#### Tuesday, Jan. 11

5 p.m.: 7th/8th grade basketball game with Waubay-Summit at Waubay. Single game so they may play extra quarters.

6 p.m.: Girls' Basketball hosts Aberdeen Christian. JV at 6 p.m. followed by varsity.

#### Thursday, Jan. 13

Boys' Basketball at Aberdeen Roncalli. at Elementary Gym: 7th grade game at 4 p.m., 8th grade game at 5 p.m. at Roncalli High School: C game at 5 p.m. followed by junior varsity and varsity.

#### Friday, Jan. 14

Silver Bowl Debate at Sioux Falls

No School - Faculty In-Service at Warner School

6 p.m.: Girls' Basketball hosts Aberdeen Roncalli. JV at 6 p.m. followed by varsity.

#### Saturday, Jan. 15

Silver Bowl Debate at Sioux Falls

Boys Basketball Classic at Redfield. Groton Area vs. Deubrook at 7:30

10 a.m.: Junior High boys basketball jambo-ree in Groton with Aberdeen Christian, Tiospa Zina and Webster Area.

10 a.m.: Wrestling at Potter County (Gettysburg) Invitational.

### Time to change out your old cell phone

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### Four positions coming up on city council

The Groton City Council met Tuesday night for a brief meeting.

One of the items on the agenda include establishing the election date and revealing which positions are up for election this year. The election date is April 12. Terms are up Mayor Scott Hanlon for a three-year term, David Blackmun for councilman in Ward 1, Brian Bahr for councilman in Ward 2 and Kristie Flihs for councilman in Ward 3. Bahr was a strong yes for running again. Blackmun said he was leaning toward no. Flihs said her job has given her more responsibilities so she may not have the time to devote to the council right now.

The council adopted the Brown County Hazard Mitigation Plan and approved the contract for the city's liability and property insurance with the South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance.

The list of employees and volunteers was also presented and approved, which is an annual motion to make sure employees and volunteers are covered under the city's insurance policy.

### As South Dakota campaigns launch, Thune mulls retirement

By STEPHEN GROVES Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota political candidates are revving into full campaign mode this week with one big exception: Republican Sen. John Thune, who has delayed a reelection announcement as he considers retirement.

Thune, a longtime fixture as the state GOP's elder statesman and a likely pick to be the next Senate GOP leader, had indicated he would make a reelection decision over the holidays. But as South Dakota's campaign season officially opened this month with candidates allowed to circulate nominating petitions, Thune has made no indication he's any closer to a decision on seeking a fourth term.

His hesitancy provided further evidence of how serious he is about retiring — a potential development that would upend national GOP politics and create a scramble among South Dakota Republicans to fill the void. With the Senate in session this week — and a campaign announcement not expected until he can travel back to his home state — the waiting will likely last at least several more days.

Thune, who is currently the second-ranking Republican in Senate leadership, told the Black Hills Pioneer during an impromptu interview at a Christian bookstore last month that his wife wanted him to retire. Early in 2021, he said he would likely make a campaign announcement in the fall, but his campaign's Facebook social media pages have been mostly dormant other than posts of pictures with his grandchildren. At the same time, he has been fielding calls from Republicans in South Dakota and nationwide urging him to run again.

"One has to respect his personal decision, but it would be tragic to lose him in this role

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# Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

It was a classic late-season game for two Central division rivals, the temperatures hovering in the single digits and a lot on the line for both teams. The Vikings were trying to extend their season while the Packers were looking to lock up home-field advantage and a first-round bye in the playoffs.

The odds were against the Vikings from making the playoffs and even beating the Green Bay Packers in Lambeau Field, but trying to do it with your 6'5" backup quarterback was a tall task. Kirk Cousins was out due to Covid-19. Mike Zimmer predicted this could happen in the most inopportune time when he learned that Kirk wasn't getting vaccinated. They stayed with the Packers early, but after four straight three and outs in the first half, the defense tired out and allowed the Packers to take control at halftime. Green Bay wins the game 37-10, ending the playoff hopes for the Vikings.

After giving up a field goal to start the game, the Vikings appeared to have some momentum moving the ball down the field only to have a 25-yard play negated on an illegal downfield penalty on Christian Darrisaw. The team rarely put any pressure on Rodgers, while wide receivers Davante Adams and Allan Lazard made the Viking defensive backs look silly. The Packers lead at halftime, 20-3.

The second half began much like the first half as the Vikings' punt after going three and out. The Packers quickly took advantage and marched down the field for an AJ Dillon short touchdown run. After giving up another field goal, the Vikings scored a 14-yard touchdown pass to KJ Osborn. The play of the game came on this drive when a deflected pass over the middle ended up in the hands of center Garrett Bradbury, who proceeded to scamper 21 yards to set up the score by Osborn.

The Packers score another AJ Dillon touchdown in the fourth quarter to seal the game.

Statistically, the Packers dominated offensively, outgaining the Vikings 482 to 206 yards while controlling the time of possession from 38:00 to 22:00.

Where does this take the Vikings? Since investing \$88 million in a franchise quarterback after going 13-3 in 2017, they have missed the playoffs for the second year in a row and the third time in four Kirk Cousins seasons. The quarterback investment, along with injuries, has cost the Vikings defense to suffer, going from a top ten unit to being one of the worst in the NFL. Mike Zimmer is frequently referred to as a defensive guru, but you can't succeed if the talent is not there. Bud Grant used to say it's easy being a good coach

when you have great players. That may no longer be the case for this aging Viking defense.

Offensively, the Vikings have played pretty well, but there is a lot of angst around the conservative play-calling despite averaging almost 25 points per game. The Viking offensive line is young and improving, and they have a ton of talent at the running back and wide receiver positions. The main question is do they stick with Cousins and his \$42 million salary-cap number in 2022?

The final game will come against another Central Division rival in the Chicago Bears. The Vikings beat the Bears on Monday night just a few weeks ago, but now both teams will be looking to next year. The chatter around the league is both head coaches may be coaching their last game, and the teams will be in the market for a new direction in 2022. The Bears come in after winning two in a row since losing to the Vikings, looking to avenge the earlier season loss on Monday night. A lot of players will be auditioning for next year.

## Rethinking winter sports

When I was a kid, Whitey, Gare Bare, Hawkeye, and I would play football in the snowbanks beside my house. Because we had brain damage. Tackle football in sub-arctic temperatures didn't help. The end result is my career choices came down to either column-writing or politics but I still had too many healthy brain cells for the latter.

You don't see many ranchers indulging in winter sports. After spending half the day coaxing the tractor to life and dodging irritated bovines, a warm hearth seems to be a better option. If they have a snowmobile, it's a work tool.

Let's face it, a snowmobile is a winter motorcycle, and when I ride my Harley, I don't want frostbite.

My Grandpa Spillway, however, famously pulled into the yard in the 70s with a new Rupp on a trailer. Grandma stalked out into the yard and said, "Where's mine?" So, he got back into the pickup and bought her a Polaris. Mostly, they were for us grandkids, though, because they kept us out of the house, and they didn't have a football.

That brings us to the annual pilgrimage of pickups to the bottom of thinly-iced lakes. Maybe it's just me, but I don't want a dunk in frigid waters unless it's preceded by a sauna, and that never made much sense to me, either. If I want to sweat, I'll bet on the Vikings.

I've long held this theory that ice fishing is a silent, desperate plea for help, and the time spent on the ice is proportionate to the happiness of one's marriage. Some guys would live out there year-round if the ice didn't eventually thaw. In June. For some, sinking to the bottom of the lake in a Silverado coffin is more appealing than facing the old lady with four small perch and peppermint schnapps on your breath. Maybe I'm a cynic, but I'm not sure what "cynic" means exactly, because I have brain damage. But I know enough to come in out of the cold.

Now, anyway.

When I worked radio in Juneau, Alaska, which is way warmer than North Dakota, I got an annual pass to the ski slopes on Eagle Mountain where Olympian Hilary Lynd learned to ski. She became a national champion at 16 because everyone else died up there.

