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## Top Fundraiser at GAES

Julianna Kosel, daughter of Paul and Tina Kosel, Groton, was the top fundraiser in this year's Hoops for Heart. The Groton Area Elementary third, fourth and fifth graders raise just under \$4,000. Julinna was the high fundrasier with \$526. The funds raised for Hoops for Heart go to the American Heart Association.



Zac, Ell are winners at All-Star Game  
On the left is Zac Punt from Langford. He won the slam dunk competition at the Northeast South Dakota All-Star Game. Reilly Ell was the Most Valuable Player.

## Sippel name Groton's Best and Brightest among South Dakota

A group of the best and brightest graduating seniors from the class of 2014 were honored during the 24th Annual Academic Excellence Banquet in Pierre this past Monday. In conjunction with the office of Gov. Daugaard, the Associated School Boards of SD invited nearly 200 students fro, the state's public, private, and tribal schools to celebrate their academic accomplishments. The event is sponsored by the South Dakota Community Foundation and Citibank. Schools are asked to identify one student for every 100 graduating seniors based on academic criteria, such as grade point average and scores on college readiness exams.

Camille Sippel, the daughter of Marc and Franne Sippel was chosen from the 2014 Groton senior class.



Camille Sippel



## State Education Secretary stops in Groton

Secretary of Education, Melody Schopp visited the Groton Area Elementary. She toured the school, visited with a number of staff, and read a book to the second grade (left photo). She was very impressed by our school, the students, as well as a number of programs we currently have in place. Some of the programs discussed were the use of stability balls in the younger grades, the RtI program, and Accelerated Reader.



Pictured are Rachel Blackmun, Kasey Waage, Coach Greg Kjellsen, Katie Koehler, Nikki Koehler and Maddie Colestock. (Photo by Michelle Muilenberg)

## Lady Tigers win first ever NEC Golf Title

The girls golf team won its first ever Northeast Conference Title Friday by beating Aberdeen Roncalli by 21 strokes. Groton took four of the top five spots and added an eighth and 16th place finish to secure the win. Maddie Colestock placed second with a 99, Rachel Blackmun was third with a 105, Kasey Waage was fourth with a 107, Nikki Koehler was eighth with a 109 and Katie Koehler was 16th with a 123. Groton's score was 422 to Roncalli's 443.

This is the first time that a Groton golf team, boys or girls, has ever won the Northeast Conference title.

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## FCCLA had eventful year



**Kennedy Clark**  
 gave the year in  
 review.

Groton FCCLA has done many events this year to encourage community involvement amongst teens. We played bingo with the residents at Golden Living Center every other month and painted nails at Rosewood every other week.

This year for Homecoming we had Kiss the Pig contest at the Elementary school where the students put money in jars for the teacher that they wanted to see kiss the pig. Mrs. Fjeldheim had to kiss the pig this year. We also had the duck pond at the homecoming kids' carnival. We sold tattoos and eye blacks to the high school and elementary school. All proceeds from these fundraisers went into our community improvement fund.

In October, we held our annual Fruit/Meat & Cheese fundraiser. Thank you to all of you who made purchases from us, your support is very appreciated!

Again this year, we held our annual food drive in November. We invited other school groups to join us in our effort to help the needy in our community. We collected over 80 bags of groceries that we distributed right here in town.

In January, District One had their District Meeting in which our chapter attended. Eight FCCLAers qualified for state at this meeting. We also had the opportunity to attend workshops and listened to a very inspirational speaker. We also held an FCCLA pizza party at lunch for those FCCLAers who had acquired at least 35 points, as a thank you for their involvement in the community.

In February, we celebrated National FCCLA Week. We sold Crush Cans at lunch. Students bought the cans for their crush or just their friends and were delivered the day before Valentine's Day (because we didn't have school on Valentine's Day). We also had the Pregnancy Belly contest amongst the male high school teachers who were willing to take the chance that they might have to where the pregnancy belly. Jars were placed in the high school office for students to put money in, by the end of the week Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Johnson had the most money and each had to where the pregnancy belly at the school for a whole day!

In March, we had our annual Spa Night which was a fun evening spent with our moms and friends getting pampered. Thank you to Maddie Howard who did hair, Tammie Hanson who did Satin Hands, and to Madison Profeta, Sydney Hanna, and Darac Harry who gave massages. We also had yummy food and got to do a footbath, hot rocks, and manicures.

In April, returning just 2 days ago, 10 members attended the State Meeting in Sioux Falls where they presented their illustrated talks and star events. They also had the opportunity to attend awesome workshops, hear a motivational speakers, and meet lots of new friends.

Later in May we will be pairing up with Teddy Bear Daycare to host the trike-a-thon, where local children will be raising money for Saint Jude's Children Research Hospital and for the additional playground equipment needed in our community.

This year has been a fun year in FCCLA and we all cannot wait until next year!



**Amanda Koens and Katie LaMee**  
 were the MCs for the first half of the show.



**Now we are going to bring out another group of quilters. First up in the group is Parker Rossow showing off his quilt he made in FACS 4. He decided to make a t-shirt quilt and worked very hard to make it look great. His quilt consists of 24 t-shirts from past sporting events and Groton tiger shirts. He will use his quilt next year as he attends Northern State University in Aberdeen.**



**Every year we select one member to receive the FCCLA'er of the Year and Officer of the Year awards. We assign a certain number of points to each activity our chapter is involved in and the member and officer with the highest number of points is awarded the honor of being our FCCLA'er and Officer of the Year.**

**\*This year's FCCLA'er of the Year is Lexie Harder. Congratulations!**



**Luke Smith played for the first half of the style show.**



**Latasha Mehlhaff modeling her blue flannel pajama pants. She says they are very soft and comfortable to wear. Latasha chose plain blue fabric because she had never sewn before and thought it would be easier to sew than a patterned fabric would be. She did an extraordinary job.**



**Hannah Webb and Nikki Koehler**  
 were the masters of ceremony for the second half.

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## FCCLA Style Show

FCCLA Service Award to FCCLA seniors. In order to earn this award, seniors must have sold 40 boxes of fruit over their entire membership, which could be 1-4 years, and achieved involvement points through the point system. Involvement points come from things like attending meetings, participating in activities such as bingo, the food drive, and also from being involved in district and state meetings. The following members have earned the FCCLA Service Award:



Skyler Bonn, \$150, and Nikki Koehler, \$300.



This is Halle Dohman's first time sewing and quilting. She chose a big block-square pattern and picked out purple, green, and blue colors and patterns that coordinate beautifully together. She plans on taking this quilt with her to college. Her future plans include going to The University of South Dakota and majoring in Biology. There were many quilts, prom dresses, purses and outfits that were shown off at the Style Show.



The group is made up of three high school girls; Audrey Wannier, Josie Døeden, and Aubray Harry. Josie will be playing the piano as Audrey and Aubray sing "Stay" by Rihanna.



There were 11 seniors of the FCCLA membership that were recognized. Pictured left to right are Camille Sippel, 1 year; Halle Dohman, 1 year; Caitlyn Fluke, 1 year; Olivia Lone, 1 year; Skyler Bonn, 2 years; Kylie Hawkins, 2 years; Cheyenne Schaller, 2 years; and Nikki Koehler, 4 years; not pictured are Paw Shee, 1 year; Sadie Rogers, 1 year; and Hayley Mayou, 3 years.



Lindsey Tietz was given a bouquet of flowers in appreciation by the girls for what she has done for the FCCLA program. The new officers pictured are Kellyn Fluke, historian; Katie LaMee, vice-president; Haley Unzen, president; Hannah Webb, secretary; Lexie Harder, reporter; and not pictured is Kennedy Clark, treasurer.



Hannah Webb is modeling her chevron stripe and owl patterned purse. She enjoys sewing, so it made this project a breeze. Hannah just got back from state FCCLA where she competed in the Recycle and Redesign STAR event.



Cheyenne Schaller, Adam Herman and Camille Sippel sang, "Boondocks."



Taylor Gustafson played the music at the second half of the show.

Left Photo: Vocal duet by Macy Knecht and Kari Hanson. They will be singing "Blessings" by Laura Story.

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## Brown County Ord. 430 Aberdeen City Code



### ORDINANCE # 14-04-05/430 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED ORDINANCES

OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN CHAPTER 60. ZONING. SECTION 60-58 C-3 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that the following changes and additions shall be made to the Aberdeen City Code.

Sec. 60-58. C-3 central business district.

(e). Aberdeen Commercial Historic District. No building, structure, premises or sign shall be used, erected or altered along Historic Main Street, until or unless the following conditions have been complied with:

(1) All residential uses shall be permitted, but those residential uses must be located above the first story and off street parking must be provided for each dwelling unit as per Section 60-159 Off-street parking regulations.

(2) No off street parking will be permitted within the front or side yard of a lot.

(3) Existing and newly constructed buildings will be prohibited from being used solely for dry/cold storage or as garages/car ports.

(f). Aberdeen Commercial Historic District. A permit for the construction or exterior alteration of any building or structure shall not be granted along Historic Main Street, until or unless the following conditions have been complied with:

(1) All new construction, renovation/alteration and/or change of use of a structure, property or sign requiring a permit under §12-301 must be approved by the City Planning Commission prior to any type of work commencing.

(2) A plot plan, which shall show the location of all present or proposed buildings, sidewalks and other areas devoted to pedestrian use, drives, parking lots, loading and unloading areas; the dimensions and arrangements of the present or proposed building; and all buildings, streets, alleys or other topographical features (plantings) of the lot and the area 150 feet beyond any lot line must be submitted as part of the City Planning Commission approval process.

(3) A materials list, for all new exterior renovation/alteration, must be submitted as part of the City Planning Commission approval process. The list must indicate the type of materials that will be used in the project that reflect the original architectural character of the building, including color schemes and textures. Building materials not reflective of the historical nature of the building or the surrounding area will not be permitted. Rough-sawn wood, rustic shingles, aluminum, steel or vinyl siding or obvious imitation materials will not be permitted.

(4) A materials list, for all new bare lot construction, must be submitted as part of the City Planning Commission approval process. The materials list must be reflective of the historic nature of the surrounding area and buildings. Rough-sawn wood, rustic shingles, aluminum, steel or vinyl siding or obvious imitation materials will not be permitted.

(5) All new construction or renovation/alteration to a building's façade, including buildings with dual frontage, shall meet all of the requirements set forth in the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), South Dakota Codified Law; Chapter 1-19A "Preservation of Historic Sites," and Chapter 1-19B "County and Municipal Historic Preservation Activities."

(6) All newly constructed buildings must be constructed to meet the zero property line set back, so that the new building is in line with the other existing structures. Accessory structures, such as sheds, garages or carports will not be permitted.

(7) All building entrances must meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

(8) All signage will be required to adhere to Article XII. Section 60-340.h (4) of the Sign Ordinance. Only blade signs and channel letter signs will be permitted on the exterior frontage or side street frontage of a structure and window adhesives/painting will be prohibited. One 6" x 36" under canopy sign may be attached to the bottom of an existing canopy at each principal entrance providing access. The under canopy sign must be at least 8 feet above the sidewalk and 1 foot from the outer edge of the canopy. A 4' x 4' wall sign will be permitted per each building's alley entrance and must be located directly above the alley entrance and may only be utilized as a directory of the occupants of the building.

(g). Aberdeen Commercial Historic District. The Aberdeen Business Improvement District #1 Architectural Design Review Committee must make a recommendation as to the historical and aesthetic nature of the proposal to the Aberdeen Planning Commission within 2 weeks of receiving a copy of the building permit application from the Aberdeen Planning and Zoning Department. If a recommendation is not forthcoming within the 2 week time span, it will be viewed as a recommendation for approval.

(h). Aberdeen Commercial Historic District. Upon request from a building owner, the City Planning Commission shall waive the requirements of §60-58 (e) or (f) where the building owner establishes compliance is grossly impractical or constitutes a hardship.

(i). Aberdeen Commercial Historic District. Any person aggrieved by the denial of a waiver by the City Planning Commission from compliance with §60-58 (e) or (f) may, within ten days of the City Planning Commission's decision, file his or her appeal from that decision to the City Council, in which case the matter will be considered by the City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting.

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## Brown County May 5 Joint Meeting



MAY 5, 2014 - JOINT CITY/BROWN COUNTY MEETING

The Brown County Commission and the Aberdeen City Council met in joint session at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 225 Third Avenue SE, ARCC Building Alumni Room #101 Aberdeen, South Dakota. Present from City were Council Members Bunsness, Campbell, Johnson, Remily, Rux, Slight-Hansen, Swanson and Mayor Levens. Council Member Ronayne was absent. Present from County were Commissioners Kippley, Wiese and Sutton. Commissioners Hansen and Fischbach were absent.

ORDINANCE #14-04-05/430: On motion by Campbell and seconded by Johnson, the City unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance #14-04-05/430. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to adopt Ordinance #14-04-05/430, An Ordinance amending the Revised Ordinances of the City of Aberdeen, Chapter 60. Zoning. Section 60-58 C-3 Central Business District. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-absent, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE #14-04-06/431: On motion by Slight-Hansen and seconded by Remily, the City unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance #14-04-06/431. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to adopt Ordinance #14-04-06/431, An Ordinance amending the Revised Ordinances of the City of Aberdeen Article XII. Signs. Section 60-340. District Regulations. Roll call vote: Commission-

ers Hansen-absent, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-absent, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Ordinance adopted.

SET HEARING DATE: On motion by Swanson and seconded by Rux, the City unanimously voted to set joint public hearing date for Ordinances #14-05-01/432 and #14-05-04/433 to be held May 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers, 225 Third Avenue SE, ARCC Building Alumni Room #101 Aberdeen, SD. Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to set joint public hearing before the Aberdeen City Council and Brown County Commission to be held on May 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers, 225 Third Avenue SE, ARCC Building Alumni Room #101 Aberdeen, SD to consider the following ordinances: Ordinance #14-05-01/432, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District: Proposed Lot 1 in S & E Heintzman Subdivision in the NE 1/4 of Sec 27-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (134th Street/County Highway 19); Ordinance #14-05-04/433, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (C-2) Highway Commercial District: The West 200' of the East 1,000' of the North 670.16' in the NW 1/4 of Sec 23-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (6250 Hwy 12E). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County Ord. 431 Aberdeen City Code



### ORDINANCE #14-04-06/431 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED ORDINANCES

OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN ARTICLE XII. SIGNS. SECTION 60-340. DISTRICT REGULATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota that the following changes and additions shall be made to the Aberdeen City Code.

