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**Katie LaMee and Luke Smith led a student-led prayer at the beginning of the event.**



## Class of 2015 says Good-Bye to GHS



**Alec Voss had slight wardrobe malfunction as he made some adjustments before speaking.**



**The GHS Band, under the direction of Reid Johnson, played the pre-commencement and recessional music.**



**Alec Voss threw out boxes of goodies to the seniors. Pictured in the right photo are some of the seniors are enjoying the snack.**



## Dalchow resigns

Groton Area Elementary Principal Daniel Dalchow turned in his resignation. He has accepted the superintendent position at Wyndmere Public School in North Dakota. Dalchow said it was an emotional day on Friday as he turned in his resignation. "The timing was right to move on," he said. His son, Nick, will be graduating from Groton Area on Sunday. "I want to do as much as possible to help with the transition," he said.

Wyndmere Public School started with 12 applicants for the superintendent position. According to the minutes of the Wyndmere Public School, the 12 candidates was reduced to four. One candidate backed out, leaving three. There were four groups interviewing each candidate. The minutes from the May 13 Wyndmere School Board special meeting stated, "All three candidates were strong." The position was offered to Daniel Dalchow at that meeting on a unanimous vote. Dalchow begins his new job July 1, 2015.

Dalchow has been elementary principal for six years.



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**Jacob A. Milbrandt**  
with highest honor

Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week, Hobey Baker Character Award, Principal's 4-year Honor Roll 2015, SD Opportunity Curriculum CTE Scholar, President's Award in Education 2015, Sam Tronnes Memorial Scholarship, SDSM&T Tech Challenge Scholar, Dakota Corps Critical Need Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Salutatorian Scholarship.



**Luke Brendan Smith**  
with highest honor

National Honor Society, National Merit Scholarship Competition Semifinalist and Finalist 2015, Principal's 4-year Honor Roll 2015, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Award in Education 2015, USD Mickelson Scholarship, USD National merit Scholarship, Avera St. Luke's Auxiliary Scholarship, USD Sanford School of Medicine Alumni Student Scholar with Medical School Acceptance, Orval and Bernice Smith Memorial Scholarship, Stratford Community Theatre Scholarship, Groton Area Hopps Dow Scholarship, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation Joe Foss "An American Hero" Scholarship, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation Fred and Marie Christopherson Scholarship, Beck Memorial Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, WEB Water (Sieth, Westby, Zemlicka, Montgomery & Hohn) Scholarship, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Trade/Technical/Science or Math Scholarship.



**Gabriel Scott Dohman**  
with highest honor

National Honor Society, Young Leader's Award Luncheon 2011, DAR Representative Groton Area High School 2014, Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, American Legion Citizenship Award 2015, Type 7 Air Force ROTC College Scholarship, SDSU Jackrabbit Guarantee, SD Opportunity Scholarship.



**Natalia Dohman**  
with highest honor

Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Student Service Award 2015, USD Coyote Commitment, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Susan Deanne Weismantel Memorial Scholarship, Groton Class of 1969 Scholarship.



**Maryn Howard**  
with highest honor

Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, SD Opportunity Curriculum CTE Scholar, President's Award in Education 2015, SDSU Rod and Glenna Fouberg Jackrabbit Guarantee, Healthcare Plus Federal Credit Union Scholarship, Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Groton Simon Insurance and Auction Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Brown County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship, Lazy Farmers 4-H Club Scholarship, Groton Class of 1969 Scholarship.



**Taylor Ann Gustafson**  
with highest honor

National Honor Society, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar 2013, Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Student Service Award 2015, USD Coyote Commitment Scholarship, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, Sanford Heart of Tomorrow Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Rob Luecke Memorial Scholarship, Groton Samuli-Rix Scholarship.



**Lucas James Sternhagen**  
with highest honor

National Honor Society, Wendys High School Heisman School Winner 2014, Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, SD Opportunity Curriculum CTE Scholar, President's Award in Education 2015, Northern Electric Cooperative Scholarship, James Valley Bob Peterson Memorial Telecommunications Scholarship, USD Presidential Alumni Scholarship, SD Society for Technology in Education Technology Scholarship, Dakota Corps Scholarship Critical Need, Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation Cogley Buffington Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Groton Simon Insurance and Auction Scholarship, SD Opportunity Scholarship, WEB Water (Sieth, Westby, Zemlicka, Montgomery & Hohn) Scholarship, Groton Irvin Flihs Memorial Scholarship.



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National Honor Society, Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Student Service Award 2015, President's Award in Education 2015, USD Coyote Commitment Distinction Scholarship, Groton FCCLA Service Award, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Wilfred N. and Lucille A. Heinz Memorial Scholarship.



**Kaitlin Dianne O'Neill**  
with highest honor

National Honor Society, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar 2012, Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, SD Girls State Representative 2014, Groton Sammuli-Rix Scholarship.



**Kasey Rae Waage**  
with highest honor

National Honor Society, Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Student Service Award 2015, American Legion Citizenship Award 2015, Groton PEO Scholarship given in memory of Marvel Johnson, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, HB Telco Federal Credit Union Scholarship, Groton Local Firemen's Scholarship, SDSU Jackrabbit Guarantee, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Dakotas Federal Credit Union Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Financial Need Scholarship.



**Matthew M. Knecht**  
with honor

National Honor Society, Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Student Service Award 2015, President's Award in Education 2015, SDSU Jackrabbit Guarantee, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Groton Phyllis J. Jark Memorial Education Major Scholarship.



**Sydney Ann Thorson**  
with honor

Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Shawn Weismantel Kramer Memorial Scholarship, Groton Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship.



**Maddison J. Colestock**  
with honor

Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, Groton Kiwanis Community Service Scholarship, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Student Service Award 2015, President's Award in Education 2015, USD Coyote Commitment, SD Opportunity Scholarship, Groton Lions Club Scholarship, Groton Don Bartz Scholarship.



**Rachel M. Blackmun**  
with honor

Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Student Service Award 2015, USD Coyote Commitment, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Groton Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship.



**Courtney Kurtz**  
with honor

Wendys High School Heisman School Winner 2014, Wendys High School Heisman State Finalist 2014, Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, Principal's Student Service Award 2015, Groton Alumni Scholarship.



**Kyler Ell**  
with honor

Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, SD Opportunity Curriculum CTE Scholar, Groton Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship.



**Kennedy Clark**  
with honor

Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, Principal's Student Service Award 2015, Groton FCCLA Service Award, University of Sioux Falls Achievement Scholarship, Tom and Cindy Lillibridge Entrepreneurial Scholarship, Brown County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship, Groton Alumni Scholarship.



**Nicole Grand Lewandowski**  
with honor

SD Opportunity Curriculum CTE Scholar, Vicki Strom Memorial Scholarship, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Groton Don Bartz Scholarship.



