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Dorene Nelson almost gets emotional at the end of the spring concert last night. It would be the last concert that Reid Johnson and Deb Jensen would be directing at GHS. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Both of these music directors will be leaving the Groton School at the end of this school year. Reid Johnson has been in Groton for about a decade and Deb Jensen for nearly four decades. Johnson presented Jensen with a bouquet of 40 roses, one for each year she has taught music. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Deb Jensen

40 Years of Music

Reid Johnson presented Deb Jensen with a bouquet of 40 roses, representing her 40 years in music, 37 years in Groton. He said, "She's one of the best woodwind instructors in the state." Jensen said, "It's not about the money - it's about the kids." (Photos by Julianna Kosel)



Reid Johnson



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Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 20th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Darcy Dunker-Muller

JobWise what are you doing today? Account Executive for Sioux Falls Woman Magazine

How long have you been working at the current job? Will be 2 years in August

What high school did you attend and what year did you graduate? Groton High School class of 2002

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? South Dakota State University Bachelor of Science in Hotel & Foodservice Management with a Business minor

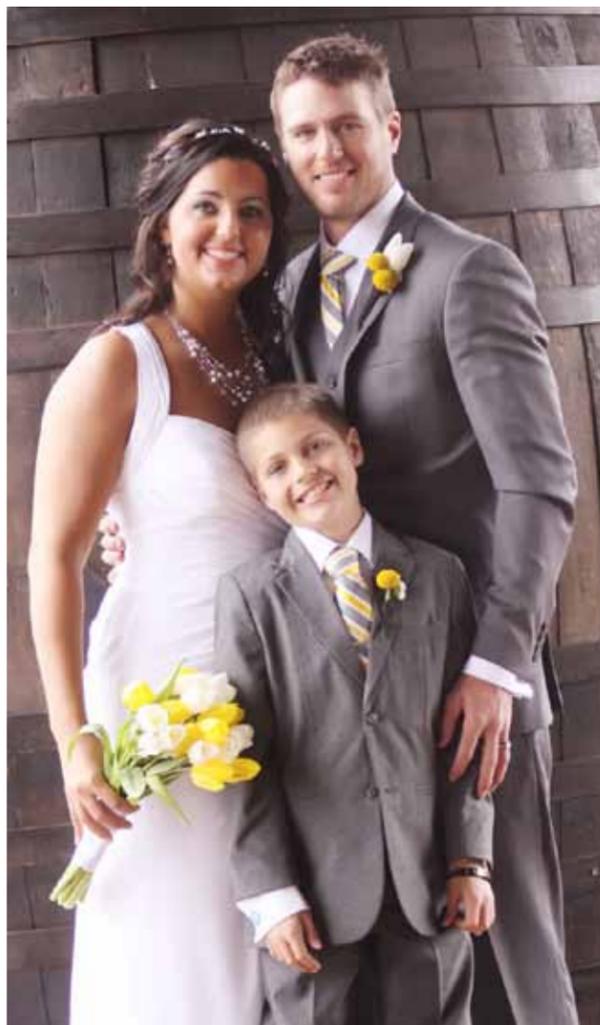
What advice would you give the high school students today? Enjoy life, don't get caught up in the details as they will seem like small things when you get into the real world!

Are you married? Married April 18, 2015 to Kent Muller. He is from Tyndall, SD

How did the two of you meet? We met when we were both in high school on a trip for FFA and became friends. We dated a bit in college and went on to do our own things. We ran back into each other just shy of 4 years ago and just got married a couple weeks ago!

Do you have any children? My son Landon is 10. He is finishing up 4th grade. He loves to play baseball, football and golf.

Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? I think life is more about the experiences we have and the way we react to them. Do I think high school and college is important, absolutely! However, what is even more important is taking that knowledge and applying it in life. I definitely have felt adequately prepared for life after school!



Darcy and Kent with son, Landon
Olivia Walter Photography

Check Your Sump Pump!



The recent dry weather has made sump pumps the last thing on your mind. However, with the threat of 1 to 2 inches of rain, or more, looming on the horizon, today would be a good day to make sure your sump pump is working AND that it's plumbed outside and not in the sanitary sewer system. It might also be a good idea to make sure your sump pump hoses are directed to the curb and not laying around your house.

Board adds soccer to official school activities

The Groton Area School Board decided Monday night to reinstate full funding for golf, Destination Imagination, debate and cheerleading and also added soccer to the list of full funding events. The full funding for soccer means the school will take over the operations of the concession stand and will collect the gate from the home events. In years past, the Groton Soccer Association got the receipts from the concession stand and the gate. It has been four years since golf, DI, debate and cheerleading funding was removed from the district budget.

The full funding will be on a year-to-year basis. Superintendent Joe Schwan said that as of right now, the district could absorb those events. "But I'm not sure we can do that in three or five years," Schwan said.

The Rumor Mill

School Board Member Lars Hanson reported to the Independent that he would like something clarified. He said that three people had approached him about why Reid Johnson resigned. Hanson said that the rumor that Johnson resigned was because he had to direct junior high band. Hanson said that claim is false.

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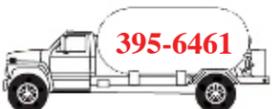
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School Breakfast: Cook's choice.
School Lunch: Sack Lunch.
Senior Menu: Scalloped potatoes with ham, peas, sunset salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, whole wheat bread.
State girls golf at Madison 9:00 a.m.: St. John's Lutheran quilting.

Wednesday, May 20
Senior Menu: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, Cauliflower/pea salad, pudding, whole wheat bread.
DI Global finals at Knoxville, Tenn.
Birthdays: Janice Flihs • Alvina Hiepler • Charles Meister • Michelle Pullan

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Wednesday, May 13
Birthdays: Doris Strom • Nicole Koehler
Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Cook's Choice.
3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.: VBS at United Methodist Church.
Piano recital at Emmanuel Lutheran

9:00 a.m.: St. John's Lutheran with holy communion, recognizing of graduating seniors.
9:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship
10:00 a.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
10:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with communion
2:00 p.m.: GHS Graduation
3:30 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center (Nigeria Circle serves)

Birthdays: Jean Walter • Bill Duncan • Rosalie Gerdes • Jeslyn Kosel
School Breakfast: Cook's choice.
School Lunch: Cook's choice.
Senior Menu: Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, Mandarin oranges, chocoalte pudding, whole wheat bread.
State girls golf at Madison
6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
7:30 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Christian Literature Circle.

Thursday, May 14
Birthdays: Linda Johnson • Pam Rix • Sheila Johnson • Kevin Radke • Madisyn Waage • Alesha Peterson • Ryan Schelle
School Breakfast: Cook's choice.
School Lunch: Chicken, French fries, fruit, lettuce.
Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, apple sauce, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.
10:00 a.m.: JH NEC Track at Britton-Hecla
3:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.: VBS at United Methodist Church.

Monday, May 18
Anniversary: Bill and Jana Duncan

Tuesday, May 19
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Birthdays: John Erickson • McKayla Harder

Friday, May 15
Birthdays: Beth Hendrickson • Betty Weihrauch • Pearl Dean • Brandee Sundstrom • Casey Dennert • Marcy Blackmun
School Breakfast: Cook's choice.
School Lunch: Cook's choice.
Senior Menu: Ranch chicken, boiled potato, green beans, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.
2:00 p.m.: DARE Graduation at GHS Gym

Saturday, May 16
10:00 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Roseood Court

Sunday, May 17
Birthdays: Aaron Severson • Brandon Clocksene • Portia Kettering

Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 19th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Michelle Walter

JobWise what are you doing today? Medtronic; Technical Writing Program Manager in Cardiovascular Technical Communication department
How long have you been working at the current job? In this role since July 2012; at Medtronic since June 2005
How did you get your current job? After I graduated I got an internship in Medtronic Neurological's Tech Comm department. When that ended I started as a contract technical writer in my current department. Nine months later I was hired full time. I was promoted to senior writer, then later became a program manager.
What year did you graduate from high school? GHS 2001
Where did you attend college and what was your degree? University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. Major: Scientific and Technical Communication
What advice would you give the high school students today? Learn proper grammar and good written and spoken communication skills. All employers look for those things.
List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life: Active volunteer with Twin Cities groups; team leader for the American Heart Association's Twin Cities Heart Walk for at least five years, raising enough to be a VIP walker. At work I'm on the steering committee of the Medtronic Women's Network Minnesota hub.
Significant Other: Now engaged to Matt Schwer from Chicago (he currently lives in St. Paul). We met in 2012 on the Internet. No wedding details planned yet.
Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? I think so. I wish I had learned another language at an earlier age (I only took two semesters of German in college to satisfy Minnesota's undergrad requirements) but that didn't make me fluent. I studied abroad In London in 2004 which exposed me to a lot of different people and ways of life. I worked a couple of internships before starting a permanent job. So I recommend high school and college students get more exposure to other cultures and parts of the world, and experience in the workplace, before graduating.



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Capital Outlay: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, RENT, 531.19; BONN EXPRESS, GAS, 126.33; HUB AREA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, FEES, 786.00; MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., ELECTRIC, 3,242.12; NORTH CENTRAL FARMERS ELEVATOR, FUEL, 3,696.51; RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES, COMPRESSOR, 958.94; TOWN OF FREDERICK, WATER, 232.54; WELLS FARGO BUSINESS CARD, GAS, 78.85; BONN EXPRESS, GAS, 30.50; MORLOCK, MARTY, CAR GAS, 76.56

Special Education: AVERA ST LUKES, FEES, 3,079.20; FIRST NATIONAL BANK, POSTAGE, 15.00; AVERA ST LUKES, FEES, 3,053.54

Pension: SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, EARLY RETIREMENT, 25,045.00

Food Service: BLUE RIBBON MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES, SUPPLIES, 131.39; CWD-ABERDEEN, FOOD, 5,470.85; KESSLER'S GROCERY, FOOD, 36.15; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 127.88; SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCESSING, 76.67; COMMUNITY STORE, FOOD, 13.14; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 54.59

Salaries: General: Adm. & Teachers, 84,182.31 Support, 13,949.95 SS & Med, 23,418.20. The following benefits and salaries are included in the above totals. General: SDRS, retirement, 8561.09; Delta Dental, ins, 1109.88; AFLAC, insurance, 321.26; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 297.03; SD District Benefit Fund, ins, 9583.00; VSP Vision, ins, 141.15; Security Benefit, retirement, 216.91; American Funds, retirement, 2349.88; Sun Life Financial, ins, 186.22; Janelle Barondeau, driving, 10.00; Caitlin Beckman, sub, 80.00; James Dumire, bus driving, 75.35; Jon Ellwein, board salary, 117.40; Jeff Forsting, board salary, 123.32; Ann Hegge, sub, 200.00; Walker Hennen, sub, 200.00; Marty Morlock, bus driving, 87.50; Brigette Nemeck, driving, 10.00; Dan Nickelson, board salary, 110.00; Tami Nickelson, sub, 160.00; Seth Petersen, sub, 160.00; Leroy Podoll, bus driving, 197.99; Carma Ruenz, sub, 500.00; Richard Scholsser, board salary, 121.10; Marie Schumacher, sub, 200.00; Eric Sumption, board salary, 127.76; Michelle Sumption, sub, 240.00; Stephanie Sumption, sub, 150.00; Ann Wampler, sub, 100.00. Special Ed: Teachers, 11,520.45; Support, 4645.08; SS & Med, 3987.88; Delta Dental, ins, 141.84; SD District Benefit fund, ins, 1198.12; Security Benefits, retirement, 33.09; SDRS, retirement, 1471.76;

SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 289.19; VSP Vision, ins, 30.53; Ann Hegge, sub, 500.00; Carma Ruenz, sub, 300.00; Stephanie Sumption, sub, 100.00. Food Service: 4137.63; SS & Med, 1110.04; SDRS, retirement, 472.94; VSP, ins, 14.04. Enter Knute Reierson

Bus Bids from Foreman Sales and Service and North Central Bus Inc. were opened at this time.

