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The Chris and Sam Frost family donated a box of 25 hockey pucks to the Groton Skating Rink. Pictured are their children: Kinsey, Huntley, Tenley and Tanner Frost. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Groton Area High School Dance Team has been performing at home basketball games. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

New year memories

It was nice to ease into the new year with an exquisitely-seasoned five-course meal at Bernbaum's in Fargo. If you've never eaten there, I highly recommend it, and although it wasn't on Saturday night's menu, you definitely should order the matzo ball soup when you're there for lunch.

I always appreciate having the holidays off because for years I was a radio "air personality" which meant that I worked most holidayscertainly every New Year's Eve—spinning records for dances. Disco was big back then.

Every New Year's Eve, my buddy Bob and I found ourselves scraping frost from the inside of the windshield of a rattling white Chevy van that leaked frigid air through the floorboards.

Frostbite wasn't our only concern. The equipment was stored in the van when not in use so we were always in danger of electrocution as the frost melted off the amps when we fired

After the dance, while all the party attendees were snoring away peacefully in bed, we'd be busting drifts at 2 a.m. while listening to Larry King on the radio.

There wasn't much glory in it, but I've worked tougher jobs. Alcohol was usually at the root of our problems, especially on New Year's Eve, when some raw-boned young farmer with a snoot-full would provoke Bob. Bob had anger issues. Which meant I had anger issues.

"Play something good," Jethro would say. Oh, that narrows it down.

Why were they always built like pro wrestlers, and why did Bob, who weighed in soggy at 150 pounds, have no fear of these maniacs? They were serial killers, every one of them.

Initially, Bob would politely ask what specific "good" song The Incredible Hulk wanted to hear, but, of course, they'd never be able to come up with a title, so the conversation would deteriorate, and eventually Bob would suggest that they perform an impossible anatomical gymnastic feat. This happened in Columbia, SD, one night back when Reagan was president and Donna Summer was big.

I pulled my partner aside. "Uh, Bob. You know who's going to have to fight this guy, right?" Make no mistake, I would have been

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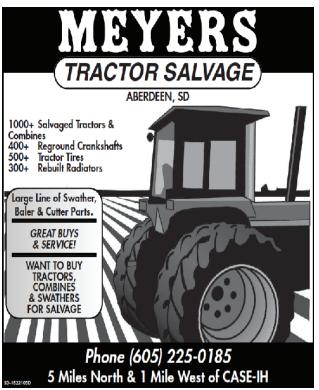
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pummeled. I just would have lasted longer.

After years of such adventures, I was thrilled to have New Year's off when I was working radio in Juneau. I'd planned a nice meal at a swank restaurant with my girlfriend. A couple days before the New Year, however, the receptionist patched a call into studio. It was someone from the Filipino Hall. It turned out their band had canceled.



That's Life by Tony Bender

Probably eaten by bears. After all, it was Alaska. Weird stuff happened.

Once, I was flown to a remote rowdy logging community by float plane for a school prom. The next morning, when I walked a long hall toward the restaurant, I came upon a nearlynaked, inebriated lumberjack sprawled out on the carpet. By nearly-naked, I mean he was wearing one floppy wool sock.

It traumatized me.

"Where's my room?" he asked me. For the record, I didn't know, but dude, if you're locked out of your room and all you've got is one sock, your ankle probably isn't the best place for it.

Anyway, I expressed my sincere condolences about the bear massacre but very firmly told the caller I was unavailable for New Year's Eve. He cajoled. I held firm.

"Okay, for the sake of argument, if you were available, what would you charge?"

I resolved to end the conversation then and there. "\$1,000 for two hours." Even though things were more expensive in Alaska, that was outrageous in the mid-Eighties. It's probably still outrageous.

"Okay," he said without missing a beat.

"Excuse me? What?! There's no way I'm worth that kind of money. I'm horrible! Besides, that's entrapment!"

They were lovely people. Obviously ruthless, but nice as could be, and when the two hours expired, they passed the hat, gave me another \$500 to keep going.

Several times a year thereafter, they'd call, and I grew quite fond of them. It wasn't about the money. They were always genuinely happy to see me—and it's kind of nice to feel wanted, isn't it?

Plus, they never once told me to play "some-

Happy New Year, friends. Keep your room key in your sock.

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Weekly Vikings Recap By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

With a chance to play for the 1 seed in week 18, the Minnesota Vikings lay an absolute egg against the Green Bay Packers, losing 41-17, and falling to 12-4 on the season. With the 49ers' win today, the Vikings currently sit as the 3 seed in the NFC playoffs. For how crazy this Vikings' season has been, the Vikings have been surprisingly very consistent this year. The team either wins a highly-intense close game or gets blown out embarrassingly.

There was probably only one highlight for the Vikings on Sunday and it came on a blocked punt by Josh Metellus early in the first quarter. Even though the Vikings' offense would get the ball at the Packers' one-yard line because of that blocked punt, they were unable to score a touchdown and had to settle for a field goal to give the Vikings a 3-0 lead. On the following kickoff, the Packers would return the kick for a touchdown and the Vikings would never have

a lead again in this game.

The Vikings' offense looked horrible on Sunday at nearly every facet of the game. Kirk Cousins had three interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown, and a fumble lost. Justin Jefferson struggled to get open as he kept slipping on the grass at Lambeau Field. Jefferson, who ended the game with only one catch, was visibly frustrated the entire game as the Packers' defense doubled him at any chance they could get. And lastly, the running game never got going as Alexander Mattison finished the game as the Vikings' leading rusher with only 38 yards rushing. Before the final drive, Cousins was surprisingly the Vikings' leading rusher for the Vikings in the game.

To make matters worse, the Vikings played almost the entire game down two of its offensive linemen. Austin Schlottmann, who has been filling in for Garrett Bradbury over the past few weeks, got hurt on the opening drive of the game for the Vikings. Because of it, the Vikings had to use backup guard, Chris Reed, as the center for the rest of the game. Reed's lack of experience showed as the Vikings' committed multiple false starts because of him. Also, Brian O'Neill got hurt early in the game as well, which caused the Vikings to play three quarters with only six healthy offensive linemen. If O'Neill is unable to go the rest of the season, that will be a huge blow for the Vikings as O'Neill and Darrisaw have been the best offensive tackle pairing in the NFL this year.

With the Vikings' loss and the 1 seed out of contention, the question now for the Vikings becomes whether they will rest their starters next week against the Chicago Bears. They are currently down multiple offensive linemen to injuries and have an old defense that looks like they could use a "bye week." Also, the Bears currently hold the #2 overall pick in the draft based on their record and a win would likely ruin their draft position. Because of that, it might be a game where both teams go into with no desire to go all out for a victory in any way.

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The South Dakota Humanities Council is making available a weekly column -- "We the People" -- that focuses on the U.S. Constitution. It is written by David Adler, who is president of The Alturas Institute, a non-profit organization created to promote the Constitution, gender equality, and civic education.



By David Adler

At Year's End: A Duty to Protect our Constitutional Democracy

In this season of peace, remembrance and celebration, we are beckoned by the ghosts of 1776 and 1787 to recall the historic work of this nation's founders in establishing a republic grounded in the aspirational principles of liberty, equality and self-governance, and our duty as citizens to defend to defend it.

The serious challenges to American Democracy, at home and abroad, have generated

searching concerns amidst exposure of its deep-seated vulnerabilities and led some to wonder if our nation is facing a "Machiavellian Moment," the point when a republic is confronted by its own mortality."

President Joe Biden, in March of 2021, threw down the gauntlet: "We've got to prove that democracy works." In the past 18 months alone, we've seen hard-core proof of a frustrated plan at the highest levels of government to overthrow our constitutional process to elect a president chosen by the American people and halt the 200-year-old practice of a peaceful transition of power. We have come face-to-face with a Supreme Court that has thrown off the limits of its own authority, denounced precedents, including those protecting women's rights, a Court that has undercut the wall of separation between church and state and is poised to gut the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal protection of the law, due process and the right to privacy.

These threats to our constitutional democracy are a stern reminder of James Madison's warning in Federalist 51, that the greatest challenge confronting a republican form of government is that of "obliging government to obey the law." It is a reminder, as well, of his insistence that the citizenry bears a special responsibility to defend our Constitution.