**Jackson Doeden**  
with honor

Principal's 4-Year Honor Roll 2015, SD opportunity Curriculum CTE Scholar, President's Award in Education 2015, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, Valley City State University Football Alumni Scholarship, Valley City Charlotte Van Houten Academic Scholarship, Groton Cortland and Lois Kuehnert Athletic Scholarship.



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**Breanna S. Marzahn**  
 with honor  
 National Honor Society, Groton Eastern Star, Principal's Student Service Award 2015, Catholic United Financial Scholarship, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Brown County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship, Groton Area School Employee Teaching Scholarship.



**Zachary Steele Crosby**



**Michaela Marae Cutler**



**Nicholas J. Dalchow**



**Danielle Nicole Dobbins**



**Ashley Elizabeth Gibbs**  
 Principal's Student Service Award 2015, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, SD Community and Family Extension Leader's Scholarship, Brown County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship, Groton Area School Employee Teaching Scholarship.



**Will T. Hanson**



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**Christine Elizabeth Herr**  
 SD Regents Scholar Diploma, St. Cloud State University Presidential Scholarship, St. Cloud State University Residence Hall Scholarship.



**Sheldon Herr**  
 Jerald W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship, Day County Conservation Scholarship, Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Groton Simon Insurance and Auction Scholarship.



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**Katherine Ann LaMee**  
 SD Girls State Representative 2014, Principal's Student Service Award 2015, Groton PAC Community Service Scholarship, FCCLA Service Award, Andover Waldorf Scholarship.



**Kiana Marie Kokales**  
 SD Regents Scholar Diploma, Principal's Student Service Award 2015, Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, SDSU Music Scholarship, Groton Area School Employee Teaching Scholarship.



**Spencer Knecht**  
 Groton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, Full Circle Ag Scholarship.



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**Jocelyn Taylor Peterson**  
SD Girls State Representative  
2014, Northern State University  
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**Devon J. Poppen**



**Danielle R. Schinkel**

Groton FCCLA Service Award, Mitchell Technical Staff Scholarship, Groton Masonic Lodge Scholarship, Kay and David Donovan Memorial Scholarship.



**Tyler Scott**



**Chance Wyatt Strom**  
Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Groton Simon Insurance and Auction Scholarship.



**Paige Cheri Pray**



**Alec John Voss**

Jerlad W. Peterson Memorial Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Groton Simon Insurance and Auction Scholarship, Anthony O'Brokaw Memorial Scholarship, Ruden Family Ag Scholarship.



The senior vocalist sang, "Dream Big," under the direction of Cody Swanson.



**Dylan J. Vogel**

Southwest Minnesota State University Achievement Scholarship, Full Circle Ag Scholarship.



Superintendent Joseph Schwan gave the welcome.

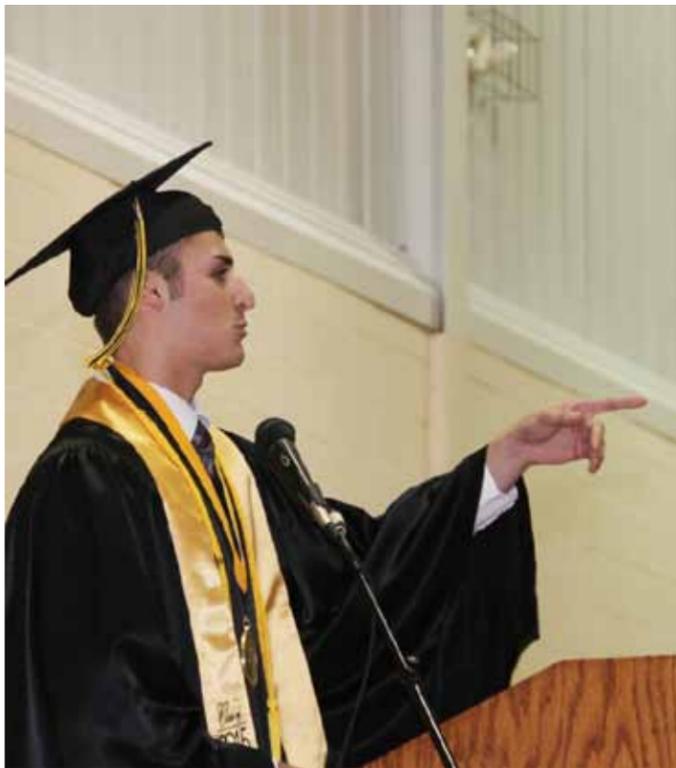


The hats went flying at the end.

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**Middle/High School Principal Anna Schwan read the special senior awards.**

**Alec Voss and Gabe Dohman were the senior speakers. They both did an impressive job.**



**Steve Smith, president of the Groton Area Board of Education, thanked the senior class for their donation, which was presented by Kasey Waage. The funds are earmarked for the restoration of the school bell and for landscaping at the front of the school.**



**Steve Smith said, "Doug Bahr has been a member of our custodial staff for 11 years, bringing with him his valuable skill as a plumber. Doug appreciates the opportunity he had to work for the school and the many friendships developed throughout the years. For those of you who benefit from his huge tomato and pumpkin crops, don't worry. He plans to continue with these gardening projects during his retirement, too."**



**Steve Smith said, "I'd like to thank Deb Jensen who has taught here for 37 years, starting the elementary students in beginner band, encouraging and instructing them as they proceeded through the middle school years. She was also instrumental in the formation of the current show choir. During her tenure here, she has had many students qualify for Middle School All State Band, something that requires hard work and long hours, both on her part and that of her students."**



**Steve Smith said, "I'd like to recognize Connie Stauch for 29 years of dedication and hard work as the business office assistant. Mrs. Stauch has capably handled her official duties in the office, but her favorite part of the job was being able to interact with the students every day. She will miss this the most, but can now begin to work on the long list of projects she has planned for retirement."**

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Steve Smith said, "Now I'm going to deviate from your program just a bit to recognize one more person here today and that person is our former school board president, Dorene Nelson. Dorene stepped down as president this past year but continues to be an active board member and thankfully, my mentor. I believe you would be hard pressed to find another person who is as strongly committed to the success of our students, our staff and our school district as Dorene is. She is such a positive person and it is a pleasure to work alongside her."



Michael J. Weber presented the Class of 2015.



Doug Bahr, Deb Jensen and Connie Stauch with their plaques.



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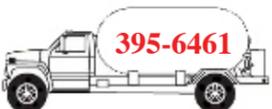
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Jennifer Sietsema from NECOG talks about the flood map at the city council meeting.