Action 14-103 Motion by Sumption, second by Nickelson to accept Option C from Foreman Sales of Miller in the amount of \$65,170.00 for the purchase of a 2015 Chevy Collins 14 passenger mini bus and a 2014 Lion 360 71 passenger bus w/luggage carriage with the trade in of 2 2010 71 passenger Blue Bird buses. All aye, carried.

Action 14-104 Motion by Forsting, second by Sumption to accept the resignation of Heather Lovrien from the position of 5th grade teacher. All aye, carried.

Action 14-105 Motion by Sumption second by Ellwein to accept the following certified contracts and employment agreements: Jennifer Anliker, teacher, \$33,050.00; Janelle Barondeau, teacher, \$40,860.00; Janel Bergan, teacher, \$43,455.00; Jennifer Dallmann, teacher, \$31,700.00; Lynnette Hertel, teacher/technology coordinator, \$46,514.23; Amanda Kallas, teacher, \$33,050.00; Angela Keller, teacher, \$35,960.00; Elizabeth Labesky, teacher/band and vocal advisor, \$46,538.85; Marty Morlock, teacher, \$36,460.00; Brock Pashen, teacher/yearbook advisor, \$34,317.50; Sarah Sumption, teacher/science fair advisor, \$37,818.08; Teri Trumble, teacher, \$32,200.00; Paula Tschosik, teacher, \$35,460.00; Maggie Ulmer, teacher, \$32,225.00; Colleen Wallien, teacher, \$39,860.00; Tonya Zintner, teacher, \$45,453.00; Renee Books, paraprofessional, \$12.88/hour; John Brotzel, bus driver, \$34.80/route; Mark Christianson, bus driver, \$34.80/route; Karen Daniels, assistant cook, \$11.26/hour; Sheryl Downes, assistant custodian, \$11.71/hour; James Dumire, summer maintenance \$9.00/hour and vo tech bus driver, \$12.06/hour; Janet Elsen, paraprofessional, \$16.58/hour; Faye Gunther, head cook, \$17.60/hour; Donna Hoffmann, paraprofessional, \$11.13/hour; Marty Morlock, summer maintenance, \$10.53/hour; Lance Podoll, bus driver \$36.19/route and transportation director, \$603.22/month; Ellen Schlosser, paraprofessional, \$11.13/hour; Stacey Sumption, secretary, \$14.34/hour and fund raising coordinator, \$1500.00/annually; Renata Winburn, paraprofessional, \$10.86/hour. All aye, carried.

Action 14-106 Motion by Sumption, second by Forsting to offer 2015-2016 coaching contract at a 4.25% raise. All aye, carried.

Action 14-107 Motion by Nickelson second by Sumption to vote for Bud Postma as Division II representative, David Planteen as Small School representative, Moe Ruesink as East River At-Large representative and no on

Amendment #1 in the SDHSA election. All aye, carried.

Action 14-108 Motion by Sumption second by Ellwein to incorporate a four (4) month deferment period in payroll for the catch up month of premiums required with the change of district's health care provider. All aye, carried.

Action 14-109 Motion by Forsting second by Ellwein to approve the Memorandum of Understanding effective July 1, 2015 and continuing for three years with Aberdeen School district committing to contracting and paying tuition for five (5) students for the duration of the agreement for CTE programs for high school students. All aye, carried.

Action 14-110 Motion by Forsting second by Sumption to adopt the resolution to authorize membership in the ASBSD Property/Liability Fund and Workers Comp Fund for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. All aye, Carried.

Action 14-111 Motion by Nickelson second by Ellwein to adopt the 2015-2016 calendar as presented. All aye, carried.

Action 14-112 Motion by Ellwein second by Sumption to amend the 2014-15 budget and transfer funds in the following manner:

GENERAL FUND REVENUE:
 10 7000 000
 690 CONTINGENCY \$7,500.00
 10 4158 Title I \$410.00
 \$7,910.00
 EXPENDITURES:
 10 2317 000
 319 Audit Service \$7,500.00
 10 2214 901 Title I Professional
 319 Development \$410.00
 \$7,910.00
 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND REVENUE:
 \$28,200.00
 CASH ON HAND 0.00
 EXPENDITURES:
 21 1131 000
 325
 Print Management Services \$3,000.00
 21 1131 000
 420 Textbooks \$1,500.00
 21 2329 000
 472 Computer Software \$1,200.00
 21 2559 000
 550 Vehicles \$22,500.00
 \$28,200.00
 SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND REVENUE:
 \$10,000.00
 CASH ON HAND 0.00
 22 4175 Early Intervention Services
 004 (CEIS) \$6,500.00
 \$16,500.00
 EXPENDITURES:
 22 1230 000 110
 Early Intervention Services (CEIS) \$6,500.00
 22 2172 000
 319 Occupational Therapy Services \$8,000.00
 22 2171 000
 319 Physical Therapy Services \$2,000.00
 \$16,500.00
 All aye, carried.

Action 14-113 Motion by Sumption second by Nickelson to accept the open enrollment application. All aye, carried.

The 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget was reviewed.

The purchase of a new telephone system was discussed.

The ICU program to be implemented in the 2015-16 school year was discussed.

Summer building and grounds maintenance and improvements were discussed.

Superintendent Downes presented criteria outlining guidelines and requirements of the Mr. & Ms. Titan Award.

Thank yous and congratulations were noted and will be posted on the school web site.

Action 14-114 Motion by Sumption second by Nickelson to enter into executive session at 9:10 PM. All aye, carried.

Exit Rick Downes and Paul Fierkert.

Chairman Schlosser declared executive session out at 9:45 PM.

Action 14-115 Motion by Forsting second by Nickelson to

set the following administrative salaries: Jessica Ringgenberg, Building Manager, \$39,000.00 with changing her contract days to 200; Deb Klapperich, Business Manager, \$47,000.00. All aye, carried.

Drilling of a surface well at the football field was discussed. Eric will contact M&W Drilling from Oakes, North Dakota for an estimate of the cost.

Action 14-116 Motion by Nickelson second by Sumption to adjourn. All aye, carried.

Chairman
 Business Manager
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Westport Town May 4 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting
 May 4th, 2015

The Town of Westport met on May 4th, 2015 with Larry Huettl, Wyatt Wilson, Doreen Hertel and 6 community members present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General
 NWPS (\$286.99), Groton Independent (\$16.22), NECOG (\$750.00), Postmaster - Box renewal (\$60.00)

Sewer
 NWPS (\$40.78) NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13).

Water
 WEB (\$959.69), Dept. of Revenue (\$15.00), Water Maintenance District (\$321.43), Clark Engineering (\$4,800.00).

Larry Huettl made motion to pay all bills; second by Wyatt Wilson.

The following deposits were presented:

City General
 Interest (\$13.27), Brown County Collections (\$1,102.07).

Sewer
 Resident Payments - (\$2,040.00), Brown Co Collections (\$180.00).

Water
 Resident Payments - (\$1881.35).

NEW BUSINESS:
 The monthly meetings will be changed from 6:00pm to 7:00pm each month.

The town board is working on having the 2% sales tax rescinded by July of 2015. This will be submitted to the state and to be no longer in effect, starting January of 2016.

Larry explained to the people at the meeting, that the city did not raise the property values in the city of Westport. The town board is tired of being accused of this. A letter was present to the public to prove this fact from the Brown County Board of Equalization.

A budget will be determined for funding options.

The board is also working on new building permits to be based on the value of the improvements, not a flat rate fee of \$5.00.

Resolutions 2 and 3 were read by Wyatt Wilson. Larry and Wyatt voted yes for each of the resolutions. They were passed.

An inquiry was brought up about having camping at the ballpark for tournaments and then possibilities for camping at other times of the year. The board will check into it property boundaries for remote camping. They will also have to see what is needed to bring in electricity for more camping sites.

Shane inquired if the city was able to issue another liquor license. And how a lot could be change from residential to commercial. The board will have to look into this.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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Brown County 2nd Rev. of County Ordinances

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AMENDING TITLE 8 ANIMAL CONTROL IN BROWN COUNTY

SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES

A public hearing will be held before the Brown County Commission on the 19th day of May 2015 beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota to consider amending Title 8 Animal Control in Brown County Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as adopted March 12, 1997, as follows:

TITLE 8 ANIMAL CONTROL IN BROWN COUNTY CHAPTER 8.2001 ABANDONMENT OF ANIMALS AND ALLOWING ANIMALS TO ROAM FREELY 8.2001 It shall be unlawful for any person to abandon any dog or other domesticated animal, or intentionally or through gross negligence allow such animals to freely roam upon a public right of way or upon the property of another. Violation of this ordinance shall also be deemed a public nuisance.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding any one of or all of the amendments to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to Title 8 Animal Control in Brown County, Chapter 8.20, Paragraph 8.2001. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of such ordinance number 093.

Dated this 28th day of April 2015

ATTEST:
 Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
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Westport Town Resolution 2 & 3

RESOLUTION NO. 2

RESOLUTION GIVING APPROVAL TO CERTAIN DRINKING WATER FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS; GIVING APPROVAL TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A REVENUE BOND TO FINANCE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FACILITIES; APPROVING THE FORM OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE REVENUE BOND AND PLEDGING PROJECT REVENUES AND COLLATERAL TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF THE REVENUE BOND; CREATING SPECIAL FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS FOR OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM AND RETIREMENT OF THE REVENUE BOND, AND PROVIDING FOR A SEGREGATED SPECIAL CHARGE OR SURCHARGE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS.