So, why did I ski? Because the ski pass was free in exchange for me giving the resort free plugs on the air, encouraging people to commit suicide on the slopes which is a much more exciting way to go than sinking to the bottom of a lake in a Dodge 4x4. Besides, it was free, and I'm a frugal German. I'll do things I don't like, even if they're dangerous if it seems like a good deal. I mean, hook me up with a ticket to a lutefisk dinner, and I'm there, and no one likes lutefisk. And there are always fatalities.

I got off the air at 9 a.m., so I headed to the slopes everyday in the winter, which in Alaska is every day. I had the slopes to myself. Just me, the lift operators, and the cadaver dogs. I wasn't skilled, but I was fast. Because I wasn't particularly good at turning. I spent much of my time crawling back up the mountain to pick up my goggles, gloves, poles and skis that were scattered during my frequent falls. Then, I would proceed to the lift where a transplanted Jamaican—true story—would score my gymnastics. "Nice tumble, mon!"

Once, I found myself skidding at about 600 mph on my gore tex ski pants—the only article of clothing

I didn't lose—toward some trees. This was pre-Sonny Bono. I cracked my shin but was able to limp-ski my way back to the lodge, fearing that if I laid there too long the cadaver dogs would eat me.

I was back the next day. Because, well, it was free.

I'm officially retired from all that stuff. I now limit my winter sports activities to shoveling, getting vehicles unstuck, and feats of derring-do in a Bobcat. (Keep the bucket down, dummy.) But it does have a heater.

Happy New Year.

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# Traphagen has double-double in Groton's win over Webster



**Gracie Traphagen**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area's girls' basketball team ended a two-game losing streak and ended the 2021 year with a 48-40 Northeast Conference win over Webster Area.

The game was played at Webster and was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Dacotah Bank, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Bary Keith at Harr Motors and Allied Climate Professionals with Kevin Nehls.

Webster Area lit the nets on fire in the first quarter, or more specifically, Jaiden Bauer who made four three-pointers in the first quarter. Webster Area held a 16-13 lead at the end of the first quarter. Groton Area made five of 15 field goals for 33 percent while Webster Area was five of eight for 63 percent. The two inside players for the Tigers, Gracie Traphagen and Jaedyn Penning, teamed for 11 points in the first quarter.

Bauer and Erin Case each threw in a three-pointer to start the second quarter and that prompted Coach Matt Locke to call a time out with Webster holding a 22-15 lead. Some adjustments were made and Webster Area found itself on the receiving end of those adjustments.

Groton Area made the final six points of the first half and closed the gap to one at half time, 22-21. In the second quarter, Groton Area made three of 12 shots for 25 percent and Webster Area was two of seven for 28 percent. Traphagen and Penning did all of the scoring in the second quarter for the Tigers.

Brooke Gengerke and Alyssa Thaler each made a three-pointer for the Tigers, but the Bearcats countered with a three-pointer by Case and Harley Johnson as well. Groton got the lead to start the third quarter and after the game was tied at 24 and 27, the Tigers scored six straight points to take a 33-27 lead. Webster Area then called time out. Groton Area led at the end of the third quarter, 35-32. Groton Area made six of 14 field goals for 42 percent while Webster Area was four of nine for 44 percent.

Groton Area watched a seven-point lead dwindle down to two with 1:27 left in the game, 42-40. Webster Area went scoreless the rest of the game and the Tigers made five of six free throws down the stretch to secure the 48-40 win. In the fourth quarter, Groton Area made four of 10 shots for 40 percent while Webster Area was two of 12 for 17 percent.

Gracie Traphagen led the Tigers with a double-double, having 16 points which included six of six free throws, 14 rebounds, one assist, one steal and one block shot. Jaedyn Penning had 11 points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal. Alyssa Thaler had nine points, two rebounds two assists and two steals. Brooke Gengerke had five points, two rebounds and one assist. Jerica Locke had four points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Allyssa Locke had two points, two rebounds, five assists and three steals. Kennedy Hansen had one free throw and three rebounds. Coach Matt Locke was pleased with the overall effort of everyone, but one player did catch his eye. "Aspen Johnson had a heck of a game," he said. "She was making things happen." Even though she did not score, she did battle for three rebounds and had three steals as well.

Groton Area made 18 of 52 total shots for 35 percent while Webster Area was 13 of 36 for 36 percent. From the line, Groton Area made 10 of 13 free throws off of Webster Area's 14 team fouls. Webster Area made five of five free throws off of Groton Area's nine team fouls. The Tigers had 33 rebounds and the lucky number 13 was for turnovers, assists and steals. Webster Area had 11 turnovers.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 37-28.

That game was also broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Ken and Teresa Roberts of Tonganoxie, Kan.

Kennedy Hansen led the Tigers with 17 points while Faith Traphagen had six, Brooklyn Hansen and Elizabeth Flihs each had five and Laila Roberts and Jaedyn Penning each had two points. Any Vander Linden led the Bearcats with nine points and Allison Case had eight.

Webster Area won the C game, 18-16. Mia Crank made two free throws with 54 seconds left in the game to give the Tigers a 16-15 lead. Both teams missed free throws and with two seconds left, Bailee Ninke made a three-pointer to give Webster an 18-16 lead. A last second shot by the Tigers was no good and Webster won for the win, 18-16.

Rylee Dunker led Groton Area with six points while Mia Crank had four, Talli Wright three, Elizabeth Flihs had two points and Cali Tolifson had one point.

- Paul Kosel



**Brooke Gengerke looks inside to the two post players, Jaedyn Penning (41) and Gracie Traphagen.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Alyssa Thaler and Aspen Johnson**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Alyssa Thaler**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Allyssa Locke**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Jerica Locke**  
(Photo by Paul Kosel)

**Groton Area Coach Matt Locke got serious into this time-out after Webster Area got a 22-15 lead, pulling up a chair and having a chat with the team.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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Perhaps it could be called the new world. Or perhaps it could be called quick to type and slow to think.

I remember when I was a kid that I was told if we were angry at someone, write a letter (for

those who don't know what that is - you take a piece of paper and with a pen or pencil, and actually write a note). Once your letter was written, you would take your letter and set it aside for a day before mailing it. The next day you would look at your letter, and probably decide it's not worth mailing and then throw it away. It served a two-fold purpose - you got off your chest what you wanted to say, but you didn't ruffle any more feathers than what was necessary and all was well.

Too many times I have seen on social media family drama issues.

Now days, if there is something or someone you don't like, there is no "cooling" off period. You quickly get on your phone or computer, pop open your social media platform, type what's on your angry mind, and then hit send. Boom! Now all of your friends and relatives can read what's on your mind. So now, the battle begins. To say the devil is in the details is a statement that is more true than it seems.

On the one side of the ring, we have you, not listed as a fighter with your boxing gloves on. Your friends and relatives come sliding over to you, encouraging you, feeling sorry for you, trying to make you feel good. Suddenly, Scotty from the Enterprise beams the victim of the social media attack to the other side of the ring. You are stripped from your peaceful realm into the battle ring without warning. And there you stand, in awe, trying to figure out what just happened. Your friends and relatives start encouraging you, feeling sorry for you, trying to make you feel good.

Now they put the boxing gloves on you and you're suppose to attack. The crowd goes wild as both sides begin to engage in the battle. It's all star wrestling in a digital world. The victim doesn't want to engage, but feels they have to. One punches and then there's the counter punch. And it gets heated. Pretty soon the match is the buzz all over social media and everyone is talking about it. "Did you see that post?" and now we have the number one show that everyone wants to tune into to watch the punches and counter punches.

Really.

The problem that lies here is that no one wins. One side, with all of their friends and relatives, may think they have won. The other side may think they have won as well. The only winner is the crowd that got the tickets to watch the show for entertainment. Oh yes, eventually, the punches get smaller and soon disappear into the sunset. The attention will be drawn somewhere else. Some people love to dwell on drama. But ask yourself this question, "What have you accomplished?" Or better yet, ask yourself, "Is God proud of me for the way I handled that?"