Sec. 60-340. District regulations.

h. C-3 central business district. In the central business district all signs must comply with the following:

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(5) Aberdeen Commercial Historic District, which is bordered by 6th Avenue SE/SW on the south, Railroad Avenue SE/SW on the north, the public alley right-of-way between Main Street S. and 1st Street S. on the west, and the public alley right-of-way between Main Street S. and Lincoln Street S. on the east.

a. Only blade signs and channel letter signs, or a combination of both, directly attached to a building will be permitted on exterior frontage and side street frontage. Building names or designations are also permitted on the building provided they are part of the architecture of the building façade: ex. McQuillen Block, Capital Building, VanSlyke Block. Total signage, not including alley signage and under canopy signage, may equal 20 percent of the building face area or 100 square feet, whichever is greater.

b. Blade signs shall not exceed 25 square feet.

c. The bottom edge of the blade sign shall be located between 10' and 20' above the ground.

d. No blade signs shall be located above the roofline of a building.

e. The near edge of a blade sign shall be no more than 12 inches from the wall of the building to which the sign is attached.

f. Blade signs, including mounting hardware, shall not project more than 60 inches from the wall of the building to which the sign is attached.

g. Individual sign letters shall not exceed 12 inches in height.

h. Blade signs shall not be internally illuminated.

i. Blade signs shall not include changeable copy.

j. Blade signs shall not include electronic components, such as message boards, video and graphic displays, or any electrically driven mechanical movement.

k. Blade signs shall not have wind blown moving components, such as pennants, ribbons, streamers, spinners, flags, banners or strings of light bulbs.

l. Blade signs shall not swing or otherwise noticeably move as a result of wind pressure.

m. Only one blade sign will be permitted per building frontage or business bay, as in a multi-tenant building.

n. Channel letter signs shall not exceed a 12" letter height and width and may be mounted on a raceway, provided that the raceway shall not extend beyond the beginning and ending letter of the sign and is painted or otherwise finished to closely match the color of the wall or the letters to which are attached. The letters shall be neutral in color and may be externally illuminated.

o. One 4' x 4' wall sign will be permitted per each building's alley entrance and must be located directly above the alley entrance and may only be utilized as a directory of the occupants of the building. A sign permit will be required for each alley entrance sign, but the sign will not be included in the total square footage requirements for building signage.

p. One 6" x 36" under canopy sign may be attached to the bottom of an existing canopy at each principal entrance providing access. The undercanopy sign must be at least 8 feet above the sidewalk and 1 foot from the outer edge of the canopy. A sign permit will be required for each canopy sign, but the sign will not be included in the total square footage requirements for building signage.

q. Off-premises signs as defined by §60-341 are prohibited within the Aberdeen Commercial District.

(6) Premises located in the Aberdeen Commercial Historic District shall not be required to conform to the provisions of §60-340 (h) (5) unless or until:

a. Commencement of construction or exterior alteration of premises as described under §60-58 (f), or

b. Transfer by sale of the premises, or the company or entity owning the premises.

c. Change in size, shape, location, content or design of signage.

(7) The Aberdeen Business Improvement District #1 Architectural Design Review Committee must make a recommendation as to the historical and aesthetic nature of the proposal to the Aberdeen Planning Commission within 2 weeks of receiving a copy of the sign permit application from the Aberdeen Planning and Zoning Department. If a recommendation is not forthcoming within the 2 week time span, it will be viewed as a recommendation for approval.

(8) Upon request from a building owner, City Planning Commission shall waive the requirements of §60-340 (h) (5) where the building owner establishes compliance is grossly impractical or constitutes a hardship.

(9) Any person aggrieved by the denial of a waiver by the City Planning Commission for compliance with §60-340 (h) (5), may, within ten days of the City Planning Commission's decision, file his or her written appeal from that decision to the City Council, in which case the matter will be considered by the City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting.

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## Brown County Museum Roofing Notice



### NOTICE TO ROOFING CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:45 A.M on May 27, 2014, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project - Remove existing rubber roof and install a new rubber roofing system on the Dacotah Prairie Museum.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope.

"Dacotah Prairie Museum Roof" to be opened on May 27, 2014.

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or bank draft, for 5% of the amount of the bid, such check to be issued by either a state or a national bank and payable to Brown County, or in lieu thereof a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County.

PERFORMANCE BOND: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that the proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within ten (10) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in an amount equal to the contract price.

The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids that they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County, and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise and State Sales Tax.

Copies of the specifications are on file at the Brown County Maintenance, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and obtained at no charge. Phone: 605-626-7124.

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer

Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County 1st Ave SE Roofing Notice



### NOTICE TO ROOFING CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Brown County Courthouse Annex, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota; until the hour of 8:50 A.M on May 27, 2014, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered by the Brown County Board of Commissioners for: Project - Remove existing rock and rubber roof and replace with a new rubber roofing system on the upper east portion of the First Avenue Office Building.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope.

"First Avenue Office Building Roof" to be opened on May 27, 2014.

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or bank draft, for 5% of the amount of the bid, such check to be issued by either a state or a national bank and payable to Brown County, or in lieu thereof a bid bond for 10% of the amount of the bid, such bond to be issued by a surety company authorized to do business in South Dakota and payable to Brown County.

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Copies of the specifications are on file at the Brown County Maintenance, 25 Market Street Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and obtained at no charge. Phone: 605-626-7124.

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer

Brown County Auditor

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## Brown County Heintzman Rezoning Notice



### NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING A PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and Brown County Commission on the 27th day of May 2014, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 225 Third Ave SE, ARCC Building Alumni Room #101, to consider the Petition filed by Emily LaBore-Heintzman to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows: Proposed Lot 1 in S & E Heintzman Subdivision in the NE 1/4 of Sec 27-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (134th Street/County Highway 19).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the council and commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance #14-05-01/432 granting Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the Petition to Rezone said property. Dated this 5th day of May 2014.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

(0513.0520)

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## Brown County Mattern Rezoning Notice



### NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING A PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and Brown County Commission on the 27th day of May 2014, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 225 Third Ave SE, ARCC Building Alumni Room #101, to consider the Petition filed by Dixie Mattern to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (C-2) Highway Commercial District, said property being described as follows: The West 200' of the East 1,000' of the North 670.16' in the NW 1/4 of Sec 23-T123N-R63W except Hiway of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (6250 Hwy 12E).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the council and commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance #14-05-04/433 granting Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the Petition to Rezone said property. Dated this 5th day of May 2014.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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**Brown County May 6 General Meeting**



MAY 6, 2014 - GENERAL MEETING

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

**MINUTES:**

Moved by Wiese seconded by Kippley to approve the Joint City/County Meeting minutes of April 28, 2014 and the General Meeting minutes of April 29, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS:**

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims:

Payroll: Commission \$3,527.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$3,992.74; Auditor \$7,271.79; Treasurer \$11,624.47; Data Processing \$3,152.80; State's Attorney \$15,075.39; Blood Draws \$800.00; SVA-WA Grant \$1,269.24; Maintenance \$5,936.44; Assessor \$12,626.90; Register of Deeds \$8,166.79; Veterans Service Office \$3,642.74; GIS \$2,147.60; Sheriff Admin \$33,094.57; Jail \$31,963.76; Coroner \$1,350; JDC \$16,761.41; HD \$4,900.39; Welfare Office \$3,086.87; Museum \$6,924.16; Parks & Fairgrounds \$6,142.61; SPP-VLSL Payout \$639.54; Fair Board \$2,755.87; 4-H \$1,143.20; Weed \$872.16; Planning and Zoning \$1,453.85; Highway \$45,479.07; SPP-VLSL Payout \$2,427.69; Communications \$20,085.44; Emergency Management \$3,209.72; Teen Court \$136.17; 24/7 \$2,599.96; Landfill \$13,159.87

Matching Benefits: FICA \$15,557.21; Medicare \$3,638.37

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$4,983.01; Birmingham & Cwach Law Office \$207.44; Certified Languages \$100.65; Denise Cody \$30.00; Helms & Assoc. \$9,419.19; Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc. \$10,365.00; Lucy Lewno \$297.98; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$234.02; Midwest Alarm \$214.20; Mikelson Law Office \$205.71; Sanford Health \$2,748.51; Sivertsen Technology \$5,150.00; Kristi Spitzer \$449.00; Karen Swanda \$30.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff Office \$25.00.

Transcripts: Kristi Brandt \$40.80.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$533.39; Black Book \$100.00; Dex Media \$52.00; Groton Independent \$162.34; Hub City Radio \$300.00.

Rentals: Jerke Brothers \$330.00; SD Real Estate \$300.00; Sheehan Mack Sales \$3,760.00; Wolfson Apartments \$260.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Butler Machinery \$1033.33; Clark Engineering \$1,043.75; Crawford M S & F \$354.98; Dakota Electronics \$20.00; Fire Safety First \$98.31; Graham Tire \$686.70; Great Western Tire \$15.00; Marco \$79.37; Old Dominion Brush Co. \$169.57; Sewer Duck \$150.00; Sheehan Mack Sales \$88.73; Walth Safety Service \$180.00; Woodman Refrigeration \$1,232.41.

Supplies: 3D Specialties \$491.08; 446-Praxair \$54.41; A & B Business \$194.43; Ameripride Services \$56.34; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; Butler Machinery \$647.61; Cartney Bearing \$30.56; Crawford M S & F \$19,462.53; Creative Product Source \$1,263.75; Dakota Oil \$3,310.10; Dakota Pump & Control \$450.00; Dakota Supply Group \$49.32; DS Solutions \$175.00; Elections Systems & Software \$2,919.00; Fastenal \$83.28; Fire Safety First \$757.97; Great Western Tire \$7,482.80; Groton Area Fire Protection \$165.00; Hecla Implement \$7.20; Interior Design Concepts \$15.19; Interstate Battery System \$110.95; J. Gross Equipment \$42.61; Leidholt Electric \$248.65; Marco \$127.99; McFarland Supply \$24.91; Menards \$303.16; Midstates Printing \$130.59; NCFE - Truck & Auto Center \$2,271.16; NCFE - Warner Elevator \$26,416.00; Network Services Company \$586.88; Old Dominion Brush Co. \$990.00; Palmer Distribut-

ing \$95.00; Regional Pharmacy \$163.55; Running's \$757.20; Sander's Sew n' Vac \$731.33; Harvin Schlosser \$100.00; Schwan Welding \$75.00; Christy Serr \$6.15; Sheehan Mack Sales \$1,199.77; Sivertsen Technology \$199.99; TW Construction \$30.61; Jeff Vilhauer \$826.53; Walth Safety Service \$2,384.30; Western Printing \$628.08; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$130.00.

Travel & Conference: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$30.00; Jodi Brown \$861.20; Gary Vetter \$30.00.

Utilities: AT & T \$247.63; BDM Rural Water \$30.00; James Valley Telecommunication \$213.90; Midcontinent Communications \$504.28; NVC \$2,566.34; NWPS \$8469.49; Town of Frederick \$32.25; Verizon Wireless \$78.62; Web Water \$116.87; WSI \$525.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PERSONNEL:**

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve the following employee step increases, effective May 11, 2014: Larry Hardy @ \$17.69 per hour, John Weig @ \$17.34 per hour, Janice Moore @ \$19.88 per hour, Carol Wolf @ \$17.50 per hour, Michael Merkel @ \$20.32 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve employee classification change from Jail Deputy to Field Deputy for Linn Kamen, effective April 13, 2014 at \$18.23 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve hiring Christeen Krahl as full-time corrections officer in the Jail, effective May 12, 2014 at \$14.28 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve hiring Aliza Rux as summer intern at the Dacotah Prairie Museum, effective May 19, 2014 at \$8.75 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve hiring the following seasonal highway employees, effective May 12, 2014: Ethan Sass and Tension Easton @ \$10.67 per hour, Les Schaible @ \$11.27 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve hiring Daniel Gilkerson as seasonal Fairgrounds employee, effective April 29, 2014 @ \$9.96 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve hiring Tiffany Hanson, effective May 5, 2014 for purpose of prisoner transport. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT AWARD:**

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize John McQuillen to apply for funding and sign Homeland Security Grant Award in amount of \$12,144.00 for radio equipment for the Communications Center; and to approve and authorize Mark Milbrandt to apply for funding and sign Homeland Security Grant Award in amount of \$33,977.44 for radios, mobile data terminals and dive team equipment for the Sheriff Department. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**TOWNSHIP BONDS:**

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve the following Township Bonds (Treasurer and Clerk): PORTAGE #1- Susan Gerdes, Tom Stehly; GREENFIELD #2 - Valerie Weisser,