The defense of our democracy requires a nationwide commitment to the Constitution, civic education, gender equality and equal protection of the law. Defense, indeed, renewal of our democracy can be spurred through the creation of a constitutional culture derived from a constitutional consciousness and a constitutional conscience. Nothing is more central to this renewal than a citizenry appreciative of the virtues and values of American Constitutionalism and committed to promotion of the general welfare and the common good. A page of history will remind citizens of the starting point for this course of action.

The founders lit the way for democratic government, as President Franklin D. Roosevelt urged, to be a "positive force" in the "daily lives" of Americans. The framers of the Constitution understood the historic significance of the ambitious experiment in which they were engaged. As Alexander Hamilton explained in Federalist 1, the momentous question confronting the United States was whether it was possible to establish a republican form of government grounded on reason, reflection and choice. The right of the people to be engaged in "choices" about the nature of our government, the allocation of authority and responsibility, the election of representatives, marked a historic departure in the business of governing.

The exalted nature of the citizenry, then and now, lies in the understanding that democracy is not a self-executing form of government. All power flows from the people, a proposition that is intermittingly reinforced on election day but one that can be a constant presence—if the people are willing to be highly-engaged, participatory citizens. As Justice Louis Brandeis observed, "the only title in our democracy superior to that of the president is the title citizen."

Motivation and incentive for citizens to be fully engaged in the life of the republic is manifested in the implications of neglect and indifference to the actions of government: no republic, no rights; no republic, no liberties. There is no substitute for American citizens to serve as "Madisonian Monitors," exhibiting at every turn a willingness to scrutinize the exercise of governmental power and to denounce violations of the Constitution.

It is certainly possible for Americans to imagine life in a nation that does not embrace the rule of law, due process of law and judicial impartiality, or lacks protection for freedom of speech, press and religion. This nightmare--the specter of authoritarianism and arbitrary rule-should inspire interest in civic education, the acquisition of a working understanding of constitutional principles and governmental practices and an abiding commitment to the preservation of our freedoms and liberties.

Americans are fond of invoking our creation story, replete with tales about the patriots of 1776 who won independence and drafted the Declaration of Independence, and the delegates to the Constitutional Convention, who gave life to the ideals of the American Revolution. But we are not sufficiently interested in the nuts and bolts, planks and pillars of the platform on which our constitutional democracy rests. At this hour, when there exists a demonstrable need to prove, as President Biden has said, "that democracy works," Americans everywhere should

summon the Spirit of '76 and '87—the focus, energy and stamina of the sort that generations have manifested—in tackling the great challenges that we have encountered across a vista of 250 years.

The founders' great experiment in self-governance remains a work in progress. All that is stake, of course, is the future of our republic and whether, as Benjamin Franklin put it, "we can keep it."

Westport Town Jan. 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General

Meeting

January 2nd, 2023

The Town of Westport met on January 2nd, 2023 with Larry Schmit, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General NWPS (\$627.94), Groton Independent (\$14.90), SD Unemployment Insurance (\$17.29), US treasury (\$632.87) & US treasury (\$67.02), Runnings (\$500.00) &

Sewer NWPS (\$52.66), Public Health Lab (\$30.00), NRWA –loan repayment (\$210.13) Water

B & B contracting (\$835.00)

Water Maintenance District (\$459.18) & WEB (\$1,865.50).

Larry Schmit made motion to pay all bills; second by Mitch Wilson.

The following deposits were presented:

City General
Brown County Collections

(\$3,107.89), State of SD (\$1,264.00), Interest (\$67.78). Sewer

Resident Payments-(\$1,936.00). Water

Resident Payments — \$2.905.44).

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NEW BUSINESS:

No new business or old business discussed.

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Claremont Town Dec. 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met on 12-

13-2022 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Frank Rasmussen and Jason Spencer present.

Spencer present.
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer.

On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen, the following warrants were allowed:

General:
Dacotah Bank, city hall loan,
573.655; GDI, publishing, 14.90;
SD Maintenance (Street) Assoc.,
membership dues, 35.00; SD
Gov. Finance Officers Assoc.,
membership dues, 40.00; New,
street lights, 605.82; New, city
hall, 152.21; Dakota Tree Co.,
tree removal, 5857.50; James
Valley, telecom, 263.91; Full
Circle Ag, dyed diesel, 132.62;
Shane Johnson, 9 meetings,
623.36; Frank Rasmussen, 9
meetings, 623.36; Jason Spencer, 9 meeting, \$623.36; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; Smith
Auto Body, maintainer window,
373.75.
WSSW:

New, water, 12.61; New, sewer, 38.91; SD Public Health Lab, water sample, 15.00; BDM, water purchased, 966.60; Helms & Assoc., grant/sewer, 1128.70; Rural Development, water loan, 576.00.

Discussion over tables for city hall was tabled till January. The new water payment box - Johnson is checking out options.

With no further business before the Board a motion was made by Spencer to adjourn and seconded by Rasmussen. CRye, FO

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Brown County Kempf Estate Rezoning

NOTICE

Application has been made by Nicole Kempf, Personal Representative of the Estate of Daniel C. Kempf 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 10, 2023 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) for Proposed Lot 1 to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use:

Proposed Lot 1, "Palmyra Farmhouse Addition" in the SW ¼ of Section 18-T128N-65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (10260 373rd Ave., Palmyra Twp.).

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 conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 239.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel

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Brown County Keahey/Lane Rezoning

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Application has been made by Lucas & Mary Keahey and CJ Lane 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 10, 2023 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use:

The South 250' of the East 963', Except Road R.O.W., and the 337' North of the South 250' of the East 963', Except Road R.O.W., both in the NE1/4 of Section 19-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (13341 & 13345 383rd Ave., Aberdeen Twp.).

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 conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 240.

ATTEST: Lynn Heupel

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2023 GETTYSBURG NO TILL EVENT

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CST CC Bar, 112 S. Exene Street, Gettysburg, SD 57442

AGENDA INCLUDES:

- Acid Soils on the Northern Great Plains? Toto, I think we really are in Kansas – John Breker, AqVise Laboratories
- Red Sunflower See Weevil and Other Insects of Concern in Central SD– *Phil Rozeboom, SDSU Extension*
- Open Agronomy & Soil Health Discussion— Lee Briese, PhD

For more details visit SDNoTill.com

Pre-registration is requested by Jan. 13. Please email pcconservationdist@gmail.com; or call 605-769-4431.

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Pulse Crop Production Day

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 9:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CST AmericInn 312 Island Dr., Fort Pierre, SD

AGENDA INCLUDES:

• SDSU Pulse Crop Update – Dr. Chris Graham, SDSU

- US Pulse Crop Quality Survey and the Utilization of Pulse Crops in Food Products— Dr. Cliff Hall, SDSU
- Managing Diseases in Field Peas, Chickpeas and Lentils— Dr. Michael Wunsh, NDSU
- Weed Management Options for Peas, Lentils & Chickpeas— Dr. Brian Jenks, NDSU

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan. 5

Girls Basketball hosts Clark/Willow Lake. C game at 5 p.m. followed by junior varsity and then varsity.

Friday, Jan. 6

Middle School Wrestling Invitational at Milbank, 5 p.m.

Boys Basketball at Clark. C game at 5 p.m. followed by junior varsity and then varsity.

Saturday, Jan. 7

Robotics Tournament in GHS Gym, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wrestling Invitational at Garretson, 9:30 a.m. Basketball at the GHS Arena. Boys JV at 1 p.m., Girls JV at 2 p.m., Varsity Boys to follow. No Girls Varsity game.

Sunday, Jan. 8

Open Gym: Grades JK-8; 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Grades 6-12; 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Monday, Jan. 9

Middle School Wrestling Invitational in Groton, 5 p.m., in the GHS Gym.

Boys Basketball hosts Sisseton (rescheduled from Dec. 15). JV at 6 p.m. followed by Varsity. School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Girls Basketball vs. Aberdeen Christian at the Aberdeen Civic Arena. JV game at 6 p.m. followed by Varsity.

Thursday, Jan. 12

Basketball Double Header at Tiospa Zina. Girls JV at 5 p.m., Boys JV to follow, then girls varsity and boys varsity.

Friday, Jan. 13

Elementary Christmas Program, 2:30 p.m., GHS Gym (rescheduled from Dec. 22)

Saturday, Jan. 14

Wrestling Invitational at Gettysburg, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 15

Open Gym: Grades JK-8; 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM. Grades 6-12; 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

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Where Do Animals Go in Winter?