Next time, pick up the phone and make that call. It might be a simple mis-understanding. And even if it's not, don't put your personal battles on social media. God's commandments are just as relevant on social media as they are in real life. Be responsible and write a letter.

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# Ehresmann, Bisbee and Krueger place at Webster Invite

Three Groton Area wrestlers placed at the Webster Invitational meet held Thursday. Christian Ehresmann placed first, Cole Bibee placed second and Lane Krueger placed third. Groton Area placed sixth in a field of 12 teams at the tournament.

## G106: Liza Krueger (0-0)

### 113: Porter Johnson (5-9) scored 4.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Porter Johnson (Groton Area) 5-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Brayden Burmeister (Pipestone) 10-2 won by fall over Porter Johnson (Groton Area) 5-9 (Fall 1:17)

Cons. Round 2 - Porter Johnson (Groton Area) 5-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Porter Johnson (Groton Area) 5-9 won by fall over Tyler Erickson (Garretson) 1-10 (Fall 0:20)

Cons. Semi - Taylor Merkel (Clark/Willow Lake) 10-8 won by fall over Porter Johnson (Groton Area) 5-9 (Fall 3:47)

### 126: Isaiah Scepaniak (2-10)

Quarterfinal - Gavin Kloos (Deuel) 12-7 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 2-10 (Fall 0:11)

Cons. Round 1 - Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 2-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi - Bryce Hawkinson (Britton/Hecla) 13-2 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 2-10 (Fall 1:20)

### 132: Pierce Kettering (11-8) scored 1.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Pierce Kettering (Groton Area) 11-8 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Jaxon Quail (Deuel) 18-4 won by decision over Pierce Kettering (Groton Area) 11-8 (Dec 9-4)

Cons. Round 2 - Pierce Kettering (Groton Area) 11-8 won by decision over Ben Suther (Britton/Hecla) 1-2 (Dec 7-0)

Cons. Round 3 - Gage Baumgarn (Webster Area) 7-11 won by decision over Pierce Kettering (Groton Area) 11-8 (Dec 8-7)

### 138: Nick Morris (1-6)

Champ. Round 1 - Braxton Rozeboom (Garretson) 6-5 won by fall over Nick Morris (Groton Area) 1-6 (Fall 1:30)

Cons. Round 1 - Nick Morris (Groton Area) 1-6 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - CJ Fitzsimmons (Deuel) 3-11 won by fall over Nick Morris (Groton Area) 1-6 (Fall 4:48)

### 145: Christian Ehresmann (10-2) placed 1st and scored 23.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 10-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 10-2 won by fall over Remington Ford (Mobridge/Pollock) 4-4 (Fall 3:24)

Semifinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 10-2 won by decision over Hunter Abraham (Garretson) 4-1 (Dec 10-3)

1st Place Match - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 10-2 won by major decision over Elliot Bratland (Clark/Willow Lake) 13-7 (MD 13-5)

### 152: Korbin Kucker (7-10) scored 6.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 7-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 7-10 won by fall over Bode Bruns (Pipestone) 4-8 (Fall 1:33)

Semifinal - Gunnar Kvistad (Clark/Willow Lake) 14-2 won by decision over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 7-10 (Dec 5-3)

Cons. Semi - Josh Long (Sisseton) 7-7 won by fall over Korbin Kucker (Groton Area) 7-10 (Fall 0:58)

### 160: Cole Bisbee (13-6) placed 2nd and scored 21.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 13-6 won by fall over Adam Hulscher (Garretson) 5-7 (Fall 3:43)

Quarterfinal - Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 13-6 won by fall over Reed VanWormer (Deuel) 0-2 (Fall 1:15)

Semifinal - Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 13-6 won by major decision over Connor Glines (Britton/Hecla) 2-2 (MD 11-2)

1st Place Match - Russell Sheets (Sioux Valley) 17-3 won by fall over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 13-6 (Fall 2:00)

### 220: Lane Krueger (11-3) placed 3rd and scored 16.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 11-3 won by fall over Tucker Hardy (Britton/Hecla) 0-2 (Fall 1:54)

Semifinal - Caleb McGregor (Webster Area) 9-1 won by decision over Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 11-3 (Dec 1-0)

Cons. Semi - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 11-3 won by fall over Noah Adelman (Border West) 2-4 (Fall 2:14)

3rd Place Match - Lane Krueger (Groton Area) 11-3 won by fall over Owen VandeWeerd (Sioux Valley) 12-12 (Fall 0:58)

# Conde National League

Jan. 3 Team Standings: Pirates 13, Mets 10, Giants 8, Cubs 7, Braves 5, Tigers 5

Men's High Games: Chad Furney 198, 187; Tony Waage 192; Topper Tastad 184

Men's High Series: Chad Furney 562, Tony Waage 490, Austin Schuelke 475

Women's High Games: Vickie Kramp 178, Joyce Walter 172, Sam Bahr 171

Women's High Series: Vickie Kramp 468, Sam Bahr 446, Joyce Walter 438

# Groton Prairie Mixed

Dec. 30 Team Standings: Cheetahs 6, Chipmunks 5, Shih Tzus 4, Foxes 4, Jackelopes 3, Coyotes 2

Men's High Games: Tony Waage 227, Roger Spanier 200, 197, Lance Frohling 196

Women's High Games: Vicki Walter 198, Nancy Radke 178, Sue Stanley 169

Men's High Series: Roger Spanier 566, Tony Waage 564, Brad Waage 521

Women's High Series: Nancy Radke 508, Vicki Walter 481, Darci Spanier 450 Groton Prairie Mixed

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## Brown County Stage Equipment Proposal

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BROWN COUNTY FAIR Grandstand Entertainment Sound, Lights, and Stage Equipment

Proposals will be accepted by the Brown County Commission on behalf of the Brown County Fair Board, at the Auditor's Office, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401, for the sounds, lights, and stage equipment during the week of the Brown County Fair. This is a five-year contract for 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026. Proposals should include pricing for 4-nights of concerts only, as well as, for 6-nights of both rodeo (2 nights) and concerts (4 nights). The proposals will be received until 8:45a.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2022. The proposal opening will be held at the Brown County Commission Meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. Copies of the entire request for proposal may be obtained online at Brown.SD.US, the Brown County Auditor's Office, 25 Market Street, Ste 1 Aberdeen, SD 57401 or the Brown County Fair office 400 24th Ave NW Aberdeen, SD 57401.

Proposals shall be submitted to the Brown County Commission marked "Proposal for the Brown County Fair Sound, Lights, and Stage Equipment" To Be Opened January 18, 2022."

Return your proposal to the Brown County Auditor's Office at 25 Market St Ste 1, Aberdeen, SD 57401, or you can email it to Cathy.McNickle@browncounty.sd.gov by 8:45 AM on January 18, 2022.

Brown County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities therein.

Attest:  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
(0105.0112)  
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## Frederick Town Supplemental Approp. Ordinance

2nd Reading Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance  
Special Meeting December 20, 2021

The 2nd Reading of the Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance #221 for the Town of Frederick was held December 20, 2021, in the Frederick Community Center.

Chairman R.S. Campbell opened the meeting at 12:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance leading board members Troy Millard and Jeff Kosters, Finance Officer Diane Bruns and Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine.

Approved with an amendment of \$600 in the General Fund with changes also in the Source of Funding. The ordinance was passed with a roll call of Campbell, Aye; Millard, Aye; Kosters, Aye. Motion Carried.

Kosters made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 PM, Millard seconded. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns, Finance Officer  
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## Frederick Town Law Enforcement Agreement

Law Enforcement Agreement  
Special Meeting  
December 27, 2021

A meeting to approve the Law Enforcement Agreement between the Town of Frederick and the Brown County Sheriff's office was held December 27, 2021 in the Frederick Community Center.

Chairman R.S. Campbell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 12:04 with Board Members Jeff Kosters and Troy Millard, and Finance Officer Diane Bruns in attendance.