Resolution NO. 3
 TOWN OF WESTPORT

A Resolution providing for a Surcharge for Improvements to WATER System, for payment of revenue bond and yearly review of rate

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	GENERAL FUND	C.O. FUND	SP. ED. FUND	PENSION
Beginning Checking Bal.	\$162,498.93	\$377,245.17	\$100,985.77	\$91,279.83
RECEIPTS:				
Taxes	\$33,855.23	\$22,837.46	\$14,118.69	\$2,289.39
Local Sources	\$1,030.76			
Interest	\$155.99			
Federal & State	\$55,614.58		\$19.00	
Investments	\$826,691.75	\$40,429.40	\$256,175.05	\$45,189.23
Disbursements	\$108,699.39	\$15,232.25	\$19,668.84	\$0.00
CLOSING BALANCE	\$971,147.85	\$425,279.78	\$351,629.67	\$138,758.45
	TRUST & AGENCY	ENTERPRISE	FOOD SERVICE	UNEMPLOYMENT
	FUND	DRIVERS ED	FUND	FUND
Beginning Balance	\$97,919.44	\$275.09	-\$407.97	\$19,090.52
Receipts	\$7,381.97	\$0.00	\$7,906.77	
Disbursements	\$4,175.92	\$0.00	\$9,595.58	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$101,125.49	\$275.09	-\$2,096.78	\$19,090.52

ANNUAL REPORT FOR BROWN COUNTY					
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014					
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS--MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS					
	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	BCT TIF #1 Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Beginning Balance	5,631,776.74	3,397,156.82	(439,352.37)	709,330.93	\$ 9,298,912.12
Revenues and Other Sources (minor level):					
Taxes:					
Current Property Taxes	12,492,645.68		1,105,993.37		\$ 13,598,639.05
Delinquent Property Taxes	96,049.37		1,021,832.70		\$ 1,117,882.07
Penalties and Interest	29,660.85				\$ 29,660.85
Telephone Tax (Outside)	3,126.74				\$ 3,126.74
Mobile Home Tax	2,206.93				\$ 2,206.93
Wheel Tax		777,363.05			\$ 777,363.05
Tax Deed Revenue	15,097.50				\$ 15,097.50
Other Taxes					\$ -0
Licenses and Permits	77,142.79	6,106.30		8,100.00	\$ 91,349.09
Intergovernmental Revenue:					
Federal Grants	152,626.07	18,925.34		113,765.78	\$ 285,317.19
Federal Shared Revenue	18,009.50				\$ 18,009.50
Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes	206.00				\$ 206.00
State Grants	49,107.20			28,937.27	\$ 78,044.47
State Shared Revenue:	336,510.28	3,205,457.38		452,498.18	\$ 3,994,465.84
State Payments in Lieu of Taxes					\$ -0
Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	3,965.69				\$ 3,965.69
Other Intergovernmental Revenue	24,359.16			291,072.91	\$ 315,432.07
Charges for Goods and Services:					
General Government	684,530.79			25,781.86	\$ 710,312.65
Public Safety	249,316.73			96,801.26	\$ 346,117.99
Public Works		3,698.95			\$ 3,698.95
Health and Welfare	85,301.44				\$ 85,301.44
Culture and Recreation	1,041,248.57				\$ 1,041,248.57
Urban and Economic Development					\$ -0
Conservation of Natural Resources	66,610.88				\$ 66,610.88
Other Charges	17,468.85				\$ 17,468.85
Fines and Forfeits:					
Fines	352.30				\$ 352.30
Costs	25,145.55				\$ 25,145.55
Forfeits					\$ -0
Miscellaneous Revenue and Other Sources:					
Investment Earnings	16,222.64	2,515.14	72,509.21	779.69	\$ 92,026.68
Rentals	154,868.31				\$ 154,868.31
Special Assessments					\$ -0
Contributions and Donations	29,490.04				\$ 29,490.04
Refund of Prior Year's Expenditures		190,291.76			\$ 190,291.76
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	8,999.22	918.65		1,020.95	\$ 10,938.82
General Long Term Debt Issued					\$ -0
Insurance Proceeds					\$ -0
Sale of County Property					\$ -0
Total Revenue and Other Sources	15,680,269.08	4,205,276.57	2,200,335.28	1,018,757.90	\$ 23,104,638.83
Expenditures and Other Uses (subfunction level):					
Legislative	388,289.86				\$ 388,289.86
Elections	82,502.03				\$ 82,502.03
Judicial System	55,719.24				\$ 55,719.24
Financial Administration	1,228,797.80				\$ 1,228,797.80
Legal Services	1,012,579.32			14,293.91	\$ 1,026,873.23
Other Administration	1,933,100.44			11,335.29	\$ 1,944,435.73
Law Enforcement	3,649,514.15				\$ 3,649,514.15
Protective and Emergency Services	45,020.61			1,072,478.91	\$ 1,117,499.52
Highways and Bridges		8,992,169.53			\$ 8,992,169.53
Sanitation					\$ -0
Transportation					\$ -0
Water System					\$ -0
Other Public Works					\$ -0
Economic Assistance	340,229.19				\$ 340,229.19
Health Assistance	32,749.25				\$ 32,749.25
Social Services	1,000.00			12,354.71	\$ 13,354.71
Mental Health Services	192,559.53				\$ 192,559.53
Culture	341,718.54				\$ 341,718.54
Recreation	1,453,117.97				\$ 1,453,117.97
Soil Conservation	255,795.75				\$ 255,795.75
Water Conservation					\$ -0
Urban Development	134,695.27				\$ 134,695.27
Economic Development	20,750.00				\$ 20,750.00
Intergovernmental Expenditures		38,868.16			\$ 38,868.16
Debt Service			904,605.66		\$ 904,605.66
Payments to Local Education Agencies					\$ -0
Capital Outlay					\$ -0
Discount on Bonds Issued					\$ -0
Payments to Refunded Debt					\$ -0
Escrow Agent					\$ -0
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	11,168,138.95	9,031,037.69	904,605.66	1,110,462.82	\$ 22,214,245.12
Transfers In (Out)	(4,710,543.53)	4,296,741.50		418,429.88	\$ 4,627.85
Special Items (specify)					\$ -0
Extraordinary Items (specify)					\$ -0
Changes in Nonspendable					\$ -0
Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance	(198,413.40)	(529,019.62)	1,295,729.62	326,724.96	\$ 895,021.56
Ending Fund Balance (Exhibit III):					
Nonspendable	223,868.64	920,139.81			\$ 1,144,008.45
Restricted	28,493.83	423,243.27	856,377.25	180,388.41	\$ 1,488,502.76
Committed					\$ -0
Assigned	3,351,177.41	1,701,712.68		770,992.81	\$ 5,823,882.90
Unassigned	1,923,067.84				\$ 1,923,067.84
Governmental Long-term Debt					
PROPRIETARY FUNDS--ACCRUAL BASIS					
	Solid Waste Fund	Medical Self-Insurance Fund	Fund		
Beginning Balance	8,998,204.60				
Revenues	2,523,261.47				
Expenses	2,771,022.09				
Transfers In (Out)	(4,627.85)				
Ending Balance (Exhibit V):					
Net Investment in Capital Assets	4,420,798.69				
Restricted for					
Unrestricted	4,325,017.44				
Long-term Debt	-00				



Frederick School May 5 Coop Meeting

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS
LEOLA/FREDERICK CO-OP MEETING
May 5, 2015
The meeting was called to order on May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Rich Schlosser with Eric Sumption and Jeff Forsting present. Others present were Justin Downes, Deb Klapperich, administration and board members from the Leola School District and Holly Mueller.
The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
Action 14-96 Motion by Forsting, second by Sumption to approve the amended agenda. All aye, carried.
Discussion Items
A. Referee Contracts
B. Coaching Hires
C. JH Football Jerseys
D. VB Uniforms
The above items were cooperatively discussed.
Enter Marty Morlock at 7:25 PM to discuss the Football Fund Raising Account
Exit Marty Morlock at 7:35 PM
Action 14-97 Motion by Forsting second by Sumption to put the JH Football Jerseys into the rotation of uniform purchases. All aye, carried.
Holly Mueller presented information concerning the need for new VB uniforms.
Action 14-98 Motion by Forsting second by Sumption to adopt the Co-op Coaches Salary Schedule as presented and each year to average the percentages of raises at each school and add that percentage (a maximum of five percent) to the returning coach's salary. Half of the percentage given to the existing coaches will be added onto the base pay of the salary schedule. All aye, carried.
Action 14-99 Motion by Forsting, second by Sumption to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 8:10 PM. All aye, carried.
Chairman Schlosser declared executive session over at 8:19 PM.
Action 14-100 Motion by Forsting second by Sumption to adjourn. All aye, carried
Chairman
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Columbia City May 6 Meeting Minutes

Unapproved Minutes
City of Columbia Council Meeting
May 6, 2015 7pm
CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Called to order by Mayor Mitchell
ROLL CALL C Kampa, A Davis, E Kuschel-Harr
Public attending
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Motion to approve Kuschel-Harr, 2nd C Kampa
FINANCIAL REPORT/WARRANT VOUCHERS
Warrants: Parks/Streets: Kevin Hamilton, 767.39 Full Circle Ag, 228.49 Utilities: James Valley Tecom, 144.72 NorthWestern Energy, 494.31 Web Water, 35.63 Repairs/Supplies: Runnings, 234.89
Finance Officer: A. Bisbee
230.87 Miscellaneous: SDPAA, 379.36 SD Finance Officers Association, 184.00
Department of Revenue, 150
Sewer: NorthWestern Energy, 16.00 A. Bisbee, 230.87
Motion to approve A Davis, 2nd Kuschel-Harr
COMMUNITY COMMENTS
CORESPONDENCE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Nuisances - 1 abandoned vehicle was towed.
Streets- Will be bladed next week
Parks- Will be working on cleanup and repairs
Lagoon/sewer- Sample was sent in
Sewer accounts- 2 accounts past due
Rubble Site-
NEW BUSINESS
Malt Beverage re-issuance for The Lodge- Motion to approve C Kampa, 2nd E Kuschel-Harr
Approval for \$480 to be spent on Metrodome Stadium seats from Ballpark Account. Motion to approve A Davis, 2nd E Kuschel-Harr
Motion to adjourn C Kampa, 2nd E Kuschel-Harr
Next meeting June 2nd at 7:00
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Middle/High School Spring Concert



The sixth grade choir sang, "Solfege Song," and "With a Banjo on my Knee." They were directed by Reid Johnson. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Cody Swanson directed the junior high choir which sang, "Gaudeamus Hodie!," "Wade in the Water" and "Pompeii." (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Cody Swanson directed the high school choir as they sang, "Awake, My Soul, and Sing!," "Like the Beat of a Drum," "Ain't No Windin' in the Road," and "We Are the World." (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Deb Jensen directed the sixth grade band as they performed, "Maleguena," "Joyful Rock," and "American Spirit March." (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



The junior high band performed, "Sparks!," "Jump Start," "Heroes Triumphant," and "Hoosier Pride." The band was directed by Deb Jensen. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



The high school band was directed by Reid Johnson. They performed, "The Lambs' March," "Chanteys," "Kentucky 1800," "Disney Film Favorites," and "At a Dixieland Jazz Funeral." (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Local Classified and Card of Thanks Rates

The following rates are for Classifieds published in both the Groton Daily Independent and the Groton Independent, and posted online at www.grotonsd.net. Cut rate in half if you just want it in the GDI or just the weekly.
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Walter to celebrate 85th birthday

Jean Walter will celebrate her 85th birthday on May 18th. Greetings may be sent to PO Box 594, Groton, SD 57445.

