



April Students of the Month

The student council is sponsoring Student of the Month. Each month the faculty select students who show outstanding academic achievement. These students receive certificates and have an end of the year lunch with the principal.

April Students of the Month are: 6th –Ashlyn Sperry , 7th – Brooke Gengerke, 8th – Madisen Bjerke, 9th – Sage Mortenson, 10th – Indigo Rogers, 11th – Cassandra Townsend, 12th – Alexandra Stange .



Ashlyn Sperry, sixth grader, is the daughter of Amanda and Ryan Sperry, Aberdeen. Owen Sperry is her brother. Ashlyn is involved in volleyball and dance and her accomplishments are making it on the honor roll every time, being named Student of the Month and improving while playing the clarinet. Her interests are hanging out with friends, riding horse and spending time with family. Math is her favorite subject and her role model is her mom. Ashlyn would like to be a horse trainer.

2018 S.D. Farmers Union Young Producer Event to be Held in Sioux Falls July 13-14

HURON, S.D.

- Farmers, ranchers and their spouses are invited to the 2018 S.D. Farmers Union Young Producer Event to be held in Sioux Falls July 13 and 14 at no cost to members and \$50 to non-members.



SDFU board member, Chad Johnson and his wife, Michelle say the S.D. Farmers Union Young Producers Event is a valuable opportunity. They are pictured here with their children, Porter and Brenna. (Courtesy Photo)

"This event is one of the best programs we sponsor," says Chad Johnson, 45, a crop and cattle farmer and District 7 board member.

Johnson shares how the Young Producers Event he and his wife, Michelle, attended a few years back made a positive and lasting impact on their family farm. During the event, they listened to an expert discuss farm and ranch transition and estate planning. After the event, Johnson invited the speaker to his farm to visit with his dad and mom.

"Prior to the event, every time I brought up the topic of a transition plan with my parents, my dad would get uncomfortable and change the subject. It was kind of taboo," Johnson explains. "After we learned about the tax ramifications of not having a plan, we shared those with Dad and he was open to a discussion."

More discussions and official paperwork followed. "We had our succession plan set up and some wills drawn up in case something happened," Johnson says. "It was a good thing too, because my dad passed away this July of cancer. I'm glad we had those talks out of the way, and out in the open with the family ahead of time, so we didn't have to worry."

Each year, S.D. Farmers Union (SDFU) invites experts to discuss topics relevant to young farmers and ranchers. Some topics to be covered this year include: precision agriculture and new tax laws.

"Young producers don't have time to waste, so this event is designed to provide maximum impact with valuable information they can take home and apply on their farms and ranches," explains Rocky Forman, SDFU Member Services Coordinator and the event organizer.

He adds that the event is also designed to give young couples a fun weekend getaway where they can network with other South Dakota farmers and ranchers.

"It's nice to visit with other farmers who face similar challenges and learn how they deal with them. Over the years, Michelle and I have stayed in touch with friends we've made through this event," Johnson says.

To learn more about the 2018 SDFU Young Producer event and to sign up, visit www.sdfu.org or contact Forman at Rforman@sdfu.org or call 605-350-3421.



Brooke Gengerke, seventh grade, is the daughter of Collin and Deb Gengerke, Groton. Siblings are Trey and Patrick and her dog is Bo. Brooke's activities include basketball, track and volleyball and she has been on the honor roll every quarter since sixth grade. Her interests are playing sports, going to the lake, being outside, listening to music and hanging out with friends and family. Math is her favorite subject, especially with

Jordan Kjellsen as the teacher. She plans to continue playing sports throughout high school, then to go to college at South Dakota State University for a major in business. Her role model is her father, Collin, who says, "If you work hard in life, you can have a good family, house, food and life to live!"



Madison Bjerke, eighth grader, is the daughter of Kathy and Jerry Bjerke, Groton. Siblings are Cameron Johnson, Jordan Bjerke, Breanne Bjerke, Becca Haisch, Tori Bjerke and Jessica Bjerke. Madison's activities include volleyball, basketball and track. Her accomplishment includes breaking the seventh grade school record in shot put. Madison's interests are sports, spending time with family and friends and watching Netflix. Math is her favorite subject and her role models are her grandmas. She plans to attend college at Northern State University, Aberdeen, for early childhood education or special education.



Sage Mortenson, freshman, is the daughter of Yvonne Lorenz and Jim Mortenson. Siblings are Austin Lorenz and Angel Feiock. Her activities include Destination Imagination, FCCLA, church youth group, school musical "Footloose," and has been involved in the Aberdeen Living Christmas Tree since third grade. Her accomplishments include being on the honor roll for four years, student of the month each year and first

place at regions for DI. Sage's interests are books, visiting and helping on the farm, cooking, and spending time with family and friends. Her favorite subject is science and her role model is her grandma, Vivian Dobberpuhl. Sage's plans to attend Ridgewater College in Wilmar, Minn., for Veterinary Technician.



Indigo Rogers, sophomore, is the daughter of Jennifer and Dirk Rogers, Groton. Siblings are Sadie and Truitt. Her activities include volleyball, band and working. She has earned awards in band, debate and volleyball. Indigo's interests are traveling, spending time with family and friends and being in the sun. History and science are her favorite subjects and her role model is her mom. She plans to attend college and get a degree to use

for her future.



Cassandra Townsend, junior, is the daughter of Dean and Kellie Townsend, Andover. Travis is her brother. Her activities include track, FCCLA and FFA. She has been on the honor roll, student of the month and placing at FFA CDE's. Her interests are horses, art, photography and animals. Chemistry is her favorite subject and her role model is her dad. She plans to be a vet.

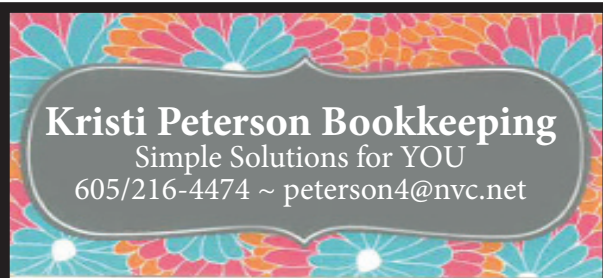


Alexandra Stange, senior, is the daughter of Doug and Vicci Stange, Groton. Her activities include FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, student council, 4-H, track and senior class president. Her accomplishment is graduation and her favorite subject is Biology II. She plans to get a business degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and her role model is Carrie Underwood.

