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## Secretary of State Announces Increase in Concealed

### Carry Weapon Permits

Pierre, SD – Secretary of State Shantel Krebs announced that South Dakota has seen a large increase in conceal carry weapon permits for 2015. “In the month of December alone we have seen the number of permits issued double from 1,423 in 2014 to 2,968 in 2015. Our office expects this trend to continue while there are national security concerns and as long as restrictions to the Second Amendment are a top issue at the federal level,” stated Secretary Krebs.

Total Active Permits  
12/31/2015 – 85,273  
Total New and Renewal Regular  
Permits Issued on a Yearly Basis  
since 2006:

2015 – 22,554  
2014 – 18,656  
2013 – 26,863  
2012 – 17,160  
2011 – 15,332  
2010 – 14,839  
2009 – 16,095  
2008 – 13,838  
2007 – 11,533  
2006 – 11,763

Total New Enhanced Permits Issued

2015 - 36

Total number of new and renew permits for the month of December for the previous 5 years:

December 2011: 1204  
December 2012: 1014  
December 2013: 997  
December 2014: 1423  
December 2015: 2968



**Monday everything had a thick coat of frost on it from the fog that set in over night.**



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## The Life of Lavohn C. Sieh



Mass of Christian burial for Lavohn C. Sieh, 95, of Aberdeen, was held Friday, December 11, 2015, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 409 3rd Avenue SE, Aberdeen, with Father Mark Lichter as celebrant. Burial took place at Groton Union Cemetery in Groton, SD.

Lavohn died peacefully on Monday, Dec. 7, 2015 at Avera Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen.

Known for her strong personality, Lavohn (Herron) Sieh was born June 3, 1920 at Groton, S.D. to Guy and Emma (Kalbus) Herron. Lavohn grew up in Groton where her dad owned a Case Farm Implement dealership. She often helped out by working. She was a waitress at local cafes and worked for the city for \$1 a day while in high school. She did housework and fixed hair for 10 cents a head. She attended Groton schools and graduated from South Dakota State at Brookings with a degree in home

economics in 1942. Tuition at the time was \$66 a year.

In 1943, Lavohn traveled by train to Catalina Island, Calif. On Feb. 15, she married her high school sweetheart, Roland "Bill" Sieh. They lived in Catalina through the end of WW II and after his discharge from the Navy, moved to Austin, Minn., then Hutchinson, Minn. In 1952, they moved to the Bath area to be close to family. They farmed for nearly 50 years. In 2000, they left the farm and moved to an apartment in Aberdeen. Bill passed away May 7, 2009. In April of this year, Lavohn moved to Nano Nagle Village in Aberdeen and then to Mother Joseph Manor where she lived at the time of her death.

Lavohn taught school and also worked with the South Dakota Extension Service. She was well known for her work with women in Extension Clubs and 4-Hers. She taught classes in nutrition, sewing and home arts to many individuals. Her skills in teaching enhanced her work with young people in Brown County's 4-H programs.

In addition to traveling to 49 states, she and her husband enjoyed extending their home to a lake cottage at Lake Sallie in Minnesota and to Port Aransas, Texas where they spent many winter months. Family often visited them at these locations. She loved family gatherings and hosted many dinners on the farm.

She and Bill raised five children. They enjoyed their extended family with trips to visit their kids, grandkids and great grandkids. Bird watching was a favorite past time. Lavohn always had a special fondness for cats. Playing bridge was a special treat for her and served to keep her mind active. When young, she read for pleasure. Books were her constant companions up to her last days.

Lavohn was reserved but outgoing in starting conversations and learning about people's background. Many times she found a link to people who started out as strangers.

A group of ladies began meeting in the Bath area in the 1960s for coffee. The group continues even today though most members now live in Aberdeen. Life-long friendships were forged and Lavohn was a regular member of that coffee group and continued to be a part of it this year.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aberdeen. She was a member of Band 711 and a member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Surviving Lavohn are her children Tom (Nancy) Sieh of Katy, Texas; Patrick Sieh of Groton, S.D.; Connie (Dale) Groop of Frederick and Julie Sieh and her husband Brent Blumenthal of Belton, Texas and son-in-law, John Dokken of Sartell, Minn.; 12 grandchildren: John Dokken, Susan Altenburg, William Sieh, Melissa Sieh, Amanda Strickland, Robert Sieh, Angela Sieh, Ellen Arens, Alisha Amar, Katy Groop, Ben Blumenthal and Sam Blumenthal; and 16 great-grandchildren: Danielle and Deanna Dokken; Sophie and John Robert Altenburg; Garrett and Kyle Fitzgerald and Hunter Reed; William and Joseph Strickland; William and Christopher Sieh; Madelyn and Brandon Sieh; Donald and Nathan Arens; and Avishai Amar.

Preceding her in death were her husband in 2009, and her daughter Charlotte (Sieh) Dokken in 2014, her parents and her three sisters, Darlene Crawford, Dorothy Schulz and Betty Purcell.

## Service Notice: Robert Wehde

Memorial services for Robert "Bob" Wehde, 85, of Aberdeen will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 15th at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Pastor Tom Carlson will officiate. Inurnment with military honors will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton.

Bob died December 21, 2015 at Banner Heart Hospital in Mesa, Arizona.

## Death Notice: Richard Nehls

Richard Nehls, 90, of Pierpont, died January 5, 2016 at Sanford Medical Center in Webster. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

## 2015 Precipitation Near Normal

2015 started out below normal for precipitation, but then the clouds opened up and the year ended up less than an inch below normal for the year. Normal precipitation is 21.72 inches and Groton received 20.80 inches for the year. December was above normal with .98 of precipitation, compared to the average of .52.

## Conde National League

**Team Standings:** Pirates 3, Cubs 3, Colts 3, Mets 1, Giants 1, Braves 1  
**Men's High Games:** Lance Frohling 211, Chad Furney 184, Larry Frohling 181  
**Men's High Series:** Chad Furney 500, Larry Frohling 498, Lance Frohling 489  
**Women's High Games:** Mary Larson 182, Vickie Kramp 173, Alice Severson 165  
**Women's High Series:** Mary Larson 450, Vickie Kramp 442, Renee Hanlon 429

## THINKING ABOUT HEALTH

### Can Shopping for Health Services Really Bring Down Costs?

By Trudy Lieberman, Rural Health News Service

Early in December David, a reader who lives in the foothills west of Denver, sent me an email. "It's scary when you go into any healthcare facility and don't know whether to bring your check book, loan application papers, or bankruptcy processing papers," he said. "Nobody seems to care or be concerned about it." He wanted to know why we aren't told all costs up front so we can make informed decisions.

David had a point. When we go in for a procedure, most of the time we don't know the total price or even what we will pay after insurance covers its share. In the last few years the lack of transparency has provided opportunities for entrepreneurs to create websites aimed at giving patients some price information for the handful of procedures that you can actually shop for. But it's one thing to shop for a low-cost stress test or a spinal X-ray. It's a lot trickier when you need heart by-pass surgery or a back operation.

