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Dr. Schwan receives Poling Award

E. Gordon Poling Administrator Award Winner: Dr. Anna Schwan, pictured with Ashley Seeklander and Jodi Sternhagen. The Poling nominee must have demonstrated an understanding of the counseling profession and unqualified support of it and must be in some kind of supervisory position over counselors, counselor-interns, or students of counseling. Seeklander and Sternhagen nominated Dr. Schwan for the award. Pictured are Seeklander, Dr. Schwan and Sternhagen.



Photo by Paul Kosel

Kosel is top fundraiser for Hoops for Heart

Jeslyn Kosel, fourth grade student at Groton Area Elementary School, was the top fundraiser for the second straight year for the Hoops for Heart. She is pictured with the prizes that she earned. Previously, her sister, Julianna, was the top fundraiser for Hoops for Hearts for two years.



Courtesy Photo

From left to right Mr. Austin Fordham, Kylie Kassube, Emily Thompson, and Mrs. Desiree Yeigh

HS Students receive honor of being accepted into All State Band

On Saturday March 25th, Emily Thompson and Kylie Kassube proudly represented Groton Area in South Dakota's 66th Annual High School All State Band. The event was located in Sioux Falls, SD at O'Gorman High School. The audition process to be accepted into All State Band is very vigorous and competitive. Students attend a judged audition that consists of scales, playing a solo, playing a learned etude, and sight reading in front of a qualified judge. A written test is also required. Emily and Kylie spent about a year preparing for the audition process. Emily auditioned for the percussion section. Only fourteen students are selected and Emily was number five in the state. Kylie auditioned for clarinet the section. Forty students are selected and Kylie was number twenty five in the state. A total of 101 students auditioned for the clarinet section.

The guest conductors for this prestigious event was Dr. Myron Welch and Dr. Elva Kaye Lance. Emily and Kylie were both placed in the Lewis Band and were under the direction of Dr. Welch. Dr. Welch spent more of his teaching career at the University of Iowa for twenty eight years. Before teaching in Iowa Dr. Welch also taught at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Welch did an excellent job with the students and put on a fantastic concert that received a standing ovation. Welch was personable, humorous, and hardworking with the students. Congratulations Emily and Kylie! You made Groton Area extremely proud!



Photo Courtesy of GDILIVE.COM

The G-Force team was interviewed live on GDILIVE.COM. You can go to the website to watch the interview where they talk about their experiences at the US Open. Pictured are Tanner McGannon, Hunter Monson, Landon Marzahn and Advisor Jim Lane.

GDI Office on Main

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Audrey Wanner is quad winner at Britton-Hecla

Audrey Wanner was a quadruple winner at the Orville Pfitzer Relays track meet held Tuesday in Britton. She won the long jump, the triple jump and was on the winning 400m relay and 800m relay teams. Patyon Maine won the 300m hurdles, Eliza Wanner won the 100m dash, Jessica Bjerke won the discus and the girls 1600m relay and medley relay teams were also winners.

Treyton Diegel was a triple winner for the boys, winning the 800m run and was on the winning 1600m and 3200m relay teams. Lee Williams won the 400m dash and Jonathan Doeden won the 300m Hurdles. McClain Lone won both throwing events, Bennett Shabazz won the triple jump, Austin Jones won the high jump and the medley relay team placed first.

Girls' Division

100m Hurdles: 2, Payton Maine, 18.0.

300m Hurdles: 1, Payton Maine, 52.24; 2, Eliza Wanner, 59.15.

100m Dash: 1, Eliza Wanner, 13.52; 3, Heather Lone, 23.85; 6, Kaylin Kucker, 15.14.

200m Dash: 2, Nicole Marzahn, 30.15; 3, Tady Glover, 30.50; Kaylin Kucker, 31.65.

1600m Run: 1, Emily Thompson, 6:16.

400m Relay: 1, (Audrey Wanner, Katie Koehler, Harleigh Stange, Eliza Wanner), 52.87.

800m Relay: 1, (Audrey Wanner, Payton Maine, Katie Koehler, Harleigh Stange), 1:54.69.

1600m Relay: 1, (Eliza Wanner, Heather Lone, Jodi Hinman, Emily Thompson), 4:56.55.

Medley Relay: 1, (Kaylin Kucker, Tady Glover, Jodi Hinman, Emily Thompson), 5:02.88.

High Jump: 3, Katie Koehler, 4-3; 4, Nicole Marzahn, 4-1.

Long Jump: 1, Audrey Wanner, 16-9; 2, Harleigh Stange, 15-5.5; 5, Nicole Marzahn, 13-10.5; Tady Glover, 13-3.25.

Triple Jump: 1, Audrey Wanner, 35-9; 2, Katie Koehler, 32-1.5; 4, Tady Glover, 27-9.5; 5, Nicole Marzahn, 27-0.5.

Discus: 1, Jessica Bjerke, 114; 2, Taylor Holm, 111-2; 3, Nicole Fey, 101-4; 4, Jennie Doeden, 91-11; 5, Madison Sippel, 98-6; Kaycie Hawkins, 84-8.

Shot Put: 2, Jessica Bjerke, 33-10.5; 3, Taylor Holm, 33-1.5; 4, Jennie Doeden, 31-6; 5, Nicole Fey, 31-1; 6, Kaycie Hawkins, 30-11; Madison Sippel, 30-7.5.

Boy's Division

110m Hurdles: 3, Lucas Hinman, 19.34; 4, Garrett Schroeder, 20-14.

300m Hurdles: 1, Jonathan Doeden, 44.14; 3, Tylan Glover, 48.46; 5, Garrett Schroeder, 52.56.

100m Dash: 4, Lee Williams, 11.5; 5, Tylan Glover, 11.5; Jonathan Doeden, 11.82; Jackson Oliver, 11.9; Garrett Schroeder, 23.79.

200m Dash: 4, Jonathan Doeden, 24.75; Darien Shabazz, 25.50; Jackson Oliver, 25.52; Garrett Schroeder, 27.30.

400m Dash: 1, Lee Williams, 54.81; 4, Austin Jones, 59.21.

800m Run: 1, Treyton Diegel, 2:15.16; 4, Bradon Keith, 2:23; 5, Mitchell Koens, 2:26.

1600m Run: 4, Mitchell Koens, 5:50.34.

400m Relay: 2, (Trevor Pray, Darien Shabazz, Jackson Oliver, Lucas Hinman), 47.27.

800m Relay: 2, (Trevor Pray, Jackson Oliver, Darien Shabazz, Lee Williams), 1:40.02.

1600m Relay: 1, (Treyton Diegel, Bennett Shabazz, Lee Williams, Sean Schuring), 53.56.

3200m Relay: 1, (Treyton Diegel, Brandon Keith, Austin Jones, Mitchell Koens), 9:32.

Medley Relay: 1, (Trevor Pray, Lucas Hinman, Bennett Shabazz, Sean Schuring), 3:48.18.

High Jump: 1, Austin Jones, 5-5.

Long Jump: 2, Lucas Hinman, 18-5.5; 3, Tylan Glover, 17-4.

Triple Jump: 1, Bennett Shabazz, 39-5.5.

Discus: 1, McClain Lone, 132-9; 2, Luke Thorson, 121-11; 5, Grady O'Neill, 96-6.

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Colestock places fourth at Groton Invite

Payton Colestock placed fourth at the Groton girls golf invitational held Monday at the Olive Grove Golf Course. She had a score of 95. Other Groton golfers were Ashley Fliehs with a score of 109, Taylor Holm with a 123, Portia Kettering with a 144 and Jennie Doeden with a score of 180.

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It was a great attempt, but the effort fell short with this year's plan with the National Guard. They were to arrive at 9 a.m. Saturday with three big trucks as Branden Abeln was ready to start loading, but the trucks did not show up until 10:30 a.m. Only four loads were hauled to the Aberdeen landfill, which closed at 5 p.m. The guard had to unload the trucks by hand. Pictured below is what remained of the pile at the end of the day, plus a truck load of televisions. The city had to get two dumpsters to haul the remaining stuff to Aberdeen.



GROTON KIWANIS CLUB

Roger Rix reported on the successful annual GHS athletic banquet, Monday evening. Roger thanked all the Kiwanis members who helped sit up, serve, and clean up afterwards. President Tom Paepke gave the welcome address.

Lee Schinkel reported that he has the scholarship applications from GHS, and that committee will be meeting very soon

Lori Giedt was program chairman, and introduces Keri Pappas, GHS senior, who was just featured in the Aberdeen American News, as a scholarship star. She and Landon Marzahn, were both chosen for the GOLD TEAM.

Keri also told of some of her many volunteering experiences, such as teaching Sunday School at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and being a counselor at NESDAK bible camp. Keri was a Girls Stater last year also, and plans to attend SDSU next year

Groton blood drive a success

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women have sponsored a successful blood drive. The blood drive was held in Groton on April 17th. According to Fern Eloffson, Donor Recruitment Representative at United Blood Services, "Groton had a good turnout. There were 49 people who volunteered to donate and 41 were able to give. Five people gave blood on the automated 2RBC machine that collects two units of red blood cells which resulted in 46 total products.

Jane Ackman and Eunice Alberts co-coordinated the drive. The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Women sponsored the drive and assisted with recruiting donors, publicity, providing refreshments, and registering donors. Space to hold the drive was provided at the American Legion.

The availability of blood is dependent on the success of blood drive held in many communities. The citizens of the Groton area can be assured that their community is a good example of a well-run blood program.

On behalf of the patients who benefited, United Blood Services appreciates all the thoughtful people who volunteered to help others by giving of themselves.

Blood is for sharing; you have truly given the "Gift of Life".

New at GDI Living Heart Fitness



Vicki Jorgenson was the first person to use the new elliptical machine at the GDI Living Heart Fitness. A new treadmill was also added. Special thanks to Jordan, Doug, Wes and Kelby for helping to haul the "beasts" into the center!