**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

**Thursday, May 21**  
**Senior Menu:** Hot roast beef combination, carrots, mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie.  
**Birthdays:** Alex Brandt • Cody Hanson • Joey Harry • Alex Bretsch • Matthew Richards

**Friday, May 22**  
**Senior Menu:** Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.  
**Birthdays:** Logan Larsen • Jamie Osborne • Gavin Krueger • Duane Kavanaugh • Christopher Scott Larsen

**Saturday, May 23**  
**Birthdays:** Evan Sperry • Jessica Claussen • Robert Gibbs

**Sunday, May 24**  
**Birthdays:** Noah Tullis • Blake Merkel • Katie Anderson  
9:00 a.m.: St. John's Lutheran worship  
10:00 a.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries wor-

ship in Pierpont  
10:15 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran worship.  
3:00 p.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Golden Living Center

**Monday, May 25 Memorial Day**  
**Anniversary:** Troy and Rhonda Carda  
**Birthdays:** Jon Voss • JR Johnson • Kayla Fordham • Joni Groeblichhoff • Peggy DeHoet • Chris Kassube, Jaela Flihs • Sandy Knudson

**Tuesday, May 26**  
**Birthdays:** Heather McDonald • Stephanie Vedvei • Beth Gustafson • Drake Peterson  
**Senior Menu:** Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.  
9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Vacation Bible School

**Wednesday, May 27**  
**Birthdays:** Dean Kramer • Susan Knudsen • Shirley Meister  
**Senior Menu:** Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread.  
9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Vacation Bible School

**Thursday, May 28**  
**Birthdays:** Kim Zerr • Darliss Larson • Lora McMahon • Marty Sippel • Jim Stearns •

Joyce Grenz • Steven Jones • Braeden Flihs  
**Senior Menu:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, winter mix vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas.  
9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Vacation Bible School  
11:30 a.m.: James Valley Telecommunications Annual Meeting lunch and registration with meeting at 12:30 p.m. at GHS Gym/Arena.

**Friday, May 29**  
**Birthdays:** Clare Brotherton • DeLoris Knoll • Howard Gengerke • Jerry Ray Johnson • Jeff Ringgenberg • Michelle Osterman  
**Senior Menu:** Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.  
State Track Meet at Spearfish



**Armed Forces Day**  
Brian Gravatt put up the flags on Groton's Main Street Saturday morning for Armed Forces Day. President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.  
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## City crew to work on baseball lights

There is \$3,000 budgeted for repair of the baseball lights. The council decided to try and repair as many lights as possible with city equipment and staff. There are 11 bulbs not working. The council will consider bringing in Musco next year to replace all of the bulbs. The quote from Musco was \$7,100 to relamp all of the fixtures and \$3,375 to repair the 11 bulbs. Their cost did not include ballasts, capacitors, fuses and additional lamps. If necessary, the city will try and get the East River boom truck in to reach the top of the light towers to do further repairs.

The Safe Route to School sidewalk is planned for the north side of Fifth Avenue will run from First Street west to Lincoln Street. The project will become part of the 2016 SD37 project. Clark Engineering had extra engineering fees associated with the project and requested an increase for \$592.80. The council had to agree to it so that they get paid from the Department of Transportation grant. Since there will be a new street on Fifth Avenue West, Councilman Burt Glover asked if the contractor will take responsibility if they do any damage to the new road. City Finance Officer Anita Lowary said that Clark Engineering saved the city a lot of money by not having to moving a bunch of infrastructure with the project.

Jennifer Sietsema from the Northeast Council of Government came before the council to talk about the Hazard Mitigation Survey. Grant funding is available and the city has to adopt the Brown County plan. Mitigation is any action that will prevent damage in the future. She said that the city needs to come up with projects and prioritize the projects. A couple of projects presented is a generator for the storm shelter at the school, burying the power lines and replacement of the water tower. It was also mentioned that the city needs a new steamer to open up storm sewer vents that are frozen up.

Sietsema said it could be a possibility and will ask the state if that would be an option.

Kami Lipp, Brenda Madsen and Karla Pasteur were present to talk about the pool regulations in regards to the new slide. Some of the rules are:

Must be 48 inches tall and pass the swim test.

Only approved swim suits allowed

One rider on the slide at a time

One person on each landing at a time

Slide feet first, on your back or in sitting position.

The pool side refinishing project amounted to about \$8,000 for sandblasting and powder coating. The 110' slide has been installed at the Groton Swimming Pool. The pool is scheduled to open June 1.

A request to close the alley between Main Street and Third Street between Third Avenue and Fourth Avenue June 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for an auction was granted.

A plat for Hanlon west of the rubble site road, south of Railroad Avenue (the old gas station property) was approved.

One person had requested a refund of a partial rubble site permit. They had unexpected surgery and will not be using it for the rest of the year. They would be willing to pay for the \$10 one time fee. The council ruled that permits are not refundable.

Jay Peterson stopped at city hall at Ipswich about the flashing radar units installed in Ipswich. "You can get a lot of data out of them," he said. "With the data, you can figure out when to patrol and when not to patrol. That flashing light really gets your attention." Their cost was \$6,000 for two units.

Shawn Lambertz was hired as electric superintendent at a rate of \$35 an hour.



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### CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for thinking of us during this special time in starting our new life together. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the gifts from Lori's Pharmacy for the bridal shower. We got some very useful and beautiful things. We are looking forward to our wedding day on May 30th.

Zach Harry and Jessica Hoscheid

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SPED INSTRUCTOR K-5, signing bonus. Send cover letter, resume, certification and other credentials to Dr Michelle Greseth, Sisseton School District 54-2, 516 8th Ave West, Sisseton, SD 57262. Position open until filled. EOE.

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## DARE Essay Winners

Groton Area held its DARE graduation Friday at the GHS Gym. Three students from each class were chosen as Essay Winners from the DARE Program. Pictured from left to right, Officer Justin Cleveland and his three winners, Rease Jandel, third place; Kansas Kroll, second place; and Kennedy Anderson, first place. Then the winners from Chief Stacey Mayou's side were Stella Meier, first place; Jace Craig, second place; and Julianna Kosel, third place. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



A good sized crowd was on hand for the fifth grade DARE graduation held Friday.



One section of the fifth grade class graduating from the DARE program. In back, left to right, are Preston Lendry, Evin Nehls, Trey Johnson, Pierce Kettering, Jace Kroll, Brooklyn Imrie and Kansas Kroll; in the middle row, left to right, are Officer Justin Cleveland, Colton Minnick, Christina Zoellner, Torrence Wiseman, Sarah Jacobs, River Pardick, Alex Dutchuk and teacher Shelby Hendrickson; in front, left to right, are San Min, Kennedy Anderson, Rease Jandel, Cassandra Schultz, Macine McGannon, Emilie Thurston, Landon Kokales, Jayden Frohling and Josh Long; not pictured is Tatum Wright.