I am all for price transparency that sheds light on our high-cost health system, and I want it to spark a serious conversation about why we have the most expensive care in the world and what we as a country can do about it. But don't count on turning patients into consumers who can force prices down and magically give us cheaper healthcare. That's a lot harder than something like boycotting the local Ford dealer in favor of the Chevy dealer who offers rock bottom prices.

The fundamental relationship between patients and their doctors is different from the relationship between buyers and sellers of cars and other consumer goods. Patients have to trust their healthcare providers since it's hard to judge the proposed care or treatments unless you have a medical degree. For most other products, the admonition "buyer beware" is at the heart of the relationship. Furthermore, shoppers generally have an idea of what makes a good car, and can more easily judge if the seller is giving them one.

If you buy a bad car, you live with it for a while and try not to make the same mistake again. If you pick the wrong imaging center or the wrong doctor, you could die or suffer serious harm. The stakes simply are higher.

In the last couple of weeks I came across another barrier to price shopping—marketing activities by pharmaceutical companies. Those activities are designed to help patients pay for their expensive prescriptions while at the same time keeping the underlying price of the drugs high.

An e-book I found on the website of "Medical Marketing & Media," a trade publication, advises healthcare sellers how to market their products. This book, titled "Pathway to Specialty Access," offers instructions to drug companies for using coupon programs to sell more drugs particularly the new, very costly specialty drugs and how to stop customers from not filling their prescriptions because they are too expensive. That's apparently a big problem in the drug business.

Those coupons available online or from doctors and pharmacies offer discounts on medicines especially those with high price tags like the new specialty drugs coming on the market. One example notes that a patient's out-of-pocket costs for multiple sclerosis or rheumatoid arthritis drugs could be as little as \$5 a prescription thanks to coupons and discounts. It could be hundreds of dollars without them.

Other coupons take the form of e-vouchers. A pharmacist sends a prescription to a vendor. The drug makers and the vendors establish how much they will cover of the costs insurance requires the patient to pay. While the process is going on, the patient "doesn't know what he will pay," says Andrew Pollpeter, a senior principal with The Amundsen Group, a pharmaceutical consulting firm. "But they are happier when they see a lower copay," he added.

What's wrong with this? After all, the patient gets cheap medicine; the drug company gets more sales. The high drug prices, however, are still with us. "Coupons shield consumers from the true cost of medications, and (consumers) are less likely to make decisions based on the true cost of the drug," says Troy Filipek, an actuary with the consulting firm Milliman. In short, discounts mask what the drug maker is really charging.

And that, of course, means all the advice about price shopping goes out the window.

At least when it comes to medicines, lots of middlemen are involved in what drugs you

get and how much they cost. There's nothing transparent about drug pricing, and there's not likely to be.

What's been your experience with shopping for health care? Write to Trudy at [trudy.lieberman@gmail.com](mailto:trudy.lieberman@gmail.com)

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## Brown County Dec. 29, 2015 Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 29, 2015 – GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Hansen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve the General Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims:

**Payroll:** Commission \$3,767.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$4,088.74; Elections \$568.69; Auditor \$7,540.07; Treasurer \$12,640.48; Data Processing \$7,171.88; States Attorney \$16,103.98; Blood Draws \$650.00; SWAVA Grant \$1,873.94; Maintenance \$6,469.71; Assessor \$13,185.30; Register of Deeds \$8,130.87; Veterans Service Office \$3,563.74; GIS \$2,195.60; Sheriff Admin \$33,470.95; Jail \$32,378.90; JDC \$16,034.78; HD \$5,083.08; Welfare Office \$3,477.47; Museum \$7,687.74; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,414.45; Fair Board \$4,164.44; 4-H \$1,113.60; Weed & Pest \$605.32; Planning and Zoning \$2,226.47; Highway \$44,343.22; Communications \$20,538.00; Emergency Management \$3,767.34; Teen Court \$385.39; 24/7 \$2,780.77; Landfill \$11,779.49.

**Matching Benefits:** FICA \$16,634.24; Medicare \$3,890.30; Life \$679.35; Dental \$6,609.60; Health Insurance \$6,185.34; Retirement \$34,045.67.

**Professional Fees:** Adam Altman \$4,444.38; AMG ENT \$77.66; Avera McKennan Hospital \$625.52; Avera St. Luke's \$7,743.04; Brandy Yarbrough \$20.00; Carrels & Bain Family Dental \$338.22; Certified Languages \$270.60; Compass Counseling \$3,600.00; Dakota Wood Grinding \$11,700.00; Dhyana Fernandez Investigation \$190.00; Chris Dohrer \$5,069.38; Fox & Youngberg \$337.50; Kuck Law Office \$4,444.38; Language Line Services \$569.20; Marcus Ware \$20.00; Redwood Toxicology Lab \$11.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck \$4,444.38; Ronanye Law Office \$7,306.88; Sanford Clinic \$659.23; Sanford Health \$89.52; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$56,889.41; Christy Serr \$5,069.38; Tschetter & Adams Law Office \$542.22; Mitch Villhauer \$447.14; Woods, Fuller, Schultz & Smith \$1,242.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$25.00.

**Publishing:** Dakota Press \$3,432.46; Dex Media \$1.43; Gregory Times - Advocate \$52.16; Groton Independent \$124.21; Hub City Radio \$400.00.

**Repairs & Maintenance:** Barton Heating & Cooling \$8,513.74; Clark Engineering \$3,883.75; Hanlon Brothers \$19,880.00; Hoven Auto Repair \$166.76; Midwest Alarm \$95.00; Pierson-Ford \$264.00; Service Signs \$3,603.78; Three Glass Doktor \$92.40; Vosika Fencing \$687.88; Walth Safety Service \$90.25.

**Supplies:** A & B Business \$2,136.69; Advance Auto Parts \$10.44; Cartney Bearing \$36.76; Cash-Wa \$4,154.64; Century Business Products \$277.12; Dakota Electronics \$3,176.40;

Danko \$39.98; Dean Foods \$411.48; Earthgrains \$702.30; ES & S \$552.65; Equipment Blades \$1,897.60; Fox & Youngberg \$14.64; Galls \$345.44; Gov-Connection \$615.48; House of Glass \$712.80; IDC \$1,180.00; J Gross Equipment \$12.50; Ken's \$237.36; Kessler's \$91.68; Lang's \$86.00; Lar-Jo's \$426.13; Marco \$641.12; Menards \$399.86; Midwest Alarm \$117.00; Minn-Kota Communications \$1,226.00; NCFE-Warner \$3,138.73; Pierson-Ford \$170.70; Pitney Bowes \$5,045.00; Three Glass Doktor \$121.50; Walth Safety Service \$58.00; West Payment Center \$92.25.