Winter can be a hard time for animals. The temperature drops, ponds freeze and snow covers the ground. There is very little food to be found. What do they do?

Read about what each

animal does in winter, then

fill in the crossword with

each animal's name:

1. I snuggle with dozens of my friends in the ground.

I have an underground home. I store seeds and nuts for snacks, but sleep during the coldest days.

3. I eat and eat in the fall. My new layer of fat takes care of me while I sleep the winter away in a hollow tree or in a cave.

> 4. We buzz and work hard while the flowers are in bloom to make and store food. We nibble and nap during the winter.

What do I hate they do? the cold!

When you are done, a word will show below the arrow that means the deep winter sleep of some animals (and, I think, of some people, too!).

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I'm staying snug as a bug in my burrow. I go out more in the daylight hours, when it is warmer, to look for food.

6. I live in the land and carry my home on my back. I squeeze myself into cracks in rocks or into the earth. I pull into my shell, seal the opening and go to sleep all winter.

The entrance is in the water. so I can go for a swim even if the pond is covered with ice. 8. I put on my white coat when winter comes. It is hard to see me

7. I use sticks, branches

and mud to build my home.

9. A lot of us fly south. Some of us will stay if we can find enough food to eat all winter.



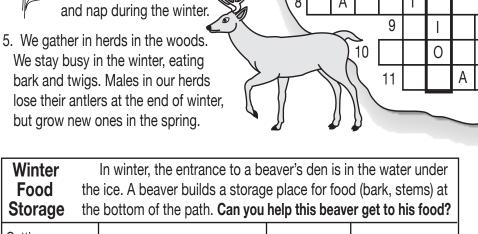
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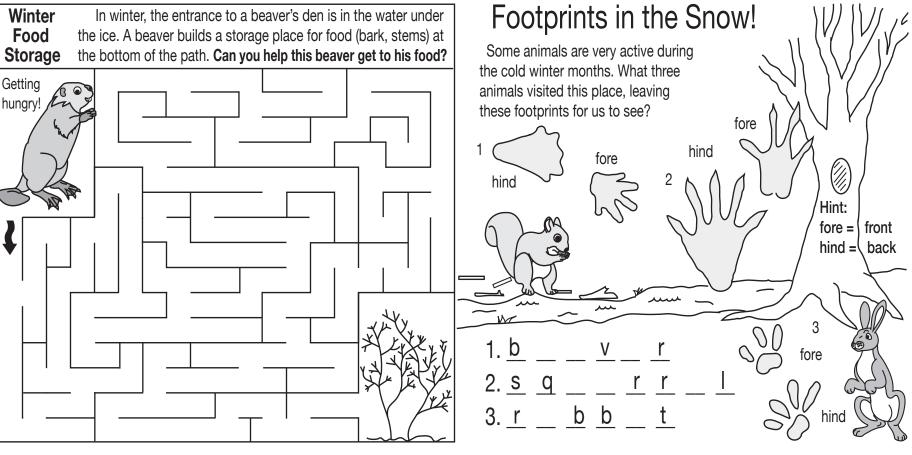
I look for weeds, buds

or bark to eat.

10. I go to the bottom of the pond. I dig deeply into the mud and do not come out until the spring.

11. I will use an old animal hole, stone wall, fallen tree or rocky cave to crawl into for my long, deep, winter sleep.





To sleep deeply, or not to sleep deeply: that is the question!

Do Bears *Truly* Hibernate?

Pop Quiz! Scientists and others have been discussing for years whether bears are "true hibernators." If an animal hibernates during the winter months it means it goes into a deep sleep all winter long. A bear sleeps most of the time during the winter, but may wake up for short periods of time. A sleeping bear's heartrate drops, but its body temperature stays within about 12° F of its normal temperature.

Pop Quiz!

Read each statement. Circle "T" if it is true. Circle "F" if it is false.

- 1. Bears eat berries, nuts, fish and honey.
- 2. Bears eat a lot in the fall and gain weight.
- 3. Most bears hibernate from June to October.
- 4. In the winter, bears sleep in empty bird nests or mailboxes.
- 5. Their thick fur and stored fat helps to keep them warm.

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Hoop teams have clean sweep over Warner

The boys varsity team jumped out to a 9-0 lead and then used turnovers to pull away from Warner with a 67-32 win. It was the Simon-Tietz show in the first quarter as Lane Tietz made two three-pointers and had 10 points and Cole Simon made one three-pointer for a total of nine points as the pair scored all 19 first quarter points. The Tigers led at the quarter breaks at 19-6, 41-21 and 55-25.

Three players hit double figures with Lane Tietz leading the way with 19 points, three rebounds, four assists, four steals and made three of seven three-pointers. Jacob Zak had 16 points, four rebounds, two assists and five steals. Cole Simon had 11 points, four rebounds, one assist and one block and he made one three-pointer. Tate Larson had six points, five rebounds and had four assists. Ryder Johnson added five points and had



Gracie Traphagen makes her move to the inside against Warner's Ava Nilsson. Traphagen had 12 points which included two three-pointers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Kennedy Hansen puts up a shot close to the basket. Hansen had seven points which included a three-pointer. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

one rebound. Logan Ringgenberg had four points and one rebound. Keegan Tracy had four points and one assist. Dillon Abeln had two points. Cade Larson had one rebound, three assists and one steal. Taylor Diegel had one rebound, one assist and two steals. Colby Dunker and Blake Pauli each had one rebound and Tyson Parrow had two rebounds.

The Tigers made 22 of 35 field goals for 63 percent, made five of 14 three-pointers for 35 percent, eight of 12 free throws for 67 percent, had 24 rebounds, 16 assists, 12 steals, 12 team fouls, one block and three turnovers.

Hunter Cramer led the Monarchs with 15 points followed by Brodey Sauerwein with seven, Drew Bakeberg and Tanner Wolberg each had three points and Zachary Evans and Ashton Schuchardt each had two points Warner made 11 of 32 field goals for 35 percent, five of seven free throws for 71 percent, had eight team fouls and 23 turnovers.

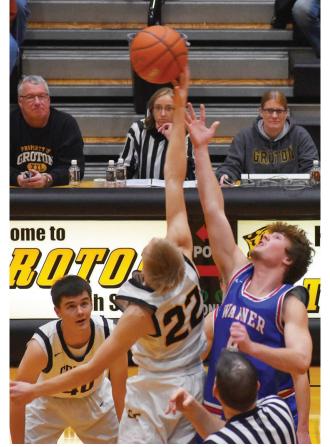
The boys won the junior varsity game, 29-23. It was tied at two after the first quarter before the Tigers took over and led at half time, 11-8, and after three quarters, 21-10. Keegan Tracy and Logan Ringgenberg each had five points, Colby Dunker and Ryder Johnson each had four points, Braxton Imrie had three and adding two points apiece were Blake



Brooke Gengerke was the high scorer for the Tigers with 13 points which included two three-pointers in the fourth quarter. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jerica Locke brings the ball up court as the Tiger point guard. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jacob Zac easily controlled the tip to start off the boys game. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Pauli, Gage Sippel and Taylor Diegel. Tanner Wolberg led Warner with eight points while Drew Bakeberg had six, Josiah Baum had four, Gavin Line three and Hunter Robinson added two points.

Groton's varsity girls team had a 13-point run in the first half en route to a 48-23 win. The Tigers led at the quarter stops at 8-5, 24-8 and 31-20.

Brooke Gengerke led the Tigers with 13 points, had five rebounds, two steals and made two three-pointers. Gracie Traphagen had 12 points, eight rebounds, one assist, one block and made two three-pointers. Sydney Leight had nine points, three rebounds, three assists, three steals and made one three-pointer. Kennedy Hansen had seven points, two rebounds, two steals and made one three-pointer. Brooklyn Hansen had two points, two rebounds and one assist. Laila Roberts had two points, two rebounds and one steal. Faith Traphagen had two points and one rebound. Jerica Locke had one point, four rebounds, two assists and three steals. Brooklyn Hansen had one assist and Rylee Dunker had one rebound.

Groton Area made 13 of 31 two-pointers for 42 percent, six of 19 three-pointers for 32 percent, four of 10 free throws for 40 percent, had 33 rebounds, 18 turnovers, seven assists, 13 steals, 13 team fouls and one block.

Warner was led by Kamryn Anderson with six points followed by Kyra Marcus and Kendyl Anderson with five ace, Ava Nilsson and Sophia Hoeft each had three points and Jordyn Jensen added one free throw.