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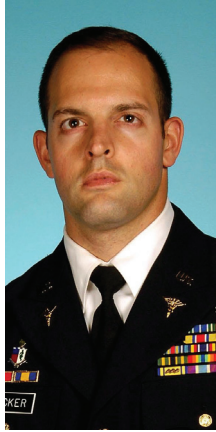


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Becker named SD Army Guard Lieutenant of the Year

RAPID CITY, S.D. – A Rapid City man was announced as this year's South Dakota National Guard Lieutenant of the Year at its annual officer's conference in Brookings, April 22.



First Lt. Jason Becker, Headquarters Battery, 1-147th Field Artillery Battalion, received the Lt. Col. John J. Steele Award, which was established in 1968 to annually recognize the most outstanding lieutenant in the SDNG based on exceptional qualities of leadership, values and performance.

Becker serves as a physician's assistant and contributes to Soldier medical readiness for the battalion. His efforts helped to increase the overall medical readiness of the 1-147th to over 93 percent.

"First Lt. Becker is an extremely qualified officer who has received many accolades from his battery leadership," said Lt. Col. Phillip Stiles, 1-147th Battalion commander. "His proficiency and skills make him an excellence choice for the John J. Steele Lieutenant of the Year."

Becker said his experiences as an enlisted Soldier contribute to his success as an officer and strengthened his ability to form relationships with Soldiers in his unit.

"I had an advantage of being prior enlisted for eight years," said Becker. "That helped me understand some of the ground-level strategies, as well as being in the field artillery, where we are constantly in a state of readiness."

"As an officer, the reward is not only about gaining respect, but you also know how it feels when you ask for tasks to be completed," Becker added. "I think that helps make missions go a lot better."

He credits his success in the competition to understanding how Soldiers are responsible for being ready for all of their mission essential tasks.

"You need to remember how to do tasks that are not just a part of your specific job in the military," said Becker. "The bigger picture is to help develop better Soldiers in general."

In addition to his responsibilities in the National Guard, Becker serves as a physician's assistant with Black Hills Orthopedic and Spine Center as the primary surgical team lead.

His professionalism as an orthopedic physician's assistant called him away, unexpectedly, from the award ceremony as he was tasked with operating on a patient in need back home.

"No matter what the problem or where my team is, I will try to take care of our patients," said Becker.

Other officers representing their major command for this year's award competition were 1st Lt. Scott Birr, 114th Fighter Wing, and 1st Lt. Dacey Eggers, 109th Regional Support Group.

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Stange, Doeden win at NEC Track Meet

Groton won in three divisions at the Northeast Conference Track Meet held Friday, May 11, at Webster. Stange won the triple jump with a 32-10.5 distance. Jonathan Doeden won two events. After placing second in the prelims of the 110m Hurdles, he shed half a second off of his prelim time to win the event, 14.87; He also won the 300m hurdles with a time of 42.20.

Seniors on the team are Harleigh Stange, Gia Gengerke, Alex Stange, Jessica Bjerke and Luke Thorson.

Girl's Division

Team Points: 1, Milbank, 156; 2, Aberdeen Roncalli, 154.83; 3, Hamlin, 137; 4, Groton Area, 79.66; 5, Webster Area, 69.5; 6, Redfield-Doland, 52; 7, Deuel, 44; 8, Sisseton, 24; 9, Clark/Willow Lake, 21; 10, Britton-Hecla, 1.

100m Hurdles: Cassandra Townsend, 19.74.

300m Hurdles: Cassandra Townsend, 1:00.14.

100m Dash: Prelims: 5, Harleigh Stange, 12.88; Tiara DeHoet, 15.06. Finals: 3, Harleigh Stange, 13.12.

200m Dash: 6, Gia Gengerke, 28.16; Tiara DeHoet, 32.76.

400m Dash: 8, Eliza Wanner, 1:08.24; Payton Maine, 1:10.02.

800m Run: 8, Amelie Hartwig, 2:44.62; Desiree Blevins, 3:35.73.

1600m Run: Alex Stange, 6:43.64; Desiree Blevins, 7:25.69.

400m Relay: 6, Groton (Kenzie McInerney, Lina-Marie Suhr, Nicole Marzahn, Amelie Hartwig), 56.86.

800m Relay: 3, Groton (Harleigh Stange, Payton Maine, Eliza Wanner, Gia Gengerke), 1:55.97.

1600m Relay: 6, Groton (Eliza Wanner, Kenzie McInerney, Lina-Marie Suhr, Amelie Hartwig), 4:42.94.

3200m Relay: 5, Groton (Amelie Hartwig, Lina-Marie Suhr, Riley Gengerke, Alex Stange), 11:34.31.

1600m Sprint Medley: 7, Groton (Eliza Wanner, Kenzie McInerney, Lina-Marie Suhr, Gia Gengerke), 5:25.35.

High Jump: 8 (tie), Nicole Marzahn, 4-4; 8 (tie), Gia Gengerke, 4-4; Alex Stange, 4-0.

Long Jump: 2, Harleigh Stange, 15-7.75; 4, Gia Gengerke, 15-02; 8, Nicole Marzahn, 15-2.5.

Triple Jump: 1, Harleigh Stange, 32-10.5; Nicole Marzahn, 29-2.5; Tiara DeHoet, 26-1.25.

Discus: 2, Jennie Doeden, 111-5; 3, Jessica Bjerke, 109-11; 8, Kaycie Hawkins, 85-10.

Shot Put: 3, Jessica Bjerke, 32-3; 4, Jennie Doeden, 31-11; Kaycie Hawkins, 28-7.5.

Boy's Division

Team Points: 1, Milbank, 147.5; 2 (tie), Aberdeen Roncalli and Webster Area, 101; 4, Hamlin, 97; 5, Clark/Willow Lake, 84; 6, Britton-Hecla, 50; 7, Deuel, 47.5; 8 (tie), Groton Area and Sisseton, 40; 10, Redfield-Doland, 33.

110m Hurdles: Prelims: 2, Jonathan Doeden, 15.27; Finals: 1, Jonathan Doeden, 14.87.

300m Hurdles: 1, Jonathan Doeden, 42.20.

100m Dash: Prelims: Thomas Cranford, 11.83; Darien Shabazz, 12.55.

200m Dash: Thomas Cranford, 24.18.

400m Dash: Douglas Heminger, 1:05.45.