Hecla's All School Reunion

LOOKING FOR CRAFT VENDORS

A Craft Show and Flea Market will be held in Hecla during the All School Reunion. Dates are June 26th & 27th. For applications please contact Kim Dinger-Kipp at 605-201-0242 or email me at je_angels@hotmail.com

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Have you ever invented anything? Inventors notice a problem, then figure out a way to fix it. Sometimes inventors have a brand new idea and sometimes they combine other people's ideas with their own. Please excuse me now. It's time to practice my "Ollie."

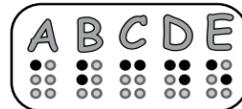
Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

1. *Thomas Edison* developed over 1,000 inventions. He is most famous for the light bulb, but he also invented the _____, which has become popular again.
2. A team of inventors working for the U.S. Department of Defense created the Global _____ System, a tool to find your way using satellites!
3. *Marie Curie* was the first woman to receive the Nobel Prize. Her work helped us to understand _____ and the effects of X-rays. She has an element named after her - *Curium*.
4. *Louis Braille*, blinded in an accident at three years old, created a system of _____ and writing by using raised dots that people could feel with their fingers.
5. *Orville and Wilbur Wright* owned a bicycle shop. They experimented with flying machines. Their plane (trial flights at Kitty Hawk, N.C.) was the basis for the _____ we have today.
6. *Francis Robbins Upton* helped to keep us safe from fire by inventing the smoke _____.
7. *Alec Jeffreys* changed the court system when he invented DNA _____.
With this invention, guilt or innocence were much easier to prove!
8. *Leonardo da Vinci*, the artist who painted the *Mona Lisa*, was also talented at sculpting, engineering and inventing. He had ideas for a helicopter, a _____ and a diving suit.
9. *Martin Cooper* improved on the invention of Alexander Graham Bell with the _____, widely used to communicate today.
10. *George Washington Carver* was born into slavery, but he became a botanist who developed over 300 uses for _____ and many ideas for sweet potatoes and pecans.
11. *Ben Franklin* was known for experimenting and inventing many things. He had trouble seeing so he designed a _____ for eyeglasses that helped him see near and far.
12. *Alexander Graham Bell*, whose mother and wife were deaf, is famous for creating the _____ and working on other inventions that help people communicate.

Inventors Change Our Lives!

Clues for crossword puzzle:

- 1 Across: Thomas Edison invention
- 2 Across: Global navigation system
- 3 Down: Marie Curie's work
- 4 Down: Braille system
- 5 Down: Wright brothers' invention
- 6 Down: Smoke detector
- 7 Down: DNA fingerprinting
- 8 Down: Leonardo da Vinci's invention
- 9 Down: Telephone
- 10 Across: Sweet potato/pecan product
- 11 Across: Eyeglasses
- 12 Across: Alexander Graham Bell's invention



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Inventions We Love! Find and circle these words in the puzzle:

Match each clue about an inventor to the invention we love:

1. Samuel Born invented a machine that inserted the sticks into _____
2. Rose Totino invented a dough product for frozen _____
3. Pedro Flores mass produced a toy on a string called a _____
4. Robert Patch, at 6 years old, designed a toy _____
5. Ralph Baer invented the first home video game console and _____
6. George Ferris designed this giant fun ride called the Ferris _____
7. Frank Epperson, who at age 11 found a fruit soda and stirring stick he left outside to be frozen, invented the _____
8. Alan Ollie Gelfand developed the "Ollie," a leap into the air on a _____
9. Ruth Wakefield put chocolate bits into her cookie dough, creating _____
10. Curt Jones invented a snack by flash freezing beads of _____

- A. yo-yo
- B. pizza
- C. wheel
- D. game
- E. truck
- F. chocolate chip cookies
- G. Popsicle @
- H. lollipops
- I. ice cream
- J. skateboard



The lightbulb is so important to us that we even use a picture of a lightbulb to show a thought is a "great idea."

Who invented balloons? Who invented the Mylar @ ones?

Six Steps to Invention



Wow! My jaw aches from trying to eat so much tough junk. I need a machine to chew everything into little pieces and drop them into a bowl for me. Maybe I could add a little milk...

Peak is dreaming and scheming, but isn't doing anything about his problem. Help Peak learn the steps to solving his problem. **Read the six steps in the boxes and put them in the order Peak should follow to make an invention that would help him out. Two are done for you:**

Show and share your first model with others. <input type="checkbox"/>	Think of a way to fix the problem. <input type="checkbox"/>
Finish your invention and have fun using it! <input type="checkbox"/>	Create a model of your idea. <input type="checkbox"/> 3
Notice a problem. <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Listen to what others tell you. Make your invention better. <input type="checkbox"/>

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Brown County May 5 Meeting Minutes



MAY 5, 2015 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the Joint City/County Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2015; and the General Meeting Minutes, Brown County Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes and the Consolidated Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$3,767.51; Commission Assistant/Human Resources \$4,088.74; Auditor \$7,404.89; Treasurer \$12,616.48; Data Processing \$5,531.89; State's Attorney \$16,169.69; Blood Draws \$450.00; SVA-WA Grant \$1,873.94; Maintenance \$6,317.51; Assessor \$13,104.50; Register of Deeds \$8,758.87; Veterans Service Office \$3,563.74; GIS \$2,195.60; Sheriff Admin \$32,743.25; Jail \$32,832.49; Coroner \$0.00; JDC \$15,092.87; HD \$5,015.89; Wel-

fare Office \$3,500.48; Museum \$7,679.74; Parks & Fairgrounds \$5,218.80; Fair Board \$4,048.83; 4-H \$1,113.60; Weed \$2,775.44; Planning and Zoning \$1,586.47; Highway \$42,804.62; Communications \$20,794.07; Emergency Management \$3,331.33; Teen Court \$259.55; 24/7 \$2,818.38; Landfill \$13,563.67

Matching Benefits: FICA \$16,533.30; Medicare \$3,866.70. **Insurance:** SD Public Assurance Alliance \$2,154.48.

Professional Fees: Adam Altman \$4,444.45; AMG Psychiatry \$108.49; Avera Health Plans \$583.44; Avera St. Luke's \$4,272.94; Certified Languages \$127.05; Compass Counseling & Assessment \$1,500.00; Chris Dohrer \$5,069.45; William Gerdes \$4,937.50; Kristi Brandt \$28.80; Kuck Law Office \$4,444.45; Midstates Printing \$75.00; Mark Milbrandt \$1,000.00; Raymond Cournoyer \$1,000.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck & Hieb \$4,444.45; Ronayne Law Office \$7,919.45; Christy Serr \$5,069.45; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$110.00; Thurman Law Office \$211.50; Vintage Tech \$2,783.20; Yankton Co Sheriff \$50.00; Luke Yellow Robe \$1,778.42; Sara Zahn \$156.40.

Publishing: Dex \$53.55; Fordham Signs \$2,974.00; McQuillen Creative Group \$170.00.

Rentals: Danne \$260.00; Tree House Properties \$300.00; Zumba Property \$300.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: Adamosoft \$10,000.00; Butler Machinery \$843.69; Great Western Tire \$92.41; HipLink Software \$4,941.00; Lawson Products \$25.21; Leidholt Electric \$1,601.83; Lien Transportation

\$60,914.23; Marco \$115.49; NC Rental \$33,612.26; PowerPlan \$2,339.74; Sioux Falls Crane & Hoist \$933.07; Thee Glass Doktor \$231.00.

Supplies: Ameripride Services \$62.50; Bakken Building Maintenance \$500.00; BCT \$83.03; Butler Machinery \$939.74; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$2,034.66; Custom Sheet Metal \$2,495.00; Deluxe Business Forms \$290.68; Violet Dinger \$14,980.83; ES&S \$1,540.23; Fastenal \$66.92; Geffdog \$22.00; Govconnection \$689.93; Great Western Tire \$17,441.16; House of Glass \$3,632.94; J&K Painting \$736.52; J Gross Equipment \$513.25; Lawson Products \$339.60; Lien Transportation \$194,418.84; Menards \$18.90; Midstates Printing \$494.24; NCFE-Warner \$1,474.31; PowerPlan \$1,537.17; Pro Ag \$703.26; SD EM Assn \$50.00; SD Law Review \$33.02; SD State Historical Society \$45.00; Thee Glass Doktor \$348.99; Thurman Law Office \$7.70; TrueNorth Steel \$24,975.00.

Travel and Conference: Executive Mgmt. \$3,076.00; Kathy Fischer \$243.46; Craig Fjeldheim \$268.41; Patricia Kendall \$103.40; Leo Leshar \$133.01; Russell Metz \$176.25; Mark Milbrandt \$370.00; MN GIS/LIS Consortium \$192.00.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$978.79; AT&T \$451.03; BDM Rural Water \$30.00; Century Link \$2,688.18; Dakota Structures Cabling \$17.55; Dependable Sanitation \$616.00; Midcontinent \$514.70; Midwest Alarms \$51.50; NWPS \$8,408.91; Web Water \$89.31. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following employee step increases, effective May 5, 2015: Larry Hardy @ \$18.34 per hour, John Weig @ \$17.99 per hour, Eugene Pence Jr @ \$19.10 per hour, Carol Wolf @ \$18.15 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to acknowledge resignation of Tammy Knoll as Adult Correctional Officer, effective May 8, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve hiring the following seasonal employees at the Highway Department: Dalton Wangerin, effective May 5, 2015 and Joshua Schelle, effective June 7, 2015 at \$10.97 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve hiring Curt Erickson, as seasonal employee at the Fairgrounds at \$10.62 per hour, effective May 11, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY APPLICATIONS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the following lottery applications: Aberdeen Exchange BMX for raffle to be held at the Brown County Speedway on June 5, July 10 and August 7, 2015; Aberdeen Central Cheer Team for raffle to be held at the Brown County Speedway on June 19, July 31 and August 8, 2015; Aberdeen Eagles 8th Grade Traveling Basketball Team for raffle to be held at the Brown County Speedway on June 12, 2015 and at the Expo Building (Roller Derby Event) on June 13, 2015. All

members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Kippley to approve the following Abate-ments: Dakota Equity Group LLC @ \$1,718.52 (Aberdeen City Special Assessment error); Richard Achen @ \$283.88 (mobile home moved). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID – ROAD OIL: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing and delivery of Road Oil (MC3000, MC70), to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD on May 19, 2015 at 8:50 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMIT FEE VARIANCE REQUEST: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to not accept recommendation from the Planning Commission, due to input from area residents and deny request, submitted by BSSE Transmission Line for Building Permit Fee Variance of \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of estimated construction costs rather than the required \$3.00 per \$1,000.00 of estimated construction costs on an estimated \$100,000,000.00 project in Brown County – fee to stay at \$3.00 per \$1,000.00 of estimated construction costs for the BSSE Transmission Line Project. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

2014 FINANCIAL REPORTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to accept the 2014 Financial Reports as presented and authorize the County Auditor to

not prepare the M, D & A (Manager's Discussion and Analysis) as a supplement to the report. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following agreement: A-Town Roller Girlz for lease of the Expo Building on May 2, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT REQUEST: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to defer action on a request for abatements (2011-2014), submitted by Mike Saylor for one week. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DAKOTA INK & TONER: Matt Deilke, Dakota Ink & Toner met to inquire how his company can be added to the County bid/quote list and disputed several comments made at a previous meeting by Paul Sivertsen in regard to the LexMark unit in the Register of Deeds Office.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman sign application, submitted by James Valley Telecommunications for occupancy of Brown County Highway #7 in Sec 11-T126N-R60W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD, to provide telecommunication services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss personnel, per SDCL 1-25-4(1); and contract, per SDCL 1-25-4(4) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in atten-

dance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the executive session closed, with the following action taken as a result of the discussion: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Hansen to increase pro-rated annual salary of Emergency Management Director Scott Meints from \$50,942.32 to \$56,850.04 and increase salary of Assistant Patti Woods from \$17.15 per hour to \$19.76 per hour, effective May 11, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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James Valley Notice of Annual Meeting

NOTICE OF 59TH ANNUAL MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the 59th annual meeting of the members of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, will be held at the Groton Area High School Arena in Groton, South Dakota on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 12:30pm, with registration beginning at 11:30am.