After trailing 8-1 after the first quarter, the Tiger junior varsity team scored 18 unanswered points to take a 19-8 lead at half time and went on for the 34-18 win. Kennedy Hansen led Groton Area w with 10 points followed by Rylee Dunker with six, Faith Traphagen, Jaedyn Penning, Elizabeth Fliehs and Talli Wright each had four points and Brooklyn Hansen added two points.

All four games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM.

The varsity games were sponsored by Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Groton Chamber of Commerce, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Locke Electric, Spanier Harvesting & Trucking, Bahr Spray Foam, and Thunder Seed with John Wheeting. Gordon and Dorene Nelson were the sponsors for both junior varsity games. Shane Clark provided the play-by-play commentary for both of the girls games.

The Clark-Willow Lake Cylcones will next for the Tigers with girls hosting on Thursday and the boys traveling to Clark on Friday. Both nights there will be a C game at 5 p.m.

Lady Tigers win big over Waverly-South Shore

The Groton Area Lady Tigers powered in 67 points to defeated Waverly-South Shore in action played Friday at the Groton Area Arena. It was the most points scored while Coach Matt Locke has been the head coach. It was a balanced scoring attack as only Gracie Traphagen, who returned to the floor after being out from an injury for a couple of games, led the Tigers with 14 points.

Groton Area led at the quarterstops at 28-4, 44-7, 54-8 and 67-9. In addition, Traphagen had five rebounds, two assists and two steals. Brooke Gengerke had nine points, four rebounds and three assists. Kennedy Hansen had nine points and two assists. Jerica Locke had nine points, three rebounds, three assists and five steals. Sydney Leicht had eight points, two rebounds and five steals. Jaedyn Penning had six points, three rebounds and three assists. Brooklyn Hansen had three points, one assist and two steals. Laila Roberts had two points, one rebound and one steal. Talli Wright had two points, two rebounds and one assist. Rylee Dunker and two points, one assist and one steal. Mia Crank had two points and one steal. Aspen Johnson had one point, one rebound and one steal. Faith Traphagen had four rebounds, two assists and four steals. Emily Clark had two rebounds. Elizabeth Fliehs also saw some playing time.

Waverly-South Shore had 25 turnovers, 22 of which were steals. The Coyotes had nine team fouls which allowed the Tigers to make five of 10 free throws for 50 percent. Groton Area had seven team fouls that allowed Waverly-South Shore to make two of six free throws.

The Tigers made 28 of 53 field goals for 53 pecent and two of 10 three-pointers for 20 percent. The Coyotes made three of 10 shots for 30 pecent.

Jolene Krantz led the Coyotes with five points while Carlee Mushitz had three and Dashaya Koch hadded one point.

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 40-4. Jaedyn Penning led the Tigers with eight points while Mia Crank had six, Brooklyn Hansen had five, Faith Traphagen and Talli Wright each had four points, Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy and Elizabeth Fliehs each had three points and Kennedy Hansen and Rylee Dunker each had two points.

Both games were broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. The junior varsity game was sponsored by Bob and Ginny Neisen. The varsity game was sponsored by Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Bierman Farm Service, Blocker Construction, Dacotah Bank, Groton Chamber of Commerce, Groton Ford, John Sieh Agency, Locke Electric, Spanier Harvesting & Trucking, Bahr Spray Foam, Thunder Seed with John Wheeting.

- Paul Kosel

Conde National League

Jan. 2 Team Standings: Tigers 6, Braves 6, Giants 5, Pirates 5, Cubs 1, Mets 1

Men's High Games: Russ Bethke 210, 191, Ryan Bethke 197, Chad Furney 185

Men's High Series: Russ Bethke 552, Chad Furney 512, Ryan

Women's High Games: Vickie Kramp 179, 158, Michelle Johnson 166, Joyce Walter 153

Women's High Series: Vickie Kramp 461, Joyce Walter 442, Michelle Johnson 418

Groton Prairie Mixed Bowling League

Team Standings: Chipmunks – 6, Coyotes – 5, Jackelopes, 4, Cheetahs – 4, Foxes – 4, Shihtzus – 1

Men's High Games: Mike Siegler – 207, Tony Waage & Lance Frohling – 191, Brad Larson – 185

Women's High Games: Vicki Walter – 172, Brenda Waage & Alexa Schuring – 152, Sue Stanley – 149

Men's High Series: Mike Siegler - 552, Lance Frohling - 539, Randy Stanley – 526

Women's High Series: Vicki Walter – 441, Alexa Schuring – 429, Karen Spanier – 409

Weekly Fun Game High Series: Chipmunks!



Three wrestlers place at **Webster Invite**

Three Groton Area grapplers placed at the Webster Invitational Wrestling Tournament held Saturday. Christian Ehresmann placed third at 138 pounds, Walker Zoellner placed fourth at 120 pounds and Cole Bisbee placed fourth at 170 pounds.

98: Noah Scepaniak (0-2)

Champ. Round 1 - Maverick Clausen (Clark/Willow Lake) 2-4 won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 1:21)

Cons. Round 1 - Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Cade Werdel (Miller) 11-3 won by fall over Noah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 0:39)

106 John Bisbee (1-4)

Champ. Round 1 - John Bisbee (Groton Area) 1-4 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Tacey Miller (Webster Area) 6-3 won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton Area) 1-4 (Fall 0:26)

Cons. Round 2 - Ryker Gauger (Deuel) 4-4 won by fall over John Bisbee (Groton Area) 1-4 (Fall 1:43)

120: Walker Zoellner (7-4) placed 4th and scored 11.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 7-4 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 7-4 won by fall over Carson Kampshoff (Hanson County) 1-2 (Fall 5:08)

Semifinal - Ridley Waldo (Aberdeen Central) 10-4 won by fall over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 7-4 (Fall 3:29)

Cons. Semi - Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 7-4 won by decision over Tyson Hagberg (Deuel) 3-6 (Dec 6-0)

3rd Place Match - Gage Talsma (Hamlin) 7-5 won by decision over Walker Zoellner (Groton Area) 7-4 (Dec 5-0)

132: Tristan McGannon (0-2)

Champ. Round 1 - Tate Huff (Aberdeen Central) 12-5 won by fall over Tristan McGannon (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 0:58)

Cons. Round 1 - Tristan McGannon (Groton Area) 0-2 received a bye

Cons. Round 2 - Wyatt Wientjes (Mobridge/Pollock) 8-4 won by fall over Tristan McGannon (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 0:53)

138: Christian Ehresmann (4-1) placed 3rd and scored 19.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 4-1 won by fall over Gunnar Knittel (Ipswich-Bowdle-Leola) 3-4 (Fall 1:47)

Quarterfinal - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 4-1 won by fall over Trace Shoemaker (Webster Area) 2-6 (Fall 0:47)

Semifinal - Landon Coyle (Miller) 7-6 won by disqualification over Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 4-1 (DQ)

Cons. Semi - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 4-1 won by fall over Mark Sandquist (Mobridge/Pollock) 7-5 (Fall 2:04)

3rd Place Match - Christian Ehresmann (Groton Area) 4-1 won by major decision over Jude Olson (Border West) 9-5 (MD 10-2)

145: Isaiah Scepaniak (1-4)

Champ. Round 1 - Gage Baumgarn (Webster Area) 2-4 won by fall over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-4 (Fall 2:00)

Cons. Round 1 - Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-4 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Blaise McGregor (Webster Area) 1-4 won by decision over Isaiah Scepaniak (Groton Area) 1-4 (Dec 6-4)

152: Easten Ekern (0-4)

Champ. Round 1 - Collin Beaner (Britton/Hecla) 8-6 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 0-4 (Fall 1:37)

Cons. Round 1 - Mitchell Guthmiller (Sioux Valley) 3-9 won by fall over Easten Ekern (Groton Area) 0-4 (Fall 0:53)

170: Cole Bisbee (2-2) placed 4th and scored 12.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 2-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 2-2 won by fall over Clark Mullaney (Sioux Valley) 1-8 (Fall 0:55)

Semifinal - Logan Opitz (Aberdeen Central) 7-7 won by decision over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 2-2 (Dec 7-2)

Cons. Semi - Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 2-2 won by major decision over Braeden Johnson (Clark/Willow Lake) 2-7 (MD 9-0)

3rd Place Match - Gunner Brueggeman (Miller) 10-4 won by fall over Cole Bisbee (Groton Area) 2-2 (Fall 0:31)

220: Gavin Englund (2-4).

