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FFA members recognized at Awards Banquet



These are the FFA members that were present for the FFA Awards Banquet held Friday at the GHS Gym. Back row, left to right, are Lane Krueger, Kale Pharis, Jamesen Stange, Trey Gengerke, Steven Paulson, Tristan Traphagen and Kansas Kroll; in the middle row, left to right, are Sheyanne Richards, Alexis Simon, Jillian Barton, Cassandra Townsend, Tiara DeHoet, Sage Mortenson, Caitlynn Barse, Cassaundra Schultz, Christian Zoellner and Michal Tabke; in front, left to right, are Miranda Hanson, Tessa Erdmann, Josie LaMee, and Samantha Pappas. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Receiving the Greenhand FFA Degree Award were Christina Zoellner, Michal Tabke, Sage Mortenson, Cassaundra Schultz, Samantha Pappas, Kansas Kroll and Lane Krueger; not pictured are Pierce Kettering, Jackson Cogley, Jordan Bjerke, Lucas Simon, Chandler Larson and Lee Iverson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Receiving the Chapter FFA Degree Awards were Steven Paulson, Tristan Traphagen, Tessa Erdmann, Kale Pharis, Tiara DeHoet and Trey Gengerke; not pictured are Caleb Furney and Kannon Coats. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The senior FFA members are Jillian Barton, Cassandra Townsend, Miranda Hanson, Josie LaMee and Alexis Simon. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Earning the State Degree (they received the chain that is worn at the waist) were Jillian Barton, Cassandra Townsend, Miranda Hanson and Josie LaMee. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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Adam Franken, FFA advisor (right) installs the new officers. Left to right are Sheyanne Richards, Lane Krueger, Kansas Kroll, Sage Mortenson, Tiara DeHoet, Samantha Pappas, Tessa Erdmann and Caitlynn Barse. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Caitlynn Barse received the Star Chapter Farmer Award, Jamesen Stange received the Star Chapter Ag Placement Award, and Kansas Kroll earned the Star Greenhand Award. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



There was a good sized crowd at the annual FFA Awards Banquet. Some of the members were not able to make it due to the track meet held in Sisseton. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Doing the year in review were Josie La-Mee, Jillian Barton and Miranda Hanson. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Senior Citizens

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 me 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.

Spring Means (Free) Fishing

Now that spring has (finally) sprung, maybe it's time to round up your family and friends and hit a local lake for some fishing!

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Immigration debate hampers guest worker programs critical to SD businesses

By: Bart Pfankuch

The intensely partisan and politicized national debate over immigration policies has cast a cloud of uncertainty over guest worker programs that for years have helped provide employees to seasonal South Dakota businesses that cannot find enough American workers.

The viability of some businesses in the tourism, agricultural and construction industries are at stake if federal programs that bring foreign workers to South Dakota each summer are not stabilized soon.

With the unemployment rate at 2.8% in South Dakota – one of the lowest rates in the nation – hundreds of businesses and farms cannot hire enough people to get them through the summer tourism, harvest and construction seasons.

Last year, guest worker programs run by the U.S. departments of labor and state brought about 4,400 people from a variety of other countries to South Dakota to take jobs that employers cannot fill with local employees. Most visitors stay about six to 10 months and are paid a fair wage set by the federal government. The majority of guest workers arrive from Mexico, Central America and sometimes South America or Asia on temporary visas granted through the federal H-2A and H-2B seasonal employment programs. Employers provide them housing while the workers build homes and businesses, clean hotel rooms, work in restaurants or help harvest crops.

The program has been highly successful in fulfilling critical staffing needs at businesses around the country; about 66,000 visas are granted nationally under the H-2B program each year, and 134,400 H-2A visas were granted in 2016. Sioux Falls, which had a 2.4% unemployment rate in February, was the South Dakota city with the most H-2B visas granted in 2018 with 346, followed by Custer and Arlington. Sioux Falls also led the state with 447 H-1B professional visas issued in 2018.

But staunch partisanship in Congress and a strong stance against illegal immigration by the Trump Administration have hampered efforts to reform, strengthen and streamline guest worker programs. Uncertainty over getting workers, delays in when promised workers arrive and logistical issues have reduced the effectiveness of some guest worker programs.

A resort owner in the Black Hills couldn't open her business on schedule and is turning away reservations. One South Dakota dairy operator is unable to get guest workers to keep his operation running efficiently year-round. And a Mitchell concrete company owner refuses to apply for guest workers after a bad experience with the H-2B program.

Members of the South Dakota congressional delegation are working to cut through the partisanship, educate colleagues on the need for guest workers and improve the logistics and stability of the programs. But several recent reform efforts have been stymied by congressional gridlock and a reluctance by the Trump Administration to prioritize improvement of legal immigration programs that aid states like South Dakota.

"It's been several years in a row that we've had this challenge," U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds, a South Dakota Republican, said in an interview with News Watch. "We'd sure like to get it back to where it was a stable program and one in which people recognized the need for it and understood that this is a legal visa system that actually works and that it is not part of the illegal immigration problem."



Cows feed in a barn owned by dairy operator Lynn Boadwine of Baltic, who uses the H-2A guest worker visa program to bring in some foreign employees to work on his farm but is unable to use the program to fill open jobs at his large dairies. Photo: Courtesy Lynn Boadwine

Losing money every day

In a typical April, Dani Banks would already be making money by providing housing to the tourists who visit Mount Rushmore and the Black Hills.

Banks operates the Holy Smoke Resort, a seasonal Keystone business with 26 full-service cabins and 21 sites for recreational vehicles that is usually open from April to October.

Due to delays in getting workers under the H-2B visa program, Banks has been unable to open the resort and is losing money every day.

"We'll get open almost a month late this year," she said. "I'm not open because I can't get my cabins ready to go with just me and one employee."

For nearly two decades, Banks has used the H-2B visa program to hire up to five housekeepers from Mexico who live in RVs on her property and keep her cabins clean and ready to rent. This year, if they come, they will be paid \$10.55 an hour, a wage set by the government.

Banks has had success with the H-2B program, but in recent years she has been anxious due to uncertainty over if and when she will get guest workers. The situation worsened a couple years ago when Congress changed the rules regarding returning workers, making it more difficult to bring back the honest, steady crew of housekeepers she has come to trust and rely upon.

"Those employees are critical and we can't run our businesses like this every year," Banks said. "You just can't do it."

Like other South Dakota employers who use guest worker programs, Banks needs foreign workers because locals aren't interested in the jobs she has open each summer.

In order to qualify to get guest workers, Banks spends about \$2,500 per employee before they begin work to pay for visa and broker fees, travel costs and to advertise for open jobs in a local newspaper and online.

In 16 years of advertising locally for housekeepers, Banks said only two people have applied. One didn't show up for the interview and the other was arrested on drug charges during the hiring process.

With uncertainty hovering over the H-2B program and the lottery-based system of connecting employers with workers, Banks expects it will only get tougher to run her business at a profit. She has already turned down some reservation requests this year.

"It's been really awful, and this is no way to run a business," she said. "At one point, we stopped taking reservations for the summer last year, and pretty doggone quick, we're go-

ing to have to close off units this year."

Banks and others who use the H-2 visa programs say they have never had a problem with guest workers leaving their work assignments or violating the terms of their visas in order to say in the country illegally.

Temporary, non-immigrant guest worker programs run by the U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Department of State provided about 4,400 workers to South Dakota employers in 2018, according to federal data. The J-1, Exchange Visitor Program brought 1,517 temporary workers to the state in 2018. That year, 1,414 workers came on H-2B temporary non-agricultural visas, 863 arrived on H-2A temporary agricultural visas, 599 on H-1B temporary professional visas and 61 on permanent visas.

While the guest worker programs provide employers with some help in creating a stable workforce, they do not come close to filling the needs of employers who face worker shortages amid historically low unemployment rates.

Data from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics show that South Dakota was tied for the fifth-lowest unemployment rate in the nation at 2.8% in March, tied with Hawaii and Nebraska and behind the Great Plains states of North Dakota (tied for lowest at 2.3%) and Iowa (2.4%.) The national unemployment rate in March was 3.8%.

The low rate means people in the state's overall workforce of 464,200 typically have several options when it comes to finding a job.