**Travel and Conference:** C. Scott Bader \$438.08; Dave Engraf \$10.81.

**Utilities:** CenturyLink \$2,732.26; City of Hecla \$240.44; Montana-Dakota Utilities \$23.32; NWPS \$1,168.29; Verizon \$2,734.92. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following employee step increases, effective January 3, 2016: Adelaide Mouna @ \$16.53 per hour; Craig Nelson @ \$21.95 per hour; Jackie Ormand @ \$15.90 per hour; Sonje Oban @ \$14.89 per hour, Kyle Kost @ \$17.06 per hour, Gerald Lehrkamp @ \$17.58 per hour, Brenda Dreyer @ \$14.18 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**POLICY MANUAL ADDITION:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve Policy I - Purchasing Policy and Replacement Procedures, as amended from original draft, establishing effective guidelines for the development, solicitation, evaluation and award of quotes and proposals for goods and services for Brown County. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-nay, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Motion carried.

**TAX DEED PROPERTY:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to authorize Sheila Enderson, County Treasurer to submit all qualifying parcels to the States Attorney for completion of the tax deed process. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to declare the following contracts in default and proceed with tax deed procedure: 1) 20 rods W of E 26 rods of N 11 rods of NE 19-128-62 (Twp 31); and 2) Lt 8 Block 7 Forest Acres Third Addition (Aberdeen). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen to authorize Sheila Enderson enter into contracts on the following properties, effective January 2016: 1) \$3000 down and \$150 per month (Lt 6 Blk 21 First Addn to Aberdeen); 2) \$250 per month (Lt 9 Blk 50 Thomas Addn to Aberdeen); 3) \$2900 down and \$250 per month (E 92' of Lts 3-4 Blk 20 Hagerty & Lloyd Addn to Aberdeen); 4) \$200 per month (E 48' Lt 34 Blk 53 Second Addition to Aberdeen); \$2800 down and \$125 per month (W 2' Lt 34 & E 38' Lt 35 Blk 53 Second Addn to Aberdeen). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to extend agreement to defer tax deed proceedings on the S 1/2 SE 1/4 9-127-60 until Dec 31, 2016, due to estate proceedings still in progress. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**UNCOLLECTIBLE TAX LIST:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to acknowledge uncol-

lectible tax list (four parcels), as submitted by Sheila Enderson, Brown County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**BUDGET SUPPLEMENT:** Time and place, as advertised for 2015 Budget Supplement Hearing. No one appeared with questions or comments. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the following Budget Supplement for year 2015: Brown County Fair Sponsorships - Fund #101-5.524.426.80 @ \$40,000.00, to be funded by sponsorships received #101-4.345.50 @ \$40,000.00; Brown County Fair Entertainment #101-5.524.422.73 @ \$60,000.00; Court Appointed Attorney #101-5.153.422 @ \$170,000.00; Maintenance #101-5.161.425 @ \$170,000.00, to be funded by undesignated surplus cash in the General Fund #101-5.101.99 @ \$400,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY CONTRACT DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Fjeldheim opened discussion in regard to the procedure to end the 2015 Attorney Contract. Contract members Chris Dohrer, Scott Koch, Christy Griffin Serr, Tom Cogley, Josh Finer and Adam Altman were in attendance. The County Commission agreed it would make the final payments due under the 2015 contract as scheduled. The contract attorneys agreed to submit a partial, (or when possible a final) voucher for all work done in each contract case through Dec 31, 2015. For those contract cases not completed by December 31, it was agreed that a partial voucher would still be submitted for work completed as of Dec. 31 and a final voucher would later be submitted to the County once that case has been completed. A final voucher submitted after Dec. 31 in a contract case would not be the basis for any additional compensation to the contract attorney because (1) the reason for filing a voucher under the contract is not to trigger payment by the County to the attorney but rather to allow the County to file a lien for repayment of attorney fees and because (2) the contract requires each contract attorney to complete all assigned cases still open at the end of the contract period and to file a final voucher in each of those cases, and because (3) the County would have already paid all compensation due under the contract.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) and contract discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(4) with Larry Lovrien, Gary Vetter and John McQuillen in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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## Brown County Dec. 31, 2015 Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 31, 2015 – SPECIAL YEAR END MEETING

The Special Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sutton at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Kippley, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Insurance:** SD Public Assurance Alliance \$242.00.  
**Professional Fees:** Avera St. Luke's \$2,518.84; Carrels & Bain Dentistry \$274.04; Denise Cody \$15.00; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Kennedy Pier Knoff Loftus, LLP \$720.00; LGB \$12,726.13; Lucy Lewno \$144.00; Sanford Health \$5,281.60; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$220.00.

**Publishing:** Aberdeen American News \$199.45; Dakota Press \$471.71.

**Repairs & Maintenance:** 446-Praxair \$12.90; Butler Machinery \$767.54; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$901.18; Dakota Oil \$23.45; Dakota Tree Co. \$1,223.00; DMI \$2,604.47; Double D Body Shop \$825.10; G & K Services \$421.17; GCR Tires & Services \$1,168.20; Great Western Tire \$129.00; Hanten's Repair \$30.00; HF Jacobs & Son \$14,065.63; PowerPlan \$1,965.67; Sheehan Mack \$8,906.09.

Supplies: 446-Praxair

\$222.41; C. Scott Bader \$14.07; CarQuest \$786.45; Cartney Bearing \$14.40; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$4,625.47; Dakota Electronics \$235.00; DFP \$116.21; Dakota Oil \$3,812.98; DMI \$147.81; Fastenal \$1,117.38; Fire Safety First \$109.75; GCR Tires & Services \$72.00; Gov-Connection \$1,156.58; Great Western Tire \$1,050.00; Hanten's Repair \$415.69; Interstate Battery \$200.90; J Gross Equip. \$187.82; Kennedy Pier Knoff Loftus, LLP \$20.00; Lucy Lewno \$6.49; Mac's \$521.06; Menards \$296.44; Midstates Printing \$63.75; NCFE - Warner \$10,400.81; Pheasantland Industries \$403.16; PowerPlan \$1,993.65; Productivity Plus - Titan \$1,494.95; Running's \$163.97; SDN Communications \$882.07; Sheehan Mack \$623.78; Spillman Technologies \$8,730.00.

**Travel and Conference:** Tom Fischbach \$253.80; Kathy Fischer \$10.00; Doug Fjeldheim \$213.38; Rachel Kippley \$192.70; Barry Kusler \$10.00; Leo Leshner \$10.00; Gene Loeschke \$10.00; Russell Metz \$10.00; Mark Milbrandt \$162.00; Duane Sutton \$147.58; Mary Worlie \$10.00.