Here is the other fifth grade section. In back, left to right, are Travis Townsen, Jordan Bjerke, Lane Krueger, Jackson Cogley, Seth Johnson, Jace Craig, Ani Davidson and Trista Keith; in the middle row, left to right, are teacher Janel Lone, Maddie Bjerke, Julianna Kosel, Heath Long, Kody Lehr and Ryder Daly; in front, left to right, are Madeline Flihs, Megan Flihs, Trinity Smith, Hannah Gustafson, Allyssa Locke, Stella Johnson and Chief Stacy Mayou; not pictured are Jackson Becker, Kaden Kurtz and Hunter Youngblood.



Police Chief Stacy Mayou gave the welcome at the DARE graduation held Friday. Mayou and Officer Justin Cleveland are the instructors for the course, offered by the Groton Police Department.



Chris White, deputy states attorney, was the guest speaker at the DARE graduation. He talked about the rule of five when thinking of taking drugs. How will it affect your life five minutes from now, five hours from now, five days from now, five months from now and five years from now.



## Harry, Hoscheid engaged

Zachary Harry and Jessica Hoscheid, both originally of Groton, are engaged and planning a May 30th wedding at St. Elizabeth Ann Setan Catholic Church, Groton. Parents of the groom-to-be are Mike and Janene Harry of Groton. Parents of the bride-to-be are Pete and Janet Hoscheid of Groton. The couple resides in Aberdeen where Zach is employed at Insurance Plus and Jessica is employed at Great Western Bank.

**Brown County May 5 Meeting Minutes**



MAY 12, 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 Kippley, Fischbach and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Hansen was absent. Commissioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to approve the Joint City/County Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2015; and the General Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2015, with the following correction: strike "due to input from area residents" in regard to Building Permit Fee Variance Request. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Professional Fees: Avera Queen of Peace Health \$174.50; Balcon Enterprises \$4,177.50; Carlsen Funeral Home \$1,000.00; Clark Engineering \$32,670.26; Denise Cody \$30.00; Harmelink, Fox & Ravsborg Law \$135.00; La Croix Law Office \$211.50; Lucy Lewno \$189.00; Midwest Cyber Solution \$1,750.00; Michael Roemmich \$300.00; Kristi Spitzer \$710.00; Spot Freight \$1,585.00; Jodi Sudweeks \$40.80; Karen Swanda \$30.00; Yankton County

Sheriff Office \$25.00

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$4,405.44; Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$40.00; Hub City Radio \$1,050.00; SD Magazine \$295.00; TDS Media Direct \$405.00

Rentals: Aberdeen Housing Authority \$330.00; Danne \$225.00; Wolfson Apartments \$310.00; Zumbaum Property \$310.00

Repairs & Maintenance: C & L Plumbing and Heating \$148.12; Diesel Machinery \$797.99; Hoven Auto Repair \$49.25; J & S Backhoe Service \$3,000.00; Lawson Products \$31.64; Nelson Sales and Service \$6.00; OBD \$171.02; Sander's Sew-n-Vac \$298.49; Schwan Welding \$6,287.58; Sheehan Mack Sales \$386.59; Walth Safety Service \$5,084.60; Woodman Refrigeration \$700.56

Supplies : Praxair Distribution \$80.81; A-1 Locksmithing \$43.00; Aberdeen Auto Center \$14.04; Aberdeen Fire and Rescue \$1,570.00; Amerpride Services \$173.62; Brick's TV and Appliance \$141.22; Cartney Bearing \$498.06; Cash-Wa Distributing \$4,616.21; Dakota Electronics \$3,671.65; Dakota Fluid Power \$322.81; Dakota Oil \$662.50; Dakota Supply Group \$111.43; Digital Ally \$95.00; Earth Grains Baking Co \$396.60; Ecolab Pest Elimination \$131.45; Eiler's Water Conditioning \$93.00; Michael Eliason \$920.00; Farnams Genuine Parts \$10.99; Charlene Doerr \$1,021.00; Sue Gates \$34.30; Govconnection \$223.85; Graham Tire Co \$52.00; Harmelink, Fox & Ravsborg Law \$8.00; Hecla Implement \$6.76; H F Jacobs and Sons Construction

\$124,565.77; Interstate Battery System \$491.80; ; Kens Super-Fair Foods \$12.12; La Croix Law Office \$10.44; Lawson Products \$426.11; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$120.50; Lucy Lewno \$6.49; Lein Transportation \$25,928.76; Mac's \$110.28; Marco \$284.11; McKesson Medical \$118.87; Medical Waste Transport \$146.07; Menards \$51.08; Midstates Printing \$289.66; NCFE Warner 12,296.37; Nelson Sales and Service \$543.11; North Star Energy \$78.40; OBD \$750.00; Pierson-Ford-Lincoln- Mercury \$68.97; Productivity Plus Acct/Titan \$381.04; Michael Roemmich \$1,083.78; Runnings \$112.97; Sander's Sew-n-Vac \$29.98; Sewing Shop \$7.00; Sheehan Mack Sales \$237.74; Taylor Laundry \$132.50; Tri State Water \$30.40; Ultramax \$819.00; United Clinic Pharmacy \$12.99; Wallwork Truck Center \$47.96; Walth Safety Service \$1,712.70; Western Printing \$625.30; Zastrow's Sales and Service \$314.26

Travel and Conference: Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$15.00; Gene Loeschke \$119.85; Kathy Schlecht \$14.00; Andrea Sjomeling \$322.62; Becca Tullar \$222.78; Aaron Walberg \$205.76

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$ 26.14; Century Link \$47.65; Economy Propane \$440.00; Midcontinent Communications \$64.85; Northern Electric CO-OP \$255.88; Northern Valley Communications \$3,073.70; Northwestern Energy \$2,987.65; Northwestern Public Service \$224.80; Town Of Fredrick \$40.01

Other: SDACO \$902.00; SD Dept of Revenue and Regulation

\$482,473.38. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve hiring Victor Rapkoch, as 2015 States Attorney Summer Intern at \$500.00 per week for 10 weeks, effective May 18, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve the following April 2015 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT OF ACCOUNT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the April 2015 Auditor's Report of Account with the County Treasurer in total amount of \$33,052,914.35 (total amount of actual cash @ \$3,800.00, US Bank @ \$222,437.40, Dacotah Bank @ \$2,711,769.59, Petty Cash @ \$2,000.00, Fund Investments @ \$30,112,907.36). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign documentation to assign claims against individuals to Credit Collections Bureau for purpose of collecting a lien. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CARNIVAL CONTRACT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize the Chairman sign the Contract with Reed Exposition Midway/Murphy Brother's Carnival for the 2015 Brown County Fair. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.

ABATEMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to deny request for abatements (2011-2014), submitted by Mike Saylor (missed the appeal process). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLAT: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #25-15. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "M & M Musel 1st Subdivision in SE ¼ Sec 2-T123N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD", having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3 and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fischbach to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the following agreements: Mike Schmidt for lease of personal property (7x14 trailer) on May 1, 2015; The Aberdeen Police Department for lease of the Holum Expo Building on May 9, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE VISION CARE -GUARDIAN: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve renewal rates for the Guardian Vision Program available to employees at their expense (monthly): Employee @ \$11.00, Employee/Spouse @ \$18.52, Employee/Child @ \$18.86, Family @ \$29.84 effective July 1, 2015 – June 30,

2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

UNION CONTRACT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Agreement between Brown County, a political subdivision of the State of South Dakota and Local 162, Council 59 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employee, AFL-CIO, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SPILLMAN TECHNOLOGIES CONTRACT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign Spillman Technologies, Inc. System Enhancement and Purchase Addendum @ \$8,730.00 for the Brown County Regional Communications Center. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY APPLICATION: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Kippley to approve the following lottery application: Make-A-Wish Foundation for raffle to be held at the Brown County Speedway on May 29 and July 17, 2015. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GRANT APPLICATION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign Grant Application with the SD Department of Health for the West Nile Virus Prevention Funding Opportunity to enhance Brown County's mosquito control efforts. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chairman sign ap-

plication, submitted by Northern Valley Communications for occupancy of Brown County Highway #19 in Sec 9-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD, to provide telecommunication services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

GROW SOUTH DAKOTA: Marcia Erickson presented information on Grow South Dakota's 2014 activities in Brown County and thanked the Commission for past and future funding.

VACATE PLAT: Commissioner Fischbach offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #26-15. WHEREAS, Susan Stanley, pursuant to SDCL 11-3-20.1, presented an Application for Vacation of Plat legally identified as: Lot 2 of Randy Stanley Replat of Stanley's Outlot 1 in the SW ¼ of Sec 13-T125-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. WHEREAS, the granting of the request will not authorize the closing or obstruction of any public highway according to law, and all property taxes on such plat are paid. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the plat legally identified as: Lot 2 of Randy Stanley Replat of Stanley's Outlot 1 in the SW ¼ of Sec 13-T125-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD is hereby vacated. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Hansen-absent, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

NORTHEASTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: Northeastern Mental Health Center representatives Joe Manuel, Susan Kornder and Lisa German presented center statistics and related information in regard to the 2016 NEMHC Budget request.

VEHICLE DISCUSSION: The maintenance for the two vehicles available for the County Department use will come from the Commission budget and each Depart-

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Year Ending December 31, 2014  
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Home Office Address:  
One Security Benefit Place  
Topeka, KS 66636-0001  
Mail Address:  
One Security Benefit Place  
Topeka, KS 66636-0001

<b>ASSETS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$24,987,372,794</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b>\$23,685,916,711</b>
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
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>24,987,372,794</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014</b>	
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:

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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**  
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10901 Red Circle Drive  
Minnetonka, MN 55343-9137  
Mail Address:  
10901 Red Circle Drive  
Minnetonka, MN 55343-9137

<b>ASSETS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$72,704,144</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b>\$52,453,147</b>
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
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>72,704,145</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014</b>	
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
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

**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

<b>ASSETS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$14,228,256,535</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b>\$13,099,466,444</b>
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
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>14,228,256,535</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014</b>	
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

<b>ASSETS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>701,461,675</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
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
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes .....	6,016,225
Unearned Premiums .....	26,086,215
All Other Liabilities .....	520,159,689
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b>577,888,985</b>
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
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>701,461,676</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014</b>	
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
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

**Brown County May 4 Joint Meeting**



ment shall pay for fuel with a county credit card at end of use.

**REMOVE BURN BAN:** Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #27-15. WHEREAS, Resolution #18-15, A Resolution by the Brown County Board of Commissioners declaring a fire danger emergency and prohibiting open burning within the County, was adopted on March 31, 2015, with amendment by Resolution #24-15 on April 28, 2015, and WHEREAS, Ordinance 18.0702 authorizes the Brown County Board of Commissioners to rescind the "Fire Danger Emergency".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Board of Commissioners rescinds Resolution #18-15 dated March 31, 2015 and amendment Resolution #24-15 dated April 28, 2015, removing the open burn ban, effective May 12, 2015, with the stipulation that the Brown County Communications Center be notified prior to an open burn. Seconded by Commissioner Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Kippley-aye, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Sutton-aye. Resolution adopted.

**HLS APPOINTMENTS:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to appoint Tom Schmitt and Scott Meints to the Homeland Security (HLS) Regional Review Board. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Moved

by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss contract, per SDCL 1-25-4(4) with Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. 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:

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:** Moved by Kippley, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve premium costs for Brown County Employee Health Insurance Plan with Medica, as follows: Base Plan - Single @ \$583.52 per month (\$2500 deductible), 2-Party @ \$1,075.80 per month (deductible 5,000), Family @ \$1,479.70 per month (deductible 6,500 deductible). Alternate Plan #1 - Single @ \$608.26 per month (\$2000 deductible), 2-party @ \$1,121.44 per month (4000 deductible), Family @ \$1,542.46 per month (\$6000 deductible), Alternate Plan #2 - Single @ \$640.48 per month (\$1500 deductible), 2-party @ \$1,180.82 per month (\$3000 deductible), Family @ \$1,624.14 per month (\$4500 deductible), however the employee shall pay the difference between the Base Plan premium and Alternate Plans #1 & #2 premiums. All plans effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Effective July 1, 2009 employee insurance coverage will expire at the end of the month of employment. Continuing coverage for retirees, who have completed twenty-five years of continuous service and have reached the age of 55 years old, from date of retirement until qualified for Medicare coverage (retiree paying 100% of premium). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

**PROBATION RENOVATION:** Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve change orders to the Probation Renovation Project. 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

Published once at the total approximate cost of \$117.11.

**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)

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**Groton City May 12 Meeting Minutes**



May 18, 2015

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: Peterson, Opp, Fliehs, Glover, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Council members absent were: McGannon and Blackmun. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Ryan Buntrock, and representatives of the press.