In many cases, the industries that obtain workers through guest worker programs tend to be in fields that don't pay well or include job duties that may not be desirable to local workers.

In 2018, the top five industries seeking workers under the H-2B visa program were for construction laborers, cement masons and concrete finishers, maids and housekeepers, landscape workers and food preparation employees.

The top five applications for H-2A agricultural visas in 2018 were for equipment operators, construction of livestock buildings, grain workers, beekeeping and livestock handling.

Guest workers critical to agriculture

Tom Peterson, director of the South Dakota Dairy Producers, said some agricultural industries that run at full speed all year long are unable to benefit fully from guest worker programs that place a time limit on the visas.

While some dairy operators participate in the H-2A visa program, it doesn't provide them with as much help as it could, Peterson said.

"It's the only avenue, so some must utilize it, but in terms of securing a labor force, it's really a challenge for them," Peterson said. "The biggest challenge now is establishing continuity and having a workforce you can count on and know that it's going to be there long term."

Peterson said the intensity and partisanship in the ongoing immigration debate in Congress and the U.S. as a whole has hampered efforts to incorporate meaningful reform of guest worker programs that could aid South Dakota producers.

Peterson pointed to the omnibus immigration reform bill put forth in early 2018 by House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte of Virginia that, among other things, would have expanded the guest worker visa program for the dairy and the meatpacking industries. The bill sought solutions for many hot-button immigration issues, including providing amnesty for some children of immigrants born in the U.S.,

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expanding security at the border and cracking down on sanctuary cities.

But the compromise bill fizzled, and the expanded guest worker program for dairies went down with it.

"It's such a hot political issue that they gained some traction and then last summer, that in essence was killed," Peterson said. "It's hard to find an answer to such politicized issues."

Republican U.S. Sen. John Thune of South Dakota introduced a measure earlier this year to grant 2,500 more H-2B visas to states with unemployment rates of 3.5% or lower.

"This is a time-sensitive matter for employers in South Dakota to ensure they can secure temporary, supplemental workers to help with their operations," Thune said in an email to News Watch. "Without the extra labor, businesses can't run at full capacity, and some may face challenges opening at all."

So far, Thune's bill has not been acted upon.

Progress has also stalled on a congressional effort to grant H-2B visas to 30,000 more guest workers this fiscal year. More than 90,000 employers applied to get more workers under that proposal, but the effort has stalled due to delays created by the recent resignation of former Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, Rounds said.

The Department of Homeland Security plays a critical role in vetting potential visa holders and in administering the visa program. In his email to News Watch, Sen. Thune said he is seeking a long-term legislative solution to fix problems with the H-2 visa programs and to remove some authority from the homeland security agency.

Rounds said fixing any problems in the guest worker programs has been slowed by the Trump Administration, which he said has not put a priority on dealing with visa and legal immigration programs.

"This could work a lot smoother than what it does, but it will require the administration to do that in a more timely basis," Rounds said. "And while we authorize it, we can't make them do it, we can direct them to do it, but they still have to actually execute it, and if it's not a priority for them, it makes it more difficult to get it done on time."

Lynn Boadwine is a prominent dairy farmer from Baltic who often struggles to find enough qualified workers. Over the years, Boadwine said he has had success with the H-2A guest worker visa program and the use of immigrant labor in general.

Boadwine has about 3,200 milking cows in two separate operations and also runs a farm.

The H-2A program helps Boadwine get workers for his seasonal "go time" on the farm, a stretch in the summer where he needs help pumping manure, harvesting alfalfa, managing his hay fields and cleaning hundreds of fans that keep his cows cool.

Boadwine is anticipating the arrival of seven to 10 H-2A guest workers in May who will make



Richard Greene, a hotelier who is president of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce, said there is deep concern in the tourism town this year due to difficulty some businesses have in securing guest workers to fill jobs that Americans don't want. Photo: Bart Pfankuch

about \$14 an hour and be allowed to stay until December.

Boadwine advertises locally for open positions at the dairy but doesn't have much success.

"There's not a lot of U.S.-based employees that want to milk cows for a living," he said. "In our dairies, we milk 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's hard work, it's rapid paced, and when we put out an advertisement, we don't have a lot of people that are interested in doing that kind of work."

But current immigration rules prevent him from obtaining guest workers for his dairy operations because existing visa programs do not allow for stays beyond one year. Of the roughly 134,400 H-2A visas granted in 2016, the average stay in the U.S. was for seven months.

Boadwine supports reform of guest worker programs to aid producers whose operations run at full speed all year long. "Somebody in Congress needs to change the rules to remove seasonality or the temporary nature of it," he said.

Boadwine uses migrant workers in his dairy who are not affiliated with any guest worker program. In doing so, he has gained a deep respect for their work ethic and an appreciation of the cultural diversity they add to his operation.

Boadwine said he once loaned \$6,000 to a Guatemalan employee who wanted to buy a corn grinder to open a tortilla shop in his home country. The man paid the money back in five months, Boadwine said.

"I can't tell you the respect I have for a lot of these migrant workers," he said. "A lot of them are just good people that are trying to make a better way for their family."

Boadwine said he supports enforcement of immigration laws and strengthening of America's border. He believes it's possible to crack down on illegal immigration while also supporting efforts to bring eager, qualified guest workers to the United States.

"There's nothing wrong with strong borders, and there's nothing wrong with a functional guest worker program," he said. "But because of this polarization we have, we haven't reached consensus and it's difficult for politicians to deal with, and as a result, nothing changes."

Mixed results for S.D. employers

For some South Dakota employers, the paperwork, expense and government regulation over the guest worker programs aren't worth the effort.

Mike Bathke, owner of Big Dog Concrete in Mitchell, said he is almost constantly in need

of qualified workers. "I was going to straight up quit the construction business because I couldn't get any help," Bathke said.

A few years ago, Bathke said he tried to alleviate his staffing shortage by entering the H-2B visa program. He paid up-front money to a broker to begin the process of bringing foreign workers to Mitchell, and he even bought and furnished a home to provide housing for the workers.

But when he missed out on that year's visa lottery and was told no workers would be coming, he was turned off from the program for good.

"If I have to go that route again, I'll be straight up honest with you, I will have an auction and sell all my equipment and get out of the business," Bathke said. "I don't like the government telling me how to run my business or how much I have to pay my employees."

Bathke said he and other construction employers have a hard time finding local employees who are willing to work up to 70 hours a week pouring foundations, laying basements and finishing floors. Business is booming and at this point, with the crew he has, Bathke said he doesn't have to seek out new contracts.

Bathke, who pays up to \$19 an hour and provides full benefits, said he has about 10 employees who are from the local area but also employs four or five Hispanics who have papers to work in the United States but are not part of a visa program.

He said the word gets out among foreign workers that he pays well and provides benefits, so he is able to find non-local employees fairly easily to fill open positions. He said his foreign employees, who often don't speak English well, are excellent employees.

"The Hispanic population has been phenomenal to me," he said. "They're good workers, very loyal, show up every day and don't complain."

The potential for a prosperous high season has dimmed for some employers in Keystone, the small town at the foothills of Mount Rushmore National Memorial, which drew about 2.3 million visitors in 2017.

"I've heard a lot of fear and concern over not being able to staff for the summer because of problems with the visa programs," said Richard Greene, president of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce and manager of the Rushmore Express hotel. "We have 500 or more jobs open and we have a town of only 325 people, so a lot of the businesses really rely on bringing in that summer help."

Greene said the 190 members of the Keystone chamber share resources when possible to fill jobs during the high season. For example, hotel operators who bring in guest workers under the H-2B visa or J-1 exchange program may pay those workers in the morning and then release them to work in restaurants that need employees in the evenings.

Greene has used J-1 workers at his hotel but does not find the H-2B program workable because of logistical challenges and concerns that visas won't be available to workers who apply.

"We've tried to get them, but we've had a lot of issues in the past when they couldn't get their visas," he said. "Part of the problem is that we would love to hire people, but if they can't get their visas for whatever reason, it makes it difficult for us and for them."

Greene said H-2B workers also can't stay long enough to get him through the spring and fall tourism "shoulder" seasons.

