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City Council discuss wastewater system plans, senior meal donation

by Elizabeth Varin

The Groton City Council covered both long-term infrastructure planning and immediate community needs during its Tuesday evening meeting, hearing updates on a major wastewater improvement project and taking action to support local senior meals.

Council members received an update on technical planning for the wastewater system improvement project.

Ken Hier with IMEG gave an overview of where the project engineering process stands for the project.

"We've got a lot of things to iron out in the detail of it, but this is the rough idea of it," he said.

The new lift station will have two force mains, the current 6-inch line and a new 8-inch line. The new lift station will be about 8 feet deeper than the existing one with a submersible station instead of the current wet-well, dry-well, Hier said.

The new pond area is a 10-acre cell, though its debatable whether the pond will need to be that big, he said. The engineers have also been looking at types of lines to use in the pond.

One thing that is holding up the process is easement talks with property along the way. City Attorney Chad Locken has made initial contact with property owners that may be impacted.

Mayor Scott Hanlon asked when bid documents would be available to get construction started.

Hier replied that it will be fall at the earliest as there are still "a couple hurdles to jump." The contractor hired to build the lift station will want to work in the winter, so time is of the essence to get the project started sooner rather than later.

The more than \$6.5 million improvement project has been in discussion for years, with funds coming from a state Department of Natural Resources 30-year loan and consolidated grant.

Council double downs on donations for senior meals

The council also heard from the executive director of Area IV Senior Nutrition Marla Kiesz, who requested a \$2,500 donation to help support senior meals in Groton.

The senior meals program in Groton is run from the Red Horse Inn. They provide meals on site for people 60-years-old and older as well as deliver meals to some 60 years and older who choose to stay at home. The number of home deliveries outpaces the number of people who go to the Red Horse Inn.

Since July 2025, 3,789 meals were served in Groton. That includes 2,317 meals delivered to homes, 1,472 meals served at the Red Horse Inn.

Area IV Senior Nutrition has a suggested donation price of \$6 per meal for those eating, though patrons are not turned away if they pay less than that. And those who have meals delivered tend to donate less per meal – about \$3.17 per meal on average from July 2025 to April 2026.

For those eating at the restaurant, donations average about \$6.09 per meal.

Recently a few donations have come from community groups and businesses. And many cities contribute a lump sum to help cover meal costs.

Thompson embracing opportunities as Teen Miss Rodeo South Dakota



Photo by Cardenas Captures

For Groton Area sophomore Taryn Thompson, serving as Teen Miss Rodeo South Dakota has been an experience filled with travel, personal growth and opportunities to promote the western lifestyle she loves.

Since earning the title, Thompson has represented South Dakota at events across the country, including the prestigious Miss Rodeo America pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada. She also attended Rodeo Rapid City in January, traveled at rodeos in places such

to Queen Creek, Arizona, and represented her title closer to home as Huron.

"Being crowned as Teen Miss Rodeo South Dakota has been such an incredible honor and experience," Thompson said. "Each experience has allowed me to meet new people and share my passion for rodeo and the western lifestyle."

While the opportunities have been exciting, Thompson said balancing her duties as a titleholder with school responsibilities has been one of her biggest challenges.

"At 17, managing a busy schedule while keeping up with academics isn't always easy, but it has taught me a lot about discipline and time management," she said.

Thompson, the 16-year-old daughter of Mark and June Thompson of Groton, attends Groton Area High School where she is a sophomore, Honor Roll student and member of the varsity trap team. She is currently studying to become a Certified Nursing Assistant.

In addition to rodeo queening, Thompson has already established herself as an accomplished mounted shooter. She is a professional-level mounted shooter and currently holds the world record in the Fast Five Pattern. Her accomplishments also include being named the 2022 AQHA Reserve World Champion and the 2024 CMSA Non-Pro Derby Reserve Champion.

Thompson said the experience of representing South Dakota has already had a major impact on her future.

"This experience is going to help me so much in the future," she said. "It's already improved my public speaking skills, taught me how to plan and manage events, and given me opportunities that not many people my age get to experience."

She added that she is thankful for the support she has received along the way, especially from her father.

Thompson also expressed gratitude to her sponsor, jokingly referring to her "loving father who just can't say no."

Looking ahead, Thompson said she is excited to continue educating others about rodeo while representing



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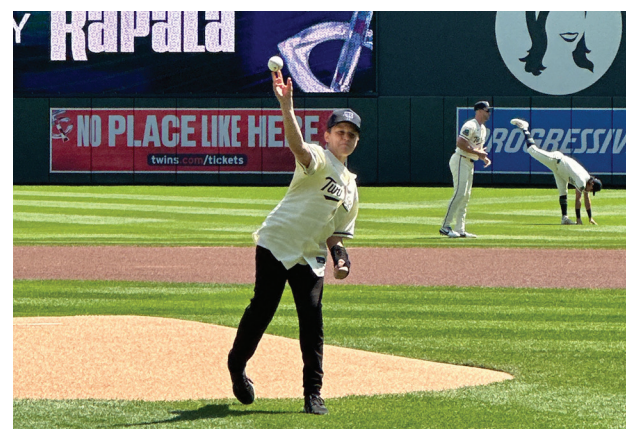
Kiesz asked the Groton council to consider a \$2,500 donation to help cover the gap between how much meals cost and how much patrons pay per meal.

In response, council members voted to go beyond the request, unanimously approving a \$5,000 contribution. In doing so, they also encouraged other community members and organizations to consider donating to help ensure local seniors continue to have access to nutritious meals.

"These folks raised us and took care of us," said Mayor Scott Hanlon. "We can take care of them."

- The council approved an estimate from Aberdeen Clean-All for duct cleaning at City Hall. The estimate totaled \$4,441.25.

- The council tabled discussion about airport hangar leases and forgiving an outstanding invoice from 2017.



Knox Mulder had the honor of throwing out the ceremonial first pitch before last Saturday's Minnesota Twins game against the Toronto Blue Jays at Target Field. Mulder was joined at the game by fellow Groton boys Hank Hill, Rylan Blackwood, Grady Rowen, and Blake Malsom. (Courtesy photo by Bruce Babcock)



The third graders, under the direction of Landon Brown, sang, "Brave" and "Fifty Nifty United States." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)



The fourth graders, under the direction of Landon Brown," sang, "The Climb" and "Fireflies." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)



The fifth graders, under the direction of Landon Brown, sang, "Travelin' Soldier" and "Firework." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Supergirl's first name

5 Platter

9 Author Tolstoy

12 Lay — the line

13 Cold War initials

14 Days of yore

15 Citrus producer

17 Avril follower

18 At hand

19 Unmanned plane

21 Apt. cooler

22 Rid of wool

24 Coconut juice

27 "Nova" subj.

28 Feed the piggy bank

31 Hearty quaff

32 Klutz

33 Actor Patel

34 Mater lead-in

36 Roman 1051

37 Big party

38 Chose

40 Undergrad deg.

41 Ford or Hudson

43 Parlor piece

47 PC key

48 Tangy, custard-like spread

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8 Words to live by

9 Picnic drink

10 Panache

11 Garfield's pal

16 "The Wall" network

20 B&O and others (Abbr.)

22 Burn with steam

23 LP player

24 Goat's cry

25 Under the weather

26 Throat-soothing drink

27 Not all

29 Bird doc

30 Cain's mom

35 Earth Day mo.

37 Nabob

39 10th U.S. president

40 "Gandhi" star

41 Move, as freight

42 Otherwise

43 Pop

44 Melody

45 Sea eagle

46 Paradise

49 Id counterpart

50 Pas' mates

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Elementary Spring Concert

A large crowd was on hand for the Groton Area Elementary Spring Concert held Tuesday evening in the GHS Gym. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

The fifth grade band, under the direction of Sharon Schwan, performed, "Ode to Joy," "Hard Rock Blues," "Banana Boat Song" and "Power Rock." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)

The junior kindergarten/kindergarten students, under the direction of Landon Brown, sang, "You Are My Sunshine" and "We've Got the Whole World." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)

The first graders, under the direction of Landon Brown, sang, "Down by the Bay" and "Puff the Magic Dragon." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)

The second graders, under the direction of Landon Brown, sang, "Rainbow" and "Love Grows Under the Wild Oak Tree." (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)



'25-'26 Groton FFA Officers: Left to right are Vice President Wesley Morehouse, President Logan Warrington, Treasurer Kolton Antonsen, Reporter Delayne Jones, Advisor Lindsey Vanderwal; Not Pictured: Secretary Jackson Furman



'26-'27 Groton FFA Officers: Left to right are President Wesley Morehouse, Vice President Kolton Antonsen, Secretary Adeline Kotzer, Treasurer Rowin JVR, Reporter Sydney Holmes, Sentinel John Bisbee.



'25-'26 Groton FFA President Logan Warrington Opening the Ceremonies



Lindsey Vanderwal presenting Logan Warrington with his State FFA Degree.



Star Greenhand Degree: Sydney Holmes

Groton FFA Banquet

Thanks to Nikki Kotzer for rounding up these photos and getting them identified



2026 Greenhand Degree: In back, left to right, are Wesley Morehouse, John Bisbee, Bentley Zerr, Korbin McCain, ReAnn Dennert, Shaydon Wood; in front, left to right, are Kolton Antonsen, Porter Jones, Rowin JVR, Sydney Holmes, Adeline Kotzer.



'25-'26 FFA Members: In back, left to right, are Braden Wipf, Shaydon Wood, Korbin McCain, John Bisbee, Logan Warrington, Kolton Antonsen, Wesley Morehouse, ReAnn Dennert, Lindsey Vanderwal; in front, left to right, are Rowin JVR, Porter Jones, Bentley Zerr, Xavior Ellenbecker, Delayne Jones, Adeline Kotzer, Sydney Holmes
Not Pictured: Jackson Furman



Installation of FFA Officers for '26-'27: Lt to Rt: Sentinel John Bisbee, Treasurer Rowin JVR, Vice President Kolton Antonsen, Advisor Lindsey Vanderwal, President Wesley Morehouse, Secretary Adeline Kotzer, Reporter Sydney Holmes, '25-'26 Reporter Delayne Jones

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Groton Area middle schoolers shine at Sisseton meet

SISSETON — The Groton Area middle school track teams turned in a strong all-around performance Monday in Sisseton, highlighted by a team championship in the 8th grade boys division and a runner-up finish from the 7th grade girls.

The Groton Area 8th grade boys captured the team title with 131 points, outpacing host Sisseton’s 112. The Tigers piled up points with dominant efforts on the track, sweeping multiple relays and earning several individual wins. The 7th grade boys placed fourth with 29 points in a meet won by Sisseton.

Leading the way for Groton’s 8th grade boys was Ryder Schwan, who sprinted to victories in both the 100 meters (12.72) and 200 meters (26.62). He also anchored the

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winning sprint medley relay team alongside Ivan Schwan, Trey Tietz and Liam Lord, finishing in 2:00.54.

The Kucker brothers also delivered standout performances. Kyson Kucker won both the 400 meters (58.71) and 800 meters (2:29.24), while Keegan Kucker took second in the 400 (1:02.03). The duo teamed with Trayce Schelle and Ryder Schwan to win the 4x100 relay in 50.96, and later joined forces with Trey Tietz and Liam Lord to claim the 4x400 relay title (4:20.38). Groton also added a win in the 4x200 relay behind Keegan Kucker, Liam Johnson, Wyatt Morehouse and Ivan Schwan (1:56.97).

Additional top finishes came from Trayce Schelle, who placed third in the 200 (29.22) and cleared 4 feet, 10 inches for second in the high jump. Liam Johnson led the field events with a winning toss of 33-8 in the shot put and added a fifth-place finish in the discus (89-0).

In the 7th grade boys division, Ivan Schwan was a double winner, taking the 100 meters (13.49) and 200 meters (28.37). Quinton Flores added a third-place finish in the 400 meters (1:08.60) and later placed third in the 800 meters against 8th grade competition (2:47.30).

On the girls side, the Groton Area 7th grade team placed second with 114 points, while the 8th grade girls finished third with 48 points.

The 7th grade girls were especially strong on the track, sweeping all three relays. The quartet of Brynley Dunker, Mya Moody, Zoe Olson and Charli Jacobsen won the 4x100 relay (1:02.96), while Dunker, Jacobsen, Olson and Moody also captured the 4x200 (2:12.87). In the 4x400 relay, Taylor Fliehs, Dunker, Rowan Hanson and Andi Iverson finished first in 5:10.68.

