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Pictured left to right are Kayla Jensen, Samantha Pappas, Isaac Smith, Jordan Bjerke, Jamie Ruiz de Medina Maroto and Ethan Clark. (Courtesy Photo)

Groton Math Team wins at NSU Contest again

Forty-one students from the Groton Area School District participated in the 66th Annual Northern State University Mathematics Contest held Wednesday, April 17, 2019, in the Barnett Center at NSU in Aberdeen, South Dakota. They were among 591 contestants representing 30 schools from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota, who participated in the event and tested in four divisions: Elementary Algebra, Geometry, Advanced Algebra, and Senior Math.

Out of the 149 students taking the Elementary Algebra test, Ethan Clark earned the second place trophy, and Jordan Bjerke received a certificate of honorable mention. Of the 164 students taking the Advanced Algebra test, Samantha Pappas, Jamie Ruiz de Medina Maroto, and Isaac Smith received certificates of honorable mention. Out of the 112 students taking the Senior Math test, Kayla Jensen earned the third place trophy.

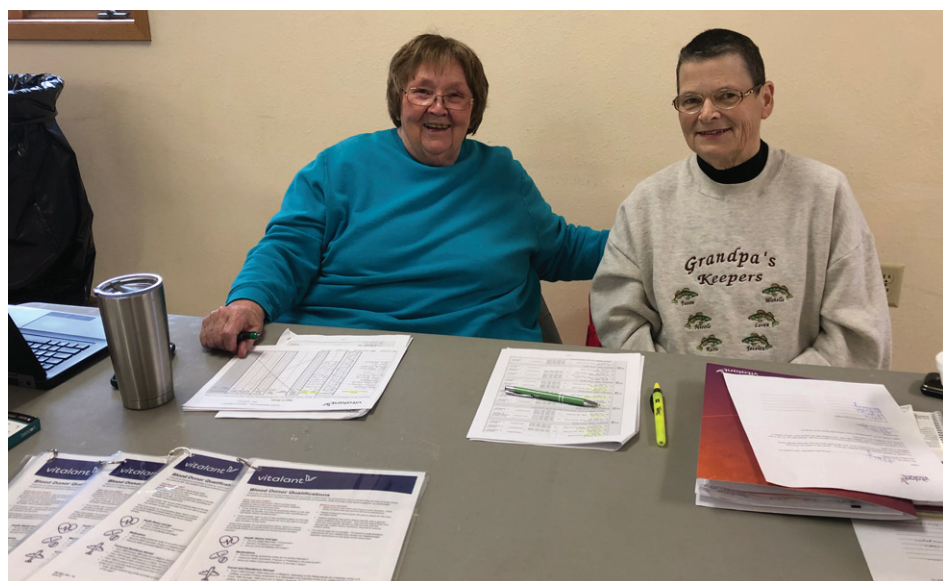
As a school, Groton received first place in the Class AA/A division for the second consecutive year. School rank was determined by the highest score in each of the four divisions.

Groton Area ranked second in BackgroundChecks

Brandon Valley and Groton Area school districts were rank first and second, respectively. Arlington, Warner and Dell Rapids school districts round out the top five. Sioux Falls School District was ranked 11th and Harrisburg School District ranked 14.

The rankings were determined by assessing crucial scholastic and financial metrics, including the student-to-teacher ratio, standardized test scores, teacher quality, graduation rate, and school funding for over 10,000 schools in the U.S. Information was gathered from the databases at the National Center for Education Statistics and the U.S. Department of Education.

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WELCA hosts Blood Drive

The WELCA of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, hosted the blood drive held Monday at the Groton Community Center. In the photo above, the greeters were June Ackman and Carol Osterman. Serving some delicious treats were Penny Stolle and Melinda Eikamp in the right photo. (Photos by Paul Kosel)

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Granary Rural Arts Festival held at the AARC this year



(Left photo) Devan Howard with her Granary entries of an hour glass and a charcoal drawing of a musician she enjoys with her trophy of a Judge's Choice Award for drawing. Shannon Wiedrick's mixed media entry called "Broken Things Are Still Beautiful" is pictured in the background. (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



Alexa Hickenbotham wool felting in a class taught by Kelly Knipsel. This task is done by wetting wool with water and soap, then wrapped around each length in the opposite direction. The outer layer is wrapped in the other direction the bottom layer was wrapped in to secure the wool lengths. You can also embellish the wool the a needle and colored wool by poking the needle into the wool to achieve your desired pattern. (Photo Courtesy of Alexa Hickenbotham)



A painting made by Deb Many-Carson of a pond in her backyard. The image is a smaller version of a larger work of art she made as a test to decide which techniques to use. (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



Alexa Hickenbotham by her Granary entry entitled; "David Bowie Fell To Earth." She also won a Judge's Choice award trophy for Mixed Media artwork. (Photo Courtesy of Alexa Hickenbotham)



Artist Deb Many-Carson gave lessons at the Granary, which was held at the ARCC this year. She gave lesson on technique used in acrylic painting.

(Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



A wool felting class in session being taught by Kelly Knipsel of Groton. Here are some students in the process of felting wool use water and soap.

(Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



Famous artist, Deb Many-Carson with her painting of a lion she made from a photograph taken from a trip she took to Africa. (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



Here is an image of a wool ball almost completed being made. (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



A wool ball which is completed made by student James Cranford. (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)

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Nearly a quarter of S.D. school districts adopt four-day calendar

By: Tom Griffith

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Nearly a quarter of the school districts in South Dakota have opted for a four-day school week over the past decade, joining an increasing trend toward the altered schedule nationwide.

According to the South Dakota Department of Education, 34 school districts, or nearly 23 percent of the 149 statewide are maintaining a four-day school week in the current academic year. That's a jump from 9.23 percent in 2008-09.

Only five other states have more than 20% of their districts on the four-day calendar, according to a study published in the National Council of State Legislatures magazine. Nationally, more than 560 districts in 25 states have gone to the calendar, according to the NCSL.

Most of the districts are small and rural hoping to save money on transportation and other operating expenses, but some urban schools are also making the change.

"In most instances, it's purely a matter of geography," said Wade Pogany, executive director of the Associated School Boards of South Dakota. "The more West River you go and the more rural you get, the geography lends itself to more costs transporting students. In some instances, kids on are on buses an hour each way and budgets are still really, really tight. If you are not driving buses on Fridays, you are saving on staff and gasoline."

Many South Dakota district administrators say the amount of actual savings from the calendar change hasn't been as much as anticipated, but added benefits of increased time for students to work with teachers, time for teacher training and preparation and other benefits have made the choice a good one.

Saving transportation costs

On average, schools practicing the four-day week hold classes 45-60 minutes longer each day than South Dakota schools on the traditional five-day schedule, administrators say, allowing them to stay well above the mandatory minimum hours of instruction required by the state.

Pogany said the number of districts employing the four-day week is not likely to significantly increase in coming years. But those districts that have opted for the shortened week have realized some added benefits, he said.

"We probably won't see a marked increase in the near-future," Pogany said. "The use of that structure has probably plateaued at this point. But we've witnessed districts on a four-day week using Fridays for remedial days, allowing students with needs to catch up, as well as (time for) teacher training and in-service for staff."

Pogany also said rural districts also have witnessed benefits from the four-day week tied to athletics, where some teams travel long distances, often on Fridays, for matchups against other teams.

"If you're in Faith and have to travel to Edgemont for a game, that's a long bus trip," he said. "It could mean a half a day away from the classroom. By not having Friday classes, those districts are able to retain classroom time."

Opponents say the longer days can be hard for younger students. And for low-income



Districts say shortened school weeks give families more flexibility in scheduling appointments for their children and taking family time off together.

families, finding quality Friday day care and providing sufficient meals on the days the students aren't in school also can be challenging.

"It's not the money savings that some districts thought it would be. But for some schools, particularly rural schools, it works quite well,"
Mark Naugle, Custer Superintendent

Custer first to adopt new schedule

Custer was the first school district in South Dakota to transition to a four-day week in 1995, primarily because the southern Black Hills community believed it would realize significant cost savings. But, that's not really been the case, according to Mark Naugle, superintendent.

"Does it save money? No, it doesn't," said Naugle. "For us, the last number I ever heard was it was minimal, less than \$100,000 of savings per year. It's more of a quality of life issue, and what works best for your district. What we found in Custer is something that works for us and that's why we continue to do it."

Naugle, a Custer native who oversees a district with 75 teachers and 950 students, said the four-day week is all his teachers and students have ever known. And, by and large, they like the flexibility of the shortened week, which allows parents to schedule things like doctors' appointments on Fridays without having to excuse their children from class.

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Jennifer Boomsma-Kelsey is principal at Wolsey-Wessington High School, where the four-day school calendar has been in effect for years.

When the district considered switching from a five-day to a four-day week, Boomsma-Kelsey said several community meetings were conducted where advocates provided economic arguments for the shortened school week. But others presented research that showed benefits from eliminating the need for early dismissal on in-service days, providing extra time on Fridays for students in need of help to meet with teachers, and even allowing teachers time to talk to each other about common concerns.

"I think our Fridays are utilized really well for students who need extra time with teachers, particularly in 7th through 12th grades," she said. "Staff is there from 8 a.m. to noon

three of the four Fridays every month, allowing students time to come get individualized help with their teacher, or if they have been sick and have missed school, they can meet with teachers and catch up."

Boomsma-Kelsey said staff and students in her district have embraced the four-day school week.

"We've asked the last five years if they would like to go back to a five-day schedule and it's always been a resounding 'no,'" she said. "They really have become accustomed to it. It's also been easier for families to plan medical appointments or things they need to do out of town and not worry about their kids missing instructional time."

The only downside Boomsma-Kelsey could identify with the four-day school week might be tied to younger students who find it more difficult to retain their lessons over three-day weekends. And, in this winter when much of South Dakota has been plagued by blizzards, necessitating cancellation of school, making up those days on Fridays can be stressful for some students.