Quarterfinal - Bryce Beitelspacher (Aberdeen Central) 9-5 won by fall over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 2-4 (Fall 0:50)

Cons. Round 1 - Jerome Enboden (Clark/Willow Lake) 2-4 won by fall over Gavin Englund (Groton Area) 2-4 (Fall 1:29)

Brown County Dec. 27, 2022 **Meeting Minutes**

DECEMBER 27, 2022 - GEN-

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

Pledge of Allegiance.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Amended the Agenda by moving HR Report to after Executive Session and add IMEG under Other Business. Commissioner Gage moved to approve the agenda with the amendments, seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUB-LIC COMMENT: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent just wanted to remind everyone that snow can not be pushed into the Right-Of-Ways. If you are caught there is an ordinance in place for being fined.

BUDGET SUPPLEMENT: Date and place, as advertised for 2022 Budget Supplement Hearing. No one appeared with questions or comments. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Budget Supplement for year 2022: Brown County Maintenance Department #101-5.161.432 @ \$4,518,272.23 to be funded by undesignated surplus cash in General Fund #101-1.101.99. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR LEASE OF PROPERTY: No RFP's were received.

CORONER POSITION: Micheal Carlson, Coroner has resigned effective December 31, 2022. Dave Lunzman, Sheriff Elect met with the Commission to discuss appointing him as Interim Coroner, effective January 2023 for 2 years (remainder of the term). Dave already had planned in his 2023 Budget for a Sargent position-Road Deputy. This person would be able to handle the paperwork for the Coroner position. The Sheriff's office already has a vehicle to use but there would be some one-time costs for equipment. Commissioner Wiese motioned to approve appointing Dave Lunzman Interim Coroner with approval of hiring an additional employee since it was approved in the budget. Seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGE MENT PERFORMANCE GRANT QUARTERLY REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the Quarterly Report for LEMPG – 1st Quarter. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve appointing Carrie Weisenburger as an Alternate for the Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

RADIO EOUIPMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the purchase of radio equipment: NXR-810 Kenwood Repeater @ \$2,933.00 and 4512Rn Amplifier @ \$2,250.00. This was in the 2023 Budget, and it is to switch the last of the radio towers to digital frequencies. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried. LOBBYIST CONTRACT FOR 2023: Commission Sutton shared how they did a contract with Julie Johnson for the 2022 Legislative Session, and she was a valuable asset for Brown County and would like to recommend that we do another contract for 2023 Legislative Session. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to renew the Lobbyist contract with Julie Johnson at the same rate of \$3,000 for the 2023 Legislative Session. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Commissioner Wise commented that Julie is a huge asset and appreciate her

UNION WAGES: Erica Coughlin, HR Director met with the Commission to share that they came to an agreement with the Union for wages to be implemented as of December 25, 2022 so asking the Commission to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement when received. Moved by Commissioner Wiese to approve the Union agreement and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the agreement, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

assistance.

HOLIDAYS FOR 2023: Erica

Coughlin, HR Director shared some dates with the Commission for 2023 Holidays but she was asked to check into what the State will be doing for some Holidays since it does effect some of the County offices when they are closed. Holiday schedule will be decided at the

next meeting. FAIRGROUND IMPROVE-MENT FUND: Rachel Kippley, Fair and Parks Manager met with Commission asking them to add the revenue of \$46,018 from 2021 Fair and \$14,082.75 from Centennial Village this year to the Fairground Improvement Fund. Motioned by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to move those funds to the Fairgrounds Improvement Fund. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.
MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the December 20, 2022 General Meeting Minutes. All members present

voting aye. Motion carried. CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following: Claims: Professional Fees: Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$8,541.67; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$8,541.67; Darcy Lockwood \$18.00; Depéndablé Sanitation Inc \$32,128.60; Dohrer Law Office \$8,541.67; Faulk County Sheriffs Office \$990.00; Corp \$23,744.44; Jerald M. McNeary \$8,541.67; Kennedy Pier Loftus, LLP \$141.40; Kuck Law Office \$8,541.67 Lewis & Clark BHS \$552.00; LexisNexis Risk Data Mgmt Inc \$115.00; Lucy Lewno \$260.00; Midwest Wellness Institute, PLLC \$5,984.95; NE Mental Health Center \$26,922.00; Renee S. Kruse Thornton \$177.25; Schriver's Memorial Mortuary \$150.00; SD Dept of Legislative Audit \$22,779 90: State Bar of South Dakota \$2,625.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$8,541.67; UND Forensic Pathology \$4,760.00; Valerie J. Larson \$18.00; Yankton County Sheriff Office \$200.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$352.20. Publishing: Lee Enterprises. Inc. \$101.96. Repairs & Maintenance: Brent A. Fischer \$444.00; Diebold Fixdorf, Inc \$233.00; Haar Plumbing & Heating Inc \$3,004.66; House of Glass \$3,467.71; Lien Transportation Company \$3,126.25; Mark Kolb \$2,195.00; Meister Mowing LLC \$4,400.00; Schroeder Construction Inc. \$180,825.19. Supplies: Aberdeen Awards \$105.00; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$2,830.43; Aramark Uniform & Career Apparel Group, Inc \$136.70; Avera McKennan \$1,525.42; Century Business Products \$2,574.78; Charm-Tex \$299.94; Cole Papers \$373.25; Dakota Supply Group \$71.23; FedEx \$17.39; Fordam Signs & Design \$3,117.00; House of Glass \$Ĭ12.54; Intáb LLC \$52.41; Gross Equipment \$562.03; Karen Swank \$15.00; Kesslers \$149.79; Lucy Lewno \$8.82; Menards \$11,636.84; Midstates Printing \$387.66; Northwest Divers \$2,356.00; PharmChem \$1,255,40; Runnings \$12,99; HI International \$15,013.46; Walth Safety Service Inc \$67.50; WEB Water Bottling Company \$18.00; Wooden Mallet Custom LLC \$292.20. Travel & Conference: Bill Donaldson \$12.24; Duane Jark \$18.87; Duane Sutton \$346.80; Lexipol \$1,470.00; Troy Knecht \$38.76. Utilities: Dependable Sanitation Inc \$513.00; Lumen \$182.29; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$3,196.86; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$42.10. lurv: Aaron Carson \$11.02 Abigail Cogley \$12.04; Alex Bower \$11.02; Alex Mitchell \$11.02; Allen McKiver \$12.04; Anthony LeBeau \$11.02; Arlin Myrmoe \$13.06; Arthur Marmorstein \$11.02; Austin Nellan \$12.04; Becky Mehlhoff \$13.06; Bonnié Henjúm \$12.04; Brandon Wolbeck \$30.40; Brian Werlinger \$13.06; Brock Sperry \$106.12; Carol Osterman \$39.58; Chanda Boesl \$16.12; Christina Reid \$11.02;Christopher Brockhouse \$12.04; Christopher Reder \$17.14; Daphne Elkins \$102.04; Darlys Lanz \$11.02; Debra Aman \$12.04; Dennis Dayton \$11.02; Dennis Schuchhardt \$11.02; Diane Vetch \$20.20; Dustin Vogel