Individually, Zoe Olson led a 1-2 Groton finish in the 200 meters, winning in 34.22, just ahead of Shealee Gilchrist (34.25). Taylor Fliehs claimed the 400 meters (1:12.76) and placed second in the 800 (2:53.70). Charli Jacobsen dominated the hurdles, winning both the 100-meter hurdles (19.31) and 200-meter hurdles (37.21), while Addison Steffes placed second in the 100 hurdles and third in the 200 hurdles.

For the 8th grade girls, Rowan Patterson and Kinley Sandness went 1-2 in the 100 meters with times of 14.37 and 14.56, respectively. That duo also teamed with Andi Iverson and Libby Johnson to win both the 4x100 relay (58.61) and 4x200 relay (2:02.91). The same group added another victory in the sprint medley relay, finishing in 2:14.11.

Boy’s Division
Boys 7th Grade Team Points: 1. Sisseton 201, 2. Wilmot 60, 3. Browns Valley 36, 4. Groton Area 29, 5. Tri-State 18, 6. Hankinson 1.
Boys 8th Grade Team Points: 1. Groton Area 131, 2. Sisseton 112, 3. Tri-State 64, 4. Hankinson 49, 5. Tiospa Zina 38, 6. Browns Valley 10.
100 Meters 7th Grade: 1. Ivan Schwan, 13.49; 5. Quinton Flores, 14.53; 17. Weston Kettner, 20.00; 18. Titan Johnson, 20.32.
100 Meters 8th Grade: 1. Ryder Schwan, 12.72; 7. Trayce Schelle, 13.85; 8. Trey Tietz, 14.03; 9. Liam Lord, 14.13; 15. Wyatt Morehouse, 15.82.
200 Meters 7th Grade: 1. Ivan Schwan, 28.37; 10. Titan Johnson, 43.91; 11. Weston Kettner, 46.57.
200 Meters 8th Grade: 1. Ryder Schwan, 26.62; 3. Trayce Schelle, 29.22; 10. Wyatt Morehouse, 33.63.
400 Meters 7th Grade: 3. Quinton Flores, 1:08.60.
400 Meters 8th Grade: 1. Kyson Kucker, 58.71; 2. Keegan Kucker, 1:02.03; 5. Trey Tietz, 1:04.13.
800 Meters 8th Grade: 1. Kyson Kucker, 2:29.24; 3. Quinton Flores, 2:47.30.
4x100 Relay 8th Grade: 1. Groton: (Keegan Kucker, Kyson Kucker, Trayce Schelle, Ryder Schwan), 50.96; 3. Groton: (Gavin Hanten, Liam Johnson, Wyatt Morehouse, Bentley Harms), 1:00.07.
4x200 Relay 8th Grade: 1. Groton: (Keegan Kucker, Liam Johnson, Wyatt Morehouse, Ivan Schwan), 1:56.97.
4x400 Relay 8th Grade: 1. Groton: (Keegan Kucker, Trey Tietz, Liam Lord, Kyson Kucker), 4:20.38.
SMR 800m - [100-100-200-400] 8th Grade: 1. Groton: (Ryder Schwan, Ivan Schwan, Trey Tietz, Liam Lord), 2:00.54.
Shot Put - 8lb 8th Grade: 1. Liam Johnson, 33’ 8”; 8. Bentley Harms, 23’ 6”; 9. Gavin Hanten, 22’ 11”.
Discus - 1kg 8th Grade: 5. Liam Johnson, 89’ 0”; 9. Bentley Harms, 76’ 2”; 12. Gavin Hanten, 70’ 9”.
High Jump 8th Grade: 2. Trayce Schelle, J 4’ 10”.
Long Jump 7th Grade: 10. Weston Kettner, 8’ 0.5”; 11. Titan Johnson, 6’ 0”.

Girl’s Division
Girls 7th Grade Team Points: 1. Sisseton 156, 2. Groton Area 114, 3. Browns Valley 76, 4. Tri-State 55, 5. Wilmot 39.
Girls 8th Grade Team Points: 1. Sisseton 238, 2. Wilmot 91, 3. Groton Area 48, 4. Tiospa Zina 24, 5. Tri-State 8.
100 Meters 7th Grade: 4. Shealee Gilchrist, 16.10; 9. Harley Furman, 17.14; 11. Gracie Borg, 17.25; 17. Hadley Heilman, 17.85; 22. Lennox Locke, 22.52.
100 Meters 8th Grade: 1. Rowan Patterson, 14.37; 2. Kinley

Sandness, 14.56
200 Meters 7th Grade: 1. Zoe Olson, 34.22; 2. Shealee Gilchrist, 34.25; 8. Gracie Borg, 36.72; 10. Harley Furman, 36.92; 12. Lennox Locke, 37.50.
400 Meters 7th Grade: 1. Taylor Fliehs, 1:12.76; 5. Rowan Hanson, 1:24.63.
800 Meters 7th Grade: 2. Taylor Fliehs, 2:53.70.
100m Hurdles - 30” / 0.762m 7th Grade: 1. Charli Jacobsen, 19.31; 2. Addison Steffes, 21.44; 6. Hallie Perkins, 24.36.
200m Hurdles - 30” / 0.762m 7th Grade: 1. Charli Jacobsen, 37.21; 3. Addison Steffes, 38.96; 4. Hallie Perkins, 48.08.
4x100 Relay 7th Grade: 1. Groton: (Brynlee Dunker, Mya Moody, Zoe Olson, Charli Jacobsen), 1:02.96.
4x100 Relay 8th Grade: 1. Groton: (Kinley Sandness, Andi Iverson, Rowan Patterson, Libby Johnson), 58.61.
4x200 Relay 7th Grade: 1. Groton: (Brynlee Dunker, Charli Jacobsen, Zoe Olson, Mya Moody), 2:12.87.
4x200 Relay 8th Grade: 1. Groton: (Libby Johnson, Andi Iverson, Rowan Patterson, Kinley Sandness), 2:02.91.
4x400 Relay 7th Grade: 1. Groton: (Taylor Fliehs, Brynlee Dunker, Rowan Hanson, Andi Iverson), 5:10.68.
SMR 800m - [100-100-200-400] 8th Grade: 1. Groton: (Rowan Patterson, Libby Johnson, Kinley Sandness, Andi Iverson), 2:14.11.
Shot Put - 6lb 7th Grade: 12. Lillian Davis, 19’ 4”; 14. Hadley Heilman, 18’ 7”.
Shot Put - 6lb 8th Grade: 11. Andi Gauer, 18’ 4”.
Discus - 1kg 7th Grade: 7. Lillian Davis, 45’ 7”.
Discus - 1kg 8th Grade: 8. Andi Gauer, 47’ 4”.

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* More than 80% of the white sand around tropical coral reefs is actually the byproduct of parrotfish excretion.

* Regball, or rugbyball, is a tough Russian sport combining basketball, wrestling and rugby. As in basketball, players try to shoot a ball through a hoop, but there are no free throws and no need for dribbling. In addition, wrestling and takedowns are part of the action; in fact, there’s relatively little that’s not allowed.

* In the 15th and 16th centuries, jewelers purposely left cavities in some rings so wearers could fill them with aromatic substances to block offensive odors.

* The Dog Bark Park in Cottonwood, Idaho, which until 2024 offered guests the usual hotel amenities in a giant, dog-shaped building painted to look like a beagle dubbed “Sweet Willy,” is now a popular roadside attraction, free museum and gift shop.

* Though Luxembourg has one of the smallest populations in Europe (approximately 500,000), the country’s divorce rate is the world’s highest at 87%.

* A 2015 paper in the Journal of Behavioral Addictions documented the study of a woman named Helen who was addicted to fortune tellers.

* One billion hours of video are watched on YouTube every day.

— **King Crossword** —

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Thursday, May 7
National Day of Prayer
Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato, green beans, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Biscuits.
School Lunch: Sloppy joes, square tots.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle, 2 p.m.
Girls Golf at Lee Park, Aberdeen, 10 a.m.
Middle School Track Meet Ellendale, 3 p.m.
5th Grade Girls Basketball, 4 p.m., Elementary Gym
Girls Fastpitch Softball in Groton vs. Florence/Henry, varsity DH at 4 p.m.
Pickleball, 6 p.m., Elementary Gym
JVT Practice, 7 p.m., Arena

Friday, May 8
Senior Menu: Chicken strips, tater tots, carrots, fruit.
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
School Lunch: Chicken ala king, biscuit.
Track Meet at Gene Brownell Complex in Aberdeen, 3 p.m.
JVT Practice, 6 p.m., Arena
High School Baseball: SBW JV DH at Groton, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9
Pickleball, 9:30 a.m., Elementary Gym
High School Baseball at Milroy, Minn., vs. Madison/Chester DH at noon.

Sunday, May 10
Mother's Day
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship at St. John's, 9 a.m.; at Zion, 11 a.m. (Grad recognition at St. John's).
United Methodist: Worship at Conde, 8:15 a.m.; at Groton, 9:30 a.m.; at Britton, 11:15 a.m.; Groton Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee Hour, 10:30 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.
First Presbyterian Church: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Groton CM&A: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; worship (Jordan and Julia (Grenz) Kroll will be the guest speakers), 10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 11
Girls Golf @ Groton Invitational, 10 a.m., Olive Grove Golf Course
NEC Middle School Track Meet at Groton, Noon
Girls Softball hosts Sioux Valley, Varsity at 4 p.m. followed by JV
Pickleball, 5:30 p.m., Elementary Gym
JVT Practice, 7 p.m., Arena
Senior citizens meet, 1 p.m., Groton Community Center
Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
High School Baseball: WIN at Groton, Varsity at 6 p.m. followed by JV

Tuesday, May 12
School Board meeting, 7 a.m.
Biogirls at Elementary Gymnastics, 3:45 p.m.
Girls softball at Milbank, varsity at 4:30 p.m. followed by JV
JVT Practice, 6 p.m., Arena
Emmanuel Lutheran Council, 6 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 13
Pickleball, 5:30 p.m., elementary gym
JVT Practice, 6 p.m., Arena
Baseball, Softball and t-ball parent meeting, 6 p.m. Groton Community Center
Emmanuel Lutheran: Confirmation, 4 p.m.
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.
Groton C&MA: Kid's Club, Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 14
NEC Track Meet at Milbank, 2 p.m.
Fifth grade GBB, 4 p.m., elementary gym
Middle School Track Meet at Warner, 4 p.m.
Pickleball, 6 p.m., elementary gym
Groton Lions Club meeting, 6 p.m., 104 N Main

Friday, May 15
Saturday, May 16
Pickleball, 9:30 a.m., elementary gym
Graduation, 2 p.m., Arena



The new scoreboard at Locke-Karst Field was installed Wednesday by the City of Groton Electric Department and Locke Electric. There will still need to be wiring done and the top portion to be added.