"When we have to add a Friday due to snow days, it's a little tougher for these young students," she said. "They get pretty tired because it's a long week."

Iroquois School District Superintendent Mike Ruth has been an educator for 32 years, teaching at Hoven and Midland before moving to his post at Iroquois five years ago and encountering the first four-day school week of his career. Ruth said reaction to the shortened week has been decidedly mixed in his district.

"I see both pros and cons with it," he said. "Negatives may come from lower-grade teachers who worry about younger children retaining information over three-day weekends, and having suitable time to address all the curriculum needs. The curriculum might be crammed when it shouldn't be, and they're concerned that student contact time from not having a fifth day limits time to meet with kids and interact with those they want to."

"But, the Friday flexibility is the number one positive in my mind," Ruth added. "For older kids who want a job, it allows that opportunity. But my number one thing, and the reason I'm not pounding a drum against the short week, is the Friday flexibility. It allows staff time to meet with each other as well, and not worry about having to get a substitute; a collaborative time, so that's all a plus."

In addition to one Friday a month being devoted to students who may need to make up a test, work on reading skills or meet with a teacher about a project, Ruth said other Fridays allow his 27 teachers to complete professional development, CPR training or examine school performance data.

Ruth said the cost-savings tied to a four-day week for his small school district have been "minimal," with most associated with transportation of students.

While his staff remains evenly split on the four-day week, the district's 220 students and their parents have expressed their fondness for the schedule, Ruth said.

"Three years ago, there was some discussion about returning to a five-day week, so we did a survey of parents, students and staff to allow them to voice their thoughts," the veteran educator said. "The staff response was mixed, but the students and parents overwhelmingly approved of it with more than three-quarters wanting to stay on the four-day schedule. After that, we just determined that we should stay with it."

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More than 560 school districts in 25 states have adopted four-day school week calendars. In South Dakota, 34 are now using it.

Parents see pros and cons

Heidi Stroud is a 38-year-old title paraprofessional with the Iroquois School District and the busy mother of a high school junior, eighth grader and fifth-grader. She coaches junior varsity volleyball and tries to keep her kids' sports schedules straight. Her husband, Keith, works for a steel company in Huron and currently serves as mayor of Iroquois.

Stroud, who grew up with a five-day school week, said her family prefers the four-day schedule, allowing them to schedule doctor's appointments and take long three-day weekends to camp without her children having to miss classes.

"It's really great," she said. "My children love it. If we have a week where we have to go five days, they are crabby. And, lately we've been making up snow days on Fridays."

But more importantly, Stroud said those extended weekends have allowed her family time to bond and enjoy each other's company in ways she never imagined.

"I think people these days aren't as family oriented as they once were, and those extra Fridays off give us an opportunity to camp with the kids — just extra time to spend together," she said. "With my oldest being a junior, it won't be long before he's out of the house, so that extra time is very precious to me."

Breanna Schaefer and her husband, John, of Belle Fourche, have three children, Gabe, 9, who is in third grade, Adam, 6, a kindergartener, and Sawyer, 2. Five years ago the Shaefers moved to Belle Fourche from Miles City, Mont., and a year ago, Breanna became the city's finance officer. John works as an assistant manager at a Spearfish hardware store.

As the working parents of young children, Breanna said Belle Fourche's four-day school week has presented them with some challenges they didn't initially envision.

"I know there are two schools of thought on this," she said. "But, as a parent who works five days a week 8 to 5, we have to figure out what to do with three kids. It does cause an issue, particularly finding someone willing to care for a child Gabe's age. And, of course, there's also the cost. Many day cares don't want to take a

kid for one day a week, because they are full."

Oddly, as her children have grown, Breanna said the challenge of finding day care for a 9-year-old had only grown greater.

"You're left with in a quandary of what to do on Fridays," she said. "He can't be home alone, he's really too old for day care and we don't have family in the area who can help. He doesn't like it, but he does go to day care."

Regardless of the trials of being a working parent in a school system with a four-day

week, Breanna said her children truly love the schedule and she sees benefits from the system.

"My kids really like it," she said. "When they have a three-day weekend, they seem to be a little more re-charged when Monday rolls around. And, honestly, I truly believe Belle Fourche has one of the most top-notch education systems in the state of South Dakota. Even with four days, I believe my children are receiving an excellent education."

Groton JH Science Bowl wins division at NSU Science Fair

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Results have been announced for the Northern South Dakota Science and Mathematics Fair, held March 28 at Northern State University.

Individual Grand Winners were Abe Wieland of Central High School and Taren Tschetter of Doland School.

Team Grand Winner was Northwestern Area - Haiden Grandpre and Teryn Sparling.

The two individual winners and the team winners get an all-expense paid trip to the International Science Fair being held in Phoenix, Ariz., May 12-17. They take their projects and are eligible for hundreds of prizes.

A student observer was also named: Hailey Boekelheide from Northwestern Area. Boekelheide gets to go along on the trip, though not with her project and all expenses are her own.

Science Bowl Winners

Results were also announced for the junior and senior high science bowls, held in conjunction with the science fair:

Junior High Division: six teams participated

First place: Groton - team members: Stella Meier, Travis Townsend, Ethan Clark, Emily Clark

Second place: Northwestern - team members: Jessica Boekelheide, Nicholas Troske, Ethan Boekelheide, Nathan Melius.

Third place: Frederick - team members: Kierah Nickelson, Nolan Jensen, Stephen Achen.

Senior High Division: nine teams participated

First place: Aberdeen Central - team members: Abe Wieland, Nathan Ottenbacher, Connor Ullrich, Lauren Rhodes.

Second place: Northwestern - team members: Danny Orr, Jarret Haven, Christine Stoltenberg, Hailey Boekelheide.

Third place: Doland - team members: Taren Tschetter, Emily Foiles, Dirby Bawek, Jamie Delgado.



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Ashley Garduno, a GHS senior student intern, directed the last junior high band performance. Her grandpa, Dwayne Rehfeld (pictured above) stood in the corner to record a video of her. (Photos by Alexa Hickenbotham)

Girls Golf Team placed second at Mobridge

Groton Area's girls golf team placed second at the Mobridge-Pollock Invitational held Thursday. Mobridge-Pollock took first with a team score of 414 followed closely by Groton Area with a 416, Milbank was third with a 436, Aberdeen Central JV was fourth with 484 and Redfield-Doland was fifth with a 539.

Payton Colestock shot at 42 in the front nine and a 48 in the back nine for a total score of 90 to place third. Ashley Flihs shot a 57 and a 50 for a total score of 107 to place eighth. Hailey Monson shot an 87 and an 82 for a total score of 169 and Trinity Smith shot an 88 and an 83 for a total score of 171.

Members of this year's team are Members of this year team are Portia Kettering, Payton Colestock, Ashley Flihs, Hailey Monson, Trinity Smith and Carly Guthmiller.

Marzahn is triple winner at Redfield Junior High Meet

Andrew Marzahn won the 110m hurdles, the 100m dash and the 200m dash at the junior high track meet held recently in Redfield. In addition, the seventh grade boys 800m relay team and the seventh grade boys 800m Medley Relay Team placed first. Logan Ringgenberg took first in the shot put.

7th Grade Boys

200m Dash: 2, Lane Tietz, 28.15.
 400m Dash: 3, Colby Dunker, 1:02.70.
 800m Relay: 1, Groton (Dunker, Tietz, Althoff, Zak), 1:47.30.
 800m Medley Relay: 1, Groton (Dunker, Tietz, Zak, Imrie), 2:04.49.
 Discus: 3, Logan Ringgenberg, 72-10.
 Shot Put: 1, Logan Ringgenberg, 30-6; 3, Holden Sippel, 24-5.

7th Grade Girls

100m Hurdles: 3, Jayla Jones, 20.71.
 400m Relay: 3, Groton, 1:03.73.
 800m Relay: 3, Ruthie Croeni, 2:24.04.

8th Grade Boys

110m Hurdles: 1, Andrew Marzahn, 19.14.
 100m Dash: 1, Andrew Marzahn, 13.01.
 200m Dash: 1, Andrew Marzahn, 27.10.
 400m Dash: 2, Jacob Lewandowski, 1:03.30; 3, Ethan Gengerke, 1:05.17.
 800m Relay: 2, Groton, 1:58.08.
 Discus: 1, Danny Feist, 103-1.
 Shot Put: 2, Danny Feist, 33-2.

8th Grade Girls

400m Relay: 2, Groton, 1:02.99.



The seventh grade boys 800m relay team took first place at the Redfield-Doland junior high track meet. Pictured left to right are Lane Tietz, Bradin Althoff, Colby Dunker and Jacob Zak. (Photo by Krissi Zak)



The seventh grade boys 800m medley relay team of Lane Tietz, Braxton Imrie, Colby Dunker and Jacob Zak placed first at Redfield. (Photo by Krissi Zak)

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April 8th Groton Seniors met with twelve members. President opened the meeting with the flag pledge. A short meeting was held. Cards were played. The winners of the games: Canasta- Pat Larson and Eunice McCalister. Whist- Tony Goldade and Don Darwin. Door Prizes- Pat Larson, Marilyn Thorson and Lee Schinkel. Lunch was served by Darlene Fisher and Lee Schinkel.

April 15th Seniors met with Eleven members. Said the flag pledge. Cards were played. Winners of the games: Canasta- Beulah Hoop and Eunice McCalister. Whist- Elda Stange. Door Prizes- Dick and Ruby Donovan and Sarge Likness. Lunch was served by Ruby Donovan.

April 22nd Groton Seniors met for a pot luck dinner. Fourteen Seniors were present. President opened with the flag pledge. Bingo was played. Lee Schinkel won Black Out. Cards were played after bingo. Door Prizes went to Ruby Donavon, Bev Sombke and Elda Stange. A get well card was signed by all and given to David Kleinsassor.