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Brown County May 2 Meeting Minutes

MAY 2, 2017 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the Joint City/County Meeting Minutes of April 24 and General Meeting Minutes and the Consolidated Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,289.97; Auditor \$8,049.62; Treasurer \$13,394.56; States Attorney \$20,498.66; SVAWA Grant \$1,286.82; Maintenance \$7,314.63; Assessor \$13,625.67; Register of Deeds \$9,140.08; Veterans Service Office \$4,211.24; GIS \$2,301.47; Information Technology \$7,665.33; Human Resources \$3,082.21; Sheriff Admin \$35,447.50; Jail \$48,153.03; JDC \$22,686.36 Welfare Office \$3,665.57; Museum \$8,161.78; Parks & Fairgrounds \$5,604.43; Fair Board \$3,770.86; 4-H \$601.51; Weed \$4,569.94; Planning and Zoning \$1,866.02; Highway \$41,647.67; Communications \$23,204.89; Emergency Management \$3,999.24; Teen Court \$146.13; 24/7 \$3,283.27; Landfill \$13,343.68.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$18,638.91; Medicare \$4,359.14; SDRS \$38,113.78; Health Ins \$118,652.96; Life Ins \$825.10; Dental Ins \$7,191.00.

Professional Fees: Kelli Aslesen \$147.75; Avera St. Luke's \$306.00; Best Western Ramkota-Aberdeen \$57.00; Dallas Co. Sheriff \$30.00; Ryan S. Dell \$1,664.60; Dependable Sanitation \$22,060.30; Dohrer Law Office \$460.60; Douglas Co. Court \$6.00; Victor Fischbach \$1,000.00; Great Plains Psychological Services \$1,310.31; Mack Higgins \$265.86; Kuck Law Office \$1,604.80; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$183.20; Joseph Locke \$20.00; Minnehaha Co. Auditor \$144.00; Jessica Rychlik \$12.25; Thomas Sannes \$3,933.00; SD Retailers Assoc. \$125.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$822.50; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$4,196.20; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$110.00; Tschetter & Adams Law Office \$554.63; Luke Yellow Robe \$6,000.00.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$1,551.01; Aberdeen Magazine \$425.00; Casper Star-Tribune \$81.46.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$732.28; EcoLab Pest \$109.70; HF Jacobs & Son Construction \$1,607.50; House of Glass \$2,462.37; Hoven Auto Repair \$752.61; Huff Construction \$3,500.00; J & K Painting \$653.59; Ladner Electric \$213.30; Marco \$143.08; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$104.48; Sewer Duck \$150.00; Volk Upholstery \$100.00.

Supplies: A & B \$246.23; Active Data Systems \$525.85; Ameripride \$60.60; Black Book \$110.00; Century Business Products \$684.26; Dakota Electronics \$60.00; DSG \$445.93; DT Pharmacy \$1,032.65; ES&S \$2,057.53; Geffdog \$356.30; GovConnection \$1,121.58; Great Western States Supply \$922.00; inData Corp. \$159.00; Jason's Electric \$184.80; Leather Creations by Dan \$150.00; LG Everist \$7,229.05; Lar-Jo's \$407.48; Mac's \$31.59; Marco \$57.64; Menards \$210.84; Midstates Printing \$357.13; NCFE - Warner \$20,711.93; Network Services \$1,106.26; Pheasantland Industries \$675.11; Pressure Washer Central \$110.00; Sanders Sew 'n' Vac \$293.94; SD Continuing Legal Education \$53.00; SD Secretary of State \$7.00; Share Corp. \$204.00; Taylor Laundry \$42.00; Town & County Building Supply \$62.54; Volk Upholstery \$93.00.

Travel & Conference: C. Scott Bader \$985.72; Jodi Brown \$262.37; Sarah Hartje \$28.67; Patricia Kendall \$82.72; Mark Milbrandt \$868.00; The Brass Kettle \$160.36; The Lodge at Deadwood \$582.00.

Utilities: AT&T \$158.69; CenturyLink \$48.11; NWPS \$2,302.57.

Other: Elaine VanDover \$75.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve the Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes:

Acknowledge the following miles driven and amount to be taxed for personal use of County vehicles during the month of March 2017: Kendall Titze- 120 @ \$64.20, Dirk Rogers - 608 @ \$325.28, Mike Scott- 200 @ \$107.00, Gary Vetter- 131 @ \$70.09.

Approve amending Employee Policy Manual: E-12 - Bonus Days: by adding - If it is your regularly scheduled day off, the Bonus day does not apply.

Approve employee step increases, effective May 7, 2017: Larry Hardy @ \$19.47 per hour, John Weig @ \$19.09 per hour, Eugene Pence Jr @ \$20.37 per hour, Monte Podoll @ \$16.95 per hour, Ross Erickson @ \$22.69 per hour, Terry Lout @ \$18.08 per hour, Sarah Swenson @ \$19.16 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARING: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to authorize a public hearing to consider application for a Special Malt Beverage License (effective June 8, 2017), submitted by the Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce - N 820' E of RR Ex Hwy in the SE 1/4 of Sec 15-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13863 386th Ave, Warner, SD), to be held in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD at 8:45 A.M. on May 23, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS SALE: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to authorize Judy Dosch, Maintenance Supervisor secure quotes from local auction



The high school band, under the direction of Austin Fordham, had several selections including the finale of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," which included a lighted baton given by Thane Henschel. Nathan Fjelstad came up with the ideas at the beginning of school to do a Star Wars song. It also turned out that May 4th, the day of the concert, was "Star Wars Day." The other selections were "El Capitan," "Into the Storm," and "Lead On, O King Eternal."



The sixth grade band performed, "Extreme," "Abide With Me," "The Avengers," and "Lips Are Movin'."



Middle/High School Spring Concert

The junior high band featured, "Fury of the gods," "A Call for Peace," "Gateway March" and the percussion section was featured in "Junkyard Jam."



businesses for purpose of holding a public auction of surplus county property. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

INVENTORY TRANSFER: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve inventory transfer of Decal #3379 2008 Chev Suburban from Communications to Highway. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreements: Jeff Wolff for lease of 12 hog and sheep pens on April 22-23, 2017; Jennifer Hassebroek for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp with permission to serve alcoholic beverages on Sept 15, 2017; Aberdeen American for lease of the Expo Building on May 12-13, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to authorize advertising public hearing to open, read and consider sealed proposals for the Brown County Security Improvements Project, to be held in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD at 8:45 A.M. on May 30, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following Abatement: Freedom Worship Center on Lt 2 ADC 2005 1st Subd in NE 16-123-63 (Industrial Park East 516 Production Street) in amount of

\$18,951.48 (partial tax exempt). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD #108: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to adopt Ordinance #108, an Ordinance amending Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, Title 4, Chapter 4.23, Section 4.2301 Proceedings of the County Planning and Zoning Commission. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-absent, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Ordinance adopted.

BID GRANARY LAWN SERVICE: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider bids for lawn and grounds maintenance at the Granary Rural Cultural Center. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to approve Addendum #1 to the Granary Lawn Service Bid indicating Brown County shall be named additionally insured on all Insurance Certificates required. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fischbach to award bid (only bid received), submitted by Jones Lawn Service in amount of \$2,150.00 as onetime fee for initial cleanup and \$590.00 thereafter for each mowing event, as needed for routine lawn and grounds maintenance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL LEASE: Randy Bauer, Lessee of the County owned Landfill crop acreage requested authorization to assign the lease. The Commission took no action.

SPEED ZONE AMENDMENT: Commissioner Fjeldheim offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #26-17. WHEREAS, Chapter 6.03 Speed Zones of the Second Revision of Brown County Ordinances authorizes the Brown County Commission to change the speed limit or the extent of any such limited speed zones, at any time they may deem necessary, and WHEREAS, all Speed Zones throughout the County were established by Resolution #46-05, as amended by Resolution #66-06, Resolution #39-08, Resolution #72-08, Resolution #101-08, Resolution #94-13, Resolution #69-14, Resolution #15-16, and WHEREAS, the Brown County Commission has recommended

amending the speed zone on County Road 12 (North Roosevelt Street). NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution #46-05, as amended by Resolution #66-06, #39-08, #72-08, #101-08, and #94-13, #69-14 and #15-16, be amended as follows: AMEND: County Road #12 (North Roosevelt Street), beginning at the intersection of County Road #15 (Fairgrounds Road) and County Road #12 (North Roosevelt Street) between the SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 123N, Range 63W of the 5th PM and the SE 1/4 of Section 6, Township 123N, Range 63W of the 5th PM, then north on County Road #12 (North Roosevelt Street) one-fourth mile, at 35 MPH. Seconded by Commissioner Fischbach. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-absent, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCU-

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The junior high choir sang, "Sikiliza! (Listen!)" and "All Night, All Day."



The sixth grade choir sang, "The Crowdad Song," and "Don't Worry, Be Happy."



The high school choir sang, "Festival Sanctus," "Poor Wayfarin' Stranger," "Requiem," and "Worthy To Be Praised."



The Chamber Choir sang, "Now Let Me Fly."



Janene Harry's Art Class had many pieces of art on display at the spring concert.

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PANCY: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by Northern Electric Cooperative for occupancy of County Hwy #13E in the SW ¼ of Sec 26-T124N-R64W, Brown County, SD to provide electrical services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign application, submitted by Northern Electric Cooperative for occupancy of County Hwy #5 in Sec 12-T127N-R64W, Brown County, SD to provide electrical services. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent explained the three types of grant applications available for bridge improvements; department work schedule; BSSE progress.

EQUIPMENT QUOTE: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to award low quote, submitted by Sheehan Equipment for replacement of a scale unit on the 624 Pay Loader at the Landfill in amount of \$5,685.00; rejecting quotes from RDO @ \$7,300.00 and DMI @ \$7,150.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HOUSE AUCTION BID: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to accept top bid at the auction held on April 27, 2017 @ \$41,000.00 (509 N Penn Street). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:55 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Brown County May 2 Joint Meeting Minutes

MAY 1, 2017 - JOINT ABERDEEN CITY/BROWN COUNTY MEETING

The Brown County Commission and the Aberdeen City Council met in joint session at 5:30 P.M. in the Aberdeen City Council Chambers, 123 S Lincoln Street, Aberdeen, SD. Present from City were Council Members Bunsness, Campbell, Johnson, Olson, Remily, Ronayne, Rux, Slight-Hansen and Mayor Levsen. Present from County were Commissioners Kippley, Fjeldheim and Fischbach. Commissioners Hansen and Sutton were absent.