A lack of stability in the H-2B program, Greene said, puts a burden on employers, the locals who work for them and on customers. During the summer high season, occupancy at the 84-room hotel a half-mile from Mount Rushmore can reach 95 percent.

"If you don't get the workers, you end up working extra hard and sometimes you don't get to do what you want," he said. "If you

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David Holmgren, who owns and operates four restaurants in Keystone and Hill City, has had great success using the J-1 guest worker program through the U.S. Department of State that brings foreign college students to work in his businesses during the summer high season. Photo: Bart Pfankuch

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have projects or things you were planning to do workwise, you have to put those on hold because you're the only guy here who's sometimes cleaning rooms and sometimes checking people in at the front desk."

Just around the corner in Keystone, David Holmgren has found great success with the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program run by the State Department that brings college students to the United States to work and travel.

In partnership with his husband Jesus Roman, Holmgren owns and operates a Subway restaurant in Hill City and a Subway, Dairy Queen and the Holy Terror Coffee & Fudge shop in Keystone.

Holmgren has only two full-time employees, so he relies extensively on the J-1 non-immigrant Work & Travel program to provide him with employees during the high season. This year, Holmgren is hosting about 35 student workers under the program, and he promotes their presence on video screens in his restaurants that show a photo and give some background on the guest workers. About 265 of the J-1 participants will work in Keystone this summer, he said.

"There is no simple answer to this complex issue of seasonal employment, but it's very clear if we lose support of this resource in South Dakota, we will see small service retail and industry fail," Holmgren said.



Keystone business owner David Holmgren showcases the backgrounds of his guest workers on video screens in his restaurants in the tourist town. Photo: Bart Pfankuch

ABOUT BART PFANKUCH



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April 2019 Summary: Cool and Wet

April 2019 featured generally slightly below average temperatures on a whole. Two main waves of above average temperatures were observed, one in early April and another in mid to late April. The 20th had high temperatures in the mid 80s to low 90s. Otherwise, conditions were on the chilly side with numerous daytime highs of 10-15 or more degrees below average. Sisseton set a daily record for a low temperature of 14 degrees on the 14th.

Generally above average precipitation was recorded this month, and much above average snowfall. Watertown had its 10th wettest April on record. Sisseton, Wheaton and Watertown had their 2nd snowiest April on record, 5th in Pierre, 6th in Kennebec, 9th in Mobridge and 10th in Aberdeen. This was due exclusively to a winter storm of historic proportions, which affected the area from the 10th through the 12th.

A low pressure system that developed in eastern Colorado during the afternoon of April 9th, 2019, produced heavy snowfall across the region on April 10-11th as it moved through the Central and Northern Plains.

The initial wave of snow moved into portions of central and eastern South Dakota during the early morning hours of April 10th. This snow fell at rates exceeding 1 inch an hour and produced anywhere from 3 to 12 inches of snow by the evening of April 10th. The heaviest snow occurred between US Highway 12 and 14, stretching from Eagle Butte, eastward through northern Faulk County and to the Watertown area.

The second wave of snow occurred as during the evening of April 10th through the early morning hours of April 12th, as the low moved from central Kansas to southwestern Minnesota. Once again, snowfall rates exceeded 1 inch an hour in many locations on April 11th. The heavy snow, combined with winds gusting between 40 and 50 mph, produced blizzard conditions across much of central and eastern South Dakota into the evening hours of April 11th. The poor weather conditions led to "No Travel Advised" across much of the eastern 2/3rds of South Dakota and closed Interstate 90 from Rapid City to Sioux Falls and Interstate 29 from Sioux Falls to Fargo, ND.

Storm total snowfall amounts exceeded a foot for numerous locations and some locations even eclipsed the two foot mark. Finally, thundersnow was reported across portions of central and eastern South Dakota, and west central Minnesota especially in the Watertown area. Thunderstorms also produced pea-sized hail across portions of east central South Dakota on the 11th. As a result of more moisture on top of already saturated soils and swollen streams and lakes, flooding continued to plague the area. As of April 30th, a couple river gauges on the James River remain at Major Flood Stage.

Highest Snowfall Totals April 10-12, 2019

Wallace	30.8"	Wilmot	19.5"
Clark	28.9"	Reliance 4ENE	19.0"
Highmore 19NNW	27.5"	Sisseton AP	18.6"
Clear Lake 1SSW	27.0"	Sisseton 3W	18.5"
Clear Lake	26.3"	Hayes 6E	18.5"
Hoven	25.5"	Browns Valley 6N	18.1"
Henry	25.0"	Sisseton 10ENE	18.1"
Watertown AP	25.0"	Mobridge	18.0"
Ipswich	25.0"	Ortonville 1N	18.0"
Roscoe	24.8"	Milbank	18.0"
Mansfield 5W	24.5"	Waubay 2NW	18.0"
Redfield	24.0"	Kennebec	17.7"
Castlewood	23.3"	Gary 6SW	17.7"
Hayti 1W	22.3"	Artichoke 2ESE	17.6"
LaBolt	22.2"	Webster	17.5"
Cresbard 2NE	22.0"	Faulkton 1NW	16.5"
Lake Norden	22.0"	Lake City 2SW	16.5"
Orient	21.0"	Pierre AP	16.1"
Watertown	20.0"	Aberdeen AP	13.6"
Garden City 4S	20.0"	Fort Pierre	12.3"
Corona 7ENE	20.0"	Mobridge AP	10.6"



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



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The GHS choir seniors are pictured with their directors. In back, left to right, are Director Austin Fordham, Micah Poor, Korbin Blackmun, Mitchell Koens and Tylan Glover; in the middle row, left to right, are Director Brandon Barrett, Shyla Larson, Claire Davidson, Jennie Doeden; front row, Director Desiree Yeigh, Emily Thompson, Kaitlyn Kassube, AnneMarie Smith, Maggie Crosby, Ashley Garduno



Show Choir Leadership Award

Left to Right: Micah Poor and AnneMarie Smith



Choral Excellence Award

Left to Right: Alexis Hanten, AnneMarie Smith, Tylan Glover, Ashley Garduno, Gabby Merkel. Not Pictured: Maddy Schuelke



Outstanding Senior Vocalist

Left to Right: AnneMarie Smith and Tylan Glover

A DVD of the 2019 GHS High School Spring Concert is available from the Groton Daily Independent. Cost is \$20 (plus shipping if mailed out). Email paper-paul@grotonsd.net to place your order.



Choral Commitment Award - 4 year Seniors

Left to Right: Shyla Larson, Micah Poor, Ashley Garduno, Mitchell Koens, AnneMarie Smith, Tylan Glover. Not Pictured: Korbin Blackmun.

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Rising Star Award
Alexis Hanten



The high school choir (above) and the band (below), along with other groups put on the spring concert held last week.



SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORY & HERITAGE

“Lucky Lindy” visits South Dakota

“A president of the United States, the most adored movie star in filmdom, Babe Ruth, Jack Dempsey – all gathered here together could not have attracted half the crowd nor a millionth of the cheering that greeted Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh in South Dakota today,” stated an article in the Sioux Falls Daily Argus-Leader on Saturday, Aug. 27, 1927.

An estimated 30,000 people packed together on an airfield near Renner to see the aviation legend and his airplane, the “Spirit of St. Louis.” Lindbergh had left Fargo, N.D., that morning. En route to Sioux Falls, he circled Aberdeen, Redfield, Huron and Mitchell, allowing people in those communities a glimpse of the famous plane.

A canvas bag containing a message from Lindbergh was dropped from the plane in each community, expressing regret for not having the time to stop and encouraging public support for continued airmail service and the construction of airports.

The text of the message Lindbergh dropped

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	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	15,296,006
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	132,040
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
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	
Adjustment Expenses	107,017
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	765
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	245,063
Federal and Foreign	
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	
or Statutory Deposit	1,250,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	1,519,270
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	229,815,915
Surplus as Regards	
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

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	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	5,602,699
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	0
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
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	
Adjustment Expenses	0
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	0
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	0
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	1,081,599
Unearned Premiums	155,193,727
All Other Liabilities	156,275,326
TOTAL LIABILITIES	156,275,326
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	5,005,500
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	17,320,615
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	36,743,111
Surplus as Regards	
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.

