# **The Groton SD & Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022 & Established in 1889**



Lunch workers in the grain bin borrowed from Darrell Hillestad and Brett Anderson include Lisa Adler, Valerie Baker, Darlene Daly and Suzie Easthouse.



Dacotah Bank donated 1,000 bottles of water this year!



Groton Area High School yearbook staff took pictures for \$10 at Pumpkin Fest. Here is an image taken by leader Kristi Peterson of 2 Pumpkineers- Topper Tastad and April Abeln





A free will lunch was served from 11am-1pm with food and supplies being donated by Ken's Food Fair, Groton Dairy Queen, Base Kamp Lodge, Professional Managment Services, and Bierman Farm Services.

Groton hosts seventh annual Pumpkin Fest (Photos by April Abeln)



Deb Fredrickson, active Lions Club member has helped at the prize registration table for the past few years. Prizes were donated by many Groton businesses include JVT, Weber Landscaping, the Groton Transit, POET and several others.



Bruce Babcock and Perry Blocker have been hay ride drivers for the last several years and have helped with prep work and cleanup as well.





Mayor Scott Hanlon pictured with some of the kitchen crew.



Pictured here is Dave McGannon moving a footstool to help riders get on and off the hayrides. Every year, McGannon lines up the hayrides- including the side by sides, trailers and drivers. He has also been a vital part of tending to the pumpkin patch with Steve Herron being the main gardener. Over the years McGannon's two sons and several grand children have also started volunteering for the event. Pumpkins are also grown yearly at a patch owned and tended to by Joe Foertsch. Hope Block has been a face painter for many years and is pictured here having so much fun customizing artwork for all! Other face painters were Karyn Babcock, Lori Westby and Hollie Frost.



All face painters pictured here.

Train drivers were Katelyn Nehlich and Steve Gebur. Lyle Schaunaman, father of Julie Milbrandt so graciously lends his train to Pumpkin Fest every year. Darlene Daly and Topper Tastad helped with train ride lineup this year.

#### Stats for Pumpkin Fest 2022 by April Abeln

520 Hot Dogs, 300 Brats 800 Hot Dog Buns 1000 bags of chips 440 Hamburgers 440 Hamburger Buns 27 bottles of condiments 16 cans of beans 1000 bottles of water 17,055 steps Too many pumpkins, face tattoos/paintings to count Dozens of awesome volunteers

And over \$3000 in donations!

# Heroes are hard to find

Maybe it's old fashioned. Maybe it's passe, but I think we still expect our heroes to be heroes, so when they turn out to be predictably flawed, rotten even, we're left trying to sort their accomplishments and greatness from their shortcomings.

I'm talking about Brett Favre, the goodold-boy quarterback gunslinger who gave us so many memorable moments between the white lines, who now looks like he should be in prison stripes. He's knee-deep in a Mississippi scandal in which some welfare dollars were steered, with the help of Gov. Phil Bryant, through Favre's charity (ostensibly one to help disabled children and breast cancer patients) to the University of Southern Mississippi, specifically to upgrade Favre's daughter's volleyball team's facility.

A chunk went into Favre's pocket in exchange for promotional efforts, and one unearthed text is revealing. "If you were to pay me is there anyway the media can find out where it came from and how much?"

Think about it. He took federal dollars earmarked to help the poorest of the poor and sickest of the sick in the most poverty-ridden state in the nation. He may not go to jail. He may not even be charged with anything, but the cost to Favre is dear, his reputation.

This hurts fans even more. Favre's persona, his on-field grit, was so likable many of us were willing to look past his sleazy overtures to a New York Jets employee in 2008. But, heck, we knowingly elected a president who did worse than that.

Have American standards slipped or were they a myth?

Pittsburgh Steelers fans looked the other way when it became obvious that their stellar quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger, was a rapist, and tacitly accepted the whole "now I've found Jesus" public relations rehabilitation effort. The Cleveland Browns made Deshaun Watson, on the hook in two-dozen civil cases with massage therapists, the highest-paid guarterback in the league. They're betting fans hate losing more than sleaze. A logical, if callous bet.

All of this reminds me of the title of an old Fleetwood Mac album, "Heroes are Hard to Find." Christine McVie had it right.

Maybe we have to compartmentalize. I still think Michael Jackson was an epic performer. I still appreciate his music, but there's a taint to it now. Charles Lindbergh was one of America's greatest heroes. And an anti-semite, and boy,



that's a long list.

Nobody's perfect. Hateful flaws are difficult to look past, however.

Maybe Charles Barkley, a man known to throw trouble-makers through plate glass windows, was right when he declared that he and other athletes shouldn't be role models. Maybe it comes down to this: does the good outweigh the bad? What do you find forgivable? What do you find

understandable? What do you find relatable? I don't have the answers. Only questions. I'm still sorting through this myself.

This sort of thing is harder for idealists, and I, unabashedly, am one of those thusly cursed. I want to believe the best about people. When you build people up, though, it's a long way down.

When I was a news director for a large company, one of my hires, an admired friend, was accused of plagiarism. I couldn't believe it. He was so naturally gifted he didn't need to steal anyone else's material. Finally, my general manager called me to his office and we compared my friend's columns to a Lewis Grizzard collection. There it was in newspaper ink, word for word. Theft. Who copies one of America's most beloved writers and expects to get away with it? I can't begin to understand the psychology of that.

My boss then said something to me in his smooth Tennessee drawl that I've held onto since even though it pains me. "Tony, people are going to disappoint you." Somehow, I found some consolation in those words. Or a least a more realistic understanding of people. Lowered expectations.

I flew up the next day and walked into the the same soon. newspaper office.

The plagiarist looked up, startled. "Are you here to fire me?"

"Yup."

The right thing to do would have been to report why he was fired, but I believe in second chances, so I said nothing. Until he got another newspaper job and did it again.