ORDINANCE #17-04-01/467:

On motion by Johnson, seconded by Slight-Hansen, the City unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance #17-04-01/467. Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to adopt Ordinance #17-04-01/467, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini Agricultural District: Proposed Lot 1, Dorn Subdivision in the NW ¼ of Sec 23-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (Approximately ½ mile South of Hwy 12 and 392nd Ave on the East side of the Road; Part of 1115 392nd Ave). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Sutton-absent, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Ordinance adopted.

ORDINANCE #17-04-02/468: On motion by Ronayne, seconded by Rux, the City unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance #17-04-02/468. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Fischbach to adopt Ordinance #17-04-02/468, An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (R-2) Medium Density Residential District: Lot C in the SW ¼ SW ¼ Sec 21-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (1519 S Melgaard Road). Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-absent, Sutton-absent, Fischbach-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Ordinance adopted.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Fischbach, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 5:35 p.m. All members present voting. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Deputy Auditor
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Brown County Ord. 468 Roethler Rezoning

ORDINANCE #17-04-02/468
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1164

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Aberdeen, South Dakota, that the Petition to Amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property filed by Doug Roethler, is hereby granted and Ordinance No. 1164 is hereby amended to change the zoning on the following described property from (A-1) Agricultural District to (R-2) Medium Density Residential District, said property is described as follows:

Lot C in the SW ¼ SW ¼ Sec 21-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (1519 S Melgaard Road)

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

Notice of Hearing : April 13 & 20, 2017

Passed First Reading: April 24, 2017

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Rachel Kippley, Chair

Brown County Commission

ATTEST

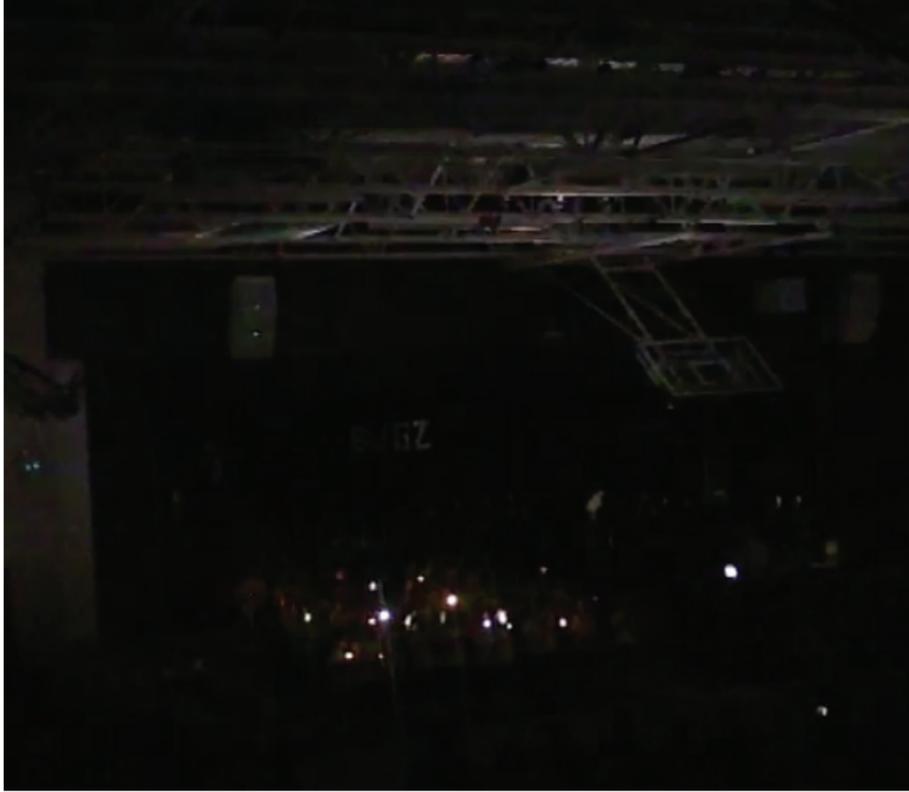
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Elementary Spring Concert



The fifth grade band performed, "Bugler's Dream" and "Ancient Hunters."



The second graders used flashlights while they performed, "Firefly."



"The Bees are Buzzing" performed by the kindergarten class.



The third and fourth grade boys performed, "March of the Army Ants."



The first graders performed, "Itsy Bitsy Spider."



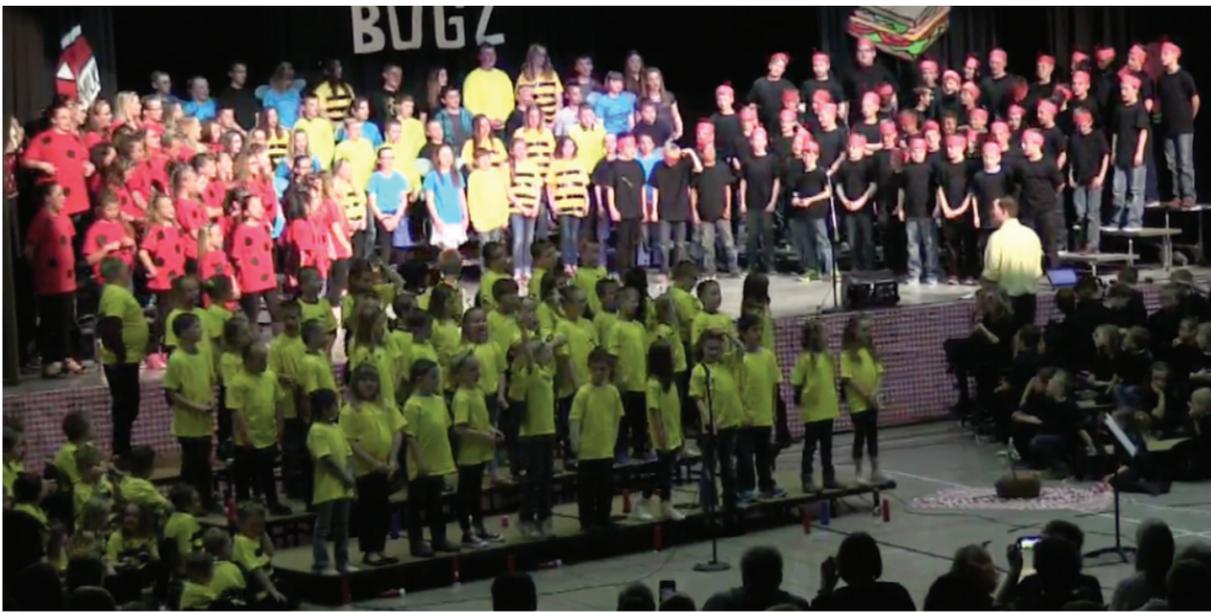
The Junior Kindergarten performed the Caterpillar Song/Flutter, Flutter Butterfly."



The third and fourth grade girls performed, "Be A Lady."



The elementary students, as a group, performed "Going' On A Picnic."



The second, third, fourth and fifth graders sang a song entitled, "Things Change."

Groton track teams both win at Sisseton

Groton's track teams both swept the Sisseton Twilight meet held May 5. Four boys relay teams took first, as did Jonathan Doeden in the 100m Hurdles, Bennett Shabazz in the triple jump and McClain Lone in the discus. First place winners for the girls were the Harleigh Stange in the 200m dash and the long jump, the 400m Relay team and Jessica Bjerke in the discus.

Boy's Division

Team Scores: 1, Groton Area, 145.5; 2, Milbank Area, 108.5; 3, West Central Area, 69; 4, Sisseton, 48; 5, Warner, 44; 6, Leola, 43.5; 7, Clark/Willow Lake, 43; 8, Florence/Henry, 42; 9, Webster Area, 33; 10, Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley, 30; 10, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross, 30; 10, Sargent County, 30; 13, Aberdeen Roncalli, 19; 14, Wilmot, 14; 15, Rosholt, 12; 16, Hancock, 11; 17, Waverly-South Shore, 9.5; 18, Frederick, 7; 19, Britton-Hecla, 2.

100m Hurdles: 1, Jonathan Doeden, 15.99; 3, Lucas Hinman, 18.73; 6, Garret Schroeder, 19.57.

300m Hurdles: 2, Jonathan Doeden, 44.99; 6, Tylan Glover, 48.66; 14, Garret Schroeder, 53.27.

100m Dash: 5, Trevor Pray, 11.92; 7, Jackson Oliver, 12.02; 16, Thomas Cranford, 12.53.

200m Dash: 5, Trevor Pray, 25.39; 7, Jackson Oliver, 25.46; 24, Garret Schroeder, 27.33; 36, Hunter Schaller, 28.92.

400m Dash: 6, Thomas Cranford, 56.97; 10, Austin Jones, 59.43; 26, Hunter Schaller, 1:07.16.

800m Run: 4, Treyton Diegel, 2:18.27; 6, Brandon Keith, 2:19.84; 15, Mitchell Koens, 2:30.62.

1600m Run: 19, Isaac Smith, 5:32.86.

4x100m Relay: 1, Groton (Trevor Pray, Darien Schabazz, Jackson Oliver, Lucas Hinman), 46.02.

4x200m Relay: 3, Groton (Jonathan Doeden, Austin Jones, Darien Shabazz, Lee Williams), 1:40.70.

4x400m Relay: 1, Groton (Treyton Diegel, Lee Williams, Bennett Shabazz, Sean Schuring), 3:43.04.

4x800m Relay: 1, Groton (Treyton Diegel, Brandon Keith, Isaac Smith, Mitchell Koens), 9:25.35.

1600m Sprint Medley: 1, Groton (Trevor Pray, Lucas Hinman, Bennett Shabazz, Sean Schuring), 3:48.02.

High Jump: 11, Austin Jones, 5-01; 13, Darien Shabazz, 4-11.

Long Jump: 9, Bennett Shabazz, 18-10.75; 14, Tylan Glover, 17-5.75.

Triple Jump: 1, Bennett Shabazz, 40-06; 17, Hunter Schaller, 30-7.5.

Discus: 1, McClain Lone, 133-3; 4, Luke Thorson, 125-5; 15, Grady O'Neill, 99-6.

Shot Put: 2, McClain Lone, 45-1.5; 10, Luke Thorson, 38-5; 40, Grady O'Neill, 29-8.