800m Run: Isaac Smith, 2:23.49; Mitchell Koens, 2:24.05; Douglas Heminger, 2:48.55.

1600m Run: Isaac Smith, 5:26.84; Douglas Heminger, 6:11.63.

400m Relay: 5, Groton (Jonathan Doeden, Lucas Hinman, Austin Jones, Thomas Cranford), 46.95.

800m Relay: 7, Groton (Trevor Harry, Darien Shabazz, Austin Jones, Thomas Cranford), 1:43.61.

3200m Relay: 7, Groton (Isaac Smith, Jackson Cogley, Jacob Lewandowski, Mitchell Koens), 9:47.35.

1600m Sprint Relay: 7, Groton (Trevor Harry, Darien Shabazz, Jackson Cogley, Jacob Lewandowski), 4:40.85.

High Jump: Austin Jones, 5-2; Jackson Cogley, 5-0.

Long Jump: 6, Jonathan Doeden, 18-9.5; Trevor Harry, 17:04; Paxton Bonn, 15-7.

Triple Jump: Trevor Harry, 32-10.5; Austin Jones, 32-3; Paxton Bonn, 32-0.5.

Discus: 4, Luke Thorson, 116-3; Caleb Ferney, 95-0.

Shot Put: 7, Luke Thorson, 38-7.25; Caleb Ferney, 35-8.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright



The past two weeks, we have taken an in-depth look at the Minnesota Vikings' draft picks. Now, let's take a look around the rest of the NFC North to see how the Packers, Lions and Bears did in the draft.

Chicago Bears
The Bears had one of the best drafts in the NFL. With their first pick – the eighth overall – the team selected linebacker Roquan Smith from Georgia. Defensive coordinator Vic Fangio has improved the Bears' defense every year he's been with the team, and his squad was in the top 10 last season. Fangio's best defenses came when he was in San Francisco and had linebackers Patrick Willis and LaVorro Bowman. Roquan Smith gives him a linebacker of a similar mold.

In the second round, the team went offense with both of their picks – center James Daniels from Iowa (pick 39) and receiver Anthony Miller from Memphis (pick 51). The Bears selected quarterback Mitch Trubisky number two overall in last year's draft, so this year was dedicated to putting pieces around him. The Bears had the 29th ranked offense last season, but they now have a respectable offensive line and receiving group so that ranking figures to

improve.

The Bears had a down year in 2017, but with a new head coach, a young quarterback with a year under his best, and a solid offseason, they will undoubtedly be better. They are an under-the-radar team who will surprise a lot of people this year.

Detroit Lions
The lions had a hit or miss draft. In the first round they selected offensive lineman Frank Ragnow from Arkansas (pick 20). Ragnow is going to be a great offensive lineman according to an AFC offensive line coach I spoke with, and I was hoping he would fall to the Vikings. After a hit with their first pick, the Lions may have missed badly when they traded up to pick 43 to select running back Kerryon Johnson from Auburn. It's not that Johnson isn't a good running back, because he is, but the Lions didn't need to trade up for him and likely could have gotten him if they had stayed put.

In the third round, the Lions may have missed again when they selected safety Tracy Walker from Louisiana-Lafayette. Walker will really need to improve his instincts, because he doesn't have the speed to make up if he is late diagnosing a play. The Lions next two picks were clear winners in my book though. They took defensive tackle Da'Shawn Hand from Alabama and offensive tackle Tyrell Crosby from Oregon with the number 114 and 153 picks respectively.

The Lions had the seventh best offense and the 21st ranked defense in 2017. With a hit or miss draft and an underwhelming free agency period, it's hard to see this team improving

from last year. They may not have taken a step back, per se, but in this league if you're not getting better you're moving backwards.

Green Bay Packers
After seeing Kirk Cousins sign with the Vikings, the Packers knew they were in trouble so they decided to spend their first two draft picks on cornerbacks. While I know that story isn't likely true, it's still a lot of fun to imagine. The Packers did get two good cornerbacks in Jaire Alexander from Louisville (pick 18) and Josh Jackson from Iowa (pick 45). They do have a lot of holes on the team, but the defensive backfield was certainly the most glaring. Alexander is a very good cornerback who fell a little in the draft because of a nagging knee injury which caused him to have an up-and-down 2017 season. If he's healthy he should be an instant starter. Jackson isn't the athlete Alexander is, but he is taller and knows how to use his length to his advantage. Jackson led the nation with eight interceptions and 26 pass deflections in 2017.

Staying on the defensive side of the ball for their next pick, the Packers took linebacker Oren Burks from Vanderbilt (pick 88). Burks played both linebacker and safety in college, but he will stay as an inside linebacker in Green Bay. The Packers wanted to make sure they did everything they could to replace departed Jordy Nelson, so the team drafted three wide receivers in the later rounds, hoping one of them will pan out and for a connection with Aaron Rodgers.

The Packers still have questions marks all over the roster, but they will be getting Aaron

Rodgers back so they will be contenders for the NFC North crown. It's amazing what having the best quarterback on the planet will do for a team!

Next week will be the final draft aftermath article, which will cover the rest of the NFL. If you have any questions or comments, reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWright-NFL). Skol!