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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

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	
Uncollected Premiums	0
Investment Income	
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	
Policies & Contracts	\$4,748,935,639
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies	0
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	216,000
Accident and Health	0
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued	195,541
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	1,295,098
Federal Income Taxes	
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	
Contributed Surplus	908,163,872
Unassigned Surplus	220,102,832
Surplus as Regards	
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



Photo of Lindbergh and the “Spirit of St. Louis” while in Pierre.
(South Dakota State Historical Society – State Archives)

over each community reads:
“Greetings:
“Because of the limited time and the extensive itinerary of the tour of the United States now in progress to encourage popular interest in aeronautics it is impossible for the ‘Spirit of St. Louis’ to land in your city.
“This message from the air, however, is sent to you to express our sincere appreciation of your interest in the tour and the promotion and expansion of commercial aeronautics in the United States.
“We feel that we will be amply repaid for all our efforts if each and every citizen in the United States cherishes an interest in flying and gives his earnest support to the air mail service and the establishment of airports and similar facilities. The concerted efforts of the citizens of the United States in this direction will result in America’s taking its rightful place within a short time as the world leader in commercial flying.
(Signed)Charles A. Lindbergh”

At Aberdeen, the container carrying the message landed on the Brown County Courthouse lawn. The 11-year-old girl who retrieved the container was given it.
“For a long time to come, the lucky little miss will be the envy of her entire list of friends and playmates, for the reward she has now in her possession will someday prove a great rarity,” stated an article in the Aberdeen Evening News.
The Redfield Press reported that Lindbergh passed over the community at 10 a.m. that Saturday. “The conqueror of the air and the

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
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15. Aircraft
16. Credit
17. Crop-Hail
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19. Title
20. Var. Annuities
- 21.

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

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

idol of the world was greeted from the hills and house tops by people eager to view the hero and the Spirit of St. Louis.”
Whistles at power plants opened a roar of welcome and the cheers of hundreds of Huron residents went up as the young Minnesota flier flew over the city, according to the Evening Huronite.
The mayor of Huron sent a telegram to Lindbergh that afternoon that read: “All Huron joins me in thanking you for the splendid demonstration over our city this morning. Accept our heartiest congratulations on your great achievement and best wishes for your future.”
Lindberg flew over Mitchell at 11:05 a.m. “He came out of the north directly over the center of the city and a message he dropped was picked up by a boy in a crowd of spectators at Third avenue

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and Main street. The message missed the top of the Republican building by inches."

The "Spirit of St. Louis" landed at the Renner field precisely at noon as scheduled.

After a five-minute meeting with the reception committee, Lindbergh was driven around the fenced-off landing strip in a convertible, much to the delight of the crowd.

Lindbergh's speech during the 30-minute program promoted commercial aviation throughout the United States.

Lindbergh's non-stop flight from New York to Paris over the Atlantic Ocean on May 20-21, 1927, had rocketed him to stardom. Lindbergh departed from New York in the "Spirit of St. Louis" on a nationwide tour of the United States on July 20, 1927. The tour was the result of a meeting between Lindbergh and multimillionaire and aviation enthusiast Harry Guggenheim. They decided that Lindbergh would make a three-month tour of the United States, paid for by a fund Harry and his father, Daniel, had established earlier to encourage aviation-related research.

Lindbergh and the "Spirit of St. Louis," together called "We," were accompanied on the tour by a plane carrying a representative of the Daniel Guggenheim Fund of the Promotion of Aeronautics and the United States Department of Commerce.

From Renner, Lindbergh flew off in the "Spirit of St. Louis" at 1 p.m. to Sioux City, Iowa, where he spent the night.

Sept. 1 was intended to be a day of rest in Denver, Colo., for Lindbergh. Instead, Harry Guggenheim sent a telegram to Pierre Mayor John E. Hipple stating that Lindbergh had "expressed a personal desire to spend the day of September first in your city. Can you arrange to take care of his time." Hipple consulted with others before accepting the request.

Pierre had no airfield where Lindbergh could land, according to "Pierre Since 1910" by Harold Schuler. A landing site was prepared about three miles north of Pierre, on the south slope of Snake Butte.

About 3,500 people were on hand when the "Spirit of St. Louis" touched down at 3:59 p.m. on Sept. 1, one minute ahead of schedule. The Capital City Band played, and cheers went up as Lucky Lindy stepped out of the plane. After a drive around the airfield, the car bearing Lindbergh headed to Pierre for a drive through the city's main streets. Hipple and his wife, Ruth, hosted a supper for Lindbergh and other guests at their home.

About 5,000 people were waiting in front of the Capitol that evening to hear Lindbergh speak. He explained that he decided to come to Pierre because he wished to give people in that part of the country the opportunity to see the plane that flew across the Atlantic Ocean.

Lindbergh briefly attended a dance in the city auditorium before returning to the Hipple home to thank the Hipples for their hospitality. He then went to the Saint Charles Hotel to retire for the evening.

Several hundred people were on hand the next morning to witness the 9:30 departure of the "Spirit of St. Louis" for Cheyenne, Wyo., where Lindbergh spent the night.

"Once in the air, Colonel Lindbergh banked his plane sharply and returned to give a short display of stunt flying ... Suddenly, the silver 'Spirit of St. Louis' headed toward Pierre to give a farewell greeting to the people here," stated an article in the Sept. 2, 1927, Pierre Daily Capital Journal.

En route to Cheyenne, the Lone Eagle, as Lindbergh was nicknamed, was seen by many people who were attending the Haakon County Fair in Philip.

The Deadwood Daily Pioneer-Times stated that the entire populace was on the streets watching as Lindbergh "circled and re-circled the city within the narrow confines of the gulch, at an amazingly low altitude."

People in Rapid City were watching for the

"Spirit of St. Louis" when "a shadow like that of an eagle soaring before the sun moved slowly across the pavement ... and Colonel Lindbergh swooped down out of the cloudless sky."

Lindbergh did not fly over Lead, but the plane could be seen from the Ellison dumps, according to the Lead Daily Call.

After a swing over the State Game Lodge, the summer residence of President Calvin Coolidge, the "Spirit of St. Louis" passed over Spearfish before flying on to Cheyenne. Lindbergh dropped messages in the communities his plane flew over, again expressing regret for not having the time to land and encouraging aviation.

Historical markers both at Renner and Pierre commemorate Lindbergh's visit to South Dakota.

Flying the "Spirit of St. Louis," Lindbergh touched down in what at that time was all 48 states, visited 92 cities, gave 147 speeches and was seen by millions before the tour ended



Photo of Lindbergh and the "Spirit of St. Louis" while in Pierre.

(South Dakota State Historical Society - State Archives)

back in New York on Oct. 23, 1927, according to a website about Lindbergh operated by the Spirit of St. Louis 2 Project.

Airmail usage exploded as a result of the tour, and the public began to view airplanes as a viable means of travel, according to Air Force historian Richard P. Hallion.

This moment in South Dakota history is provided by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Find us on the web at www.sdhsf.org. Contact us at info@sdhsf.org to submit a story idea.

<p>65056 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</p>	<p>65838 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</p>	<p>73288 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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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 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</p>	<p>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 919,317,711 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 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</p>

Brown County April 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes

APRIL 30, 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 Feickert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the General County Commission, County Board of Equalization, and Consolidated Board of Equalization meeting minutes from April 23, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to approve the following claims:..

Payroll #9 Commission \$5,528.71; Auditor \$8,550.86; Treasurer \$13,623.49; States Attorney \$23,164.05; SVA-WA \$1,389.40; Maintenance \$7,777.75; Assessor \$1,884.62; Register of Deeds \$8,771.41; Veterans Service Office \$4,311.65; GIS \$2,367.50; Information Technology \$8,375.20; Human Resources \$3,397.45; Sheriff \$35,895.19; Jail \$50,283.76; Coroner \$0.00; Court Security \$6,355.42; JDC \$23,112.10; Welfare \$1,884.62; Museum \$8,481.38; Fairgrounds \$5,747.10; Fair Board \$3,941.97; 4H \$661.23; Weed \$81.50; Planning and Zoning \$3,062.66; Highway \$57,039.61; Communications \$25,070.74; Emergency \$4,079.58; Teen Court \$466.56; 24/7 \$2,707.86; Landfill \$11,048.05. Match-

ing benefits: FICA \$20,217.44, Medicare \$4,728.26, Health Spending Acct \$400.00, Health Insurance(Wellmark) \$126,968.22, Delta Dental \$7,433.14, Life Insurance \$1,175.01, SDRS \$41,1923.56.