**Utilities:** AT & T \$222.90; CenturyLink \$219.15; Economy Propane \$376.20; NWPS \$8,633.68; Web Water \$67.53. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CONTINGENCY TRANSFERS:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve the following Contingency Transfers: increase spending authority (no cash): Fund #101-5.xxx.422.99: 151 SWAVA @ \$8,428.09; 153 CALC @ \$18,985.12; 161 Maintenance @ \$6,535.86; 213 Coroner @ \$14,723.72; 441 Mentally Ill @ \$82,060.42, 442 Developmental Disabled @ \$580.00; 443 Drug Abuse @ \$15,126.67; 523 Fairgrounds @ \$9,559.62; 524 Fair @ \$9,809.53; 611 4-H @ \$5,463.62; 248-5.212.422.99 @ \$7,626.26; reduce spending authority (no cash) 101-112-422 @ \$178,898.91. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to go into executive session for personnel discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(1) and contract discussion, per SDCL 1-25-2(4) with Ryan Vogel and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
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## Brown County Ord. 098 Beck's Rezoning

**NOTICE**  
Application has been made by John Beck 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 12, 2016 at 8:50 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG): John Beck's 1st Subdivision in the SE 1/4 of Sec 18-Twp 123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (38286 133rd Street)  
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 098.

**ATTEST:**  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
(1229.0105)  
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## Brown County Market Street Entrance Notice

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners at Commissioners Chambers, Brown County Office Building, Aberdeen, South Dakota until 8:45 A.M., C.T., January 12, 2016, for labor and material required for the Market Street Entrance Project to Brown County Courthouse, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

All divisions of work shall be

included in one prime construction contract. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope with the name and address of the bidder clearly identified on the envelope. Faxed bids will not be accepted. Bidders are cautioned, mail will not be delivered to Board of County Commissioners before the 8:45 A.M. opening of bids.

Copies of the plans and specifications are on file at the Office of the Brown County Auditor, Aberdeen, South Dakota; Builders Exchanges listed in the Instruction to Bidders; and at the office of HKG Architects Inc., AIA, P.O. Box 55, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Copies may be obtained at the architect's office by bidders.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or draft in the amount of 5% of the base bid plus all add alternates, or a 10% bid bond issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota and made payable to the "Board of County Commissioners, Brown County, Aberdeen, South Dakota".

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities therein.

**ATTEST:**  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
(1229.0105)

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## Groton City Jan. 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2016

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7pm at City Hall for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Flihs, Blackmun, Opp, Peterson, McGannon, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Glover was absent. Also present were: Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Shawn Lambertz, and Terry Herron.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

The financial report was approved on a motion by Flihs and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were approved for payment on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

**Executive Payroll** 484.85 salaries; **Administrative Payroll** 8,142.75 salaries; **Public Safety Payroll** 13,391.06 salaries; **Public Works Payroll** 25,211.36 salaries; **First State Bank** 7,919.24 ss & wh; **Cons Fed Cr Union** 975.00 emp savings; **Office of Child Support Enforcement** 344.31 child support; **City of Groton** 13.88 postage; **1st National Bank** 6,975.69 West Sewer loan payment; **1st National Bank** 4,344.69 RR Sewer Crossing loan payment; **Blackmun, David** 100.00 Heartland HWH rebate; **Border States** 2,179.09 materials; **Chase Visa** 1,398.55 refrigerator, supplies, postage; **Daly, Kay** 50.00 Heartland appliance rebate; **Darrels Sinclair** 14,654.00 tires; **Flihs, Duane** 100.00 Heartland HWH rebate; **Groton Chamber of Commerce** 490.00 dues; **Groton Ford** 2,045.60 repairs; **Groton Independent** 120.40 subscriptions & publishing; **Harry Implement** 20.00 hose end; **Heartland Waste** 6,153.28 garbage hauling; **Herron, Terry** 100.00 Heartland HWH rebate; **James Valley Telecommunications** 925.79 telephone, internet; **Drew Johnson** 1,075.00 legal services; **Lambertz, Shawn** 100.00 Heartland HWH rebate; **Mahan, Tom** 100.00 Heartland HWH rebate; **Martin, John** 100.00 Heartland HWH rebate; **Milbank Winwater** 62.77 repair cplgs; **NECOG** 1,533.89 dues; **Northern Truck Equipment** 124.31 spinner disc; **NW Energy** 10.00 nat gas; **Professional Management Service** 100.00 Heartland HWH rebate; **S&S Lumber** 173.60 fluid, wood, brackets, lock; **Schwab Inc** 115.99 stampers, ink; **SD Board of Operators Cert** 36.00 cert renewals; **SD Dept of Env & Nat Res** 1,500.00 annual wastewater fee; **SD Retirement** 9,888.64 retirement; **SD Water & Wastewater Assoc** 20.00 dues; **Stolle, Bill** 100.00 Heartland HWH rebate; **US Postal Service** 225.00 mail permit; **Verizon Wireless** 41.61 gate comm.; **Walter, Don** 100.00 Heartland HWH rebate; **WEB Water** 9,600.79 water

Department reports were given by Terry Herron, Public Works Supt.; and Shawn Lambertz, Electric Supt. Topics included were skating rink, snow plowing, new LED street lights, servicing mowers, transformer change outs, and tree trimming. Herron and Lambertz left meet-

ing at this point.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Peterson to recognize the following volunteers and employees and thank them for their service. All members present voted aye. **Baseball volunteers:** Lars Hanson, Justin Hanson, Matt Locke, Steve Giedt, Travis Antonson, Brenda Waage, David Blackmun, Mitchell Locke, Bary Keith, Jim Lane, Jerry Locke, and Steve Diegel; **Planning and Zoning Commission members** @ \$25/meeting: Les Hinds, Gordon Nelson, Jeff Steen, Sherwin Nyberg, and Chris Kahli; **Elected Officials:** Mayor Scott Hanlon @ \$400/month; **Council Members:** David McGannon, David Blackmun, Ed Opp, Mary Flihs, Jay Peterson, and Burt Glover @ \$1,200/year; **City Employees:** Anita Lowary, Finance Officer @ 5,439.20/month; **Peggy Locke,** Deputy Finance Officer @ 19.97/hr; **April Abeln,** Assistant Finance Officer & Police Secretary @ 19.54/hr; **Stacy Mayou,** Police Chief @ 4,826.64/month; **Jerry Bjerke,** Asst Chief @ 4,324.32/month; **Justin Cleveland,** Police Officer Level 1 @ 4156.88/month; **David Hunter,** Police Officer Level 2 @ 3,661.84; **Terry Herron,** Public Works Coordinator & Street & Water Supt @ 27.10/hr; **Dwight Zerr,** Wastewater Supt @ 23.89/hr; **Shawn Lambertz,** Electric Supt @ 35.70/hr; **Dan Sunne,** Electric Lineman @ 30.60; **Branden Abeln,** Asst Street Supt @ 21.96/hr; **Paul Kosel,** Technology Specialist @ 23.30/hr; **Jim Gerdes,** Public Works Laborer @ 15.80/hr; **Justin Olson,** Warming House Manager @ \$9.25/hr; and **Taylor, Holm, Jamie Krueger, Tara Telkamp, Landon Marzdan, Hunter Monson,** and **Joe Griebinghoff,** Warming House Attendants @ \$8.50/hr.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Peterson to give second reading to Ordinance No. 703, Disposal of Ice and Snow. All members present voted aye.

