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## If there is an active shooter at the school, you must have

# P A T I E N C E



**Brown County Emergency Director Scott Meints talks about the procedure in the high school gym before the shooter event drill was to begin.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Patti Woods from the Brown County Emergency Management office helped to coordiante between law enforcement and fire and rescue.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

It has been a year and a half in the making, and on Wednesday morning, a variety of agencies gathered at the Groton Area High School where an active shooter drill was played out.

"If it would have been a real event, there would have been many, many more law enforcement other agencies here," said Superintendent Joe Schwan. "Everyone in Northeast South Dakota would have been here." Groton's surveillance system would be tied into the Brown County Emergency Management van.

Scott Meints, Brown County Emergency Management Director, said of the exercise, "I think it went really well. We tested the procedures and policies of the school. I hope we find some weaknesses, nothing critical, but we can learn and tweak the policies and plan. We'll be talking about it in the after action meeting. We'll talk about what went right and what we need to work on. There will be some follow-up meetings in the weeks to come We'll compile all the information from the evaluators and the participants we'll put together a game plan of what we need to look at and maybe make better."

In the event of an active shooter, both the elementary and the high school buildings would be in lock down. The outside doors would immediately be locked. All students would immediately go to a room where the teachers would lock and secure the doors and send the students to a predetermined safe wall. Once the shooter was reprimanded, a generic message would be sent through the school's all-call system, instructing parents where to go for the reunification process. "Every room would have to be cleared in an active situation," Meints said. "We would start the reunification processes as soon as we can. Obviously it's going to take a considerable amount of time and there will be some parents that will be a little over anxious," he said. "It's critical that parents understand that we're here to keep your kids safe and the folks are doing their best to make that happen. They need to be patient in the reunification process. It is not something that happens with the snap of a finger. It's going to be hooouurs

in a real event. That's one of the hardest things is the reunification process."

Schwan said that when both schools go into lock down, the law enforcement would be the only ones to allow one school to be released.

Over the years, the school board has invested a lot of money in the district's surveillance system. Schwan said, "The school's surveillance system worked surprisingly well. The whole exercise went well and it was a learning experience."

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**The two evaluators for the Groton Area School were Mike Kroll, Warner School Superintendent, and Jim Block, Webster Area School Superintendent. Groton Area Superintendent Joe Schwan was talking with them after the event.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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**Members of Groton Fire and Rescue help several people who were shot at the event.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

**Shooter Drill**  
 Continued from front

Meints said that Groton Area was the first rural Brown County School to have this drill. It has been done in two other schools in Aberdeen. "It takes a lot of time, a lot of money and a lot of people to pull this off," Meints said. "We did one small table top session to prepare ourselves last summer. And we're doing this the day before school starts so it's fresh in everyone's mind." When asked why the drill wasn't done during a school day, he said, "We didn't want to put the stress on the kids. If we would have been here with a full school day, there would be considerable stress for those students and we felt we didn't want to do that. We felt, though, that it was important enough for us to practice."

The agencies that were involved besides the Groton Area School included the Groton Police Department, Groton Fire and Rescue, Brown County Emergency Management, Brown County Sheriff and the South Dakota Highway Patrol. Agencies that came to help evaluate were Codington County Emergency Management, Hamlin Co Sheriff's Office, SD DCI, Avera St Luke's, Webster Area School District, Warner School District, SD Office of Emergency Management.

Schwan said that each agency had two observers (wearing yellow vests). Evaluators wore a white vest and the media wore a red vest. Meints said there were close to 80 people involved. Schwan said that the school had about that many as well involved with the event. Diane Kurtz, one of the teachers, described what she did once the school was forced into



**Members of Groton Fire and Rescue check on a casualty of the event, who happened to be Andrea Eisenbeisz, the local coroner.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)

lock down. "We closed the door and locked it. The door was barricaded with student desks and an extension cord was used to tie it from one door handle with another one. We went to the safe wall designated with a picture of a tiger. We turned off the lights and sat quietly." Kurtz said she normally had 19 to 25 students in her classroom. "I've never had problems with the students during a drill." To prepare for the event, Kurtz said that she reviewed a safety handbook. "I feel I'm prepared as much as you possibly can be."

It makes you think about different scenarios. I feel prepared as much as you possibly can be.