His sins had become mine.

God help me, I haven't given up on people. But Heroes are Hard to Find.

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# Weekly Vikings Recap -Week 4

#### By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

For the second week in a row, the Vikings found a way to win despite a somewhat ugly performance overall. Coming into the game Sunday, the Vikings had all things in their favor as the Saints were missing their starting quarterback, running back, and wide receiver. And as the game progressed, the Vikings seem to also have the favor of the referees on their side. Despite all of this, the Vikings failed to dominate the Saints the way a good team should under those circumstances. However, thanks to a "double-doink" by Saints' kicker Will Lutz, the Vikings managed to come away with a win, and will now head back home from London with a 3-1 record.

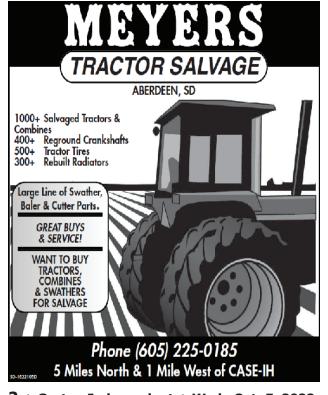
The player of the game for the Vikings was Justin Jefferson. After two sub-par performances over the last two weeks, Jefferson put on a show for the fans in London with a 10 reception, 147-yard game. And, when the game was on the line late in the 4th guarter, Jefferson was able to get by Saints' pro bowl cornerback, Marshon Lattimore, on a deep route and put the Vikings in position to kick the eventual game-winning field goal.

After four games, I think it is safe to say that the Vikings' special teams unit has been the most reliable, consistent unit on the team. First, kicker Greg Joseph was a perfect 5/5 on his field goal attempts today. Coming into the game, Joseph had never made five field goals in one game in his entire career. Also, punter Ryan Wright punted the ball well today and even completed a 13-yard pass to Jalen Nailor on a fake punt in the third quarter. Although it is nice to have a special teams unit that consistently takes advantage of its opportunities, the hope now for the Vikings is that both its offensive and defensive units will start to do

As for the Vikings' offense, they have failed to be as crisp as you would want from a unit that has so much talent on it. For some reason, they have managed to leave many points on the board this season. Today, the Vikings had multiple drives that should have ended in touchdowns but instead resulted in field goals because of simple mistakes. First, Johnny Mundt dropped a pass on third-down that would have put the Vikings in first-andgoal territory. Later in the game, Kirk Cousins threw the ball behind Justin Jefferson in the end zone, which caused Jefferson to miss an easy touchdown. If the Vikings can clean these things up, the offense could finally reach its true explosive potential.

In other news, the Vikings will sadly be without Lewis Cine for the rest of the season. The first-round rookie suffered a broken ankle on a punt return during the game and had to be carted off the field. Although injuries are a part of football, it is sad to see such a young, energetic player have such a brutal injury this early into his career.