Tigers Split Stretch of Games, Rally Past W.I.N. Baseball in Ninth-Inning Explosion
The Groton Area Tigers put together a dramatic late rally Wednesday night, erupting for nine runs in the ninth inning to defeat W.I.N. Baseball 14-5 at Northville, highlighting a busy stretch of games that also included a win over Redfield Area and narrow losses to Rapid City Central Cobblers and Clark Area Dinosaurs.
Against W.I.N. Baseball, the Tigers broke open a 5-5 tie with a massive ninth inning. Jordan Schwan delivered a two-run triple during the rally, while Alex Abeln added an RBI single. Groton also took advantage of several free passes and miscues, with Case Reints, Tristin McGannon, Gavin Englund and Schwan all driving in runs during the inning, while Nick Groeblichhoff was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.
Groton opened the scoring in the first inning when Englund doubled home a run, but W.I.N. Baseball answered with two runs in the third before the Tigers regained the lead in the fourth on a wild pitch and an RBI single by Karsten Fliehs.
W.I.N. Baseball moved back in front 5-3 in the bottom of the fourth when Chays Mansfield blasted a three-run homer to left field. The Tigers later tied the game in the seventh on a fielder's choice by TC Schuster before the ninth-inning outburst sealed the victory.
Englund earned the win in relief, tossing 3 1/3 scoreless innings while allowing just two hits and striking out six. Jarrett Erdmann started and struck out 13 over 5 2/3 innings.
Groton finished with 11 hits, led by Lincoln Krause and Abeln with three hits each. Schwan drove in three runs, while Englund collected two hits. The Tigers also showed patience at the plate with eight walks.
Earlier in the week, Groton Area erupted for 10 runs in the seventh

inning to pull away for a 12-2 victory over Redfield Area in Redfield.
The Tigers were tied 2-2 entering the final inning before exploding offensively. Englund delivered a two-run single, Groeblichhoff added a three-run single, while Jarrett Erdmann and McGannon each drove in runs with singles. Fliehs also drew two bases-loaded walks during the rally.
Alex Abeln worked five strong innings on the mound, allowing two runs while striking out seven. Groeblichhoff earned the win in relief with two scoreless innings and three strikeouts.
Groton later dropped a 12-7 contest to Rapid City Central despite pounding out 12 hits. Kason Oswald drove in two runs, while TC Schuster, Reints, Abeln and Groeblichhoff each collected two hits. Karsten Fliehs struck out five on the mound for the Tigers.
The Tigers then returned home Tuesday and suffered a tough 2-1 loss to Clark Area despite outhitting the Dinosaurs 6-5.
Groton grabbed an early lead when Groeblichhoff singled home a run in the first inning, but Clark Area capitalized on a Tiger error in the second inning to score both of its runs.
Lincoln Krause, Fliehs, McGannon, Abeln, Englund and Groeblichhoff each recorded hits for Groton. Englund pitched well in defeat, allowing just two unearned runs over 6 1/3 innings while striking out four.
In the junior varsity matchup, Clark Area rallied late to edge Groton Area 4-3.
The Tigers built an early 3-1 lead behind RBI singles from Kason Oswald and Zach Fliehs, but Clark Area answered in the third inning to pull out the victory. Oswald, John Bisbee, Lincoln Shilhanek and Fliehs each had hits for Groton Area, while Isaiah Scepaniak struck out three on the mound.

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	NATIONAL LIABILITY & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY			FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY			BRISTOL WEST INSURANCE COMPANY			HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY			AMERICAN ECONOMY INSURANCE COMPANY			AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY			AMERICAN STATES INSURANCE COMPANY		
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	100 FIRST STAMFORD PLACE STAMFORD, CT 06902-6745			ONE AMERICAN SQUARE, 202 N. ILLINOIS STREET, SUITE 2600 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46282			6111 OAK TREE BOULEVARD, SUITE 300 INDEPENDENCE, OH 44131			ONE HARTFORD PLAZA HARTFORD, CT 06155			175 BERKELEY ST BOSTON, MA 02116			175 BERKELEY ST BOSTON, MA 02116			175 BERKELEY ST BOSTON, MA 02116		
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	1314 DOUGLAS STREET OMAHA, NE 68102			436 WALNUT STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106			1330 CONCORD TERRACE, SUITE 120 SUNRISE, FL 33323			ONE HARTFORD PLAZA HARTFORD, CT 06155			175 BERKELEY ST BOSTON, MA 02116			175 BERKELEY ST BOSTON, MA 02116			175 BERKELEY ST BOSTON, MA 02116		
	ASSETS:			ASSETS:			ASSETS:			ASSETS:			ASSETS:			ASSETS:			ASSETS:		
	Bonds.....	\$34,525,840.00		Bonds.....	\$41,158,632.00		Bonds.....	\$13,618,542,855.00		Bonds.....	\$86,262,500.43		Bonds.....	\$8,673,489,849.00		Bonds.....	\$11,084,448.00		Bonds.....	\$49,849,802.00	
Stocks.....	\$1,809,262,039.00		Stocks.....	\$1,084,936,290.00		Stocks.....	\$1,834,025,252.00		Stocks.....	\$0.00		Stocks.....	\$6,437,407,750.00		Stocks.....	\$9,850,796.00		Stocks.....	\$0.00		
Mortgage Loans on			Mortgage Loans on			Mortgage Loans on			Mortgage Loans on			Mortgage Loans on			Mortgage Loans on			Mortgage Loans on			
Real Estate.....	\$0.00		Real Estate.....	\$0.00		Real Estate.....	\$0.00		Real Estate.....	\$0.00		Real Estate.....	\$1,665,515,227.00		Real Estate.....	\$0.00		Real Estate.....	\$0.00		
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00		Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00		Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00		Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00		Real Estate Owned.....	\$271,387,534.00		Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00		Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00		
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$3,185,368,589.00		Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$5,311,759,544.00		Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$5,044,306.46		Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$5,044,306.46		Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$1,136,211,757.00		Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$920,697.00		Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$4,183,461.00		
Agents Balances or			Agents Balances or			Agents Balances or			Agents Balances or			Agents Balances or			Agents Balances or			Agents Balances or			
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$6,551,335.00		Uncollected Premiums.....	\$178,805,019.00		Uncollected Premiums.....	(\$579,525,326.00)		Uncollected Premiums.....	\$148,026,716.00		Uncollected Premiums.....	\$4,237,427,280.00		Uncollected Premiums.....	\$20.00		Uncollected Premiums.....	\$20,013.00		
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income			Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income			Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income			Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income			Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income			Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income			Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income			
Due and Accrued.....	\$836,917.00		Due and Accrued.....	\$1,345,478.00		Due and Accrued.....	\$705,741,339.00		Due and Accrued.....	\$978,995.00		Due and Accrued.....	\$97,081,144.00		Due and Accrued.....	\$66,358.00		Due and Accrued.....	\$300,220.00		
Other Assets.....	\$292,685,793.00		Other Assets.....	\$836,917.00		Other Assets.....	\$134,887,649.00		Other Assets.....	\$66,118,770.00		Other Assets.....	\$1,334,725,876.00		Other Assets.....	\$99,372.00		Other Assets.....	\$4,222,338.00		
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$5,329,230,513.00		TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$6,698,352,192.00		TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$7,051,340,437.00		TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$306,431,288.00		TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$29,853,246,417.00		TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$21,822,947.00		TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$58,575,834.00		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			
Reserve for Losses.....	\$1,101,525,236.00		Reserve for Losses.....	\$2,187,845,388.00		Reserve for Losses.....	\$22,765,017,206.00		Reserve for Losses.....	\$584,190.40		Reserve for Losses.....	\$9,869,378,431.00		Reserve for Losses.....	\$0.00		Reserve for Losses.....	\$0.00		
Reserve for Loss			Reserve for Loss			Reserve for Loss			Reserve for Loss			Reserve for Loss			Reserve for Loss			Reserve for Loss			
Adjustment Expenses.....	\$267,134,315.00		Adjustment Expenses.....	\$540,380,996.00		Adjustment Expenses.....	\$8,869,914,602.00		Adjustment Expenses.....	\$2,345,313,544.00		Adjustment Expenses.....	\$2,345,313,544.00		Adjustment Expenses.....	\$20.00		Adjustment Expenses.....	\$644,077.00		
Other Expenses (excluding			Other Expenses (excluding			Other Expenses (excluding			Other Expenses (excluding			Other Expenses (excluding			Other Expenses (excluding			Other Expenses (excluding			
taxes, licenses and fees).....	\$9,699,820.00		taxes, licenses and fees).....	\$8,065,035.00		taxes, licenses and fees).....	\$2,218,330,327.00		taxes, licenses and fees).....	\$872,893.00		taxes, licenses and fees).....	\$134,055,417.00		taxes, licenses and fees).....	\$0.00		taxes, licenses and fees).....	\$0.00		
Taxes, Licenses and Fees			Taxes, Licenses and Fees			Taxes, Licenses and Fees			Taxes, Licenses and Fees			Taxes, Licenses and Fees			Taxes, Licenses and Fees			Taxes, Licenses and Fees			
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Foreign Income Taxes).....	\$6,534,682.00		Foreign Income Taxes).....	\$8,154,772.00		Foreign Income Taxes).....	\$4,619,104.00		Foreign Income Taxes).....	\$50,972,084.00		Foreign Income Taxes).....	\$0.00		Foreign Income Taxes).....	\$0.00		Foreign Income Taxes).....	\$0.00		
Federal and Foreign			Federal and Foreign			Federal and Foreign			Federal and Foreign			Federal and Foreign			Federal and Foreign			Federal and Foreign			
Income Taxes.....	\$0.00		Income Taxes.....	\$15,942,617.00		Income Taxes.....	\$32,396,399.00		Income Taxes.....	\$0.00		Income Taxes.....	\$0.00		Income Taxes.....	\$12,327.00		Income Taxes.....	\$0.00		
Unearned Premiums.....	\$394,613,847.00		Unearned Premiums.....	\$612,168,232.00		Unearned Premiums.....	\$6,076,187.07		Unearned Premiums.....	\$3,071,716,068.00		Unearned Premiums.....	\$3,071,716,068.00		Unearned Premiums.....	\$0.00		Unearned Premiums.....	\$0.00		
All Other Liabilities.....	\$420,296,140.00		All Other Liabilities.....	\$328,000,187.00		All Other Liabilities.....	\$2,798,879,518.00		All Other Liabilities.....	\$224,525,439.49		All Other Liabilities.....	\$1,072,173,854.00		All Other Liabilities.....	\$169,164.00		All Other Liabilities.....	\$6,240,630.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$2,199,804,040.00		TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$3,700,557,227.00		TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$2,798,879,518.00		TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$230,601,626.56		TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$16,543,609,497.00		TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$181,511.00		TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$6,884,707.00		
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00		Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00		Special Surplus Funds.....	\$17,313,455,434.00		Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00		Special Surplus Funds.....	\$825,857,096.00		Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00		Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00		
Capital Paid Up or			Capital Paid Up or			Capital Paid Up or			Capital Paid Up or			Capital Paid Up or			Capital Paid Up or			Capital Paid Up or			
Statutory Deposit.....	\$4,000,000.00		Statutory Deposit.....	\$5,000,000.00		Statutory Deposit.....	\$20,980,068.00		Statutory Deposit.....	\$6,000,000.00		Statutory Deposit.....	\$55,320,000.00		Statutory Deposit.....	\$5,000,000.00		Statutory Deposit.....	\$5,000,000.00		
Gross Paid In and			Gross Paid In and			Gross Paid In and			Gross Paid In and			Gross Paid In and			Gross Paid In and			Gross Paid In and			
Contributed Surplus.....	\$146,240,599.00		Contributed Surplus.....	\$95,822,263.00		Contributed Surplus.....	\$39,000,000.00		Contributed Surplus.....	\$4,745,520,340.00		Contributed Surplus.....	\$4,745,520,340.00		Contributed Surplus.....	\$11,330,548.00		Contributed Surplus.....	\$29,693,486.00		
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$2,975,185,875.00		Unassigned Surplus.....	\$2,896,972,702.00		Unassigned Surplus.....	\$2,711,473,553.00		Unassigned Surplus.....	\$30,829,661.78		Unassigned Surplus.....	\$1,682,939,485.00		Unassigned Surplus.....	\$5,310,888.00		Unassigned Surplus.....	\$16,997,641.00		
Surplus as Regards			Surplus as Regards			Surplus as Regards			Surplus as Regards			Surplus as Regards			Surplus as Regards			Surplus as Regards			
Policyholders.....	\$3,129,426,474.00		Policyholders.....	\$2,997,794,965.00		Policyholders.....	\$5,451,556,772.00		Policyholders.....	\$75,829,661.78		Policyholders.....	\$13,309,636,920.00		Policyholders.....	\$21,641,436.00		Policyholders.....	\$51,691,127.00		
TOTAL.....	\$5,329,230,513.00		TOTAL.....	\$6,698,352,192.00		TOTAL.....	\$4,372,840.00		TOTAL.....	\$306,431,288.34		TOTAL.....	\$29,853,246,417.00		TOTAL.....	\$21,822,947.00		TOTAL.....	\$58,575,834.00		
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			
Direct Premiums Written.....	\$6,297,455.00		Direct Premiums Written.....	\$783,294.00		Direct Premiums Written.....	\$5,451,556,772.00		Direct Premiums Written.....	\$12,157,389.00		Direct Premiums Written.....	\$13,289,198.00		Direct Premiums Written.....	\$650.00		Direct Premiums Written.....	\$650.00		
Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$5,726,884.00		Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$1,019,132.00		Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$17,643,654.00		Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$3,904,155.42		Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$12,790,068.00		Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$948.00		Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$948.00		
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$2,346,031.00		Direct Losses Paid.....	\$1,423,854.00		Direct Losses Paid.....	\$7,228,718.00		Direct Losses Paid.....	\$1,464,839.00		Direct Losses Paid.....	\$540,297.00		Direct Losses Paid.....	\$840,857.00		Direct Losses Paid.....	\$840,857.00		
Direct Losses Incurred.....	\$3,326,912.00		Direct Losses Incurred.....	\$334,576.00		Direct Losses Incurred.....	\$4,372,840.00		Direct Losses Incurred.....	\$1,643,026.00		Direct Losses Incurred.....	\$5,772,848.00		Direct Losses Incurred.....	\$325,146.00		Direct Losses Incurred.....	\$325,146.00		
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			
DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE			STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY			COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY			COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY			COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY			COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY			COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY			COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY			
WHEREAS, the Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Nebraska, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:			WHEREAS, the National Liability & Fire Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:			WHEREAS, the Federal Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Indiana, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:			WHEREAS, the Bristol West Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Ohio, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:			WHEREAS, the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:			WHEREAS, the American Economy Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Indiana, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:			WHEREAS, the American States Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Indiana, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:			
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:			NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:			NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:			NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:			NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:			NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:			NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:			
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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