Groton Police Officer Jerry Bjerke was the first "live" officer to enter the building. "When I got here," he said, "we already had an officer down and that's not a good feeling. In a real life situation, 99.5 percent of the students are locked in their rooms. You're going to have some casualties because some will not be locked in a room." Bjerke's advice to students: "Get in a room and secure it. When the school goes into lock-down, the students are suppose to be in a room immediately and lock the door."

Of the event, Schwan said, "Everyone did a fine job."

- Paul Kosel



**Officer Justin Cleveland and a SD Highway Patrolman reprimanded the "shooter" who was played by Ross Erickson of the Brown County Sheriff's Office.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Groton officers Jerry Bjerke and David Hunter run to the scene.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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## South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation Awards \$1,000 Scholarship to Lily Cutler

HURON, S.D.—Lily Cutler of Claremont, SD, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation's annual Insuring a Brighter Tomorrow scholarship program.

Lily was one of 25 recipients chosen from a large group of applicants to receive the scholarship to be used in her post-secondary education in South Dakota. The scholarship program is funded by Farmers Union Insurance agents from across the state through the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation. The recipients were chosen based on a combination of academic record, activities and awards, financial need, and an essay relating to how they might, "Insure a Brighter



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Lily Cutler is the daughter of James & Lisa Cutler. Lily plans to attend South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and will major in Chemical Engineering.

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## Soccer teams at Belle Fourche

The Groton soccer teams traveled to Belle Fourche on Friday where the girls tied with the home team and the boys lost by one goal.

The girls team ended the game with a 2-2 tie. Harleigh Stange scored both goals and both were assisted by Emily Locke. Devan Howard had five saves as the goalie.

Belle Fourche boys edged Groton Area, 3-2. Wyatt Locke had 15 saves. Clayton Kurtz had one goal on a penalty kick and Belle Fourche scored Groton's other goal by mistake.



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**August 22 Meeting**  
 OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
 FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2  
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The special meeting was called to order on August 22, 2016 at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman Richard Schlosser with Jon Ellwein, Dan Nickelson and Eric Sumption present. Others present were Knute Reiersen, Jessica Ringgenberg and Deb Klapperich.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action 16-29 Motion by Sumption, second by Ellwein to approve the amended agenda. All aye, carried.

Action 16-30 Motion by Sumption, second by Nickelson to enter into executive session at 7:23 pm. All aye, carried.

Chairman Schlosser declared out of executive session at 8:17 pm.

Action 16-31 Motion by Nickelson, second by Ellwein to accept the open enrollment applications from families A, B, C, D, E, F and G. All aye, carried.

Action 16-32 Motion by Sumption, second by Nickelson to adjust the home school application of family A.

Action 16-33 Motion by Ellwein second by Nickelson to adjourn. All aye, carried

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Dated this 24th day of August, 2016

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## Boys golf team places fourth at Milbank

The Groton boy's golf team went to Milbank on August 18th where the team placed fourth in a field of eight teams. Sisseton and Aberdeen Roncalli tied for first with 332 points followed by Sioux Valley with 378, Groton Area with 385, Watertown had 387 points, Aberdeen Central 421, Milbank Area 422 and Redfield-Doland with 459 points.

Cade Guthmiller placed 10th with a score of 91, Sean Schuring was 13th with a 93, Landon Marzahn was 17th with a 95 and Hunter Schaller was 28th with a score of 106.

The golf team will travel to Redfield tomorrow to take part in the Northeast Conference meet starting at 10 a.m.

## Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met at the home of Deb Olson August 15, at 5:30 p.m. Pam Rix assisted her. Following supper, 11 members answered roll call with what they did at the Brown County Fair. A thank you was read from John and Dodie Martin for naming their yard "Yard of the Week." Yard of the week winners for July were Ron and Katherine Rehfuss, Rob and Jeanne Wanous, Michelle Fordham and Rose Waage. The SD state board meeting will be held October 29, 9:30 in Watertown. It was decided to hold a plant sale in conjunction with the fall rummage, September 10th at the City Park. 8am till noon. Next meeting will be September 19, at 5:30 pm with Linda Anderson and Marj Overacker hosting at Golden Living Center. Linda Gengerke will have the program.

## Soccer teams lose to St. Thomas More

The Groton girls soccer team played at St. Thomas More on Saturday and suffered a 5-1 loss to the host team. Harleigh Stange had one goal. Devan Howard had five saves.

The boys team lost, 10-0. Wyatt Locke had seven saves.