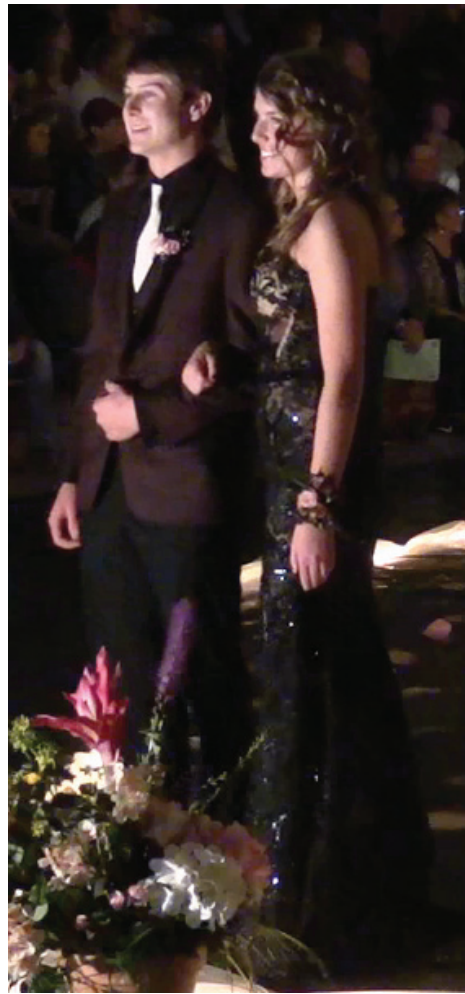
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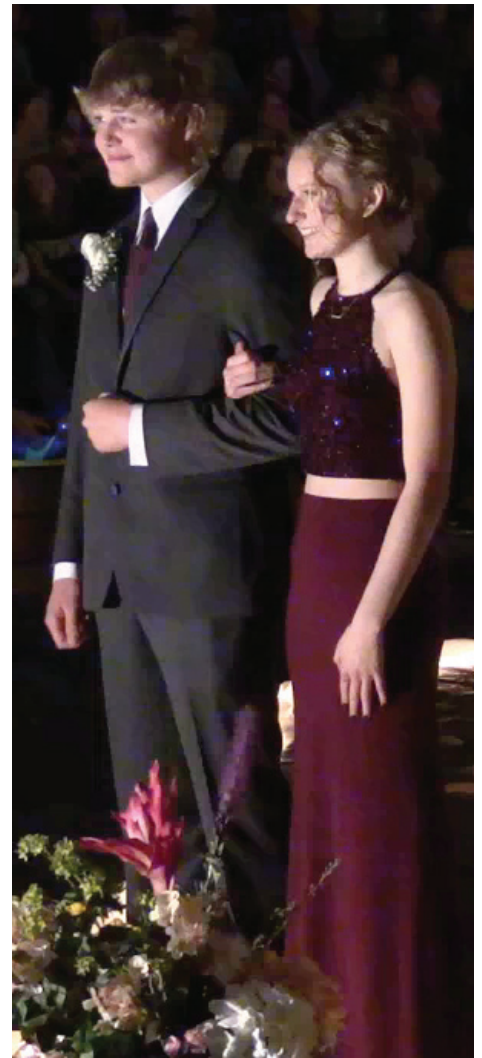
Junior Class President Payton Colestock escorted by Harrison Kieffer. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Isaac Smith escorting Nicole Marzahn. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Clark Gibbs escorting Regan Leicht. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



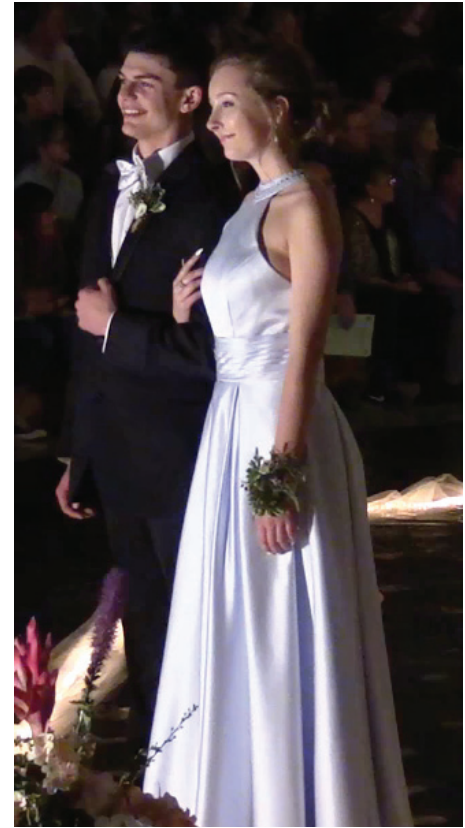
Kaden Carda escorting Emily Thompson. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Senior Class President Wyatt Locke escorted by Kaylin Kucker. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Paxton Bonn escorting Taylor Holm. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



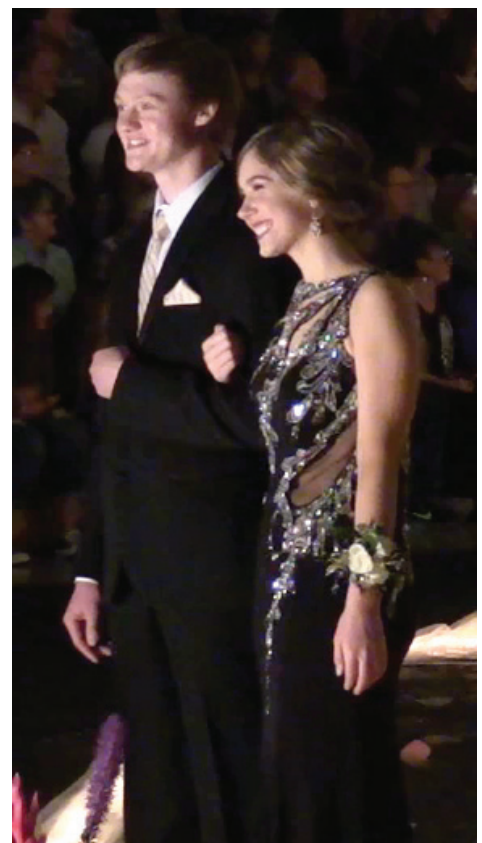
Korbin Blackmun escorting Kya Jandel. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Ashley Garduno escorting Peyton Johnson. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Cyruss DeHoet escorting Eliza Wanner. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Jameson Stange escorting Alexis Hanten. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)

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Colin Sprinkel escorting Cassandra Townsend. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



AnneMarie Smith (right) escorting Chloe Daly. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Wyatt Hearnen escorting Kaitlyn Kassube. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



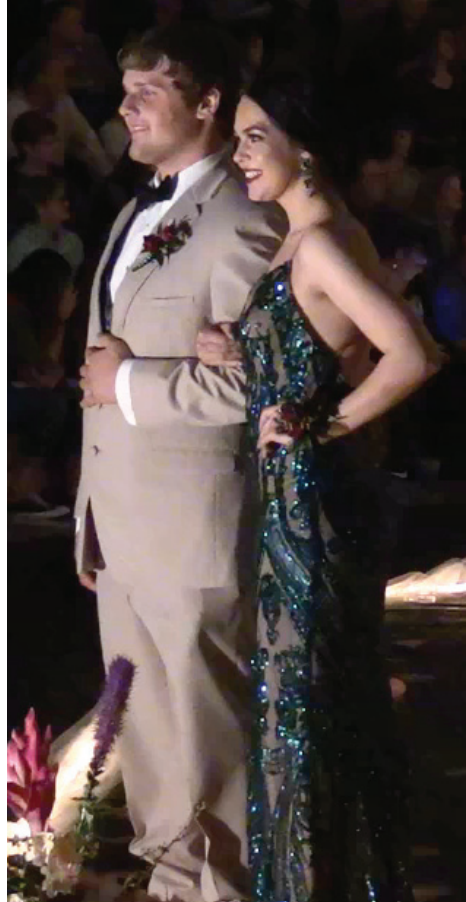
Josh Burgard escorting Miranda Hanson. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Colby Merkel escorting Chloe Brand. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Peyton Johnson escorting Kylie Kassube. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Cole Johnson escorting Portia Kettering. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Kaden Kurtz escorting Sam Geffre. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Grady O'Neill escorting Isabelle Weisenburger. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Jeremy Johnson escorting Payton Maine. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Tylan Glover escorting Haven Bruner. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Kayla Jensen escorting Kim Kohrs. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



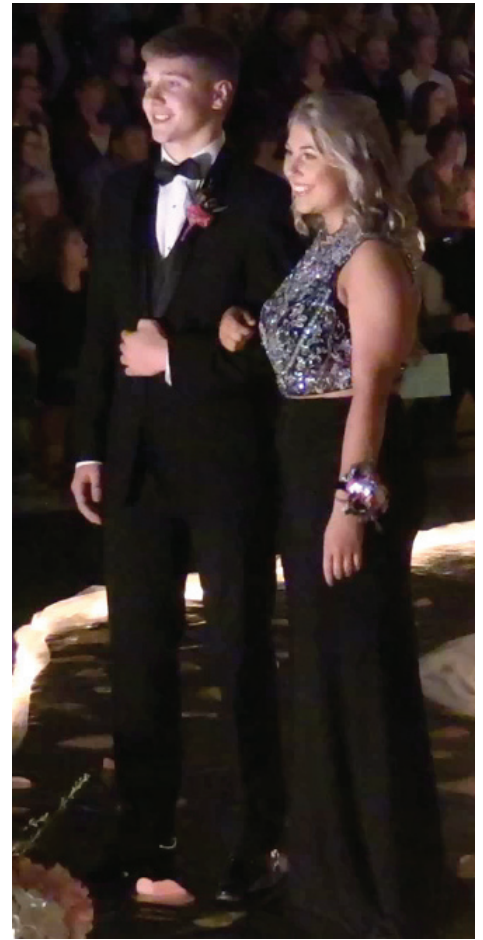
Jamie Ruiz de Medona Maroto escorting Madeline Flihs. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Micah Poor escorting Indigo Rogers. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Treyton Diegel escorting Emily Blocker. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Jonathan Doeden escorting Tanae Lipp. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Jackson Cogley escorting Alexis Simon. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Noah Forkel escorting Tadyn Glover. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