Claims: Machinery & Equipment Diesel Machinery \$46,860.00;

Professional Fees: Pearl Holt \$500.00; Avera St. Lukes \$1301.09; Bantz, Gosch & Cremer LLC \$1,564.65; Cogley Law Office \$5,763.88; Ryan Dell LLC \$5,763.88; Dependable Sanitation Inc \$22,916.84; Dohrer Law Office \$5,763.88; Becky Erickson \$40.00; Christopher A. Haar \$6,946.69; Kuck Law Office \$6,441.98; Lucy Lewno \$81.50; Jerald M. McNearly \$6,029.18; NE Mental Health Center \$1,092.00; Pacer Service Center \$17.30; Pennington County Jail \$960.00; Richardson, Wylly, Wise, Sauck \$3,985.05; Sanford Clinic \$411.57; Sanford Health \$1,014.27; State of South Dakota \$658.65; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$7,117.63; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$3,434.93; Jennifer Stoddard \$3,888.99; Taliaferro Law Office \$5,763.88; Yankton County Sheriff Office \$50.00;

Publishing: Friends of South Dakota Public Broadcasting \$222.75; Groton Independent \$2,453.65; SD Magazine LLC \$300.00;

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heating \$166.55; Double D Body Shop Inc \$340.20; Graham Tire Inc \$1,626.18; Leidholt Electric LLC \$340.07; Pro Windmill Inc. \$225.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc. \$21.00; Pierson-Ford-Lincoln-Mercury \$48.45; Ringgenberg Electric Inc \$91.84; Steven

Lust Automotive \$51.25; Woodman Refrigeration \$214.28;

Rentals: Advantage Self Storage \$323.20; Dial A Move \$185.00;

Supplies: A to Z World Languages \$80.00; Agtegra Cooperative \$4,563.05; American Alliance of Museums \$275.00; American Business Forms \$216.17; Ameripride Services Inc \$72.25; Hearst Business Media Corporation \$180.00; Correct RX Pharmacy Services \$21.76; Crescent Electric Supply Co. \$353.68; Aberdeen Medical Center Pharmacy \$2,305.81; Fedex \$24.37; Ferguson Enterprises, Inc \$278.39; Govconnection Inc \$3,310.51; Heartland Paper \$1,077.49; L.G. Everist Inc \$3,200.95; Lang's Audio TV & Appliance \$1,339.98; Dave Lunzman \$125.37; Marco Inc \$99.62; Menards \$208.60; Midstates Printing \$174.00; Pantorium Cleaners Inc. \$70.00; Premier Biotech Inc \$1,030.89; Regalia Manufacturing Company \$1,843.29; Sanford Health \$56.00;

Travel & Conference: Cathy McNickle \$204.81; Roberta Nichols \$59.88; SD Assoc of County Officials \$350.00; SD Assoc of Assessing \$1,800.00;

Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$71.24; Qwest Corporation \$570.11; Montana Dakota Utilities Co. \$35.65; Northwestern Energy & Communication \$2,712.44;

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Sutton seconded by Feickert to approve the following Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Acknowledge resignation of Harley Beck, full-time dis-

patcher, effective April 23, 2019. Approve the following employee step increase effective May 5th, 2019: Larry Hardy @ \$20.20 per hour, John Weig @ \$19.79 per hour, Eugene Pence Jr. @ \$21.22 per hour, Monte Podoll @ \$17.63 per hour, Terry Lout @ \$19.32 per hour, Sarah Swenson @ \$20.52 per hour.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following lease agreements: FCRV, ND/SD for use of Fairgrounds Campground June 7th -9th, 2019; Nicole Deurmier (Cub Scouts) for lease of Richomd Lake Youth Camp Grounds April 29, 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.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following contracts for 2019 Brown County Fair: Communications Direct Inc @ \$2,850.; NB Golf Cars @ \$17,700; Mary Davis Show @ \$3,800; W.H. Petting Zoo Inc @ \$2,000.; Jones and Company @ \$1,000.; ShowClix @ \$2,200.; Dakota Kids Pedal Pull @ \$751; Three Seasons Tent Rental, Inc @ \$1,165.; Nelson Talen Agency for the following acts: Bob and the Beachcombers @ 3,000., Robby Vee @ \$4,000.; Hart Borthers trade of services, Rewinder @ \$2,000; Piles of

Smiles Entertainment @ \$1,700; Mogen's Heroes @ \$2,000; Hub Area Habitat for Humanity @ \$1,000 (gate control), Lis Fedeler (4H judge) @ \$100, Whitney Vogel (4H judge) @ \$100., Russ Thyen (4H judge) @ 150, Ann Gibbs (4H judge) declined payment, Gretchen Sharp (4H judge) declined payment, Becky Erickson (4H judge) @ \$40, Audrey Rider (4H judge) declined payment. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES: Individual discussed payment options for delinquent taxes. No action taken.

BCHC REPORT: DeAnna Harber presented the Brown County Community Health Center Report for January – March 2019. No action taken.

ELM LAKE DAM MANAGEMENT: Area landowners met to discuss management of Elm Lake Dam. Meeting will be scheduled to discuss mitigation and emergency plans. No action taken.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize chair to sign the following contracts for Brown County Employee Benefits effective July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020: Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield @ 2% premium increase Delta Dental @ 1.5% premium increase Guardian VSP providing vision insurance, employee paid monthly premiums reduced to \$9.77 employee only, \$15.63 employee plus 1, \$15.96 employee plus children, \$25.73 family

Discovery Benefits providing F.S.A and H.S.A at a cost of \$4.65(fsa) and \$2.25(hsa.) per enrollee per month. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

LOAD LIMITS: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Kippley to lift

load limits effective May 1, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion Carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to declare two trailers surplus. 1993 Red River live bottom trailer decal #2122 to be surplus and sold to Turner County. 2007 Storage Tank decal #688 to be surplus for disposal at the landfill and eligible scrap metal. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session to discuss legal and contracts per SDCL 1-25-2(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 10:31 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Noxious Weeds Declared Pests

NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DECLARED PESTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN this 7th day of May, 2019 pursuant to SDCL 38-22 as amended to all owners, occupants, agents and public officials in charge of lands in Brown County, South Dakota, that they are responsible for the suppression, control, and eradication of noxious weed and declared pest infestations that my exist on such lands. Chemical, biological and/or cultural control methods used for the suppression, control and eradication of noxious weed and declared pest infestations shall be those approved for such purposes by the Brown County Weed and Pest Supervisor, Regional Extension Educator or the South Dakota Department of Ag.

Upon failure to observe this notice, the county weed and pest board is required to proceed pursuant to the law and have the noxious weeds or declared pests destroyed by such methods as they may find necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land, and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means as provided by law. Plants and animals designated as being noxious weeds and declared pests in the state of South Dakota are Leafy Spurge, Salt Cedar, Perennial Sow Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Hoary Cress, Canada Thistle, Purple Loosestrife, and Gypsy Moth. In addition, Absinth Wormwood, Musk and Plumeless Thistle, Yellow Toadflax and Bull Thistle have been approved by the South Dakota Weed and Pest Control Commission and are subject to the same suppression, control and eradication requirements as the before mentioned plants and animals. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that upon establishing probable cause to believe a noxious weed or declared pest infestation exists upon any property in Brown County a representative of the Brown County Weed and Pest Board will enter upon said property for the purpose of inspecting and confirming that such infestation actually exists.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor
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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

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	
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

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

14257	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
IMT INSURANCE	
COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
7825 Mills Civic Parkway	
West Des Moines, IA 50266	
Mail Address:	
P.O. Box 1336	
Des Moines, IA 50305-1336	
ASSETS	
Bonds	202,560,230
Stocks	58,530,429
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	14,082,547
Cash and Bank Deposits	13,012,395
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	53,828,094
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	1,294,775
Other Assets	0
TOTAL ASSETS	407,661,379
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	98,057,292
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	21,136,015
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	4,693,464
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	521,057
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	114,759,785
All Other Liabilities	19,132,542
TOTAL LIABILITIES	258,300,159
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	0
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	30,963,250
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	115,897,969
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	149,361,219
TOTAL	407,661,379
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Written	7,613,216
Direct Premiums Earned	7,788,257
Direct Losses Paid	5,617,087
Direct Losses Incurred	5,460,439

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	
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

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



SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR
KRISTI NOEM



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 1/4 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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Travel Matters

In some states, visitors are rushed, tourists are looked down upon, and out-of-staters are simply ignored. In South Dakota, we do things differently. We pride ourselves on making new friends, and it shows. I often hear how amazed travelers are at the kindness they feel while visiting our state, a place where a handshake and a smile are second nature.