Pole Vault: 5, Tylan Glover, 9-0.

Girl's Division

Team Points: 1, Groton Area, 105; 2, West Central Area, 95; 3, Milbank Area, 89.5; 4, Wilmot, 66.5; 5, Waverly-South Shore, 50; 6, Aberdeen Roncalli, 45; 7, Waubay/Summit, 41; 8, Sisseton, 36.5; 9, Webster Area, 33; 10, Sargent County, 30.5; 11, Florence/Henry, 26; 12, Frederick, 20; 13, Clark/Willow Lake, 16; 13, Warner, 16; 15, Rosholt, 11; 15, Leola, 11; 17, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross, 9; 18, Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley, 9; 19, Britton-Hecla, 5.

100m Dash: 2, Harleigh Stange, 13.47; 9, Heather Lone, 14.10.

110m Hurdles: 10, Eliza Wanner, 21.30.

300m Hurdles: 2, Payton Maine, 50.99; 4, Eliza Wanner, 56.66.

200m Dash: 1, Harleigh Stange, 28.29; 11, Nicole Marzahn, 31.08; 39, Kaylin Kucker, 34.75.

400m Dash: 12, Regan Leicht, 1:14.52.

1600m Run: 15, Riley Gengerke, 6:53.83.

4x100m Relay: 1, Groton (Audrey Wanner, Katie Koehler, Harleigh Stange, Eliza Wanner), 53.13.

4x200m Relay: 3, Groton (Kaylin Kucker, Tadyn Glover, Katie Koehler, Kenzie McInerney), 2:00.65.

4x800m Relay: 3, Groton (Emily Thompson, Jodi Hinman, Riley Gengerke, Regan Leicht, 12:08.15.

1600m Sprint Medley: 8, Groton (Kaylin Kucker, Tadyn Glover, Jodi Hinman, Emily Thompson), 5:10.55.

High Jump: 10, Katie Koehler, 4-4; 15, Nicole Marzahn, 4-0.

Long Jump: 1, Harleigh Stange, 16-2.75; 8, Nicole Marzahn, 14-9; 10, Tadyn Glover, 14-6.

Triple Jump: 6, Katie Koehler, 30-8.25; 8, Nicole Marzahn, 29-1.5; 14, Tadyn Glover, 27-4.5.

Discus: 1, Jessica Bjerke, 112-8; 3, Nicole Fey, 93-11; 7, Jennie Doeden, 83-4; 8, Kaycie Hawkins, 82-1.

Shot Put: 2, Jessica Bjerke, 33-0; 8, Kaycie Hawkins, 30-1.5; 11, Jennie Doeden, 29-5.5; 12, Taylor Holm, 29-5; 13, Nicole Fey, 29-4; 16, Madison Sippel, 28-10.5.

Pole Vault: 7, Emily Thompson, 6-0.

Seven applicants so far for MS/HS Principal

Superintendent Joe Schwan reported at the school board meeting Monday night that there are seven applicants for the middle/high school principal. He has extended the deadline for applicants by two weeks to May 19th, hoping to get about 20 applicants. Dr. Anna Schwan has resigned as the Groton Area middle/high school principal and is taking a teaching position at Northern State University.

Business Manager Michael J. Weber reported that the school district's new evaluation will bring in an additional \$43,000 local general fund taxes. The new evaluation is \$1.329 billion, compared to \$1.233 billion last year.

The agreement with the North Central Special Education Cooperative was approved. There are now nine schools in the coop as Edmunds Central is a new member. The annual fee is based on K-12 enrollment, which is different from the past. Previously it was based on enrollment numbers of PK-12.

Alexa Schuring will be the new JK/K teacher next year. Superintendent Joe Schwan reported that it was a very competitive pool of applicants with 22 applying for the job.

Todd Peterson was hired as the middle school special education teacher. He was previously from Sioux Falls and brings in 21 years of experience to special education.

Dr. Anna Schwan reported that Keri Pappas attended the Academic Excellence Awards Banquet on April 24. Several middle school students received a 1+ rating at the middle school band festival held Saturday in Webster. They were Rease Jandel, Braden Freeman, Erin Unzen and Hunter Kassube.

Dr. Schwan also reported that the President's Award for Educational Excellence was announced with the students having a GPA of 3.5 or higher and standardized test achievement at the 85th percentile or higher in math or reading and they are Nathan Fjelstad, Patrick Gengerke, Alexis Harder, Thane Henschel, Landon Marzahn, Keri Pappas, Erin Smith and Trey Wright.

Work is going very well on the elementary school project. Superintendent Joe Schwan reported that the footings and foundation walls have been poured and tested and backfilling has been done. Dahme Construction has been working to install the necessary storm drains which run south from the parking area along the fence and connect on the southeast corner of the elementary lot. Schwan reported that contractors are working very well together.

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Brown County Voter Registration Notice Deadline

NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION
Voter registration for the Combined Election to be held on June 6, 2017, will close on May 22, 2017. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the county auditor at (605) 626-7110.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at www.sdsos.gov.

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

Maxine Fischer, County Auditor
Brown County, South Dakota (605.0510)
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Brown County Ord. 467

Prairie Hill Farms ORDINANCE #17-04-01/467 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1164

TO REZONE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY

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

Lot 1, Dorn Subdivision in the NW ¼ of Sec 23- T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (Approximately ½ mile South of Hwy 12 and 392nd Ave on the East side of Road; part of 1115 392nd Ave)

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

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Rachel Kippley, Chair
Brown County Commission
ATTEST
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor
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Groton City May 1 Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2017
The Groton City Council met on the above date at City Hall at 7:00pm for their regular first monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Opp, Peterson, Blackmun, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Glover & Flihs were absent. Also present were Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, Karyn Babcock, and Paul Kosel.

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

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

The following bills were allowed for payment on a motion by Peterson and seconded by McGannon. All members present voted aye.
Executive Payroll 17,467.36 salaries; Administrative Payroll 5,960.48 salaries; Public Safety Payroll 13,019.34 salaries; Public Works Payroll 17,702.97 salaries; City of Groton 637.61 emp savings, def ref, postage, util; Cons Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; First State Bank 11,335.10 ss & wh; US Post Office 200.77 postage; Employers Mutual Ins 95.60 life ins; Olive Grove Golf Course 1,000.00 foundation grant; April Abeln 58.31 med & dep flex; Mobile Electronic Service 3,525.00 camera install; A & B Business Solutions 258.00 copier rent; April Abeln 151.67 med & dep flex; Brandon Abeln 95.23 mileage; Ameripride 31.70 rug rent; Border States 1,125.33 materials; Chase Visa 5,036.54 postage, gas, switch, supp, pitching mach; Colonial Life 461.86 emp ins; Colonial Research 744.15 cleaner; Cunningham Recreation 46,984.96 playground equip; Dakota Electronics 141.10 radio repair; The Electric Co 1,530.62 boring; Farmers Union Coop 223.56 gas; Fjelstad Bros. Properties 50.00 reconnect refund; Heartland Waste 6,566.92 garbage hauling; Terry Herron 115.24 med flex; James Valley Tele 538.20 phones, internet; Jensen Rock & Sand 29.99 culvert band; Drew Johnson 1,125.00 legal services; Shawn Lambert 170.67 mile-

age; Locke Electric 94.28 hook-up; Anita Lowary 26.56 books, candy; Musco Lighting 7,200.00 light repairs; NW Energy 10.48 nat gas; Olson Backhoe 356.75 digging; Runnings 2.49 gasket; S & S Lumber 230.24 supplies; SD Dept of Health 258.00 testing; SD Retirement 8,385.96 retirement; SD State Treasurer 8,636.76 sales tax; TrueNorth Steel 586.50 culverts; VanDiest Supply 830.00 briquets, fertilizer; Verizon Wireless 41.81 dump gate comm

Moved by Opp and seconded by McGannon to adjourn the 129th City Council sine die. All members present voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
The 130th City Council convened immediately following the 129th Council's adjournment with the following members present: McGannon, Opp, Peterson, Blackmun, Babcock and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Glover was absent. Also present were Attorney Johnson, Finance Officer Lowary, and Paul Kosel. Karyn Babcock took the oath of office and all other members renewed their oath of office.

An election of officers for the 130th Council was held. McGannon nominated and Peterson seconded the nomination for Blackmun as President. Moved by Opp and seconded by Babcock that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Blackmun for President. All members present voted aye. Blackmun nominated and Babcock seconded the nomination for Peterson as Vice President. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Peterson for Vice President. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon appointed Drew Johnson as City Attorney. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to approve this appointment. All members present voted aye.

Mayor Hanlon made the following advisory committee appointments:

NECOG Representative: Jay Peterson

Planning & Zoning Representative: David Blackmun
Committees: 1. Chairman 2. Co-Chairman

Electric; Transit; Insect & Weed Control; Airport: 1. McGannon 2. Blackmun

Water; Swimming Pool; Skating; Economic Development: 1. Babcock 2. Glover

Streets; Baseball; Storm Drainage; Other Recreation (Tennis, Basketball, Golf): 1. Blackmun 2. McGannon

Wastewater; Cemetery; Civil Defense; Community Center: 1. Opp 2. Peterson

Finance Office; Legal; Library; Insurance, General Adm, Elections; Code Enforcement: 1. Peterson 2. Babcock

Solid Waste; Rubble Site; Parks; Forestry; Liquor: 1. Glover 2. Opp

Police: ..1. Blackmun 2. Opp
Moved by Opp and seconded by Blackmun to approve bills at each regular meeting of each month and authorize the Finance Officer to pay payroll and all regular monthly bills in a timely manner to avoid penalties and take advantage of discounts. All members present voted aye.

Electric Supt. Shawn Lambert, Public Works Supt Terry Herron, and Wastewater Supt Dwight Zerr enter the meeting and present department reports. Discussion included cleanup week, curb & gutter repairs, Railroad Avenue drainage, baseball playground equipment, sweeper repairs, water discoloration, trees planted for Arbor Day at the Baseball Complex and sewer cleaning vendors.

Blackmun reported on the baseball foundation projects, scheduling more games, Jr. Legion Tournament in August, and building repairs.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Blackmun to surplus the Rainbow wooden playground equipment from the baseball complex and set a value of \$100 and take bids until May 15. All members present voted aye.

