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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 holidays—certainly 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 them up.

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

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. 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 nearly-naked, 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 "something good."

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



That's Life

by Tony Bender

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) & B & B contracting (\$835.00)

Sewer NWPS (\$52.66), Public Health Lab (\$30.00), NRW -loan repayment (\$210.13)

Water 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).

NEW BUSINESS:
No new business or old business discussed.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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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.

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 meetings, 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
Brown County Auditor
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Brown County Keahey/Lane Rezoning


NOTICE

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
Brown County Auditor
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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, AgVise 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 pccconservationdist@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
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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 Wunsch, 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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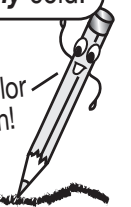
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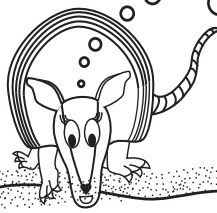


Where Do Animals Go in Winter?

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?

In

What do they do?



I hate the cold!

Out

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.



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.



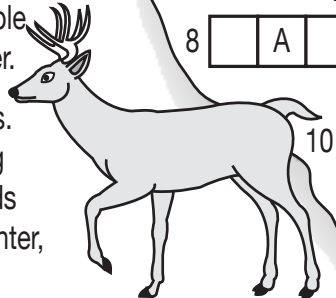
2. I have an underground home. I store seeds and nuts for snacks, but sleep during the coldest days.

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.

5. We gather in herds in the woods. We stay busy in the winter, eating bark and twigs. Males in our herds lose their antlers at the end of winter, but grow new ones in the spring.



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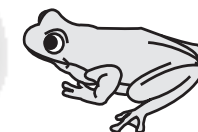
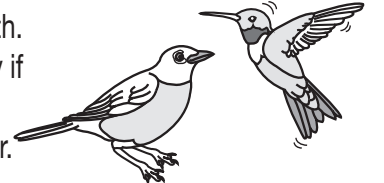
6. I live in the land and carry my home on my back. I squeeze myself into cracks in rocks or into the earth. I pull into my shell, seal the opening and go to sleep all winter.



7. I use sticks, branches and mud to build my home. The entrance is in the water, so I can go for a swim even if the pond is covered with ice.

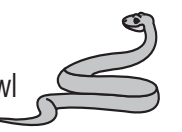
8. I put on my white coat when winter comes. It is hard to see me hopping in the snow as I look for weeds, buds or bark to eat.

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



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

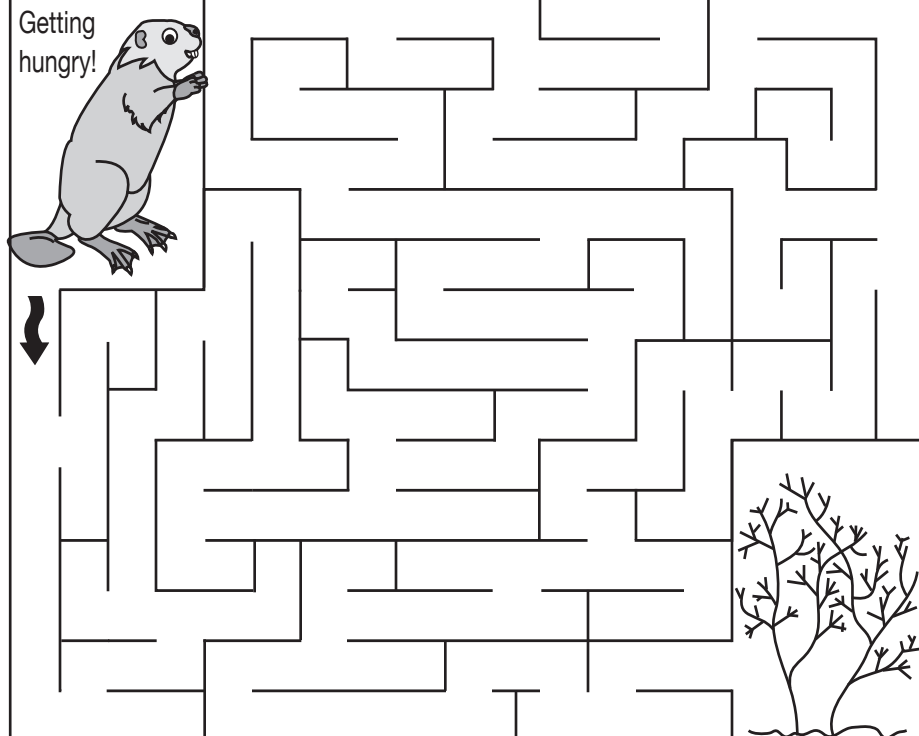
11. I will use an old animal hole, stone wall, fallen tree or rocky cave to crawl into for my long, deep, winter sleep.