Each May, we designate a week to celebrate the important role tourism plays in South Dakota. The theme of this year's Travel and Tourism Week is "Travel Matters." Its name speaks for itself, and its message is one I've believed for a long time. As many of you know, for years, my family and I ran a hunting lodge and a restaurant. I have so many good memories of leading hunts, eating breakfast with guests, and showing folks the joy of the outdoors.

Today as governor, I don't have the chance to lead hunts as often as I once did (or as often as I would like!), but I do get to celebrate tourism with people across the globe. It's amazing to see the excitement of folks as they realize the opportunities and adventures that await them in South Dakota.

Tourism is a foundational part of our state's culture, and it's also the second largest driver for our economy. In 2018, our tourism industry supported 54,723 jobs. If you do the math, that means about one in every 10 South Dakotans is employed by the tourism industry. These are real jobs that make it possible for people to feed their families, buy their kids basketball shoes, or tuck away money for a new home. In recent years, these jobs have seen even heavier traffic - a good sign for business. In 2018, 14.1 million tourists came to check out our state and contributed \$2.66 billion to our economy, an increase of 2.5 percent from the previous year.

While the first iconic places and events people might think of are Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Crazy Horse, or the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, it's not just the Black Hills that attract visitors and benefit our economy. Across the state—from Lemmon to Aberdeen and Mitchell to Sioux Falls—visitors continue to make memories at area fairs, local attractions, and delicious restaurants. They all make for an amazing South Dakota visit. That's why we've enjoyed an increase in tourism interest and revenue for many years.

I hope you understand that these aren't just numbers. As one of only a few states with no state income tax, tourism is a large contributor to keeping taxes low and maintaining self-sufficiency. Last year, tourism activity generated \$298 million in state and local taxes, accounting for 11 percent of our sales tax collections. Maybe most impressively, each household in South Dakota would pay \$865 more in taxes were it not for the contributions of tourism.

These figures point to one thing: travel matters in South Dakota.

With the summer months almost here, I hope you'll take some time to recognize the importance of tourism. Plan an in-state vacation, go visit one of your favorite South Dakota spots, or just hop in the car and go exploring. There's always something new to discover in South Dakota, and you can always count on a handshake and a smile to be waiting when you arrive.

Municipal Electric Utilities look forward to Summer Study

BROOKINGS, S.D. - A group of legislators was recently named to a committee to study and evaluate the legal right of a municipality to serve electricity in areas annexed into the municipality.

The interim committee comes as the result of a bill introduced by the state's rural electric cooperatives during the 2019 legislative session that would have repealed this legal right. Cities with municipal electric systems have traditionally had the ability to annex service territory as their city boundaries expand.

According to Russell Halgerson, electric department manager at Brookings Municipal Utilities and president of the South Dakota Municipal Electric Association, annexations have been voluntary and at the request of the landowner or developer in order to be fully integrated with the city and take advantage of all city services.

"Municipal utilities are actively planning and investing resources in economic development, which leads to growth just outside city limits," Halgerson added. "When a city grows outside their original boundaries, the local municipal utility should be able to provide all city services to the growing area, including electricity."

Part of the committee's focus will be to study the impact on economic development in the state. South Dakota's 35 municipal electric systems hope the committee looks at past annexations to understand why most developers and businesses prefer to receive services from the local municipal utility.

If a territory freeze were implemented, any new business locating within the city's growing boundaries would be forced to take power from the cooperative. However, the city would be responsible for extending roads, providing sewer, water, wastewater and other essential services to that business.

"Without electric revenue to supplement these services, all other rates for municipal services would increase, including property taxes," said Halgerson.

When a municipal electric utility serves in an area that was formerly served by a cooperative, they are required to reimburse the cooperative for any infrastructure costs, plus a percentage of revenue over a period of several years. Municipals provide reimbursement even if the territory was previously bare ground.

"Municipal systems have had the ability to annex for over 100 years, yet have done so on a limited basis. Statewide, municipal electrics still serve a third of the electric load that cooperatives serve," said Halgerson.

The municipal electric utilities look forward to participating in the study taking place this summer.

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

Table with financial data for Indemnity Insurance Co. of North America, including Bonds, Stocks, Real Estate, Cash and Bank Deposits, and various Liabilities and Surplus items.

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:

- 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

66214
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

Table with financial data for Heartland National Life Insurance Company, including Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans, Real Estate, Cash and Bank Deposits, and various Liabilities and Surplus items.

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018
Direct Premiums Received 111,644
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. 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
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LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

Johnson hired as new lineman

London Johnson was hired as the new electric lineman at the council meeting Tuesday evening. His starting wage is \$17.50 per hour.

New council members were given the oath of office. Shirley Wells, David McGannon, Karyn Babcock (via phone) and Scott Hanlon were given the oath of office by President David Blackmun. McGannon was appointed for a one-year term since no one took out a petition in his ward. The mayor will also appoint Jay Peterson for a one-year term in Ward I, but since he was not at the meeting, he will be given the oath of office when he returns. The councilmen at the meeting were McGannon, Wells, Blackmun, Mayor Hanlon and Babcock via phone.

Drew Johnson was appointed as the city's attorney. David Blackmun was elected as council president and Shirley Wells was elected as Vice President.

The committee members are as follows: Electric, transit, insect and weed control, airport: Chairman David McGannon, Co-Chairman Shirley Wells; Water, swimming pool, skating, economic development: Chairman Karyn Babcock, Co-Chairman Burt Glover; Streets, baseball, storm drainage, other rec: Chairman David Blackmun, Co-Chairman David McGannon; Wastewater, Cemetery, Civil Defense, Community Center: Chairman Shirley Wells, Co-Chairman Ward I Vacancy; Finance Officer, legal, library, insurance, general administration, elections, code enforcement: Chairman Ward I Vacancy, Co-Chairman Karyn Babcock.; Solid Waste, Rubble Site, Parks, Forestry, Liquor: Chairman Burt Glover, Co-Chairman Ward I Vacancy; Police: Chairman David Blackmun, Co-Chairman Burt Glover; NECOG Representative: Vacant Ward I; Planning and Zoning Representative: David Blackmun

Police Chief Stacy Mayou reported that there are 46 students enrolled in the D.A.R.E. Program with the graduation to be held May 21 at 2 p.m. He also noted that the portable speed zone signs are in place by the schools.

Dwight Zerr reported that the new sweeper should be coming within the next seven days.

Dan Sunne gave an electrical report. A regulator in the south substation had to be replaced and two street lights need to be installed. He also said repairs were done at the baseball field. Two sets of nets were ripped down from the last blizzard that had hit. The net at Locke-Karst Field is fully repaired. A pole needs to be replaced on Nelson Field.

The council authorized that \$11.50 per user's water bill will be used for the water tower project. This is not an increase in the water bill. The rate is set aside out of the current rate. The council will further look into water rate increase at a later time.

The solid waste fee will increase to \$13.50 to cover the rate increase of the garbage rates. Nicole Kotzer was hired for the 8 and under softball coach.



Landon Johnson, a 2016 GHS graduate, was hired Tuesday night as Groton's new electric lineman. Johnson is the son of Alan Johnson and Kristi Eckrich.

After graduating from GHS, Johnson went on to Mitchell Tech where he received a degree in powerline maintenance and construction in 2017. From there, he worked in the VT Hanlon substation at Montrose, poured foundations for the BSSE transmission line and built two substations for northwestern energy.