**Legislative Days** on Feb 2 & 3 in Pierre were announced and Lowary will attend for SDML.

Meeting adjourned.  
Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer  
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## Groton City Ord. 703 Disposal of Snow/Ice

Ordinance No. 703  
An Ordinance entitled "The Disposal of Snow and Ice".  
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Groton, South Dakota that the following ordinance entitled "The Disposal of Snow and Ice" be added to the 2012 Revised Ordinances of the City of Groton to read as follows:

The property owner, tenant, person in possession, or person removing snow and ice from any sidewalk, public or private driveway, parking lot or parking area, shall dispose of accumulated snow and ice upon such property as follows:

A. Snow and ice shall not be deposited on any sidewalk at any time.

B. Snow and ice shall not be deposited on any public street or alley at any time.

C. Snow and ice shall not be deposited so as to obstruct or interfere with the passage or vision of vehicular or pedestrian traffic at any time.

D. Snow and ice shall not be deposited upon or around any mailbox so as to obstruct or interfere with the delivery or collection of the United States Mail at any time.

E. Snow and ice shall not be deposited upon any fire hydrant, as specified above, so as to obstruct or interfere with access to the fire hydrant at any time.

F. Snow and ice upon the property shall be piled on the same property or hauled to any appropriate disposal site off premises.

Passed first reading: 12/23/15  
Passed second reading: 1/4/16  
Published: 1/6/16  
Effective date: 1/26/16  
Scott Hanlon  
Groton City Mayor  
Attest:

Anita Lowary  
City Finance Officer  
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**Westport Town  
Dec. 29  
Special Meeting**

Town of Westport Special Meeting  
December 29th, 2015  
The Town of Westport met on December 29th, 2015 with John Bain, Jan Ellefson, Doreen Hertel, Mike Wilson, Ted Dickey and 11 community members present. Ted Dickey came and presented the Sewer project to the city. The need for the project; The project is needed to provide adequate wastewater and storm sewer service to the Town of Westport.

All alternatives that were evaluated, including the cost of each; All alternatives were looked at by the town and the engineer.

A description of the project; The Town of Westport is proposing to replace its lift station and construct new storm sewer lines.

The proposed financing for the project; The Town of Westport is in the process of applying for funding from the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

The amount of SRF loan expected to be borrowed; Up to \$617,000.

The revenue source pledged for repayment; Wastewater Surcharge Revenue Bonds.

The interest rate and term of the loan; The note will be for up to 3.25% at a term no greater than 30 years.

The effect of the proposed financing on user rates. If the proposed project financing is borrowed at the full amount, rate and term, the wastewater rates would increase from \$30.00 to \$85.00 this is an increase of \$55.00.

There is a Dept. of Water and Natural resources meeting in Pierre on March 24th, 2016 to present on the cities to receive a grant for this project. Jan Ellefson said she would be willing to go to Pierre to represent the city.

Resolution authorizing on application for financial assistance was submitted for the project. Resolution 4 was presented to the board for approval John made motion to pass the resolution, Mike seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer  
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**Westport Town  
Resolution 4  
Project Application**

RESOLUTION NO. 4  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF THE APPLICATION, AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO CERTIFY AND SIGN PAYMENT REQUESTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Westport (the "City") has determined it is necessary to proceed with improvements to its wastewater and storm water System, including but not limited to replacing the lift station and constructing additional storm sewer lines (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that financial assistance will be necessary to undertake the Project and an application for financial assistance to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources (the "Board") will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate an authorized representative to execute and submit the Application on behalf of the City and to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City as follows:

1. The City hereby approves the submission of an Application for financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources for the Project..

2. The Town President is hereby authorized to execute the Application and submit it to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources, and to execute and deliver such other documents and perform all acts necessary to effectuate the Application for financial assistance.

3. The Town President is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City to do all things on its behalf to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project.

Adopted at Westport, South Dakota, this 29th day of December 2015.

APPROVED:  
Mayor  
City of Westport  
(Seal)  
Attest:  
Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer  
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**January 2016 Climate Outlook for South Dakota**  
BROOKINGS, S.D. - South Dakotans can expect weather changes this January based on data from the new National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center 30-day outlook.

"The outlook shows January 2016 weather to be different from December in several ways including temperature and precipitation," said Dennis Todey, South Dakota State Climatologist & SDSU Extension Climate Specialist.

Todey explained that the January 2016 outlook shifts the temperature probability slightly, with above average chances for warmer temperatures only in the northern third of the state. "The rest of the state is listed as equal chances for below or above average temperatures," he said, noting that this is a slight shift from previous outlooks which had been very bullish on warmer than average temperatures overall for the whole state and region.

"The shift is likely caused by a couple changes in conditions," Todey said.

With low winter sun angles and shorter days, Todey added that the current snow cover across the state will keep surfaces from warming as readily.

"Northern areas of the state and parts of North Dakota actually have lesser amounts of snow cover allowing them a better opportunity to melt out and warm up in time," he said. "The deeper areas of snow cover will not likely melt off during the month."

Todey said that areas throughout the state and region with lighter snow cover should have a chance of melting out if little additional snow falls.

**Cold outbreak**

Computer models, although mixed on the strength and length, are projecting a cold outbreak in the middle January, explained Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

"Even in an El Nino winter, some cold outbreaks are not unexpected," said Edwards. "This expected cold outbreak also contributes to the lower likelihood of warmer conditions for the month as a whole."

**Winter wheat benefits from snow cover**

"The updated precipitation outlook is very El Nino-like," Todey said. "The northern edge of the state is included in below average chances for precipitation. El Nino is still influencing our winter weather."

He explained that wetter than average areas are confined largely from California across the southern U.S. "Overall this month does look quieter than December, with the pattern shifting away from the storm track experienced in December."

He added that historically, January is the lowest precipitation time of the year for South Dakota.

"Snow cover is more than expected over much of the state at the start January due to record snows in December," Edwards said.

She referenced the fact that areas west of the Missouri and in the southeast have more than a foot of snow on the ground, with at least a few inches of snow covering the rest of the state.

"The snow is having an impact on conditions in several ways," she said. As mentioned, the snow cover is helping keep temperatures somewhat cooler.

While temperatures have not been extremely cold to this point in the season, Edwards explained that the snow cover in western, winter wheat growing counties, has been advantageous for winter wheat as it provides protection for the overwintering crop.

"The recent consistent sub-freezing temperatures have also eased some livestock issues," she said. "Before the onset of colder temperatures in the latter part of December, many feedlot managers were reporting difficulties with muddy conditions." Now most of the feedlots are solid.