Lowary presented information from the Heartland Consumer Power District Annual meeting. Heartland elected Supt. Lambert to replace Lowary on the Customer Connection Committee.

Discussion was held on the NW Energy proposals for the sale of the substation switches or rent for maintenance of the switches. Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to accept the monthly rent proposal from NW Energy for \$.03 per KW. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Babcock into adjourn into executive session under 1-25-2 (1) and (3) to discuss legal and personnel matters at 8:08pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:45pm.

Meeting adjourned.
Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Anita Lowary, Finance Officer
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Brown County Ord. #108

Title 4 Amended ORDINANCE #108 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 4

SECOND REVISION BROWN COUNTY ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brown County Commission, Brown County, South Dakota that Second Revision Brown County Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

CHAPTER 4.23 COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION/ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

4.2301 Proceedings of the County Planning and Zoning Commission. The County Planning and ... Zoning Commission shall serve as a Zoning Board of Adjustment as provided by SDCL 11-2-2. The County Planning and Zoning Commission shall adopt rules necessary for the conduct of its affairs and keeping with the provisions of Title 4. The County Planning and Zoning Commission shall keep a record of all proceedings. Meetings shall be held at the call of the Chairman, and at such other times as the Planning Commission may determine. The Chairman, or in his absence the Acting Chairman, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of

witnesses. All meetings shall be open to the public.

The County Planning and Zoning Commission shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or if absent or failure to vote indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions, all of which shall be a public record and be immediately filed with the Secretary of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission shall adopt from time to time, sub-regulations as it may deem necessary to carry appropriate provisions of this Title into effect.

a) Unless otherwise specified by the Zoning Board of Adjustment at the time it approves an Application for a Variance or for a Special Exception/Conditional Use, any Approved Application shall be valid, for a period of two years following the date said Application was approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment as shown in its official minutes.

b) At the end of that two year period, or such other time as specified by the Zoning Board of Adjustment as provided herein, any Approved Application which has not resulted in a Permit, will expire and become null and void.

c) If an Approved Application has expired as provided herein, a Petitioner may re-apply with a new application. This new application will be subject to the same process, review, consideration and payment of fees as any other new application.

d) Any Approved Application granted before this revised Ordinance takes effect will continue to be valid for a period of two years following the effective date of this revised ordinance. At the end of that two year period, any Approved Application, which has not resulted in a Permit, will expire and become null and void.

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Rachel Kippley, Chair
Brown County Commission
ATTEST:

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Security Improvements

Brown County Security Improvements

Request for Proposal

The Brown County Commission is Requesting Proposals for Security Improvements in the Brown County Administration Building located at 25 Market St., Aberdeen, SD 57401. Sealed bids will be received in the Chambers of the Brown County Board of Commissioners, Brown County Courthouse Annex in Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 until 8:45 A.M. on May 30, 2017, at said time and place all bids will be publicly opened, read and considered.

Envelopes containing bids shall be addressed to the Brown County Auditor, 25 Market Street, Suite 1, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and be marked on the envelope "Security Improvements" to be opened on May 30, 2017. The Brown County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid they deem to be in the best interest of Brown County. Brown County is exempt from all Federal Excise Tax and State Sales Tax.

This project is divided into three parts:

Part 1: Security Glass to close in the counter openings in the Auditor's Office, Register of Deeds Office, Director of Equalization Office, Treasurer's Office and the Sheriff's Office.

Part 2: Extend and replace

counter tops in the Auditor's Office, Register of Deeds Office, Director of Equalization Office, Treasurer's Office and the Sheriff's Office. Also will need to move the stools at the Treasurer's Office and remodel or replace the cabinets in the Sheriff's Office.

Part 3: Electronic Access control, video addition and panic control. This will include hardware and labor of all door hardware, readers and cameras for the interior and exterior doors and offices. All this equipment must be added to the county's current access control and video system.

Complete specifications will be given to qualified vendors.

Parts 1 & 2 contact Judy Dosch Tel-605-626-7124, email- Judy.dosch@browncounty.sd.gov

Part 3 contact Paul Sivertsen Tel-605-626-7931, email- Paul.sivertsen@browncounty.sd.gov Paul Sivertsen / BC CIO (0510.0517)

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JVTC Notice of

Annual Meeting NOTICE OF 61st ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the 61st annual meeting of the members of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, will be held at the Groton High School Arena in Groton, South Dakota on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 12:30pm, with registration beginning at 11:30am.

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

1. To receive and act upon reports of the officers and management of the cooperative for the previous year's operations.

2. To elect three directors for terms of three years.

3. To act upon any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Dated: 11/30/2016
Roger Zastrow, Secretary
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Brown County Malt Beverage Hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE

Notice is hereby given according to SDCL 35-2, a Public Hearing on the following Malt Beverage and Wine License Application is set for 8:45 AM on the 23th day of May, 2017, in the Chambers of the Brown County Commissioners, in the Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota, at which time any interested persons wishing to register complaint on their approval may appear:

Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce, 516 S Main Street, Aberdeen, SD - N 820' E of RR Ex Hwy in the SE ¼ of Sec 15-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (13863 386th Ave, Warner, SD). Special License effective June 8, 2017.

ATTEST:
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor

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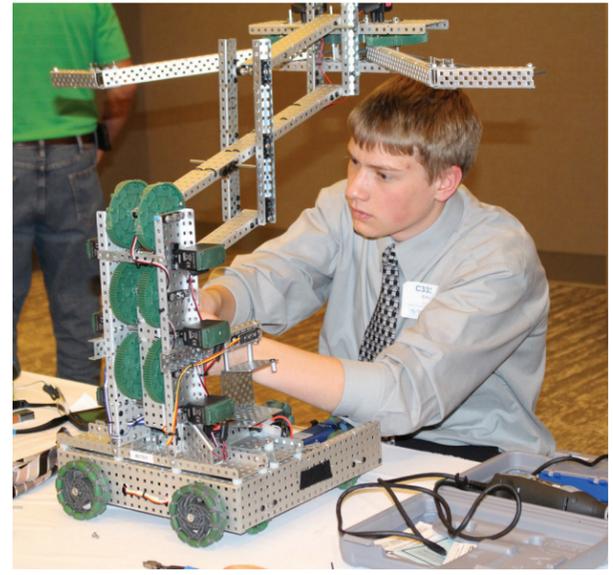
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G-Force took 3rd place in the “Open Division” at the Create US Open Robotics Championship.

G-Force had to work out a problem with the arm on their robot that did not move quickly any longer. Landon Marzahn, Hunter Monson and Tanner McGannon worked late finding and fixing the trouble. The next morning showed that their work was worthwhile. They started the day in 2nd place in their “Open Division” with several teams still undefeated, separated only by autonomous and score points. At the end of the qualifying rounds, G-Force was in 1st place after bouncing around the top five rankings. Qualifying rounds are somewhat like the regular season in other sports. After the qualifying rounds there is an alliance selection during which the 12 top teams at the end of the qualifying round choose two teams to alliance with during the elimination rounds (playoffs). G-Force won their quarter-final match but lost in the semi-finals. They finished in 3rd place out of 45 teams.

GT Robotics other three teams at the tournament struggled and ended the tournament with:
Galaxy -- ranked 53rd: Travis Townsend & River Pardick, (Lee Williams & Alex Dutchux, not able to attend)

G.A.T. Wrenches – ranked 81st : Noah Tullis, Thomas Cranford, Tyler Iverson & Dan Feist
Geek Squad – ranked 93rd: Isaac Smith, Dragr Monson, Andrew Marzahn & Jacob Lewandowski



Landon Marzahn is working on his robot. Serious, dedicated, driven and thinking.



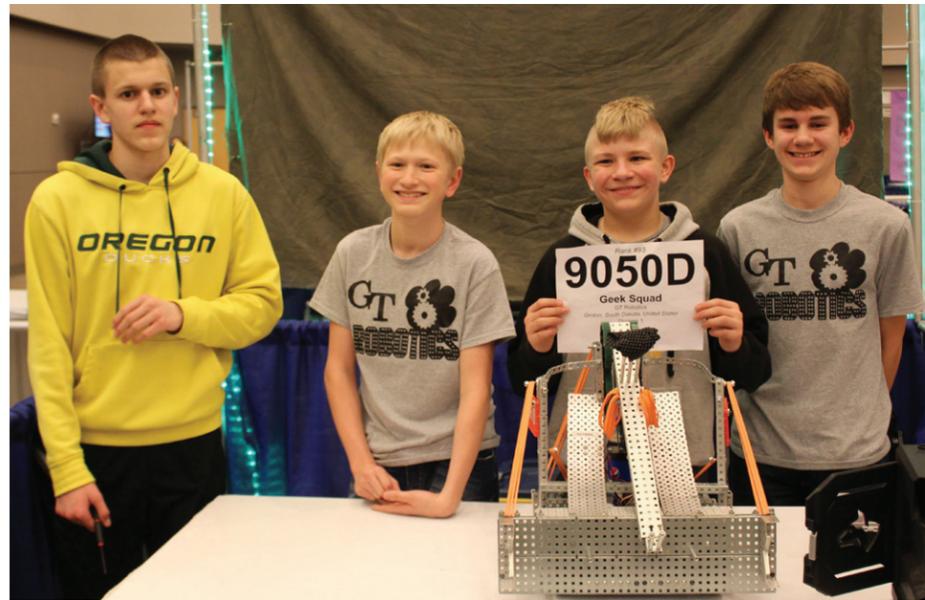
These are the Groton Robotists participating in the US Open. In back, left to right, are Hunter Monson, Tanner McGannon, Landon Marzahn, Thomas Cranford, Noah Tullis and Tyler Iverson; in the middle row, left to right, are Dan Feist, Travis Townsend, Advisor Jim Lane, Jacob Lewandowski, Andrew Marzahn and Isaac Smith; in front are River Pardick and Dragr Monson.



Galaxy team of Travis Townsend and River Pardick.