SECURITY NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

BRANDYVINE PLAZA, 1621 CONCORD PIKE, SUITE 201
WILMINGTON, DE 19083

MAIL ADDRESS:

80 SUPERIOR AVENUE E., 21ST FLOOR
CLEVELAND, OH 44114

ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$741,179,653.00
Stocks.....	\$77,276,361.00
Mortgage Loans on.....	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$5,950,433.00
Agents Balances or.....	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$240,354,683.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....	
Due and Accrued.....	\$3,788,566.00
Other Assets.....	\$138,058,405.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$1,206,608,101.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....	\$524,760,210.00
Reserve for Loss.....	
Adjustment Expenses.....	\$96,939,773.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....	
Taxes, Licenses and Fees.....	\$329,037.00
(excluding Federal and Foreign Income taxes).....	
Federal and Foreign.....	\$4,939,013.00
Income Taxes.....	\$1,647,264.00
Unearned Premiums.....	\$192,126,525.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$70,859,038.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$891,600,860.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$31,954,080.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit.....	\$4,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus.....	\$224,495,310.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$54,557,851.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders.....	\$315,007,241.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,206,608,101.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....	\$745,798.92
Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$984,751.37
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$614,382.07
Direct Losses Incurred.....	\$707,704.77

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE, STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Security National Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Delaware, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW HEREOF, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 26, 27
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Rensurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

GREAT NORTHERN INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

ONE AMERICAN SQUARE, 202 N. ILLINOIS ST., SUITE 2600
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46282

MAIL ADDRESS:

436 WALNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA, SD 19106

ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$419,858,129.00
Stocks.....	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on.....	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$31,892,271.00
Agents Balances or.....	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$0.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....	
Due and Accrued.....	\$2,706,904.00
Other Assets.....	\$82,026,271.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$636,483,455.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....	\$0.00
Reserve for Loss.....	
Adjustment Expenses.....	\$0.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....	
Taxes, Licenses and Fees.....	\$0.00
(excluding Federal and Foreign Income taxes).....	
Federal and Foreign.....	\$0.00
Income Taxes.....	\$987,029.00
Unearned Premiums.....	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$177,040,047.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$178,027,076.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit.....	\$4,166,675.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus.....	\$83,700,350.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$370,589,354.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders.....	\$458,456,379.00
TOTAL.....	\$636,483,455.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....	\$3,006,079.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$3,004,176.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$875,367.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....	\$128,606.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE, STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the GREAT NORTHERN INSURANCE COMPANY, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Indiana, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW HEREOF, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Rensurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

20338

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

PALOMAS SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

1050 SW 6TH AVENUE, SUITE 1100
PORTLAND, OR 97204

MAIL ADDRESS:

7799 IMAHOE AVENUE, SUITE 500
LA JOLLA, CA 92037

ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$948,069,642.00
Stocks.....	\$156,485,301.00
Mortgage Loans on.....	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$70,361,908.00
Agents Balances or.....	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$284,004,496.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....	
Due and Accrued.....	\$8,633,520.00
Other Assets.....	\$18,673,990.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$1,659,404,396.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....	\$194,509,438.00
Reserve for Loss.....	
Adjustment Expenses.....	\$73,400,546.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....	
Taxes, Licenses and Fees.....	\$38,866,202.00
(excluding Federal and Foreign Income taxes).....	
Federal and Foreign.....	\$3,629,708.00
Income Taxes.....	\$0.00
Unearned Premiums.....	\$604,547,529.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$270,363,526.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$1,082,820,839.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit.....	\$5,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus.....	\$232,552,888.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$266,006,707.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders.....	\$533,559,395.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,616,380,234.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....	\$4,352,128.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$3,154,615.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$794,982.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....	\$1,327,354.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE, STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Palomas Specialty Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Oregon, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW HEREOF, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Rensurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

20246

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

PACIFIC INDEMNITY COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

2028 HALLS MILL ROAD
PORTLAND, OR 97204

MAIL ADDRESS:

7799 IMAHOE AVENUE, SUITE 500
LA JOLLA, CA 92037

ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$12,012,597,890.00
Stocks.....	\$8,884,088.00
Mortgage Loans on.....	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$305,636,690.00
Agents Balances or.....	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$564,593,026.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....	
Due and Accrued.....	\$107,148,611.00
Other Assets.....	\$4,415,664,566.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$7,414,524,901.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....	\$7,095,931,717.00
Reserve for Loss.....	
Adjustment Expenses.....	\$1,774,664,510.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....	
Taxes, Licenses and Fees.....	\$0.00
(excluding Federal and Foreign Income taxes).....	
Federal and Foreign.....	\$25,917,096.00
Income Taxes.....	\$41,087,072.00
Unearned Premiums.....	\$2,715,147,723.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$1,297,359,931.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$12,950,208,049.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit.....	\$5,535,000.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus.....	\$520,079,566.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$3,938,762,286.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders.....	\$4,464,316,882.00
TOTAL.....	\$7,414,524,901.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....	\$371,424.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$261,995.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$88,903.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....	(\$121,284.00)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE, STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Pacific Indemnity Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Delaware, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW HEREOF, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Rensurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

20397

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

VIGILANT INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

1133 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 41ST FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10036

MAIL ADDRESS:

436 WALNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$308,821,445.00
Stocks.....	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on.....	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$9,811,273.00
Agents Balances or.....	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$31,137,482.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....	
Due and Accrued.....	\$2,039,681.00
Other Assets.....	\$74,606,356.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$526,416,237.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses.....	\$0.00
Reserve for Loss.....	
Adjustment Expenses.....	\$0.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....	
Taxes, Licenses and Fees.....	\$0.00
(excluding Federal and Foreign Income taxes).....	
Federal and Foreign.....	\$0.00
Income Taxes.....	\$994,665.00
Unearned Premiums.....	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$118,956,343.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$119,941,008.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit.....	\$4,500,000.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus.....	\$25,168,845.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$376,806,384.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders.....	\$406,475,229.00
TOTAL.....	\$526,416,237.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Written.....	\$62,958.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$130,422.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$588.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....	(\$81,376.00)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DIVISION OF INSURANCE, STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Vigilant Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of New York, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW HEREOF, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Rensurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

20427

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

AMERICAN CASUALTY COMPANY OF READING, PENNSYLVANIA

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:

THREE RADNOR CORPORATE CENTER, 100 MATSONFORD RD
RADNOR, PA 19087

MAIL ADDRESS:

151 N FRANKLIN ST
CHICAGO, IL 60606

ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$27,147,925.00
Stocks.....	\$49,125,738.00
Mortgage Loans on.....	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$12,765,025.00
Agents Balances or.....	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$0.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....	
Due and Accrued.....	\$325,879.00
Other Assets.....	\$29,242.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$89,393,809.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

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0.00	Reserve for losses.....
0.00	Reserve for loss
0.00	Adjustment Expenses.....
0.00	Other Expenses (excluding
	taxes, licenses and fees).....
	Taxes, Licenses and Fees
0.00	(excluding Federal and
	Foreign Income taxes).....

66168			FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
			YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:			
400 ROBERT STREET NORTH			
ST. PAUL, MN 55101			
MAIL ADDRESS:			
400 ROBERT STREET NORTH			
ST. PAUL, MN 55101			
ASSETS:			
Bonds	\$22,075,122,809.00		
Stocks	\$1,151,022,309.00		
Mortgage Loans on			
Real Estate	\$5,706,013,088.00		
Real Estate Owned.....	\$40,635,704.00		
Policy Loans	\$1,471,429,738.00		
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$371,896,965.00		
Deferred and			
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$166,574,268.00		
Investment Income			
Due and Accrued	\$270,192,683.00		
Other Assets	\$3,243,979,017.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$66,072,856,581.00		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			
Reserve for Life			
Policies & Contracts	\$27,353,505,380.00		
Reserve for Accident			
& Health Policies	\$141,394,635.00		
Policy and Contract Claims			
Life	\$461,621,389.00		
Accident & Health			
General Expenses	\$83,872,548.00		
Due or Accrued	\$132,421,371.00		
Taxes, Licenses & Fees			
Due or Accrued	\$622,885.00		
Federal Income Taxes			
Due or Accrued	\$0.00		
All Other Liabilities.....	\$34,333,893,616.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$62,507,331,824.00		
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$1,769,605.00		
Capital Paid Up	\$338,641,113.00		
Gross Paid In and			
Contributed Surplus.....	\$596,540,267.00		
Unassigned Surplus	\$2,625,343,377.00		
Surplus as Regards			
Policyholders	\$3,565,524,757.00		
TOTAL	\$66,072,856,581.00		
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			
Direct Premiums Received	\$11,940,743.00		
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$40,689,453.00		
Losses Incurred.....	\$6,874,873.00		
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$1,493,558,254.00		

65242			FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
			YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
THE LAFAYETTE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:			
301 EAST 4TH STREET			
CINCINNATI, OH 45202			
MAIL ADDRESS:			
400 BROADWAY			
CINCINNATI, OH 45202			
ASSETS:			
Bonds	\$4,470,686,275.00		
Stocks	\$384,439,276.00		
Mortgage Loans on			
Real Estate	\$775,971,726.00		
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00		
Policy Loans	\$1,736,438,183.00		
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$83,875,740.00		
Deferred and			
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$66,737,448.00		
Investment Income			
Due and Accrued	\$89,772,342.00		
Other Assets	\$43,871,526.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,545,738,516.00		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			
Reserve for Life			
Policies & Contracts	\$5,952,234,065.00		
Reserve for Accident			
& Health Policies	\$142,515.00		
Policy and Contract Claims			
Life	\$11,990,423.00		
Accident & Health			
General Expenses	\$0.00		
Due or Accrued	\$165,463.00		
Taxes, Licenses & Fees			
Due or Accrued	\$3,925,074.00		
Federal Income Taxes			
Due or Accrued	\$1,077,535.00		
All Other Liabilities.....	\$1,038,338,331.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$7,013,873,406.00		
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$1,769,605.00		
Capital Paid Up	\$2,500,000.00		
Gross Paid In and			
Contributed Surplus.....	\$325,072,668.00		
Unassigned Surplus	\$20,252,287.00		
Surplus as Regards			
Policyholders	\$31,865,110.00		
TOTAL	\$7,545,738,516.00		
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			
Direct Premiums Received	\$1,162,328.00		
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$805,274.00		
Losses Incurred.....	\$12,859.00		
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$71,523,634.00		

65238			FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
			YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE SOUTHWEST			
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:			
15455 DALLAS PARKWAY			
ADDISON, TX 75001			
MAIL ADDRESS:			
1 NATIONAL LIFE DRIVE			
MONTPELIER, VT 05604			
ASSETS:			
Bonds	\$29,991,444,113.00		
Stocks	\$194,676,759.00		
Mortgage Loans on			
Real Estate	\$5,272,813,062.00		
Real Estate Owned.....	\$14,727,430.00		
Policy Loans	\$1,261,887,532.00		
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$498,525,283.00		
Deferred and			
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$81,953,088.00		
Investment Income			
Due and Accrued	\$346,850,176.00		
Other Assets	\$5,428,501,755.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$43,097,279,198.00		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			
Reserve for Life			
Policies & Contracts	\$28,488,250,491.00		
Reserve for Accident			
& Health Policies	\$267,235.00		
Policy and Contract Claims			
Life	\$82,183,412.00		
Accident & Health			
General Expenses	\$10,000.00		
Due or Accrued	\$11,002,688.00		
Taxes, Licenses & Fees			
Due or Accrued	\$9,914,209.00		
Federal Income Taxes			
Due or Accrued	\$0.00		
All Other Liabilities.....	\$11,921,965,875.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$40,513,593,910.00		
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$1,769,699.00		
Capital Paid Up	\$3,000,000.00		
Gross Paid In and			
Contributed Surplus.....	\$584,496,410.00		
Unassigned Surplus	\$1,966,188,878.00		
Surplus as Regards			
Policyholders	\$2,583,685,288.00		
TOTAL	\$43,097,279,198.00		
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			
Direct Premiums Received	\$4,047,782.00		
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$43,822.00		
Losses Incurred.....	\$43,490.00		
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$243,199,320.00		