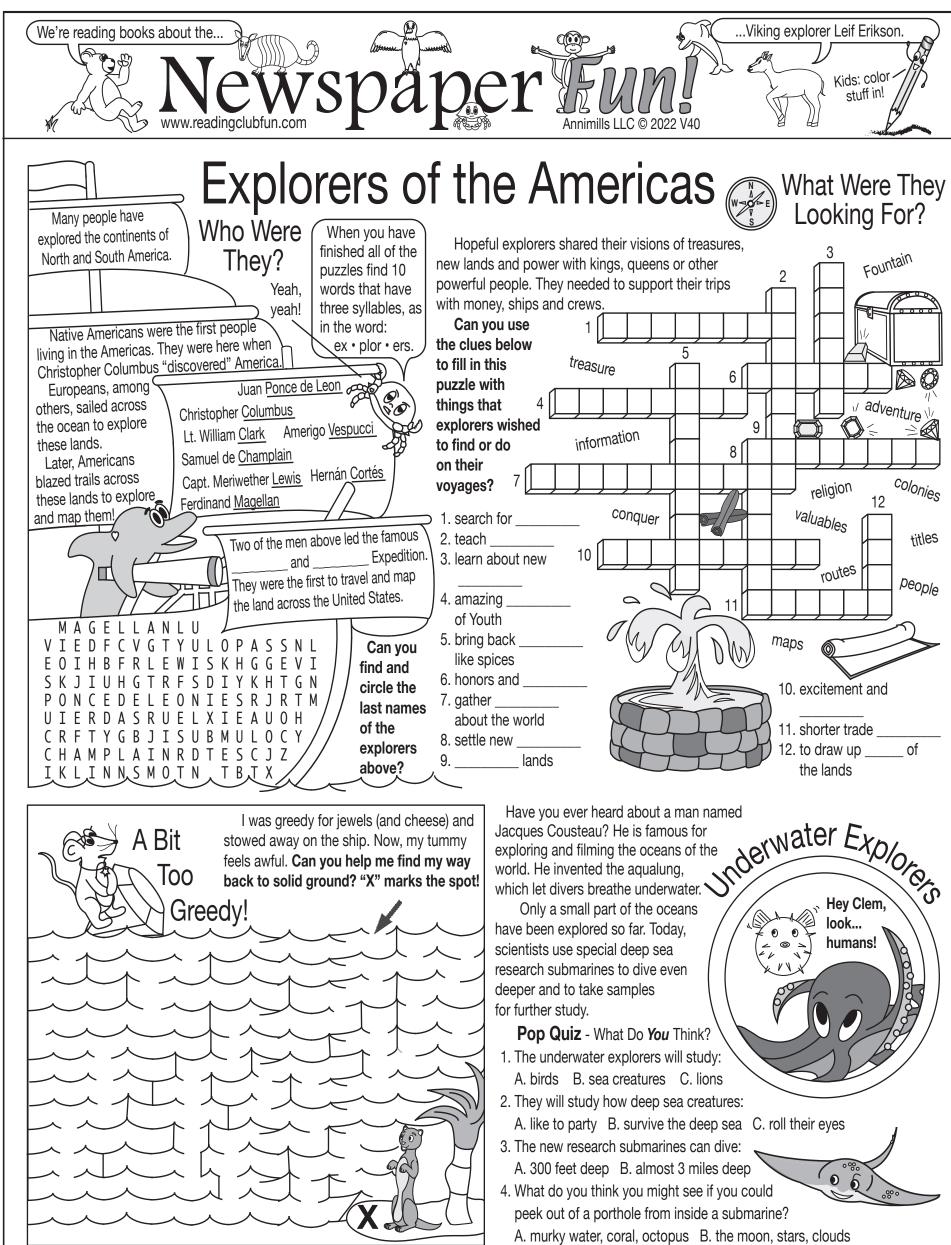
HIC That's Life by Tony Bender



Now, the Vikings head home from their four-day trip to London with their eyes set on a division rival, the Chicago Bears. Like the Vikings, the Bears have both a new head coach and general manager calling the shots for their team. However, unlike the Vikings, the Bears came into this season more interested in rebuilding for the future rather than this season. Despite that, the Bears have managed to win a couple of games and prove to be a competitive football team. If the Vikings look past the Bears, there is a chance they could be in for another stressful game that comes down to the wire.

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### **Brown County** Sept. 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes SEPTEMBER 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 Feickert, Fjeldheim, Wiese, Gage and Sutton Com-missioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Sutton added Oath of Office for new County Auditor to the agenda. Moved by Wiese to approve with addition, seconded by Gage to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: David Meyer with Summit Carbon Solutions introduced himself and just asked if there were any questions. There were none currently.

SURPLUS: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to Surplus EM Radio and donate it to the Claremont Fire District. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR BOARD: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following Fair Board appointments:

1 - 3-year term: Randy Mages, Stephanie Mages, Clint Sombke, Mike Russell and Ryan Swenson; 1 – 1-year term: Greg Markley and Jayson Tollefson; 2 - 3-year terms: Adam Butcher and Conald Burgard

FAIR CONTRACT: Rachel Kippley, Fair Manager discussed the Rodeo Contract for the Brown County Fair. Sutton Rodeo is opting out of the 3rd year of the contract due to financial loss. Rachel will do up a new RFP and present to the Commission next . week for approval.

STOP SIGN RESOLUTION: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superin-tendent presented the following

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Resolution Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese

RESOLUTION #46-22: STOP SIGN at Intersection of Co. #14w & Co. #10, Aberdeen, South Dakota Whereas, the traffic pattern

has changed at the intersection of Co. #14w and Co. #10, and Whereas, the current 2-way stop is no longer an efficient traffic control method, and

Whereas, the Brown Coun-ty Sheriff and Brown County Highway Department request a change

at this intersection, and Whereas, this change meets Warrant 3, (Peak Hour) and Warrant 8, (Roadway Network) from the MUTCD; Now Therefore be it Resolved That the intersection of Co. #14W and Co.#10 will be changed from a two-way stop to a four way stop.

Signed this 20th day of September, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2023: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution:

ANNUAĽ BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SD For the Year January 1, 2023 to Decem-ber 31, 2023

RESOLUTION #47-22: ADOP-TION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DA-KOTA Whereas, (7-21-5 thru 13), SDCL provides that the Board of County Commissioners shall each year prepare a Provisional Budget of all contemplated expenditures and revenues of the BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPEN-DITURES FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA and all its institutions and agencies for calendar year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 and the same is hereby approved and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, this 27th day of September, 2022.

The Annual Budget so adopted is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the County Auditor, Brown County, South Dakota. The accompanying taxes are levied by Brown County for the year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

COUNTY TÁX LEVIES WITHIN LIMITED LEVY lars \$'S/1,000 Dol-

lars \$'S/1,000 \*General County Purposes TOTAL TAXES LEVIED BY

COUNTY ..... 16,208,932 ..... 3.645 \*These amounts include the

25% to be distributed to cities. \* As of September 27, 2022 these levies are not approved by the DOR. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

MINUTES: Moved by Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve minutes from September 20, 2022 Meeting. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried. CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims

nd payroll: PAYROLL:Commission \$4,503.96; Auditor \$8936.27; Elections \$390.00; Trea-surer \$14,283.33; State's Attorney \$26,495.93; Maintenance \$10,087.27; Assessor \$15,275.89; Register of Deeds \$9,544.00; Veterans Service Office \$4,143.28; GIS \$2,483.72; IT \$5,586.59; HR 4,061.37; Sheriff \$45,706.97; Jail \$59,486.30; Court Security \$7,048.27; JDC/HD \$31,153.36; Welfare \$2,161.43; Museum \$8,238.86; Parks/Fairgrounds \$4,049.43; Fair \$4,790.80; 4-H \$638.80; Weed \$4,479.46; Planning & Zoning \$5,681.44; Highway \$43,703.10; Dispatch \$40,823.81; EM \$4,285.81; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,506.62; Landfill \$15,850.29; Meal Benefits \$230.00; MATCHING BENE-FITS: FICA \$22,989.96, Medicare \$5,376.66, Discovery HSA \$1,359.38; Health Insurance-Wellmark BCBS \$123,207.29; Dental Insurance-Delta \$7,855.77; Life Insurance-Dearborn \$1,040.74; Retirement-SDRS \$47,819.85. CLAIMS: Professional Fees: Adamsoft Llc \$2,062.50; Avera St. Luke's \$6,032.52; CGI \$1,323.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$8,541.67; Ciox Health \$24.41; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$8,541.67; Darcy Lockwood \$30.00; Dohrer Law Office \$8,541.67; Jerald M. McNeary \$8,541.67; Kuck Law Office \$8,541.67; Lucy Lewno \$320.00; Lutheran Social Services Inc \$431.44; Michael Carlsen \$450.00; Ne Mental Health Center \$1,040.00; Saber Shred Solutions, Inc. \$2,201.60; San Joaquin Sheriff \$40.00; Sara Zahn \$126.20; Sd Dept Of Legis-lative Audit \$6,750.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$8,541.67; Valerie J. Larson \$30.00. Publishing: GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc. \$1,427.69. Re-