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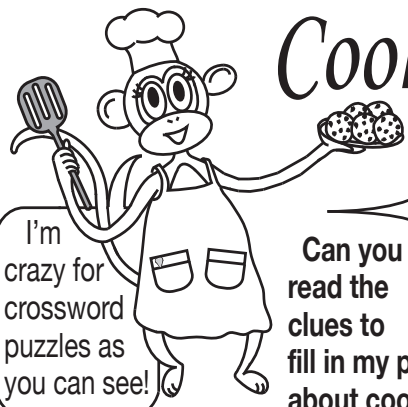
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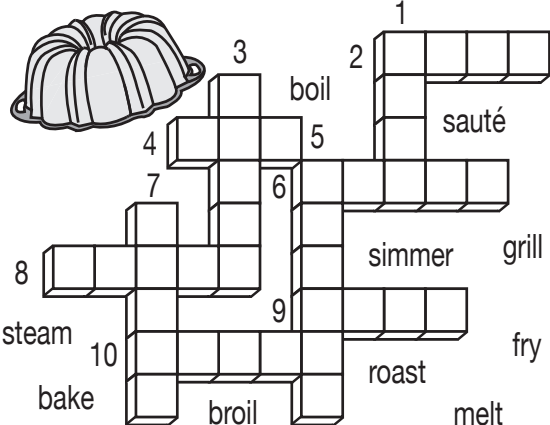
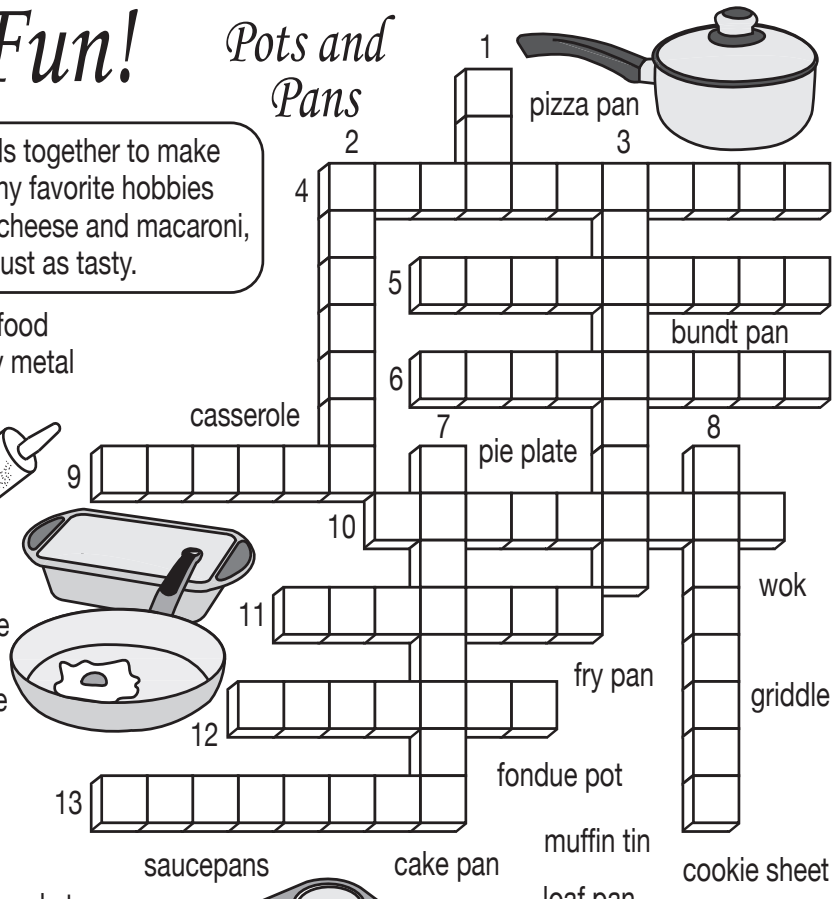
I enjoy cooking and baking. I like putting foods together to make new, hopefully delicious, combinations. One of my favorite hobbies is to take an old recipe that everyone loves, like cheese and macaroni, and "lighten" it to make it a healthier dish that's just as tasty.

Can you read the clues to fill in my puzzles about cooking?

1. bowl-shaped pan used to cook Chinese food
2. comes in many shapes and sizes, usually metal
3. very deep with handles and lids

4. flat piece of metal for laying out pieces of dough
5. bowl heated from below – keeps cheese and chocolate melted for dipping
6. mixed foods cooked in a large, deep, usually uncovered dish in the oven
7. round, doughnut-shaped baking pan
8. shallow, round, glass or metal dish used to bake one of America's favorite desserts
9. round, flat, with low sides; may be made of iron, may have a non-stick surface, handle
10. has several, tiny cups for batter; a cupcake pan or a \_\_\_\_\_
11. square or rectangular "frying pan," may be flat or have ridges, drains off extra grease
12. rectangular pan that is deep, used for breads and a favorite meat dinner
13. large, round, flat metal pan, sometimes deeper for "deep dish"

### Pots and Pans



### How We Cook It

1. cook in oven using dry heat
2. heat liquid until it starts to bubble and steam
3. cook over an open fire
4. cook in a pan or griddle, usually in very hot oil
5. cook food just below its boiling point
6. heat using water in the form of wisps of \_\_\_\_\_
7. cook meat in oven, uncovered in a shallow pan without adding liquid
8. cook at high temperature using direct heat from the top of the oven
9. turn something into liquid over heat
10. cook in a pan with a little bit of oil or butter

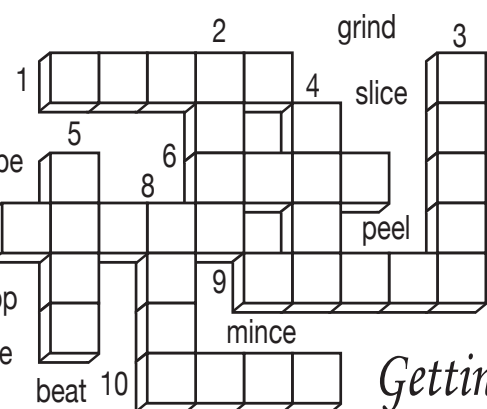
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## Running the Kitchen Smoothly

I'm helping Chatter in the kitchen today. I am her "sous chef," which means I am the second in command! I make sure everything is ready and the kitchen is running smoothly, and I help to cook the food.

Getting food ready and keeping the kitchen running smoothly:

1. cut into thin strips with a knife
2. cut food into small square pieces
3. crush food in blender or other machine
4. press to remove lumps
5. cut food into squares smaller than 1/2 inch, using a knife
6. stir ingredients together with a whisk or spoon
7. chop into tiny pieces
8. cut ingredients into pieces using a knife or food processor
9. cut into long, thin pieces (may use round holes on grater)
10. pull off or cut off the skin or rind of fruit or vegetable