65276			FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
			YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY			
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:			
131 SOUTH HARRISON S			
FORT WAYNE, IN 46802-3425			
MAIL ADDRESS:			
100 NORTH GREENE STREET			
GREENSBORO, NC 27401			
ASSETS:			
Bonds	\$59,329,430,172.00		
Stocks	\$4,252,016,716.00		
Mortgage Loans on			
Real Estate	\$13,393,243,893.00		
Real Estate Owned.....	\$56,170,410.00		
Policy Loans	\$1,664,655,263.00		
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$8,438,429,302.00		
Deferred and			
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$465,134,373.00		
Investment Income			
Due and Accrued	\$700,018,490.00		
Other Assets	\$231,356,249,224.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$319,655,347,843.00		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			
Reserve for Life			
Policies & Contracts	\$45,223,338,011.00		
Reserve for Accident			
& Health Policies	\$1,561,009,673.00		
Policy and Contract Claims			
Life	\$891,956,223.00		
Accident & Health			
General Expenses	\$135,773,544.00		
Due or Accrued	\$1,512,771,007.00		
Taxes, Licenses & Fees			
Due or Accrued	\$80,961,774.00		
Federal Income Taxes			
Due or Accrued	\$0.00		
All Other Liabilities.....	\$262,247,617,247.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$311,653,427,479.00		
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$1,640,665,699.00		
Capital Paid Up	\$25,000,000.00		
Gross Paid In and			
Contributed Surplus.....	\$7137,868,579.00		
Unassigned Surplus	\$624,224,665.00		
Surplus as Regards			
Policyholders	\$8,001,920,364.00		
TOTAL	\$319,655,347,843.00		
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			
Direct Premiums Received	\$133,766,790.00		
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$31,899,809.00		
Losses Incurred.....	\$46,238,087.00		
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$8,839,977,781.00		

65838			FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
			YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (USA)			
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:			
200 BERKELEY STREET			
BOSTON, MA 02116			
MAIL ADDRESS:			
200 BERKELEY STREET			
BOSTON, MA 02116			
ASSETS:			
Bonds	\$51,144,901,647.00		
Stocks	\$4,087,117,024.00		
Mortgage Loans on			
Real Estate	\$9,986,302,747.00		
Real Estate Owned.....	\$3,863,639,788.00		
Policy Loans	\$3,288,084,592.00		
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$5,358,468,508.00		
Deferred and			
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$32,069,630.00		
Investment Income			
Due and Accrued	\$896,510,342.00		
Other Assets	\$192,934,798,642.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$271,591,892,920.00		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			
Reserve for Life			
Policies & Contracts	\$53,721,270,871.00		
Reserve for Accident			
& Health Policies	\$15,682,881,488.00		
Policy and Contract Claims			
Life	\$574,653,496.00		
Accident & Health			
General Expenses	\$224,388,713.00		
Due or Accrued	\$253,902,572.00		
Taxes, Licenses & Fees			
Due or Accrued	\$2,764,883.00		
Federal Income Taxes			
Unearned Premiums	\$0.00		
All Other Liabilities.....	\$6,935.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$51,016.00		
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$20,678,764.00		
Capital Paid Up	\$4,828,941.00		
Gross Paid In and			
Contributed Surplus	\$3,556,327,820.00		
Unassigned Surplus	\$5,909,471,125.00		
Surplus as Regards			
Policyholders	\$10,527,069,109.00		
TOTAL	\$271,591,892,920.00		
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			
Direct Premiums Received	\$86,170,375.00		
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$1,200,676,205.00		
Losses Incurred.....	\$36,390,694.00		
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$1,915,604,537.00		

20478			FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
			YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD			
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:			
151 N. FRANKLIN STREET			
BOSTON, MA 02116			
MAIL ADDRESS:			
CHICAGO, IL 60606			
MAIL ADDRESS:			
151 N. FRANKLIN STREET			
CHICAGO, IL 60606			
ASSETS:			
Bonds	\$62,956,127.00		
Stocks	\$0.00		
Mortgage Loans on			
Real Estate	\$0.00		
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00		
Policy Loans	\$0.00		
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$12,821,893.00		
Agents Balances or			
Deferred and			
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$0.00		
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income			
Due and Accrued	\$615,776.00		
Other Assets	\$24,650.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$76,418,446.00		
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS			
Reserve for Losses			
Reserve for Loss			
Adjustment Expenses	\$0.00		
Other Expenses (excluding			
taxes, licenses and fees).....	\$0.00		
Taxes, Licenses and Fees			
(excluding Federal and			
Foreign Income Taxes).....	\$0.00		
Federal and Foreign			
Income Taxes	\$44,081.00		
Unearned Premiums	\$0.00		
All Other Liabilities.....	\$6,935.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$51,016.00		
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00		
Capital Paid Up or			
Statutory Deposit	\$5,000,000.00		
Gross Paid In and			
Contributed Surplus	\$47,200,000.00		
Unassigned Surplus	\$24,167,430.00		
Surplus as Regards			
Policyholders.....	\$76,367,430.00		
TOTAL	\$76,418,446.00		
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025			
Direct Premiums Written	\$1128,825.00		
Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$996,859.00		
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$416,110.00		
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$330,180.00		

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT		
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025		
SSON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY		
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:		
1 CORPORATE WAY		
LANSING, MI 48951		
MAIL ADDRESS:		
1 CORPORATE WAY		
LANSING, MI 48951		
ASSETS:		
Loans on	\$30,298,894,163.00	
ate	\$991,861,642.00	
ate	\$8,675,742,097.00	
ate Owned	\$230,509,086.00	
ants	\$4,220,099,858.00	
Bank Deposits	\$3,626,377,945.00	
and		
ected Premiums	\$426,759,585.00	
ent Income		
id Accrued	\$558,360,077.00	
sets	\$243,645,694,603.00	
SETS	\$292,674,294,056.00	
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS		

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
PRIMERICA LIFE INSURANCE CO
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
21 PLATON WAYS SOUTH, SUITE 3500
NASHVILLE, TN 37203
MAIL ADDRESS:
1 PRIMERICA PARKWAY
DULUTH, GA 30099
ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$1,896,906,328.00
Stocks.....	\$526,224,202.00
Mortgage loans on	
Real Estate.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Policy Loans.....	\$721,257.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$43,056,188.00
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums.....	(\$24,005,467.00)
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued.....	\$16,869,745.00
Other Assets.....	\$32,697,515.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$2,599,469,778.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts	\$642,107,806.00
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies.....	\$4,763,751.00
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life.....	\$1,935,799.00
Accident & Health	
General Expenses.....	\$61,443.00
Due or Accrued.....	\$39,180,643.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued.....	\$16,758,531.00
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued.....	\$45,523,234.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$1,041,48,470.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$1,791,479,377.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up.....	\$2,500,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus.....	\$495,216,498.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$310,288,803.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders.....	\$0.00
TOTAL.....	\$807,990,401.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Received.....	\$5,195,584.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$3,310,411.00
Losses Incurred.....	\$3,755,565.00
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$1,543,580,641.00

DIVISION OF INSURANCE/ STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Primerica Life Insurance Co, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Tennessee has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 1, 2, 21
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal
In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
1295 STATE STREET
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01111
MAIL ADDRESS:
1295 STATE STREET
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01111
ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$171,236,143,130.00
Stocks.....	\$28,005,997,737.00
Mortgage loans on	
Real Estate.....	\$24,697,582,955.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$327,046,494.00
Policy Loans.....	\$19,042,284,616.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$8,126,015,207.00
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$1,341,842,770.00
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued.....	\$4,977,690,625.00
Other Assets.....	\$98,374,811,098.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$356,729,414,032.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts.....	\$184,364,137,945.00
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies.....	\$3,277,347,564.00
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life.....	\$640,433,480.00
Accident & Health	
General Expenses.....	\$25,877,367.00
Due or Accrued.....	\$1,477,937,283.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued.....	\$167,315,875.00
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued.....	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$137,075,298,937.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$326,902,342,431.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$6,234,674,057.00
Capital Paid Up.....	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus.....	\$0.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$22,992,397,544.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders.....	\$29,227,071,601.00
TOTAL.....	\$356,129,414,032.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Received.....	\$30,416,711.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$145,846,734.00
Losses Incurred.....	\$90,923,540.00
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$1,394,409,371.00

DIVISION OF INSURANCE/ STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Massachusetts has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 1, 2, 20, 21
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal
In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
18270 CRANE NEST DRIVE, 3RD FLOOR
TAMPA, FL 33647
MAIL ADDRESS:
18270 CRANE NEST DRIVE, 3RD FLOOR
TAMPA, FL 33647
ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$134,485,465,303.00
Stocks.....	\$1,348,282,918.00
Mortgage loans on	
Real Estate.....	\$46,883,147,466.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$1166,062,875.00
Policy Loans.....	\$5,683,209,845.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$8,783,578,629.00
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$4,224,248,419.00
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued.....	\$3,957,007,397.00
Other Assets.....	\$138,986,541,534.00
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$344,971,544,386.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts.....	\$82,960,304,949.00
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies.....	\$28,746,203,379.00
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life.....	\$4,340,266,716.00
Accident & Health	
General Expenses.....	\$89,924,958.00
Due or Accrued.....	\$7,633,350.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued.....	\$121,849,618.00
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued.....	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$219,517,555,718.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$336,348,738,688.00
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$700,000,000.00
Capital Paid Up.....	\$4,944,667.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus.....	\$5,795,906,116.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$2,121,954,915.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders.....	\$8,622,805,698.00
TOTAL.....	\$344,971,544,386.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Received.....	\$40,758,543.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$33,824,963.00
Losses Incurred.....	\$48,602,022.00
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$11,072,096,560.00

DIVISION OF INSURANCE/ STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of New York has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 1, 2, 16, 20, 21
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal
In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
MIDLAND NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
8300 WILKS CIVIC PARKWAY
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266
MAIL ADDRESS:
8300 WILKS CIVIC PARKWAY
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266
ASSETS:

Bonds.....	\$57,993,649,757.99
Stocks.....	\$4,393,104,665.85
Mortgage loans on	
Real Estate.....	\$3,910,917,351.46
Real Estate Owned.....	\$94,447,700.86
Policy Loans.....	\$665,442,931.91
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$1,419,028,240.20
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums.....	\$729,497,072.83
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued.....	\$588,576,797.49
Other Assets.....	\$19,445,043,865.99
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$88,238,408,384.58

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts.....	\$43,079,403,290.95
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies.....	\$11,632.49
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life.....	\$293,578,434.11
Accident & Health	
General Expenses.....	\$62,197.38
Due or Accrued.....	\$157,805,071.37
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued.....	\$6,452,559.61
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued.....	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities.....	\$39,561,181,801.86
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$83,098,494,987.97
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$1,575,620,189.51
Capital Paid Up.....	\$2,549,439.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus.....	\$993,927,235.39
Unassigned Surplus.....	\$2,667,816,532.71
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders.....	\$5,339,913,396.59
TOTAL.....	\$88,238,408,384.58

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025

Direct Premiums Received.....	\$18,362,739.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$13,058,611.00
Losses Incurred.....	\$14,666,498.87
Life Insurance in Force.....	\$3,574,396,243.26

DIVISION OF INSURANCE/ STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Midland National Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 1, 2, 20, 21
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal
In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

amended to change the zoning on the following described property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.

Description of property: The West 720' of the South 1097' in the NE1/4 of Section 30-T125N-R61W of the 5th P.M., except that portion deeded for highway purposes, Brown County, South Dakota (40058 Larson Road; Columbia Twp.).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for Brown County to reflect this Ordinance.