\$1,213.40; Dakota Fluid Power Inc \$691.35; FedEx \$19.76; Gillund Enterprises \$349.00; J.D. Power & Associates \$210.00; Jebro Inc. \$77,133.10; Jensen Rock & Sand Inc \$8,443.40; Kessler's \$205.18; Lien Transportation Company \$3,274.51; Lucy Lewno \$11.64; Marco Inc \$12.04; Menards \$303.27; Midwest Pump & Tank \$883.27; On Site Repair \$317.89; Runnings \$914.93; Share Corp \$285.60; Shelly Eisenbeisz \$121.67 Sherwin Williams \$777.04; Shi International Corp \$1,965.85; Storesmart \$192.08; Titan Machinery, Inc - Aberdeen Case IH \$59.50; Weismantel Rent-All \$1,425.00. Travel & Conference: Candace Rohrbach \$460.06; Craig Steinley \$100.00; Dale Kurth \$112.53; Darwin Bettmann \$15.24; David North \$105.48; Dennis Feickert \$248.20; James Meyers \$28.50; Joe Kraft \$366.26; Mike Scott \$34.00; Patrick Keatts \$34.11; Robert Baumgartner \$34.00; Russell Metz \$363.20; Safe Harbor \$450.00; Sarah J Jesz \$474.62; Sarah Swenson \$363.20; Scott Madsen \$470.80; Stan Beckler \$18.33. Utilities: City Of Aberdeen \$281.98; Dependable Sanitation Inc \$165.00; Mon-tana Dakota Utilities Co \$46.92; Northern Valley Communication \$756.07; Northwestern Energy & Communications \$1,206.40; Verizon Wireless Services LLC \$42.13

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Human Resource

Report: Acknowledge employment ending for Tanya Merkel as a nurse for Brown County Jail/ JDC in Sheriff's office as needed; effective September 21, 2022 Request to fill. Acknowledge employment ending for Bonnie Dix as a nurse for Brown County Jail/JDC in Sheriff's office, as needed; effective September 21, 2022. Request to fill. Approve hiring of Laura Dixon as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$18.87/ hour; effective October 4, 2022. Approve hiring JoAnn Hatzenbeller as Brown County Jail Cook, full-time; starting wage \$16.48/ hour: effective October 3, 2022. Approve hiring Jan Erickson as Brown County Election worker, as needed; starting wage \$15.00/ hour; effective September 28, 2022. Approve personal miles driven for July 2022 at .585 per mile as follows: Kendall Titze 114 miles at \$66.69; John Florey 120 miles at \$70.20; Dirk Rogers 646 miles @ \$377.91; Mike Scott 190

miles @ \$111.15. PLATS: Resolution #48-22: Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Haar's Second Addition in the E 1/2 of Section 6, 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 Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #49-22: Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Rohl Country Addition in the NW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 124 North, Range 64 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County South Da-kota" 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 Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted. Resolution #50-22: Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Mahan Addition in the NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 123 North, Range 60 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 Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted. Resolution #51-22: Commissioner Feickert brought the fol-lowing resolution: "Be it resolved by Board of County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Gauer First Richmond Lake Addition in the SE ¼ of Section 24, T124N,

R65W of the 5th P.M. and in the SW ¼ of Section 19, T124N, R64W of the 5th P.M., all in 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 Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

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

OTHER BUSINESS: Dave Meyer with Summit Solutions notified everyone that he received a message that the Cultural Crew will be out and about in Brown County today. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by

Wiese, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:15 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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#### **Brown County Voter Registration** Notice

NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, will close on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are regis-tered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the Brown County Auditor's Office at 605-626-7110.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in registration form at www.sdsos.gov.

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in

voter registration. Lynn Heupel – Brown County Auditor

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#### **Henry Township** Weed Notice HENRY TOWNSHIP WEED

NOTICE Henry Township owners and tenants of Henry Township are herby notified and required according to law, to cut all weeds in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within said township on or before October 15, 2022 or someone will be hired by the township board and \$250.00

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County and all

its institutions and agencies for such fiscal year and, Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners did prepare a Provisional Budget and cause same to be published by law, and Whereas, due and legal notice has been given to the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for the consideration of such Provisional Budget and all changes, elimination's and additions have been made thereto.NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That such provisional budget as amended and all its purposes, schedules, appropriations, amounts, estimates and all matters therein set forth, SHALL

Auto Center, Inc. \$42.40; Auto Glass Solutions Inc \$486.10; Butler Machinery Co \$700.00; City of Aberdeen \$9,570.00; Commtech Inc. \$9,712.72; Fast-case Inc. \$480.00; Graham Tire Inc \$887.76; Hub City Roofing \$210.00; Imeg Corp \$11,217.59; Jason's Electric Inc \$81.63; Pro Windmill Inc. \$250.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$156.60; Titan Machinery, Inc - Aberdeen Case IH \$270.50; Welton Maunu \$96.50. Supplies: Aberdeen Auto Center, Inc. \$61.00; Advance Auto Parts \$1,086.39; Agtegra Cooperative 50,711.60; Avera Ltc Pharmacy Aberdeen \$1,663.04; Butler Machinery Co \$7,502.46; Century Business Products \$7,309.55; Cole Papers

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property. By order of the township board.

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#### **Riverside Township Mowing Notice**

#### **Riverside Township** Weed Notice

Riverside Township Owners and Tenants of Riverside Township are herby notified and required according to law, to cut all weeds and mow road ditches tenanted by them within said township on or before Oct. 15, 2022 wilİ be fined \$150 per half mile charged to the abutting property.