Next action for the soccer teams will be Saturday when both teams will host Vermillion. The girls play at 2 p.m. and the boys play at 4 p.m.



# Brown County 2017 Provisional Budget

	101	201	207	226	Governmental Funds					401	Proprietary Fund
	General	Road	E911	EM	229	230	248	251	401	504	
	Fund	and Bridge	Fund	Fund	Safe	Teen	24/7	Mod &	Debt Service	Landfill	
		Fund			Harbor	Court	Sobriety	Preservation	(New Angus Beef)	Solid Waste	
					Fund	Fund	Fund	Relief		Fund	
100 General Government											
110 Legislative											
111 Board of County Commissi	337,097.39										
112 Contingency	250,000.00										
120 Elections	32,556.00										
130 Judicial System	73,200.00										
140 Financial Administration											
141 Auditor	320,760.30										
142 Treasurer	538,946.82										
150 Legal Services											
151 States Attorney	818,753.87										
153 Court Appointed Attorney	511,500.00										
154 Abused and Neglected Child Defense	15,000.00										
159 Teen Court						37,484.89					
160 Other											
161 General Government Build	1,191,238.59										
162 Director of Equalization	579,117.52										
163 Register of Deeds	362,720.65							4,000.00			
165 Veterans' Service Officer	154,318.98										
166 Predatory Animal (GFP)	3,915.61										
170 Geographic Information Sy	98,256.98										
171 Data Processing	469,479.37										
172 Human Resources	132,092.47										
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>5,888,954.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>37,484.89</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
200 Public Safety											
210 Law Enforcement											
211 Sheriff	1,504,279.51										
212 County Jail	1,689,971.13						96,221.01				
213 Coroner	36,049.00										
215 Juvenile Detention	965,424.79										
220 Protective & Emergency Services											
221 Fire Protection	17,000.00										
222 Emergency & Disaster Services				222,903.35							
225 Communications Center (911)			1,054,595.38								
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>4,212,724.43</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,054,595.38</b>	<b>222,903.35</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>96,221.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
300 Public Works											
310 Highways & Bridges											
311 Highways, Roads, & Bridges		9,269,620.61									
320 Sanitation											
322 Solid Wastes										2,913,988.44	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9,269,620.61</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,913,988.44</b>	
400 Health & Welfare											
410 Economic Assistance											
411 Support of Poor	446,668.96										
420 Health Assistance											
421 County Nurse	18,540.00										
424 Ambulance	20,000.00										
430 Social Services											
433 Care of Aged	1,500.00										
434 Domestic Abuse					14,200.00						
440 Mental Health Services											
441 Mentally Ill	200,000.00										
442 Aspire/Live/Dakoabilities	13,700.00										
443 Drug Abuse	40,000.00										
444 Mental Health Centers	37,080.00										
<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>	<b>777,488.96</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>14,200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
500 Culture & Recreation											
510 Culture											
511 Public Library	16,000.00										
512 Historical Museum	399,828.30										
520 Recreation											
521 Recreation Program	5,000.00										
522 Parks	103,610.13										
523 Exhibition Building O & M	424,206.46										
524 County Fair	1,046,815.11										
525 Senior Citizens	3,500.00										
<b>TOTAL CULTURAL &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>1,998,960.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
600 Conservation of Natural Resources											
610 Soil Conservation											
611 4-H Coordinator	75,015.35										
615 Weed Control	212,826.76										
<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>287,842.11</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
700 Urban & Economic Development											
710 Urban Development											
711 Planning & Zoning	85,427.34										
712 Urban & Rural Developme	26,449.18										
720 Economic Development											
721 Tourism, Ind. & Rec. Devel	20,750.00										
<b>TOTAL URBAN &amp; ECONOMIC DEVE</b>	<b>132,626.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
750 Payments to other Governments		40,000.00									
800 Debt Service									904,807.42		
900 Other Uses											
910 Other Financing Uses											
911 Operating Transfers Out	4,566,571.85										
<b>TOTAL OTHER USES</b>	<b>4,566,571.85</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>904,807.42</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE APPROPRIA</b>	<b>17,865,168.42</b>	<b>9,309,620.61</b>	<b>1,054,595.38</b>	<b>222,903.35</b>	<b>14,200.00</b>	<b>37,484.89</b>	<b>96,221.01</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>904,807.42</b>	<b>2,913,988.44</b>	
Cash Balance Applied	2,060,294.37	400,000.00	200,000.00			17,984.89			252,493.02	746,570.44	
311 Current Property Tax Levy	13,596,295.00										
Less 25% to Cities	(22,171.00)										
311 TIF Property Taxes									652,314.40		
312/319 - Other Taxes	124,150.00	900,000.00								6,700.00	
<b>NET TOTAL TAXES</b>	<b>13,698,274.00</b>	<b>900,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>652,314.40</b>	<b>6,700.00</b>	
320 Licenses & Permits	57,600.00	7,000.00			8,100.00						
330 Intergovernmental Revenue	584,597.08	3,776,500.00	646,997.69	66,000.00	3,100.00	18,000.00	18,000.00				
340 Charges for Goods & Service	2,200,675.00	2,300.00			3,000.00		78,221.01	4,000.00		1,600,000.00	
350 Fines & Forfeits	26,850.00										
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	145,100.00	3,500.00	600.00	150.00		1,500.00				560,718.00	
370 Other Financing Sources	32,050.00	4,220,320.61	206,997.69	156,753.35							
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>18,805,440.45</b>	<b>9,309,620.61</b>	<b>1,054,595.38</b>	<b>222,903.35</b>	<b>14,200.00</b>	<b>37,484.89</b>	<b>96,221.01</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>904,807.42</b>	<b>2,913,988.44</b>	
Less 5% (SDCL 7-21-18)	940,272.03										
<b>NET MEANS OF FINANCE</b>	<b>17,865,168.42</b>	<b>9,309,620.61</b>	<b>1,054,595.38</b>	<b>222,903.35</b>	<b>14,200.00</b>	<b>37,484.89</b>	<b>96,221.01</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>904,807.42</b>	<b>2,913,988.44</b>	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>17,865,168.42</b>	<b>9,309,620.61</b>	<b>1,054,595.38</b>	<b>222,903.35</b>	<b>14,200.00</b>	<b>37,484.89</b>	<b>96,221.01</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>904,807.42</b>	<b>2,913,988.44</b>	