Passed and adopted this 28th day of April 2026.

Duane Sutton, Brown County Commission Chairman
ATTEST: Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

Notice of Hearing: April 1, 2026

First Reading: April 14, 2026
Second Reading/Adoption: April 28, 2026

Published: May 6, 2026
Effective Date: May 26, 2026
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Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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ORDINANCE #323
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 4, SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES AS AMENDED

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance #323, An Ordinance Amending Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property filed by petitioner Darin & Sarah Lowe was duly adopted by the Board of Brown County Commissioners on the 28th day of April 2026 and will become effective on the 26th day of May 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Title 4, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances is hereby

\$1,540,498 to \$1,203,726 due to being built for office space and two upper floors of obsolesces.

- LT 1 Klabo ADD property value from \$141,462 to \$118,139 due to 120 yr. old house moved onto new foundation and depreciation on the home.

- LT 2 Emerald Ridge ADD property value from \$165,362 to \$151,330 due to house moved and depreciation.

- LT 2 Blackstones 3RD ADD property value from \$3,070,935 to \$2,934,010 due to obsolesces and vacancies in the building.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Beckius, seconded by Commissioner Dinger to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation for East Briar Commons, LLC of LT 1 East Briar ADD property value from \$4,625,887 to \$4,135,000 after the Equalization Office reworked the property based on income basis. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Beckius to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation for State Street Commons, LLC of LT 1 Old Parks & Recreation ADD property value from \$2,800,839 to \$2,754,579 after the Equalization Office reworked the property based on income basis. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Beckius, seconded by Commissioner Dinger to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation for Northern Commons, LLC of LT 1 Corrective McDonald 2ND CONS ADD property value from \$2,292,106 to \$1,968,000 due to reverting back based on rental income. All members present voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Aberdeen City Mayor Schaunaman to declare the Consolidated Board of Equalization adjourned until 2027 at 2:15 P.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

tion recommendation for Aberdeen Downtown Apartments, LLC of LT 7-8 BK 5 Original Plat Aberdeen property value from \$1,187,930 to \$1,092,814 by adding four years of depreciation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen City Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Commissioner Dinger to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation for SDWG Building of LT5-12 BK 40 2ND ADD property value from \$808,054 to \$686,933 since giving them upper floor obsolesces. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Beckius to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation for Lamont Enterprises of LT 6 Lamont 5TH property value from \$140,516 to \$70,258 because of drainage issues this lot is not buildable at this time. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation for Aberdeen Lodging Group, LLC of LT 2 Lamont 6TH ADD NE 20-123-63 property value from \$3,582,201 to \$3,403,737 due to depreciation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Beckius to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation for Lamont Office Buildings, LLC as follows:

- N 24' LT 15 & LT 16 BK 8 Original Plat property value from \$152,952 to \$129,094 due to no improvements and depreciation.
- LT 1 Lamont Office Building ADD property value from

no private parking and physical issues.

- West 92' LT 7 BK 5 North Aberdeen ADD property value from \$156,289 to \$148,278.

- West 100' LT 7-8 Eastons 1ST SD BK 34 Bennett and Thomas ADD property value from \$108,922 to \$92,045 due to depreciation and is an apartment house.

- LT 12 Hall's SD BK 7 Hagerty & Lloyd ADD property value from \$156,619 to \$150,776 due to change in conditions.

- West 44' of East 96' LT 11-12 and West 44' of East 96' of South 22' LT 10 BK 95 Hagerty and Lloyd ADD property value from \$161,004 to \$123,212 due to no longer renting out the basement since bedroom was removed.

- LT 2 & N 12.5' LT 3 BK Gorders 3RD ADD property value from \$202,183 to \$172,824 due to depreciation and removed a bedroom.

- LT 4 BK 3 Pleasant Hill ADD property value from \$177,831 to \$165,605 due to not having any depreciation on the books.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen City Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation for Tri-Rivers, LLC of LT 11 Andersons RPL BK 45 West Aberdeen ADD property value from \$158,363 to \$134,812 due to condition issues, physical depreciation and went from a 6 unit to 5 unit property. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Commissioner Dinger to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation for Lamont Companies, Inc. of N 16.5' of West 115' LT 13 & West 115' LT 14' & LT 15-16 Pierces SD of BK 103 Hagerty & Lloyd ADD property value from \$325,826 to \$100,000 due to property being unlivable at this time. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Beckius to approve the Director of Equaliza-



APRIL 28, 2026 – CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 1:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dinger, Gage and Sutton, Aberdeen School Board Member Darin Beckius, Aberdeen City Mayor Travis Schaunaman, Director of Equalization, Gene Loeschke and Appraisers Russell Metz and Sarah Swenson.

STIPULATIONS:

Moved by Aberdeen City Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Commissioner Dinger to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation for South Lakes LLC of LT 2 SOUTH LAKES 1ST ADD NE 21-123-63 property value reduction from \$435,600 to \$414,300 due to no material improvements or physical changes have been made to the property but addition of a digital billboard. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the Director of Equalization recommendation for Jesse Cantalope of LT 2 Forest Acres 9TH property value reduction from \$491,081 to \$447,928 due to office correction. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen City Mayor Schaunaman



APRIL 28, 2026 – GENERAL 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 Dennert, Dinger, Gage, Sutton and Wiese. Commissioner Gage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairman Sutton shared needing to add Masa contract under the Benefit Contracts. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the amended agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, shared that he will not be extending the Load Limits so they will expire at midnight on April 30, 2026. Also informed the Commission that they did add 384th Ave. to the Richmond Dam Detour, there will be no blotter put on the roads, and they will be reimbursed for the dust proofing that was done.

BID OPENING - COLD IN-PLACE PROJECT RECYCLING PROJECT: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider bids for 2026 Brown County Cold In-Place Recycling Project for the Brown County Highway Department. Two bids were received: All State Pavement Recycling & Stabilization in the amount of \$617,734.70 and Midstate Reclamation S.D., LLC in the amount of \$694,946.52. Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, asked to defer the decision so Mike Gutenkauf from IMEG could review the bids. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to defer the bids for review. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #323 – SECOND READING/POSSIBLE ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Dinger to adopt Ordinance #323. Applicant Darin & Sarah Lowe to rezone from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use. Description of property: The West 720' of the South 1097' in the NE1/4 of Section 30-T125N-R61W of the 5th P.M., except that portion deeded for highway purposes, Brown County, South Dakota (40058 Larson Road; Columbia Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT GRANT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the letter of approval for State's Attorney's Office to apply for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AWARD BID FOR COLD-IN PLACE RECYLING PROJECT: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent, recommended the Cold-In Place Recycling Project Bid to All State Pavement Recycling & Stabilization in the amount of \$617,734.70. Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Dennert to award the bid to All State Pavement Recycling & Stabilization for \$617,734.70. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Dinger, seconded by Wiese to approve the General Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the Brown County Board of Equalization Minutes of April 21, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dinger to approve the Consolidated Board of Equalization Minutes of April 21, 2026. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Claims: Insurance: Insurance Plus \$549.32; SD Public Assurance Alliance \$2,086.00. Professional Fees: Bill Schaefer \$28.00; Brick's TV and Appliance \$1,020.00; Charles Gruenstein \$43.00; Dakota Group LLC \$2,500.00; Dakota Trails Investment \$1,245.00; Dakotabilities \$1,440.00; Dependable Sanitation \$35,102.00; Fox Law Firm,

PLLC \$432.00; Houston Engineering, Inc \$14,570.25; Idemia Identity & Security USA LLC \$2,968.00; Jeffrey Seiler \$43.00; Kuck Law Office \$6,243.29; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$3,836.50; Marco Technologies, LLC \$95.00; Mark Katterhagen \$56.00; Modern Day Health Care Prof LLC \$4,725.00; SD Dept of Health \$1,540.00; Taylor Bell \$140.25; Valerie Larson \$28.00; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$100.00; US Bank \$3,098.80. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$367.68; McQuillen Creative Group, Inc \$476.58; South Dakota Magazine \$395.25; US Bank \$70.90. Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$276.00; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$150.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$49.99; Applied Concepts, Inc \$154.00; CommTech Inc \$3,378.31; Dakota Pump LLC \$2,123.73; House of Glass \$673.96; Lien Transportation Company \$900.00; Meister Mowing LLC \$487.50; New Waste Concepts, Inc \$6,125.00; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$464.95; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$286.49; Sewer Duck, Inc \$1,000.00; Trav's Outfitter Inc \$259.99; US Bank \$3,007.79. Supplies & Materials: Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$75.12; Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$258.65; Century Business Products \$620.02; Cogley Law Office, Prof LLC \$192.00; Cole Paper Inc \$1,700.62; Dakota Oil \$404.25; Fox Law Firm, PLLC \$7.14; Key-caffe US Inc \$5,500.63; Kuck Law Office \$381.80; L.G. Everist, Inc \$2,611.70; Marco Technologies, LLC \$60.35; Menards \$1,247.30; Performance Oil \$162.50; Pierson Ford Lincoln, Inc \$167.56; Quality Welding, Inc \$39.00; Runnings \$99.98; Sandy Woytassek \$7.30; SD State Historical Society \$55.00; Sprocket Ventures, LLC \$2,767.18; Stephanie Jacobson \$12.74; Trav's Outfitter Inc \$704.96; US Bank \$12,229.83. Travel & Conference: Avera LTC Pharmacy Aberdeen \$1,000.00; Dakota Trails Investigation \$159.50; Lenling Law Office, Prof. LLC \$360.00; Lynn Heupel \$706.20; Neil Bittner \$19.00; Scott Kolb \$19.00; SD Assoc of County Officials \$200.00; SD Narcotics Officers Association \$100.00; US Bank \$4,091.60. Utilities: CenturyLink \$496.08; Dependable Sanitation \$202.00; Montana-Dakota Utilities Co \$45.59; Northwestern Energy \$4,663.84; NVC \$2,072.92; State of South Dakota PMB 0112 \$94.00; T-Mobile USA Inc \$1,268.37; US Bank \$3,797.79. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Allison Tunheim:

- o Hiring of Alexis Storm as Brown County Jail Detention Officer, FT; starting wage \$22.59/hr. – effective April 28, 2026.
- o Hiring of Robert Bernhardt as Brown County Fairgrounds Seasonal Worker, PT; starting wage \$14.00/hr. – effective May 4, 2026.
- o Hiring of Brianna Jensen as Brown County Deputy Treasurer, FT; starting wage \$21.50/hr. – effective May 4, 2026.

o Return of Mayson Coyle as Brown County State's Attorney Intern, wage \$474/week – effective May 11, 2026.

o Adding State's Attorney Volunteer Intern, Meredith Schumacher, to the approved list for work comp purposes.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT OF AC-COUNTS FOR MARCH 2026: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve the Auditor's Report of Accounts for March 2026: Total Cash and Checks on Hand \$7,700.00; Total Checking Account Balances: \$17,282,201.28; Total Savings Account Balances: \$1,625,447.42; Total Certificates of Deposit: \$13,306,223.76; Grand Total Cash and Balances: \$32,221,572.46. General Fund \$16,707,597.46; Road & Bridge Fund \$2,238,331.72; Road & Bridge Fund - restricted \$0.00; 911 Service \$457,247.02; Emergency & Disaster (\$15,794.14); Domestic Abuse 819.03; SA Grants \$180,449.62; 24/7 Sobriety \$67,967.60; ROD M&P \$68,833.69; Opioid Settlement Fund \$40,956.81; Rural Access Infrastructure \$376,393.85; Tif Debt Service \$102,156.92; Landfill + cash change \$8,039,876.58; Landfill - restricted \$1,894,495.06; Trust and Agency Funds \$3,956,736.30; GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH AND INVESTMENTS