Karen Lunzman; FREDERICK #3 - Dennis Walworth, Jill Gisi; ALLISON #4 - Dillon Cutler, Arlene Hixon; LANSING #5 - Dixie Clark; ONEOTA #6 - Karla Engelhart, Neil Schaanman; BRAINARD #7 - Charles Dennert, Diane Bruns; SHELBY #8 - Michael Knecht, Brent Miller; NORTH DETROIT #9 - Candi Beck, Sandy Dinger; CLAREMONT #10 - Donald Wegleitner, Justin Wegleitner; COLUMBIA #11 - Martin Weismantel, Patricia Daly; WESTPORT #12 - Guyna Dehne, Doug Fjeldheim; CARLISLE #13 - Janet Nelson, Ashlee Bretsch; ORDWAY #14 - Kerry Howell, Mike McHugh; CAMBRIA #15 - Monte McNickel, Ron Ringgenberg; RIVERSIDE #16 - Steve Simon, Bruce Sippl; HENRY #18 - Matt Oswald, Darlene Sass; BATH #19 - David Stahl, Scott Sperry; ABERDEEN #20 - William Donaldson, Marguirete Donaldson; MERCIER #21 - Jerry Streckfuss, Daryl L Rieck; NEW HOPE #22 - Alan Borchard, Milton Haselhorst; WARNER #23 - Bev Graham, Robert Seaton; GEM #24 - Loel Schott, Bob Simon; EAST HANSON #25 - Dennis Pigors, Betty Schinkel; EAST RONDELL #27 - Dennis Rossow, Kathy Williams; PALMYRA #28 - Joanne Berheim, Margaret Strand; OSCEOLA #29 - Lonny Mikkonen, Chris Sumption; SAVO #30 - Calvin Raisanen, Judy Bretsch; LIBERTY #31 - Todd Lunzman, Rollin Stearns; RAVINIA #34 - Vicki Eimers, Patrick Keatts; HIGHLAND #35 - Dan Misslitz, Deanna Nelson; FRANKLYN #36 - Sharon Bain, Shirley Stein; RICHLAND #37 - Margaret Sumption, Deb Heine; LINCOLN #39 - Vickie Schrenk, Ronald Kaaz; BATES #44 - Kathy Dobberpuhl, Betty Geist; GARLAND #46 - Lloyd Buntrock, Glenn Ringgenberg; PUTNEY #48 - Bill Schuelke, Mark Thompson; WEST HANSON #49 - Maralyn Hoops, Darlyns Kampa; HECLA #50 - Cliff Schroeder, Sharon Schroeder; PRAIRIEWOOD #53 - Darrell Strivens, Robert Jensen; WEST RONDELL #57 - Al Ryckman, Larry Ihde, SOUTH DETROIT #59 - Mark Perkins, Faye Hoines. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:**  
Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following applications: Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce (Ag Committee) for lease of the Expo Addition on June 14, 2014; Katie Dombrowe for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp on June 7-8, 2014; A-Town Roller Girlz for lease of the Expo Building on May 10, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ACCOUNT:**  
Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve the April 2014 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$32,336,807.31 (total amount of actual cash @ \$3,800.00, US Bank @ \$201,479.30, Dacotah Bank @ \$1,952,555.20, Petty Cash @ \$2,000.00, Fund Investments @ \$30,176,972.81). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT:**  
Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Contract with Classic Glass Ltd. (Stained Glass Studio) Fargo, ND for all labor and material to clean, repair and protect existing stained glass windows in the Courthouse (Stained Glass Window Project). All members present voting aye.

**MOTION CARRIED.**  
MOSQUITO CONTROL FUNDING:  
Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to authorize Mike Rohrbach, Weed & Pest Supervisor to sign application for grant funding from the South Dakota Department of Health for purpose of enhancing the local mosquito control program efforts in preventing human West Nile Virus. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION HEARING:**  
Time and place, as advertised to consider application for Retail (on-off sale) Malt Liquor License, submitted by Howard Productions, LLC - E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 Sec 19-123-60 North and East of Highway except Highway (map indicating specific location on file with application). After discussion, Mr. Howard withdrew the application.

**NECOG:**  
Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve appointment of Gary Vetter, as an at-large member on the Northeast Council of Government (NECOG) Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**VACATE PLAT:**  
Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution:  
**RESOLUTION #29-14**  
WHEREAS, James E Young, pursuant to SDCL 11-3-20.1, presented an Application for Vacation of Plat legally identified as:

Lot 1A of Lot 1 Hagan Subdivision in the SW 1/4 of Sec 20-T121N-R62W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD is hereby vacated.

Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Hansen absent, Kippley-aye, Fischbach absent, Wiese-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

**BID NOTICE - FIRST AVE SE AND MUSEUM ROOF PROJECTS:**  
Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider sealed bids for labor and materials to remove existing roofing and install a new roofing system: Dacotah Prairie Museum (8:45 a.m.) and First Ave SE (8:50 a.m.), to be held in the Commissioners Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD on May 27, 2014. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY:**  
Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to declare Decal #594 2009 CAT Motor Grader 140M SN: 0B9G00159 surplus for purpose of sale through an on-line auction center. All member present voting aye. Motion carried.

**WAGE WORKS:**  
Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize Gary Vetter sign documentation for flex benefit plan for county employees with Wage Works for plan year 2014-2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**RECESS:**  
The Chairman declared the Commission recessed until May 13, 2014.  
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN CIRCUIT COURT

COUNTY OF BROWN FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROD HINRICHS, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS PRO. 012-

Notice is given that on the 28th day of April, 2014, Jean Hinrichs Carson, whose address is set forth below, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Rod Hinrichs.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claim within four (4) months after the date of the appointment of the personal representative on the 28th day of April, 2014, or within sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative. Dated this 28th day of April 2014.

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**State of South Dakota Hinrichs Estate**



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA IN CIRCUIT COURT

COUNTY OF BROWN FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE N. HINRICHS, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS PRO. 014 - 035

Notice is given that on the 25th day of April, 2014, Jean Hinrichs Carson, whose address is set forth below, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Marjorie N. Hinrichs.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claim within four (4) months after the date of the appointment of the personal representative on the 25th day of April, 2014, or within sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or delivery of this written notice, whichever is later, or be forever barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the Clerk of Courts and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative. Dated this 25th day of April 2014.

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**Lower Crow Creek Annual Meeting**



MEETING NOTICE

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Lower Crow Creek Watershed District will be held Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at the Schuller Farms Office 3 1/2 miles North of Claremont starting at 8:00p.m.

A letter of intention to seek office for the one vacant position

on the Board of Managers was filed by LaVerne Swanson.

There will be an update and discussion on current conditions. Expanding the Watershed District and the Watershed Outlet at Tacoma Park will be discussed. The meeting is open to the public.

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## FFAers are encouraged to Seize the Opportunity

Seize the opportunity! This was the message during the FFA Banquet on Friday evening.

Former Groton FFA member and the 2013-2014 State FFA Secretary Cheyenne Leonhardt was the guest speaker during the banquet. She told the audience that they should always look for the opportunities present to them.

"FFA is the perfect organization to seize those opportunities," Leonhardt said. "Don't be afraid of failure, because you'll never know unless you try."

FFA Advisor Adam Franken also spoke to the senior members about the opportunities facing them as they graduate.

"I want to pass along three things to you," Franken said. "These are things I have learned over the past ten years that I have been here."

"First, have faith. Have faith in yourself and in each other," Franken said. "Over the past couple of years, I have pushed you to try new things, to improve yourself, you won't have anyone in college doing that for you, you have to do it yourself."

"Second, Take risks," Franken said. "Life has opportunities, and you need to take them even if you fail. When you fail, you learn. You need to pick yourself back up and keep going."

"Third, Work hard. You are a testimonial to what hard work can do," Franken said. "You have succeeded at the opportunities you have been given; now you just need to continue seizing those opportunities."

The Groton FFA Chapter won several awards over the year, proving that they had worked hard to seize those opportunities.

During the leadership CDE in November, Kate Helmer won the district creed speaking contest and Joellen Gonsoir won the Job interview contest. Katie Miller placed second in public speaking and was selected as a district officer; she will serve as the district sentinel.

At the state FFA convention in April, Groton earned a silver award in Ag Mechanics. Team members were: Nathan Wright, 11th (gold); Hayden Anderson, Bronze; and Tyler Wagner, Silver.

The Natural Resources team finished Silver. Team members were: Wyatt Sombke, 15th (gold) and Brody Sombke, Bronze.

Vet Science team placed in the bronze category with Joellen Gonsoir finishing 10th, (Gold).

Lucas Sternhagen finished in 4th place, (gold) in the Farm Business Management area.

Livestock Judging team placed 4th, (gold) with Maryn Howard placing second, Hailey Hanson placing 25th (silver) and Turner Webb

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**Freshman Greenhand Award winners were: Turner Webb, Braiden Craig, Kate Helmer, Trey Wright, Mark Leonhardt, Patrick Gengerke and Shane Simon. The Greenhand award is earned by freshman FFA members with SAE Projects. Not pictured: Trevor Pray, Isaiah Cutler and Hannah Webb.** (Photo #7685 by Char Telkamp)



**FFA Chapter Awards are given to second year members of the FFA. Winners were: Brady Graf, Brody Sombke, Carly Wheeting, Parker Kroll, Kaitlyn Ringgenberg, Wyatt Larson, Katie Miller, John Jensen, Hailey Hanson, Kyle Miller and Hayden Anderson. Not pictured Landon Johnson, and Luke Sternhagen.** (Photo #7688 by Char Telkamp)



**FFA State Award winners were: Riley Helmer, Tyra Leonhardt, Tyler Wagner, Nathan Wright, Joellen Gonsoir and Wyatt Sombke. Not pictured is Braden Miller.** (Photo #7693 by Char Telkamp)



**FFA Star Awards are given to members who have excelled at their SAE Projects. SAE projects are Supervised Agricultural Experiences where the student works on their own with supervision from the advisor. The Star Greenhand is earned by freshman and went to Kate Helmer and Patrick Gengerke. The Star Placement Award is earned by a student who works for someone else, either paid or volunteer. This year's winner was Sheldon Herr. The Star Farmer Award is given to a student who has ownership of their project, (livestock, grain land etc.). Maryn Howard was the recipient of this year's award.** (Photo #7701 by Char Telkamp)



**Tyler Wagner was the recipient of the Charles Strom Memorial Scholarship, presented by Tara Telkamp. Wagner also received the Beck Memorial Scholarship.** (Photo #7707 by Char Telkamp)



**Groton FFA 2013-2014 Officer Team: Carly Wheeting, Sentinel; Tyra Leonhardt, Vice President; Brody Sombke, Parliamentarian; Maryn Howard, Reporter; Wyatt Sombke, Student Advisor; Katie Miller, Secretary; Hayden Anderson, Historian; and Joellen Gonsoir, President. Not pictured: Braden Miller, Treasurer.** (Photo #7696 by Char Telkamp)



**Groton FFA 2014-2015 Officer Team: Sheldon Herr, Student Advisor; Hailey Hanson, Secretary; Brody Sombke, Vice President; Maryn Howard, President; Carly Wheeting, Reporter; Katie Miller, Sentinel; Kyle Miller, Historian; Kaitlyn Ringgenberg, Parliamentarian; and Hayden Anderson, Treasurer.** (Photo #7698 by Char Telkamp)



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**Groton FFA members: Back row: Riley Helmer, Tyler Wagner, Brody Sombke, Parker Kroll, Wyatt Larson and John Jensen. Third row: Braiden Craig, Patrick Gengerke, Brady Graf, Trey Wright, Kyle Miler, Sheldon Herr and Turner Webb. Second Row: Advisor, Adam Franken, Shane Simon, Mark Leonhardt, Carly Wheeting, Nathan Wright, Hayden Anderson, Wyatt Sombke, Joellen Gonsoir, and Student Teacher Nick Podall. Front Row: Kate Helmer, Kaitlyn Ringgenberg, Tyra Leonhardt, Katie Miller, Maryn Howard, and Hailey Hanson.** (Photo #7690 by Char Telkamp)



**A special guest at the FFA Banquet was Nick Podoll, Oakes, ND, who has been student teaching the Groton Ag Classes the last several weeks. While he was teaching here, a car ran through his house and all donations from the banquet were given to Podoll.** (Photo #7676 by Char Telkamp)



**Tyra Leonhardt, Groton FFA Vice President, introduced her sister, Cheyenne. Leonhardt was the guest speaker for the night, she was the South Dakota State FFA Secretary for the 2013-2014 year.** (Photo #7663 by Char Telkamp)



**The new 2014-2015 Groton FFA President, Maryn Howard, presided over the closing ceremonies.** (Photo #7684 by Char Telkamp)



**These FFA Seniors were the recipients of the Groton FFA Alumni Scholarships. They are: Tyler Wagner, Nathan Wright, Riley Helmer, Parker Kroll and Wyatt Sombke. Front row: Tyra Leonhardt and Joellen Gonsoir.** (Photo #7704 by Char Telkamp)

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finishing in the bronze.

The Horse judging team finished second with all four team members placing. Tyra Leonhardt placed 10th, (gold), Kaitlyn Ringgenberg was 13th (gold), Kate Helmer was 22nd (silver) and Katie Miller placed silver.

Year-end awards were given at the banquet. Freshman Greenhand Award winners were: Trevor Pray, Isaiah Cutler, Hannah Webb Turner Webb, Braiden Craig, Kate Helmer, Trey Wright, Mark Leonhardt, Patrick Gengerke and Shane Simon. The Greenhand award is earned by freshman FFA members with SAE Projects.

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Seven seniors were the recipients of the Groton FFA Alumni Scholarships. They are: Tyler Wagner, Nathan Wright, Riley Helmer, Parker Kroll, Wyatt Sombke, Tyra Leonhardt and Joellen Gonsoir. Wagner was also the recipient of the Charles Strom Memorial Scholarship and the Beck Memorial Scholarship.



**Katie Miller was selected to serve as a District Officer during the Leadership CDE's in November. She will serve as the Sentinel.** (Photo #7709 by Char Telkamp)



**Cheyenne Leonhardt spoke about the many opportunities offered in FFA and how you need to seize the opportunity when you could.** (Photo #7666 by Char Telkamp)

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Stephanie graduated from Leola High School, attended college in Wahpeton, ND and graduated with an associates degree in Animal Science. Zachary graduated from Conde High School and has been farming with his family ever since. Both plan to farm in the Conde area.

**There will be an open house bridal shower honoring Stephanie Jung, bride-to-be of Zachary Townsend, to be held Saturday May 17th at the Groton Methodist Church starting at 9:30 until 11:30 am. They are planning a June 13th wedding at Sacred Heart Church in Aberdeen. Stephanie, daughter of Joe and Michelle Jung, originates from the Leola area. The couple is registered at Target.**



### Principal's 6th grade Middle School Honor Roll

Thirteen sixth graders in the Class of 2020 have been selected for the Principal's Middle School 6th Grade Honor Roll at Groton Area High School. To be eligible for this award, the sixth graders had to be on the honor roll at Groton Area High School every quarter for one year.