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<p>Bonds \$19,388,037,409 Stocks 773,519,623 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 2,483,486,010 Real Estate Owned 91,270,776 Policy Loans 795,817,227 Cash and Bank Deposits 873,349,295 Deferred and Uncollected Premiums 5,774,257 Investment Income Due and Accrued 201,363,140 Other Assets 82,397,467,904 TOTAL ASSETS \$107,010,085,641 LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts \$21,107,788,407 Reserve for Accident & Health Policies 2,825,453,590 Policy and Contract Claims Life 57,034,803 Accident and Health 13,524,569 General Expenses Due or Accrued 12,355,690 Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued 17,984,526 Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued 91,688,695 All Other Liabilities 80,494,223,425 TOTAL LIABILITIES \$104,620,053,705 Special Surplus Funds \$0 Capital Paid Up 3,000,000 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus 2,693,513,013 Unassigned Surplus (306,481,077) Surplus as Regards Policyholders \$2,390,031,936 TOTAL 107,010,085,641 BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2017 Direct Premiums Received \$35,467,549 Direct Losses Paid 54,779,582 Losses Incurred 6,682,057 Life Insurance in Force 616,778,492 STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY WHEREAS, the Riversource Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Minnesota, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota: NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below: 1-2-90-21 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., 2018. LARRY DIETER Director of Insurance</p>	<p>Bonds 726,425,539 Stocks 909,076,741 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 0 Real Estate Owned 30,737,849 Cash and Bank Deposits 19,085,934 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums 18,460,903 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued 6,763,014 Other Assets 106,484,976 TOTAL ASSETS 1,817,034,956 LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS Reserve for Losses 452,143,368 Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses 90,411,409 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees) 34,203,642 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes) 3,596,287 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes 1,158,071 Unearned Premiums 240,260,847 All Other Liabilities 130,707,697 TOTAL LIABILITIES 952,481,321 Special Surplus Funds 0 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit 10,000,375 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus 242,451,084 Unassigned Funds (Surplus) 612,102,176 Surplus as Regards Policyholders 864,553,635 TOTAL 1,817,034,956 BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2017 Direct Premiums Written 1,227,434 Direct Premiums Earned 1,501,226 Direct Losses Paid 1,257,483 Direct Losses Incurred 442,910 STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY WHEREAS, the RLI Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Illinois, 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: 2-3-4-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-17-18-23A 1. Life 2. Health 3. Fire & Allied Lines 4. Inland & Ocean Marine 5. Workmen's Compensation 6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto) 7. Property Damage (Other than Auto) 8. Auto Bodily Injury 9. Auto Property Damage 10. Auto Physical Damage 11. Fidelity & Surety 12. Glass 13. Burglary & Theft 14. Boiler & Machinery 15. Aircraft 16. Credit 17. Crop-Hail 18. Livestock 19. Title 20. Var. Annuities 23A. Travel Accident & Baggage in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2018. LARRY DIETER Director of Insurance</p>	<p>Bonds 302,529,559 Stocks 0 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 0 Real Estate Owned 0 Cash and Bank Deposits 16,177,300 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums 63,694,442 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued 0 Other Assets 1,408,288,450 TOTAL ASSETS 1,790,689,751 LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS Reserve for Losses 0 Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses 0 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees) 12,452,445 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes) 0 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes 0 Unearned Premiums 0 All Other Liabilities 1,531,122,299 TOTAL LIABILITIES 1,543,574,744 Special Surplus Funds 3,000,000 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit 0 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus 168,029,758 Unassigned Funds (Surplus) 76,085,249 Surplus as Regards Policyholders 247,115,007 TOTAL 1,790,689,751 BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2017 Direct Premiums Written 124,807,568 Direct Premiums Earned 128,455,286 Direct Losses Paid 56,715,315 Direct Losses Incurred 46,250,127 STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY WHEREAS, the Rural Community Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Minnesota, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota: NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below: 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-12-13-14-17-18 1. Life 2. Health 3. Fire & Allied Lines 4. Inland & Ocean Marine 5. Workmen's Compensation 6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto) 7. Property Damage (Other than Auto) 8. Auto Bodily Injury 9. Auto Property Damage 10. Auto Physical Damage 11. Fidelity & Surety 12. Glass 13. Burglary & Theft 14. Boiler & Machinery 15. Aircraft 16. Credit 17. Crop-Hail 18. Livestock 19. Title 20. Var. Annuities 21. in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2018. LARRY DIETER Director of Insurance</p>	<p>Bonds 3,189,560,093 Stocks 351,803,014 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 129,377,585 Real Estate Owned 0 Cash and Bank Deposits 67,128,667 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums 538,143,536 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued 23,970,206 Other Assets 563,375,664 TOTAL ASSETS 4,863,358,765 LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS Reserve for Losses 1,966,991,459 Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses 4,152,220 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees) 50,254,406 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes) 17,177,401 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes 0 Unearned Premiums 900,378,551 All Other Liabilities 421,112,625 TOTAL LIABILITIES 3,360,066,662 Special Surplus Funds 21,147,699 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit 5,000,000 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus 733,869,024 Unassigned Funds (Surplus) 743,275,381 Surplus as Regards Policyholders 1,503,292,104 TOTAL 4,863,358,766 BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2017 Direct Premiums Written 27,870,582 Direct Premiums Earned 25,471,033 Direct Losses Paid 16,113,363 Direct Losses Incurred 18,351,236 STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY WHEREAS, the SAFECO Insurance Company of America, a Corporation organized under the Laws of New Hampshire, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota: NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below: 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18 1. Life 2. Health 3. Fire & Allied Lines 4. Inland & Ocean Marine 5. Workmen's Compensation 6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto) 7. Property Damage (Other than Auto) 8. Auto Bodily Injury 9. Auto Property Damage 10. Auto Physical Damage 11. Fidelity & Surety 12. Glass 13. Burglary & Theft 14. Boiler & Machinery 15. Aircraft 16. Credit 17. Crop-Hail 18. Livestock 19. Title 20. Var. Annuities 21. in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2018. LARRY DIETER Director of Insurance</p>
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Columbia City 2017 Financial Report

MUNICIPALITY OF COLUMBIA						
BALANCE SHEET						
December 31, 2017						
	General	Sales Tax Revenue	City Hall Construction	Ball Park	Enterprise Fund Sewer	Total
Cash Assets:						
Cash in Checking Accounts	139,546.28	11,004.25	(8,330.16)	17,670.40	127,933.98	287,824.75
FIT	1,903.71					1,903.71
Certificates of Deposit	47,948.52					47,948.52
						0.00
						0.00
101 FUND CASH BALANCES	189,398.51	11,004.25	(8,330.16)	17,670.40	127,933.98	337,676.98
(Note 1)						
Municipal funds are deposited or invested with the following depositories:						
			First State Bank			335,773.27
			FIT			1,903.71
						337,676.98

Note 1: These amounts must equal the amounts stated on the bottom line of Exhibit II, page 3.