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

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

1st State Bank 7,435.12 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; Dakota Silk Screen 264.00 caps & shirts; Geffdog Designs 171.00 caps; Total Security Concepts 400.00 consultation; SD State Treas

8,106.24 sales tax; 1st State Bank 16,898.15 14 c&g loan; A-1 Sanitation 1,380.00 cleanup hauling; A & B Business Solutions 58.80 ink; April Abeln 189.75 dep flex, mileage; AFLAC 955.66 emp ins; Associated Supply Co 5,109.84 tiles, chemicals; Border States 262.50 connectors; Car Quest Auto Parts 17.37 filters; Colonial Research 180.48 cleaner; Dakota Finishing 4,701.00 powdercoating; Dakota Pump & Supply 760.20 lift repairs; Dearborne Life Ins 86.00 life ins; Ecolab 94.70 pest control; Fastenal 9.55 bolts; Galls 88.14 vest; Groton Chamber of Commerce 2,000.00 Heartland sign grant; Groton Independent 262.54 publishing; Guardian Ins 233.63 emp ins; HD Supply 689.19 materials; Heartland Cons Power District 41,779.11 power; Hutterville Welding Shop 3,180.00 sandblasting; Kens 1,539.40 gas, supplies; Paul Kosel 33.00 med flex; Anita Lowary 671.54 med flex; MJs Sinclair 529.62 gas, battery; Macs 385.30 bolts, nuts, washers; Menards 68.16 mortar, grout, trash cans; NWPS 3,100.65 power delivery; Olson Backhoe 694.89 trenching, digging; Raco Stained Glass 12.50 pool brick; Runnings 62.74 brushes, screws, clamps; SD Supplement Retirement 1,500.00 emp retire; South Brown Conservation District 100.00 trees; Specialty Mfg 153.40 cut aluminum; United Lease & Finance 63,482.37 swimming pool loan; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 13,833.69 health ins; Wells Fargo Securities 35,468.95 09 C&G loan; Western Area Power Adm 21,263.09 power; Western Printing 183.00 tickets

Ryan Buntrock requested the alley be blocked off for the

Cowan auction. Opp reported that the neighbors along the alley had no objections to closing the alley for the auction sale. Moved by Opp and seconded by Peterson to approve the closing of the alley between N Main St and N Third St from E 3rd Ave to E 4th Ave. All members present voted aye. Mr. Buntrock leaves the meeting.

Mayor Hanlon stepped away from the table and presented the Hanlon Railroad Addition Plat for approval. Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Opp to approve the plat for Hanlon Railroad Addition. All members present voted aye. Mayor Hanlon resumes as the chairman.

Discussion was held on the Safe Route to School grant project. Clark Engineering did additional work with the storm sewer and cross sections and requested additional compensation. Moved by Glover and seconded by Peterson to approve an additional amount of \$592.80 increase (making the total maximum fee \$26,897.50). All members present voted aye.

Jennifer Sietsema, NECOG, came before the Council to discuss the updating of the Brown County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Grotons needs were discussed and several projects were presented.

Brenda Madsen, Kami Lipp, and Karla Pasteur, swimming pool managers, came before the Council to discuss the new water slide rules. Signs for the slide and fence will be ordered.

Locke Field at the baseball

complex has 11 lights not working right now. The options of having MUSCO come to trouble shoot and replace the bulbs for \$3,375 or replace all 62 bulbs for \$7,100 were discussed. With only \$3,000 in the budget, it was decided to do as many repairs locally and budget a visit in 2016.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Peterson to send Fliehs to the SDML budgeting class in Aberdeen on July 22. All members present voted aye.

Other school opportunities for elected officials and meeting reports were given. Grants to apply for various projects were reviewed. Electronic speed signs were reviewed. The Heartland Consumer Power District grant for \$3,900 has been approved for upgrading street lights.

A citizens request for a refund on her dump permit from annual to a single load was denied.

At 8:53pm the Council adjourned into executive session for personnel issues on a motion by Opp and seconded by Glover. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 9:20pm.

Moved by Glover and seconded by Opp to promote Electric Lineman Shawn Lambert as Electric Supt effective June 1, 2015 at a pay rate of \$35.00 per hour. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor  
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer  
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$31.77.

**10936**  
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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>193,914,742</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>59,767,946</b>
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)	103,071,230
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	134,146,796
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193,914,742</b>

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014**  
Direct Premiums Written 79,197  
Direct Premiums Earned 91,037  
Direct Losses Paid 31,780  
Direct Losses Incurred 158,293

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

WHEREAS, the Seneca Insurance Company, Inc., a Corporation organized under the Laws of New York, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-23B-23C
- Life
  - Health
  - Fire & Allied Lines
  - Inland & Ocean Marine
  - Workmen's Compensation
  - Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
  - Property Damage (Other than Auto)
  - Auto Bodily Injury
  - Auto Property Damage
  - Auto Physical Damage
  - Fidelity & Surety
  - Glass
  - Burglary & Theft
  - Boiler & Machinery
  - Aircraft
  - Credit
  - Crop-Hail
  - Livestock
  - Title
  - Var. Annuities
  - 23B. Prepaid Legal
  - 23C. 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

**11000**  
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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>224,787,336</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>71,982,901</b>
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)	132,816,936
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	152,804,436
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>224,787,337</b>

**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:

- 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14
- Life
  - Health
  - Fire & Allied Lines
  - Inland & Ocean Marine
  - Workmen's Compensation
  - Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
  - Property Damage (Other than Auto)
  - Auto Bodily Injury
  - Auto Property Damage
  - Auto Physical Damage
  - Fidelity & Surety
  - Glass
  - Burglary & Theft
  - Boiler & Machinery
  - Aircraft
  - Credit
  - Crop-Hail
  - Livestock
  - Title
  - Var. Annuities
  - 21.
- in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.
- IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2015.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

**68802**  
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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$479,497,782</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
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 Due or Accrued	459,800
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	848,811
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	30,000
All Other Liabilities	0
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$13,742,265</b>
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	7,822,621
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$22,844,696
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>479,497,782</b>

**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:

- 1-2
- Life
  - Health
  - Fire & Allied Lines
  - Inland & Ocean Marine
  - Workmen's Compensation
  - Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
  - Property Damage (Other than Auto)
  - Auto Bodily Injury
  - Auto Property Damage
  - Auto Physical Damage
  - Fidelity & Surety
  - Glass
  - Burglary & Theft
  - Boiler & Machinery
  - Aircraft
  - Credit
  - Crop-Hail
  - Livestock
  - Title
  - Var. Annuities
  - 21.
- in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.
- IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2015.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

**28460**  
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
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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>261,478,106</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>190,030,570</b>
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)	35,331,894
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	71,447,535
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>261,478,106</b>

**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:

- 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14
- Life
  - Health
  - Fire & Allied Lines
  - Inland & Ocean Marine
  - Workmen's Compensation
  - Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
  - Property Damage (Other than Auto)
  - Auto Bodily Injury
  - Auto Property Damage
  - Auto Physical Damage
  - Fidelity & Surety
  - Glass
  - Burglary & Theft
  - Boiler & Machinery
  - Aircraft
  - Credit
  - Crop-Hail
  - Livestock
  - Title
  - Var. Annuities
  - 21.
- in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.
- IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2015.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

**Brown County Notice of Election**



**NOTICE OF COMBINED ELECTION**  
 Aberdeen School District No. 6-1  
 Aberdeen City SE Ward  
 A Combined Election will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at the Aberdeen City Vote Centers in Brown County. The election Vote Centers will be open from seven a.m. to seven p.m. central standard time on the day of the election.