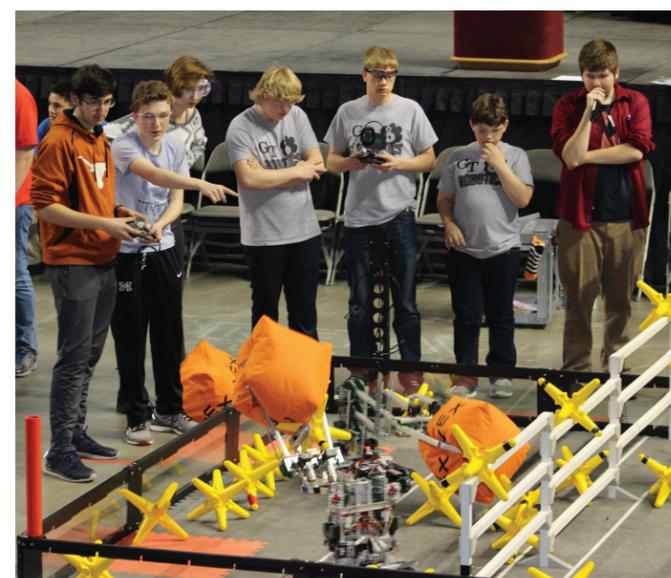
G-Force Hunter Monson, Tanner McGannon and Landon Marzahn, first place team after qualification rounds.



Geek Squad (Isaac Smith, Andrew Marzahn, Dragr Monson and Jacob Lewandowski)



G.A.T. Wrenches Noah Tullis, Tyler Iverson, Dan Fiest and Thomas Cranford.



G-Force team competing - Hunter Monson, Landon Marzahn and Tanner McGannon.

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2016
GREAT WEST
CASUALTY COMPANY
Home Office Address:
1100 West 29th Street
South Sioux City, NE 68776-3130
Mail Address:
PO Box 277
South Sioux City, NE 68776-0277
ASSETS

Bonds	1,081,757,633
Stocks	344,801,858
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	35,832
Cash and Bank Deposits	28,296,031
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	482,581,860
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued	11,875,127
Other Assets	66,546,838
TOTAL ASSETS	2,015,895,179
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	659,596,034
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	129,392,445
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	8,350,039
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	8,287,406
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	426,327,708
All Other Liabilities	161,633,820
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,393,587,452
Special Surplus Funds	3,282,976
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	2,500,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	56,130,928
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	560,393,824
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	622,307,728
TOTAL	2,015,895,180
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016	
Direct Premiums Written	24,979,678
Direct Premiums Earned	24,717,231
Direct Losses Paid	17,585,785
Direct Losses Incurred	12,368,058

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

WHEREAS, the Great West Casualty Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Nebraska, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-17
- 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

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., 2017.

LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

71480
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2016
GREAT WESTERN
INSURANCE COMPANY
Home Office Address:
3434 Washington Blvd
Ogden, Utah 84401
Mail Address:
3434 Washington Blvd.
Ogden, UT 84401
ASSETS

Bonds	\$1,036,631,719
Stocks	15,394,949
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	122,840,970
Real Estate Owned	3,717,562
Policy Loans	371,327
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,455,066
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	13,189,668
Investment Income Due and Accrued	12,060,638
Other Assets	8,892,119
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,214,554,018
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$888,057,874
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	0
Policy and Contract Claims Life	5,162,332
Accident and Health	0
General Expenses Due or Accrued	2,033,112
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	1,055,794
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	3,675
All Other Liabilities	241,120,823
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,137,433,610
Special Surplus Funds	\$0
Capital Paid Up	2,500,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	4,000,000
Unassigned Surplus	77,520,407
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$77,120,407
TOTAL	1,214,554,017
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016	
Direct Premiums Received	\$3,747,974
Direct Losses Paid	663,390
Losses Incurred	662,573
Life Insurance in Force	15,732,478

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

WHEREAS, the Great Western 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-
- 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

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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., 2017.

LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

14117
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2016
GRINNELL MUTUAL
REINSURANCE COMPANY
Home Office Address:
4215 Highway 146
Grinnell, IA 50112-0790
Mail Address:
4215 Hwy 146, P.O. Box 790
Grinnell, IA 50112-0790
ASSETS

Bonds	790,874,313
Stocks	134,808,139
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	16,159,150
Cash and Bank Deposits	21,618,942
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	92,887,623
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued	8,928,449
Other Assets	39,067,056
TOTAL ASSETS	1,104,343,674
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	206,658,976
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	50,524,948
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	10,681,394
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	296,195
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	180,270,950
All Other Liabilities	66,008,285
TOTAL LIABILITIES	514,440,749
Special Surplus Funds	1,000,000
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	0
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	0
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	588,902,926
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	589,902,926
TOTAL	1,104,343,675
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016	
Direct Premiums Written	8,194,353
Direct Premiums Earned	7,597,357
Direct Losses Paid	2,902,029
Direct Losses Incurred	4,306,713

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

WHEREAS, the Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

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

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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., 2017.

LARRY DEITER

16144
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2016
GRINNELL SELECT
INSURANCE COMPANY
Home Office Address:
4215 Highway 146
Grinnell, IA 50112-0790
Mail Address:
4215 Hwy 146, P.O. Box 790
Grinnell, IA 50112-0790
ASSETS

Bonds	6,485,556
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	4,158,626
Agents Balances or	

Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	11,412,561
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued	98,129
Other Assets	17,909,941
TOTAL ASSETS	40,064,814
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	0
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	0
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	0
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	445,233
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	186,600
Unearned Premiums	0
All Other Liabilities	14,806,184
TOTAL LIABILITIES	15,438,017
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	0
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	2,500,000
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	19,626,797
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	24,626,797
TOTAL	40,064,814
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016	
Direct Premiums Written	2,421,956
Direct Premiums Earned	2,282,725
Direct Losses Paid	1,286,215
Direct Losses Incurred	1,649,118

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

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

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

- 8-9-10
- 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

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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., 2017.

LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

78778
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2016
GUARDIAN INSURANCE & ANNUITY CO., INC.
Home Office Address:
2711 Centerville Road, Ste 400
Wilmington, DE 19808
Mail Address:
7 Hanover Square
New York, NY 10004-4025
ASSETS

Bonds	\$2,854,922,032
Stocks	101,085,000
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	313,865,227
Real Estate Owned	0
Policy Loans	81,995,237
Cash and Bank Deposits	125,624,131
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	(2,834,666)
Investment Income Due and Accrued	31,471,393
Other Assets	13,274,732,274
TOTAL ASSETS	\$16,780,860,630
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$3,377,367,785
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	0
Policy and Contract Claims Life	717,742
Accident and Health	0
General Expenses Due or Accrued	106,776
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	2,235,707
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	13,140,049,816
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$16,520,477,826
Special Surplus Funds	\$0
Capital Paid Up	2,500,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	481,500,000
Unassigned Surplus	(223,617,196)
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$260,382,803
TOTAL	16,780,860,630
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016	
Direct Premiums Received	\$4,068,383
Direct Losses Paid	599,881
Losses Incurred	0
Life Insurance in Force	5,497,291

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

WHEREAS, the Guardian Insurance & Annuity Co., Inc., 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:

- 1-2-20-21
- 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
 - 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., 2017.

LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

64246
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2016
GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF AMERICA
Home Office Address:
7 Hanover Square
New York, NY 10004-4025
Mail Address:
7 Hanover Square
New York, NY 10004-4025
ASSETS

Bonds	\$35,447,350,772
Stocks	1,522,148,781
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	3,471,561,692
Real Estate Owned	374,200,533
Policy Loans	3,405,117,737
Cash and Bank Deposits	821,842,798
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	1,057,512,808
Investment Income Due and Accrued	384,280,858
Other Assets	5,399,696,190
TOTAL ASSETS	\$51,883,712,173
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$35,678,952,886
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	3,713,234,025
Policy and Contract Claims Life	282,238,226
Accident and Health	501,478,150
General Expenses Due or Accrued	1,007,263,175
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	56,407,840
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	4,471,650,464
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$45,711,224,769
Special Surplus Funds	\$849,435,953
Capital Paid Up	0
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	0
Unassigned Surplus	5,323,051,450
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$6,172,487,404
TOTAL	51,883,712,174
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016	
Direct Premiums Received	\$7,164,559
Direct Losses Paid	3,593,053
Losses Incurred	3,995,712
Life Insurance in Force	401,888,641

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

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

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

- 1-2
- 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

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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., 2017.

LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

83607
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2016
GUGGENHEIM LIFE
AND ANNUITY COMPANY
Home Office Address:
401 Pennsylvania Parkway St200
Indianapolis, IN 46280-1385
Mail Address:
401 Pennsylvania Parkway St200
Indianapolis, IN 46280-1385
ASSETS

Bonds	\$6,033,670,941
Stocks	342,468,782
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	283,385,110
Real Estate Owned	0
Policy Loans	787,215,806
Cash and Bank Deposits	680,281,843
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	371,914
Investment Income Due and Accrued	116,768,307
Other Assets	6,152,318,157
TOTAL ASSETS	\$13,716,199,017
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$8,031,444,744
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	63,656
Policy and Contract Claims Life	10,341,722
Accident and Health	0
General Expenses Due or Accrued	6,512,127
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	35,549
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	2,799,661
All Other Liabilities	5,013,884,730
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$13,065,082,189

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Special Surplus Funds \$0
Capital Paid Up 2,750,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus 400,000,000
Unassigned Surplus	..... 248,366,828
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	..... \$651,116,828
TOTAL	..... 13,716,199,017

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016
 Direct Premiums Received \$2,793,178
 Direct Losses Paid 468,105
 Losses Incurred 0
 Life Insurance in Force 0

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

WHEREAS, the Guggenheim Life and Annuity 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:

- 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., 2017.

LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

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**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 Year Ending December 31, 2016
 GUIDEONE ELITE
 INSURANCE COMPANY**

**Home Office Address:
 1111 Ashworth Road
 West Des Moines, IA 50265-3538
 Mail Address:
 1111 Ashworth Road
 West Des Moines, IA 50265-3538
 ASSETS**

Bonds	..... 24,693,199
Stocks	..... 0
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	..... 0
Real Estate Owned	..... 0
Cash and Bank Deposits	..... 417,108
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	..... 0
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	..... 204,220
Other Assets	..... 5,001,885
TOTAL ASSETS	..... 30,316,412

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	..... 0
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	..... 0
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	..... 0
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	..... 0
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	..... 219,818
Unearned Premiums	..... 0
All Other Liabilities	..... 5,042,511
TOTAL LIABILITIES	..... 5,262,329
Special Surplus Funds	..... 0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	..... 5,037,810
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	..... 1,709,308
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	..... 18,306,965
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	..... 25,054,083
TOTAL	..... 30,316,412

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016

Direct Premiums Written	..... 1,199,705
Direct Premiums Earned	..... 1,166,751
Direct Losses Paid	..... 371,668
Direct Losses Incurred	..... 308,046

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

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

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

- 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-12-13-14
1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)
8. Auto Bodily Injury
9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
11. Fidelity & Surety
12. Glass
13. Burglary & Theft
14. Boiler & Machinery
15. Aircraft
16. Credit
17. Crop-Hail
18. Livestock
19. Title
20. 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., 2017.

LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

**15032
 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 Year Ending December 31, 2016
 GUIDEONE MUTUAL
 INSURANCE COMPANY**

**Home Office Address:
 1111 Ashworth Road
 West Des Moines, IA 50265-3538
 Mail Address:
 1111 Ashworth Road
 West Des Moines, IA 50265-3538
 ASSETS**

Bonds	..... 596,157,590
Stocks	..... 291,525,423
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	..... 16,134,630
Real Estate Owned	..... 13,367,574
Cash and Bank Deposits	..... 28,125,692
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	..... 150,969,731
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	..... 3,846,510
Other Assets	..... 114,532,874
TOTAL ASSETS	..... 1,214,660,024

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	..... 332,706,668
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	..... 26,166,734
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	..... 32,600,169
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	..... 2,429,766
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	..... 0
Unearned Premiums	..... 164,093,954
All Other Liabilities	..... 234,883,416
TOTAL LIABILITIES	..... 792,880,707
Special Surplus Funds	..... 51,250,000
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	..... 0
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	..... 0
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	..... 370,529,317
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	..... 421,779,317
TOTAL	..... 1,214,660,024

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016

Direct Premiums Written	..... 1,460,693
Direct Premiums Earned	..... 1,435,674
Direct Losses Paid	..... 624,638
Direct Losses Incurred	..... 605,301

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

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

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

- 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14
1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)
8. Auto Bodily Injury
9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
11. Fidelity & Surety
12. Glass
13. Burglary & Theft
14. Boiler & Machinery
15. Aircraft
16. Credit
17. Crop-Hail
18. Livestock
19. Title
20. 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., 2017.

LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

14559

**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 Year Ending December 31, 2016
 GUIDEONE SPECIALTY
 MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.**

**Home Office Address:
 1111 Ashworth Road
 West Des Moines, IA 50265-3538
 Mail Address:
 1111 Ashworth Road
 West Des Moines, IA 50265-3538
 ASSETS**

Bonds	..... 168,259,750
Stocks	..... 31,393,615
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	..... 0
Real Estate Owned	..... 0
Cash and Bank Deposits	..... 6,300,215
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	..... 34,731,493
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	..... 1,144,793
Other Assets	..... 26,158,418
TOTAL ASSETS	..... 267,988,284

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	..... 83,176,667
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	..... 7,305,055
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	..... 1,544,492
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	..... 607,442
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	..... 0
Unearned Premiums	..... 41,023,488
All Other Liabilities	..... 40,093,362
TOTAL LIABILITIES	..... 173,750,506
Special Surplus Funds	..... 6,250,000
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	..... 0
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	..... 0
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	..... 87,987,778
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	..... 94,237,778
TOTAL	..... 267,988,284

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016

Direct Premiums Written	..... 205,565
Direct Premiums Earned	..... 205,534
Direct Losses Paid	..... 35,287
Direct Losses Incurred	..... (24,844)

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

WHEREAS, the GuideOne Specialty Mutual Insurance Co., a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18
1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)
8. Auto Bodily Injury
9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
11. Fidelity & Surety
12. Glass
13. Burglary & Theft
14. Boiler & Machinery
15. Aircraft
16. Credit
17. Crop-Hail
18. Livestock
19. Title
20. Var. Annuities
- 21.

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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., 2017.

LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

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**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 Year Ending December 31, 2016
 HARLEYSVILLE
 INSURANCE COMPANY**

**Home Office Address:
 355 Maple Avenue
 Harleysville, PA 19438
 Mail Address:
 One W Nationwide Blvd 1-04-701
 Columbus, OH 43215-2220
 ASSETS**

Bonds	..... 21,802,919
Stocks	..... 0
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	..... 0
Real Estate Owned	..... 0
Cash and Bank Deposits	..... 4,351,469
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	..... 105,140,534
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	..... 254,273
Other Assets	..... 26,924,338
TOTAL ASSETS	..... 158,473,533

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	..... 0
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	..... 0
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	..... 0
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	..... 0
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	..... 269,584
Unearned Premiums	..... 0
All Other Liabilities	..... 131,798,935
TOTAL LIABILITIES	..... 132,068,519
Special Surplus Funds	..... 0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	..... 2,612,500
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	..... 14,400,206
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	..... 9,392,308
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	..... 26,405,014
TOTAL	..... 158,473,533

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016

Direct Premiums Written	..... 583,009
Direct Premiums Earned	..... 756,536
Direct Losses Paid	..... 297,177
Direct Losses Incurred	..... (44,066)

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

WHEREAS, the Harleysville Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Pennsylvania, 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:

- 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-17
1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)
8. Auto Bodily Injury
9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
11. Fidelity & Surety
12. Glass
13. Burglary & Theft
14. Boiler & Machinery
15. Aircraft
16. Credit
17. Crop-Hail
18. Livestock
19. Title
20. Var. Annuities
- 21.

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LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

35696

**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 Year Ending December 31, 2016
 HARLEYSVILLE PREFERRED
 INSURANCE COMPANY**

**Home Office Address:
 355 Maple Avenue
 Harleysville, PA 19438-2297
 Mail Address:
 One W Nationwide Blvd 1-04-701
 Columbus, OH 43215-2220
 ASSETS**

Bonds	..... 49,088,998
Stocks	..... 0
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	..... 0
Real Estate Owned	..... 0
Cash and Bank Deposits	..... 3,698,292
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	..... 57,263,496
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	..... 580,583
Other Assets	..... 18,103,409
TOTAL ASSETS	..... 128,734,776

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	..... 0
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	..... 0
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	..... 0
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	..... 0
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	..... 5,377,130
Unearned Premiums	..... 0
All Other Liabilities	..... 75,360,108
TOTAL LIABILITIES	..... 80,737,238
Special Surplus Funds	..... 0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	..... 4,230,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	..... 21,925,835
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	..... 21,841,705
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	..... 47,997,540
TOTAL	..... 128,734,778

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016

Direct Premiums Written	..... 5,773
Direct Premiums Earned	..... 11,346
Direct Losses Paid	..... 25,146
Direct Losses Incurred	..... (13,003)

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

WHEREAS, the Harleysville Preferred Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Pennsylvania, 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
1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)
8. Auto Bodily Injury
9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
11. Fidelity & Surety
12. Glass
13. Burglary & Theft
14. Boiler & Machinery
15. Aircraft
16. Credit
17. Crop-Hail
18. Livestock
19. Title
20. Var. Annuities
- 21.

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LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

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**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 Year Ending December 31, 2016
 HARLEYSVILLE WORCESTER
 INSURANCE COMPANY**

**Home Office Address:
 355 Maple Ave
 Harleysville PA 19438-2297
 Mail Address:
 One W Nationwide Blvd 1-04-701
 Columbus, OH 43215-2220
 ASSETS**

Bonds	..... 55,094,974
Stocks	..... 0
Mortgage Loans on</	

15. Aircraft
16. Credit
17. Crop-Hail
18. Livestock
19. Title
20. Var. Annuities
21.
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2017.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2016
HARTFORD FIRE
INSURANCE COMPANY

Home Office Address:
One Hartford Plaza
Hartford CT 06155
Mail Address:
One Hartford Plaza T-1-2
Hartford, CT 06155-0001
ASSETS

Bonds 12,239,623,441
Stocks 5,786,059,500
Mortgage Loans on
Real Estate 703,795,520
Real Estate Owned 339,635,007
Cash and Bank Deposits 816,795,814
Agents Balances or
Uncollected Premiums 565,615,019
Interest, Dividends and
Real Estate Income
Due and Accrued 58,385,337
Other Assets 5,030,676,108
TOTAL ASSETS 25,540,585,746
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS
Reserve for Losses 6,468,035,390
Reserve for Loss
Adjustment Expenses 1,332,472,215
Other Expenses (excluding
taxes, licenses and fees) 66,099,798
Taxes, Licenses and Fees
(excluding Federal and
Foreign Income Taxes) 57,955,851
Federal and Foreign
Income Taxes 0
Unearned Premiums 2,123,226,931
All Other Liabilities 2,978,174,550
TOTAL LIABILITIES 13,025,964,735
Special Surplus Funds 0
Capital Paid Up
or Statutory Deposit 55,320,000
Gross Paid In and
Contributed Surplus 4,492,913,963
Unassigned Funds (Surplus) 7,974,403,734
Surplus as Regards
Policyholders 12,514,621,011
TOTAL 25,540,585,746

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016
Direct Premiums Written 6,619,486
Direct Premiums Earned 6,488,858
Direct Losses Paid 2,030,908
Direct Losses Incurred 2,110,381

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

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

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:

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

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.