MUNICIPALITY OF COLUMBIA						
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES						
ALL FUNDS						
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017						
	General	Sales Tax Revenue	City Hall Construction	Ball Park	Enterprise Funds Sewer	Total
Receipts (Source):						
311 Property Taxes	54,471.74					54,471.74
313 Sales Tax	14,110.94	12,138.29				26,249.23
311-319 Other Taxes (319)	267.86					267.86
320 Licenses and Permits	950.00					950.00
331 Federal Grants						0.00
335.1 Bank Franchise Tax	677.39					677.39
335.2 Prorate License Fees	1,072.69					1,072.69
335.3 Liquor Tax Reversion	844.32					844.32
335.4 Motor Vehicle Licenses (5%)	7,393.60					7,393.60
335.6 Fire Insurance Premium Reversion	0.00					0.00
335.8 Local Government Highway and Bridge Fund	24,632.01					24,632.01
338.1 County Road Tax (25%)	372.00					372.00
338.2 County Highway and Bridge Reserve Tax (25%)						0.00
338.3 County Wheel Tax	352.05					352.05
331-339 Other Intergovernmental Revenue (339)						0.00
341-349 Charges for Goods and Services (341)	55.00					55.00
351-359 Fines and Forfeits (351)						0.00
361 Investment Earnings	867.49				245.45	1,112.94
362 Rentals						0.00
363-369 Other Revenues (369)				19,802.50		19,802.50
ENTERPRISE FUNDS						
380 Enterprise Operating Revenue Surcharge as Security for Debt					19,698.23	19,698.23
380.05 Lottery Revenues						0.00
330 Operating Grants						0.00
Total Receipts	106,067.09	12,138.29	0.00	19,802.50	19,943.68	157,951.56
Disbursements (Function):						
411 Mayor and Council	9,160.77					9,160.77
Finance Officer	5,425.66					5,425.66
Attorney	3,000.00					3,000.00
General Government Buildings	10,525.14		95,850.34			106,375.48
421 Police						0.00
422 Fire	3,390.17					3,390.17
423-429 Other Public Safety (429)						0.00
431 Highways and Streets (includes snow removal & street lights)	44,316.46					44,316.46
432 Sanitation (includes garbage & rubble sites)	150.00					150.00
437 Cemeteries						0.00
433-439 Other Public Works (435)						0.00
441-449 Health and Welfare (441)	2,304.63					2,304.63
451-459 Park and Recreation	6,990.41			11,363.91		18,354.32
461-469 Conservation and Development (465)	3,756.30					3,756.30
470 Debt Service		1,134.00				1,134.00
480 Intergovernmental Expenditures						0.00
490-493 Miscellaneous (492)						0.00
ENTERPRISE FUNDS						
410 Personal Services					2,391.65	2,391.65
420 Other Expenses					412.60	412.60
426 Supplies and Materials						0.00
Total Disbursements	89,019.54	1,134.00	95,850.34	11,363.91	2,804.25	200,172.04
391.01 Transfers In	1,259.00		80,000.00			81,259.00
51100 Transfers Out	(80,000.00)				(1,259.00)	(81,259.00)
391.03 Sale of Municipal Property						0.00
391.04 Compensation for Loss or Damage to Capital Assets						0.00
391.2 Money Received From Borrowing			7,520.18			7,520.18
391.07 Capital Contributions (Grants)						0.00
441 Debt Service-Principal						0.00
442 Debt Service-Interest						0.00
Subtotal of Receipts, Disbursements and Transfers	(61,693.45)	11,004.29	(8,330.16)	8,438.59	15,880.43	(34,700.30)
Fund Cash Balance,						
January 1, 2017	251,091.92	0.00	0.00	9,231.81	112,053.55	372,377.28
Adjustments:						
Restated Fund Cash Balance,						
FUND CASH BALANCE,.....	251,091.92	0.00	0.00	9,231.81	112,053.55	337,676.98
FUND CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2017.....	189,398.47	11,004.29	(8,330.16)	17,670.40	127,933.98	337,676.98

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Frederick Town May 7, 2018 General Meeting

Town of Frederick
May Minutes

The monthly Frederick Town Board meeting was held Monday evening, May 7, 2018, at 7 PM, in the Community Center with 6 people present; Chairman R. Scott Campbell, Board Members Gary Schlosser and Troy Millard, Finance Officer and Assistant Finance Officer, Diane Bruns and Mariah Heine, and Utility/Maintenance Manager Richard Bakeberg.

The meeting began with Chairman Campbell leading in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report for April along with the Revenue-Expenditure Budget Record was reviewed. Chairman Campbell will review interest earned on Savings accounts in 1st National Bank. The Financial Report was approved with a motion by GS/SC. Motion Carried.

Approval of Accounts Payable was made after an agreement between Board Members to Assistant FO amount paid for April. The Accounts Payable motion was made by GS/TM. Motion Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

A&B Business Solutions, Inc. Supplies FO \$552.43; A-1 Sanitation & Recycling, LLC, Roll-Off Day of Champions Gen'l \$254.26; Badger Meter fees Water \$115.70; Community Store Supplies CC FO \$20.09; D. Bruns wage CC \$124.13; D. Bruns Expenses FO Gen'l \$45.98; D. Bruns wage+mtg+mileage FO \$1258.36; FDC Econ Dev Econ Dev \$1200; FU Oil Co Propane EBL, Municipal Bldg \$729.02; G. Schlosser wage Gen'l \$23.09; GDI News Mins Audit Notice Gen'l \$50.73; JVT Services Gen'l FO EBL Wtr \$299.23; M. Cox wage EBL \$626.45; MDU elect Municipal Bldg Sts EBL BP SP Swr Wtr \$1484.64; Menard's Supplies CC \$14.78; R. Bakeberg Expenses Swr \$417.19; R. Bakeberg wage+base+Classes+ mileage Swr \$762.78; R. Bakeberg Veh Allow Sts Wtr Swr \$75; R.S. Campbell wage Gen'l \$46.17; SD Dept of Rev Lab Wtr \$15; SD Dept of Rev Sales Tax Garb \$73.92; SD Dept of Rev Motor Veh fees Gen'l \$16.75; T. Millard wage Gen'l \$23.09; True Value Ellendale supplies S Park \$57.36; USDA-RD AP Wtr loan Wtr Repair \$475; WEB Water 529,800 gallons Wtr \$2331.03; Menard's (2nd ck) Supplies S Park Gen'l Sts \$169.69; Aberdeen Asphalt Snow Removal Sts \$902.50; Mariah Heine wage FO \$392.48. TOTAL A/P May \$12,556.85.

OLD BUSINESS:

Utility Manager R. Bakeberg's Utility Report included filling holes around town with Pot Mix; C. Martin has been blading some roads in town; will put dock into water at Simmons Park in a couple weeks; the new Shed at Riverside Cemetery is installed and packed around with rock and clay. Also, the water froze in the park bathroom lines and the bathrooms will be opened in a couple weeks. He will be obtaining garbage containers from Dependable Sanitation for repairs and replacements to our containers. Bakeberg also reported on the Wastewater

Workshop he attended in Pierre for 2 days. He commented the EPA is pushing to update sewer systems and install new heavy-duty manhole covers as needed.