This year's sixth graders on the Principal's Honor Roll are: Payton Colestock, Tady Glover, Kaycie Hawkins, Kya Jandel, Kayla Jensen, Austin Jones, Katlyn Kyar, Nicole Marzahn, KaSandra Pappas, Indigo Rogers, Rylee Rosenau, Madeline Schuelke, Gabriel Taylor

**Back: Gabriel Taylor, Kaycie Hawkins, Nicole Marzahn, Indigo Rogers, Payton Colestock, Tady Glover, Rylee Rosenau, Austin Jones**

**Front: Madeline Schuelke, KaSandra Pappas, Kayla Jensen, Katlyn Kyar, Kya Jandel**

## Groups, community tired of fundraisers



**Pictured left to right are David Blackmun, representing the golf program; Julie Milbrandt from Destination Imagination, Tammy Weiszhaar and Kelsey Hunt from the cheerleading program and Kristen Gonsoir from debate**

Debate, Destination Imagination, Cheerleading and Golf all had their say at the Groton Area School Board meeting held Monday evening.

Kristen Gonsoir talked about the debate program and how the program spent \$2,300 more than what it took in. Wake-up Wednesday made \$1,200, Concessions made \$625, there were \$300 in donations and the Valentine Flowers made \$237, but she said she wrote a check herself for \$150.

"There are so few opportunities to come up with money from the community," Gonsoir said. "Some of the same kids are fundraising for multiple events. They are just tired of fundraising and it's difficult to come up with new ideas. We have no adult companion program to help us and the time spent fundraising takes time away from coaching. I feel more like a public events coordinator instead of a coach. And for the first time, I'm starting to hear from the kids, 'Why bother.' They feel the school board does not view the program as viable. I've been hearing that more this

year than in years past."

Kelsey Hunt and Tammy Weiszhaar talked about the cheerleading program. They raised \$400 from a CherryBerry fundraiser, \$400 from selling Tiger apparel, \$995 from the cheer clinic and \$58.99 from having pictures taken with the Tiger. Weiszhaar said the girls have to buy their own uniforms as there is no money in the budget. She said that the old ones are falling apart. The group has about \$2,000 in their account, but three of the four cheer coaches are not taking any pay.

Julie Milbrandt talked about the Destination Imagination Program. They have \$18,000 in their account, but she cautioned that money goes very quickly when teams go to the Global Finals. "In one year, we took five teams to Globals and at \$1,200 per kid, we can't expect the community to come up with a bunch of money in a short period of time if 18 kids go to globals," Milbrandt said. Recently, the DI committee went to Hosmer for a pork dinner and served it at their quasicentennial. This summer, the DI group will be serving at the 4-H Rodeo July 5-6 at the Brown County Fairgrounds. "Things have changed in the DI program," Milbrandt said. She said that they have cut meal money for the students when they travel. "We have a lot of volunteer coaches and one coach took on three teams," she said. Milbrandt also added that the DI program incorporates a lot of the Common Core Standards. There are 40-50 students out for DI each year.

David Blackmun talked about the golf program. They have established a Golf Association where the members have regular meetings. The big fundraiser is the golf tournament the weekend after the Fourth of July. They also have a community meal where the team members go around town and collect orders and then deliver them the day of the meal. "Last year we put three girls in the state tournament and we had one or two boys in the state. We're hoping that the success of the program will bring out more kids in golf." The golfing numbers have been on the rise with seven to 10 golfers in both the boys and girls programs. "The golfing community has been real generous for us and the golf course bends over backwards for us," Blackmun said. "They are very supportive."

Superintendent Joe Schwan said the board needs to look at the preliminary budget and see what the district can do to reinstate the programs back into the district budget. "We are in the position to go above the \$7,000 that we're giving them now," he said. "Seven thousand dollars in the general fund is minimal." The state funding is still not back to where it was, but is improving which could help with the funding of these programs. The board will grapple with this issue in the upcoming meetings.

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# Larson breaks school record in 400m dash at NEC Track Meet

Coach Brian Schuring summed up the track meet with these words: "The Groton Area Tigers had another really good day in Track and Field! Our Boys scored 93pts for second place and our Girls scored 92.5pts for fourth place (less than 5pts from second place)...what a tremendous effort on both sides! Landon Larson won the 200M and 400M (broke school record held by Sam Goehring-1981....51.20) and our boys and girls 800M Relay teams placed 1st respectively! Anytime you can be a NEC Conference Champion in your event that is an awesome accomplishment! All our tracksters competed well today and should be proud of their showing!"

**Girl's Team Points:** 1, Aberdeen Roncalli, 142.5; 2, Clark-Willow Lake, 97; 3, Milbank Area, 96.5; 4, Groton Area, 92.5; 5, Redfield-Doland, 92; 6, Webster Area, 89; 7, Britton-Hecla, 73; 8, Sisseton, 45; 9, Deuel, 10.

**100m Hurdles:** 3, Josie Doeden, 16.44; 5, Audrey Wanner, 17.13; 6, Kylie Hawkins, 17.89

**300m Hurdles:** 5, Josie Doeden, 53.15; 6, Audrey Wanner, 53.26; 11, Cheyenne Schaller, 56.93.

**100m Dash:** 6, McKenzie Menzia, 13.61; 8, Heather Lone, 14.02; Kiana Kokales, 14.0.

**200m Dash:** 3, Harleigh Stange, 28.56; 8, McKenzie Menzia, 29.36; 12, Madison Profeta, 30.21.

**400m Dash:** 4, Camille Sippel, 1:06; 6, Gia Gengerke, 1:06.3.

**800m Run:** 10, Hannah Lewandowski, 2:54; 11, Hannah Fischbach, 3:00.37; 16, Jodi Hinman, 3:21.02.

**1600m Run:** 8, Cheyenne Schaller, 6:09.66; Hannah Fischbach, 6:42; Jodi Hinman, 7:31.

**3200m Run:** 4, Jasmine Schaller, 13:29.07.

**400m Relay:** 2, (Courtney Kurtz, Heather Lone, Harleigh Stange, McKenzie Menzia), 53.51.

**800m Relay: 1, (Courtney Kurtz, Harleigh Stange, Madison Profeta, Camille Sippel), 1:52.83.**

**1600m Relay:** 5, (Josie Doeden, Cheyenne Schaller, Camille Sippel, Gia Gengerke), 4:39.36.

**Medley Relay:** 2, (Courtney Kurtz, Harleigh Stange, Maggie Simon, Jasmine Schaller), 4:47.03.

**3200m Relay:** 5, (Jasmine Schaller, Maggie Simon, Hannah Lewandowski, Cheyenne Schaller), 11:8.29.

**High Jump:** 5, Gia Gengerke, 4-7; 8, Camille Sippel, 4-7.

**Long Jump:** 5, Courtney Kurtz, 14-8; 9, Katie Koehler, 13-11; 16, Kylie Hawkins, 12-0.5.

**Triple Jump:** 11, Katie Koehler, 29-3.5; 17, Breanna Marzahn, 26.4.25; 18, Taryn Rossow, 25-4.0.

**Discus:** 5, Alyssa Sippel, 103-2; 11, Jessica Bjerke, 84-7; 13, Marlee Jones, 80-8.

**Shot Put:** 15, Marlee Jones, 26-10.25; 17, Danielle Schinkel, 24-1.

**Boy's Team Points:** 1, Aberdeen Roncalli, 182.5; 2, Groton Area, 93; 3, Webster Area, 79; 4, Milbank Area, 77.5; 5, Britton-Hecla, 72; 6, Redfield-Doland, 67; 7, Clark-Willow Lake, 63; 8, Sisseton, 57; 9, Deuel, 40.

**110m Hurdles:** 4, Luca Kother, 16.18; 5, Jackson Doeden, 16.26.

**300m Hurdles:** 2, Luca Kother, 42.43; 4, Jackson Doeden, 44.77.

**100m Dash:** 6, Zack Crosby, 11.75; Prelims: Rayce Harder, 12.50; Logan Lane, 13.07.

**200m Dash: 1, Landon Larson, 23.02;** 12, Frank Wuestewald, 26.98; 13, Chance Strom, 27.45.

**400m Dash: (School Record) 1, Landon Larson, 51.02;** 14, Frank Wuestewald, 59.62; 20, Logan Lane, 1:09.90.

**800m Run:** 9, Sean Schuring, 2:25.48; 16, Luke Smith, 2:39.41.

**1600m Run:** Luke Smith, 5:31.

**3200m Run:** Lucas Sternhagen, 11:50.47.

**400m Relay:** Groton's team DQ

**800m Relay: 1, (Spencer Knecht, Luca Kother, Jackson Doeden, Landon Larson), 1:34.57.**

**1600m Relay:** 3, (Spencer Knecht, Jackson Doeden, Luca Kother, Landon Larson), 3:46.34.

**Medley Relay:** 2, (Spencer Knecht, Rayce Harder, Bennett Shabazz, Gabe Dohman), 4:01.85.

**3200m Relay:** 3, (Lucas Sternhagen, Sean Schuring, Bennett Shabazz, Gabe Dohman), 9:02.36.

**Long Jump:** 4, Adam Herman, 18-9; 11, Chance Strom, 16-10.5; 14, Frank

Wuestewald, 15;65.

**Triple Jump:** 8, Adam Herman, 35-9.5; 13, Chance Strom, 33-7.25.

**Discus:** 2, Nick Dalchow, 132-6; 12, McClain Lone, 94-4; 16, Steven Fey, 82-11.

**Shot Put:** 9, Steven Fey, 38-7.25; 10, Nick Dalchow, 38-2.75; 12, McClain Lone, 36-7.25.

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**ASSETS**

Bonds ..... 9,393,587,928  
Stocks ..... 3,741,038,068  
Mortgage Loans on  
Real Estate ..... 0  
Real Estate Owned ..... 0  
Cash and Bank Deposits ..... 649,717,644  
Agents Balances or  
Uncollected Premiums ..... 1,301,193,954  
Interest, Dividends and  
Real Estate Income  
Due and Accrued ..... 107,464,278  
Other Assets ..... 1,271,399,578  
TOTAL ASSETS ..... 16,464,401,449  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS**  
Reserve for Losses ..... 6,046,635,704  
Reserve for Loss  
Adjustment Expenses ..... 1,330,905,016  
Other Expenses (excluding  
taxes, licenses and fees) ..... 128,115,292  
Taxes, Licenses and Fees  
(excluding Federal and  
Foreign Income Taxes) ..... 73,245,066  
Federal and Foreign  
Income Taxes ..... 31,751,766  
Unearned Premiums ..... 1,815,607,881  
All Other Liabilities ..... 479,494,219  
TOTAL LIABILITIES ..... 9,905,754,944  
Special Surplus Funds ..... 19,886,294  
Capital Paid Up  
or Statutory Deposit ..... 25,000,000  
Gross Paid In and  
Contributed Surplus ..... 2,629,824,585  
Unassigned Funds (Surplus) ..... 3,883,935,626  
Surplus as Regards  
Policyholders ..... 6,558,646,505  
TOTAL ..... 16,464,401,449

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013**  
Direct Premiums Written ..... 230,433  
Direct Premiums Earned ..... 240,827  
Direct Losses Paid ..... 75,651  
Direct Losses Incurred ..... 32,521

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16. Credit  
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18. Livestock  
19. Title  
20. Var. Annuities  
21.

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MERLE SCHEIBER  
Director of Insurance

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Stocks ..... 0  
Mortgage Loans on  
Real Estate ..... 0  
Real Estate Owned ..... 0  
Cash and Bank Deposits ..... 28,496,566  
Agents Balances or  
Uncollected Premiums ..... 18,736,561  
Interest, Dividends and  
Real Estate Income  
Due and Accrued ..... 9,421,087  
Other Assets ..... 270,314,981  
TOTAL ASSETS ..... 907,007,888  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS**  
Reserve for Losses ..... 106,914,973  
Reserve for Loss  
Adjustment Expenses ..... 23,532,701  
Other Expenses (excluding  
taxes, licenses and fees) ..... 2,317,087  
Taxes, Licenses and Fees  
(excluding Federal and  
Foreign Income Taxes) ..... 1,295,099  
Federal and Foreign  
Income Taxes ..... 120,658  
Unearned Premiums ..... 32,103,086  
All Other Liabilities ..... 253,712,625  
TOTAL LIABILITIES ..... 419,996,230  
Special Surplus Funds ..... 35,1624  
Capital Paid Up  
or Statutory Deposit ..... 5,040,000  
Gross Paid In and  
Contributed Surplus ..... 378,052,652  
Unassigned Funds (Surplus) ..... 103,567,382  
Surplus as Regards  
Policyholders ..... 487,011,658  
TOTAL ..... 907,007,888

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013**  
Direct Premiums Written ..... 7,441,448  
Direct Premiums Earned ..... 7,569,307  
Direct Losses Paid ..... 2,096,755  
Direct Losses Incurred ..... 2,050,504

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
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STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
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17,784,540

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MERLE SCHEIBER  
Director of Insurance

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Stocks ..... 0  
Mortgage Loans on  
Real Estate ..... 4,680,000  
Real Estate Owned ..... 0  
Cash and Bank Deposits ..... 403,695  
Agents Balances or  
Uncollected Premiums ..... 15,677,983  
Interest, Dividends and  
Real Estate Income  
Due and Accrued ..... 263,809  
Other Assets ..... 61,413,472  
TOTAL ASSETS ..... 104,795,626  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS**  
Reserve for Losses ..... 0  
Reserve for Loss  
Adjustment Expenses ..... 0  
Other Expenses (excluding  
taxes, licenses and fees) ..... (43)  
Taxes, Licenses and Fees  
(excluding Federal and  
Foreign Income Taxes) ..... 2,678,454  
Federal and Foreign  
Income Taxes ..... 64,738  
Unearned Premiums ..... 0  
All Other Liabilities ..... 73,823,141  
TOTAL LIABILITIES ..... 76,566,290  
Special Surplus Funds ..... 0  
Capital Paid Up  
or Statutory Deposit ..... 5,000,000  
Gross Paid In and  
Contributed Surplus ..... 7,009,385  
Unassigned Funds (Surplus) ..... 16,219,951  
Surplus as Regards  
Policyholders ..... 28,229,336  
TOTAL ..... 104,795,626

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013**  
Direct Premiums Written ..... 1,247,287  
Direct Premiums Earned ..... 1,151,692  
Direct Losses Paid ..... 612,830  
Direct Losses Incurred ..... 269,423

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE  
OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Union 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:

- 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18  
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. Var. Annuities  
21.