\$22.24; Julie Rozell \$20.20; Kalen Kiellsen \$106.12; Kari Foss \$29.38; Katherine Bruse \$12.04; Kendel Simon \$102.04; Kevin Kayser \$11.02; Kristi Anderson \$11.02; Kristin Rigg \$13.06; Kyle Zimmer \$12.04; Lance Hanson \$39.58; Larry Fischer \$11.02; Leanna Miller \$19.18; Leslie Simon \$12.04; Linda Bladow \$11.02; Lucas Litchfield \$102.04; Lynnette Grandbois \$11.02; Marjorie Holzer \$12.04; Mary Raymond \$12.04; Matt Kranzler \$12.04; Matthew Martin \$11.02; Melissa Green \$116.32; Monica Karpinske \$12.04; Nadya Preszler \$13.06; Nevely Randle \$104.08; Nicholas King \$12.04; Norma Hall \$13.06; Olga Gonzalez \$12.04; Pamela Martyn \$14.08; Patricia Kappes \$30.40; Randy Bonn \$16.12; Rebecca Dockter \$12.04; Rhonda Dell \$11.02; Ricky Gehring \$104.08; Rita Landegent \$12.04; Robert Keil \$13.06; Ronald Anderson \$30.40; Ronald Elsen \$58.96; Ruby Tisher \$58.96; Samuel Bobby \$11.02; Sandra Hauck \$11.02; Sarah Dinger \$11.02; Scott Dunn \$118.36; Scott Rozell \$20.20; Sean Meyers \$12.04; Shannon Imbery \$13.06; Shaun Hettich \$104.08; Sheila Anderson \$11.02; Shelly Likness \$104.08; Sheri Weig \$12.04; Sherwin Nyberg \$30.40; Sierra Tunby \$50.80; Sonya Kempf \$12.04; Spencer Engélhart \$17.14; Stacey Lust \$13.06; Steven Graf \$12.04; Steven Larson \$11.02; Steven Thomas \$11.02; Tammy Babcock \$12.04; Tandy Walker \$11.02; Tara Gaulrapp \$11.02; Tara Hall \$24.28; Tracy Battest \$11.02; Tracy Klein \$14.08; Tressa Anderson \$12.04; Trevor Marquardt \$11.02; Troy Braun \$12.04; Vickie Wilson \$14.08; Virginia Davidson \$12.04; War-ren Hundstad \$12.04; William Wieland \$11.02.

Zahn \$13.06; Joshua Scheuffele

Payroll: SA \$7,131.20; Assessor \$3,986.20; Sheriff \$4,821.60; Jail \$1,298.40; JDC \$2,489.70; Museum \$1,556.00; Weed \$734.40; Highway \$4,102.40; Dispatch \$6,111.40; Landfill 2,020.00.

All members present voting ave. Motion carried.

CONTINGENCY TRANSFERS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to increase spending authority (no cash): Fund #101.5.XXX.422.99: 166 Predatory Animal @ .01; 171 Information Technology @ \$10,393.70; 172 Human Resources @ \$2,024.03; 215 JDC @ \$23,100.64; 421 County Nurse @ \$88.00; 524 Fair @ \$101,766.65. All members pres-

ent voting aye. Motion carried. AUTO BUDGET SUPPLE-MENTS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to increase spending authority and estimated revenue in the following funds for unanticipated reimbursement for expenditures: Fund #101.4.33197 @ \$38,115.36, #101.5.151.411 @ \$38,115.36 (SVAWA); Fund 101.4.37300 @ 232,478.62, #101.5.161.42597 \$199,765.11, #101.5.512.42518 @ \$4,099.94, #101.5.523.42500 @ \$28,613.57. All members present voting aye. Motion

SHERIFF REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following November 2022 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Resolution #63-22

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County

South Dakota, that the plat showing "Palmyra Farmhouse Addition in the SW 1/2 of Section 18-Township 128 North, Range 65 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 amend-ments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolu-

tion adopted. Resolution #64-22

Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Emmett's First Subdivision in the SE ¼ of Section 30-T124 N-R64W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #65-22 Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County,

South Dakota, that the plat showing "David and Sara Vetch First Addition in the SE ¼ of Section 26-T124N-R64W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota," having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #66-22 Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Columbia Park First Addition to the City of Columbia, in the SE ¼ of Section 29-T125N-R62W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota," having been examined, is hereby ap proved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof." Seconder by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #67-22 Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Columbia Park Second Addition to the City of Columbia, in the SW ¼ of Section 28-T125N-R62W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota, having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #68-22 Commissioner Wiese brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plát showing "Prairie's Edge Fifteenth Addition in the NW 1/4 of Section Township 123 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 Commissioner Gage. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

ZONING ORDINANCES - SET

HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to set hearing date and authorize advertising for first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held January 10, 2023 in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD: Proposed Ordinance 239, applicants Nicole Kempf, Personal Representative of the Estate of Daniel C. Kempf requesting to move from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) for Proposed Lot 1 to bring this parcel into compliance for its future use: Proposed Lot 1, "Palmyra Farmhouse Addition" in the 5W ¼ of Section 18-T128N-65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (10260 373rd Ave., Palmyra Twp.). Proposed Ordinance 240, Lucas & Mary Keahey and CJ Lane is hereby granted and Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use: The South 250' of the East 963', Except Road R.O.W., and the 337' North of the South 250' the Fast 96 R.O.W., both in the NE1/4 of Section 19-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. (13341 & 13345 383rd Ave., Aberdeen Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion

OTHER BUSINESS: Chelsey Sheridan and Michael Gutenkauf, from IMEG shared with the Commissioners their findings on the Bridge Inspections they did in Brown County. They inspected 82 Bridges in 2022 – Brown County Average Sufficiency rating for 2022 is 83.5 which is higher than the State's average.

Commissioner Sutton commented that he would like to the Thank the Highway Department, Sheriff's Office, and Emergency Management for all they have done and endured due to the high amount of snow we have received.

Amended Resolution #R-47-22 for the Levy amount per Department of Kevenue, going from 3.645 to 3.598.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss Personnel and Legal per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The

chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report: Approve the following title changes effective 12-25-2022: Rachel Kippley to Brown County Fair & Parks Manager; Brown County Correctional Officer to Detention Officers; Auditor's office manager to Senior Deputy officer; Equalization office manager to Administrative Assistant; Equalization Secretary to Appraisal Technician; Equalization Appraiser to Real Property Appraiser; Equalization_Senior Appraiser to Senior Real Property Appraiser; HR assistant to HR Specialist; Landfill office manager to Administrative Assistant; Landfill Equipment Operator/ LG to Heavy Equipment Operator; Mickey Schulz from Custodian to Building and Grounds Main-tenance Worker; Custodian to Building Service Worker; Curator to Curator of Education, Curator of Collections, Curator of Exhibits; Planning and Zoning Tech to Planning and Zoning Specialist; Highway Secretary to Administrative Assistant; LG 3 to Truck Driver; LG 4 to Equipment Operator; LG 5 to Roads and Bridges Crewleader; John Florey from Foreman to Roads and Bridges Operations Supervisor; Kendell Titze from Assistant Superintendent to Roads and Bridges Operations Supervisor; States Attorney Secretary to Legal Assistant; Sheriff's Department Office Manager to Administrative Coordinator; Sheriff Department Administrative Assistant to Records Technician; Kent Jones from Communications Director to 911 Communications Manager; Sarah Jesz from Assistant Communications Director to Assistant 911 Communications Manager; Shift Supervisor to 911 Shift Supervisor; Dispatcher to Communications Officer; HD Correctional Officer to HD Detention Officer; HD Supervisor to HD Sergeant; HD Correctional Officer to HD Detention Officer: Jail Office Manager to Adminis trative Assistant; Jail Correctional Officer to Jail Detention Officer: Jail Supervisor to Jail Administrator; Ryan McClain to Jail Records Technician; Michael Janes Cook to Kitchen Manager; Monica Hein Jail Nurse to Licensed Practical Nurse; JDC Correctional Officer to JDĆ Detention Officer; Gerald Lehrkamp and Michael Rohr-bach to Weed and Pest Control

Technician. Reclassification of the following effective 12-25-2022: Mckenzie Bierman to Brown County Fair & Parks Event Coordinator; Jerry Lehrkamp when working for the Brown County Highway to mechanic; Joshua Matthews to Brown County Highway to Crew Leader; Cory Lane to Brown County IT Senior support specialist; Saŕah Swisher to Chief Legal Assistant; Linn Kamin Jail Administrator, from hourly to salaried employee; Sarah Jesz, Assistant 911 Communications Manager, from hourly to salaried employee; Kristin Boeshans, Curator of Education, from parttime to full-time; starting wage \$21.72/hour; \$1.00 differential for special duties within the iail. JDC, such as passing meds to inmates and deputies, such as firearms training, taser training, and field training officer.