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, 2016 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of considering the foregoing Provisional Budget for the year 2017 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 27th day of September, 2016. 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.  
 Maxine Fischer, Auditor  
 Brown County, SD  
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Flies, mosquitoes and beetles. We...

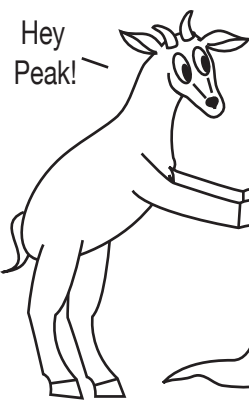
...could never name all of the insects.

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Kids: color stuff in!



Hey Peak!

Did you know that insects can be found on land almost everywhere in the world? Even in the usually frozen Arctic and Antarctica during their warmest season? Look at all of these ants in the ground and inside of this old tree trunk!

Yes?

during their warmest season? Look at all of these ants in the ground and inside of this old tree trunk!

Here are some fun clues about different insects. Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with the names of insects:

1. beetles: colorful, spotted, liked by farmers for eating pests
2. more of these than any other insects (40%); eaten by some people
3. live on stored honey all winter and huddle into a ball for warmth; are found on every continent except Antarctica
4. really caterpillars; spin cocoons made of one long strand of silk
5. grown males chirp faster as it gets hotter; longer antennae than grasshoppers; out at dusk, they "sing" by rubbing wings together
6. four stages: egg, caterpillar, pupa (the resting stage while they are changing - cocoon) and adult; seen during the day; large wings
7. eggs to adults in 5 days; wings beat 300-600 times per second; hear "buzzing" as they get close to bite us; carry diseases
8. come out during the day; "sing" by rubbing their long hind legs against their wings; have "ears" on their "stomach" areas to hear
9. live near water; large eyes on head view a wide area; double-winged; can move up, down, hover like helicopter
10. flat, brown, oval bodies; like warmth; out at night, light will scare them
11. live in nests; use antennae to touch and smell; can lift 10 to 50 times their own weight
12. taste with feet; walk upside down; only 2 wings; live 2-4 weeks; carry diseases

## Insects Bugging You?

**Insect Checklist!**  
Does it have (or is it):

- 3 main **body** parts?
- six jointed **legs**?
- two **antennae**?
- an **exoskeleton**?
- cold-blooded**?

**If it has all 5 items - it's an insect!**

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## Putting His Stamp On It!