By order of the township board Bruce Sippel Township Clerk Published Oct. 5 and 12, 2022, at the total approximate cost of \$12.69 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com. 21588

#### **Brown County Adopted 2023 Budget**

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162 Director of Equalization	657,417.99									
163 Register of Deeds	377,343.63							37,000.00		
165 Veterans' Service Officer	173,563.66							<u>.</u>		
166 Predatory Animal (GFP) 170 Geographic Information System	4,198.37 123,134.00									
171 Data Processing	472,336.48								·	
172 Human Resources	178,485.00									
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	7,597,584.20	-	-	-		26,575.00	-	37,000.00	-	-
200 Public Safety	2 122 010 20									
211 Sheriff 212 County Jail	2,128,910.29 2,779,609.59						103,111.42		·	
213 Coroner	46,915.00									
214 Court Security	268,070.26	·								
215 Juvenile Detention 221 Fire Protection	1,272,355.75 17,000.00									
221 Fire Protection 222 Emergency & Disaster Services	17,000.00			269,507.42						
225 Communications Center (911)			1,606,848.88	·						
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	6,512,860.89	-	1,606,848.88	269,507.42	-	-	103,111.42	-	-	-
300 Public Works 311 Highways, Roads, & Bridges		12,700,000.00								
322 Solid Wastes		12,700,000.00					·			3,005,818.85
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		12,700,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,005,818.85
400 Health & Welfare	005 040 04									
411 Support of Poor 421 County Nurse	235,918.94 21,000.00				·		·			
424 Ambulance	1,000.00									
433 Care of Aged	-									
434 Domestic Abuse 441 Mentally III	70,500.00				12,500.00		·		·	
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443 Drug Abuse	25,000.00									
444 Mental Health Centers	40,000.00									
445 Mental Illness Board TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	35,000.00 443,578.94				12,500.00					
500 Culture & Recreation	440,070.04				12,000.00					1
511 Public Library	13,800.00									
512 Historical Museum	391,169.07									
521 Recreation Program 522 Parks	5,000.00 103,982.00									
523 Exhibition Building O & M	395,539.00								. <u></u>	
524 County Fair	1,324,096.00									
526 Area IV Nutrition 527 Community Transit	3,000.00 2,000.00						·		·	
TOTAL CULTURAL & RECREATION	2,000.00									-
600 Conservation of Natural Resources	_,,									
611 4-H Coordinator	95,260.68									
615 Weed Control	209,728.83									
RESOURCES	304,989.51	-	-		-	-				-
700 Urban & Economic Development										
711 Planning & Zoning 712 Urban & Rural Development	240,000.00 26,420.13									
721 Tourism, Ind. & Rec. Development	18,250.00						······			
TOTAL URBAN & ECONOMIC DEVELOPM	284,670.13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
750 Payments to other Governments										
800 Debt Service 911 Operating Transfers Out	4,392,351.86								905,255.11	0
TOTAL OTHER USES	4,392,351.86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	905,255.11	-
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	21,774,621.60	12,700,000.00	1,606,848.88	269,507.42	12,500.00	26,575.00	103,111.42	37,000.00	905,255.11	3,005,818.85
Cash Balance Applied	1,225,631.47	1,000,000.00	274,848.88	92,830.56	-	-	28,111.42	7,800.00		236,418.85
311 Current Property Tax Levy	16,208,932.00				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u> </u>			
Less 25% to Cities	(22,171.00)				(		)		905,255.11	
312/319 - Other Taxes	197,500.00	820,000.00								4,400.00
NET TOTAL TAXES	16,384,261.00	820,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	905,255.11	4,400.00
320 Licenses & Permits	123,000.00	5,000.00 7,002,500.00	880,000.00	60,000.00	7,500.00	4 500 00	15,000.00			50,000.00
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350 Fines & Forfeits	46,000.00									
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	187,000.00	7,000.00	2,000.00	600.00		1,000.00	-	200.00		715,000.00
370 Other Financing Sources	30,000.00	3,865,500.00	450,000.00	<u>116,076.86</u> 176.676.86	10 500 00	21,075.00	-			2 765 000 00
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Less 5% (SDCL 7-21-18)	1,146,295.87	(	(	(	(	(	)	(	) (	(
NET MEANS OF FINANCE	21,779,621.60	12,700,000.00	1,606,848.88	269,507.42	12,500.00	26,575.00	103,111.42	37,000.00	905,255.11	3,005,818.85
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Proprietary Fund

Landfill Fund

ADOPTION OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, will meet in the Courthouse at Aberdeen South Dakota on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. for the purpose of

Net Assets, January 1 2022	4,240,914.62
Estimated Revenue	2,671,900.00
Less Estimated Expenses	-3,035,820.00
Estimated Net Assets, December 31 2022	3,876,994.62

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#### **Brown County** 5-Year **Highway Plan**

PUBLIC HEARING The Brown County Highway Department will be presenting the 5 Year County Highway and Bridge Improvement Plan at a public meeting on Tuesday, October 11th, 2022, at the Commission Meeting in the Brown County Commission Chambers located at 25 Market Street, Aberdeen SD. This meeting will outline the county highway projects for 2023-2027. Questions or comments will be received at this time.

Dirk Rogers Brown County Highway Superintendent

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considering the Provisional Budget for the year 2023 and the various items, schedules, amounts and appropriations set forth therein and as many days thereafter as is deemed necessary until the final adoption of the budget on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022. At such time any interested person may appear either in person or by a representative and will be given an opportunity for a full and complete discussion of all purposes, objectives, items, schedules, appropriations, estimates, amounts and matters set forth and contained in the Provisional Budget.