The meeting is called pursuant to the cooperative's bylaws for the following purposes:

1. To receive and act upon reports of the officers and management of the cooperative for the previous year's operations.
 2. To elect two directors for terms of three years.
 3. To act upon any other business that may properly come before the meeting.
- By order of the Board of Directors.
Dated: 1/23/2015
Bill Ewalt, Secretary

68675 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2014 SECURITY BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
Home Office Address: One Security Benefit Place Topeka, KS 66636-0001
Mail Address: One Security Benefit Place Topeka, KS 66636-0001
ASSETS

Bonds	\$11,445,163,359
Stocks	53,477,401
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	554,453,926
Real Estate Owned	11,044,080
Policy Loans	388,321,898
Cash and Bank Deposits	3,610,265,368
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	(22,196)
Investment Income Due and Accrued	192,236,801
Other Assets	8,732,432,157
TOTAL ASSETS	\$24,987,372,794
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$15,521,798,428
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	14,971
Policy and Contract Claims Life	2,820,835
Accident and Health	0
General Expenses Due or Accrued	804,585
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	2,145,003
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	8,158,332,889
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$23,685,916,711
Special Surplus Funds	\$149,839,678
Capital Paid Up	7,000,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	1,164,529,082
Unassigned Surplus	(19,912,677)
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$1,301,456,083
TOTAL	24,987,372,794

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014
Direct Premiums Received \$4,860,574
Direct Losses Paid 4,009,112
Losses Incurred 0
Life Insurance in Force 189

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

WHEREAS, the Security Benefit Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Kansas, 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., 2015.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

68721 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2014 SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
Home Office Address: 10901 Red Circle Drive Minnetonka, MN 55343-9137
Mail Address: 10901 Red Circle Drive Minnetonka, MN 55343-9137
ASSETS

Bonds	\$57,042,665
Stocks	1,194,537
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	4,466,430
Real Estate Owned	0
Policy Loans	1,125,258
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,061,605
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	2,903,582
Investment Income Due and Accrued	564,491
Other Assets	4,345,576
TOTAL ASSETS	\$72,704,144
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$27,034,225
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	4,708,261
Policy and Contract Claims Life	972,952
Accident and Health	5,135,638
General Expenses Due or Accrued	630,246
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	348,452
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	13,623,373
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$52,453,147
Special Surplus Funds	\$515,869
Capital Paid Up	2,500,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	2,097,541
Unassigned Surplus	15,137,588
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$20,250,998
TOTAL	72,704,144

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014
Direct Premiums Received \$246,796
Direct Losses Paid 174,350
Losses Incurred 176,826
Life Insurance in Force 188,877

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

WHEREAS, the Security Life Insurance Company of America, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Minnesota, 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
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
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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., 2015.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

68713 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2014 SECURITY LIFE OF DENVER INSURANCE COMPANY
Home Office Address: 8055 East Tufts Ave. Suite 650 Denver, CO 80237
Mail Address: 5780 Powers Ferry Road NW Atlanta, GA 30327-4390
ASSETS

Bonds	\$8,782,105,261
Stocks	153,931,667
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	1,144,202,849
Real Estate Owned	0
Policy Loans	1,096,694,579
Cash and Bank Deposits	303,288,913
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	(116,144,734)
Investment Income Due and Accrued	124,037,635
Other Assets	2,740,140,365
TOTAL ASSETS	\$14,228,256,535
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$8,862,229,726
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	173,402,602
Policy and Contract Claims Life	57,323,924
Accident and Health	97,000,862
General Expenses Due or Accrued	15,560,738
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	4,926,822
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	13,121,116
All Other Liabilities	3,875,900,654
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$13,099,466,444
Special Surplus Funds	\$457,304,319
Capital Paid Up	2,880,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	551,175,760
Unassigned Surplus	117,430,012
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$1,128,790,091
TOTAL	14,228,256,535

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014
Direct Premiums Received \$720,943
Direct Losses Paid 4,387,123
Losses Incurred 2,640,500
Life Insurance in Force 308,912,702

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

WHEREAS, the Security Life of Denver Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Colorado, 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., 2015.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

19879 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2014 SECURITY NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY
Home Office Address: 2711 Centerville Rd Suite 400 Wilmington DE 19808
Mail Address: 12790 Merit Drive, Suite 200 Dallas, TX 75251
ASSETS

Bonds	456,328,184
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	36,110,153
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	199,051,953
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued	3,367,596
Other Assets	6,603,789
TOTAL ASSETS	701,461,675
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	47,447,385
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	11,733,946
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	(38,977,383)
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	5,422,907
Income Taxes	6,016,225
Unearned Premiums	26,086,215
All Other Liabilities	520,159,689
TOTAL LIABILITIES	577,888,985
Special Surplus Funds	4,000,000
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	0
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	67,007,614
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	52,565,076
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	123,572,690
TOTAL	701,461,675

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014
Direct Premiums Written 666,942
Direct Premiums Earned 913,510
Direct Losses Paid 103,322
Direct Losses Incurred 306,829

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

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

NOW 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
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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., 2015.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

Brown County May 4 Joint Meeting



MAY 4, 2015 - JOINT ABERDEEN 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, 123 S Lincoln, Aberdeen, SD. Present from City were Council Members Bunsness, Campbell, Johnson, Remily, Ronayne, Rux, Slaughter-Hansen, Swanson and Mayor Levsen. Present from County were Commissioners Sutton, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Commissioners Hansen and Kippley were absent.

ORDINANCE #15-04-01/443: On motion by Rux and seconded by Ronayne, the City unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance #15-04-01/443.

ORDINANCE #15-05-01/443: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to adopt Ordinance #15-04-01/443, 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: Lots 1 and 2, Sunrise Estates Subdivision in the NW 1/4 of Sec 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (2330 Brown County 19N and 4220 24th Ave NE). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Kippley-absent, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE #15-05-01/444: On motion by Bunsness and seconded by Slaughter-Hansen, the City unanimously voted to set hearing date for Ordinance #15-05-01/444.

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to set public hearing for Ordinance #15-05-01/444, 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: The South 257' of Outlot 8, Evelo's Outlots in the SE 1/4 of Sec 35-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (4126 387th Ave S), to be held in the City Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. on May 26, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor Published once at the total approximate cost of \$20.03.

Brown County Ord. 443 Approved

ORDINANCE #15-04-01/443

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1164

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property filed by Mark R. Wattier is hereby granted and Ordinance No. 1164 is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property is described as follows:

Lots 1 and 2, Sunrise Estates Subdivision in the NW 1/4 of Sec 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD, (2330 Brown County 19N and 4220 24th Ave NE).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the

Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota, that the zoning official for the County of Brown is hereby authorized to change the official zoning map for the County of Brown to reflect this Ordinance.

Notice of Hearing: April 15 & 22, 2015

Passed First Reading: April 27, 2015

Passed Second Reading: May 4, 2015

Adopted: May 4, 2015

Published: May 13, 2015

Effective Date: June 2, 2015

Duane Sutton, Chairman Brown County Commission

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

Published once at the total approximate cost of \$14.65.

Brown County Ord. 444 Notice

NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION REGARDING PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 26th day of May 2015, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 123 South Lincoln Street, First Floor of the Municipal Building, to consider the Petition filed by Cindy Jensen 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: The South 257' of Outlot 8, Evelo's Outlots in the SE 1/4 of Sec 35-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., ..Brown County, SD (4126 387th Ave South)

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 #15-05-01/444 granting Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the Petition to Rezone said property. Dated this 4th day of May 2015.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0512.0519)

Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$26.37.

Brown County Asphalt Road Oil Suppliers

NOTICE TO "ASPHALT ROAD OIL" SUPPLIERS

Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners at the Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota until the hour of 8:50 A.M. on Tuesday May 19, 2015, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered for furnishing and delivery of Asphalt Road Oil, F.O.B. freight pre-paid on all truck transport delivery sites within Brown County, South Dakota.

Proposal Guaranty: No deposit or bid bond will be required at

time of bid opening. Performance Bond: Brown County will give notice to the successful bidder that his proposal has been accepted, and said bidder shall within twenty (20) days thereafter enter into a contract with Brown County and furnish a performance bond in accordance with the bid as accepted.

Contract for Road Oil shall be firm and will be in effect for a period of one (1) year from May 20, 2015 to November 30, 2015.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota, 57401, and to be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid on Asphalt Road Oil" to be opened on Tuesday May 19, 2015. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

Payment for materials will be made at the Contract unit price per standard U.S. Gallon at 60 degrees Fahrenheit, delivered F.O.B., freight prepaid for all truck transport deliveries to project sites within Brown County. Test reports shall be furnished on all materials by the supplier for each tank shipped by truck transport at time of delivery within Brown County. Payment will be made at the regular weekly meetings of the Brown County Board of Commissioners.

The firm to whom the award is made shall be entitled to additional compensation for all freight cost increases which may occur on or after the date of the letting. Freight cost adjustments shall be entered separately upon Claim Voucher Billings and bid-

der must submit proof of freight increase at time of billing.

Specifications and notice to bidders are on file in the Brown County Auditors Office and the Brown County Highway Department Office and may be obtained at no charge.

ATTEST: Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0505.0512)

Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$45.12.