Frederick Forward – A motion was made to give a \$600 donation towards Sponsorship for Finn Fest. Motion was made by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

Historical Society held a May Basket Fundraiser in the Community Center on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

Emma Burnham Library – discussed the 14% allotted to Emma Burnham Library from the Brown County Auditor's disbursement each month. Decided to leave as is.

Frederick Development Corporation – No Business.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing on Flashing Speed Limit Sign; Helms & Associates unable to acquire bids under \$50,000 for installation of sewer line, Board looking at 2 contractors in Leola and one in Hecla; Thank-yous were noted from Craig Mickelson of Mickelson Realty for easy land transaction and the Community Store for their fundraiser in the Community Center; Landfill is open for Season, Wednesdays and Saturdays; Manager Bakeberg will add gravel over repaired area on 2nd Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

Each uncontested Board Member read and signed their Oath of Office, R. Scott Campbell accepted the three-year term, G. Schlosser accepted the one-year term.

At this point the meeting was turned over to Finance Officer Bruns to elect a Chairman of the new Board.

Troy Millard nominated R. Scott Campbell. R. Scott Campbell nominated Troy Millard. Motion was made by SC/TM to end nominations. After voting, R. Scott Campbell is Chairman. The meeting was given back to presiding Chairman Campbell.

A Certificate of Achievement was presented to Utility Manager Richard Bakeberg and to the City of Frederick from the DENR for meeting the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and the State of SD regulations for safe drinking water to the public.

The recommendations from the DENR in the Landfill Inspection packet were reviewed. No action was taken.

A deteriorating building on Main Street was discussed. The building is the owner's responsibility and should be covered by insurance.

Bakeberg asked Board if it would be possible to put in a Flush-out S of his house to prevent sewer backup that has been going on for the last twenty years. The board agreed it is needed and made a motion to hire M. Thorpe of Ellendale to install. Motion made by TM/GS. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence this month.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by TM/GS. Motion Carried. The next Frederick Town Board meeting will be June 4, 2018, in the Frederick Community Center. SDCL 1-25-1.

Diane Bruns, Frederick Finance Officer

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The Life of Orville Schaller

Services for Orville Schaller, 89, of Groton were held Monday, May 14th at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Rev. Craig Grams officiated. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Orville passed away May 10, 2018 at Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Orville Merle Schaller was born to William and Rachel (Knoll) Schaller on September 3, 1928 on the family farm near Groton. He attended country school through the 8th grade and graduated from Groton High School in 1946. During his high school days, he worked at the Ford agency as a "Grease Monkey." After graduation, he worked for George Stange and lived on his farm. On June 9, 1950, he married Jocelyn Ebert and together they were blessed with three children. In 1953, he began working for Groton Auto and Tractor Company as a salesman. Later, he and Chuck Porter bought the Agency and re-named it Trail Chevrolet and Olds. In 1968, Chuck sold his share to Orville and he owned it until 1986. He won many Chevrolet and Olds awards, including numerous trips. During this time, Orville bought and farmed his own land.

Orville belonged to the Groton Kiwanis Club for 50 years. He was also active in the Chamber of Commerce, City Council, Olive Grove Golf Course and St. John's Lutheran Church, all of which he served in many offices. Orville, along with Rocky Buntrock, organized Sunflower Days. He and Gene Abeln were instrumental in obtaining the US 12 four lane highway from Aberdeen to I-29. Orville loved to fly and purchased his own plane in mid-life after obtaining his pilot's license. He enjoyed flying with friends and his son, especially his fishing trips to Flin Flon, Canada.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife, Joyce of 67 years, his daughter, Sherry, an infant sister, Lois, infant brother, William, three brothers, Myron, Otho and Wally and sisters, Myla and Arlene.

Mourning his loss is his daughter, Sandra and son, Steven, grandchildren: Stephy (Tim) Hanigan, Arielle Cameron, Cheyenne, Jasmine and Hunter Schaller, great-grandsons, Colton and Kyler Hanigan, Kayson and Bronsen Cameron, Quincy Hunt. Orville is also survived by his sister, Bonnie Larson, brothers, Kenneth and Ben Schaller, and sister-in-law, Florence Schaller.

Casketbearers were Rick Carlson, Casey Zoellner, Marc Hanson, Bob Walter, Brad Larson and Loren Schaller. Honorary Casketbearers were Larry Schelle, Chuck Raap, Curtis Sombke, Tony Goldade, Richard Krueger, Steve Giedt, and nephews, Tom Ebert, Tim Ebert, Dennis Schaller, Billy Schaller, Russ Schaller, Scott Schaller, Greg Peterson and Greg, Dean and Kevin Ebert.



Claremont Town May 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The board of trustees for the Town of Claremont met in regular session on 5-18-18 at 7p.m. in city hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with trustees Spencer and Rasmussen present. Also present was Andrew Murray. On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the April minutes were approved as read. On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants allowed: General: NEVCO, ballpark scoreboard, 11002.20; Shane Johnson, mowing blades x2 sets, 149.73; Shane Johnson, grading roads, 160.00; James Valley, phone and internet, 86.26; Groton Daily Independent, publishing, 10.77; NWE., lights, 337.82; First State Bank, loan on mower, 817.63; Charla Rye, staples and envelopes, 7.03; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; WSSW: BDM, water used, 798.90; Ecolab, pest elimination, 171.38; NWE. water and sewer, 545.60; Melinda Spencer, meter reading, 184.70; Rural Development, loan payment, 576.00; The board unanimously decided that the water meters are so outdated and many are no longer working. It was best to invest in a new system. These will be purchased and installed this summer. Northwestern has been notified that several street lights are not functioning. They will be out to repair them. Malt Beverage applications will be mailed to the Department of Revenue. With no further business before the board a motion was made by Spencer to adjourn and seconded by Rasmussen. Motion Carried.

C.Rye, F.O.
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State of S.D. Dallas Sombke Estate Notice

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
:SS.
COUNTY OF BROWN)
IN CIRCUIT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
In the Matter of the Estate of DALLAS SOM-
BKE, deceased.

06PRO17-089
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is given that on August 30, 2017, Doug Sombke, whose address is 1102 North Main, Groton, South Dakota, 57445, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Dallas Sombke.

Creditors of the decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

Dated this 30th day of August 2017.