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., 2014.

MERLE SCHEIBER  
Director of Insurance

**80837**  
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
Year Ending December 31, 2013  
**UNION CENTRAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
Home Office Address:  
5900 O Street Road  
Lincoln, NE 68510-2234  
Mail Address:  
PO Box 40888  
Cincinnati, OH 45240  
**ASSETS**

Bonds ..... \$3,659,590,946  
Stocks ..... 53,905,025  
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate ..... 607,320,525  
Real Estate Owned ..... 14,342,581  
Policy Loans ..... 164,187,374  
Cash and Bank Deposits ..... 38,800,277  
Deferred and  
Uncollected Premiums ..... 39,119,712  
Investment Income  
Due and Accrued ..... 42,604,822  
Other Assets ..... 1,871,423,161  
TOTAL ASSETS ..... \$6,491,294,422  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS**  
Reserve for Life  
Policies & Contracts ..... \$3,638,016,505  
Reserve for Accident  
& Health Policies ..... 279,982,625  
Policy and Contract Claims  
Life ..... 17,676,009  
Accident and Health  
General Expenses  
Due or Accrued ..... 19,180,829  
Taxes, Licenses & Fees  
Due or Accrued ..... 3,147,089  
Federal Income Taxes  
Due or Accrued ..... 8,397,482  
All Other Liabilities ..... 1,964,485,069  
TOTAL LIABILITIES ..... \$5,933,124,133  
Special Surplus Funds ..... \$49,888,350  
Capital Paid Up ..... 2,500,000  
Gross Paid In and  
Contributed Surplus ..... 240,304,040  
Unassigned Surplus ..... 265,477,899  
Surplus as Regards  
Policyholders ..... \$558,170,289  
TOTAL ..... 6,491,294,422

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013**  
Direct Premiums Received ..... \$2,172,629  
Direct Losses Paid ..... 1,653,647  
Losses Incurred ..... 198,882  
Life Insurance in Force ..... 128,226,350

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE  
OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Union Central Life 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:

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. Var. Annuities  
21. Variable Life

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., 2014.

MERLE SCHEIBER  
Director of Insurance

## Rip N' Ravel

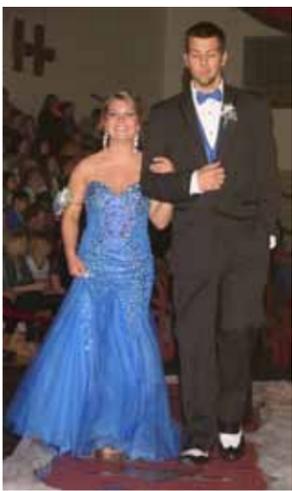
Ten members named their favorite Spice for roll when the Rip N' Ravel CFEL met at the home of Linda Gengerke on May 5, A report on the Area 3 and Spring council meetings and Recognition Tea was given. Membership certificates and roses were presented to eight members. The club will sponsor a Best of Class Award and work in the Cookie Booth at the Brown County Fair. A discussion was held on an outing for the June meeting. "Spice up your Meals" was the lesson given by Merry Jo Ball and Carol Dohman.

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# GHS Prom



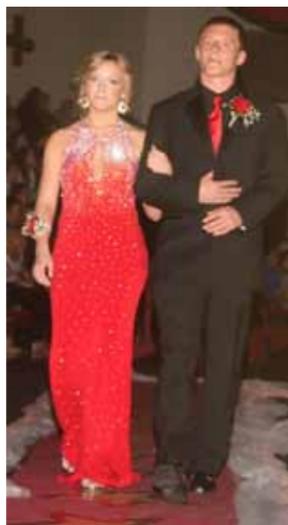
**1802: Kasey Waage, junior class president, is being escorted by Reilly Eil.**



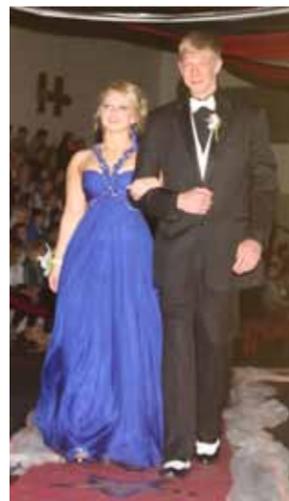
**1804: Camille Sippel is being escorted by Kasey Kurtz, senior class president.**



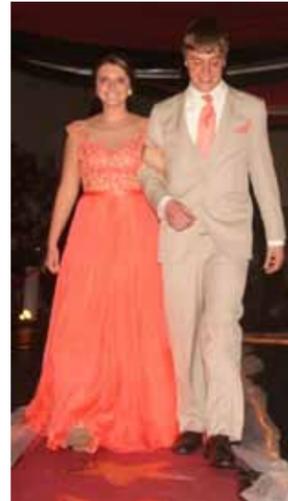
**1805: Courtney Kurtz is being escorted by Kyler Eil.**



**1807: Maryn Howard is escorted by Layne Holzer.**



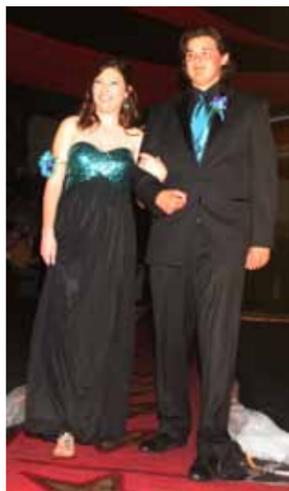
**1808: Darac Harry is escorted by Mason Madsen.**



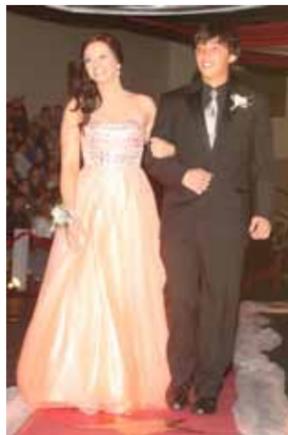
**1811: Natalia Dohman is being escorted by Preston Premus.**



**Left: 1812: Madison Profeta is being escorted by Aaron Severson.**



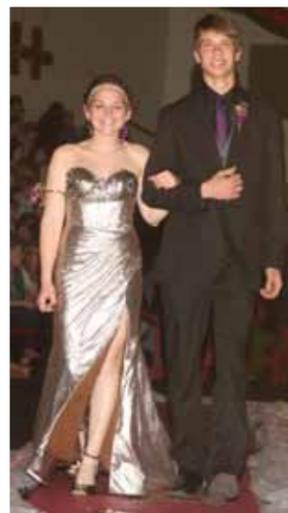
**Right: 1814: Sadie Rogers is being escorted by Trevor Hanson.**



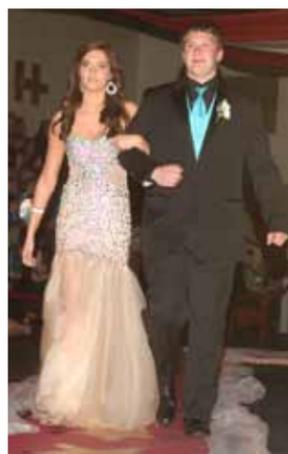
**Left: 1815: Skyler Bonn is escorted by Mike Gravely.**



**Right: 1816: Olivia Lone is escorted by Lukas Kallas.**



**1817: Tyra Leonhardt is escorted by Chandler Holland.**



**1818: Halle Dohman is escorted by Chandler Holland.**

**The rest of the prom pictures will be published next week**

**36161**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
 Year Ending December 31, 2013  
**TRAVELERS PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE CO.**  
 Home Office Address:  
 One Tower Square  
 Hartford, CT 06183-6014  
 Mail Address:  
 One Tower Square  
 Hartford, CT 06183-6014  
**ASSETS**

Bonds	185,821,835
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	2,904,395
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	15,613,802
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	2,296,982
Other Assets	17,328,494
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>223,965,507</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses	89,095,811
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	19,610,584
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	1,878,313
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	1,079,249
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	202,153
Unearned Premiums	26,752,572
All Other Liabilities	14,828,386
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>153,447,069</b>
Special Surplus Funds	293,020
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	3,000,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	35,605,931
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	31,619,488
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	70,518,438
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>223,965,507</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013</b>	
Direct Premiums Written	576,189
Direct Premiums Earned	500,664
Direct Losses Paid	732,536
Direct Losses Incurred	670,350

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE**  
**OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Travelers Property Casualty Insurance Co., a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, 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:

- 3-4-6-7-8-9-10  
 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. Var. Annuities  
 21.

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., 2014.

MERLE SCHEIBER  
 Director of Insurance

**41211**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
 Year Ending December 31, 2013  
**TRITON INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 Home Office Address:  
 3001 Meacham Blvd. Suite 200  
 Ft. Worth, TX 76137  
 Mail Address:  
 3001 Meacham Blvd. Suite 200  
 Ft. Worth, TX 76137  
**ASSETS**

Bonds	452,437,328
Stocks	30,499,299
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	17,251,002
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	3,025,438
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	4,643,463
Other Assets	19,987,208
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>527,843,738</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses	26,412,224
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	616,478
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	1,034,310
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	878,651
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	290,017,335
All Other Liabilities	2,982,563
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>321,941,561</b>
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	3,400,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	134,970,165
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	67,532,012
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	205,902,177
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>527,843,738</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013</b>	
Direct Premiums Written	88,951
Direct Premiums Earned	140,189
Direct Losses Paid	13,503
Direct Losses Incurred	8,920

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE**  
**OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Triton Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Texas, 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:

- 2-4-7-9-10  
 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. Var. Annuities  
 21.

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., 2014.

MERLE SCHEIBER  
 Director of Insurance

**21709**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
 Year Ending December 31, 2013  
**TRUCK INSURANCE EXCHANGE**  
 Home Office Address:  
 4680 Wilshire Blvd.  
 Los Angeles, CA 90010  
 Mail Address:  
 PO Box 2478, Terminal Annex  
 Los Angeles, CA 90051  
**ASSETS**

Bonds	793,446,863
Stocks	726,896,010
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	1,156,376
Cash and Bank Deposits	(36,594,019)
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	209,680,746
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	3,968,743
Other Assets	234,841,371
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,933,396,090</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses	503,687,655
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	159,261,143
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	792,025
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	616,763
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	464,782,772
All Other Liabilities	240,781,829
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,369,922,187</b>
Special Surplus Funds	277,039,000
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	0
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	0
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	286,434,903
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	563,473,903
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,933,396,090</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013</b>	
Direct Premiums Written	1,464,122
Direct Premiums Earned	1,513,400
Direct Losses Paid	516,294
Direct Losses Incurred	666,963

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE**  
**OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Truck Insurance Exchange, a Corporation organized under the Laws of California, 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:

- 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13  
 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. Var. Annuities  
 21.

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., 2014.

MERLE SCHEIBER  
 Director of Insurance

**29459**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
 Year Ending December 31, 2013  
**TWIN CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 Home Office Address:  
 One Hartford Plaza  
 Hartford CT 06115  
 Mail Address:  
 200 Hopmeadow Road  
 Simsbury, CT 06089  
**ASSETS**

Bonds	598,254,887
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	13,239,111
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	8,318,030
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	6,396,386
Other Assets	15,539,299
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>641,747,713</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses	220,852,866
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	46,368,100
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	2,931,437
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	2,378,875
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	71,376,892
All Other Liabilities	9,697,336
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>353,605,506</b>
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	4,200,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	43,562,074
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	240,380,133
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	288,142,207
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>641,747,713</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013</b>	
Direct Premiums Written	4,377,792
Direct Premiums Earned	4,257,956
Direct Losses Paid	1,393,067
Direct Losses Incurred	1,351,563

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE**  
**OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Twin City Fire 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:

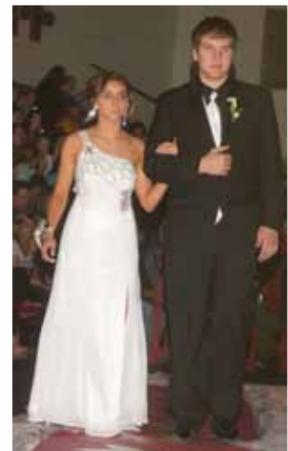
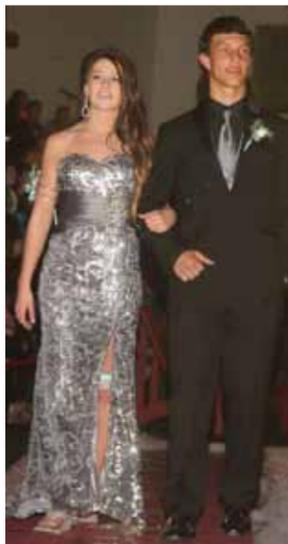
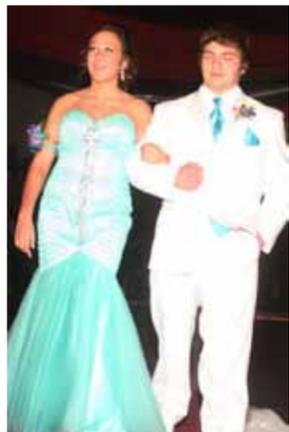
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-17-18  
 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. Var. Annuities  
 21.

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., 2014.

MERLE SCHEIBER  
 Director of Insurance



1819: Kylie Hawkins is escorted by Parker Rossow.

1822: Nikki Koehler is escorted by Corey Schlotte.

1823: Megan Haberling is escorted by Spencer Knecht.