Wage increases as submitted effective December 25, 2022 for a pay date of January 13, 2023: All eligible employees per hour: Lynn Heupel @ 38.46; Janel Hettich @ 27.80; Joshua Walberg @ 28.49; David Engraf @ 22.82; Stephanie Jacobson @ 21.72; Stacey Usselman @ 19.67; McKenzie Bierman @ 24.57; Rachel Kippley @ 33.87; Daniel Schlosser @ 22.82; Scott Meints @ 33.87; Patti Woods @ 27.80; Polly Rush @ 23.97; Stephanie Morgan @ 18.27; Russell Metz @ 29.21; Gene Loeschke @ 33.87; Kathryn Fischer @ 26.46; Joseph Kraft @ 24.57; Barry Kusler @ 25.81; Sarah Swenson @ 27.80; Scott Madsen @ 33.04; Erica Coughlin @ 40.26; Jessica Johnson @ 22.26; Patrick Wolberg @ 44.44; Cory Lane @ 29.21; Robert Baumgartner @ 23.97; Jarell Arndt @ 23.39; Jason Kallenberger @ 23.97; Terry Lout @ 23.97; Michael Scott @ 33.87; Kyle Price @ 27.80; Mickey Schulz @ 20.67; Judy Dosch @ 33.87; Monty Forsting @ 17.82; Joel Ŕandall´@ 16.96; Kristin Boeshans @ 21.72; Brandon Duxbury @ 21.72; Sherri Rawstern @ 22.82; Marianne Marttila-Klipfel @ 22.26; Patricia Kendall @ 29.21; Cliften Bader @ 41.27; Dorion 'Chris' Anderson @ 24.57; Ronald Keller @ 24.57; Cindy Eppard @ 20.67; Matthew Heunel @ 22.26: Brad Nehlich @ 22.82; Joshua Ulmer @ 22.26; Kurt Pigors @ 23.97; Paul Wipf @ 24.57; Casey Jensen @ 23.97; Nicholas Juenger @ 23.97; Dean Zumbaum @ 23.97; Joshua Mat-

thews @ 23.39; John Florey @

29.21; Kendell Titze @ 29.94; Dirk Rogers @ 41.27; Jerry Bjer-ke @ 20.67; Troy Grote @ 21.72; Charles Gruenstein @ 21.72; Joseph Keough @ 21.19; Kyle Kost @ 21.72; Dwain Otte @ 21.19; Jeffrey Seiler @ 20.67; Mariann Malsom @ 38.46; Martha Stohr @ 19.67; Anne Dohman @ 20.17; Andrew Janusz @ 20.67; Cindy Woodford @ 20.67; Ernest Thompson @ 55.29; Penny Hart @ 27.80; Sara Swisher @ 25.18; Laurie Richardson @ 35.58; Karla Nelson @ 36.47; Kelis Vinger @ 29.18; Jessica Rychlik @ 20.17; Lisa Sampson @ 20.17; Ross Aldentaler @ 41.27; Jen-nifer Stoddard @ 40.26; Cortney Paul @ 25.81; Dave Lunzman @ 48.08; Sandra Woytassek @ 25.18: Jonathan Lemke @ 39.28: Keith Baker @ 28.49; Brandon Black @ 27.80; Daniel Bray @ 27.12; Terrence Evans @ 29.94; Michael Hill @ 27.12; Kasey Kurtz @ 25.81; Ermelinda Marcuson @ 27.12; Brandon Mills @ 26.46; Benjamin Smith @ 29.21; Anthony Sorensen @ 27.12; Erin Spencer @ 25.81; Gavin Wright @ 27.12; Russell Ochsner @ 24.57; Wesley Graff @ 29.21; Kristin Barstad @ 22.82; Jesse Milbrandt @ 23.39; Lynn Zacher @ 18.73; Kenton Jones @ 37.39; Dawn Allam @ 27.80; Aaron Gasser @ 27.80; Candace Rohrbach @ 25.18; Tonya Walth @ 28.49; Sarah Jesz @ 30.68; Morgan Bingham @ 22.26; Jill Crosby 22.82; Jordenne Ducheny @ 21.19; Sierra Kamin @ 22.26; Nichole Krenz @ 22.26; Makayla Madsen @ 22.26; Haydn Podoll @ 22.82; Mckenzie Śerfoss @ 21.19; Paige Smit @ 22.82; Stacie Wasem @ 23.97; Jerremias Vega @ 21.72; Samiuela Mounga 26.46; Danica Hillestad @ 21.72: Nathan Smith @ 29.21: Dawson Anderson @ 20.67 Alondra Caraballo-Sambolin @ 20.67; Michael Ellerbusch @ 21.19; Laura Dixon @ 20.67; Shanae Florence @ 20.67; Lesli Geranen @ 21.19; Ty Gibson @ 21.19; Samuel Hoppock @ 21.72; James Marnette @ 20.67; Makayla Jenniges @ 21.19; Kari Harmon @ 20.67; Tyler Richards @ 20.67; Heather Kulwicki @ 20.67; Cody Richards @ 20.67; Brandon Richardson @ 20.67; Savanna Simon @ 20.67; Patricia Slutts @ 20.67; Caid Verzani @ 20.67; Ellie Weinmeister @ 21.19; Brett Wilson @ 20.67; Linn Kamin @ 33.87; Ryan Mc-Clain @ 20.67; Michael Janes @ 19.19; Joann Hatzenbeller @ 16.96; Monica Hein @ 31.45; Austin Ball @ 25.81; John Clark @ 26.46; Meagan Delahanty @ 26.46; Cynthia Mitchell @ 27.12; Tannér Podoll @ 25.81; Rachel Wilson @ 26.46; Jacob Carrillo @ 21.19; Troy Knebel @ 20.67; Kristal Koens @ 24.57; Jennifer Kolb @ 21.19; Johann Kolb @ 21.19; Rhaecine Sam @ 20.67; Alexander Engel @ 21.19; Makendra Ochsner @ 20.67 Fadia Champlain @ 26.46; Madeline Ellerbusch @ 25.81; Patty Vanmeter @ 38.46; Dorene Borchard @ 29.21; Cynthia Meyers @ 29.21; Tracy Engquist @ 20.67; Jolene Forsting @ 20.67; Elizabeth Hovendick @ 20.17; Jo Sheffield @ 20.67; Brandi Trusty @ 19.67; Aaron Walberg @ 29.21; Christopher Hemen @ 26.46; Gerald Lehrkamp @ 22.82; Michael Rohrbach @ 22.82; Roxanne Hilgenberg @ 29.21. Part-Time Employees per hour (\$2.00 increase): Jon Daschel @ 14.60; Macy Mikkelson @ 13.96; Jason Reed @ 14.08; Richard Schooley 14.60; Jennifer Hopkins @ 16.42; Levi Margollies @ 16.42; Henry Fulda @ 17.80; Maggie Bell @ 16.76; Doreen Howell @ 16.76; Joseph Embury @ 18.48; Julie Hermansen @ 16.76; Tobias Stugelmayer @ 18.55; Rhonda Kvernevig @ 18.55; Steven Ramsdell @ 18.55; Lori Goldade @ 18.55. Per Pay Period – Commissioners (2.5% increase): Duane Sutton @ 913.85; Mike Wiese @ 913.85; Dennis Feickert @ 913.85; Doug Fjeldheim @ 913.85; Mike Gage @ 913.85.

Side note: Kelsi Vinger with the Brown County State's Attorney office, JDAI, wage as of 12.25.2022, \$53,693.01/year plus \$7,000/year for the grant, for a total of \$60,693.01/year; effective 12.25.2022. The grant is scheduled to end on 6-30-2023; at that time, the \$7,000 will be subtracted from the annual wage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:47 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County

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New law makes selling homemade foods directly to consumers easier in South Dakota

by Scott Waltman **South Dakota News Watch**

A new law that makes it easier for people to sell homemade foods directly to consumers in South Dakota could expand business opportunities for small producers and increase product offerings at homes, farmers markets, fairs and roadside stands.

House Bill 1322 was passed unanimously by the state Legislature in 2022, andd was signed into law by Gov. Kristi Noem. It took effect July 1, 2022.

The law aims to eliminate logistical and testing hurdles for people who want to sell certain homemade or home-produced foods, known as cottage foods. Proponents say it opens the way for more people to make a living or enhance their incomes by selling products they made at home. The measure is also seen by supporters as a way to create new jobs, especially in rural parts of the state.



Marli Wiese

The measure removes some expen- said. sive and time-consuming requirements that were arbitrary in made selling homedifficult than in many neighboring states, said Rep. Marli Wiese, bill earlier this year.

recover from the pandemic, home-based

create jobs and expand access to local food, especially in rural areas if they are not limited by unnecessary regulation," Wiese said in support of the measure.

The law specifically covers non-temperature controlled foods prepared at a residence, like home-processed canned goods and baked goods, though it extends to other products, too. Meat-based products and honey will still be subject to testing and regulatory approval prior to sale.