When asked why he decided to come back to Groton, he said, "Going from Groton to Minneapolis, which has just under a zillion people, flared me. Too big for me!"

In his off-work hours, Johnson likes to hunt and fish, which he said is a typical small community thing.

- Paul Kosel

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	2,054,094
Due and Accrued	625,492,897
Other Assets	1,363,032,602
TOTAL ASSETS	3,363,032,602
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	3,363,032,602

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

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	15,051,807
Due and Accrued	69,221,527
Other Assets	2,442,948,424
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

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.

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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

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	821,593
Due and Accrued	6,592,498
Other Assets	126,509,605
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 435,296
Direct Premiums Earned 432,953
Direct Losses Paid 132,589
Direct Losses Incurred 248,665
**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE
OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Independence American 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:

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

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LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

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	1,752,634
Due and Accrued	1,984,470
Other Assets	225,712,390
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 658,015
Direct Premiums Earned 686,017
Direct Losses Paid 63,432
Direct Losses Incurred 385,493
**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE
OF AUTHORITY**

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

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

- 5-
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
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LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

McInerney qualifies for state in Long Jump

Kenzie McInerney brought home first place in the long jump at the Sisseton Track Meet held Friday. Her jump of 16-3 was also a state qualifying jump, making her the second Groton Area trackster to qualify for the state. Jonathan Doeden prequalified in the 110m Hurdles in the first track meet held also in Sisseton.

Jennie Doeden placed second in both the discus and shot put. The leaders for the boys were the 400m Relay and the 800m Relay team run both by Darien Shabazz, Kaden Kurtz, Austin Jones and Thomas Cranford. The relay teams both finished in third.

Boy's Division

Long Jump: 1, (State Qualifier), Kenzie McInerney, 16-3;

Team Standings: 1, Lisbon, 102; 2, Sisseton, 93.5; 3, Aberdeen Roncalli, 71.5; 4, Redfield/Doland, 67; 5, Milbank, 66; 6, Mobridge-Pollock, 55; 7, Dakota Hills, 43; 8, Ortonville, 41.5; 9, Herreid/Sleby Area, 32; 10, Flandreau Indian, 27; 11, Groton Area, 24; 12, Wakpala, 20; 13, Hankinson, 18; 13, Britton-Hecla, 18; 15, Waverley-South Shore, 17.5; 16, Frederick Area, 16; 17, Sri-State, 12; 18, Northwestern, 8; 19, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross, 4; 20, Langford Area, 3; 21, Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley, 2.

110m Hurdles: 7, Paxton Bonn, 19.44.

100m Dash: 11, Thomas Cranford, 12.05; 14, Kaden Kurtz, 12.34; 28, Wyatt Hearnen, 13.18.

200m Dash: 6, Kaden Kurtz, 24.78; 10, Darien Shabazz, 25.69; 30, Wyatt Hearnen, 28.38.

400m Dash: 20, Jackson Cogley, 1:00.23; 28, Jamie Ruiz de Medina, 1:04.10; 30, Wyatt Hearnen, 1:04.75.

800m Run: 19, Anthony Schinkel, 2:38.47; 25, Cyruss DeHoet, 2:53.66; Kannon Coats, 3:00.74.

1600m Run: 4, Isaac Smith, 5:08.15.

4x100m Relay: 3, Groton (Darien Shabazz, Kaden Kurtz, Austin Jones, Thomas Cranford), 46.90.

4x200m Relay: 3, Groton (Darien Shabazz, Kaden Kurtz, Austin Jones, Thomas Cranford), 1:37.99.

4x400m Relay: 8, Groton (Kaden Kurtz, Austin Jones, Jackson Cogley, Jamie Ruiz de Medina), 4:04.33.

4x800m Relay: 14, Groton (Anthony Schinkel, Cyruss DeHoet, Kannon Coats, Jamie Ruiz de Medina), 11:19.33.

High Jump: 8, Paxton Bonn, 5-2; 10, Jackson Cogley, 5-0.

Long Jump: 9, Darien Shabazz, 18-4; 24, Paxton Bonn, 16-5; 32, Wyatt Hearnen, 15-0.75.

Triple Jump: 14, Jackson Cogley, 35-6.5; 15, Austin Jones, 34-9.5; 18, Paxton Bonn, 33-4.25.

Discus: 12, Brodyn DeHoet, 114-3; 15, Grady O'Neill, 111-4; 27, Cole Larson, 97-9; 50, Caleb Furney, 78-10.

Shot Put: 14, Cole Larson, 37-8; 17, Grady O'Neill, 36-8.5; 20, Jackson Cogley, 35-7.5; 28, Brodyn DeHoet, 34-8.5.

Girl's Division

Team Standings: 1, Roncalli, 163; 2, Lisbon, 76; 3, Milbank, 75; 4, Redfield/Doland, 67; 5, Dakota Hills, 56; 6, Groton Area, 53; 7, Langford Area, 45; 8, Mobridge-Pollock, 37.5; 9, Sri-State, 30.5; 10, Ortonville, 30; 11, Britton-Hecla, 19; 12, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross, 16; 13, Frederick Area, 15; 13, Sisseton, 15; 13, Northwestern, 15; 16, Herreid/Selby Area, 12; 17, Waverley-South Shore, 10; 18, Flandreau Indian, 4.

100m Hurdles: 2, Payton Maine, 18.22.

300m Hurdles: 6, Payton Maine, 54.64.

100m Dash: 35, Riley Leicht, 16.22; 36, Emilie Thurston, 16.23; 40, Trista Keith, 17.24.

200m Dash: 29, Riley Leicht, 34.58; 32, Trista Keith, 35.01.

400m Dash: 3, Kenzie McInerney, 1:05.77.

4x100m Relay: 9, Groton (Allyssa Locke, Trista Keith, Emilie Thurston, Riley Leicht), 1:01.99.

4x200m Relay: 7, Groton (Allyssa Locke, Payton Maine, Emilie Thurston, Riley Leicht), 2:07.55.

4x400m Relay: 7, Groton (Payton Maine, Allyssa Locke, Emilie Thurston, Kenzie McInerney), 4:53.85.

Long Jump: 1, (State Qualifier), Kenzie McInerney, 16-3; 21, Trista Keith, 12-7.5; 22, Allyssa Locke, 12-5.

Discus: 2, Jennie Doeden, 104.11; 5, Taylor Holm, 92-10; 14, Kaycie Hawkins, 85-9; Maddie Bjerke, 66-3.

Shot Put: 2, Jennie Doeden, 34-0.5; 8, Taylor Holm, 29-3; 9, Maddie Bjerke, 29-0.5; 17, Kaycie Hawkins, 25-11.5.

- Paul Kosel

Clay Target League Top 10

Last week's "Top 10" in the Groton Area Clay Target League has been posted.

Kayde Stange	23-25	48	Paxton Bonn	19-24	43
Danny Fiest	23-23	46	Kaden Carda	23-20	43
Jamesen Stange	21-25	46	Tina Zoellner	21-22	43
Taryn Taylor	21-24	45	Adrian Knutson	18-24	42
Korbin Blackmun	21-23	44	Kaleb Antonsen	18-22	40
			Trevor Harry	23-17	40

Kayde Stange and Jamesen Stange each had straight 25s this week.

Groton takes first in eight events at Milbank JH Track Meet

Several junior high tracksters took first at the Milbank Track Meet held April 25. Those taking first were the eighth grade boys 800m Sprint Medley Relay team, the seven grade boys 800m relay and 1600m relay teams, Logan Ringgenberg and Danny Feist in the discus, Jayla Jones and Bradin Althoff in the 100m dash, and Andrew Marzahn in the 110m hurdles.

Discus

7th Grade Girls: Faith Fliehs, 35.

8th Grade Boys: 1, Danny Feist, 108-6; 3, Tate Larson, 92-5; 4, Kaleb Antonson, 65-7; 8, Caleb Hanten, 58-0.

7th Grade Boys: 1, Logan Ringgenberg, 79-0; Holden Sippel, 63-10.

8th Grade Girls: 5, Cadence Tullis, 44-7; 9, Ava Kramer, 39-5.

Shot Put

8th Grade Boys: 2, Danny Feist, 33-6; 3, Tate Larson, 33-0; 4, Kaleb Antonson, 27-11; Caleb Hanten, 20-3.