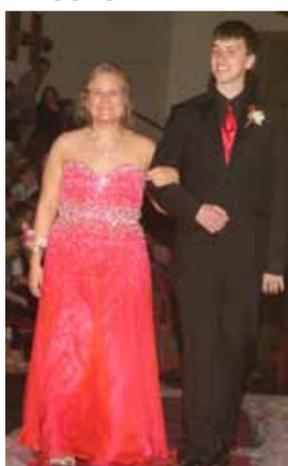
1824: Libbey Miles is escorted by Wyatt Larson.

1825: Jill Warken-thien is escorted by Sheldon Herr.

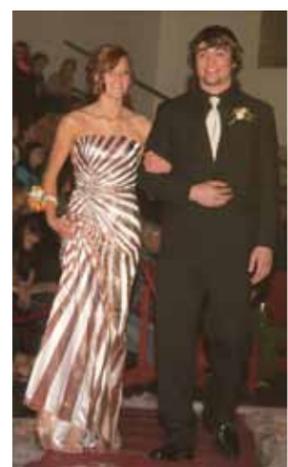
1827: Alyssa Sippel is escorted by Braxton Farnen.



Left: 1828: Hayley Unzen is escorted by Matt Knecht.



Right: 1829: Katie LaMee is escorted by Luke Smith.



Left: 1830: Rachel Blackmun is escorted by Parker Kroll.



Right: 1831: Brittany Kjelden is escorted by Inazio Arriola.

**68608**  
 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 Year Ending December 31, 2013  
**SYMETRA LIFE**  
**INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 Home Office Address:  
 777 108th Ave., NE Suite 1200  
 Bellevue, WA 98004  
 Mail Address:  
 PO Box 34403  
 Seattle, WA 98124-1403  
**ASSETS**

Bonds	\$17,082,912,441
Stocks	7,611,008,203
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	3,233,585,158
Real Estate Owned	0
Policy Loans	64,720,936
Cash and Bank Deposits	17,093,261
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	65,288,055
Investment Income Due and Accrued	252,262,543
Other Assets	5,743,170,778
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$27,220,041,375</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$17,208,716,354
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	8,040,704
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	14,698,436
Accident and Health	142,610,301
General Expenses Due or Accrued	33,634,299
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	7,324,217
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	7,935,297,412
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$25,350,321,723</b>
Special Surplus Funds	\$0
Capital Paid Up	5,000,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	652,439,184
Unassigned Surplus	1,212,280,468
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$1,869,719,652
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,220,041,375</b>

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013**  
 Direct Premiums Received \$12,186,044  
 Direct Losses Paid 4,525,265  
 Losses Incurred 688,181  
 Life Insurance in Force 154,595,675  
**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE**  
**OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Symetra Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Washington, 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. 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. Var. Annuities
21. Variable Life

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., 2014.

MERLE SCHEIBER  
 Director of Insurance

**69477**  
 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 Year Ending December 31, 2013  
**TIME INSURANCE**  
**COMPANY**  
 Home Office Address:  
 501 West Michigan Avenue  
 Milwaukee, WI 53203  
 Mail Address:  
 P.O. Box 3050  
 Milwaukee, WI 53201  
**ASSETS**

Bonds	\$448,560,582
Stocks	45,443,045
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	79,116,974
Real Estate Owned	12,305,819
Policy Loans	90,170
Cash and Bank Deposits	(13,809,187)
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	9,689,513
Investment Income Due and Accrued	6,060,145
Other Assets	104,053,215
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$691,510,276</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$1,097,586
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	68,185,568
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	954,145
Accident and Health	170,292,892
General Expenses Due or Accrued	42,221,375
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	14,815,796
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	181,931,767
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$479,499,129</b>
Special Surplus Funds	\$0
Capital Paid Up	2,500,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	425,201,495
Unassigned Surplus	(215,690,348)
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$212,011,147
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>691,510,276</b>

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013**  
 Direct Premiums Received \$6,180,271  
 Direct Losses Paid 6,829,623  
 Losses Incurred 7,235,186  
 Life Insurance in Force 26,220,966  
**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE**  
**OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Time Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Wisconsin, 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. 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. Var. Annuities
21. Variable Life

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., 2014.

MERLE SCHEIBER  
 Director of Insurance

**86231**  
 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 Year Ending December 31, 2013  
**TRANSAMERICA LIFE**  
**INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 Home Office Address:  
 4333 Edgewood Rd. NE  
 Cedar Rapids, IA 52499  
 Mail Address:  
 4333 Edgewood Rd. NE  
 Cedar Rapids, IA 52499  
**ASSETS**

Bonds	\$36,186,830,644
Stocks	1,767,087,940
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	5,636,535,102
Real Estate Owned	78,448,689
Policy Loans	687,568,618
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,987,141,573
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	130,830,984
Investment Income Due and Accrued	451,833,976
Other Assets	68,349,785,380
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$115,276,062,906</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$30,286,636,015
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	3,813,084,366
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	265,018,302
Accident and Health	177,535,832
General Expenses Due or Accrued	104,821,308
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	13,301,538
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	75,897,812,562
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$110,558,209,923</b>
Special Surplus Funds	\$92,000,000
Capital Paid Up	8,358,440
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	3,374,951,400
Unassigned Surplus	1,242,543,143
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$4,717,852,983
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115,276,062,906</b>

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013**  
 Direct Premiums Received \$29,984,060  
 Direct Losses Paid 43,997,040  
 Losses Incurred 17,758,504  
 Life Insurance in Force 2,521,058,993  
**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE**  
**OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the TransAmerica 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. 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. Var. Annuities
21. Variable Life

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., 2014.

MERLE SCHEIBER  
 Director of Insurance

**31194**  
 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 Year Ending December 31, 2013  
**TRAVELERS CASUALTY**  
**& SURETY OF AMERICA**  
 Home Office Address:  
 One Tower Square  
 Hartford, CT 06183-6014  
 Mail Address:  
 One Tower Square  
 Hartford, CT 06183-6014  
**ASSETS**

Bonds	3,452,214,898
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Policy Loans	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	67,799,624
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	190,836,461
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued	47,758,502
Other Assets	388,850,969
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,147,460,454</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses	809,863,176
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	460,670,453
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	38,437,893
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	12,482,322
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	18,387,407
Unearned Premiums	808,717,671
All Other Liabilities	117,181,443
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,265,740,367</b>
Special Surplus Funds	5,032,042
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	6,480,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	433,803,760
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	1,436,404,285
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	1,881,720,088
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,147,460,454</b>

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013**  
 Direct Premiums Written 5,128,912  
 Direct Premiums Earned 4,233,361  
 Direct Losses Paid 274,184  
 Direct Losses Incurred 922,084  
**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE**  
**OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Travelers Casualty & Surety of America, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, 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. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
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8. Auto Bodily Injury
9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
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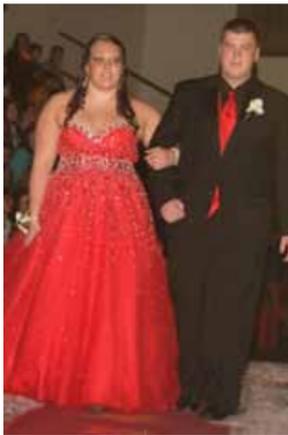
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2014.

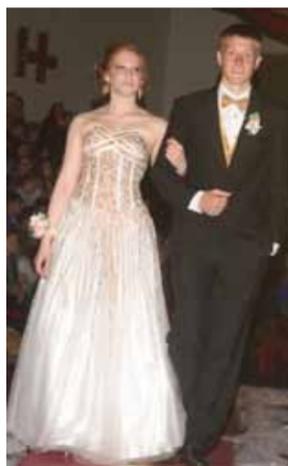
MERLE SCHEIBER  
 Director of Insurance



1832: Taylor Gustafson is escorted by Brady Gomer.



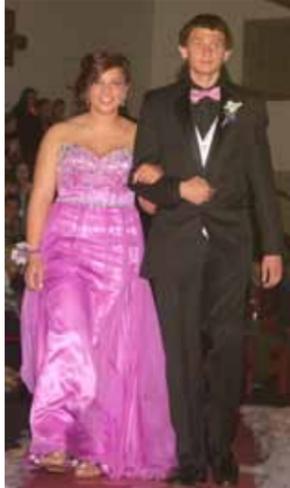
1833: Maddie Colestock is escorted by Brody Sombke.



1834: Kaitlin O'Neill is escorted by Lucas Sternhagen.



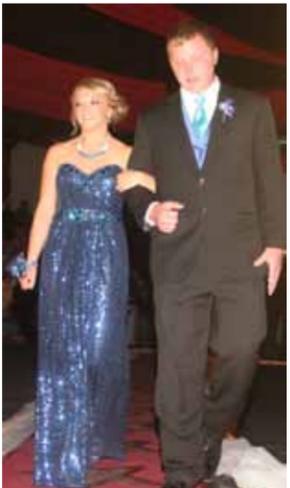
**1835: Amber Stover is escorted by Isaiah Cutler.**



**1836: Tori Bjerke is escorted by Chance Strom.**



**1837: Katie Groebinghoff is escorted by Ethan Braun.**



**1840: Kiana Kokes is escorted by Nick Dalchow.**



**1841: Breanna Marzahn is escorted by Jacob Milbrandt.**



**1842: Sadie Hanna is escorted by Braden Miller.**



**Left: 1843: Sydney Hanna is escorted by Jeric Albrecht.**



**Right: 1844: Caitlyn Fluke is escorted by Alec Oleson.**



**Left: 1845: Kenzie Martin is escorted by Dylan Krueger.**



**Right: 1846: Regan Lewandowski is escorted by Sam Maunu.**

**19046**  
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
Year Ending December 31, 2013  
**TRAVELERS CASUALTY  
INSURANCE CO. OF AMERICA**  
Home Office Address:  
One Tower Square  
Hartford, CT 06183-6014  
Mail Address:  
One Tower Square  
Hartford, CT 06183-6014

ASSETS	
Bonds	1,535,156,517
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	14,988,751
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	142,085,586
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	19,841,506
Other Assets	181,005,723
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,893,078,083</b>
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	810,771,880
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	178,456,321
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	17,135,317
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	9,821,170
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	243,448,405
All Other Liabilities	83,684,444
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,343,317,536</b>
Special Surplus Funds	2,666,483
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	6,000,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	125,632,050
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	415,462,015
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	549,760,547
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,893,078,083</b>

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013**  
Direct Premiums Written . . . . . 1,907,543  
Direct Premiums Earned . . . . . 1,537,690  
Direct Losses Paid . . . . . 1,386,951  
Direct Losses Incurred . . . . . 1,548,138

**25658**  
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
Year Ending December 31, 2013  
**TRAVELERS INDEMNITY  
COMPANY**  
Home Office Address:  
One Tower Square  
Hartford, CT 06183-6014  
Mail Address:  
One Tower Square  
Hartford, CT 06183-6014

ASSETS	
Bonds	12,598,941,655
Stocks	3,532,612,929
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	216,844,268
Cash and Bank Deposits	3,652,929
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	1,309,693,838
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	148,579,773
Other Assets	2,852,288,593
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>20,662,613,986</b>
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	6,927,362,737
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	1,525,340,357
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	141,989,673
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	82,503,827
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	2,077,407,720
All Other Liabilities	3,201,884,201
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>13,956,488,515</b>
Special Surplus Funds	22,748,125
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	10,790,700
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	4,234,154,921
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	2,438,431,725
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	6,706,125,470
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,662,613,986</b>

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013**  
Direct Premiums Written . . . . . 5,201,891  
Direct Premiums Earned . . . . . 4,837,871  
Direct Losses Paid . . . . . 3,183,127  
Direct Losses Incurred . . . . . 2,967,147

**25666**  
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
Year Ending December 31, 2013  
**TRAVELERS INDEMNITY  
COMPANY OF AMERICA**  
Home Office Address:  
One Tower Square  
Hartford, CT 06183-6014  
Mail Address:  
One Tower Square  
Hartford, CT 06183-6014

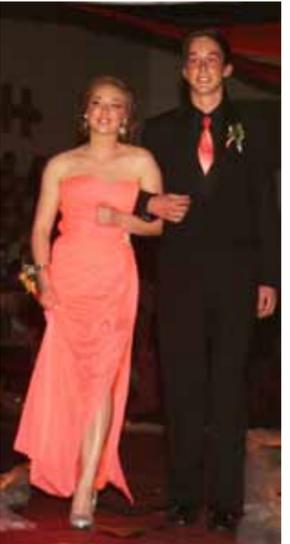
ASSETS	
Bonds	453,462,788
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	30,756,175
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	40,075,422
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	6,517,267
Other Assets	97,189,270
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>628,000,922</b>
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	228,679,248
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	50,333,835
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	4,831,276
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	2,770,073
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	874,172
Unearned Premiums	68,664,935
All Other Liabilities	77,337,084
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>433,490,623</b>
Special Surplus Funds	752,085
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	5,250,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	47,400,000
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	141,108,214
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	194,510,299
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>628,000,922</b>

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013**  
Direct Premiums Written . . . . . 4,311,390  
Direct Premiums Earned . . . . . 4,349,996  
Direct Losses Paid . . . . . 2,890,412  
Direct Losses Incurred . . . . . 3,939,977

**25682**  
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
Year Ending December 31, 2013  
**TRAVELERS INDEMNITY  
COMPANY OF CONNECTICUT**  
Home Office Address:  
One Tower Square  
Hartford, CT 06183-6014  
Mail Address:  
One Tower Square  
Hartford, CT 06183-6014

ASSETS	
Bonds	835,629,552
Stocks	1,360,000
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	7,833,744
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	71,303,024
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	10,858,374
Other Assets	155,374,910
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,082,359,603</b>
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	406,870,870
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	89,555,004
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	8,636,175
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	4,928,573
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	3,084,270
Unearned Premiums	122,170,079
All Other Liabilities	81,542,980
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>716,787,951</b>
Special Surplus Funds	1,338,125
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	5,000,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	4,862,470
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	354,371,056
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	365,571,652
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,082,359,603</b>

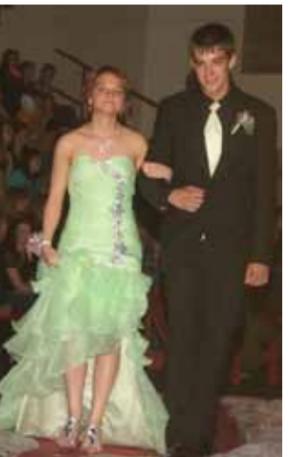
**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2013**  
Direct Premiums Written . . . . . 2,433,767  
Direct Premiums Earned . . . . . 2,519,583  
Direct Losses Paid . . . . . 610,709  
Direct Losses Incurred . . . . . 21,361



**1849: Kari Hanson is escorted by Luca Kother.**



**1850: Macy Knecht is escorted by Wyatt Lone.**



**1851: Paige Pray is escorted by Tanner Podoll.**

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE  
OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Travelers Casualty Insurance Co. of America, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, 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:

3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-18

- Life
- Health
- Fire & Allied Lines
- Inland & Ocean Marine
- Workmen's Compensation
- Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
- Property Damage (Other than Auto)
- Auto Bodily Injury
- Auto Property Damage
- Auto Physical Damage
- Fidelity & Surety
- Glass
- Burglary & Theft
- Boiler & Machinery
- Aircraft
- Credit
- Crop-Hail
- Livestock
- Title
- Var. Annuities
- 21.