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LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

37478
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2016
HARTFORD INSURANCE
COMPANY OF THE MIDWEST

Home Office Address:
One Hartford Plaza
Hartford CT 06155
Mail Address:
One Hartford Plaza T-1-2
Hartford, CT 06155-0001
ASSETS

Bonds 594,128,710
Stocks 0
Mortgage Loans on
Real Estate 0
Real Estate Owned 0
Cash and Bank Deposits 4,638,133
Agents Balances or
Uncollected Premiums 2,931,965
Interest, Dividends and
Real Estate Income
Due and Accrued 5,686,246
Other Assets 9,796,420
TOTAL ASSETS 617,181,474
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS
Reserve for Losses 77,928,138
Reserve for Loss
Adjustment Expenses 16,053,883
Other Expenses (excluding
taxes, licenses and fees) 1,008,005
Taxes, Licenses and Fees
(excluding Federal and
Foreign Income Taxes) 698,265
Federal and Foreign
Income Taxes 0
Unearned Premiums 25,581,047
All Other Liabilities 4,486,639
TOTAL LIABILITIES 125,755,977
Special Surplus Funds 0

Capital Paid Up
or Statutory Deposit 4,200,000
Gross Paid In and
Contributed Surplus 159,820,459
Unassigned Funds (Surplus) 327,405,037
Surplus as Regards
Policyholders 491,425,496
TOTAL 617,181,474

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016
Direct Premiums Written 1,277,135
Direct Premiums Earned 1,257,662
Direct Losses Paid 743,949
Direct Losses Incurred 575,730

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

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

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

3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-17

1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)
8. Auto Bodily Injury
9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
11. Fidelity & Surety
12. Glass
13. Burglary & Theft
14. Boiler & Machinery
15. Aircraft
16. Credit
17. Crop-Hail
18. Livestock
19. Title
20. Var. Annuities
- 21.

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LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

88072
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2016
HARTFORD LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY

Home Office Address:
One Hartford Plaza
Hartford, CT 06115
Mail Address:
200 Hopmeadow Street
Simsbury, CT 06089
ASSETS

Bonds \$12,788,785,992
Stocks 2,148,788,701
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate .. 1,606,623,807
Real Estate Owned 71,057,734
Policy Loans 1,313,068,416
Cash and Bank Deposits 477,908,994
Deferred and
Uncollected Premiums 70,887
Investment Income
Due and Accrued 293,911,463
Other Assets 92,749,610,863
TOTAL ASSETS \$111,449,826,857
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS
Reserve for Life
Policies & Contracts \$11,891,636,445
Reserve for Accident
& Health Policies 0
Policy and Contract Claims
Life 157,780,484
Accident and Health 0
General Expenses
Due or Accrued 126,271,132
Taxes, Licenses & Fees
Due or Accrued 998,508
Federal Income Taxes
Due or Accrued 0
All Other Liabilities 94,875,231,659
TOTAL LIABILITIES \$107,051,918,220
Special Surplus Funds \$0
Capital Paid Up 5,690,000
Gross Paid In and
Contributed Surplus 3,020,701,945
Unassigned Surplus 1,371,516,685
Surplus as Regards
Policyholders \$4,397,908,629
TOTAL 111,449,826,857

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016
Direct Premiums Received \$7,274,657
Direct Losses Paid 18,060,013
Losses Incurred 3,118,832
Life Insurance in Force 57,298,149

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

WHEREAS, the Hartford Life 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:

- 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

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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., 2017.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

70815
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2016
HARTFORD LIFE & ACCIDENT
INSURANCE COMPANY

Home Office Address:
One Hartford Plaza
Hartford, CT 06115
Mail Address:
200 Hopmeadow Street
Simsbury, CT 06089
ASSETS

Bonds \$6,675,699,978
Stocks 93,869,052
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 872,285,692
Real Estate Owned 0
Policy Loans 1,089,965
Cash and Bank Deposits 243,243,259
Deferred and
Uncollected Premiums 305,089,928
Investment Income
Due and Accrued 73,254,640
Other Assets 521,345,786
TOTAL ASSETS \$8,785,878,300
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS
Reserve for Life
Policies & Contracts \$791,867,523
Reserve for Accident
& Health Policies 4,943,402,997
Policy and Contract Claims
Life 252,231,985
Accident and Health 135,739,506
General Expenses
Due or Accrued 37,391,230
Taxes, Licenses & Fees
Due or Accrued 5,391,080
Federal Income Taxes
Due or Accrued 12,475,878
All Other Liabilities 983,528,171
TOTAL LIABILITIES \$7,162,028,370
Special Surplus Funds \$0
Capital Paid Up 2,500,000
Gross Paid In and
Contributed Surplus 358,061,386
Unassigned Surplus 1,263,288,545
Surplus as Regards
Policyholders \$1,623,849,930
TOTAL 8,785,878,300

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2016
Direct Premiums Received \$6,061,907
Direct Losses Paid 4,040,894
Losses Incurred 3,931,560
Life Insurance in Force 1,396,981,904

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

WHEREAS, the Hartford Life & Accident 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:

- 1-2-20
1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)
8. Auto Bodily Injury
9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
11. Fidelity & Surety
12. Glass
13. Burglary & Theft
14. Boiler & Machinery
15. Aircraft
16. Credit
17. Crop-Hail
18. Livestock
19. Title
20. Var. Annuities
- 21.

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LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

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The family of Gerald (Mick) Osterman would like to Thank You to all who sent cards, memorials, flowers and plants. Thank you to those who brought food and stopped for a visit. We appreciate all the prayers and caring thoughts. WE are truly blessed to be a part of such a caring community.
Carol Todd and Sandy Bob and Angie

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright



Last week, we covered the Vikings' first six draft picks. This week, we'll take a look at the other five draft picks, as well as the rookie free agents the team signed right after the draft was over.

In the sixth round of the 2017 NFL draft, the Minnesota Vikings selected tight end Bucky Hodges from Virginia Tech. Hodges – 6'6", 257 pounds – is an athletic tight end who can stretch the field and make plays in the passing game. Hodges is big enough to tower over any corners or safeties who try to cover him, and he is fast enough to run past linebackers. I expect the Vikings to line Hodges up at multiple positions to create mismatches. He wasn't asked to block at Virginia Tech, so he could improve in that area. The Vikings were looking for another pass-catching tight end in free agency, so I'm sure the team was excited to get one in the sixth round of the draft.

With the first pick in the seventh round, the Vikings selected Stacy Coley, a wide receiver from Miami. Coley – 6'0", 195 pounds – is a speed demon who will be asked to contribute on special teams until he's ready to become the team's slot receiver. Coley is raw, but extremely athletic. He will be hard pressed to make the team this season due to the depth of the Vikings' receivers, but if he can prove his worth on special teams, he could make the active roster sooner than anticipated.

With the second pick in the seventh round, the Vikings picked Ifeadi Odenigbo, a defensive end from Northwestern. Odenigbo – 6'3", 258 pounds – is another raw prospect who has the strength to play in the NFL. He will need to work on his technique, but he has some skills in place that Mike Zimmer can work with to help him mold into a productive player in the league. Odenigbo will likely be a practice squad player for his first year or two in the NFL.

With their third pick in the seventh round, the Vikings drafted Elijah Lee, a linebacker from Kansas State. Lee is one of my favorite picks that the Vikings made throughout the entire draft. Lee – 6'3", 228 pounds – is an undersized linebacker who will make his money in pass defense. He has the speed to play sideline to sideline and has shown impressive ball skills throughout his college career. He will need to bulk up to play in the NFL, but if he can do that without sacrificing his speed, he could develop into an eventual starter in the league.

With their final pick in the draft, the Vikings selected Jack Tocho, a cornerback from North Carolina State. Tocho – 6'0", 202 pounds – has good size to match up and be physical against NFL caliber receivers. He was asked to press a lot in college, which fits what Mike Zimmer likes to do. He has good ball skills and is good at jamming receivers at the line of scrimmage, but he doesn't have the speed required to play man-to-man coverage in the pros. I don't expect him to make much of an impact in the NFL, but hey, anything is possible.

After the draft was over, the team immediately got on the phone with their favorite players who didn't get drafted in the hopes of signing them as rookie free agents. The team was busy, and ended up agreeing to terms with the following rookie free agents:

Tashawn Bower, defensive end, LSU. Dylan Bradley, defensive tackle, Southern Mississippi. Aviante Collins, offensive tackle, TCU. Nick Fett, offensive tackle, Iowa State. Caleb Kidder, defensive end, Montana. Wes Lunt, quarterback, Illinois. Sam McCaskill, defensive end, Boise State. Terrell Newby, running back, Nebraska. Josiah Price, tight end, Michigan State. Horace Richardson, cornerback, SMU. R.J. Shelton, wide receiver, Michigan State. Shaan Washington, linebacker, Texas A&M. Eric Wilson, linebacker, Cincinnati.

Community Calendar



GROTON VET CLINIC
1503 N Broadway, Groton, 605/397-8145

Thursday, May 11

Senior Menu: Turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, baby glazed carrots, cheesecake with strawberry glaze, dinner roll.

School Lunch: Cook's choice.

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, milk, juice.

Groton Schools: Girls golf at Madison, 11 a.m.

Friday, May 12

Senior Menu: Hearty Vegetable Beef SOup, chicken salad sandwich, Mandarin oranges, Oatmeal raisin cookie.

School Lunch: Ham and cheese, smiley potato, carrots and dip, fruit.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

Groton Schools: NEC Track at Clark, 11



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a.m.; D.A.R.E. graduation at 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 14 St. John's Lutheran: Worship at 9 a.m. with graduation reception at 10 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion at 9 a.m.

United Methodist Church: Conde worship with communion, 9 a.m.; coffee fellowship time, 10 a.m., Confirmation Sunday,

10 a.m.; Groton worship with communion at 11 a.m.; Sunday School starts after children's sermon.

Catholic Parish: Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 9 a.m., then at St. Joseph in Turton at 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian: Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.

Heaven Bound Ministries: Worship in Pierpont at 10 a.m. with Communion.

Monday, May 15

Groton Schools: NEC Girls Golf at Sisseton, 10 a.m.; 7th/8th NEC track at Sisseton, 10 a.m.

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage roll hot dish, mixed vegetables, pears, cookie, whole wheat bread.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

United Methodist: Cub Scouts at 6:30 p.m., Evening Bible Study movie at Val Baker's House at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16

School Lunch: Cook's Choice.

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, May 17

Groton Schools: Elementary Track and Field Day from 12:30 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.

School Lunch: Hot dogs/brats, baked beans, baked chips, rice crispy bar.

Senior Menu: Ham, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, fruited Jell-O salad, whole wheat bread.

United Methodist: Wednesday Coffee at 9 a.m.; Ad Council at 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 18

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Regional Track at Milbank, noon.

School Lunch: Sack Lunch.

Senior Menu: French dip sandwich, macaroni salad, seasoned cabbage, Waldorf salad.

United Methodist: UMW at 1:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran: Quilting at 9 a.m.



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Choir Awards
Outstanding senior vocalist: Gabbie Kramer
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