Groton City May 4 Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2015

The Groton City Council met on the above date at City Hall at 7:00pm for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: Flihs, McGannon, Blackmun, Peterson, Opp, Glover and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Attorney Johnson and Finance Officer Lowary

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

The financial report was approved as read on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

The following bills were allowed for payment on a motion by Flihs and seconded by Peterson. All members present voted aye.

Executive Payroll 7,025.17 salaries; Administrative Payroll 6,036.72 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 13,100.46 salaries; Public Works Payroll 17,505.75 salaries; City of Groton 651.57 emp sav; def ref, util, postage; Cons Fed

Cr Union 1,125.00 emp sav; First State Bank 11,718.07 ss & wh; Audrey Anderson 300.00 HWH sales inc; Arielle Cameron 167.22 dep ref; Kaplo Moo 13.20 dep ref; Brian Harris 128.87 dep ref; US Postal Service 205.58 postage; 1st State Bank 10.00 nsf ck fee; April Abeln 218.50 dep flex; Border States 885.14 tangent,xarm; Buhls 31.70 rug rent; Chase Visa 664.98 booster, plant, reg, tests, batt, tape, seal;Clark Engineering 4,455.25 eng; Dakota Supply Group 28.20 flex cplg; Fastenal 74.49 bolts; Groton BB/SB Foundation 5,000.00 fence replace; Harry Implement 476.36 repairs; HD Supply Waterworks 547.23 swivels; Heartland Waste 6,121.27 garbage hauling; House of Glass 197.32 door repair; Irby 499.40 hot sticks; James Valley Tele 730.54 phone, internet; Drew Johnson 1,150.00 legal serv; Kens 65.98 weather radios; Macs 22.29 bolts; Menards 59.37 charger, grout, cleaner; Metering & Technology 941.25 front bottoms, meters, wire; NW Energy 10.00 nat gas; Red Horse Inn 75.00 motel; Runnings 9.68 fitting; S&S Lumber 147.15 supplies; SD Dept of Health 104.00 testing; SD Retirement 7,994.54 retirement; Specialty Mfg 75.00 labor; Van Diest 1,092.87 fert, mosquito control; Verizon Wireless 41.61 comm; WEB Water 9,827.39 water; Wells Fargo Securities 8,182.00 06 c&g loan; Wesco 37.40 bulbs

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to adjourn the 127th City Council sine die. All members present voted aye.

Published once at the total approximate cost of \$15.34.

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2014

SENECA INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.
Home Office Address: 160 Water Street (16th Fl) New York, NY 10038
Mail Address: 160 Water Street (16th Fl) New York, NY 10038

ASSETS	
Bonds	74,919,821
Stocks	49,189,927
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	5,589,590
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	36,918,012
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued	257,073
Other Assets	27,040,319
TOTAL ASSETS	193,914,742
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	0
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	0
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	3,946,941
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	3,049,507
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	12,030,201
Unearned Premiums	0
All Other Liabilities	40,741,297
TOTAL LIABILITIES	59,767,946
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	4,800,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	26,275,566
Unassigned Funds (Surplus) as Regards Policyholders	103,071,230
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	134,146,796
TOTAL	193,914,742

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2014

SENTINEL INSURANCE COMPANY LTD.
Home Office Address: One Hartford Plaza Hartford CT 06155
Mail Address: 200 Hopmeadow Road Simbury, CT 06089

ASSETS	
Bonds	203,202,913
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	9,003,937
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	1,712,810
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued	2,139,325
Other Assets	8,728,351
TOTAL ASSETS	224,787,336
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	44,589,316
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	9,431,146
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	727,497
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	436,622
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	14,714,709
All Other Liabilities	2,083,611
TOTAL LIABILITIES	71,982,901
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	4,200,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	15,787,500
Unassigned Funds (Surplus) as Regards Policyholders	132,816,936
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	152,804,436
TOTAL	224,787,337

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014

Direct Premiums Written	1,052,754
Direct Premiums Earned	999,556
Direct Losses Paid	713,014
Direct Losses Incurred	698,141

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

WHEREAS, the Sentinel Insurance Company Ltd., 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:

- 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
- Prepaid Legal
- Bail Bonds

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., 2015.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2014

SENTINEL SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
Home Office Address: 1405 W 2200 South Salt Lake City, UT 84119
Mail Address: 1405 W 2200 South Salt Lake City, UT 84119

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$425,389,012
Stocks	8,797,790
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	5,834,435
Real Estate Owned	5,648,023
Policy Loans	1,361,260
Cash and Bank Deposits	25,390,309
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	3,431,965
Investment Income Due and Accrued	1,573,479
Other Assets	2,071,509
TOTAL ASSETS	\$479,497,782
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$132,962,521
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	148,863
Policy and Contract Claims Life	872,118
Accident and Health General Expenses	459,800
Due or Accrued	848,811
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	30,000
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	318,454,762
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$453,776,875
Special Surplus Funds	\$13,742,265
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	2,876,211
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	1,279,810
Unassigned Surplus (Surplus) as Regards Policyholders	7,822,621
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$22,844,696
TOTAL	479,497,782

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014

Direct Premiums Received	\$1,520,879
Direct Losses Paid	963,173
Losses Incurred	922,020
Life Insurance in Force	958,954

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

WHEREAS, the Sentinel Security Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Utah, 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:

- 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
- Prepaid Legal
- Bail Bonds

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., 2015.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

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Director of Insurance

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Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2014

SENTRY CASUALTY COMPANY
Home Office Address: 1800 North Point Drive Stevens Point, WI 54481
Mail Address: 1800 North Point Drive Stevens Point, WI 54481

ASSETS	
Bonds	210,727,647
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	12,183,541
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	17,838,422
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued	2,340,004
Other Assets	18,388,490
TOTAL ASSETS	261,478,106
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	57,183,866
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	14,123,015
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	7,049,328
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	290,369
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	1,321,588
Unearned Premiums	20,909,293
All Other Liabilities	89,153,109
TOTAL LIABILITIES	190,030,570
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	4,700,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	31,415,641
Unassigned Funds (Surplus) as Regards Policyholders	35,331,894
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	71,447,535
TOTAL	261,478,106

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014

Direct Premiums Written	180,713
Direct Premiums Earned	219,982
Direct Losses Paid	1,122
Direct Losses Incurred	102,182

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

WHEREAS, the Sentry Casualty 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:

- 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
- Prepaid Legal
- Bail Bonds

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LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

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Frederick Town May 4 Meeting Minutes



May Minutes
Frederick, SD
The Town of Frederick monthly Board meeting was held Monday evening, May 4, 2015, in the Community Center. Chairman R. Scott Campbell called the meeting to order at 7 PM with members Robert Smith and Thomas Meyer, Finance Officer Diane Bruns, Utility Manager/Maintenance Richard Bakeberg, incoming Board Member Richard Osborn, and joining later Gary Peterson and from FF Krysti Mikkonen.

The April minutes were approved with one correction, Tracy's last name is Olson and not Smith. Motion was made by RS/TM to approve. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report for May was approved with a motion by TM/RS. Motion Carried.

Approval for the Accounts Payable was made by TM/RS. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:
Aberdeen Asphalt Snow Removal, St Repair St \$1417.50; R Bakeberg, VA St/Wtr/Swr \$75; R Bakeberg UT/Maint Mgr St/wtr/sewer \$331.07; Community Store Sup Genl/CC/FO \$76.90; M Cox Lib EBL \$553.27; D Bruns Sup Genl/Genl Admin/mileage/FO \$189.91; D Bruns Maint/schedule CC \$143.14; D Bruns FO FO \$1000.03; E Head Landfill Suprv LF \$73.88; Ellendale True Value Sup S Park/CC/Genl \$76.54; FDC Econ Dev Econ Dev \$1500; J Moore

Mower repair/mow \$156.99; JVC phones/Internets Genl/EBL/Wtr/FO \$300.76; MDU elect Fire/S Park/B Park/Wtr/CC/FO/W Tower/St/Swr \$1099.09; M Glarum Rent EBL \$80; Menards Sup Genl/CC/S Park \$151.45; R S Campbell Chrmn Genl Admin \$46.18; RDO Equip parts Genl \$325.94; R Smith Brd Mem Genl Admin \$23.09; SD Assn of Rural Wtr Systems Dues Wtr \$320; SD Dept of Rev Garb ST \$84; T Meyer Brd Mem Genl Admin \$23.09; USPS Stamps Wtr/swr/garb \$98; USDA-RD AP Wtr Reprs \$475; WEB Water 707,600 gals \$2712.31. Total A/P \$11,333.14.

OLD BUSINESS:
In the Utility Report, Rich Bakeberg said the dock has been placed back on the bank of the Maple River ready for use. He also mentioned that water is moving inside the cells around town. Past due water bills were discussed and it was agreed they will be turned off with no further warning when they reach \$200 or more. There is a \$50 charge to be turned on again.

Frederick Forward's sponsorship letter for Finn Fest was discussed. Last month it was decided to pay same as we did last year to Sewer Duck. Later, after KM arrived and Finn Fest was again discussed, the Board decided to give a \$600 Sponsorship which will include the price of port-a-potties. Mikkonen also mentioned FF is still accepting nominations for the Sisu Award couple. This outgoing and helpful honorary couple of people may be of any sex and any nationality.

No report from Frederick Historical Society, Emma Burnham Library, or Frederick Development Corporation.



Groton Lions Club award three GHS scholarships. L-R are Groton Lions Club vice president, Justin Olson; awardees, Maryn Howard, Kathleen Groeblichhoff, Madison Colestock, and Lee Schinkel, past Lions Club president.

Update on street/sewer lines - they are hoping to run new water lines and sewer lines are the same time beginning this Summer.

The generator in the Fire Hall/Community Center/Finance Office will be brought up about repair at the next Firemen's meeting.

No news on electric letter.
Board Member Robert Smith was thanked for his time on the board and for stepping up to fill out the term of past BM Dennis Kinslow. Prior to the last 14 months, Smith already has 10 years of experience under his belt as a Board Member for the City of Frederick! Thanks again Mr. Smith.

Smith left his seat at the table and incoming Board Member Richard Osborn sat down.
At this time of the meet-

ing, Chairman Campbell closed the first half with a motion by TM/RSC and turned it over to Finance Officer Diane Bruns. Motion Carried.

Meeting reopened with a motion by TM/RSC. Motion Carried
NEW BUSINESS:

An Oath of Office and a Certificate were presented to Campbell for a three-year term and the same to Osborn for a one-year term. Campbell read his Oath aloud, signed it, and return it to FO as did Osborn. Both Oaths were Sealed with the City Stamp. Both candidates ran unopposed.

An open election was held for a new Chairman of the Board. TM nominated RSC, seconded by RO; RSC nominated TM, seconded by RO. Each member voted on a piece of paper with Campbell elected as Chairman. Chairman Campbell resumed

the meeting.

First National Bank was designated as city's official depository, Groton Daily Independent was designated as Frederick's official newspaper, and Dana Frohling, of Britton, was designated as Attorney-at-Law. This motion was made by TM/RO. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns was appointed as Finance Officer with a motion by TM/RO. Motion Carried.