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., 2014.

MERLE SCHEIBER  
Director of Insurance

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE  
OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Travelers Indemnity Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, 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:

2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-16-17-18-23A

- Life
- Health
- Fire & Allied Lines
- Inland & Ocean Marine
- Workmen's Compensation
- Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
- Property Damage (Other than Auto)
- Auto Bodily Injury
- Auto Property Damage
- Auto Physical Damage
- Fidelity & Surety
- Glass
- Burglary & Theft
- Boiler & Machinery
- Aircraft
- Credit
- Crop-Hail
- Livestock
- Title
- Var. Annuities
- 23A. Travel, Accident & Baggage
- 21.

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., 2014.

MERLE SCHEIBER  
Director of Insurance

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE  
OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Travelers Indemnity Company of America, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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- Property Damage (Other than Auto)
- Auto Bodily Injury
- Auto Property Damage
- Auto Physical Damage
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MERLE SCHEIBER  
Director of Insurance

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE  
OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, 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:

2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-18-23B

- Life
- Health
- Fire & Allied Lines
- Inland & Ocean Marine
- Workmen's Compensation
- Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
- Property Damage (Other than Auto)
- Auto Bodily Injury
- Auto Property Damage
- Auto Physical Damage
- Fidelity & Surety
- Glass
- Burglary & Theft
- Boiler & Machinery
- Aircraft
- Credit
- Crop-Hail
- Livestock
- Title
- Var. Annuities
- 23B. Prepaid Legal
- 21.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2014.

MERLE SCHEIBER  
Director of Insurance





Groton Students receive scholarships from Full Circle Ag. Pictured left to right are Wyatt Sombke, Riley Helmer, Chris Kassube from Full Circle Ag in Groton, Jeric Albrecht; not pictured is Joellen Gonsoir.

## Class of 2014 Groton Area High School

Class Flower - Lily  
Class Colors - Royal Blue & Silver

Class Motto - Together we have experienced life.  
Separately, we will pursue our dreams.  
Forever, our memories will remain.

Graduation  
2:00 p.m., May 18, 2014



Jerald W. Peterson Scholarship recipients are Skyler Bonn, Wyatt Lone, Olivia Lone



Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship recipients are Mike Harms, recipient Parker Ross, recipient Mason Madsen and Sarah Harms.



Academic Excellence Recognition  
Camille Sippel, senior at Groton Area High School, has been selected as an Associated School Board academic top 1% of 2014 graduating seniors award recipient. Students from around the state, along with their parents and a school representative, were invited to attend Academic Excellence Recognition Day in Pierre.



Renee McKiver Memorial and Congregational Christian Church of Columbia Scholarships went to Sydney Hanna and Sadie Hanna



American Legion Citizenship  
Joellen Gonsoir, Bob Wegner Groton Post 39, Wyatt Sombke.

Wyatt Sombke and Joellen Gonsoir, seniors at Groton Area High School, have been selected to receive the 2014 American Legion Citizenship Award. The basis for the award is honor, courage, scholarship, leadership, and service. Wyatt and Joellen will receive medals from the Groton American Legion Post #39.

Wyatt and Joellen both plan to attend the University of Minnesota in Crookston next fall. Wyatt is the son of Clint and Kiersten Sombke of Conde. Joellen is the daughter of Tim and Kristen Gonsoir of Groton.

Camille was selected based on academic standing, college entrance scores, choice of course work, and academic awards. As the school's award recipient she receives a certificate and pin. Camille is the daughter of Marc and Franne Sippel of Groton. She plans to attend the University of Nebraska Lincoln and major in business.



Receiving bank scholarships are Olivia Lone from Cor Trust Bank and Camille Sippel from Dacotah Bank



FFA Alumni and Simon Insurance and Auction Scholarships winners are pictured above. In back, left to right, are Wyatt Sombke, Riley Helmer, Parker Kroll and Tyer Wagner; in front, left to right, are Braden Miller, Tyra Leonhardt and Nathan Wright; and not pictured is Joellen Gonsoir



FCCLA awards went to Skyler Bonn and Nikki Koehler

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## Tomas Yarbrough



**Parent:** Kim Yarbrough  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Sister:** Halie-15  
**Hobbies:** play video games and reading  
**Favorite high school memory:** snow days  
**Future plans:** being a welder

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## Garrett Wiedrick



**Parents:** Mike and LeeAnn Wiedrick  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother and sisters:** Ashlee Beaner-34, Audumn Beidler-31, Kayde Wiedrick-16, Shannon Wiedrick-14, and Grace Wiedrick-12  
**Hobbies:** fishing, hunting,

camping, tubing, knee boarding, swimming, sports and sleeping.

**School/community activities:** football, church league basketball, and church league softball.

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## Amber Stover



**Parents:** Camille Frohling and Jason Stover  
**Hometown:** Dahlonga, GA  
**Brothers and sisters:** Noah Stover-9, Emily Stover-18, Victoria Stover-21.  
**Hobbies:** shopping and hanging out and having a

good time with friends and family

**Favorite high school memory:** going to my first Groton prom as a senior with all my friends.

**Future plans:** to hopefully one day own my own Fashion Boutique in Atlanta, GA and be a very successful business owner with growing dreams and a family of my own.

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## Nathan Wright



**Parents:** Stephan and Lynn Wright  
**Hometown:** Houghton  
**Sister:** Madilyn Wright-13  
**Hobbies:** Snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, and hanging out with friends  
**School/community activities:** FFA, 4-H, football

**Favorite high school memory:** going on FFA trips

**Future plans:** attend South Dakota State University and major in Agriculture Systems Technology

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## Tyler Wagner



**Parents:** Neil and Connie Wagner  
**Hometown:** Andover  
**Siblings:** Allie-46, Mark-45, Shawn-43, and Kevin-40  
**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, farming, and tinkering on equipment  
**School/community activities:** FFA youth group

**Future plans:** take over my dad's farm and go to Lake Area Tech this fall for Ag Production.

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## Jessica Stange



**Parents:** Keith and Shelly Stange  
**Hometown:** Conde  
**Sister:** Sarah Stange-16  
**Hobbies:** video games, reading and drawing  
**School/community activities:** work at Golden Living nursing home

**Favorite high school memory:** lunch time with friends

**Future plans:** going to college and work

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## Tyler Witchey



**Parents:** Joel and Peachie Witchey  
**Hometown:** Bristol  
**Hobbies:** video games, Technology, business Investing

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## Baile Thompson



**Parents:** Bill Zoellner and the late Wanda Zoellner  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Sisters:** Tia Thompson-15, Christina Zoellner-10  
**Hobbies:** painting/drawing, being with family and friends, trap shooting and sporting days, plus during

the winter ice skating.

**School/community activities:** FC-CLA, vocal, Carnival of Silver Skates, Color Guard for high school band.

**Favorite high school memory:** walking down to see Mr. Donley all the time.

**Future plans:** I am going to attend Lake Area Tech in the fall. I am going to get my degree in Human Services.

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## Wyatt Sombke



**Parents:** Clint and Kiersten Sombke  
**Hometown:** Ferney  
**Brother:** Brody Sombke-16  
**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, farming and woodworking  
**School/community activities:** FFA and 4-H

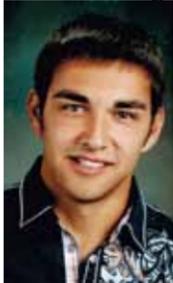
**Favorite high school memory:** FFA trips, Ag class, and shop class

**Future plans:** Wildlife Biologist and a farmer

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## Bryce Winther



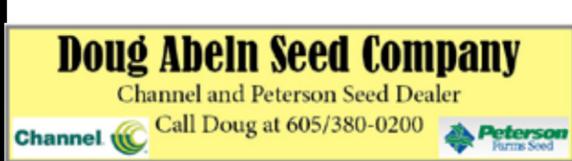
**Parents:** Dee Stange and Paul Winther  
**Hometown:** Watertown  
**Brothers and sisters:** Kristen 24, Harleigh-14, Kayde 12, and Tyton 8  
**Hobbies:** playing soccer and hockey, plus going hunting and fishing

**School/community activities:** high school soccer

**Favorite high school memory:** taking third place in soccer at state tournament in Aberdeen this past fall of 2013.

**Future plans:** to work on the farm

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## Paw Shee



**Parent:** Eh Lah  
**Hometown:** Thailand  
**Brothers and sisters:** Simon Soe-2, Buit Soe-5, Wah Wah-16, Buit Moo-12, Hai ku-15.  
**Hobbies:** looks, hang out and spend time with relatives, read the Bible and

listen to music.  
**School/community activities:** swimming, volleyball, Thvive club, Karen

Leadership Club.

**Favorite high school memory:** eating lunch with friends, reading and staying after school.

**Future plans:** going back to Thailand to visit my mom, grandparent and friends and live a happy life.

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## Camille Sippel



**Parents:** Marc and Franne Sippel  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother:** Anthony Sippel-14  
**Hobbies:** spending time with friends, going to the lake, watching Netflix, singing to the radio, making and

eating food.

**School/community activities:** basketball, volleyball, soccer, track, school play, star torch, FCA, FCCLA, UMYF, youth soccer coach, homework help youth tutor, and Sunday School volunteer.

**Favorite high school memory:** placing third at state soccer this year and cheerleading on homecoming in the pouring rain.

**Future plans:** attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and participate in the College of Business Honor's Academy-majoring in Business Administration and management.

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## Parker Rossow



**Parents:** Jamie and Vicki Rossow  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Sister:** Taryn Rossow-16  
**Hobbies:** playing sports, going to the lake, hunting, fishing and hanging out with friends.

**School/community activities:** football, basketball, baseball and golf

**Favorite high school memory:** winning state baseball back to back summers.

**Future plans:** attending NSU and undecided major

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## Alec Oleson



**Parents:** Michael Oleson and Karla and Russell Davidson  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brothers and sisters:** Kristopher-22; Michaela-20; Claire-13; and Andrea-10  
**Hobbies:** gaming, being with family and friends,

laughing, weight lifting, and watching movies.

**School/community activities:** football, jazz band, pep band, concert band, marching band, UMYF, and Star/ Torch.

**Favorite high school memory:** Cheyenne's junior party when I jumped on her rope swing and the entire tree fell on my knee. After it happened, Reilly just stood there laughing at me.

**Future plans:** attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities to obtain a major in Neuroscience, go on to Medical School, and become a Neurosurgeon.

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## Waylon Severson



**Parents:** Leon and Alice Severson  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brothers:** Aaron-15, Quenton-19, Preston-22, Jeremy- 29  
**Hobbies:** BMX, and hanging out with friends

**Favorite high school memory:** senior year.

**Future plans:** attend Minnesota State-Moorhead, for business

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## Sadie Rogers



**Parents:** Dirk and Jen Rogers  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother and sister:** Truitt Rogers-15, and Indigo Rogers-12  
**Hobbies:** spending time with family and friends, coaching volleyball, frequent Netflix watcher.

**School/community activities:** volleyball, wrestling student manager, high school play and FCCLA

**Favorite high school memory:** Getting to the region championship this year in volleyball.

**Future plans:** attend South Dakota State University and major in History

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## Braden Miller



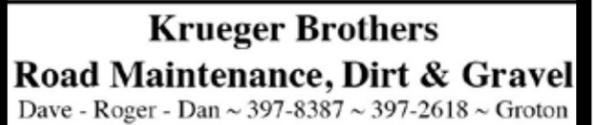
**Parents:** Brent and Barb Miller  
**Hometown:** Houghton  
**Brothers:** Jordan-21, Nathan-26  
**Hobbies:** hunting, trapping, fishing, Archery, snowmobiling, and Taxidermy.

**School/community activities:** 4-H, FFA, Marshall County shooting sports.

**Favorite high school memory:** going on FFA trips.

**Future plans:** going to LATI for Building Trades, then going to school for Taxidermy after Watertown. I then want to come back and farm with my two brothers and do Taxidermy and Carpentry during the winter months.

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## Cheyenne Schaller



**Parents:** Julie and Steve Schaller  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother and sisters:** Hunter-12; Stephy (half sister) 28; Arielle 23; and Jasmine 16.  
**Hobbies:** volunteering, singing, hanging with family and friends, Disney movie night, and eating food.

**School/community activities:** soccer, track, dance, show choir, theater, cross country, Carnival of Silver Skates, cheerleading, FCA, FCCLA, Chamber choir, and yearbook.

**Favorite high school memory:** winning state soccer consolation championship with my soccer family.

**Future plans:** attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and major in Chemical Engineering and Spanish.

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## Madison Profeta



**Parents:** Mike and Sherri Profeta  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brothers and sister:** Justin Perkins-24, Jordan Perkins-22, and Kate Profeta-8  
**Hobbies:** shopping, scrapbooking, bike rides,

hanging with family and friends, going to the pool.

**School/community activities:** Dynamics Dance team, soccer, track, Natural Helpers, ice skating, and Emmanuel Lutheran Luther League.