Under the old language, only homemade, shelf-stable baked and canned goods could be sold. The new law allows more homemade products like soup mixes, candy, kimchee, frozen-cut fruits and vegetables, salsas, kuchen, quiche and other items to be sold. new and the farmers market season is over in Weise said the law is needed even more in the post-pandemic era as supply chain problems and rising prices have reduced availability of for those who offer homemade foods to sell foods at some grocery stores.

than laws in our neighing states," Weise said. "Across the country, states are expanding their cottage food laws to safely create economic opportunities for food entrepreneurs and to help increase access to local foods."

Lisa Nolan, a lobbyist for Americans for Proslaw is needed to expand "food freedom" in South Dakota, while also eliminating a barrier Nolan testified that the law could expand income opportunities for people who may not be able to work traditional jobs, such as disabled people, military spouses, immigrant families or daycare providers.

"It's an attractive avenue for entrepreneurs rural areas," Nolan said. "There's a myriad of benefits to products and consumers alike."



Consumers may see more homemade foods for sale at farmers markets and roadside stands now that a new state law has taken effect. Photo: Courtesv BHFM Face-

All of those items previously had to be sent to a lab for approval by a third-party processing authority, which was a lengthy and costly process. South Dakota has only one product testing lab and one employee overseeing testing, slowing the process even further, Weise

Now, those who want to offer such homemade products need only to take an online class every five years. They also need to admany cases and which here to state sales tax laws to sell their items.

The training costs \$40 and lasts between made products more four and six hours, said Curtis Braun, South Dakota State University Extension food safety specialist.

SDSU Extension announced in late November R-Madison, a farmer that the training classes are now available. who introduced the The course has been approved by the South Dakota Department of Health and is available "As South Dakotans" on the South Dakota Cottage Home Processing Food Safety page, Braun said.

Barbara Cromwell, manager of the Black Hills food businesses can Farmers Market in Rapid City, testified in favor of the bill and believes it will loosen restrictions so more people can buy and sell their homemade and home-processed foods. During a December interview with South Dakota News Watch, she said it will be interesting to see what new vendors and products show up at the farmers market thanks to the legislation.

She offered a simple example of how the new law could make things easier. In the past, a cupcake with buttercream frosting was restricted because the icing contained dairy. Going forward, small issues like that should be cleared up and sales will be more quickly and easily allowed.

But knowing exactly how everything will work will probably take some time. The training is South Dakota, she said.

The new policy should also make it easier their businesses or pass them down to a family "Our cottage food laws are more restrictive member because the inspection process has been eliminated, she said.

So far, there has been little feedback on the new cottage foods law, Braun said, but discussions may pick up when the market re-opens in January 2023.

People who make food at home they hope perity, told lawmakers that the cottage foods to sell seem happy with the measure, he said, because there are fewer regulatory hoops to jump through. But different people and groups to self-employment and entrepreneurship. could have different approaches to how they adapt to the law, he said.

Some sellers might have some uncertainty when it comes to low-moisture foods like jerky and honey, Braun said. Those items can be produced in homes, but they are still subject to inspection, he said, because they are not and especially for women in rural district or addressed in the new law. Meat still needs to be inspected through a U.S. Department of

Agriculture program, whereas honey needs to be inspected by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, he said.

But, Braun said, there should be enough information to steer people away from homemade and home-processed foods that can't be sold without inspection. And if there are questions, extension experts can help clarify the details.

Eventual modifications to the law could address some of the foods not covered in the new legislation, Braun said.

Some folks might be a little nervous about acidic foods like salsa that are a little more risky given their pH levels. But, he said, the law is designed to keep consumers safe and make life easier for producers.

During final committee debate during the legislative session, no opponents spoke against the measure. Previously, the South Dakota Retailors Association had suggested amendments for clarity. Those were made and approved and the bill sailed through the Senate 34-0 and the House 70-0 before it was signed by Noem.

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Dear EarthTalk: What's on the Supreme Court's docket in terms of cases with any bearing on nature, wildlife or the environment? Historically has the Court tended to be friend or foe to the environment?

S. Jackson, Miami, FL

There has been little consistency in Supreme Court rulings on environmental protection over the years, mainly because such protections are not directly addressed in the Constitution. That said, all of the Court's recent decisions have leaned conservative. In June of 2022, the Court ruled 6-3 in West Virginia v. EPA that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) did not have the ability to regulate carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions. This decision gutted many regulations designed to fight climate change. However, Congress' subsequent passage of the Inflation Reduction Act in November 2022 circumvented the contentious ruling by specifically earmarking funding for domestic energy production and renewable energy. The bill defines CO2 as a



pollutant, which puts these emissions back under the EPA's purview.

Several cases on the Court's docket with environmental tie-ins are likely to be decided in 2023. To wit, in Sackett v. EPA, Chantell and Michael Sackett are suing the EPA for ordering them to cease building an unpermitted house on a lot which contains wetlands. The Sacketts argue that this is "overreach" since their proposed home, although next to a tributary of Idaho's Priest Lake, is intended to be a few hundred feet from the lake itself. The EPA says that the wetlands are under its jurisdiction because of the "significant nexus" test to determine how federal waters would be impacted by development. This test can be hard to define and understand because hydrology varies in different locations. The Court seems likely to try to create a new measurement, which could have consequences far bevond rural Idaho.

Another as yet undecided case is National Pork Producers v. Ross, concerning California's Animal Farm Confinement Initiative, which prohibits the knowing sale of pork from facilities that confine sows in less than 24 square feet. The initiative is designed to prevent animal cruelty and decrease the risk of zoonotic (animal to human) diseases. The National Pork Producers Council argues that this is, in effect, regulation of pork production outside the state, in violation of the Constitution's "dormant commerce" clause. The 2023 ruling will have ramifications for animal welfare, but it may also open up challenges to states' environmental regulations depending on the



While the Supreme Court has not been consistent on environmental rulings over the years, lately its decisions have skewed conservative. Credit: Lara Jameson, Pexels.

Several historic cases have had significant impacts on environmental policy. One was 1920's Missouri v. Holland, in which the Court ruled that an international treaty protecting some migratory birds did not violate the 10th amendment, overruling states' rights in the process. Another landmark environmental case is 1972's Sierra Club v. Morton in which the Court rejected a Sierra Club lawsuit to block the development of a ski resort at Mineral King in the Sierra Nevada mountains as the plaintiff did not allege any direct injury. Justice William O. Douglas wrote a famous dissent which still inspires environmental and animal rights advocates to this day arguing that ecological features should be given the protection of legal personhood.

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"Grief and Love"

riting about grief is like writing about life—huge! Where does one start? It is like describing love: basically impossible. The comedian and late-



night host Stephen Colbert lost his father and two older brothers in a tragic accident when he was young, and said, about grief, "It is a gift to exist, and with that gift comes suffering. If I am grateful for life, I must be grateful for all of it. I hope that grief stays with me because it is all the unexpressed love I didn't get to tell you."

So even though grief may be difficult to describe, I'm working to do what Rick taught me: to share my grief publicly, as he did his death. As I've sought to live with my grief, I have found tips and ideas that have helped. Not every tip will be pertinent to every person, so use judgement as you address someone in grief.

 Talk about the one who has died. They are generally the grieving person's favorite subject

 Contact the person in grief frequently. Loneliness can be consuming. Remember birthdays and anniversaries, which can be emotional triggers for the one grieving.

 Include the grieving person in activities. Sometimes getting away from the grief can be a relief.

 Offer to help a person in grief with household chores, as these tasks can become overwhelming. Better yet, just show up and help!

 Be aware that grief can be like a roller coaster, high one day and low on another. Grief can be exhausting. Realize that a person in grief may need extra rest.

 Consider the vulnerability it takes for a grieving person to ask for help. The grieving person may suffer in silence rather than admit defeat.

 And last for this incomplete list: grief has no right or wrong and no timeline. Every individual is different.

The songwriter Nick Cave said "It seems to me, that if we love, we grieve. That's the deal. That's the pact. Grief and love are forever intertwined. Grief is the terrible reminder of the depths of our love and, like love, grief is non-negotiable."

Rick showed us, courageously, how to face death while honoring life, with love and joy instead of dread. Now maybe those of us who grieve can see the shape of our love in our grief. The poet John Roedel wrote: "Your grief is a temple in your heart that honors that love."

I hope that I continue to find wisdom in this grief as I continue my

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