No longer are voters required to vote within precinct jurisdictions. Voters can cast ballots at any of the following Vote Centers in Brown County:

Ramada Convention Center, 2727 6th Ave SE, Aberdeen SD (east entrance)

Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center, 1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen ... SD (north convention center .... entrance)

Courthouse Community Room, 25 Market Street, Aberdeen SD (handicapped accessible entrance on north side of building)

Voters with disabilities may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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**Groton Lions Club**

The Groton Lions held their annual potluck supper/meeting at Topper Tastad's place of business, uptown Groton, last Thursday evening. Dave Pigors, president, led the business session, and asked for a scholarship committee report. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson and Lee Schinkel reported they had met, and have chosen Maddie Colestock, Maryn Howard, and Katie Groeblichhoff, to receive the three Lions scholarships. Topper Tastad gave details on the Show 'n Shine show in Stratford, June 14.

The wheel of meat at the Legion, will be done until October.

President Dave presented Pastor Elizabeth with her ten year Chevron pin, and another membership pin from the multi district, and another membership pin for a record breaker from Lions International.

Lee Schinkel was awarded a membership pin as Past President and also a membership pin from Lions International.



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**24988**  
**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
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	383,276,221
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	28,205,701
Due and Accrued	1,127,182,096
Other Assets	6,981,318,964
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>6,981,318,964</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses	1,258,045,055
Reserve for Loss	310,706,338
Adjustment 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
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,816,902,886</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,981,318,964</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014</b>	
Direct Premiums Written	707,480
Direct Premiums Earned	848,097
Direct Losses Paid	189,474
Direct Losses Incurred	158,806
<b>STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY</b>	

WHEREAS, the Sentry Insurance A Mutual 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:

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

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
- 23A. Travel, Accident & Baggage

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

**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	5,455,519
Due and Accrued	10,518,609
Other Assets	394,243,255
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$394,243,255</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$325,421,904
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	779,154
Policy and Contract Claims	4,129,778
Life	72,000
Accident and Health	442,681
General Expenses	11,802
Due or Accrued	1,014,378
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	9,795,884
Federal Income Taxes	25,562,644
Due or Accrued	52,575,674
All Other Liabilities	394,243,255
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>394,243,255</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014</b>	
Direct Premiums Received	\$108,562
Direct Losses Paid	730,037
Direct Losses Incurred	70,780
Life Insurance in Force	9,357,625
<b>STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY</b>	

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
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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

**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	3,105,405
Due and Accrued	40,515,670
Other Assets	502,085,316
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>502,085,316</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses	252,951,288
Reserve for Loss	36,674,900
Adjustment 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
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>392,027,608</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>502,085,316</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014</b>	
Direct Premiums Written	3,900,068
Direct Premiums Earned	3,771,874
Direct Losses Paid	1,180,996
Direct Losses Incurred	3,130,639
<b>STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY</b>	

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.

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

**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	7,845
Due and Accrued	130,403
Other Assets	4,576,729
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,576,729</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses	9,053
Reserve for Loss	5,100
Adjustment 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
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,116,642</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,576,729</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014</b>	
Direct Premiums Written	(397)
Direct Premiums Earned	(397)
Direct Losses Paid	44,790
Direct Losses Incurred	(114,096)
<b>STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY</b>	

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

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

# Bevitized: Amazing Grace



by Beverly Patterson

Several years ago, I was hired by a local hotel to work the night shift. I have always been a "night person" so I thought this job would work out great. It was sort of weird going to bed at 8 am when my shift ended but my body would usually allow me to sleep great for around 4 hours. A nap was usually requested a couple of hours later but by the time my next shift at the hotel rolled around, I was ready. Sometimes, when I worked on Saturday nights, we would head to church right away on Sunday morning before I slept.

I should have known that going to church or anywhere people gather after working a night shift without any sleep is extremely risky. I tend to laugh uncontrollably when my brain is tired and I am never quite sure what will trigger the laughter. If it's something a person wouldn't typically laugh at, my laughter is quiet and easily disguised. If it's something you would laugh at even when you're well rested, it would make the "up all night" me fall on the floor and roll around gasping for breath.

Due to the fact that we were Catholic, we often times attended Mass at churches other than the one we were members of and on this particular morning we found out the services alternated between the church we drove to and another one several miles away. It just so happened the services for that Sunday were at the church farther away. I was so tired and I just wanted to go home and get some sleep but instead we headed down the road and entered the church located in the neighboring town. We chose to sit on the outside end of a pew located near the back of the church. Not long after we were situated a blonde woman walked in and sat down. She positioned herself in the pew in front of us but chose to sit a bit closer to the inside aisle. Not long after she was seated, the services began and everything seemed to be rolling along quite well. About three fourths into the Mass, before Communion, there was time set aside for silent prayer and it was then, when I finished

my prayers and opened my eyes I caught site of the woman ahead of us. I saw her lean over just a bit to the right and all of a sudden I heard one of the healthiest doses of flatulence you could ever imagine!!!! This was the day I knew God definitely had a sense of humor and without His amazing grace, I would have ceased to exist.

I had limited options at this point. I could burst into laughter that would require my other half to carry a hyena to church, I could walk out, I could do my best to hold it in and fear I might release something similar or much worse or hope for lightening to shoot through the window and strike me dead! I opted to hold it in and my walk up to receive Communion was one I'll never forget. I had a smile plastered on my face that most likely scared small children and had the priest hoping I would enter his confessional immediately following the service.

When Mass had ended and we were told to go in peace to love and serve the Lord, the woman that had nearly caused my brain to explode earlier leaned over and once again released a resounding blast of thunder that shook the rafters. By this time I knew my self control had been stretched to the limit and when I burst out the doors of that church the laughter I had held in spewed out of me like lava from a volcano!

I would never choose to disrespect anyone, especially at church, but I do believe this day helped me to realize, prayers do get answered. Some are answered in time, some are answered in ways we never imagined and some are answered within seconds of being heard!