> s/ Lynn Heupel, Auditor Brown County, SD



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Senior members of the GHS Marching Band: Left to right. Ellie Weismantel, Cadance Tullis, Aspen Johnson, Carter Barse, Ethan Clark, Kamryn Fliehs, Jacob Lewandowski, and Jackson Dinger. Not pictured is Ashtyn Bahr. (Photo courtesy Desiree Yeigh)

# Groton Hosts the Annual Lake Region Marching Band Festival

On Friday, October 7th the Groton Area 8-12 Band, the Groton Area 6-7 Band, and eleven area school bands will converge in Groton for the Lake Region Marching Band Festival. The parade of bands will travel from South to North on Groton's Main Street from Railroad Avenue to 9th Avenue, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

This festival originated in Milbank then moved to Waubay for 11 years. Since 2013 Groton has hosted the festival and it plans to remain there for the foreseeable future. Bands will be evaluated on their performance by a panel of three judges. The bands will be judged by: Mr. Ron Stary, Mr. Dale Fiedler, and Mr. Mike Likness. Awards will be given to the top two bands in the high school and middle school band division, and the top three bands in the combined division. Other awards include Best Color Guard, Best Winds, and Best Percussion. A Grand Champion Award will also be awarded to the band with the highest score overall.

The festival has become a premier marching event in Northeast South Dakota, attracting bands and spectators from towns across the region. The public is invited to watch the parade of bands on Main Street as well as awards at the football field. Concessions will be available at the football field. Proceeds will go to the Band Department.

Attending the festival are bands from Aberdeen Roncalli, Faulkton, Langford, Leola, Ipswich, Frederick, Great Plains Lutheran, Northwestern, Pierre, Milbank Middle School, and Aberdeen Simmons and Holgate Middle School.

The event will be livestreamed, free of charge, at GDILIVE.COM. Anyone at the event can also listen to the announcer at 89.3 FM

Primary sponsors of the festival are the Groton Dairy Queen, The Groton Daily Independent, and the City of Groton.

#### 2022 Lake Region Marching Festival Lineu 10:00- Groton Area 8-12 Marching Band (EXHIBITION)

Combined Division 10:05- Aberdeen Roncalli 10:10- Faulkton 10:15- Langford 10:20- Leola 10:25- Ipswich 10:30- Frederick High School Division 10:35- Great Plains Lutheran 10:40- Northwestern 10:45- Pierre T.F. Riggs, Emerald Regiment Middle School Division 10:50- Milbank Middle School 10:55- Simmons/Holgate Middle School 11:00- Groton Area 6-7 Marching Band (EXHIBITION) Awards after parade

# **Conde National League**

Sept. 26 Team Standings: Braves 10, Giants 9, Pirates 6, Tigers 4, Mets 4, Cubs 3 Men's High Games: Butch Farmen 187, 168; Ryan Bethke 184, 179; Tim Olson 162 Men's High Series: Ryan Bethke 524, Butch Farmen 512, Chad Furney 452

Women's High Games: Joyce Walter 166; Michelle Johnson 164, 150; Sam Bahr 149 Women's High Series: Michelle Johnson

449, Sam Bahr 424, Joyce Walter 416

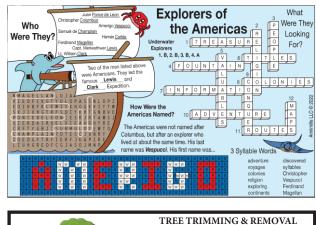
**Oct. 3 Team Standings:** Braves 13, Giants 12, Cubs 7, Pirates 7, Mets 5, Tigers 4

**Men's High Games:** John Lowary 206, Daltan Locke 203, Russ Bethke 183

Men's High Series: Daltan Locke 525, Russ Bethke 525, John Lowary 501

Women's High Games: Vickie Kramp 155, Joyce Walter 144, Sam Bahr 378

**Women's High Series:** Vickie Kramp 450, Joyce Walter 408, Sam Bahr 378





#### Groton Community Calendar Thursday, Oct. 6

Senior Menu: Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas, accini depepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread. School Breakfast: Stuffed bagels. School Lunch: Hamburgers, tater tots. Fall Picture Day 1 p.m.: NEC Cross Country at Webster Volleyball at Milbank (7th at 4 p.m. in elementary gym, 8th at 4 p.m. in Armory gym, C match starts at 5 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity. UMC: Bible Study with Ashley, 6:30 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.



Saturday, Oct. 8

9 a.m.: Gypsy Day Parade in Aberdeen Common Cents Community Thrift Store Open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 209 N Main. Matt's Tree Service 605/228-3861 www.aberdeentreeservice.com Tuesday, Oct. 11

Northwestern Middle School Music Festival PSAT Pre-Administration 7 p.m.: School Board Meeting

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#### Friday, Oct. 7

Senior Menu: Taco salad, Mexican rice, seasonal fresh fruit, bread stick.

School Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy.

School Lunch: Pizza, Green beans.

10 a.m.: Lake Region Marching Festival in Groton

## Sunday, Oct. 9

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m. St. John's Lutheran: Worship (St. John's 9:00

am, Zion 11:00 am)

UMC: Conde worship, 8:30 p.m.; Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school after children's sermon during worship.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

#### Monday, Oct. 10

No School - Native American Day

#### Wednesday, Oct. 12

8:30 a.m.: PSAT Grades 10 and 11 (Optional) Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm

UMC: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m. St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.; Confirmation, 3:45 p.m.

#### Thursday, Oct. 13

Region 1A Cross Country Meet at Webster, 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball at Deuel (7th and 8th at 4 p.m., C match at 5 p.m. followed by JV and Varsity) 5 p.m.: Combined 7th/8th FB at Webster



# Fliehs gets 1,000th assist at Mobridge

Elizabeth Fliehs got her 1,000th assist during the second set of volleyball action played Tuesday in Mobridge. She was recognized for her effort during the match.