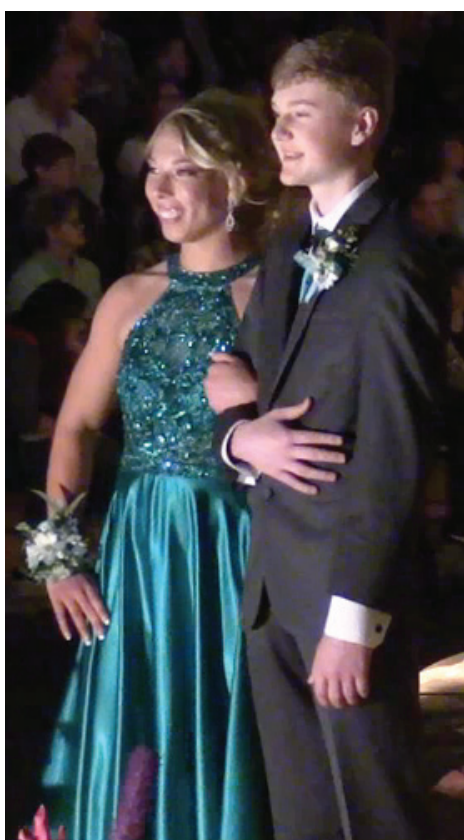
Dragr Monson escorting Madeline Schuelke. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Garret Schroeder escorting Hannah Schmierer. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



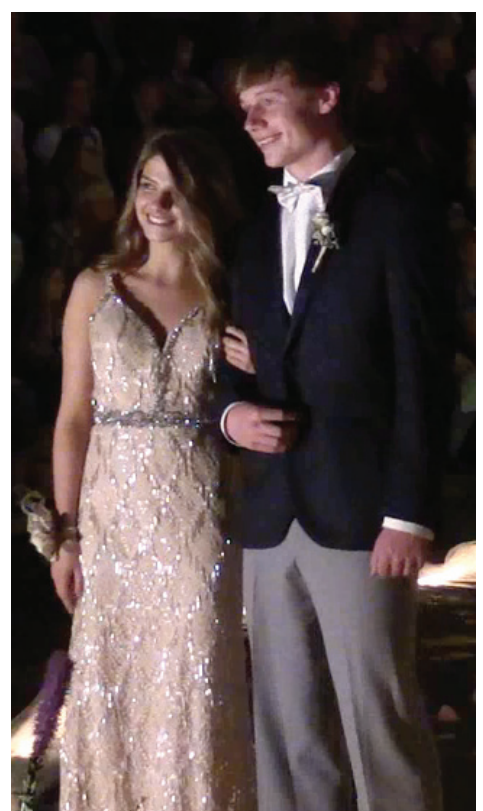
Anthony Schinkel escorting Trista Keith. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Cade Guthmiller escorting Kaycie Hawkins. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Brodyn DeHoet escorting Jennie Doeden. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Austin Jones escorting Rachel Salem. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Chandler Larson escorting Claire Davidson. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Bryce Peterson escorting Caitlynn Barse. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Maggie Crosby escorting Gabby Merkel. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Noah Poor escorting Megan Fliehs. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Riley Thurston escorting Paloma Fernandez. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Thomas Cranford escorting Kenzie McInerney. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Hunter Schaller escorting Hannah Sahli. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



Steven Paulson escorting Ashley Fliehs. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM Video)



At the Northwestern School prom, Ezekiel Duncan escorted Julianna Kosel. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Dolan comes to Groton from Aberdeen Roncalli

Former Aberdeen Roncalli Athletic Director and head boys' basketball coach, Brian Dolan, is making the move to Groton with the start of the next school year.

He will replace Joe Schwan as the athletic director and Justin Hanson as the head boys coach. Hanson and Schwan both resigned from their respective positions. Dolan was the athletic director and head boys coach at Roncalli for the past two years, turning in his resignation April 16th.

Dolan was also responsible for spearheading Groton's Ava Tunheim memorial game at Roncalli this past winter with all of the gate receipts going to the Tunheim memorial.

64580 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2018 ILLINOIS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Home Office Address:
300 S.W. Adams Street
Peoria, IL 61634
Mail Address:
300 S.W. Adams Street
Peoria, IL 61634
ASSETS

Bonds	\$1,186,205,974
Stocks	58,665,355
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	47,643,956
Real Estate Owned	3,222,874
Policy Loans	17,288,406
Cash and Bank Deposits	10,095,909
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums	21,683,576
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued	11,888,816
Other Assets	103,764,731
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,460,459,597
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts	\$707,707,162
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	354,249,628
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	3,677,381
Accident and Health	1,648,596
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued	2,284,271
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	272,861
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	150,512,705
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,220,352,604
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	0
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	0
Unassigned Surplus	240,106,993
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$240,106,993
TOTAL	1,460,459,597
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Received	\$1,980,173
Direct Losses Paid	774,143
Losses Incurred	495,982
Life Insurance in Force	183,256,843

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

WHEREAS, the Illinois Mutual Life 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:

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

in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2019.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

The moth into the flame

What is inflammation? Inflammation comes from the Latin words "into the flame" like how moths are drawn to sustaining warmth of a springtime campfire and harmful self-destruction if they get too close. Inflammation is a natural phenomenon that can encourage sustaining healing but also harmful destruction, like a moth into the flame.

During my first years of medical school, I was honored to spend my summers with multiple doctors practicing in Watertown, South Dakota. There, pediatrician Ebehardt Heinrichs, M.D., taught me about inflammation while we were examining a young child with acute juvenile arthritis. He pointed out how her hands showed four characteristics of inflammation famously described by Celsus, a Roman who lived at the time of Jesus. Dr. Heinrichs explained, "These are the cardinal signs of inflammation: rubor (redness), tumor (swelling), calor (heat) and dolor (pain)."

That summer, a red, swollen, hot, and painful joint found with juvenile arthritis was not the only medical condition I saw resulting from inflammation run amok. Other destructive examples included asthma, poison ivy, psoriasis, Lupus, and rheumatoid arthritis. Those years ago, I learned that we had anti-inflammatory medications to help patients with such unfortunate conditions, although side effects were considerable. In contrast, I also saw examples of how inflammation can be beneficial in fighting off invading infections such as skin abscesses, appendicitis, tonsillitis, meningitis and sinusitis.

Beyond this older and established knowledge, researchers have recently learned that beneficial muscle growth comes as a response to localized mild inflammation that follows exercise. Other studies show that low-intensity training, like walking, can reduce harmful chronic inflammation. All-in-all not only can our bodies be harmed when self-destructive inflammation turns against our own cells, but our bodies can be protected and even sculpted by the yin and yang of balanced and healthy inflammation.

Recently, researchers have learned of another yin and yang. We know that our bodies can recognize and remove, by inflammation, tiny cancers that pop up periodically. On the other hand, certain cancers can grow because of inflammation. This later finding has allowed for even more new therapies.

There have been great improvements in medicines relating to inflammation, compared to what we had during those early Watertown days. We can now, more effectively and with fewer side-effects, turn off harmful targets of inflammation, cool crippling arthritis, sooth devastating rashes and even, when used correctly, shrink certain cancers.

Rubor, tumor, calor, dolor . . . like a moth attracted to a sustaining or harmful springtime campfire.

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2018
**HEARTLAND NATIONAL LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY**
Home Office Address:
1600 NE Coronado DR
Blue Springs, MO 64014
Mail Address:
1600 NE Coronado DR
Blue Springs, MO 64014
ASSETS

Bonds	\$6,496,639
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Policy Loans	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	946,749
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	585,711
Investment Income Due and Accrued	60,529
Other Assets	2,187,315
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,276,943
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$220,435
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	1,646,952
Policy and Contract Claims Life	0
Accident and Health	660,319
General Expenses Due or Accrued	276,507
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	104,266
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	2,374,326
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$5,282,805
Special Surplus Funds	\$0
Capital Paid Up	1,492,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	9,473,909
Unassigned Surplus	(5,971,771)
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$4,994,138
TOTAL	10,276,943
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Received	\$11,644
Direct Losses Paid	13,469
Losses Incurred	13,041
Life Insurance in Force	0

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

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

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

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

in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2019.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2018
**JACKSON NATIONAL LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY**
Home Office Address:
1 Corporate Way
Lansing, MI 48951
Mail Address:
1 Corporate Way
Lansing, MI 48951
ASSETS

Bonds	\$50,383,384,080
Stocks	1,180,658,145
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	9,411,338,876
Real Estate Owned	265,896,834
Policy Loans	4,560,995,779
Cash and Bank Deposits	2,821,317,972
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	377,994,426
Investment Income Due and Accrued	737,371,483
Other Assets	155,135,599,957
TOTAL ASSETS	\$224,874,557,552
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$53,759,753,403
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	0
Policy and Contract Claims Life	806,301,566
Accident and Health	0
General Expenses Due or Accrued	243,324,488
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	(5,249,594)
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	165,281,987,425
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$220,086,117,288
Special Surplus Funds	\$84,848,033
Capital Paid Up	13,800,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	3,386,054,966
Unassigned Surplus	1,303,737,265
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$4,788,440,264
TOTAL	224,874,557,552
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Received	\$41,952,1080
Direct Losses Paid	73,444,002
Losses Incurred	2,889,5490
Life Insurance in Force	529,374,942

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

WHEREAS, the Jackson National Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Michigan, 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., 2019.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2018
**JOHN HANCOCK LIFE
INSURANCE CO. (USA)**
Home Office Address:
197 Clarendon Street
Boston, MA 02116
Mail Address:
197 Clarendon Street
Boston, MA 02116
ASSETS