### Getting It Together

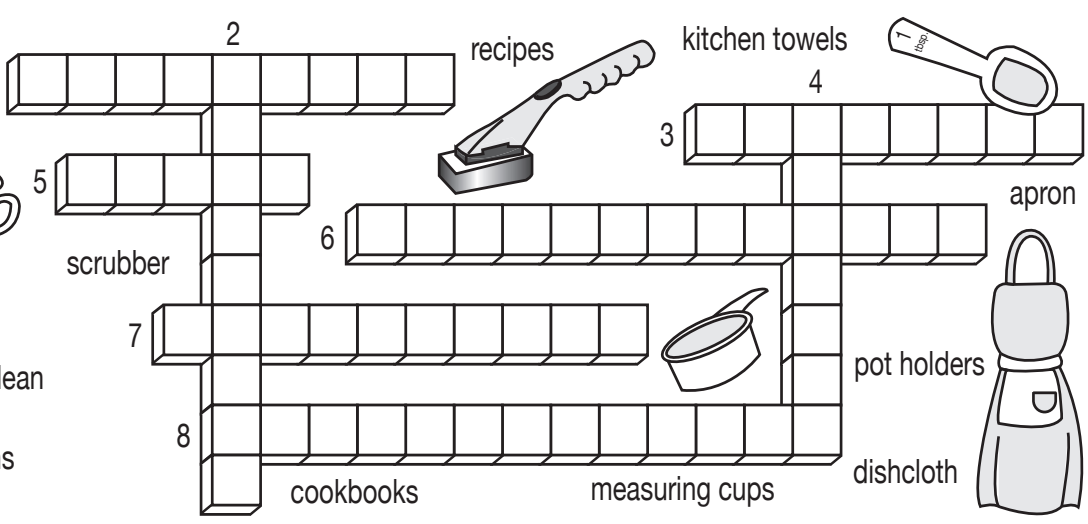
1. pour liquid or food into a filter that catches any solid bits
2. blend milk, butter, or sugar until smooth
3. swirl different types of batter for an interesting look
4. put ingredients together
5. make ingredients fluffy by adding air, beating quickly
6. mix smoothly together
7. blend food into a liquid until it disappears (like sugar in water)
8. stir very fast so ingredients mix or fluff up
9. work on dough by pressing and stretching
10. mix a salad until everything is coated with dressing



We are helpers in the kitchen. Read the clues to find out how we help. Then, fill in the puzzle!

### Kitchen Helpers

1. small rag used for washing plates, pots, and pans
2. books filled with recipes
3. rough, sponge-like tool for removing food from pots and pans
4. sets of instructions for making or preparing something
5. special piece of clothing that covers the front to keep clothes clean
6. cups with markings on the side
7. thick cloths that protect hands and table from hot pots and pans
8. larger cloths for drying off your washed plates, pots, and pans



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# Community Calendar

**GROTON VET CLINIC**  
1503 N Broadway, Groton, 605/397-8145

Halsey, Renee Swisher  
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm: GBB host Waubay-Summit

**Wednesday, January 13**

**School Breakfast:** Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Soft shell tacos, bread sticks, tri taters, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, chocolate cake, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Adam Franken, Ben Schaller, Chuck Johnson, Elizabeth Abernathy, Ellen Leonhardt, Lance Hawkins, Monte McNickle.

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

8:30am: MathCounts at Aberdeen Simmons Middle School

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation with parents

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Varsity at 8:00  
7:00pm: School Board Meeting

**Tuesday, January 12**

**School Breakfast:** Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Garlic cheese bread, corn, carrots and dip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Chili, cornbread, coleslaw, lime pear Jell-O.

**Birthdays:** Allyssa Locke, Derrick

**Wednesday, January 6**

**School Breakfast:** Egg and cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Ham and raisin sauce, sweet potatoes, California blend vegetables, crazy cake.

**Anniv:** Bill and Vicki Podoll

**Birthdays:** Alfred Tastad, Carla Ronning, Samantha Bunke, Zachary Townsend, Stephanie Luvaaas-Jung

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

1:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid LWML

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

**Thursday, January 7**

**School Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Mini corn dogs, baked beans, lettuce salad, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Sweet and sour pork, steamed rice, carrot and broccoli medley, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Eugene Brolin, Mary Finnesand, Rodney Kappes, Terry Herron

1:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Nursery Circle

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Nigeria Circle

5:15pm: GBB at Milbank Area (C game at 5:15 followed by JV at 6:30 and varsity at 8:00)

6:00pm: Wrestling Triangular in Groton (Milbank and Sioux Valley)

**Friday, January 8**

**School Breakfast:** Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Pizza, peas, carrots and dip, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Hot turkey combo, mashed potatoes and gravy, 7 layer salad, peach sauce.

**Anniv:** Steve & Audrey McKiver

**Birthdays:** Andrew Kappes, Dragr PJ Monson, Taylor Anderson,

Wayne Hein.

5:15pm: BBB host Milbank Area (C game at 5:15 followed by JV at 6:30 and varsity at 8:00)

**Saturday, January 9**

GBB Classic at Redfield (4:30 p.m., Groton Area vs. Tea Area)

**Birthdays:** Charlie Cooper, JoAnn Krueger, Koni Sims, Vickie Weifenbach, Kelly Cutler Clark, Jeremy Wieseler

10:00am: 7th/8th Jamboree in Groton (Webster MS, Britton-Hecla, Leola-Frederick)

10:00am: Wrestling Tourney at Miller

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

**Sunday, January 10**

**Birthdays:** Dave Hunter, Edwin Tietz, Maycee Albrecht, Michelle Flihs, Neil Gilbert

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship / Milestones

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Bethesda

**Monday, January 11**

**School Breakfast:** French toast, link, fruit, juice, milk.

**School Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, tater tots, romaine salad, fruit.

**Senior Menu:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Kayla Jensen, LaVonne Raap, Randy Padfield

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

5:15pm: BBB host Tiospa Zina (C game at 5:15, JV at 6:30,

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## Warm & Snowy December 2015

December 2015 featured above average temperatures, which has become a monthly theme for the year. Though not in record territory, locations ranged from 4-8 degrees above normal for the month. The first half of December was particularly warm, but temperatures became increasingly seasonable as the month wrapped up. It took until mid to late December for low temperatures to first reach at least 0 degrees for many. On the 27th Pierre's streak was broken, but not before coming within 5 days of reaching their record latest first 0 degrees or colder temperature.

These warm temperatures prevailed despite an active pattern which brought several rounds of moderate to heavy snow across the area, which typically entrenches cold air across the region this time of year. Snowstorms took place on Nov 30-Dec 1st, Dec 15-16th, and then again from Dec 25-26th. Although these events weren't particularly extreme in terms of cold, wind, or ice, they combined to reach impressive monthly snowfall totals across parts of central South Dakota. Murdo observed their snowiest December on record, while Pierre was 4th and Kennebec tied for 5th. These numbers are unusual considering a strong El Nino is in progress, though El Nino is but one climatic factor that influences our winters.