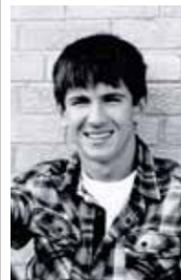
**Favorite high school memory:** first year of Groton being a sanctioned sport in soccer, placing third at state, being voted as soccer captain, and receiving all-tournament award in soccer.

**Future plans:** my plans are to attend Mount Marty College in Yankton to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Radiology. I am also playing soccer for the Mount Marty Lancers.

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## Blake A. Merkel



**Parents:** Jeff and Shelley Merkel  
**Hometown:** Aberdeen  
**Brother:** Colby Merkel-12  
**Hobbies:** snowmobiling, hunting, fishing and hanging out with friends

**School/community activities:** vocal and football.

**Future plans:** to attend Mitchell Tech to become a Lineman

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## Tonya Mayou



**Parents:** Stacy and Sandi Mayou  
**Hometown:** Clark  
**Brothers and sisters:** Hayley-18, step sister Emily-20, step sister Amanda-26, step brother Alex-15, and step brother Aaron-24.  
**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing,

hanging with friends, riding horses and camping.

**School/community activities:** FCCLA, volunteering firefighter, first responder, worked at Ken's, movie night at the nursing home, and Bible study.

**Favorite high school memory:** initiation and senior year.

**Future plans:** to attend Southeast Tech for Law Enforcement, and attend Avera McKenna for Paramedic.

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## Wyatt Daniel Lone



**Parents:** Danny and Janel Lone  
**Hometown:** Bristol  
**Brother:** Darrick Lone-20  
**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, playing sports.  
**School/community activities:** football, basketball, Natural Helpers, and

Star/Torch.

**Favorite high school memory:** playing my final year in basketball.

**Future plans:** attending SDSU

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## Tyra Leonhardt



**Parents:** Terry and Cindy Leonhardt  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Sisters and Brother:** Cheyenne-20; Taylor-20, and Mark-15  
**Hobbies:** art, barrel racing, training horses, hunting and hanging out with family

and friends.

**School/community activities:** volleyball, basketball stats, football water girl, high school rodeo, 4-H, 4-H rodeo, FFA, and youth group.

**Favorite high school memory:** making it to the playoffs in football and qualifying for high school rodeo fall extrav.

**Future plans:** attend SDSU in the fall and College Rodeo

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## Hayley Mayou



**Parents:** Stacy and Sandi Mayou  
**Hometown:** Clark  
**Brothers and sisters:** Tonya-18; Aaron-24; Amanda-26; Emily-20; and Alex-15  
**Hobbies:** camping, fishing, being around animals,

volunteering, hanging with friends and family.

**School/community activities:** Ken's, FCCLA, Rescue Squad, vocational Bible study, movie night at the nursing home.

**Favorite high school memory:** homecoming

**Future plans:** attend Southeast Tech for Diagnostic Medical Sonography

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## Olivia Lone



**Parents:** Merry and Garry Lone  
**Hometown:** Bristol  
**Brother and sister:** McClain Lone-15, Angela Oberle-28  
**Hobbies:** hanging with friends, swimming, babysitting, and watching movies.

**School/community activities:** Oral interp, FCCLA, volunteering around Bristol, and participating in the Bristol Haunted Warehouse.

**Favorite high school memory:** being stuck inside all day for homecoming 2013. Playing games with the rest of the school and watching movies.

**Future plans:** attending SDSU in the fall and Study Psychology.

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## Kasey Kurtz



**Parents:** Ryan and Diane Kurtz  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother and sisters:** Courtney-17; Kaden-11; and Camryn -9  
**Hobbies:** going to the lake, playing sports, snowmobiling, hanging out with

friends.

**School/community activities:** football, basketball, baseball, CCD, youth football and basketball coach, class president.

**Favorite high school memory:** winning state baseball this past summer with Post #39.

**Future plans:** attend USD and major in Business Management

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## Mason Madsen



**Parents:** Tony and Brenda Madsen  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother:** Mitchell Madsen-20  
**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, hanging out with friends, and playing sports, plus going to Parker Kroll's farm to play.

**School/community activities:** basketball, golf, football, baseball, 6th grade boys basketball coach. Member of Groton helping hands committee, member of Groton United Methodist Church, member and secretary of United Methodist Youth group.

**Favorite high school memory:** back to back state championships in baseball in 2012 and 2013.

**Future Plans:** attend University of South Dakota and major in Elementary Education.

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## Regan Lewandowski



**Parents:** Jim Lewandoski and Kay Olson  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother:** Cole Lewandowski-20  
**Hobbies:** going to the lake, hanging out with friends, reading books.  
**School/community activities:** volleyball, soccer, wrestling cheerleader, coaching volleyball JO's, 6th grade volleyball and U8 soccer, attending Girls State, and tutoring.

**Favorite high school memory:** cheering for Dalton Locke when he got first in the state wrestling tournament in 2013, and getting 3rd in state soccer this year.

**Future plans:** attend a university with the intention of majoring in mathematics education and the desire to become a volleyball coach.

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## Dylan Krueger



**Parents:** Scott Krueger and the late Cindy Krueger  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brother and sisters:** Mandilyn 30, Whitney 28, and Gavin 25  
**Hobbies:** golfing, shooting hoops, hanging out with friends, and reading books.

**School/community activities:** football, and school intern

**Favorite high school memory:** finally being done with school

**Future plans:** attend SDSU to be a teacher and coach.

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## Parker Kroll



**Parents:** Ron and Luanne Kroll

**Hometown:** Groton

**Sisters:** Casey Kroll-24, and Brittany Bergeson-27

**Hobbies:** working on the farm; riding four wheeler and snowmobiles; fishing, hunting, and hanging out

with friends.

**School/community activities:** wrestling, FFA, vocal, church youth group.

**Favorite high school memory:** qualifying for state wrestling.

**Future plans:** attend LATI and major in Ag Production then come back and work on the farm.

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## Kylie Jo Hawkins



**Parents:** Lance and Kristie Hawkins

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother and sisters:** Katelyn Hawkins-20, Kelby Hawkins-15, Kaycie Hawkins-12

**Hobbies:** hanging out with friends and family, go-

ing to the lake and babysitting.

**School/community activities:** Basketball, volleyball, track, softball, FCCLA, FCCLA style show, FCCLA food drive, student intern, attending YBA, lifeguard and warming house attendant.

**Favorite High School Memory:** Making it to region championship in volleyball my senior year and prom my senior year.

**Future plans:** attend Presentation college with a undecided major and play volleyball.

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## Sadie Jo Hanna



**Parents:** Nina Hanna and the late Ross Hanna

**Hometown:** Columbia

**Sister:** Sydney Hanna-18

**Hobbies:** hanging with friends and family, babysitting, shooting hoops, going to the lake and fishing.

**School/community ac-**

**tivities:** student Intern, softball, summer rec, vacation bible school, tee ball coach, basketball, volleyball, choir, Kiwanis, Kids Against Hunger.

**Favorite high school memory:** prom

**Future plans:** attend Northern State University and major in Elementary Education.

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## Nicole Marie Koehler



**Parents:** Rick and Sherry Koehler

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brothers and sisters:** Ryan-24, Ashleigh-22, and Katie-15

**Hobbies:** scrapbooking, fishing, hanging out with friends, watching movies

and camping.

**School/community activities:** golf, volleyball, soccer, football cheerleading, boys basketball cheerleading, FCCLA, band, student council, DFC, show choir, and school play.

**Favorite high school memory:** making it to state golf 2 years and Prom 2K14.

**Future plans:** attend University of South Dakota and major in Psychology

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## Darac Harry



**Parent:** Lisa Harry

**Hometown:** Groton

**Hobbies:** playing soccer, going to the lake, reading, hanging out and singing in the car with friends, volunteering, weightlifting, ice skating.

**School/community ac-**

**tivities:** tutoring, varsity soccer, soccer coach, ice skating instructor.

**Favorite high school memory:** winning 3rd at state soccer and winning Groton's local Snow Queen contest.

**Future Plans:** attend USD to mayor in Medical Biology and someday become an OBGYN

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## Joellen Lily Gonsoir



**Parents:** Tim and Kristen Gonsoir

**Hometown:** Groton

**Brother:** Stan Gonsoir-25

**Hobbies:** riding horse, dancing, reading, working on the farm, volunteering.

**School/community ac-**

**tivities:** FFA, debate, living art dance studio, National Honor Society, rodeo, 4-H.

**Favorite high school memory:** FFA trips as a freshman.

**Future plans:** attend University of Minnesota-Crookston to double major in Ag business and communication with minor in Animal science. I will also be competing on the women's Equestman team.

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## Riley Helmer



**Parents:** Loren and Alicia Helmer

**Hometown:** Andover

**Sisters:** Josey-25, and Kate-11

**Hobbies:** working on cars

**School/community activities:** FFA, 4-H, youth group

**Favorite high school memory:** being done with high school

**Future plans:** I am going to Lake Area Tech for Diesel Technology.

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## Sydney Carroll Hanna



**Parents:** Nina Hanna and the late Ross Hanna

**Hometown:** Columbia

**Sister:** Sadie Hanna- 18.

**Hobbies:** hunting, fishing, babysitting, going to the lake, and hanging out with friends.

**School/community ac-**

**tivities:** student internship, tee ball coach, softball, summer rec, and Vacation Bible School.

**Favorite high school memory:** my favorite high school memories were prom and homecoming.

**Future plans:** plan to attend Northern State University for Elementary Education.

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## Caitlyn Jo Fluke



**Parents:** James and Tammy Weiszhaar and William Fluke

**Hometown:** Bath

**Sister:** Kellyn Fluke-15

**Hobbies:** dance, riding horse, riding motorcycle, scrapbooking, spending time with friends and family.

**School/community activities:** FCCLA member, senior class secretary/treasurer, football/boys basketball cheerleader, dancer on the Groton Dynamics dance team, student at the Living Art Dance studio in Aberdeen, staff member at CherryBerry in Aberdeen.

**Favorite high school memory:** my favorite high school memory is when I received first runner-up at the Groton Snow Queen contest this past winter and having a great time at my senior prom.

**Future plans:** I plan to attend Presentation College in Aberdeen and major in Radiologic Technology next fall.

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## Reilly James Ell



**Parents:** Tom and Kami Lipp and Tony Ell  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brothers and sisters:** Eric Lipp-27, Amanda Lipp-24, Kyler Ell-17, Tanae Lipp-11  
**Hobbies:** spending time with family and friends, play-

ing video games, working out, golfing, swimming, and going to the lake.

**School/community activities:** Natural Helper, band, basketball, football, golf, UMYF member and treasurer, National Honor Society.

**Favorite high school memory:** scoring my 1,000th point in my last regular season BB game.

**Future plans:** attend SDSU and major in Pharmacy

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## Jeric Albrecht



**Parents:** Shad and Darcy Albrecht  
**Hometown:** Columbia  
**Brother and sisters:** Marqelle Albrecht-24, Jade Albrecht-23, and Maycee Albrecht-20.  
**Hobbies:** hunting, hanging out with family and

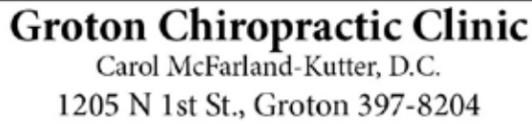
friends, gaming with the bro's, and being a good boy.

**School/community activities:** football, wrestling, Natural Helpers, FFA, Luther League.

**Favorite high school memory:** bus rides home from wrestling... cannot go into details.

**Future plans:** attend NDSU and to achieve a degree in Crops and Weeds Sciences.

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Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarships went to (back row) Madison Profeta, Hayley Mayou and Tonya Mayou; and (front row) Waylon Severson and Jeric Albrecht.

## Halle Dohman



**Parents:** Dave and Tammy Dohman  
**Hometown:** Groton  
**Brothers and sisters:** Drew-21, Meghan-21, Gabe-17, and Talla-17  
**Hobbies:** playing sports, hanging out with friends, going to the lake, babysit-

ting, watching Netflix.

**School/community activities:** basketball, volleyball, soccer, FCCLA, coaching U5 soccer girls, Friendly Helpers, Natural Helpers.

**Favorite high school memory:** getting 3rd at state soccer, making it to region championship in volleyball this year.

**Future Plans:** attending the University of South Dakota to major in Biology, and go on to be a Dentist.

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Hopps Dow Scholarships winners are Reilly Ell and Caitlyn Fluke



Kylie Hawkins received the Rob Luecke Memorial Scholarship



Joellen Gonsoir received the Web Water Sieh, Westby, Zemlicka, Montgomery, and Hohn Scholarship

## Skyler Bonn



**Parents:** Greg and Stacy Bonn  
**Hometown:** Conde  
**Brother and sister:** Paityn-15, and Paxton-11  
**Hobbies:** hanging out with friends, going to the lake.

**School/community activities:** volleyball, and FCCLA

**Favorite high school memory:** taking stats during the state championship wrestling matches for Dalton and Kelby

**Future plans:** going to Lake Area for Occupational Therapy Assistant

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## Principal's Student Service Award

In back, left to right, are Olivia Lone, Wyatt Sombke, Mason Madsen and Cheyenne Schaller; in front, left to right, are Madison Profeta, Darac Harry and Camille Sippel; not pictured is Joellen Gonaair.

Eight seniors at Groton Area High School, have been nominated for the Principal's Student Service Award. To be eligible for this award the students had to document exemplary community service during high school and complete an application and essay. The award winners in 2014 are: Joellen Gonsoir, Darac Harry, Olivia Lone, Mason Madsen, Madison Profeta, Cheyenne Schaller, Camille Sippel, and Wyatt Sombke.

"These students have made significant contributions to our community," stated School Counselor Jodi Sternhagen. "These students have always been willing to volunteer when help is needed. When we've needed someone to help with a project, these students have stepped forward. Community service is extremely important in today's world and these six have shown that they can make a difference."

The students' service areas included: peer tutoring, participating in the Food Drive, tutoring, helping youth, organizing events, and helping with youth activities such as coaching and refereeing. Each student received a pin from the National Association of Secondary School Principals for service.