Bonds	\$44,555,587,999
Stocks	3,924,717,177
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	12,084,683,280
Real Estate Owned	4,012,653,760
Policy Loans	2,787,564,466
Cash and Bank Deposits	2,988,431,055
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	65,283,489
Investment Income Due and Accrued	582,686,831
Other Assets	148,954,290,606
TOTAL ASSETS	\$219,955,898,663
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$50,270,700,583
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	13,776,080,526
Policy and Contract Claims Life	307,748,229
Accident and Health	137,599,852
General Expenses Due or Accrued	223,061,602
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	42,292,921
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$219,955,898,663
Special Surplus Funds	\$0
Capital Paid Up	4,728,940
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	3,218,827,821
Unassigned Surplus	5,060,508,457
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$8,869,304,577
TOTAL	219,955,898,663
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Received	\$67,194,132
Direct Losses Paid	34,962,319
Losses Incurred	2,821,027
Life Insurance in Force	3,365,251,425

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

WHEREAS, the John Hancock Life Insurance Co. (USA), a Corporation organized under the Laws of Michigan, 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
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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., 2019.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2018
**HUMANA INSURANCE
COMPANY**
Home Office Address:
1100 Employers Blvd.
DePere, WI 54115
Mail Address:
P. O. Box 740036
Louisville, KY 40201-7436
ASSETS

Bonds	\$3,547,216,138
Stocks	804,849,178
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	8,550,000
Real Estate Owned	13,576,713
Policy Loans	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	919,317,771
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	93,755,543
Investment Income Due and Accrued	30,920,611
Other Assets	1,815,195,339
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,233,381,293
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$0
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	298,437,261
Policy and Contract Claims Life	0
Accident and Health	1,841,899,831
General Expenses Due or Accrued	443,239,434
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued	0
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	929,131,887
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,512,708,413
Special Surplus Funds	\$1,106,711
Capital Paid Up	8,833,336
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	2,085,107,576
Unassigned Surplus	1,625,625,257
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$3,720,672,880
TOTAL	7,233,381,293
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Received	\$90,662,421
Direct Losses Paid	72,225,836
Losses Incurred	73,470,285
Life Insurance in Force	10,761,900

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

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

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

- 1-2
1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)
8. Auto Bodily Injury
9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
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in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2019.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

**Brown County
April 23, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

APRIL 23, 2019 – GENERAL MEETING

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

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve the General County Commission Meeting Minutes and County Board of Equalization meeting minutes of April 16, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims:

Professional Fees: Kristi Brandt \$134.00; Brown Co. Treasurer \$21.20; Certified Languages \$772.20; Cogley Law Office \$1,778.40; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$186.00; Dohrer Law Office \$1,875.70; Faulk Co. Sheriff's Office \$1,445.00; Ipro Tech \$159.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$165.00; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$247.63; LSS \$105.00; Midwest Wellness Institute \$3,200.00; SD Dept. of Health \$1,310.00; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$5,007.20; Tammy Stolle Court Reporting \$200.30; Taliferro Law Firm \$1910.10; Tyler Technologies \$138.00; UND – Pathology \$102.00; US Bank \$189.00; West Payment Center \$165.00; Sara Zahn \$649.25.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$488.52; Groton Independent \$297.97.

Repairs & Maintenance: Ace Refrigeration \$91.80; Advance Auto \$44.00; Hoven Auto Repair \$696.57; I-State Truck Center \$28.13; J & K Painting \$1,102.94; JM Electric \$320.00; Leidholt Electric \$61.22; Lien Transportation \$1,725.00; Midwest Erosion Control \$5,420.50; Myers Tire Supply \$7.76; Quality Welding \$73.67; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$310.47; Schwan Welding \$382.50; US Bank \$1861.72.

Supplies: 446-Praxair \$467.91; Advance Auto \$979.32; AgTegra #9,775.99; Axon Enterprise \$8,670.00; Cash-Wa \$12.00; Century Business Products \$1,474.23; Dakota Pump & Control \$4,877.41; DSS Image Apparel \$172.00; Geffdog \$143.40; GovConnection \$1,688.35; I-State Truck Center \$377.62; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$250.61; Kessler's \$271.62; LabSource \$611.78; Lar-Jo's \$718.92; Lediholt Tool Sales \$9.45; Matthew Bender \$55.44; Midstates Printing \$55.45; Myers Tire Supply \$125.79; NVC \$26.02; Pharmchem \$28.55; Pizza Ranch \$170.87; Police Magazine \$25.00; Sander's Sew 'n' Vac \$350.00; SD Federal Surplus Agency \$153.00; SD Law Review \$35.00; Software Unlimited \$792.00; US Bank \$8,927.06; West Payment Center \$1,750.67.

Travel & Conference: Stan Beckler \$18.33; Darwin Betmann \$15.24; City of Groton \$120.96; Patrick Keatts \$34.11; Dale Kurth \$112.53; Roberta Nichols \$207.16; David

North \$70.32; Jerome Streckfuss \$23.32; US Bank \$2,140.77.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$179.21; CenturyLink \$2,286.29; Dependable Sanitation \$567.00; James Valley Telecommunications \$216.30; NWPS \$3,687.34; NVC \$3,562.43; US Bank \$605.40.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Wiese seconded by Sutton to approve the following Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Acknowledge David Meyer, transport guard, @\$100 per day and \$125 per day over 400miles, as needed for the Sheriff's office.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY APPLICATION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve lottery application for Brown County Relay for Life to be held at the Brown County Fairgrounds Expo Building May 31, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Kipply to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following lease agreements: Aberdeen Roller Girlz for lease of Expo Building on the following dates: May 4th and 18th, 2019, June 8th, 2019 and September 28th, 2019; Relay for Life for lease of the Expo Building on May 31st, 2019; Jark Worlie Auction Service for lease of the Expo Addition May 10th, 2019; Aberdeen Roller Girlz for lease of the Expo Building for practice as scheduled between April 10th

and September 10, 2019; Stutman Harley Davidson for lease of stage on the following dates: May 25, 2019, June 22, 2019, July 27th, 2019 and August 24th, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign documentation to assign claim against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for purpose of collecting a lien. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LANDFILL COMPACTOR GRANT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to authorize chair sign grant for the Landfill Compactor Prurchase project. The grant is for 20% of approved costs, not to exceed a maximum grant of \$139,000. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

FIREWORKS PERMIT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chair sign application for a Fireworks Public Display Permit, submitted by Michael Schmit – Aberdeen Hockey Association- for display to be held at the Odde Ice Arena on May 25, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORD 136 – SET HEARING DATE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to set public hearing for consideration of the following application by Robert Kirchgessler for Ordinance #136, An Ordinance to amend Title 4 – Zoning, Second Revision Brown County Ordinances, as amended to rezone the following described property from its present zon-

ing designation of Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG): Lots 1 & 2, Kirchgessler Second Subdivision in the NW ¼ of Section 13-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (12618 & 12630 West Shore Dr) to be in the Brown County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex at 8:45 a.m. on May 14, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

PLATS: Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #15-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "EAST HIGHWAY 12 SECOND ADDITION IN THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 123 NORTH, RANGE 63 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #16-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "L AND L VILHAUER ADDITION IN THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 122 NORTH, RANGE 65 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967,

Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #17-19

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of Brown County, SD, that the plat showing "ABERDEEN GROUND WATER ADDITION IN THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 125 NORTH, RANGE 64 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., BROWN COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL of 1967, Chapter 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

STORM SHELTER AT FAIR-GROUNDS: Derek Ricci, fair manager, and representative from NECOG presented information on grant opportunity to construct a storm shelter at the fairgrounds. Discussion only. No action taken.

LANDFILL FEES: Salvation Army requested landfill fees be waived. Discussion Only. No action taken.

VETERAN'S SERVICE OFFICE PERSONNEL: Discussion Only. No action taken.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: Erica Coughlin, HR Director, presented quotes on insurance rates and options. Discussion only. No action taken.

RACE TRACK SPECIAL EVENTS:

Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese, to authorize Bullet Sports to host special event races at the Brown County Race Track as optioned in current lease on the following dates: May 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 25th, 2019. Special event fee will be waived for May 3rd event. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RELOCATION OF 24/7 PROGRAM: Discussion Only. No action taken.

ELECTION DATA FEE SCHEDULE: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Sutton to approve the following fee schedule for local elections: Absentee Voter File Purchase: County Wide - \$100 Aberdeen City or Aberdeen School District - \$80 City Council Ward - \$50 Special District (Precinct) - \$25 All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, highway superintendent, presented information on the status of bridges. Discussion Only. No action taken.

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Scott Bader, Planning and Zoning Director, presented an update on the joint jurisdiction. Discussion only. No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session to discuss personnel, legal and contracts per SDCL 1-25-2(1,3,4). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

The Chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 11:07 a.m.. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

**11452
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2018
HARTFORD STEAM BOILER
INSPECTION AND INS. CO.**

Home Office Address:
One State Street
Hartford, CT 06102-5024
Mail Address:
One State Street/PO Box 5024
Hartford, CT 06102

ASSETS

Bonds	879,688,931
Stocks	147,073,501
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	51,259,036
Cash and Bank Deposits	169,425,733
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	43,051,581
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	9,098,288
Other Assets	157,233,417
TOTAL ASSETS	1,456,830,487
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	221,121,037
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	21,569,234
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	112,642,946
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	5,480,368
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	3,508,864
Unearned Premiums	415,394,404
All Other Liabilities	95,031,353
TOTAL LIABILITIES	874,748,206
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	0
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	318,016,174
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	308,031,239
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	582,082,281
TOTAL	1,456,830,487

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018

Direct Premiums Written	120,135
Direct Premiums Earned	110,687
Direct Losses Paid	337,954
Direct Losses Incurred	268,107

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

WHEREAS, the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Ins. Co., a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

- NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:
- 3-4-6-7-12-13-14-22
 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
 22. Reinsurance

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., 2019.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

**30104
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2018
HARTFORD UNDERWRITERS
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	1,462,895,993
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	94,479,953
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	17,931,939
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	24,181,871
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	13,924,052
Other Assets	69,131,087
TOTAL ASSETS	1,682,544,895
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	658,973,741
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	142,464,725
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	11,015,701
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	5,037,313
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	201,882,761
All Other Liabilities	75,237,474
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,094,611,715
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	6,504,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	87,930,207
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	493,498,973
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	587,933,180
TOTAL	1,682,544,895

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018

Direct Premiums Written	1,276,510
Direct Premiums Earned	1,261,228
Direct Losses Paid	539,747
Direct Losses Incurred	946,651

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

WHEREAS, the Hartford Underwriters 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.