Insects bug us, but they fascinate us too! Sometimes, countries even put artwork of insects on stamps. A Connecticut artist, Steve Buchanan, designed one of the most popular sets of stamps of all time, called "Insects and Spiders." The U.S. Post Office sold 61 million of these stamps.

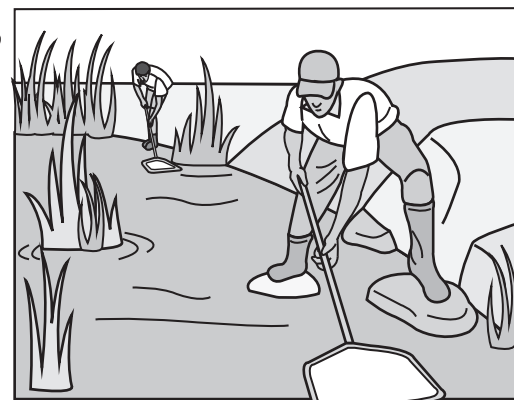
Butterflies, beetles and this insect are seen on many stamps. Follow the dots to see it. Then fill in the blanks to spell its name:

a n g y o  
r f l d



## Studying Insects

Did you know that **insects** make up 75% of all animals on earth? Scientists, called **entomologists**, who study insects have documented over a **million** different **species** of insects. They learn how insects **interact** with the world around them. These scientists study **pests** and helpful insects. They **teach** us about these tiny creatures.



Find and circle the words above in bold print in the puzzle below:

T	S	T	C	D	Z	N	Q	Z	M	X	W	X	R	G	S	J	Z	B	Q	A	L	M
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N	W	A	Z	K	M	X	N	N	T	I	A	F	K	J	F	F	H	Y	O	I	Q	W
M	J	C	D	C	F	M	S	I	N	T	E	R	A	C	T	O	X	T	S	S	H	Z
F	W	H	U	K	O	K	E	N	Q	N	G	F	B	J	V	K	U	Z	T	X	Q	K
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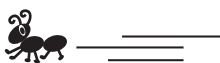
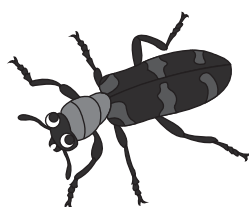
I've been bitten by the idiom bug!

Does it bug you that there are some phrases that do not mean exactly what they say? Such phrases are called "idioms." They have special meanings that are different from the words used. You can drive your family buggy by using them!

Can you match these insect idioms to their meanings?

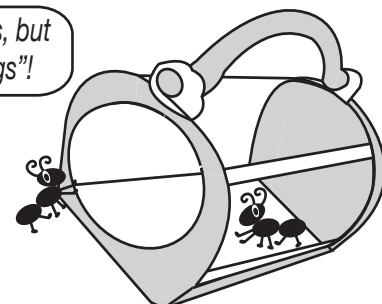
## Drive Your Family Buggy!

1. busy as a bee
2. make a beeline for
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4. bug-eyed
5. bug someone
6. have ants in one's pants
7. have butterflies in your stomach
8. mad as a hornet
9. merry as a cricket
10. dropping like flies



All "true bugs" are insects, but not all insects are "true bugs"!

- A. can't sit still
- B. very cheerful
- C. dying or giving up quickly
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- E. wide-eyed with surprise
- F. move straight toward
- G. very angry
- H. tightly tucked in and cozy
- I. annoy someone
- J. be nervous about something



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South Dakota's average ACT score stays flat, above nation's

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's average composite score on the ACT college-entrance exam is the same for the fourth year in a row. South Dakota's 21.9 score is above the national average of 20.8. The testing company

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says 6,552 South Dakota students took the ACT, that's about 76 percent of the graduating class of 2016. Thirty-three percent of students who took the exam hit the college-prepared benchmark in the four core subjects tested — reading, English, math and science. However, the test-

ing agency says, of the 450 Native American students who took the ACT, only 4 percent met the four benchmarks. That's less than half of the national rate of 9 percent.

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Reaching three or more benchmarks indicates a strong readiness for college course work.

Nationwide, nearly 2.1 million graduating seniors took the ACT.

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**Saturday, Aug. 27 & Sunday, Aug. 28**  
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**Insects Bugging You?**

abdomen thorax head

A bug may be an insect, but an insect might not be a bug!

**Insect Checklist!**  
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**Putting His Stamp On It!**  
 An artist drew this insect to put on a postage stamp:  
**DRAGONFLY**