### Groton Prairie Mixed

**Team Standings:** Coyotes 7, Foxes 4 1/2, Shih Tzus 4, Jackelopes 3 1/2, Chipmunks 3, Pocket Gophers 2  
**Men's High Games:** Brad Waage 217, 207, Roger Colestock 213, Roger Spanier 209, 200; Brad Larson 201, Doug Jorgensen 200  
**Women's High Games:** Vicki Walter 194, Dar Larson 184, Hayley Merkel 182  
**Men's High Series:** Roger Spanier 590, Brad Waage 585, Brad Larson 569  
**Women's High Series:** Dar Larson 505, Vicki Walter 504, Sue Stanley 486

### Friendly Fellows and Daisies

The Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H club met on December 6, 2015 at the Claremont Legion for its Annual 4-H Christmas Party. Members and their families included Kaitlyn, Kennedy, Stacy and John Anderson; Braden, Mandy and Mark Boe; Ethan and Laura Clark; Carly, Clay, Austin, Amelia and Colby Crawford; Dylan, Colin, Sara and Mike Frey; Landon, Nicole, Andrew, Renee and Wade Marzahn; Hanna, Mallory, Tucker, Melissa and Eric Miller; Jonathan, Hannah, Jakob, Madelyne, Stacey

Sumption; Logan, Ashlynn, Greyson, Robyn and Jason Warrington; Bradyn, Denise and Kent Wieker; and Trey and Russ Wright. Guest included Janice Fliehs; Jackie Pigott; Yvonne Gibbs; Donna Schliebe; Bernice Docter; Virginia Pulfrey; Connie Anderson; Kenny and Janet Frey; Deloris Bruns; and Judy Pierson; Donnie Wright; Karen and Roy Boe; Lee and Diane Warrington; Lee Ann and Royal Tople; Brent and Barb Miller. Attendees played card bingo with lots of prizes that were won. The members sang Christmas carols and gave sun catchers as a Christmas gift to our guests. For two Community Service projects the 4-H members brought food items for the local Food Pantry and brought items for Safe Harbor to be placed at the 4-H Christmas Tree in the Brown County Courthouse. The 4-H members made holiday greeting cards for Holdon Rivere, husband of former 4-H member Brittany Wieker who is stationed over in Turkey. Leader Mike Frey presented each 4-H member with awards for the past year. Dylan Frey gave a speech about his Dairy Judging experiences at the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest at World Dairy Expo in Madison Wisconsin. Bradyn Wieker gave a speech about his experiences at the National 4-H Archery Competition in Grand Island, Nebraska. Trey Wright and Landon Marzahn presented the group with a Robotics demonstration. Robotics is 4-H project that has been growing in numbers over the past 5 years. The group watched a slide show of the past years activities of both the club and individual accomplishments of the members. The Christmas Party ended with a Potluck supper and desserts. The next meeting will be held January 3rd at the Brown County Extension Office following a roller skating party in Aberdeen.

## Lady Tigers go 6-0 with win over Langford

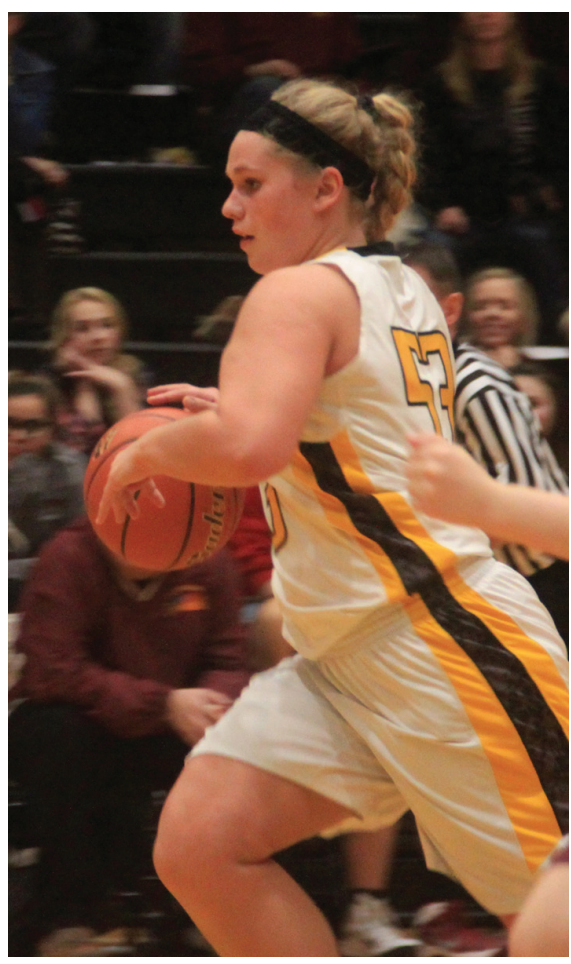
The Groton Area Lady Tigers went to 6-0 on the season with a 55-16 non-conference win over Langford Area Monday night in Groton. The Tigers led at the quarterstops at 18-2, 28-10 and 46-10. Carly Wheeting led the Tigers with 14 points followed by Katie Koehler with nine, Audrey Wanner eight, Gia Gengerke six, Harleigh Stange five, Alex Stange four, Jessica Bjerke three and Emily Locke, Miranda Hanson and Payton Maine with two each.

Groton Area made 49 percent of its field goals, was three of 11 from the line, had 25 rebounds with Wheeting having six, nine assists with Locke and Wheeting each having two, 24 steals with Locke having six, Gengerke had one block and the Tigers had eight turnovers and seven team fouls.

The Lions were led by Madi Nelson with six followed by Julia Swenson with five, Sami Wika three and Addy Taylor two. Shailei Sanderson had six rebounds for the Lions.



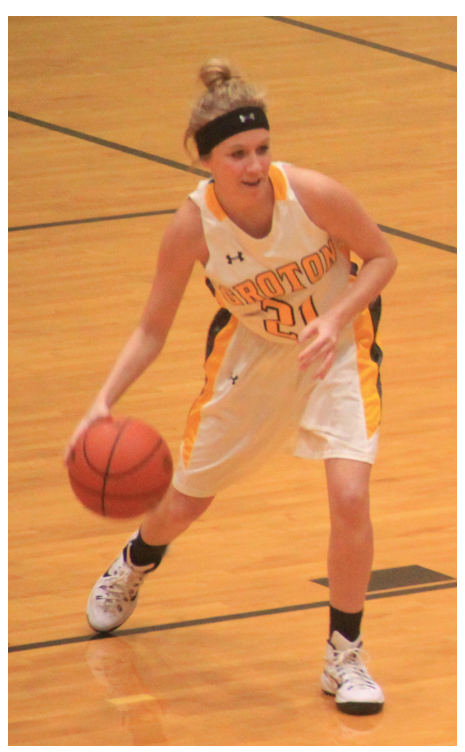
Langford's Ashley Gustafson and Groton's Harleigh Stange. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Carly Wheeting. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Jessica Bjerke. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Katie Koehler. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Audrey Wanner. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 40-19. Scoring for Groton Area were Payton Maine, Jenny Doeden and Taylor Holm with nine each, Miranda Hanson, Gia Gengerke, Alex Stange, Sam Menzia, Portia Kettering and Jodi Hinman with two each and Madison Sippel with one. The Lions were led by Sahilei Sanderson with nine followed by Sami Wika with four and Ashley Gustafson, Madeline Reints and Bailey Widener with two each.

Groton Area will travel to Milbank Area on Thursday and will play Tea Area at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Redfield classic.