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., 2019.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

**64505
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2018
HOMESTEADERS LIFE
COMPANY**

Home Office Address:
5700 Westown Parkway
West Des Moines, IA 50266
Mail Address:
5700 Westown Parkway
West Des Moines, IA 50266

ASSETS

Bonds	\$2,759,120,671
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	178,991,390
Real Estate Owned	10,327,016
Policy Loans	1,721,603
Cash and Bank Deposits	13,899,325
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums	17,732,418
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued	30,351,495
Other Assets	56,704,890
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,068,848,808
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts	\$2,785,443,630
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies	0
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	3,795,759
Accident and Health	0
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued	6,467,636
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	2,142,447
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	63,997,934
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,861,847,406
Special Surplus Funds	\$0
Capital Paid Up	0
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	0
Unassigned Surplus	207,001,403
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$207,001,403
TOTAL	3,068,848,809

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018

Direct Premiums Received	\$8,173,931
Direct Losses Paid	3,444,241
Losses Incurred	3,491,073
Life Insurance in Force	57,219,310

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

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

- NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:
- 1-
 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., 2019.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

**Brown County
April 23, 2019**

**Consol. Equalization
APRIL 23, 2019 – CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Fjeldheim at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Sutton, Feickert, Fjeldheim, and Kippley. Aberdeen School Board Member Duane Alm, Aberdeen City Council Member Dave Lunzman, Director of Equalization Gene Loeschke, appraisers Sarah Swenson, Barry Kusler were also present.

APPEALS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization: **COLE THURSTON, LT 7 BK 2 HAPI 3RD CENTRAL SD W2 NE 30-123-63** from 145608 to 130361; **CHRISTOPHER BUCKINGHAM, W 2' LT 7 & LT 8 BK 4 DRAEGERS & YEAGERS ADD** no change in value of 95420; to maintain equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Moved by Alm, seconded by Lunzman to adjourn at 1:15 p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle – Brown County Auditor
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**Brown County
Kirchgesler
Rezoning Notice
NOTICE**

Application has been made by Robert Kirchgesler to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on May 14, 2019 at 8:45 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agricultural Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Agricultural District (M-AG): **Lots 1 & 2, Kirchgesler Second Subdivision in the NW ¼ of Section 13-T124N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD. (12618 & 12630 West Shore Dr)** The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 136.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle,
Brown County Auditor
(0501.0508)
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**Brown County
April 23, 2019**

**County Equalization
APRIL 23, 2019
– BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Fjeldheim at 11:10 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Sutton, Feickert, Fjeldheim, Wiese and Kippley. Director of Equalization Gene Loeschke and appraiser Sarah Swenson were also present.

APPEALS: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization: **R&R SWISHER LLC S2 SE 34-125-61 EX E 15 RODS & EXS 22 RODS** from 844590 to 821801; **LEVI DINGER WINBURN OL 1 SE SE 36-127-62** no change in value of 204550; **CHAD KAMPA MCKIVER OL 1 SE 25-123-62** from 193221 to 144417 with classification change from non-ag to ag; to maintain equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to adjourn at 11:21 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle – Brown County Auditor
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**Groton School
April 23**

**Meeting Minutes
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING
April 23, 2019**
President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School conference room. Members present: Fjeldstad, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith, and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals B. Schwan and Sombke and Business Official Weber.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to approve the agenda with two amendments: under New Business Item #3 – executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(2) and under New Business Item #5a – approve resignation of bus driver. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, there was no potential conflict disclosure reported.

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members present to speak, the board proceeded with their remaining agenda items.

The board heard presentations from K-12 Special Education Teachers Julie Erdmann, Dustin Vogel, Carrie Weisenburger, Becky Erickson, Melissa Hill, Sydney Wilkinson and Todd Peterson, as well as K-5 Title I/RTI Instructors Bonnie Schimmel, Jill Helvig and Lynette Grieve.

No board committee reports

**43575
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2018
INDEMNITY INSURANCE
CO. OF NORTH AMERICA**
Home Office Address:
436 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106
Mail Address:
436 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106
ASSETS

Bonds	114,258,132
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on	0
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	36,263,319
Agents Balances or	0
Uncollected Premiums	0
Interest, Dividends and	0
Real Estate Income	0
Due and Accrued	941,779
Other Assets	194,973,959
TOTAL ASSETS	346,437,189
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	0
Reserve for Loss	0
Adjustment Expenses	0
Other Expenses (excluding	0
taxes, licenses and fees)	0
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	0
(excluding Federal and	0
Foreign Income Taxes)	0
Federal and Foreign	0
Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	0
All Other Liabilities	193,550,334
TOTAL LIABILITIES	193,550,334
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	0
or Statutory Deposit	4,501,500
Gross Paid In and	0
Contributed Surplus	42,250,750
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	106,134,605
Surplus as Regards	0
Policyholders	152,886,855
TOTAL	346,437,189

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018
Direct Premiums Written 13,779,738
Direct Premiums Earned 13,857,149
Direct Losses Paid 4,134,634
Direct Losses Incurred 6,962,152

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

WHEREAS, the Indemnity Insurance Co. of North America, 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:

- 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18
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., 2019.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

were given.
School calendar amendments due to snow days were discussed. No action was taken. May 22nd remains the last day for students with teacher in-service days scheduled for May 23rd and 24th.
The following items were discussed in Administrative Reports: high school boiler replacement, elementary tuckpointing, graduation requirements, website/app development, OST fundraising, Kindergarten Roundup and Visitation, ELA curriculum review, NSU Mathematics Contest, Jr/ Sr Prom, SDASBO conference and preliminary budgeting for 2019-20.

6-12 Language Arts Instructors Kristi Anderson, Jan Seibel, Sarah Hanten and Diane Kurtz made their 2019-20 Curriculum Review Presentation. Projected costs will be incorporated into the 2019-20 School District Budget.

Election results from the April 9, 2019 School Board Election were canvassed and approved as official.

The board took a short recess at 8:26 pm and returned at 8:33 pm.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to go into executive session at 8:33 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel, SDCL 1-25-2(2) for a student issue and SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried.

President Smith declared the board out of executive session at 10:40 pm.

Moved by Rix, second Harder to approve the 2019-20 GTA Negotiated Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to approve summer 2019 Driver's Education agreements

**23264
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2018
INLAND INSURANCE
COMPANY**
Home Office Address:
601 S 12th Street #100
Lincoln, NE 68508
Mail Address:
PO Box 80468
Lincoln, NE 68501
ASSETS

Bonds	34,250,784
Stocks	190,522,067
Mortgage Loans on	0
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	15,296,006
Agents Balances or	0
Uncollected Premiums	132,040
Interest, Dividends and	0
Real Estate Income	0
Due and Accrued	600,417
Other Assets	31,366,466
TOTAL ASSETS	272,167,780
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	2,146,456
Reserve for Loss	0
Adjustment Expenses	107,017
Other Expenses (excluding	0
taxes, licenses and fees)	765
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	0
(excluding Federal and	0
Foreign Income Taxes)	245,063
Federal and Foreign	0
Income Taxes	1,766,737
Unearned Premiums	748,320
All Other Liabilities	34,568,237
TOTAL LIABILITIES	39,582,595
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	0
or Statutory Deposit	1,250,000
Gross Paid In and	0
Contributed Surplus	1,519,270
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	229,815,915
Surplus as Regards	0
Policyholders	232,585,185
TOTAL	272,167,780

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018
Direct Premiums Written 24,752
Direct Premiums Earned 44,654
Direct Losses Paid 0
Direct Losses Incurred (905)

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

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

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

- 3-4-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14
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., 2019.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

for Shaun Wanner and Joel Guthmiller at \$24 per hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to approve resignation of bus driver, Chuck Padfield, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school term. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to adjourn at 10:42 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

Steven R. Smith, President
The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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**Frederick Town
April 22, 2019
Special Meeting**

Town of Frederick
Special Meeting Minutes
Accept Annual Report

The Frederick Town Board met for a Special Meeting Monday night, April 22, 2019, to approve the 2018 Annual Report. Attending the meeting were Chairman R. Scott Campbell, Board Member Gary Schlosser, Board Member Troy Millard, Assistant Finance Officer Mariah Heine, and Finance Officer Diane Bruns.

The meeting was opened at 7:08 by Chairman Campbell.

After review the Annual Report was accepted with a motion made by SC/TM. Motion Carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:15 by GS/TM. Motion Carried.