Groton Areas volleyball team lost to Mobridge-Pollock, 3-0.

The first set was tied five times with the last at 13 before Mobridge-Pollock would score seven straight points to take a 20-13 lead. Trailing 24-17, Groton Area would score five straight to close to within two, 24-22, but the home town Tigers would win, 25-22.

Mobridge-Pollock would lead for most of the second set except when Groton Area tied it at 15 and 16 before Mobridge-Pollock would pull away for the 25-19 win.

Mobridge-Pollock would lead all the way for the 25-18 third set win.

Sydney Leight led Groton Area with 12 kills followed by Aspen Johnson with eight kills and two blocks, Anna Fjeldheim had six kills, Lydia Meier had three kills and an ace serve, Elizabeth Fliehs had a kills and an ace serve, Jerica Locke had an ace serve and Laila Roberts had a kill.

Fliehs had 27 assists and Carly Guthmiller had one. Guthmiller led Groton Area with 16 digs while Jerica Locke had 13 digs.

Hitting for the Tigers had Leight with 49 of 57, Johnson with 19 of 22 and Fjeldheim 16 of 18.

Charley Henderson led Mobridge-Pollock with nine kills and three blocks, Ryli Thompson had nine kills, Emma Keller had four kills and four ace serves, Emily Hatzenbuehler had seven kills and one block, Raelyn



Elizabeth Fliehs had her 1,000th assist during the Mobridge volleyball match. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Aberle had four kills, Gretchen Olson had two ace serves, Grace Overland had a block and a kill, Reagan Weisbeck and Mariah Goehring each had a kill and Katy Kemnitz and an ace serve.

The varsity match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM, sponsored by Bahr Spray Foam, John Sieh Agency, Bary Keith at Harr Motors, Locke Electric, Dacotah Bank, SD Army National Guard with Brent Wienk, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc and Groton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Groton Area split the junior varsity sets, 16-25 and 25-19. Jaedyn Penning had seven kills and one ace serve, Talli Wright and Faith Traphagen each had two kills and an ace serve, Emma Kutter had two kills and a block, Jerica Locke had three ace serves, Kella Tracy had two kills and Rylee Dunker had a kill and a block. The JV match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM with an anonymous sponsor.

Groton Area won the C match, 26-24 and 28-26. Kella Tracy had six kills and two ace serves, Rylee Dunker had three kills, two blocks and an ace serve, Talli Wright had four ace serves and two kills, Emerlee Jones had two ace serves and two kills, Kayla Lehr had two kills and a block, Cali Tollifson had two kills, London Bahr had an ace serve and Hannah Sandness had a kill. Beauty Brew sponsored the broadcast on GDILIVE.COM.

Justin Hanson did the play-by-play of all three matches.

# Webster pushes Groton to 18th place in state rankings

Groton Area suffered a stunning setback Friday night as Webster Area's defense forced four turnovers to post a 28-21 Northeast Conference win.

Less than five minutes into the game, Trey Dunse intercepted the ball and ran it back 65 yards for a Bearcat touchdown. The PAT kick was no good and Webster took a 6-0 lead.

Groton Area would score with 4:18 left in the first quarter on a three yard run by Andrew Marzahn. Nicolas Fernandez kicked the PAT and the Tigers had a 7-6 lead.

Webster would mount another drive that would culminate with a one yard run by Carson Mount. The PAT was a pass from Jan Lesnar to Carter Williams and the Bearcats had a 14-6 lead. Mount would later break free and dash 51 yards to score for Webster with 4:28 left in the half. The PAT pass attempt failed and I twas 20-6, Webster, at half time.

Marzahn would score with 8:11 left in the third quarter on a 10 yard run with Fernandez kicking the PAT and it was 20-14.

Webster would have another big play when Brent Bearman would run 60 yards to score with 9:31 left in the game. The two point conversion was good on a Bearman run, and Webster



McKenna Tietz collides with the Garretson goalie but it the kick was enough for the ball to "dribble" into the net for the first score for the Tigers. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Jerica Locke looks for an open teammate as she gets ready to kick the ball. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

# Tigers beat Blue Dragons; fall short in playoff berth

The Groton Area girls soccer team finished it season Saturday with a 5-1 win over Garretson. Despite the win, the Tigers fell just .038 of a point short of making the playoffs, finishing in seventh place in the standngs. The top six teams advance to the first round of the playoffs.

McKenna Tietz scored two goals with one being an assist by Sydney Locke. Jerica Locke scored a goal with an assist by Laila Roberts. Brenna Imrie scored with an assist by Faith Traphagen and Kennedy Hansen scored on a penalty kick. Garretson's lone goal was scored by Kylie Christensen.



took a 28-14. Groton Area would score with 2:54 left in the game on a six yard pass from Lane Tietz to Tate Larson. Fernandez kicked the PAT and it was 28-21. The Tigers would recover a fumble and had an opportunity to score; however, the Bearcats intercepted the ball at the one yard line and would go on for the win.

Groton Area had more first downs, 24-10. The Bearcats had more yards rushing, 190-158. Marzahn had 17 carries for 96 yards and two touchdowns, Teylor Diegel had eight carries for 47 yards and Lane Tietz had four carries for 15 yards. Bearman would lead Webster with 15 carries for 102 yards which include that 60 yard touchdown run. Mount had 11 carries for 82 yards and Ethan Opitz had five carries for eight yards.

The Tigers completed 20 of 36 passes for 183 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions. The Bearcats completed four of eight passes for 60 yards. Receivers for Groton Area were Larson with seven catches for 59 yards and one touchdown, Diegel had four catches for 49 yards, Marzahn had four catches for 39 yards, Ethan Gengerke had four catches for 32 yards and Colby Dunker had one catch for for yards. Jacob Keller had all four catches for the 60 yards receiving for Webster Area.