Winter Food Storage

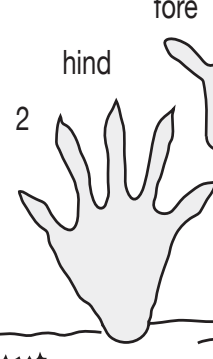
In winter, the entrance to a beaver's den is in the water under the ice. A beaver builds a storage place for food (bark, stems) at the bottom of the path. Can you help this beaver get to his food?

Getting hungry!



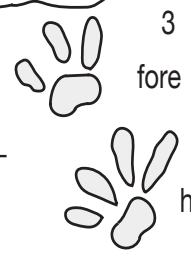
Footprints in the Snow!

Some animals are very active during the cold winter months. What three animals visited this place, leaving these footprints for us to see?



Hint: fore = front hind = back

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- 2. s q _ _ _ r r _ _ l
- 3. r _ _ b b _ _ t



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Pop Quiz!

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

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

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.

- 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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Pop Quiz!

Do Bears *Truly* Hibernate?



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

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



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



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)



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)



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



Jerica Locke brings the ball up court as the Tiger point guard. (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 each, 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 with 10 points followed by Rylee Dunker with six, Faith Traphagen, Jaedyn Penning, Elizabeth Flihs 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.

- Paul Kosel

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 had 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 Flihs 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 percent and two of 10 three-pointers for 20 percent. The Coyotes made three of 10 shots for 30 percent.

Jolene Krantz led the Coyotes with five points while Carlee Mushitz had three and Dashaya Koch had 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 Flihs each had three points and Kennedy Hansen and Rylee Dunker each had two points.

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- Paul Kosel

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 () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Wyatt Wientjes (Moberg/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 (Moberg/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)

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 Bethke 512

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

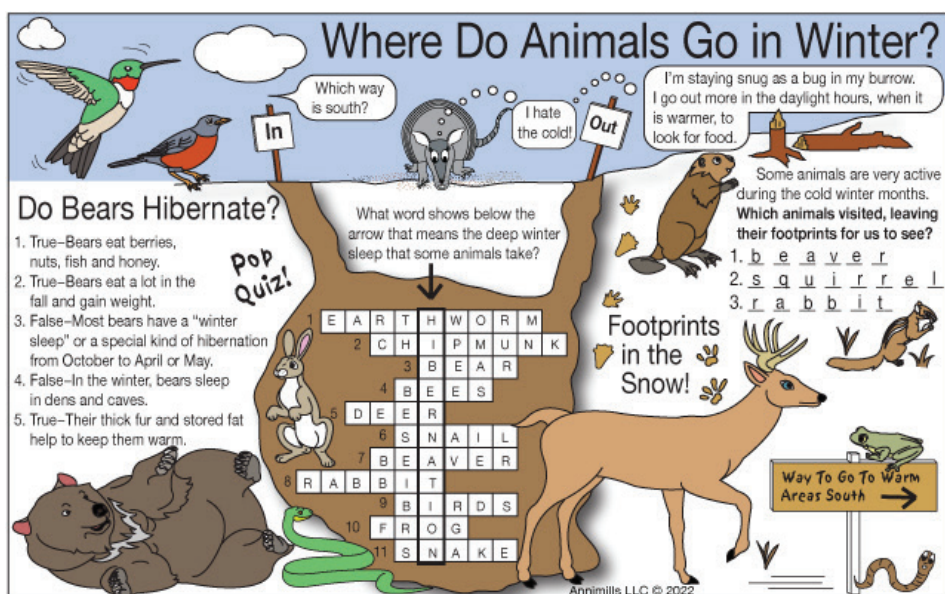
Men's High Games: Mike Siegler - 207, Tony Waage & Lance Frohling - 191, Brad Larson - 185

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!



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, and 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 expensive and time-consuming requirements that were arbitrary in many cases and which made selling homemade products more difficult than in many neighboring states, said Rep. Marli Wiese, R-Madison, a farmer who introduced the bill earlier this year.

"As South Dakotans recover from the pandemic, home-based food businesses can

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. Wiese said the law is needed even more in the post-pandemic era as supply chain problems and rising prices have reduced availability of foods at some grocery stores.

"Our cottage food laws are more restrictive than laws in our neighboring states," Wiese 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 Prosperity, told lawmakers that the cottage foods law is needed to expand "food freedom" in South Dakota, while also eliminating a barrier to self-employment and entrepreneurship. 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 and especially for women in rural district or 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: Courtesy BHFM Facebook page

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 said.

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

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

SDSU Extension announced in late November that the training classes are now available. The course has been approved by the South Dakota Department of Health and is available on the South Dakota Cottage Home Processing Food Safety page, Braun said.

Barbara Cromwell, manager of the Black Hills 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 new and the farmers market season is over in South Dakota, she said.

The new policy should also make it easier for those who offer homemade foods to sell their businesses or pass them down to a family 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 to sell seem happy with the measure, he said, because there are fewer regulatory hoops to jump through. But different people and groups 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 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 Retailers 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 beyond 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 Court's interpretation.



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"

Writing 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 journey.

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