A motion was made by Troy Millard and seconded by Jeff Kosters to approve the Law En-

forcement Agreement between the Town of Frederick and the Brown County Sheriff's office. Chairman Campbell, Board Members Millard and Kosters, all Aye. Motion Carried.

Millard made motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 PM, Kosters seconded. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns, Finance Officer  
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## Westport Town Jan. 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting  
January 3rd, 2022

The Town of Westport met on January 3rd, 2022 with Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General NWPS (\$621.48), Groton Independent (\$16.46), SD Unemployment Insurance (\$12.40), US Treasury (\$389.81) & US Treasury (\$72.26) & Cardmember services (\$419.95).

Sewer NWPS (\$54.06), DANR (\$50.00), DANR (\$4,092.87), NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13)

Water Water Maintenance District (\$408.16)

Shane Storm made motion to pay all bills; second by Mitch Wilson.

The following deposits were presented:

City General Brown County Collections (\$2,489.34), State of SD (\$3,950.46), Interest (\$4.41).

Sewer Resident Payments - (\$2,440.00).

Water Resident Payments - (\$3,652.52).

NEW BUSINESS:  
No new business or old business discussed.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer  
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at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Blackmun, Bahr, Wells, Flihs, Cutler and Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Terry Herron, Katie Anderson, Coralea Wolter, Tina Kosel, Amanda Sperry, Sarah Hanten, Jaymie Overacker and Finance Officer Hope Block.

The Carnival of Silver Skates Board members thanked the Council for supporting the Silver Skates throughout the years. The public works department flooded 35,000 gallons of water on the rink this year, and it all soaked into the ground. The group talked about possible ideas to get ice sooner and to avoid dangerous ice areas in the future. The Council thanked the Silver Skates Board for their efforts, and the Silver Skates Board Members left the meeting at that point. Herron left the meeting, as well.

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

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

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

Payroll, \$23,197.05, Employee salaries; Executive, \$369.40; Administrative, \$3,819.55; Public Safety, \$8,629.33; Public Works, \$10,378.77; First State Bank, \$7,864.12, SS and WH; Dakotaland FCU, \$690.00, Employee savings; First State Bank, \$545.82, HSA Contributions; Hope Block, \$165.92, Med flex; USPS, \$234.93, Utility billing postage; Cheryl's Cleaning Service, \$60.00, Cleaning at City Hall; City of Groton, \$1,522.11, Utility deposit refunds, family crisis utilities, community center rent refund; Seth Duncan, \$77.98, Utility deposit refund; Wade Marzahn, \$793.29, Curb and gutter overpayment refund; Katie Kesterson, \$100.00, Cookie decorating at grand opening; Dan Richardt, \$100.00, Santa Day at PMS; James Valley Telecommunications, \$116.76, Utilities; SD State Treasurer, \$8,126.09, Sales tax 11/21; Accounts Management, \$720.00, Payroll garnishment; Employers Mutual Insurance, \$85.20, Employee life insurance; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$430.00, Employee retirement; Dollar General, \$286.50, Wa-

ter, cleaners, batteries, paper products, scissors; BB/SB Foundation, \$9,163.25, Split gate; Irby, \$760.00, Curved washers; Ken's Food Fair, \$230.22, Fuel; Menards, \$37.98, Entry alarm; Metering & Technology, \$953.81, Endpoints; Badger Meter, \$24.92, Cellular fee; Central Square, \$638.50, Police department software annual fees; Lori's Pharmacy, \$19.06, Velcro, Battery; Colonial Research, \$962.45, Lift station chemicals, ice melt, air freshener; Justin Cleveland, \$247.08, Med flex; USA Bluebook, \$60.99, Chemical test strips; Heartland Power, \$49,786.72, Power; Western Area Power, \$20,363.16, Power; Groton Daily Independent, \$211.71, Statewide ad, publishing; DANR, \$1,500.00, Annual fees; Heartland Waste, \$8,210.30, Garbage hauling; Farmers Union, \$1,685.00, Fuel; Farm Tire Service, \$150.00, Loader o-ring replacement; Krueger Brothers, \$619.65, Buckshot; Dakota Pump and Control, \$45.00, Start relay; Fire Safety, \$128.15, Shop first aid kit refills; Aramark, \$30.41, Rug rent; MJs Sinclair, \$1,836.36, Gas, battery; SD Dept. of Health, \$87.00, Water testing

Moved by Flihs and seconded by Wells to approve the November finance report. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to approve second reading of Ordinance #758 - Supplemental 2021 Appropriations #3. All members voted aye.

## Girls and boys teams beat Warner

Groton Area's girls basketball team posted a 38-21 win over Warner. The game was part of a double header at Warner.

Groton Area led at the quarter stops at 12-8, 22-12 and 27-14.

Alyssa Thaler led the Tigers with 17 points, five rebounds and one steal. Grace Traphagen had a double-double night with 11 points, 13 rebounds, one assist and three steals. Jaedyn Penning had four points, one rebound and three steals. Allyssa Locke had two points, one rebound and one steal. Brooke Gengerke had three rebounds and two assists. Sydney Leicht had two points, five rebounds, one assist and two steals. Aspen Johnson had seven rebounds and one steal. Jerica Locke had one assist and two steals. Kennedy Hansen had two points and two rebounds.

The Tigers made 11 of 34 in field goals for 32 percent, made two of 17 three-pointers for 12 percent, 10 of 13 free throws for 77 percent, had 37 rebounds, 15 turnovers, five assists, 13 steals and 14 team fouls.

Meanwhile the boys defeated Warner, 48-26. Warner had the opening basket and that was it. From there, the Tigers took over and took a 12-4 lead at the end of the first quarter behind Kaden Kurtz's eight first quarter points. Groton Area took a 17-11 lead at half time and a 30-21 lead at the end of the third quarter. Kaden Kurtz made three of four three-pointers to lead the Tigers with 17 points, two rebounds, one assist and two steals. Lane Tietz made two three-pointers and had 11 points, one rebound, two assists, two steals and one block shot. Jacob Zak had 10 points, three rebounds, three assists, two steals and one block shot. Jayden Zak had eight points which included two three-pointers, one rebound, one assist and one steal. Tate Larson had two points, six rebounds and one steal. Cole Simon had one steal and two assists. Wyatt Hearn and Taylor Diegel each had had one rebound.

Groton Area made nine of 17 field goals for 53 percent, made seven of 18 three-pointers for 39 percent, nine of 12 free throws, had 15 turnovers, 15 rebounds, nine assists, nine steals, two team fouls and two block shots.

The girls won the junior varsity game, 27-21. Scoring for the Tigers; Jaedyn Penning four, Faith Traphagen four, Brooklyn Hansen seven, Kennedy Hansen 11, Elizabeth Flihs one.

The boys junior varsity team won, 27-19. Scoring for the Tigers; Teylor Diegel 13, Cole Simon six, Holden Sippel four, Logan Ringenberg three and Colby Dunker one.

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**Groton City**  
**Dec. 21, 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
December 21, 2021  
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## Brown County Dec. 28, 2021

### Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 28, 2021 – GENERAL MEETING, Meeting called to order by Chair Fjeldheim at 8:45 A.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Feickert, Sutton, Wiese, and Gage. Commissioner Gage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ALCOHOL LICENSE PUBLIC HEARING:** Time and place, as advertised for public hearing to consider application for temporary Malt Beverage and Wine license. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve application for Malt Beverage and Wine, submitted by Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce for an event January 13th, 2022 at 39278 133rd st ( LT 2 SDWG Bath Grebner Terminal Add Lt A 1st REPL SDWG AD S2 14-23-63 of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD). All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION TO VACATE SERVICE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY:** RESOLUTION #63-21 WHEREAS: Resolution #44-21 is repealed and replaced by Resolution #63-21. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the Petition to Vacate the Service Road Right-of-Way filed by Linda Fordham, Darin Duvall, Michael Rohl, Christopher Galvin, Lee Goetz and the Brown County Highway Department, is hereby granted and the service road right-of-way is hereby vacated for the following described areas: 50ft x 1,098ft Service Road Right of Way bordered on the N by 129th St and bordered on the S by Lots 14, 15, and 16 of the Replat of Lots 6, 7, and 8 in Block 1 of Gederos Subdivision and Lot 1, Goetz Consolidation Subdivision in Gederos Subdivision in the NW ¼ of Section 35, Township 124N, Range 64 W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that a certified copy of the this Resolution shall be filed for record and duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds in Brown County. Dated this 28th day of December 2021. All members present voting aye. Resolution Adopted.