Sewer rates were revisited since last Septembers' meeting and revised. A 1st Reading was passed to raise the monthly sewer rate per month from the current \$8.25, up to \$16 per month. The motion to revise the sewer rate to \$16 takes effect June 1st, 2015. A motion to pass 1st reading was made by RSC/TM. Motion Carried. 2nd Reading is set for Monday, May

18, 2015, at 7 PM, in the Community Center.

CORRESPONDENCE:
Midco Communications about changes coming to customers in Frederick during 2nd quarter. Customers will receive letter also.

Certification to Entities 2014 pay 2015, from the Brown County Auditor for Real Estate and Utility taxes.

Certificate to Finance Officer for completing Loss Control Training by SDPAA with Instructor Doug Kirkus.

Discussed a past frozen water line and decided resident needs to pay that portion of bill from Thorpe Excavation.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM with a motion by TM/RO.

You can ask to be scheduled for the next regular meeting on June 1, 2015. SDCL 1-25-1
Diane Bruns
Frederick City Finance Officer
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$51.96.

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2014
SENTRY INSURANCE
A MUTUAL COMPANY
Home Office Address:
1800 North Point Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54481-1283
Mail Address:
1800 North Point Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54481-1283

ASSETS

Bonds	2,482,998,765
Stocks	2,602,730,184
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	38,405,832
Cash and Bank Deposits	318,520,161
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	383,276,221
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	28,205,701
Other Assets	1,127,182,096
TOTAL ASSETS	6,981,318,964
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	1,258,045,055
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	310,706,338
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	156,427,099
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	6,388,120
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	33,474,744
Unearned Premiums	460,004,458
All Other Liabilities	591,857,069
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,816,902,886
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	0
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	0
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	4,164,416,077
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	4,164,416,077
TOTAL	6,981,318,964
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014	
Direct Premiums Written	707,480
Direct Premiums Earned	848,097
Direct Losses Paid	189,474
Direct Losses Incurred	158,806

97241
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2014
SETTLERS LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY
Home Office Address:
2 East Gilman Street
Madison, WI 53703-1494
Mail Address:
PO Box 1031
Madison, WI 53701-1031

ASSETS

Bonds	\$338,469,510
Stocks	11,322,755
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	3,776,491
Policy Loans	6,556,790
Cash and Bank Deposits	17,125,158
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums	1,018,423
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued	5,455,519
Other Assets	10,518,609
TOTAL ASSETS	\$394,243,255
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts	\$325,421,904
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies	779,154
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	4,129,778
Accident and Health	72,000
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued	442,681
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	11,802
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued	1,014,378
All Other Liabilities	9,795,884
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$341,667,581
Special Surplus Funds	\$0
Capital Paid Up	27,013,030
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	0
Unassigned Surplus	25,562,644
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$52,575,674
TOTAL	394,243,255
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014	
Direct Premiums Received	\$108,562
Direct Losses Paid	730,037
Direct Losses Incurred	70,780
Life Insurance in Force	9,357,625

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

WHEREAS, the Settlers Life 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:

1-2
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., 2015.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

11347
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2014
SFM MUTUAL
INSURANCE COMPANY
Home Office Address:
3500 American Blvd. W., #700
Bloomington, MN 55431-4434
Mail Address:
PO Box 9416
Minneapolis, MN 55440-9416

ASSETS

Bonds	376,329,892
Stocks	13,425,102
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	14,560,902
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	54,148,345
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	3,105,405
Other Assets	40,515,670
TOTAL ASSETS	502,085,316
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	252,951,288
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	36,674,900
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	10,649,267
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	174,756
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	70,694,612
All Other Liabilities	20,882,785
TOTAL LIABILITIES	392,027,608
Special Surplus Funds	600,000
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	0
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	0
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	109,457,708
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	110,057,708
TOTAL	502,085,316
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014	
Direct Premiums Written	3,900,068
Direct Premiums Earned	3,771,874
Direct Losses Paid	1,180,996
Direct Losses Incurred	3,130,639

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

WHEREAS, the SFM Mutual Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Minnesota, 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:

5-6
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.

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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., 2015.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

27049
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2014
SFM SELECT
INSURANCE COMPANY
Home Office Address:
3500 American Blvd. W., #700
Bloomington, MN 55431-4434
Mail Address:
PO Box 9416
Minneapolis, MN 55440-9416

ASSETS

Bonds	3,712,230
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	726,251
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	0
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	7,845
Other Assets	130,403
TOTAL ASSETS	4,576,729
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	9,053
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	5,100
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	13,362
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	0
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	8,283
Unearned Premiums	0
All Other Liabilities	1,080,844
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,116,642
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	1,000,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	1,614,008
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	846,079
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	3,460,087
TOTAL	4,576,729
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014	
Direct Premiums Written	(397)
Direct Premiums Earned	(397)
Direct Losses Paid	44,790
Direct Losses Incurred	(114,096)

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

WHEREAS, the SFM Select Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Minnesota, 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:

5-6-7-23B
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
23B. Prepaid Legal

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LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

Huron mail center to close in July
Reports are that the Dakota Central mail processing center at Huron is now scheduled to close in early July. This is not necessarily news; previous reports had the Huron plant closing sometime this summer. The closing of the Huron mail processing center is part of a larger USPS plan to shutter more than 80 processing centers around the country.
SDNA and others have argued that these closures will significantly affect the timely delivery of newspapers and other classes of mail. The Huron center handles mail for much of eastern South Dakota and Pierre. Work now done at Huron will be merged into the Sioux Falls processing center.

Bevitized: Hairy Situation



by Beverly Patterson

Sunday night Don showered and then asked if I would give him a haircut. I obliged and before I was finished our neighbor stopped in. He could see I was doing a pretty impressive job on Don's hair so he said something about me cutting his hair next. I told him I would and could so that was that. He was next on the schedule. Each of the guys were having a beer and I said maybe I should start a "BAR-ber Shoppe." It might be more enjoyable for the customers and if the scissors slipped once in a while, the ears would tend to be a bit less sensitive....oh yes, my wheels were turning.

Once Don's excess hair had taken up residence inside the vacuum, it was Sam's turn. He asked for a buzz cut with a No. 3 attachment on the clipper. Don has a ton of clippers so I knew it wouldn't be hard to find the proper equipment. After scrounging around for a bit I found a clipper and Don found a No. 3 attachment for it and off I went to set sail on Sam's head of unsuspecting hair. Things were rolling along pretty smooth and I remember joking about how terrible it would be if the cordless clipper died half way through the cut and then, the cordless trimmer died half way through the cut!!! Sam went racing to the bathroom to see how ridiculous he looked. At this point I jotted down a mental note on my mental list to keep customers away from mirrors until their haircut is finished. I also added that I should make sure all rechargeable trimmers are fully charged before starting a haircut. I felt this was something I would need to know when I started my business.

Eventually he came back and we decided the clipper would be fully recharged in less than 30 minutes so all three of us started watching TV. I tried not to look at Mr. Half-A-Haircut because I never like it when somebody laughs at me and I feared I might laugh and that just wouldn't be very nice. Thirty minutes later I went over and unplugged the trimmer and was totally shocked when it didn't fire up AT ALL!!!! Sam freaked out and

about then Don hopped off the couch and found another trimmer with a No. 2 attachment. I reassured Sam it would work just fine and that the No.2 hairs would blend right in with the No. 3 hairs. It wasn't long before I knew this statement would become a bold face lie. I immediately removed the No. 2 trimmer from my hand which caused a bit of panic in Sam but I was able to keep him on the chair and just

then Don showed up with yet another trimmer with yet another No. 3 blade attachment. I finished the haircut and all of the blood pressures that had risen slightly to more than slightly to almost a HEART ATTACK returned to normal and everyone was happy. Sam got out his wallet and was going to pay me for the mental torture he had just endured and I said, "Let's just say your first haircut was complimentary!" You gotta love a guy that offers to pay money for a haircut that nearly gave him a heart attack!

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Year Ending December 31, 2014
SILVERSCRIPT
INSURANCE COMPANY

Home Office Address:
445 Great Circle Road
Nashville, TN 37228
Mail Address:
445 Great Circle Road
Nashville, TN 37228

ASSETS	
Bonds	\$2,819,579
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Policy Loans	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	63,769,746
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	13,601,218
Investment Income Due and Accrued	18,171
Other Assets	2,684,007,040
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,764,215,754
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$0
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	225,652,067
Policy and Contract Claims Life	0
Accident and Health	129,705,462
General Expenses Due or Accrued	1,029,405
Taxes, Licenses and Fees Due or Accrued	4,358,670
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	97,339,362
All Other Liabilities	1,858,052,775
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,316,137,741
Special Surplus Funds	\$61,556,686
Capital Paid Up	2,750,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	124,750,000
Unassigned Surplus	259,021,327
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$448,078,013
TOTAL	2,764,215,754

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014	
Direct Premiums Received	\$11,468,275
Direct Losses Paid	8,919,832
Losses Incurred	8,678,881
Life Insurance in Force	0

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

WHEREAS, the Silverscript Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Tennessee, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 2-
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., 2015.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

24767
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2014
ST. PAUL FIRE & MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY

Home Office Address:
One Tower Square
Hartford, CT 06183
Mail Address:
One Tower Square
Hartford, CT 06183

ASSETS	
Bonds	10,403,353,378
Stocks	3,913,292,626
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	41,900,000
Real Estate Owned	764,278,519
Cash and Bank Deposits	521,054,034
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	632,108,579
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued	115,888,147
Other Assets	2,52,335,335
TOTAL ASSETS	18,917,100,617
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses Reserve for Loss	7,493,585,203
Adjustment Expenses	1,852,640,576
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	165,460,495
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	84,933,575
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	36,555,083
Unearned Premiums	2,317,727,202
All Other Liabilities	972,238,252
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,923,140,386
Special Surplus Funds	21,839,551
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	20,000,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	3,238,382,533
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	2,713,848,148
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	5,994,070,231
TOTAL	18,917,210,617

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014	
Direct Premiums Written	617,967
Direct Premiums Earned	901,242
Direct Losses Paid	1,876,451
Direct Losses Incurred	1,005,120

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

WHEREAS, the St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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., 2015.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

24775
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2014
ST. PAUL GUARDIAN
INSURANCE COMPANY

Home Office Address:
One Tower Square
Hartford CT 06183
Mail Address:
One Tower Square
Hartford, CT 06183

ASSETS	
Bonds	62,332,731
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	3,170,794
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	2,660,518
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued	702,963
Other Assets	7,610,900
TOTAL ASSETS	76,477,907
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses Reserve for Loss	29,185,149
Adjustment Expenses	7,106,327
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	646,838
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	336,349
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	136,965
Unearned Premiums	9,124,670
All Other Liabilities	3,815,345
TOTAL LIABILITIES	50,351,643
Special Surplus Funds	84,064
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	4,200,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	11,000,000
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	10,842,199
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	26,126,263
TOTAL	76,477,907

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014	
Direct Premiums Written	14,130
Direct Premiums Earned	30,769
Direct Losses Paid	4,550
Direct Losses Incurred	17,161

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

WHEREAS, the St. Paul Guardian Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

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LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

24791
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2014
ST. PAUL MERCURY
INSURANCE COMPANY

Home Office Address:
One Tower Square
Hartford CT 06183
Mail Address:
One Tower Square
Hartford, CT 06183

ASSETS	
Bonds	279,108,233
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	8,917,709
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	6,209,861
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued	4,221,725
Other Assets	46,590,741
TOTAL ASSETS	345,048,268
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses Reserve for Loss	116,740,595
Adjustment Expenses	28,425,307
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	2,593,328
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	1,345,398
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	521,266
Unearned Premiums	36,498,679
All Other Liabilities	28,674,769
TOTAL LIABILITIES	214,799,342
Special Surplus Funds	336,257
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	4,230,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	99,230,274
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	26,452,394
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	130,248,926
TOTAL	345,048,268

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014	
Direct Premiums Written	48,559
Direct Premiums Earned	77,753
Direct Losses Paid	69,694
Direct Losses Incurred	(425,549)

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

WHEREAS, the St. Paul Mercury Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

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Director of Insurance

Legion Auxiliary needs officers

On Monday May 4, 2015, Sherry McKiver, American Legion Auxiliary, Second Vice-President, opened the meeting in the legion hall with 13 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance and Auxiliary Preamble were recited in unison. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as amended. Treasurers report was read and filed.