\$32,221,572.46. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MALT BEVERAGE & SD FARM WINE LICENSE RENEWALS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the renewal of the following Retail (On-Off Sale) Malt Beverage and SD Farm Wine Licenses to operate in Brown County: Aberdeen Hockey Association (Brown County Fairgrounds SW ¼, Sec 1-T123N-R64W – Odde Hockey Building); PZA Inc. DBA Anchors Away Lodge & Resort (Palmer's Richmond Resort SD Lt 1, SD OL 1 Richmond OL 1 & 2); Bath Quick Stop (Lot 1 Bath Quick Stop 1st Addition E ½ of SE ¼ Section 18-123-62); Brown County Centennial Village (Brown County Fairgrounds SW ¼ Sec 1-T123N-R64W – Centennial Village) Motor Sports LLC DBA Brown County Speedway (Brown County Fairgrounds SW ¼ Sec 1-T123N-R64W – Grandstand); County Line Club (Lt 1 Ronnie's Way Addition in the NW ¼ of Section 17-123-63 – Ste. 1); County Line Club (Lt 1 Ronnie's Way Addition in the NW ¼ of Section 17-123-63 – Ste. 2); County Line Club (Lt 1 Ronnie's Way Addition in the NW ¼ of Section 17-123-63 – Ste. 3); County Line Club (Lt 1 Ronnie's Way Addition in the NW ¼ of Section 17-123-63 – Ste. 4); County Line Club (Lt 1 Ronnie's Way Addition in the NW ¼ of Section 17-123-63 – Ste. 5); County Line Club (Lt 1 Ronnie's Way Addition in the NW ¼ of Section 17-123-63 – Ste. 8); ARR LLC DBA Flatland Flyways Lodge (Lodge OL Art Russo OLS in GOV Lt 3 & 4 NW 1-127-62); Stacy Gossman DBA Head East (Lt 1B Gossman 1st ADD (Kessler's OL1) S ½ 15-123-63 – Ste. 2); Moccasin Creek Country Club Inc (Prairiewood Village OL 7, E2, 33-124-63); Parkview Nursery Inc. (Lot 1 Parkview Nursery Addition to Aberdeen in the NE ¼ Sec 25-T123-R64W); Jackie Chantal LLC DBA Richmond Oasis (Lot 4 Schaeffer Richmond Lake 2nd Add NW & NE 25-124-65 5 AC); Richmond Pavilion LLC (Richmond Resort Outlot 2, NE ¼ of Section 25-T124N-R65W); Stacy Gossman DBA: Up North (Lt 1B Gossman 1st ADD (Kessler's OL1) S ½ 15-123-63 – Ste. 4); Stacy Gossman DBA: West Bound (Lt 1B Gossman 1st ADD (Kessler's OL1) S ½ 15-123-63 – Ste. 3). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP BONDS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Township Bonds (Treasurer & Clerk): PORTAGE

- #1 – Mary A. Ewing Thorpe, Tom Stehly; GREENFIELD #2 – Valerie Weissner, Karen Lunzmann; FREDERICK #3 – Dennis Walworth, Jill Gisi; ALLISON #4 – Kash Cutler, Pamela Sue Cutler; LANSING #5 – Dixie Clark; ONEOTA #6 – Karla Engelhart, Neil Schaunaman; BRAINARD #7 – Charles Dennert, Diane Bruns; SHELBY #8 – Michael Knecht, William Colby Crawford; NORTH DETROIT #9 – Candi Beck; CLAREMONT #10 – Donald J. Wegleitner, Justin Wegleitner; COLUMBIA #11 – Martin Weismantel, Amy Weismantel; WESTPORT #12 – Bruce Jones, Doug Fjeldheim; CARLISLE #13 – Ashlee Nelson; ORDWAY #14 – Kerry Howell, Mike McHugh; CAMBRIA #15 – Monte McNickle, Brenda Johnson; RIVERSIDE #16 – Steve Simon, Anthony Sippel; GROTON #17 – Allen Walter, Layne Howard; HENRY #18 – Matt Oswald, Darlene Sass; BATH #19 – David Stahl, Scott Sperry; ABERDEEN #20 – Sandra Tople, Heather Basham; MERCIER #21 – Rodney Artz, Daryl Reick; NEW HOPE #22 – Alan Borchard, Kim Schneider; WARNER #23 – Stacie Wiedebush, Robert Seaton; GEM #24 – Loel Schott, Bob Simon; EAST HANSON #25 – Justin Harry, Lynn Miller; GARDEN PRAIRIE #26 – Craig Dunker, Todd Osterman; EAST RONDELL #27 – Carson Stange, Megan McNeil; PALMYRA #28 – Renae Martin, Greta Thorpe; OSCEOLA #29 – Lucinda Gunther, Zachary Christopher Sumption; SAVO #30 – Stacy Bretsch, Calvin Raisanen; LIBERTY #31 – Todd Lunzman, Janet Elsen; RAVINIA #34 – Anna Wyly, Peggy Salwei; HIGHLAND #35 – Dan Misslitz, Deanna Henderson; FRANKLYN #36 – Chelsea Gappa, Shirley Stein; RICHLAND #37 – Lee Olson, Taylor J. Sumption; LINCOLN #39 – Tawney Beitel-spacher, Amber Gillen; BATES #44 – Kathy Dobberpuhl, Betty Geist; GARLAND #46 – Landon Dennert, JoLynn Podoll; PUTNEY #48 – David LaMee, Mark Thompson; WEST HANSON #49 – Alyssa Lord, Jennifer Dirks;

HECLA #50 – Susan Rosendahl, Mary Tisher; PRAIRIEWOOD #53 – Heidi Carrels, Matt Prehn; WEST RONDELL #57 – Jim Fischbach, Allen Ryckman; SOUTH DETROIT #59 – Faye Hoines. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to approve the following Travel Request: James Marnette, Jail to attend State 24/7 Sobriety Training on May 19-20, 2026 in Oacoma, SD; Lynn Heupel, Auditor/Elections to pick -up Absentee Ballots on April 22-23, 2026 in Byron, MN. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize Chairman Sutton to sign the following lease agreement: Northern State Athletics to lease the Holm Expo Building on June 26-30, 2026 for a Wrestling Camp. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCE-SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Wiese to set hearing date and authorize publication for the first reading of the following zoning ordinance to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota. Proposed Ordinance #324, applicants Shawn & Melissa Schultz for the purpose of rezoning from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use. Description of property: Lot 3, "Jones 2nd Subdivision" in the SE1/4 of Section 22-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39756 134th Street, Bath Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ELSEN FIRST ADDITION PLAT: RESOLUTION #2026-18

Commissioner Dinger brought the following Resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "ELSEN FIRST ADDITION" in the SW ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 5-T128N-R62W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Dennert. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

TIGH & ADRIENNE FLIEHS FIRST ADDITION PLAT:

RESOLUTION #2026-19 Commissioner Gage brought the following Resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota that the plat showing "TIGH AND ADRIENNE FLIEHS FIRST ADDITION" in the NE ¼ of Section 25-T125N-R61W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County, South Dakota having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS: None
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to go into Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2 for Contracts. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Sutton declared the Executive Session closed with No Action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dinger to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:26 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, will close on Monday, May 18, 2026 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 registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sd-sos.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 Brown County Auditor's Office to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at www.sdsos.gov or at <https://www.brown.sd.us/departments/auditors/elections>

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, County Auditor
Brown County, SD

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FEDERAL/STATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED BANKING FACILITY

Notice is hereby given that Cornerstone Bank, Fargo, North Dakota, has made application to the Commissioner of the North Dakota Department of Financial Institutions for consent to establish a banking facility at 3307 7th Ave SE Ste 108, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Commissioner of the North Dakota Department of Financial Institutions, 1200 Memorial Hwy, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504. Comments by interested parties must be received by the Commissioner no later than June 1, 2026. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file with the Commissioner and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

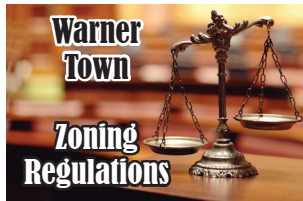
You are also advised that per Section 6-03-13.3 and Section 6-08-4-03, North Dakota Century Code, the Commissioner or State Banking Board shall take into consideration the following facts in determining whether or not to approve the application: the proposed transaction is consistent with the convenience, needs, and welfare of the people of the community and area served and is otherwise in the public interest; the financial strength of the bank in relation to the cost of establishing and maintaining the separate facility; the proposed transaction will not be detrimental to the safety and soundness of Cornerstone Bank; and any new officers and directors are qualified and possess appropriate experience and financial responsibility.

This Notice is published pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code 13-02-05-05.1.

Mr. Jeff Thomas, President/CEO

Cornerstone Bank
Fargo, ND 58104

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE 0626

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 34B, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF WARNER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND REPLACING IT WITH ORDINANCE 0626, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING REGULATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF WARNER, SOUTH DAKOTA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, AND AMENDMENT THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVI-

SIONS OF CHAPTERS 11-4 AND 11-6, 1967 SDCL, AND AMENDMENTS THEREOF, AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

The Town of Warner Planning Commission and the Warner Town Board will hold a joint public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Warner Community Center located at 11 W Main St., Warner, SD. The public hearing is being held to take comments on Ordinance 0626. An ordinance repealing "Ordinance 34B, an ordinance establishing comprehensive zoning regulations the Town of Warner, South Dakota, and all amendments thereto, and replacing it with ordinance 0626. An ordinance establishing comprehensive zoning regulations for the Town of Warner, South Dakota, and providing for the administration, enforcement, and amendment thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 11-4 and 11-6, 1967 SDCL, and amendments thereof, and for the repeal of all resolutions and ordinances in conflict herewith". All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing in person and comment on proposed Ordinance 0626. After the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend approval of Ordinance 0626 to the Town Board, with or without amendments. The Town Board after receiving a recommendation, will hold a first reading and set a second reading date for Ordinance 0626.

The proposed Ordinance 0626 will be made available for public inspection at the Warner Community Center, City Office located at 11 West Main Street, Warner, SD and pursuant to SDCL Section 11-4 and amendments thereto.

Written comments may be filed by mailing them to the Finance Officer at PO Box 301, Warner, SD 57479 on or before noon on May 11, 2026.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a VARIANCE PETITION. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on May 19, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: Sharon Zastrow

Description of property: Proposed Lot 1, "RS Zastrow Addition" in the SE1/4 of Section 19-T124N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (39498 122nd Street, Columbia Twp.).

Reason: Variance to Lot Size to allow Lot 1 (33.04 acres) to be smaller than 40.0 acres and stay zoned as Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) per 4.0605 of Brown County Ordinances.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.

Dated this 6th day of May 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and Scott Bader – P&Z Director
25 Market Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Office: (605) 626-7144

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP)**. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on May 19, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Buell Consulting, Inc – Woody Krog
Legal description of property: The NW1/4 of Section 33-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (approx. 12940 391st Avenue, Ordway Twp.)

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a new 199'-0" cell tower in an Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P).

The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.

Dated this 6th day of May 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and
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Petitioner: Buell Consulting, Inc – Woody Krog
Legal description of property: The NW1/4 of Section 33-T124N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (approx. 12940 391st Avenue, Ordway Twp.)

Reason: A Variance to Approach Separation Distance for a new approach to be 300' from an existing approach rather than the 500' required in an Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P).

The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.

Dated this 6th day of May 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and
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NOTICE OF HEARING
A PETITION to REZONE has been submitted to Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex on May 19, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: Eric Olson / Katharine Osterman

Description of property: "Johnson's Outlot 1" in the SW1/4 of Section 15-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (40310 133rd Street, Henry Twp.).

Reason: Rezone parcel from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing,

the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.

Dated this 6th day of May 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a **Conditional Use Petition**. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on May 19, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: City of Columbia

Description of property: Proposed Tract 1, "Columbia Addition to the City of Columbia", Brown County, South Dakota (12152 396th Avenue, Columbia City).

Reason: A Conditional use Petition (CUP) for a new lagoon in a Rural Urban District (RU).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.

Dated this 6th day of May 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a **VARIANCE TO LOT FRONTAGE WIDTH**. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on May 19, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner / Owner: City of Columbia

Description of property: Proposed Tract 1, "Columbia Addition to the City of Columbia", Brown County, South Dakota (12152 396th Avenue, Columbia City).

Reason: Variance to Lot Frontage Width to allow access to property.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.

Dated this 6th day of May 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a **VARIANCE PETITION**. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on May 19, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: S&S Rentals
Legal description of property: Lot 4, "Jones Natural Gold Sub-division" in the SE1/4 of Section 16-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (4740 Railroad Avenue SE, Aberdeen Twp.)

Reason: A Variance to Approach Separation Distance for a new approach to be 350' from an existing approach rather than the 500' required.

The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed ordinance amendment.

Dated this 6th day of May 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP)**. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on May 19, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: S&S Rentals – Rod Tobin

Legal description of property: Goldade Outlot 2 in the NW1/4 of Section 22-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (5260 East Highway 12, Aberdeen Twp.)