**DIVE TEAM EQUIPMENT PURCHASE:** Scott Meints (Emergency Manager) met to discuss the need for dive team equipment and a federal grant to cover the costs. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve purchase of diving equipment from Northwest Divers quote in the amount of \$12,627.00, rejecting quote from Mick's Scuba. Purchase to be paid for with Homeland Security Grant. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the general meeting minutes of December 21, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following claims: Professional Fees: ABERDEEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE \$355.00; CHRISTOPHER A. HAAR \$3,421.05; CHRISTY GRIFFIN-SERR LAW OFFICE \$7,678.52; COGLEY LAW OFFICE, PROF LLC \$8,264.46; COMMTECH INC. \$3,418.59; DOHRER LAW OFFICE \$8,264.46; DREW BECKER \$200.00; FAULK COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE \$2,070.00; JERALD M. MCNEARY \$7,678.52; KUCK LAW OFFICE \$7,678.52; MICHELLE GAIKOWSKI \$34.20; NE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER \$16,068.00; SANFORD HEALTH OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE ABERDEEN \$147.00; SD DEPT OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT \$18,355.50; Shopko Optical 4049 \$46.49; TALIAFERRO LAW FIRM \$8,264.46; THURMAN LAW OFFICE \$207.90; ZYLSTRA INVESTIGATIONS \$565.00 Publishing: GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc. \$227.03 Repairs & Maintenance: COMMTECH INC. \$20,122.29; ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION \$117.60; GRAHAM TIRE INC \$799.27; HOUSE OF GLASS \$2,678.89; LEIDHOLT ELECTRIC LLC \$2,725.15; LIEN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY \$471.25; POMPUS TIRE SERVICE, INC \$14.84; SCOTT DEMERY \$331.15; SEWER DUCK INC \$380.00; SMART CHOICE SOLUTIONS LLC \$1,334.00; STEVEN LUST AUTOMOTIVE \$88.16; TripleC Pros LLC \$100.00 Supplies: Brian Braaten \$9,285.73; COLE PAPERS \$182.40; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP \$332.00; GOV-CONNECTION INC \$833.71; MB

LLC \$86.00; MENARDS \$8.12; NICK JUENGER \$202.34; RENNINGS \$48.37; Safe Life Defense \$1,819.80

**SAFEGUARD BUSINESS SYSTEMS** \$233.17; SHERWIN WILLIAMS \$41.53; TERRY L. LARSON \$199.99; THURMAN LAW OFFICE \$7.02 Utilities: DEPENDABLE SANITATION INC \$165.00; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS \$412.70; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES CO \$37.76. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HR REPORT:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following HR report: Approve hiring of Amy Lake – Harmon on an as needed basis for the Brown County Sheriff's Office at the following rates per employment contract: All calls within a 2 hour period will be at a rate of \$18.20/hr with a minimum of two hours billed. Any calls longer than 2 hours will be billed at a rate of \$18.20/hr rounded to the next full hour. In-person consults will be billed at a minimum of 2 hours at a rate of \$20/hr. In-person consult over 2 hours will be billed at a rate of \$20/hr rounded to the next full hour. Contract is in effect immediately through February 1, 2022. Approve holiday schedule for 2022: New Year's Day (January 1st), Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Third Monday in January), President's Day (Third Monday in February), Memorial Day (Last Monday in May), Juneteenth (June 19th), Independence Day (July 4th), Labor Day (First Monday in September), Native Americans' Day (Second Monday in October), Veterans' Day (November 11th), Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November), Day After Thanksgiving (Fourth Friday in November), Christmas Day (December 25th). If a holiday falls on a Saturday, it is observed on the preceding Friday. If a holiday falls on a Sunday, it is observed on the following Monday. 2022 Salary Schedule (annual raises, step increases, 3% cola): Barry Kusler@ \$24.06 Per Hour, Kathy Fischer@ \$24.58 Per Hour, Polly Rush @ \$22.65 Per Hour, Sara Swisher@ \$22.43 Per Hour, Tracy Madsen@ \$22.43 Per Hour, Andrew Janusz @ \$17.85 Per Hour, Cindy Woodford @ \$17.95 Per Hour, Tracy Engquist @ \$17.95 Per Hour, JoAnn Sheffield @ \$18.1 Per Hour, Jolene Forsting@ \$18.65 Per Hour, Jackie Ormand @ \$19.15 Per Hour, Sherri Rawstern@ \$19.91 Per Hour, Cindy Eppard @ \$17.81 Per Hour, McKenzie Bierman@ \$20 Per Hour, Mickey Schulz@ \$19.03 Per Hour, Charles Gruenstein @ \$19.95 Per Hour, Brad Nehlich @ \$20.26 Per Hour, Nicholas Juenger @ \$20.33 Per Hour, Casey Jensen@ \$20.38 Per Hour, Bryan Owens @ \$20.43 Per Hour, David Bruckner@ \$21.95 Per Hour, Paul Wipf@ \$22.26 Per Hour, Sandy Woytossek @ \$23.87 Per Hour, Kristin Barstad @ \$21.71 Per Hour, Jesse Milbrandt@ \$21.87 Per Hour, Tonya Walth @ \$26.83 Per Hour, Nathan Smith@ \$27.68 Per Hour, Ben Smith@ \$27.68 Per Hour, Brian Koens@ \$27.94 Per Hour, Terrence Evans@ \$27.99 Per Hour, John Clark - @ \$24.49 Per Hour, Cindy Mitchell@ \$25.21 Per Hour, Stacie Wasem@ \$22.56 Per Hour, Russ Ochsner@ \$23.08 Per Hour, Kristal Koens@ \$23.13 Per Hour, Jeffrey Kirman@ \$23.13 Per Hour, Dorion 'Chris' Anderson@ \$20.85 Per Hour, Joe Kraft@ \$21.61 Per Hour, Ronald Keller@ \$22.39 Per Hour, Shawn Schnable@ \$23.22 Per Hour, Cory Lane@ \$26.02 Per Hour, Dave Engraf@ \$20.5 Per Hour, Sheldon Noess@ \$18.22 Per Hour, Stephanie Morgan@ \$15.8 Per Hour, Elizabeth Hoverdick@ \$16.07 Per Hour, Anne Dohman@ \$16.34 Per Hour, Michelle Dannen; Marianne Marttila-Klipfel@ \$16.61 Per Hour, Monty Forsting@ \$16.53 Per Hour, Dan Schlosser@ \$18.33 Per Hour, Joseph Keough; Joshua Matthews; Dwain Otte@ \$18.94 Per Hour, Matthew Heupel; @ \$19.12 Per Hour, Troy Grote; Mike Rohrbach@ \$19.43 Per Hour, Kyle Kost@ \$19.73 Per Hour, Jordon Sutton@ \$19.07 Per Hour, Jarell Arndt@ \$19.17 Per Hour, Joshua Ulmer@ \$19.27 Per Hour, Jason Kallenberger; Barry Braaten@ \$19.88 Per Hour, Terry Lout@ \$20.01 Per Hour, Dean Zumbaum@ \$20.17 Per Hour, Gerald Lehrkamp@ \$20.28 Per Hour, Kurt Pigors@ \$21.99 Per Hour, Danica Hillestad@ \$20.29 Per Hour, Michael Janes@ \$18.25 Per Hour, Lynn Zacher@ \$18.03 Per Hour, Ryan McClain@ \$19.42 Per Hour, Morgan Bingham; Sierra Kamin; Nichole Krenz; Makayla Madsen@ \$21.16 Per Hour, Haydn Podoll; Paige Smit; @ \$21.85 Per Hour, Jill Crosby@ \$22.21 Per Hour, Aaron Gasser; Dawn Allam@ \$23.98 Per Hour, Cory Erhardt@ \$24.67 Per Hour, Candace Rohrbach@ \$24.27 Per Hour, Jonathan (Waller) Sorenson @ \$26.73 Per Hour, Wes Graff@ \$27.65 Per Hour, Jonathan Lemke; Linn Kamin@