Marion Mydland's name is already on the Memorial Stone and Charlotte Lange's name will be etched on this month. A thank you was received from Lyndsey Swisher. No bills were presented. J. Seibel, and B. Larson will be in charge of working the wedding reception scheduled for May 30.

New business will include paying the convention fee for delegates attending the State Convention to be held in Huron in June, tentatively sending Jan, Meri, Sherry, and Karen.

A letter was received from Jackie Omland, District President for Unit 4, regarding the meeting held at Stratford on 4-11-2015.

The meeting was well attended and suggestions made to get more information to the candidates for Girls State to keep them better informed. Also the National American Legion Auxiliary is requesting that all members send in their e-mail addresses to the home office. Jan Seibel was elected Legionette of the Year for District IV and will be honored at the June Convention.

There were no potential candidates for the June election for the offices of president, second vice president, and treasurer.

Gertie Erickson, Deb Olson, and Rose Locke all agreed to serve another term as historian, sergeant-at-arms, and chaplain.

Hopefully the June meeting will encourage someone to run for president, second vice and treasurer and we will have a swearing

in ceremony on 6-1-2015, and select chairmanships and committee helpers.

Poppies will be distributed by Gertie, Marion, Bonnie, and Rose on Friday May 22, 2015. Dates scheduled for cleaning cemetery and planting flowers for Memorial Day are May 11 or 12, depending on the weather. May 19 flags will be staked out on veterans graves. Jan will ask her class at school to help set up the legion hall for the Memorial Day dinner

Pat Larson presented her report on store receipts and box tops for school.

A card and monetary gift will be sent to our Gold Star Mother. Annual Salad Luncheon is set for July 9, 2015.

Additional winners for essay and poet contests held at school were Sixth Grade Overall Winners Johnny Delora, Alexis Hanten, and Kaden Carda. Sixth Grade Class IV first place, Erin Unzen Groton Unit39; Third Grade Class I Poetry, Lane Tietz, Columbia, Unit 58 Second Place Holden Sippel Groton Unit 39.

Bonnie and Rose served snacks before the meeting. Hostesses for June will be Sherry and Deb.

The Prayer for Peace was read by the chaplain, meeting adjourned.



Pictured left to right are Kasey Waage, Rachel Blackmun, Coach Greg Kjellsen, Maddie Colestock, Payton Colestock and Ashley Fliehs. (Photo by Michelle Muilenburg)

Girls are back-to-back NEC Champions

The Groton Area girls golf team defended its Northeast Conference title Thursday at Lee Park in Aberdeen with a second straight title. Groton easily won the title with 419 points followed by Aberdeen Roncalli with 443, Sisseton had 449, Milbank 464 and Redfield-Doland 495.

Kasey Waage placed first with a 95, Maddie Colestock was second with a 97, Rachel Blackmun was 10th with 113 and Payton Colestock was 11th with 114. Ashley Fliehs shot a 123 for the day.

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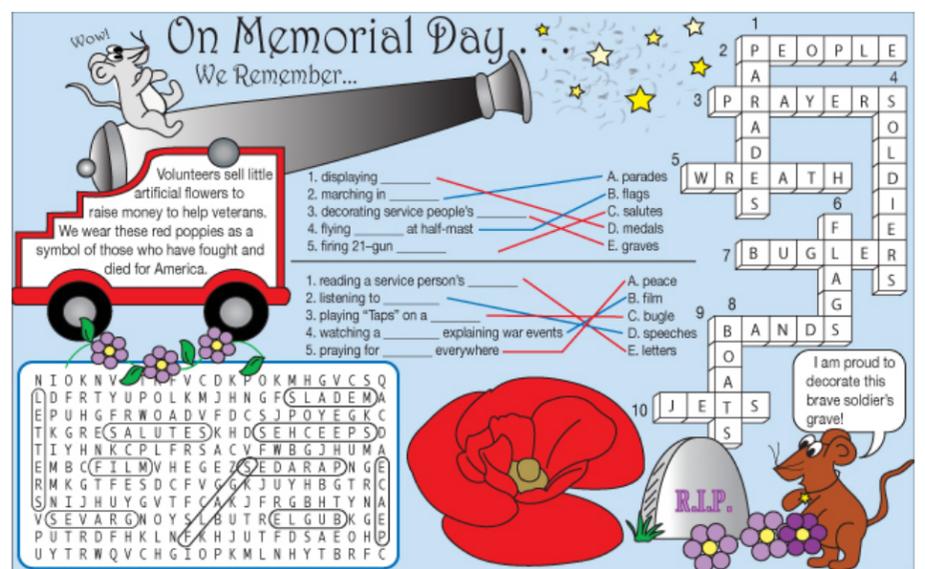
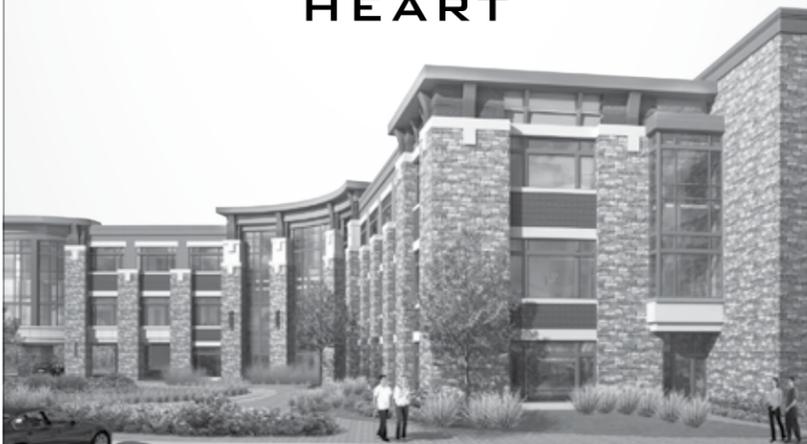
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JVT Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 28
Groton Area High School Arena
11:30am-12:30pm - Registration/Lunch
12:30pm - Business Meeting

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Pastor Matt Richards from the United Methodist Church gave a few words and a blessing as the Little Free Library was dedicated Wednesday after Vacation Bible School. Last year, the tree on the left was planted and donated by Weber Landscaping. The bench was added earlier this year and the Little Free Library was purchased and installed.

Little Free Library in Groton

Groton United Methodist Church has started a Little Free Library(LFL)! These are growing in popularity across the country, and Groton is now on board! You can go to www.littlefreelibrary.org for more info, and you can also see Groton on the map with others from around the world who are already on the map! LFL started when a man built the first "birdhouse-like book exchange" at Hudson, Wisconsin in 2009 at his home. It was a tribute to his mom who had been a teacher and loved reading. Today there are over 10,000 LFL at 50 countries throughout the world!

***What is Little Free Library? A gathering place where you can "take a book, return a book." A trusting place where you can pick up a book or two and later bring back another book to share. A friendly place where you can meet other people who share the love of real printed books...not just by using technology. A "going green" place where books are recycled to help God's creation...our earth.

***Why Little Free Library? When children make reading an everyday activity, they not only use their imaginations...they gain a lifelong love of learning. Our hope is to increase literacy, to make a variety of books accessible to all children, youth, and adults any time of day (all year round), to create a fun family activity in our community, and to provide community outreach.

***How can I help? We will be collecting new or nicely used books to keep our library up, so any donations of books would be great! Please contact Kim Weber (380-7148) if you could donate books or make a monetary donation to get books when we need them.

***Every Thursday for two months this summer:
 STORYTIME at the Little Free Library, weather permitting, at 10:00 am.
 Dates will be June 4, 11,18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.



Carna Atherton-Pray and Kim Weber unveiled the new Little Free Library.

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DAKOTA TREE COMPANY



Webster Theatre
 Theatre opens at 7 pm with movies starting at 7:30 pm, Friday through Monday.

5-15 to 5/18 Furious 7 PG 13
5-22 to 5/25 Longest Ride PG 13
5/29-6/1 Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 PG

Elementary Poem and Essay Winners

Back Row: Cara Dennert Columbia Legion Auxiliary, Dylan Anderson (1st place essay winner/Columbia), Aeydon Johnson (2nd place poem winner/Groton), Andrew Marzahn (1st place poem winner/Groton), Tate Larson (2nd place essay winner/Columbia), Kamryn Flihs (1st place poem winner/Columbia), Shalyn Foertsch (2nd place poem winner/Columbia), Meri Erickson Groton Legion Auxiliary

Front Row: Faith Flihs (1st place essay winner/Columbia), Lane Tietz (1st place poem winner/Columbia), Ryan Groeblichhoff (2nd place poem winner/Groton), Anna Fjeldheim (2nd place poem winner/Columbia), Holden Sippel (1st place poem winner/Groton)



Andover Landmark collapses
 The Waldorf Hotel in Andover started to collapse yesterday. The building is expected to be demolished today. Betty Breck provided the photo above.

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Someone with a black pickup was seen pounding in the posts for this sign early Saturday morning. The sign is posted on the road going west on Fifth Avenue from Broadway. It should be noted that it is not a city authorized sign.



Candidates for Girls State selected
 The following girls have been selected to attend Girls State in June at USD.
 Left to Right: **Kaitlyn Ringgenberg** (representing Columbia Legion Auxiliary), **Allison Weber**, **Katie Miller**, **Lily Cutler**, and **Emily Raap** (all representing Groton Legion Auxiliary), and **Kiernan McCranie** (representing Claremont Legion Auxiliary)

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