8th Grade Girls: 5, Cadence Tullis, 20-9; 6, Ava Kramer, 20-6.

7th Grade Boys: 2, Logan Ringgenberg, 30-11; Holden Sippel, 21-11.

7th Grade Girls: 2, Faith Fliehs, 25-0.

Long Jump

8th Grade Girls: 6, Aspen Johnson, 10-11; Shallyn Foertsch, 9-9.

100m Dash

7th Grade Girls: 1, Jayla Jones, 14.14; 14, Karsyn Jangula, 15.46; 24, Jaycie Lehr, 16.09; 26, Lydia Meier, 16.13; 27, Carlie Guthmiller, 16.22; 32, Sydney Leicht, 16.52.

8th Grade Girls: 12, Ashtyn Bahr, 15.85; 17, Jace Gleason, 17.38.

7th Grade Boys: 1, Bradin Althoff, 13.36; 10, Braxton Imrie, 14.72;

8th Grade Boys: 2, Andrew Marzahn, 12.46; 13, Ethan Gengerke, 13.85; 15, Cole Simon, 13.87;

200m Dash

7th Grade Girls: 8, Karsyn Jangula, 33.98; 9, Kamryn Kurtz, 34.07; 14, Lydia Meier, 35.17; 16, Emma Schinkel, 35.32; 19, Carlie Guthmiller, 35.99; 22, Sydney Leicht, 36.24; 27, Faith Fliehs, 38.86.

8th Grade Girls: 18, Cadence Tullis, 39.44; 19, Ava Kramer, 39.60.

7th Grade Boys: 2, Lane Tietz, 28.50; 3, Colby Dunker, 28.56; 4, Bradin Althoff, 28.88.

8th Grade Boys: 6, Ethan Gengerke, 28.72.

400m Dash

7th Grade Girls: 4, Emma Schinkel, 1:18.57; 6, Anna Fjeldheim, 1:21.83; 9, Karsyn Jangula, 1:23.45; 10, Sydney Leicht, 1:24.85; 11, Carlie Guthmiller, 1:27.15.

7th Grade Boys: 3, Lane Tietz, 1:03.90; 4, Colby Dunker, 1:05.34; 6, Jacob Zak, 1:09.25.

8th Grade Boys: 10, Cole Bisbee, 1:15.14.

800m Run

7th Grade Girls: 7, Anna Fjeldheim, 3:17.20.

7th Grade Boys: 3, Jacob Zak, 2:47.58; 5, Dillon Abeln, 2:59.58.

8th Grade Boys: 3, Cole Simon, 2:49.48; 4, Cole Bisbee, 3:16.99.

100m Hurdles

7th Grade Girls: 4, Jayla Jones, 20.80; 16, Emma Schinkel, 25.35.

8th Grade Girls: 8, Ashtyn Bahr, 22.10.

110m Hurdles

8th Grade Boys: 1, Andrew Marzahn, 18.95.

200m Hurdles

8th Grade Girls: 11, Marlee Tollifson, 42.23.

7th Grade Girls: 3, Emma Schinkel, 39.78.

4x100m Relay

7th Grade Girls: 3, Groton, 1:05.10.

8th Grade Girls: 3, Groton, 1:03.03.

4x200m Relay

8th Grade Girls: 3, Groton, 2:18.07.

7th Grade Girls: 2, Groton, 2:16.53.

7th Grade Boys: 1, Groton, 2:00.10.

4x400m Relay

7th Grade Boys: 1, Groton, 4:56.90.

800m Sprint Medley Relay

8th Grade Girls: 3, Groton, 2:26.20.

7th Grade Girls: 4, Groton, 2:40.46.

8th Grade Boys: 1, Groton, 2:01.10.

1600m Run

7th Grade Boys: 5, Dillon Abeln, 6:29.69.

8th Grade Boys: 3, Jacob Lewandowski, 5:50.76.

- Paul Kosel

Colestock, Fliehs place at Roncalli

Payton Colestock and Ashley Fliehs were both medalists at the Aberdeen Roncalli Golf meet held Thursday. Colestock shot a 48 and a 51 to place sixth with a score of 99. Fliehs shot a 51 and a 50 for a total score of 101 for ninth place. Also playing were Portia Kettering, who shot a 65 and a 66 for a score of 131 and Carly Guthmiller shot a 61 and a 69 for a score of 130.

Sioux Falls Christian won the meet with a score of 379, Mobridge-Pollock placed second with a 431, Milbank was third with a 446, Sisseton was fourth with a 450 and Groton Area was fifth with a 461.

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thursday, May 9, 2019

7:00pm- 9:00pm: All-School Play at GHS Gymnasium

Friday, May 10, 2019

11:00am: Northeast Conference Varsity Track Meet @ Hamlin High School

Saturday, May 11, 2019

7:00pm- 9:00pm: All-School Play at GHS Gymnasium

Monday, May 13, 2019

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

10:00am: Northeast Conference Junior High Track Meet at Webster

7:00pm- 10:00pm: School Board Meeting at Groton Area High School

Thursday, May 16, 2019

10:00am: Golf: Girls Varsity Meet @ Sisseton Golf Course

12:00pm: Track: Varsity Regions @ Redfield High School

Friday, May 17, 2019

12:30pm- 3:00pm: Elementary Track and Field Day at Doney Field



It is rummage day in Groton Saturday and the Norman Anderson house at 809 N. 1st St. had people lined up prior to the 8 a.m. opening. (Photo by Tina Kosel)

Sunday, May 19, 2019

2:00pm: Graduation at Groton Area High School

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

2:00pm: DARE Graduation at GHS Gymnasium

7 p.m.: City Council Meeting at the Groton Community Center

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

End of 4th Quarter - Final Day of School

12:00pm: Golf: Girls Varsity Meet @ Milbank Golf Course

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Faculty Inservice
10:00am: Golf: Girls Varsity Regions @ Milbank Golf Course

Friday, May 24, 2019

Faculty Inservice
STATE TRACK MEET @ TEA AREA

Saturday, May 25, 2019

STATE TRACK MEET @ SIOUX FALLS



Duane Kavanaugh, formerly of Groton, has earned the 2019 Howard B. Smith Award presented by the South Dakota Mental Health Counselors Association. The award is given by SDMHCA and is presented to a professional who exemplifies excellence and leadership in mental health. Kavanaugh is also the current president of SDMHCA. (Photo from Kavanaugh FB)

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<p>MEAT & CHEESE TRAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$20 - \$45</p>	<p>VEGGIE TRAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$20 - \$40</p>	<p>FRUIT TRAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$20 - \$50</p>	
<p>Filled Party Bun Sandwiches</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$16⁹⁹</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Per Dozen</p>	<p>Assorted Salads, Meats & Dips</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$6⁴⁹</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Per Lb.</p>	<p>BBQ Pork</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$6⁴⁹</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Per Lb.</p>	
<p>Ken's Famous Pot Roast Beef</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$9⁹⁹</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Per Lb.</p>	<p>Party Buns White or Wheat Dozen</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$2⁶⁹</p>	<p>Hamburger Buns Dozen</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$3²⁹</p>	<p>Dinner Rolls Dozen</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$2⁴⁹</p>
<p>Swedish Meatballs or Drummies</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$6⁴⁹</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Per Lb.</p>	<p>Taco Dip Party Trays</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$20 - \$45</p>	<p>Homemade Fruit Pizzas</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$14⁹⁹</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serves 6</p>	<p>Rice Crispy Treats, Brownies, Mini Cheesecakes Available</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt;">\$7⁹⁹</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Per Dozen</p>
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Colestock, Fliehs place at Redfield Golf Meet

The Groton golf team participated at Redfield on Monday. The meet was suppose to be held in Groton, but the golf course is not ready for golfing yet due to flooding.

Peyton Colestock tied for sixth place with a 50 in the front nine and a 45 in the back nine for a total score of 95. There was a three-way tie for eighth which included Ashley Fliehs, shooting a 49 in both front and back for a total score of 98. Also golfing were Carly Guthmiller who had a 66 and a 56 for a total score of 122 and Portia Kettering with a 65 and a 61 for a total of 126.

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