/s/ Doug Sombke
Doug Sombke
1102 North Main
Groton, SD 57445
Brown County Clerk of Courts
PO Box 1087
Aberdeen, SD 57402-1087
(605) 626-2451
Prepared by:
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Aberdeen, SD 57402-1030
605-225-6310
(0502.0516)

11215 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2017 SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF INDIANA

Home Office Address:
175 Berkeley Street
Boston, MA 02116
Mail Address:
175 Berkeley Street
Boston, MA 02116
ASSETS

Bonds	13,944,855
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	353,153
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	0
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	159,948
Other Assets	1,336,000
TOTAL ASSETS	15,793,956
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	1,086
Unearned Premiums	0
All Other Liabilities	335,313
TOTAL LIABILITIES	336,399
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	3,300,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	26,365,185
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	(14,207,628)
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	15,457,557
TOTAL	15,793,956

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2017	
Direct Premiums Written	489,354
Direct Premiums Earned	459,345
Direct Losses Paid	264,557
Direct Losses Incurred	267,532

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

WHEREAS, the Safeco Insurance Company of Indiana, 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:

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9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
11. Fidelity & Surety
12. Glass
13. Burglary & Theft
14. Boiler & Machinery
15. Aircraft
16. Credit
17. Crop-Hail
18. Livestock
19. Title
20. Var. Annuities
- 21.

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LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

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Out-of-State Visitors tour Trinity Episcopal Church



Richard and Faye Jacobson from Franklin, North Carolina, outside Trinity Episcopal Church. (Courtesy Photo)

Faye and Richard Jacobson of rural North Carolina were planning a trip to South Dakota this spring when they read a story in the national Episcopal News Service about Groton's historic Trinity Episcopal Church, so they contacted the Groton Community Historical Society ("GCHS") asking to visit and tour the church.

GCHS President Topper Tastad first told the visitors about the historical background of the church, then showed them the inside and outside damage to the roof since it was last roofed in 1975. Shingles are missing on the South roof, and there are several 4-inch holes in the North roof, which Tastad and another Board member temporarily fixed by working new shingles up under old shingles above the holes.

The Historical Society is in the process of raising enough money to match a \$25,000 grant from the Out of Deadwood Historical

Preservation Fund, and greatly appreciates the donations the Jacobsons and local citizens, businesses and civic organizations have made to the re-roofing fund. For those who have not yet donated, checks may be mailed to GCHS, PO Box 373, Groton, SD 57445, or dropped at City Hall.



GCHS President "Topper" Tastad points to ceiling boards tacked over damaged roofing boards. (Courtesy Photo)

NEC Golf

All three Groton Area golfers placed in the top 15 at the Northeast Conference Golf Meet. Peyton Colestock placed eighth with a 103 (54 and 49). Ashley Flihs placed ninth with a 105 (58 and 47). Portia Kettering placed 13th with a 117 (56 and 61).

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Scottsdale, AZ 85251
Mail Address:
4343 N. Scottsdale Road #300
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
ASSETS

Bonds	.....	\$937,745,621
Stocks	.....	29,379,581
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	33,969,736
Real Estate Owned	.....	85,870
Policy Loans	.....	29,820,829
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	9,272,199
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	8,323,487
Investment Income Due and Accrued	.....	12,751,922
Other Assets	.....	53,654,113
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$1,115,003,358
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	.....	\$799,453,372
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	120,287
Policy and Contract Claims Life	.....	10,281,696
Accident and Health	.....	1,500
General Expenses Due or Accrued	.....	2,145,959
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	.....	732,494
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	.....	210,991
All Other Liabilities	.....	229,396,939
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$1,042,343,238
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$50,816,848
Capital Paid Up	.....	2,500,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	130,638,055
Unassigned Surplus	.....	(111,294,783)
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$72,660,120
TOTAL	.....	1,115,003,358
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2017		
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$39,218
Direct Losses Paid	.....	721,763
Losses Incurred	.....	0
Life Insurance in Force	4,255,204

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
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COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE
OF AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Sagacor Life Insurance Co., a Corporation organized under the Laws of Texas, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 1-2
1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
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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., 2018.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

95683
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2017
SANFORD
HEALTH PLAN
Home Office Address:
300 Cherapa Place, Suite 201
Sioux Falls, SD 57103
Mail Address:
P. O. Box 91110
Sioux Falls, SD 57109
ASSETS

Bonds	.....	\$123,569,059
Stocks	.....	34,183,908
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	0
Real Estate Owned	.....	0
Policy Loans	.....	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	94,764,329
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	7,062,334
Investment Income Due and Accrued	.....	1,950,509
Other Assets	.....	6,645,732
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$268,175,874
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	.....	\$0
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	26,478,453
Policy and Contract Claims Life	.....	0
Accident and Health	.....	94,490,875
General Expenses Due or Accrued	.....	20,358,563
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	.....	0
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	.....	195,019
All Other Liabilities	.....	8,965,058
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$150,487,969
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$16,266,000
Capital Paid Up	.....	0
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	197,206,956
Unassigned Surplus	.....	(95,785,051)
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$117,687,904
TOTAL	.....	268,175,874
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2017		
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$171,938,567
Direct Losses Paid	.....	154,912,093
Losses Incurred	.....	157,540,577
Life Insurance in Force	.....	0

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

WHEREAS, the Sanford Health Plan, a Corporation organized under the Laws of South Dakota, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 2-
1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)
8. Auto Bodily Injury
9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
11. Fidelity & Surety
12. Glass
13. Burglary & Theft
14. Boiler & Machinery
15. Aircraft
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- 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., 2018.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

70435
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2017
SAVINGS BANK LIFE INS.
COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS
Home Office Address:
One Linscott Road
Woburn, MA 01801
Mail Address:
One Linscott Road
Woburn, MA 01801
ASSETS

Bonds	.....	\$2,530,495,622
Stocks	.....	64,896,026
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	0
Real Estate Owned	.....	8,181,049
Policy Loans	.....	71,718,778
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	86,368,271
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	117,375,467
Investment Income Due and Accrued	.....	30,291,381
Other Assets	.....	123,095,608
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$3,032,422,202
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	.....	\$1,974,615,252
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	771
Policy and Contract Claims Life	.....	17,335,019
Accident and Health	.....	5,000
General Expenses Due or Accrued	.....	3,679,249
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	.....	3,424,577
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	.....	0
All Other Liabilities	.....	830,839,812
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$2,829,899,680
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$57,320,000
Capital Paid Up	.....	0
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	0
Unassigned Surplus	.....	145,202,522
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$202,522,522
TOTAL	.....	3,032,422,202
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2017		
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$191,219
Direct Losses Paid	.....	0
Losses Incurred	.....	0
Life Insurance in Force	.....	144,592,829