Diane Bruns, Frederick Finance Officer

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**19429
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2018
INSURANCE CO. OF THE
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA**
Home Office Address:
500 West Madison Street #3000
Chicago, IL 60661
Mail Address:
175 Water Street 18th Floor
New York, NY 10038
ASSETS

Bonds	156,890,166
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on	0
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	5,602,699
Agents Balances or	0
Uncollected Premiums	0
Interest, Dividends and	0
Real Estate Income	0
Due and Accrued	1,070,173
Other Assets	51,781,513
TOTAL ASSETS	215,344,551
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	0
Reserve for Loss	0
Adjustment Expenses	0
Other Expenses (excluding	0
taxes, licenses and fees)	0
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	0
(excluding Federal and	0
Foreign Income Taxes)	0
Federal and Foreign	0
Income Taxes	1,081,599
Unearned Premiums	748,320
All Other Liabilities	155,193,727
TOTAL LIABILITIES	156,275,326
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	0
or Statutory Deposit	5,005,500
Gross Paid In and	0
Contributed Surplus	17,320,615
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	36,743,111
Surplus as Regards	0
Policyholders	59,069,226
TOTAL	215,344,551

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018
Direct Premiums Written 1,254,499
Direct Premiums Earned 1,225,070
Direct Losses Paid 646,511
Direct Losses Incurred 950,770

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

WHEREAS, the Insurance Co. of the State of Pennsylvania, 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:

- 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-17-18
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., 2019.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

**74780
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31, 2018
INTEGRITY LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY**
Home Office Address:
400 Broadway
Cincinnati, OH 45202
Mail Address:
400 Broadway
Cincinnati, OH 45202
ASSETS

Bonds	\$5,321,133,125
Stocks	751,125,578
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	571,159,134
Real Estate Owned	0
Policy Loans	107,925,809
Cash and Bank Deposits	82,755,656
Deferred and	0
Uncollected Premiums	0
Investment Income	0
Due and Accrued	50,749,258
Other Assets	2,530,241,255
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,415,089,815
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life	0
Policies & Contracts	\$4,748,935,639
Reserve for Accident	0
& Health Policies	0
Policy and Contract Claims	0
Life	216,000
Accident and Health	0
General Expenses	0
Due or Accrued	195,541
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	0
Due or Accrued	1,295,098
Federal Income Taxes	0
Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	3,535,771,029
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$8,283,823,111
Special Surplus Funds	\$0
Capital Paid Up	3,000,000
Gross Paid In and	0
Contributed Surplus	908,163,872
Unassigned Surplus	220,102,832
Surplus as Regards	0
Policyholders	\$1,131,266,704
TOTAL	\$9,415,089,815

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018
Direct Premiums Received \$1,336,676
Direct Losses Paid 2,192,284
Losses Incurred 216,038
Life Insurance in Force 2,974,450

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

WHEREAS, the Integrity Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Ohio, 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., 2019.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

Jonathan Doeden qualifies for state in 110m Hurdles

Groton Area tracksters finally got a track meet in on Friday as the teams went to Sisseton for the first local outdoor meet of the year. Jonathan Doeden took first place in the 110m Hurdles and his time also qualified him for the state track meet with a time of 15.69. Nicole Marzahn was the high placer in the girl's division with second place in the triple jump.

Boy's Division

Team Points: 1, Morris Area/Chokio-Albert, 121; 2 (tie), Sisseton, 92.50, and Ipswich, 92.50; 4, Lisbon, 68; 5, Sri-State, 59; 6, Webster Area, 57.50; 7, Aberdeen Roncalli, 56.50; 8, Langford Area, 39.50; 9 (tie), Ortonville, 35.50, and Groton Area, 35.50; 11, Britton-Hecla, 30; 12, Hankinson, 22; 13, Frederick Area, 11; 14, Florence/Henry, 7.50; 15, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross, 7; 16, Clinton-Graceville-Beards, 6.

110m Hurdles: 1, (State Qualifier) Jonathan Doeden, 15.69; 12, Paxton Bonn, 20.16.

300m Hurdles: 4, Jonathan Doeden, 44.38.

100m Dash: 7, Jonathan Doeden, 11.85; 9, Thomas Cranford, 11.94; 29, Wyatt Hearnen, 14.13.

200m Dash: 4, Thomas Cranford, 24.39; 14, Darien Shabazz, 25.83; 24, Jackson Cogley, 27.10; 31, Wyatt Hearnen, 29.83; 34, River Pardick, 31.73.

400m Dash: 22, Mitchell Koens, 1:02.15; 26, Wyatt Hearnen, 1:04.65; 27, Jamie Ruiz de Medina, 1:05.67.

800m Run: 14, Isaac Smith, 2:29.53; 19,

Mitchell Koens, 2:33.54.

1600m Run: 6, Issac Smith, 5:12.58.

4x100m Relay: 5, Groton (Darien Shabazz, Kaden Kurtz, Austin Jones, Thomas Cranford), 47.65.

4x200m Relay: 7, Groton (Darien Shabazz, Kaden Kurtz, Austin Jones, Thomas Cranford), 1:42.28.

4x400m Relay: 11, Groton (Jonathan Doeden, Austin Jones, Kaden Kurtz, Jamie Ruiz de Medina), 4:02.34.

1600m Sprint Relay: 10, Groton (Kaden Kurtz, Jackson Cogley, Cyruss DeHoet, Anthony Schinkel), 5:06.19.

4x800m Relay: 9, Groton (Isaac Smith, Anthony Schinkel, Cyruss DeHoet, Jamie Ruiz de Medina), 10:31.38.

High Jump: 7, Paxton Bonn, 5-2.

Long Jump: 11, Darien Shabazz, 18-11; 23, Paxton Bonn, 16-10.75; 28, Wyatt Hearnen, 15-01; 31, Mitchell Koens, 14-6.

Triple Jump: 9, Austin Jones, 35-10.5; 18, Paxton Bonn, 34-5; 18, Jackson Cogley, 34-5.

Discus: 7, Brodyn DeHoet, 115-5; 15, Grady O'Neill, 105-8; 19, Caleb Furney, 100-4.

Shot Put: 8, Brodyn DeHoet, 39-2.5; 21, Grady O'Neill, 35-9; 28, Caleb Furney, 33-9.5.

Girl's Division

Team Points: 1, Morris Area/Chokio-Albert 134.2; 2, Ipswich, 130.4; 3, Aberdeen Roncalli, 110; 4, Webster Area, 77; 5, Lisbon, 54.4; 6,

Sisseton, 41; 7 (tie), Langford Area, 33, and Ortonville, 33; 9, Sri-State, 32; 10, Florence/Henry, 31; 11, Groton Area, 29; 12, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross, 13; 13, Frederick Area, 8, 14, Britton-Hecla, 3, 15 (tie), Hankinson and Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley w its 1 each.

100m Hurdles: 7, Payton Maine, 18.43; 14, Cassandra Townsend, 19.71.

300m Hurdles: 10, Payton Maine, 55.36; 14, Cassandra Townsend, 58.52.

100m Dash: 18, Riley Leicht, 14.55; 24, Emilie Thurston, 15.76; 25, Trista Keith, 16.36.

200m Dash: 25, Emilie Thurston, 34.01.

400m Dash: 5, Kenzie McInerney, 1:10.09; 26, Paloma Fernandez, 1:29.61.

4x100m Relay: 6, Groton (Allyssa Locke, Trista Keith, Emilie Thurston, Riley Leicht), 1:03.24.

4x200m Relay: 10, Groton (Allyssa Locke, Trista Keith, Emilie Thurston, Payton Maine), 2:10.51.

4x400m Relay: 8, Groton (Payton Maine, Cassandra Townsend, Kenzie McInerney, Allyssa Locke), 4:54.38.

High Jump: 11, Nicole Marzahn, 4-04.

Long Jump: 6, Nicole Marzahn, 14-6.25; 23, Allyssa Locke, 12-07; 29, Trista Keith, 11-00.

Triple Jump: 2, Nicole Marzahn, 31-04.5.

Discus: 4, Jennie Doeden, 101-5; 7, Taylor Holm, 88-5; 10, Kaycie Hawkins, 83-0; 24, Maddie Bjerke, 67-9.

Shot Put: 6, Jennie Doeden, 31-01.5; 10, Maddie Bjerke, 26-10.75; 12, Taylor Holm, 26-03.

25054	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
HUDSON INSURANCE COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
1209 Orange Street	
Wilmington, DE 19801	
Mail Address:	
100 William Street 5th Floor	
New York, NY 10038	
ASSETS	
Bonds	335,825,311
Stocks	226,239,213
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	56,610,897
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	116,810,190
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	2,054,094
Other Assets	625,492,897
TOTAL ASSETS	1,363,032,602
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	206,909,194
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	23,275,155
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	20,681,593
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	3,753,648
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	669,264
Unearned Premiums	86,239,183
All Other Liabilities	580,011,420
TOTAL LIABILITIES	921,539,457
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	7,500,238
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	293,480,097
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	140,512,810
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	441,493,145
TOTAL	1,363,032,602

26638	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
HOME-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
6101 Anacapi Blvd	
Lansing, MI 48917-3968	
Mail Address:	
PO Box 30660	
Lansing, MI 48909-8160	
ASSETS	
Bonds	1,885,503,263
Stocks	227,406,211
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	13,289,688
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	232,475,928
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	15,051,807
Other Assets	69,221,527
TOTAL ASSETS	2,442,948,424
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	483,720,424
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	171,504,353
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	23,923,725
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	6,470,595
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	391,429,335
All Other Liabilities	144,362,046
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,221,410,478
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	9,030,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	260,270,388
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	952,237,558
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	1,221,537,946
TOTAL	2,442,948,424

26581	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
INDEPENDENCE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
485 Madison Avenue	
New York, NY 10022	
Mail Address:	
485 Madison Avenue	
New York, NY 10022	
ASSETS	
Bonds	100,748,274
Stocks	3,743,725
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	10,128,376
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	4,475,139
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	821,593
Other Assets	6,592,498
TOTAL ASSETS	126,509,605
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	26,536,616
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	2,344,806
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	1,382,363
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	1,417,144
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	6,445,112
Unearned Premiums	3,634,431
All Other Liabilities	1,763,516
TOTAL LIABILITIES	43,523,988
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	3,000,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	26,902,015
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	53,083,602
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	82,985,617
TOTAL	126,509,605