\$29.5 Per Hour, Kasey Kurtz; Erin Spencer@ \$24.11 Per Hour, Brandon Mills@ \$24.47 Per Hour, Anthony Sorensen; Daniel Bray; @ \$25.19 Per Hour, Mike Hill; Gavin Wright; Ermelinda Marcuson@ \$25.56 Per Hour, Brandon Black@ \$26.24 Per Hour, Keith Baker@ \$26.68 Per Hour, Fadia Champlain - JDC@ \$21.91 Per Hour, Jerremias Vega - Jail@ \$22.29 Per Hour, Samuel Hoppock - Jail@ \$22.63 Per Hour, Elise Westfall - JDC; Jaclyn Nagel - Jail; Rachel Wilson - JDC@ \$23.36 Per Hour, Austin Ball(Jail) @ 21.21 per hour; Austin Kurkowski(Jail); Madeline Ellerbush(Jail); Michael Ellerbush(Jail); Alexander Engel(Jail); Joshua Moore(Jail); Grant Duvall(JDC); MaKayla Jenniges(JDC)@ \$19.22 Per Hour, Anita Hedrington(Jail); Ty Gibson(Jail); Lesli Geranen(Jail); Samantha McQuarie(Jail); Angel Sanchez(Jail); Elie Weinmeister(HD); Joshua Goetz@ \$19.58 Per Hour, Jacob Carrillo(JDC); Johann Kolb(Jail); Jennifer Kolb(JDC); Tanner Podoll(Jail)@ \$19.96 Per Hour, Sarah Jesz@ \$27.56 Per Hour, Patti Woods@ \$22.65 Per Hour, Josh Walberg & Brock Hoyle@ \$25.36 Per Hour, Dorene Borchard & Cynthia Meyers@ \$25.36 Per Hour, Mariann Malsom@ \$26.36 Per Hour, Sarah Swenson@ \$25.36 Per Hour, Russell Metz@ \$26.14 Per Hour, Samiuela Mounga@ \$23.1 Per Hour, Kendall Titze@ \$28.14 Per Hour, John Florey@ \$25.74 Per Hour, Jessica Johnson@ \$19.57 Per Hour, Robert Baumgartner@ \$22.53 Per Hour, Penny Hart@ \$25.93 Per Hour, Kathy Schlecht@ \$25.36 Per Hour, Jason Reed@ \$12.08 Per Hour, Richard Schooley; Jon Dachel; @ \$12.6 Per Hour, Richard Burns; Breanna Locke; Stewart Swenson; John Weig@ \$12.66 Per Hour, Leanne Shutt@ \$14.14 Per Hour, Meagan Delahanty; Julie Hermansen; @ \$14.76 Per Hour, Maggie Bell; Doreen Howell; @ \$14.76 Per Hour, Levi Margolis@ \$14.42 Per Hour, Kristin Boeshans@ \$14.42 Per Hour, Jennifer Hopkins@ \$15.44 Per Hour, Henry Fulda@ \$15.8 Per Hour, Brenda Reich@ \$15.67 Per Hour, Joseph Embury; Jennifer White@ \$16.48 Per Hour, Steven Ramsdell; Rhonda Kvernevig; Tobias Stugelmayer@ \$16.55 Per Hour, Lori Goldade@ \$16.55 Per Hour, Diane Lehr@ \$18.24 Per Hour, Scott Kolb; Justin Cleveland; Neil Bittner; David Hunter; Jerry Bjerke; @ \$16.55 Per Hour, Scott Kolb; Justin Cleveland; Neil Bittner; David Hunter; Jerry Bjerke; @ \$18.63 Per Hour, Joe Adam@ \$24.37 Per Hour, Les Schable@ \$14.02 Per Hour, Ernest Thompson@ \$99868.86 Annual Salary, Mark Milbrandt @ \$82831.01 Annual Salary, Mark Milbrandt, Sheriff to oversee Communication Center@ \$13000 Annual Salary, Cathy McNickle@ \$63448.45 Annual Salary, Patty VanMeter@ \$63448.45 Annual Salary, Commission Chair Additional Pay@ \$12000 Annual Salary, Dennis Feickert, Mike Wiese, Doug Fjeldheim, Duane Sutton, Mike Gage@ \$23180.5 Annual Salary, Judy Dosch@ \$57485.68 Annual Salary, Kenton Jones@ \$69741.55 Annual Salary, Gene Loeschke@ \$62397.13 Annual Salary, Scott Meints@ \$64319.13 Annual Salary, Rachel Kippley@ \$65000 Annual Salary, Kurt Smith@ \$52563.25 Annual Salary, Scott Madsen@ \$64576.76 Annual Salary, Dirk Rogers@ \$79792.08 Annual Salary, Erica Coughlin@ \$64890.08 Annual Salary, Pat Wolberg@ \$88425.75 Annual Salary, Michael Scott@ \$65653.58 Annual Salary, Patricia Kendall@ \$50568.14 Annual Salary, C. Scott Bader@ \$57778.12 Annual Salary, Tanya Merkel@ \$64936.41 Annual Salary, Aaron Walberg@ \$54976.39 Annual Salary, Chris Hemen@ \$47743.5 Annual Salary, Roxy Hilgenberg@ \$56197.29 Annual Salary, Dave Lonzman@ \$74547.91 Annual Salary, Jennifer Stoddard@ \$77502.49 Annual Salary, Ross Aldentaler@ \$76462.24 Annual Salary, Karla Nelson@ \$64000.04 Annual Salary, Brianna Haugen@ \$64000.04 Annual Salary, Cortney Paul@ \$52000 Annual Salary, Kelsi Vinger@ \$48000 Annual Salary.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CONTINGENCY TRANSFERS:** Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to approve contingency transfers in the 2021 budget as follows: Contingency Account Transfer Out\$ 156001 101.5.112.422.98, Treasurer Transfer In\$ 20000 101.5.142.42299, Predatory Animal Control Transfer In\$ 1 101.5.166.42299, Information Technology Transfer In\$ 30000 101.5.171.42299, Human Resources Transfer In\$ 30000 101.5.172.42299, County Nurse Transfer In\$ 1000 101.5.421.42299, Mental Illness Board Transfer In\$ 10000 101.5.445.42299, Museum Trans-