Logan Ringgenberg and Holden Sippel each had 12 tackles for Groton Area while Dunker had 11, Brevin Fliehs seven and Marzahn had five tackles. Bearman and Keller each had nine tackles for Webster Area.

The Tigers lost two fumbles while the Bearcats lost one of two fumbles. Groton Area had three penalties for 20 yards and Webster Area had five for 51 yards.

Groton Area is now 3-4 on the season and will travel to Mobridge on October 14. Webster Area is now 2-5 and will host Aberdeen Roncalli on Friday.

Groton Area dropped to 18th place in the power points. The Tigers were 14th prior to the game. Mobridge-Pollock is in 17th place.

The Groton girls soccer match was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM sponsored by Rutgear605.com. And special thanks to Jan Hoffman for allowing us to use her wifi. With all of the people in town, it would have been impossible to livestream via a celltower. Jeslyn Kosel is pictured running the camera. (Photo by

Paul Kosel)



Dear EarthTalk: I'd like to upgrade the energy efficiency of my condo but can't afford the up-front cost of new equipment and materials. Are there any federal or other programs designed to help working people afford to make such transitions? Monroe, NY

As of now, residential and commercial buildings contribute up to 40 percent of the world's energy consumption. Increasing the energy efficiency of these structures can go a long way toward reducing that consumption and our carbon footprint while saving money along the way.

The biggest pitfall with investing in efficient energy sources is the upfront cost. Lowincome households which could benefit most from such upgrades are the least likely to have the funds to do so. But now, utilities and local governments are working to implement these services prioritizing needy households.

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) uses U.S. Department of Energy funds to reduce the energy bills of low-income households by helping to pay for efficiency upgrades. The program has benefited over these programs? You can still weatherize your seven million American families so far. Every year, WAP funds such upgrades in 35,000 households, saving almost \$400 annually on each. To qualify for WAP, your household must have an annual income equal to or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

Another place to look for help is the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP). Using U.S. Department of Health and Human Services funds, LIHEAP provides free energy upgrades that will decrease monthly energy bills while concurrently improving residents' health and safety. Household incomes must be at or below 60 percent of their state's median income to meet eligibility -- Paul B., requirements.

Nonprofits, usually using WAP funds, also offer a range of incentives for upgrading energy efficiency. They also provide weatherization to households that can't afford it. By searching 'weatherization non-profits" and your state, you can find an array of organizations that can help upgrade your home. These weatherization programs usually offer a selection of efficiency upgrades including: improved insulation and heating systems, fixing leaks and gaps within pipes, and repairing windows and doors. To apply, you can often find directions on the organization's website. In general, the first step is determining your eligibility; you will usually need proof of annual income. Then, you can complete the application process online or contact a local administrator. If your application is accepted, you can move forward.

But what can you do if you aren't eligible for own home by fixing minor things around the house. One thing you can do is seal up leaks within air pipes. This can cut your energy consumption by 10 to 20 percent. In addition, by adding insulation, you can make your home less vulnerable to temperature change. You



A range of federal & state programs can help defray the costs of upgrading the energy efficiency of your home. Credit: pexels.com.

should also clean your filters regularly to make your system run more smoothly. Even simple things like switching to LEDs will increase your efficiency.

These small steps can add up and boost the energy efficiency of your home in surprising amounts. The sooner we implement such steps, the sooner we can tackle the problem of climate change making our world less hospitable.

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Sniff, sniff, sniff. That darned runny nose. When your nose

runs, although it may

not slow you down, it

can be annoying. This

time of year it's dif-



Andrew Ellsworth, MD

ficult to know if your runny nose is from a cold, allergies, or another reason.

Rhinitis can be broadly defined as inflammation of the nasal membrane.

Sometimes a runny nose is from allergies, caused by allergens in the air, such as trees, grass, weeds, molds, dust mites, or pet dander. Allergy symptoms often include sneezing, an itchy or runny nose, and itchy, watery or red eyes.

A runny nose can also be caused by a virus, like a cold. As the weather changes and with school back in session, people tend to spend more time indoors which allows airborne viruses to spread more easily. Cold symptoms may include a runny nose, as well as sneezing, sore throat, cough, and congestion.

Be careful with nasal decongestants. While sprays may temporarily treat rhinitis, regular use of them can cause a rebound effect called rhinitis medicamentosa. Subsequently, a person may use the sprays more, causing a vicious circle. To avoid the rebound effect, try to limit the use of decongestant sprays to less than five days.

Sometimes a runny nose will not ever seem to go away. If allergy pills, steroid nasal sprays, or a change in environment do not help your chronic runny nose, it may be time to consider other causes. For many of these causes, your primary care provider can help you sort them out and come up with a treatment plan. There are other treatments beyond avoidance and steroid nasal sprays, such as certain inhalers. As always, talk with your doctor to determine if other factors such as polyps, tumors, or a systemic disease could be causing your condition. Accounting for more than half of all non-allergic rhinitis is vasomotor rhinitis. Vasomotor rhinitis is an exaggerated reaction to irritants such as air pollution, perfumes, or temperature changes, especially cold, dry air. Cigarette smoke, alcohol, cocaine, and occupational exposures may cause a runny nose along with different medications, such as aspirin or some blood pressure pills. Certain conditions such as pregnancy, acid reflux, as well as the use of your CPAP machine for sleep apnea have been known to affect the nasal membranes. Personally, I know that if I eat something spicy or hot in temperature, I am going to need a Kleenex, for my gustatory rhinitis. While there might not be a cure for your runny nose, sometimes it is just nice knowing the cause, because I am not going without my favorite pad Thai meal. Andrew Ellsworth, M.D. is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices family medicine in Brookings, South Dakota. Follow The Prairie  $\mathsf{Doc} \ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}$  at www.prairiedoc.org and on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show celebrating its twentieth season of truthful, tested, and timely medical information, broadcast on SDPB and streaming live on Facebook most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.