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a new structure for a small business, dining establishment, laundromat and gaming establishment in a Highway Commercial District (HC).

The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.

Dated the 6th day of May 2026.

Planning/Zoning Commission and
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Application has been made to the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission for a **CONDITIONAL USE PETITION (CUP)**. A hearing will be held in the Basement Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, on May 19, 2026, at 7:00 P.M.

Petitioner: West Lake LLC – Rod Tobin

Legal description of property: Lot 2 in the NE1/4 of Section 15-T123N-R64W, except highway R.O.W., of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (2035 8th Avenue NW, Aberdeen Twp.)

Reason: A Conditional Use Petition (CUP) for a new structure for a small business, dining establishment, laundromat and gaming establishment in a Highway Commercial District (HC).

The public may attend the hearing and present comments and testimony regarding the proposed Conditional Use Petition (CUP) request.

Dated the 6th day of May 2026.

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April 14, 2026
The Board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met in regular session on 4-14-2026 in City Hall at 8 p.m.

President Spencer called the meeting to order with trustees Rasmussen and Thompson present. Others present: Rick Pahl.

The minutes were approved by Thompson and seconded by Rasmussen.

Spencer received 2 bids for power to rubble site for yard light and cameras. Locke Electric bid was lowest at \$1700.00.

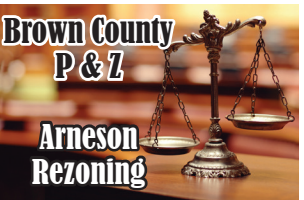
The board also discussed a \$10.00 late fee on water bills. The vote was accepted 3-0 to go forward with the late fee charges.

On a motion by Frank and seconded by Bob the following warrants were allowed:

General:

JVT — phone, internet sewer phone, \$151.07; SD Asso. of Towns & Townships — membership dues, \$193.00; Fire Safety First — maintenance w/recharge, \$106.50; NWE — street lights, \$573.67; NWE — City Hall, \$108.81; Full Circle Ag — diesel, \$158.88; Post Office — postage, \$78.00; GDI — publishing, \$30.82; IRS — 1st quarter Fed tax, \$150.19; Carla Rye — wage, \$500.00; Jason Spencer — snow removal
WSSW:
BDM — water purchased, \$1071.65; NWE — pump house, \$193.93; NWE — sewer lift, \$82.62; NWE — storm sewer, \$38.68; DSG — parts for water meter, \$49.03; Dept of Health — samples/water, discharge samples, \$405.00; Melinda Spencer — hrs 7.5 water, \$110.83
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Melinda Spencer — 9.5 hrs water, \$140.38; Jason Spencer — pH 850 portable ph meter kit, \$399.00; Jason Spencer — 15 hrs snow removal, \$221.64; Jason Spencer — computer for water, \$463.07

With no further business before the Board a motion was made by Frank to adjourn and seconded by Bob.
Charla Rye, FO.
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Petitioner: James Arneson
Description of property: Proposed Lots 1 & 2, "Arneson Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 35-T126N-R64W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (11715 387th Avenue; Oneota Twp.).

Reason: Rezone parcel from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring these parcels into compliance for their current use.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.

Dated this 6th day of May 2026.

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Petitioner: TC Wright Trust
Description of property: Proposed Lot 2, "Specialty-Wright Addition" in the W1/2 of Section 8-T123N-R62W of the 5th P.M. Brown County, South Dakota (13146 395th Avenue; Bath Twp.).

Reason: Rezone parcel from Heavy Industrial District (H-I) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the proposed rezone petition. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Planning/Zoning Commission will forward a recommendation to the Board of Brown County Commissioner's with a future meeting date in the Commission Chambers. Verify the meeting dates with the Brown County Auditor.

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Tigers finish fifth at NEC Softball Tournament

REDFIELD — The Groton Area Tigers opened play against two strong opponents and couldn’t quite find their footing early, but bounced back in a big way to close out Saturday’s Northeast Conference Softball Tournament with a convincing win over Sisseton, securing a fifth-place finish on the day.

First Game: Deuel 16, Groton Area 0

A big second inning proved to be the difference as Deuel rolled past Groton Area 16-0 Saturday at Redfield.

The Cardinals, the defending 2025 state champions, broke things open with 11 runs in the second inning after already plating four runs in the first. In that opening frame, Deuel used a wild pitch, a hit batter, an error, and a steal of home to build an early lead.

The second inning saw Deuel tally 11 runs on five hits. Rylynn Streich delivered a two-run single, while Graclyn Nielsen, Gracyn Gohring, Elle Holden, and Aubrey Lanners each drove in runs during the outburst. The Cardinals also capitalized on walks, hit batters, and another wild pitch to extend the lead.

Lanners earned the win, throwing three no-hit innings with nine strikeouts and no walks. Neely Althoff took the loss for Groton Area, allowing 16 runs on seven hits over two innings while striking out three and walking 10.

Streich led Deuel with two hits, while the Cardinals showed patience at the plate with 10 walks and aggressiveness on the bases with 26 stolen bases. Deuel also played clean defensively, committing no errors.

Second Game: Milbank 15, Groton Area 1

Groton Area dropped its second game of the day, falling to Milbank 15-1.

Milbank struck early in the first inning, scoring three runs on a single by Kennedy Saylor, a Groton error, and a steal of home. The Bulldogs added two more runs in the second and then broke the game open with five runs in the third inning behind RBI singles from Mueller, Ericson, Lamp, and Lester.

Ash Lamp picked up the win for Milbank, allowing one run on five hits over 4 2/3 innings while striking out six. Kinsley Rowen took the loss for Groton Area, giving up 10 runs (six earned) on 12 hits over 3 1/3 innings. Althoff started the game, allowing five runs over 1 2/3 innings.

Abby Fjeldheim drove in the Tigers’ lone run, going 1-for-3. Fjeldheim, Rylen Ekern, Jaedyn Penning, Libby Cole each recorded a hit and Jerica Locke had a double for Groton Area.

Milbank finished with 14 hits, led by Ericson with three. Mueller and Lester each drove in two runs. The Bulldogs also showed patience at the plate with eight walks and were aggressive on the bases with 16 stolen bases. Like Deuel, Milbank played error-free defense.

Fifth Place Game: Groton Area 15, Sisseton 0

Groton Area rebounded in a big way in the fifth-place game, defeating Sisseton 15-0 behind a dominant second inning.

The Tigers scored four runs in the first inning on hits from Rylie Rose, Rylen Ekern, and Kinsley Rowen, along with a hit batter.

Groton Area then erupted for 10 runs in the second inning. Jaedyn Penning singled in two runs, Kaedy Bonn added a two-run single, Abby Fjeldheim tripled in a run, and several other runs came via hit batters, groundouts, and singles.

The Tigers added one more run in the third on a Rowen RBI single to complete the scoring.

Rowen earned the win, allowing just one hit over three shutout innings while striking out three. Sisseton’s Braveball and Hortness combined to allow 15 runs.


Rowen and Rose each had two hits and drove in two runs to lead Groton Area offensively. The Tigers were aggressive on the basepaths with 22 stolen bases and also drew six walks. Defensively, Groton Area was flawless and turned a double play, with Penning making a catch and stepping on third for the out.

Groton Area finished the game without committing an error.

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The Tigers return home Monday to host Clark/Willow Lake, with varsity action beginning at 3 p.m. Senior recognition will take place between games, followed by the junior varsity contest. Groton Area will also host Florence-Henry on Thursday for a varsity doubleheader as part of fan recognition night.

Bisbee: Tigers respond with aggressive mindset, look ahead to busy week at home



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Groton Area head softball coach Amanda Bisbee was pleased with her team’s performance following a strong showing in their latest game, pointing to a renewed focus and energy after a brief mid-day

reset.

Bisbee noted the importance of the break between games, explaining that the team needed time to regroup mentally. That reset paid off, as the Tigers returned to the field with a noticeably different approach.

“We talked about the difference between just having fun and playing with aggressive fun,” Bisbee said. “You’ve got to come out ready and be aggressive, and that’s what they did this game.”

The coach emphasized that while enjoying the game remains important, it must be paired with intensity and preparedness—something she felt the team executed well in the win.

Looking ahead, Groton Area faces a full schedule in the coming days. The Tigers will host a varsity-first matchup Monday at Nelson Field, with first pitch set for 3 p.m. The evening will also include a junior varsity contest and serve as senior night, making it a special occasion for players and fans alike.

The busy week continues Thursday with a varsity doubleheader against Florence/Henry, which will double as fan appreciation night. Bisbee said the event will include activities for younger fans, raffles, and other efforts to thank the community for its continued support.

With both the softball and baseball teams recognizing seniors on Monday, Bisbee encouraged the community to come out and support the athletes during an important stretch of the season.

“Come out and watch both games,” she said.

Deuel wins NEC Softball Tournament

The first ever Northeast Conference girls fast pitch softball tournament was held Saturday. Redfield was the host team. Deuel won the tournament, beating Groton Area in the first game, 16-0, Milbank in the second game, 15-0, and then defeated Clark-Willow Lake in the title game, 8-0.

Clark-Willow Lake came from behind to beat Redfield in a game that went six innings, 11-9. They then defeated Sisseton in the second game, 20-1, to advance to the title game.

Redfield took third place with a 16-13 win over Milbank in a game that also went six innings. Redfield also defeated Sisseton, 20-3. Milbank defeated Groton Area, 15-1. In the fifth place game, Groton Area defeated Sisseton, 15-0.

Libby Cole Has Lots Of Hits But Groton Area Tigers Varsity Softball Fall To Clark/Willow Lake Varsity Cyclones

By GameChanger Media

Libby Cole collected three hits in four at bats, but Groton Area Tigers Varsity Softball lost to Clark/Willow Lake Varsity Cyclones 23-12 on Monday at Home. Cole doubled in the first inning, singled in the second inning, and singled in the fourth inning.

Despite the loss, Groton Area Tigers Varsity Softball did collect 14 hits in the high-scoring affair. Unfortunately, Clark/Willow Lake Varsity Cyclones had 21 hits on the way to victory.

Clark/Willow Lake Varsity Cyclones jumped out to the lead in the top of the first inning after Macy Ingraham singled, scoring one run, Ella Sass singled, scoring one run, Zoe Nichols singled, scoring one run, Johanna Vandersnick grounded out, scoring one run, Yeleiney Ramirez singled, scoring two runs, Jordyn Repp singled, scoring one run, Ingraham singled, scoring one run, Kadee Frankfurth doubled, scoring one run, and Sass doubled, scoring two runs.

Clark/Willow Lake Varsity Cyclones extended their early lead with two runs in the top of the second thanks to RBI singles by Ingraham and Frankfurth.

A walk by Kelsey Hofer, a walk by Ingraham, and a single by Frankfurth helped Clark/Willow Lake Varsity Cyclones extend their early lead in the third.

Frankfurth earned the win for Clark/Willow Lake Varsity Cyclones. The starting pitcher surrendered 14 hits and 12 runs over five innings, striking out four and walking eight. Kinsley Rowen took the loss for Groton Area Tigers Varsity Softball. The righty went four and one-third innings, allowing 20 runs on 18 hits, striking out three and walking nine.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity Softball collected 14 hits in the game. Talli Wright, Abby Fjeldheim, Jaedyn Penning, and Rylie Rose each collected multiple hits for Groton Area Tigers Varsity Softball. Jerica Locke paced Groton Area Tigers Varsity Softball with four walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, tallying eight walks for the game. Rowen, Cole, and Locke each stole multiple bases for Groton Area Tigers Varsity Softball. Groton Area Tigers Varsity Softball ran wild on the base paths, accumulating nine stolen bases for the game.

Clark/Willow Lake Varsity Cyclones tallied 21 hits in the game. Ingraham went 4-for-4 at the plate and led the team with six runs batted in. Frankfurth went 5-for-5 at the plate to lead Clark/Willow Lake Varsity Cyclones in hits. Sass, Ramirez, and Nichols each collected multiple hits for Clark/Willow Lake Varsity Cyclones. Hofer paced Clark/Willow Lake Varsity Cyclones with four walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, tallying 14 walks for the game. Ramirez, Vandersnick, Ingraham, Hofer, Frankfurth, and Repp each stole multiple bases for Clark/Willow Lake Varsity Cyclones. Clark/Willow Lake Varsity Cyclones ran wild on the base paths, accumulating 18 stolen bases for the game.

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