fer In\$ 7000 101.5.512.42299, County Fair Transfer In\$ 25000 101.5.524.42299, Planning and Zoning Transfer In\$ 10000 101.5.711.42299, 911 Center Transfer In\$ 20000 207.5.225.42299, Teen Court Transfer In\$ 3000 230.5.159.42299. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AUTOMATIC BUDGET SUPPLEMENT – FEDERAL GRANTS:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Gage to approve automatic budget supplements for federal grants as follows: Federal Grant SVAWA Expense Accounts 101.5.152.41100 @ 39825.12, 101.5.152.41210 @ 1396.07, 101.5.152.41220 @ 326.54, 101.5.152.41300 @ 1351.04, Federal Grant American Rescue Plan Expense Account 290.5.290.42200 @ 2000. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**REZONE ORDINANCE 209 – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to set hearing, and authorize advertising for proposed rezone ordinance 209. An application has been made by Steve and Deborah Munger to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County South Dakota on January 18, 2022, at 8:48 A.M., for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lot 2, "Munger Second Addition" in the SE ¼ of Section 17-T121N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**REZONE ORDINANCE 210 – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to set hearing, and authorize advertising for proposed rezone ordinance 210. An application has been made by Alex Droog to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County South Dakota on January 18, 2022, at 8:48 A.M., for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Lot 1 "Alex's First Addition" in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section 36-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**REZONE ORDINANCE 211 – SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to set hearing, and authorize advertising for proposed rezone ordinance 211. An application has been made by Eretta Dargatz to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County South Dakota on January 18, 2022, at 8:48 A.M., for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG): Proposed Lot 1, "Dargatz Addition" in Section 14-T123N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PLATS:** Commissioner Sutton brought the following resolution: RESOLUTION 64-21 FEY ADDITION TO PLEASANT VALLEY "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "FEY ADDITION TO PLEASANT VALLEY ESTATES IN THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 124 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Sutton brought the following resolution: RESOLUTION 65-21 J AND J FISCHBACH ADDITION "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "J AND J FISCHBACH ADDITION IN THE NE1/4 FO THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 121 NORTH, RANGE 63 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-

aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Sutton brought the following resolution: RESOLUTION 66-21 DARGATZ ADDITION "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "DARGATZ ADDITION IN SECTION 14, T123N, R60W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Sutton brought the following resolution: RESOLUTION 67-21 EMERY FIRST ADDITION

"Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissions of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "EMERY FIRST ADDITION IN THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 30-T127N-R64W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Sutton brought the following resolution: RESOLUTION 68-21 SCHEUFFELE-VOLZKE FIRST ADDITION "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissions of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "SCHEUFFELE-VOLZKE FIRST ADDITION IN THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 11-T123N-R64W OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Sutton brought the following resolution: RESOLUTION 69-21 ALEX'S FIRST ADDITION

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissions of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "ALEX'S FIRST ADDITION IN THE S1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 124 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" be approved and accepted and the County Auditor is hereby instructed to endorse on such plat a copy of this resolution and to certify the same. Seconded by Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert-aye, Sutton – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage – aye, Fjeldheim – aye. Resolution adopted.

**LEGAL ASSIGNMENT:** Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to assign claim against individuals to Credit Collection Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**RFP GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT SOUND, LIGHTS AND STAGE EQUIPEMNT – SET HEAREING DATE AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to set hearing date and authorize advertising to open, read and consider proposals for grandstand entertainment sound, lights, and stage equipment, to be held January 18, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. in the Commission's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**INDIGENT COUNSEL AGREEMENT – ADDENDUM:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to authorize chair sign addendum to indigent council agreement acknowledging Haar's resignation from the 2021-2022 Indigent Counsel Agreement and amending the payment terms. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss personnel, and contracts per SDCL 1-25-2(1,4). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Sutton, seconded by Gage to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:05 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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## Brown County Ord. 209

### Munger Rezoning

#### NOTICE

Application has been made by Steve and Deborah Munger to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on January 18 at 8:48 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Lot 2, "Munger Second Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 17-T121N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 209.

#### ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
(0105.0112)

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## Brown County Ord. 210

### Droog Rezoning

#### NOTICE

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Lot 1, "Alex's First Addition" in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section 36-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M.,

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 210.

#### ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
(0105.0112)

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## Brown County Ord. 211

### Dargatz Rezoning

#### NOTICE

#### NOTICE

Application has been made by Eretta Dargatz to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Proposed Lot 1, "Dargatz Addition" in Section 14-T123N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 211.

#### ATTEST:

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
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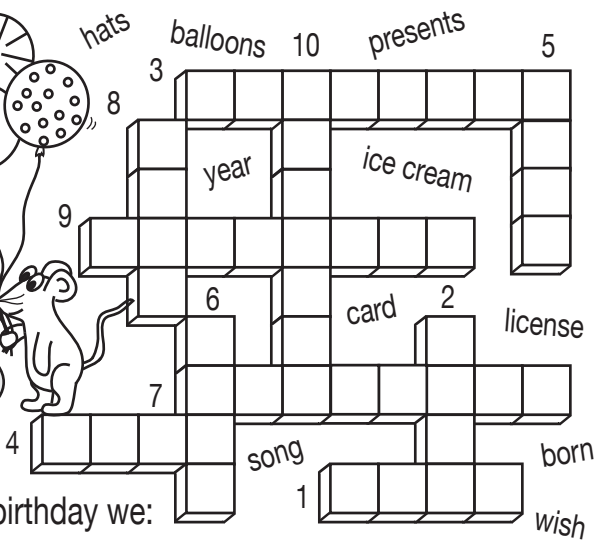
Kids: color stuff in!



## Birthday Celebrations

What is the date of your birthday? In our country, we all have our own special day to celebrate what is special about us. It is our birth day. Yes, the party fun starts when we are turning one and continues as long as we live. We also get to celebrate birthdays for everyone in our family – and our friends' birthdays, too! We celebrate birthdays all year round.

In some countries, like Saudi Arabia, people do not celebrate birthdays due to religious beliefs. In other countries, like China, everyone celebrates his or her birthday together on the country's New Year's Day. Everyone turns a year older at the same time! Children there may receive gifts of money. On special birthdays very long noodles are served to bring long life.

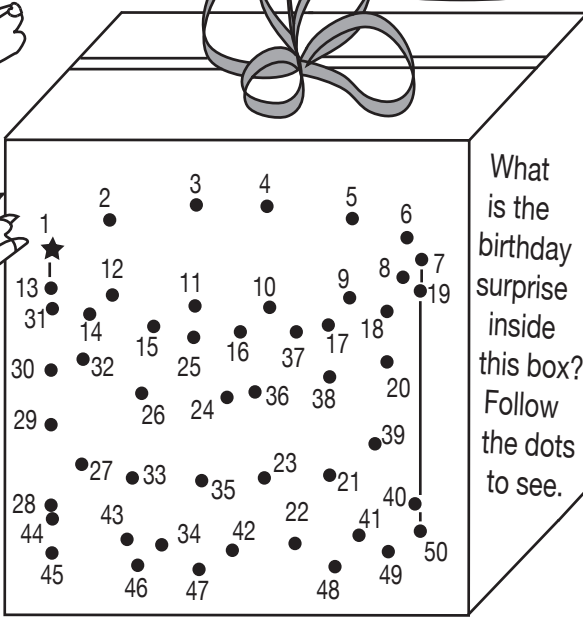


On a birthday we:

- celebrate the day a person was \_\_\_\_\_.
- become one \_\_\_\_\_ older.
- may decorate with \_\_\_\_\_ and streamers.
- may wear colorful birthday \_\_\_\_\_ on our heads.
- may hear the popular "Happy Birthday to You" \_\_\_\_\_ sung to us a few times.
- make a \_\_\_\_\_ before we try to blow out the candles on our cake in one breath.
- share cake and \_\_\_\_\_ with our family and friends.
- may receive a \_\_\_\_\_ in the mail.
- may get \_\_\_\_\_ and good wishes.
- look forward to special birthdays that give us the right to apply for a driver's \_\_\_\_\_ or to sign up to vote!

What is the most delicious part of a birthday? The **cake**, of course! Everyone knows that you have to have a cake to celebrate!

I'll bet the surprise is a puppy!  
No, a ball!  
No, a game!  
No, a...



## The Birthday Song!

Many people light candles on a cake and sing a song before blowing out the candles.