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

WHEREAS, the Savings Bank Life Ins. Company of Massachusetts, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Massachusetts, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 1-
1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
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7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)
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- 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., 2018.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

68675
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2017
SECURITY BENEFIT LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY
Home Office Address:
One Security Benefit Place
Topeka, KS 66636-0001
Mail Address:
One Security Benefit Place
Topeka, KS 66636-0001
ASSETS

Bonds	.....	\$17,564,793,984
Stocks	.....	52,821,315
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	1,293,084,757
Real Estate Owned	.....	16,208,782
Policy Loans	.....	441,541,156
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	4,093,825,251
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	2,318
Investment Income Due and Accrued	.....	265,319,770
Other Assets	.....	9,371,869,560
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$33,099,466,893
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	.....	\$22,698,100,810
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	8,963
Policy and Contract Claims Life	.....	3,604,928
Accident and Health	.....	0
General Expenses Due or Accrued	.....	0
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	.....	145,728
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	.....	28,572,499
All Other Liabilities	.....	8,468,407,376
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$31,198,840,304
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$99,879,465
Capital Paid Up	.....	7,000,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	1,654,795,591
Unassigned Surplus	.....	138,951,533
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$1,900,626,589
TOTAL	.....	33,099,466,893
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2017		
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$3,110,390
Direct Losses Paid	.....	3,438,416
Losses Incurred	.....	4,847
Life Insurance in Force	.....	8,519,607

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

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

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

- 1-2-20-21
1. Life
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3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
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8. Auto Bodily Injury
9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
11. Fidelity & Surety
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15. Aircraft
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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., 2018.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance



Kiwanis members get tour of elementary school

Roger Rix was in charge of the program for Kiwanis Club, Wednesday. Roger arranged for Brett Schwan, elementary principal; to give a tour of the elementary school upgrades. Kiwanians in the back row, left to right, are Larry Wheeting, Mike Ehreshman, Kathy Sundermeyer, Tom Mahan, club president; Roger Rix and Steve Simon. In front, left to right are Chuck Raap, Lee Schinkel, Chuck Padfield; and Brett Schwan, elementary principal, who gave a very informative and detailed guided tour.

This week's program leader is Larry Schelle, followed by Lee Schinkel.

90th Birthday
LaVonne J. Helmer of Groton will be honored for her 90th birthday on May 27th from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Groton Community Center. Her family will host the event.

Swisher, Kroll to retire this year

Over half a century of teaching experience will be gone next year as Jane Kroll and Renee Swisher both turned in their resignations with plans to retire. Kroll has been a second grade teacher for 35 years and Swisher has been the kindergarten teacher for 27 of her 41 years of teaching in Groton.

The board approved the negotiated teacher agreement on a 6-1 vote with Deb Gengerke voting no. The teachers will receive an \$800 raise plus a \$150 bonus that will be paid in November. The teacher base was raised from \$36,500 to \$38,500 for next year and will increase to \$40,000 the following year. The FFA director will receive 10 percent of stipend pay, up from 7 percent.

Melissa Hill was hired as the new middle/high school special education teacher, replacing Nicole Johnson. Hill comes from Simmons School in Aberdeen. The resignation of Pernell Graf as custodian was approved. The resignation of Don Donley as yearbook advisor was accepted upon suitable replacement.

Open enrollment applications for next year were approved for four kindergarten students from Aberdeen, one kindergarten from Britton-Hecla, one junior kindergarten from Northwestern and from Aberdeen, and a third and seventh grader from the Aberdeen.

Superintendent Joe Schwan proposed moving next year's prom to March 30 so it does not interfere with the ACT testing. The board took no action as other options are also being considered.

Schwan also reported that the state show choir competition will be going away after this school year.

The district's general fund is in good shape, but with the changes to the state aide in education, Business Manager Mike Weber suggested that the district sit on the excess \$1 million from the elementary project to see what will happen with the state aid. Officials said the state aid formula is a mess right. It also does not help for the district to plan with the ag property disputes going on in Brown County. The total valuation of the district is \$1,398,844,600. Weber said that he was surprised to learn that the tax levys will all go up next year (as set by the state), despite the increased valuation of the district. Ag property increased from .001507 to .001512. Owner occupied raised from .003372 to .003383. Non-ag and utilities were raised from .006978 to .007001.

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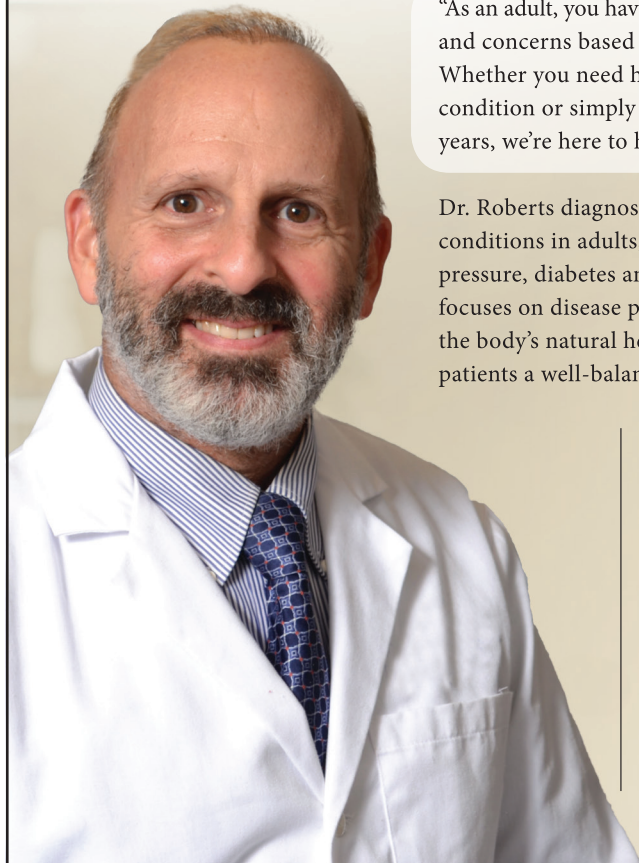
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