<b>12575</b>	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2014 <b>SILVERSCRIPT INSURANCE COMPANY</b>	
Home Office Address: 445 Great Circle Road Nashville, TN 37228 Mail Address: 445 Great Circle Road Nashville, TN 37228	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$2,764,215,754</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
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 & Fees Due or Accrued .....	4,358,670
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued .....	97,339,362
All Other Liabilities .....	1,858,052,775
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b>\$2,316,137,741</b>
Special Surplus Funds .....	\$61,556,686
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit .....	2,750,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus .....	124,750,000
Unassigned Funds (Surplus) .....	259,021,327
Surplus as Regards Policyholders .....	\$448,078,013
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>2,764,215,754</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014</b>	
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

<b>24767</b>	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2014 <b>ST. PAUL FIRE &amp; MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY</b>	
Home Office Address: One Tower Square Hartford, CT 06183 Mail Address: One Tower Square Hartford, CT 06183	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>18,917,100,617</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses .....	7,493,585,203
Reserve for Loss 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
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b>12,923,140,386</b>
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
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>18,917,210,617</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014</b>	
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
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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

<b>24775</b>	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2014 <b>ST. PAUL GUARDIAN INSURANCE COMPANY</b>	
Home Office Address: One Tower Square Hartford CT 06183 Mail Address: One Tower Square Hartford, CT 06183	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>76,477,907</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses .....	29,185,149
Reserve for Loss 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
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b>50,351,643</b>
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
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>76,477,907</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014</b>	
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:

- 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17
1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
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LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

<b>24791</b>	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2014 <b>ST. PAUL MERCURY INSURANCE COMPANY</b>	
Home Office Address: One Tower Square Hartford CT 06183 Mail Address: One Tower Square Hartford, CT 06183	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>345,048,268</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses .....	116,740,595
Reserve for Loss 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
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>	<b>214,799,342</b>
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
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>345,048,268</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2014</b>	
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:

- 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)
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LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

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**Putney Putovers May Report**

The Putney Putovers 4-H Club met May 3rd, at the Groton Community Center. The meeting was called to order by President Carly Wheeting. Flag pledges were led by Cole Simon, Shyla Larson, and Jillian Hughes. Roll call was answered with a food you dislike. There was no secretary's report. The treasurer's report was approved by Emma Donley and seconded by Taryn Taylor. There were no bills. Reporting on community service, Caleb Hanten and Alexis Hanten cleaned ditches. Lucas and Cole Simon had a bake sale supporting 4-H. Lane Tietz, Taryn Taylor, and Tage Taylor each helped grandparents and Jillian Hughes worked at the DI rummage sale.

In new business, Tage Taylor made a motion to donate to the county fair auction. Alexis Hanten seconded. Dates for livestock, judging schools, horse, Public Presentation Day, and Special Foods were given. There was also a fruit sale recap and discussion about the Downtown Aberdeen Farmers Market.

Hostesses for the meeting were Shyla Larson and Lane Tietz. Dylan Krueger gave a demonstration on loading and unloading a horse safely. Hannah Monson gave a demonstration, "How to Make a Lava Lamp," and Hailey Monson gave a talk on the circulatory system. Emma Donley also gave a talk titled "Always Prewash: A Good Habit to Get Into" and demonstration on a basic sewing kit. The next meeting will be held June 8th, at the Groton Community Center. Hostesses will be Tage and Taryn Taylor. The adjournment was moved by Hailey Hanson and seconded by Caleb Hanten.

**Webster Theatre**  
 Theatre opens at 7 pm with movies starting at 7:30 pm, Friday through Monday.  
**5-22 to 5/25 Longest Ride PG 13**  
**5/29-6/1 Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 PG**

**Groton City Sump Pump ALERT**  
**Sump Pumps MUST be Discharged Outdoors Immediately**  
**Failure to Comply Can Result in Sewage Backing Up in Your Basement and Fines.**

**Ken's SUPER FAIR FOODS**  
**MEMORIAL DAY MAY 25th**  
 CONGRATULATIONS To All Area Graduates from Your Family of Ken's Stores!  
**Memorial Day Store Hours**

**\$2.99** Ken's Fresh 85% Lean Ground Round VALUE PACK Per Lb.  
**\$6.99** Hormel Always Tender Pork Loin Fillets 1.5 Lb. Pkg.  
**39¢** FRESH Whole Seedless Watermelon Per Lb.

**3 for \$9** Pepsi, Diet Pepsi or Mt. Dew  
**3 for \$5** Keebler Chips Deluxe Cookies  
**\$2.89** Hormel Always Tender Pork Baby Back Ribs Per Lb.

**\$1.69** Bush's Baked or Grillin' Beans 21-25 Oz. Can  
**39¢** Van Camp's Pork and Beans 15 Oz. Can  
**\$1.99** FRESH Raspberries, Blackberries, or Strawberries 6 Oz. - 1 Lb. Pkg.

**\$17.99** Bud, Bud Light 24 Pack 16 Oz. Cans  
**\$15.95** Windsor 1.75 Liter

**SAVE \$3.00 BY PURCHASING ANY 6 KRAFT ITEMS BELOW OR FROM 4 KRAFT ITEMS ON PAGE 2 AND USING COUPON BELOW - SAVE 50¢ PER ITEM**

<b>\$2.99 - 50¢</b> Kraft Miracle Whip or Mayonnaise	<b>\$2.99 - 50¢</b> Kraft Assorted Pourable Dressings	<b>\$2.99 - 50¢</b> Kool-Aid or Country Time Drink Mix	<b>\$2.99 - 50¢</b> Capri Sun Pouch Drinks
<b>\$2.99 - 50¢</b> Kraft Deluxe Dinners or Velveeta Shells Dinners	<b>\$3.99 - 50¢</b> Planter's Mixed Nuts or Cashew Halves & Pieces	<b>\$3.49 - 50¢</b> A-1 Steak Sauce	<b>\$2.99</b> Blue Bunny Ice Cream
<b>\$2.49 - 50¢</b> Kraft Philadelphia Cream Cheese	<b>\$2.49 - 50¢</b> Kraft Assorted Chunk or Shredded Cheese	<b>\$2.49 - 50¢</b> Kraft American Singles	<b>99¢</b> Sunny Delight Citrus Punch

**Pump Prices Surge Approaching Memorial Day**

**Day**  
 AAA South Dakota, May 19, 2015 – With the long Memorial Day weekend right around the corner, South Dakota's average pump price for regular gasoline continues to surge higher, up more than two cents in the last 24 hours, AAA reports, and up 20 cents over the past month. The average price in Aberdeen was \$2.631, up from \$2.555 last week.

**1st Down the Slide Contest Extended to 5/29/15 at noon.**  
**Nominate Anyone (over 4 ft) for \$10**  
**Each dollar donated for any name= a vote**  
**5/18/15 Leaders**  
**1) Marc Sippel**  
**2) David McGannon**  
**3) Tevin Abeln**  
**4) Jerrie Vedvei & Anita Lowary (tied)**  
**5) Logan Lane & Marshall Lane (tied)**  
**Other nominations: Joe Foertsch, Mandy Boe, Paul Kosel, and Sarah Sippel**

**Legion Post #39 Memorial Day services**

8:00 am James  
 9:00 am Verdon  
 9:30 am Bates-Scotland  
 10:00 am Ferney  
 11:00 am Groton  
 Lunch to follow at Post #39

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