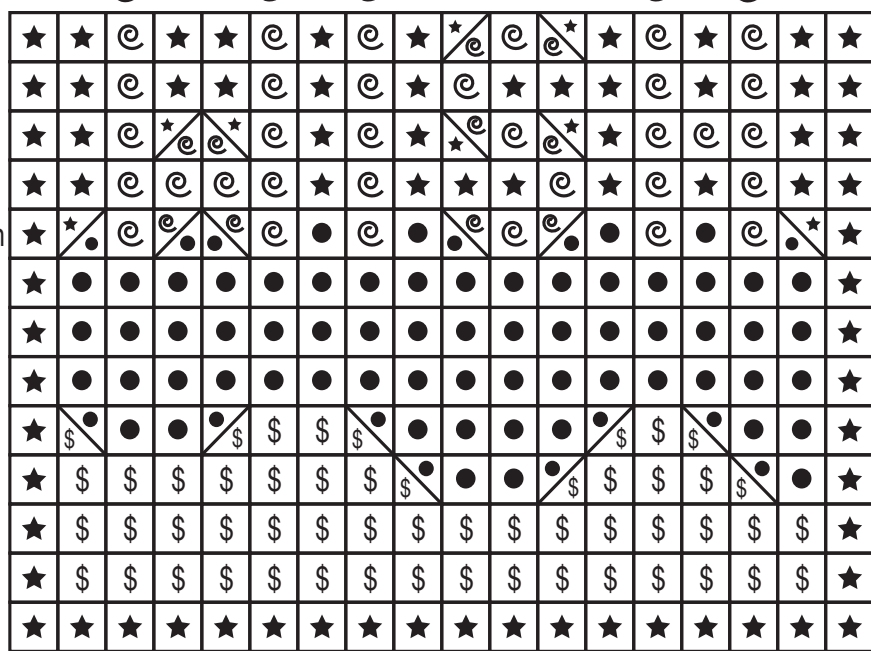
What do people do when they blow out the candles on their cake?

"Happy Birthday to You" is thought to be the song that is sung the most around the world! It was written by two sisters, Mildred and Patty Smith Hill. They were teachers and wrote it as a "Good Morning to All" song for young children. The words have been changed over the years to make it a birthday song.

Use this color code to see:

- ☉ = Red
- ★ = Blue
- ⌘ = Yellow
- = Brown

They think of a secret:



## Party Games

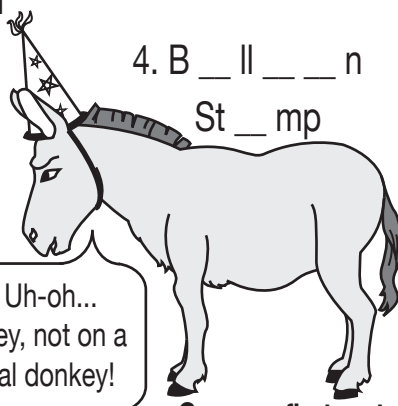
What do you like to do at a birthday party? Here are some fun games to play. **Just fill in the blanks with the missing vowels – a, e, i, o and u!**

- P \_ ñ \_ t \_
- Tr \_ \_ s \_ r \_  
H \_ nt
- M \_ s \_ c \_ l \_  
Ch \_ \_ rs
- B \_ ll \_ \_ n  
St \_ mp



and my favorite:

Uh-oh... Hey, not on a real donkey!



- P \_ n th \_ T \_ \_ l  
\_ n th \_ D \_ nk \_ y!

Can you find and circle 20 words that have at least 3 vowels in them?

## How Old am I? Fun Birthday Math Riddles!

Can you read the clues below to figure out how old each one is?



**Brother Mouse** is the oldest of three children.

I am **twice** as old as my sister!

And I am **twice** as old as you, Little Mouse!



**Sister Mouse** is younger than Brother Mouse.

Brother Mouse is  years old.

**Little Mouse** is the youngest of the three children.

Sister Mouse is  years old.

I'm **two!**

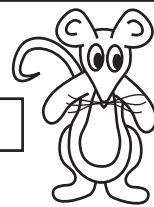
**Grandpa Mouse** is 35 times as old as Little Mouse.



**Grandma Mouse** is 5 years younger than Grandpa Mouse



**Papa Mouse** is 5 times as old as Brother Mouse



**Mama Mouse** is half as old as Papa Mouse plus 17 more years.



Dear EarthTalk: Do wealthy people generate more pollution and/or carbon emissions than the less fortunate?  
 -- George P., Greenwich, CT

# EARTHTALK

In a word, yes. The richest 10 percent of humanity was responsible for 52 percent of global emissions between 1990 and 2015, according to a 2020 Oxfam report. The richest one percent alone produced 15 percent of global emissions during that time, more than double that of the entire poorest half of humanity. This phenomenon is called emissions inequality: Wealthier nations and individuals emit excessively large amounts of greenhouse gases, while poorer nations and individuals suffer the bulk of the consequences.

The result is that pollution is harming those least responsible—and least equipped to combat its effects—more severely than those who are most to blame. In the United States, this is partially a result of systemic racism. Factories and power plants that emit toxic pollution have overwhelmingly been built near non-white and poor communities, which often lack adequate resources to resist powerful fossil

fuel companies. The most famous example of this power imbalance is "Cancer Alley," a region of Louisiana where the predominantly Black residents face some of the worst air quality in the nation and suffer from chronic health issues as a result.

Global income data tracks closely with emissions data: The World Inequality Lab's 2022 report found that the wealthiest 10 percent earn 52 percent of all income, while the poorest half of all people earn just 8.5 percent. Why does wealth correlate so closely to emissions? On an individual level, people with more wealth are more likely to own cars, travel by airplane and own big homes that consume lots of energy.

Wealthy people are also more likely to invest in the stock market, a significant but harder to measure source of emissions: By giving a company money, investors tacitly greenlight the company's business practices. And because those investors expect a positive return on their investment, profitable companies tend to avoid potential risks like reorganizing their supply chain to be more environmentally friendly, since there might not be an immediate financial payoff for doing so.

Though corporations seem huge and impossible to change, individuals still have the power to influence them. If you invest in the stock market, you can ensure that the companies you put money into don't contribute to the oil industry or deforestation, and you can consider pulling your investments from those that do. The website Good with Money is a helpful place to start.

Still, the blame for greenhouse gas emissions falls squarely on the shoulders of corporations and governments, not individuals. While many companies have taken modest steps to reduce pollution, overall emissions are still increasing and will likely stay that way until the governments of major polluters like the U.S., China and the European Union force companies to transition away from fossil fuels. Until then, the wealth gap will continue to grow, and emissions inequality will grow along with it.

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## Humanity in Medicine

What does it mean to practice humanity in medicine? The phrase is used as a tagline and in book titles. Humanity and compassion in medicine is touted as something to aspire to, a noble accomplishment. But in reality, the biomedical model of health, the business model for healthcare, is not set up to support it. Algorithms and best practices set forth by insurance companies and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid do not account for the time required to establish meaningful human interaction between patient and caregiver.

This conundrum can be frustrating. Understanding the nuances of each individual patient and each situation cannot be rushed. Yet opting to practice 'slow medicine' can have negative ramifications; constantly running behind schedule, having more work than you can handle and knowing that there are more critical and needy patients waiting to be seen.

Thankfully, the benefits far outweigh the frustrations. Medical professionals who choose to share in the human condition with patients are better able to care for the whole person in a way that is nurturing and fulfilling to both parties. When we are successful in this effort to see our own fear and our own death and our own vulnerability in our patients, we will meet them and treat them with an open mind and open heart. We will listen actively, without bias or judgement and we will do what is best for them in this moment in their life.

Regardless of our profession, experiencing a sense of powerlessness can creep into us and lead to isolation and avoidance. We can lose connectedness with our own emotions and our own self. Striving to have an awareness and acceptance of grief, pain and knowing when to accept our inability to change circumstances can help us avoid feelings of helplessness.

Being a doctor helped create who I am as a person. I am grateful for all the patients who have enriched my life and taught me lessons of humility, joy, interconnectedness, and impermanence.

My patients and my experiences have indeed opened my mind and my heart. In my exam rooms, my patients and I collaborate in a communion of sorts. We share and connect as we learn about and better understand each other. That is what it means to practice humanity in medicine.

Perhaps these words by one of my favorite authors David Whyte say it best, "Put down the weight of your aloneness and ease into the conversation. Pay attention to everything in the world as if it is alive. Realize everything has its own discrete existence outside your story. By doing this, you open to the gifts and lessons the world has to give you."

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