18295	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
LAFAYETTE INSURANCE COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
118 Second Ave SE	
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401	
Mail Address:	
PO Box 73909	
Cedar Rapids, IA 52407-3909	
ASSETS	
Bonds	192,706,867
Stocks	18,617,371
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	6,065,270
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	4,585,778
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	1,752,634
Other Assets	1,984,470
TOTAL ASSETS	225,712,390
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	66,535,683
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	21,184,242
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	3,837,803
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	313,700
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	34,009,846
All Other Liabilities	8,348,348
TOTAL LIABILITIES	134,229,622
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	1,080,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	3,940,000
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	86,462,768
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	91,482,768
TOTAL	225,712,390

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Written	883,703
Direct Premiums Earned	831,081
Direct Losses Paid	403,363
Direct Losses Incurred	(84,848)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	
DIVISION OF INSURANCE	
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE	
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE	
OF AUTHORITY	
WHEREAS, the Hudson Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Delaware, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:	
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:	
2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-23A-23B	
1. Life	
2. Health	
3. Fire & Allied Lines	
4. Inland & Ocean Marine	
5. Workmen's Compensation	
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)	
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)	
8. Auto Bodily Injury	
9. Auto Property Damage	
10. Auto Physical Damage	
11. Fidelity & Surety	
12. Glass	
13. Burglary & Theft	
14. Boiler & Machinery	
15. Aircraft	
16. Credit	
17. Crop-Hail	
18. Livestock	
19. Title	
20. Var. Annuities	
23A. Travel, Accident & Baggage	
23B. Prepaid Legal	
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2019.	
LARRY DIETER	Director of Insurance

26581	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
INDEPENDENCE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
485 Madison Avenue	
New York, NY 10022	
Mail Address:	
485 Madison Avenue	
New York, NY 10022	
ASSETS	
Bonds	100,748,274
Stocks	3,743,725
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	10,128,376
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	4,475,139
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	821,593
Other Assets	6,592,498
TOTAL ASSETS	126,509,605
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	26,536,616
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	2,344,806
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	1,382,363
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	1,417,144
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	6,445,112
Unearned Premiums	3,634,431
All Other Liabilities	1,763,516
TOTAL LIABILITIES	43,523,988
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	3,000,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	26,902,015
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	53,083,602
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	82,985,617
TOTAL	126,509,605

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Written	271,135
Direct Premiums Earned	280,253
Direct Losses Paid	255,795
Direct Losses Incurred	590,070

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	
DIVISION OF INSURANCE	
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE	
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE	
OF AUTHORITY	
WHEREAS, the Home-Owners Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Michigan, 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., 2019.	
LARRY DIETER	Director of Insurance

BUSINESS	
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Spring Middle School Concert



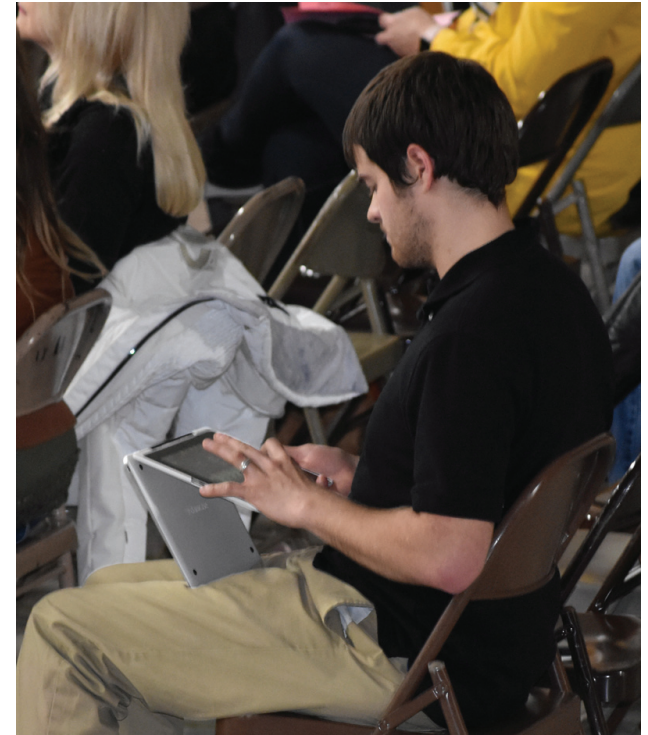
The sixth grade band students of the quarter were Alex Warrington for the second quarter, Gretchen Dinger for the first quarter (she was also chosen as the first sixth grader for middle school all-state band), Kaden Kampa for the third quarter and Kellen Antonsen for the fourth quarter. The awards were presented at the middle school spring concert held Tuesday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Rebecca Poor and Jaeger Kampa each had a solo part in the sixth grade band presentation of, "Reaching for the Stars." (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



The junior high band students of the quarter were Cole Bisbee for the first quarter, Jacob Lewandowski for the second quarter, Ellie Weismantel for the third quarter and Emily Clark for the fourth quarter. The awards were presented at the middle school spring concert held Tuesday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Austin Fordham sat in the back and operated the sound system from a mobile pad. (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



The junior high choir sang, "Dream On," "Anyway" and "A Million Dreams." (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



Camryn Kurtz (top left), Cadance Tullis (top right) and Ashtyn Bahr (bottom left) each had a solo part during the junior high choir performances and Jackson Dinger (bottom right) had a French Horn solo during the junior high band performance. (Photos lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)



The sixth grade choir sang, "Dream Big" and "Reaching for the Stars." Playing the guitar is student intern Brandon Barrett. (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



The junior high band performed, "Safety" (March), "Rites of Tamburo," "Zombie Dreams" and "Don't Stop Believin'." (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



The sixth grade band (left photo) performed, "Arabian Dreams," "I Dreamed a Dream" and "Firework." (Photo by Alexa Hickenbotham)



Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thursday, May 2, 2019

10:00am: Golf: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Aberdeen Roncalli @ Lee Park Golf Course
7:00pm: High School Spring Concert and Awards Night at Groton Area High School

Friday, May 3, 2019

HOWARD WOOD RELAYS in Sioux Falls
3:00pm: Varsity Track Meet @ Sisseton High School

7:00pm: FFA Banquet at Groton Area High School

Saturday, May 4, 2019

HOWARD WOOD RELAYS in Sioux Falls

Monday, May 6, 2019

10:00am: Groton Girls Varsity Golf Meet at Olive Grove Golf Course. (Aberdeen Roncalli, Milbank, Mobridge-Pollock Schools, Redfield-Doland, Sisseton)

4:00pm: Junior High Track Meet at Aberdeen Roncalli

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

2:00pm: Varsity Track Meet @ Britton-Hecla High School

7:00pm: City Council Meeting at the Groton Community Center



The Life of Duane E. Neumann

If you recognize my picture, you already know me. If you don't, let me introduce myself. My name is Duane Erich Neumann. There will be a service for me held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton, South Dakota, at 11 AM on Friday, May 3. There will also be visitation at the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel on Thursday, May 2, beginning at 5 PM with a prayer service at 7:00.

I was born on January 11, 1928. My parents, Arthur and Edwina, named me "Duane" because they liked the name... "Erich" after my father's brother who came to South Dakota with him from their family home in Michigan while they were young men...and the "Neumann" designates my German heritage. It means "New Man."

My last name seems predictive of my life as I was taught the Biblical narrative of Jesus from an early age. As the story goes, Jesus was God, who came to earth and died on a Roman cross

to pay the penalty of all my crimes against God. When I believed that Jesus died for MY sin, I was changed, by the grace of God, into that "New Man" my name foreshadowed. As the scriptures say, "If any man is in Christ, he is a new creation." The rest of my life had trials and tribulations, disappointments and failures, but the Creator God has held my hand through 91 years of life on this earth, and given me the greatest joy a man can have, knowing Jesus as my Savior and my Lord.

You may have run into me while I went to school in Groton, South Dakota, while I was stationed in Japan after World War II, or during the time I worked in the post office in Groton for 37 years.

My greatest earthly pleasure was having Dodie Hoops agree to be my wife and having her as my helper in life for 70 years. Dodie will tell you that we never had an argument during our marriage, and she is being honest. I told my wife that I loved her every day...except for a few times when I was away fishing...and I am being honest too. What an amazing blessing she has been to me.

God gave us children who proved to be more of a mixed blessing. Marsha, our first-born, married Drew Johnson and provided us with six grandchildren, Dodie Dru, Marnie, Chase, Abbie, Cade and Cramer. Mark married Laurie Aasness and had three children, Jacob, Jeffrey, and Emily. Brett married Lori Regier and added Jayme and Joshua to our list of grandchildren. God, in His sometimes hard-to-understand wisdom, has taken two of our children to be with Him, one son shortly before birth and Brett at the age of 48.

We presently have 14 great-grandchildren, some whose names I had difficulty remembering, and all of whom are being raised to know and love the Lord Jesus.

On April 27, 2019, I left behind my weak and frail earthly container and went to take up permanent residence with the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. I am not able to communicate to you what it is like here in heaven. Perhaps that is because the Bible tells us that "Eye has not seen nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

Hope you will be able to join me in my new home...I wish you were here!

GFP Asks Public to Leave Animals Alone

PIERRE, S.D. - South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is reminding people that it is important to leave wild animals alone.

"Sometimes people think baby animals have been lost or abandoned, when actually they haven't," says Thea Miller Ryan, director of The Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls. "Mothers often leave their young for several hours before coming back for them."

Each year GFP receives numerous phone calls from people who find baby animals, and while people think they are being helpful, picking up the creatures can actually be harmful.

"We don't want to give you the bad news, but baby animals picked up by humans don't end up well," reminds Ryan. "Tell your kids, your neighbor kids and your friends - If you care, leave them there."

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- Communicate facility programs to residents, staff, family and volunteers
- Manage facility Volunteer Program
- Maintain departmental documentation that reflects services provided and resident progress towards goals
- In coordination with social services facilitate the residents in the organization and continued development of a Resident's Council
- Make job assignments and set priorities
- Serve as member of QAA committee

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