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MS Band Contest in Webster



JH Band Gets 3 Superior Ratings

The Groton Junior High Band received a Superior Rating at contest from all three judges!

Front (Left to right): Sierra Ehresmann, Ellie Weismantel, Veronica Tank, Harley Tank, Lane Tietz

Second (Left to right): Ashlyn Sperry, Anna Fjeldheim, Sydney Leicht, Shaylee Peterson, Cadance Tullis, Kamryn Fliehs, Cadence Feist, Shea Jandel, Hannah Monson

Third (left to right): Kaleb Antonsen, Carter Barse, Ava Kramer, Cole Simon, Emily Clark, Kyleigh Englund, Lydia Meier, Jackson Dinger, Michael Weisenburger, Jackson Garstecki

Back Row (left to right): Logan Ringgenburg, Ethan Pigors, Caleb Hanten, Bryson Wambach, Danny Feist, Ethan Clark. (Courtesy Photo by Desiree Yeigh)



6th Graders that received Superior Plus Ratings

(left to right): Rebecca Poor (Flute), Laila Roberts (Clarinet). (Courtesy Photo by Desiree Yeigh)



6th Graders that received Superior Ratings

Front (left to right): Jeslyn Kosel (Flute), Kaden Kampa (Alto Sax), Blake Dennert (Trumpet), and Kellen Antonsen (Baritone)

Second (left to right): Axel Warrington (Mallets), Carter Simon (Trumpet), Payton Mitchell (Trumpet), Christian Ehresmann (Snare and Mallets)

Third (left to right): Logan Pearson (Tuba), Faith Traphagen (Snare and Mallets), Gretchen Dinger (Flute), and Ashley Johnson (Tenor Sax). (Courtesy Photo by Desiree Yeigh)



JH Superior Pluses

8th Graders that received a Superior Plus Rating on their solos

(Left to right): Jackson Dinger (French Horn, Harley Tank (Bass Clarinet). Jackson has received a superior plus rating on his solo for 3 years in a row! (Courtesy Photo by Desiree Yeigh)

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JH Superiors

Left Photo: JH Students that received a Superior Rating

Front (left to right): Harley Tank (Bass Clarinet), Kamryn Fliehs (Tenor Sax)

Second (left to right): Emily Clark (Mallets), Hannah Monson (Mallets), Shaylee Peterson (Clarinet), Sierra Ehresmann (Trumpet), Cadence Feist (Bari Sax), Sydney Leicht (Tenor Sax), Anna Fjeldheim (Clarinet), Cadance Tullis (Snare and Mallets), Ellie Weismantel (Snare and Mallets), Carter Barse (Alto Sax), Jackson Dinger (French Horn), Ethan Pigors (Trumpet), Ethan Clark (Baritone), Caleb Hanten (Trombone) (Courtesy Photo by Desiree Yeigh)

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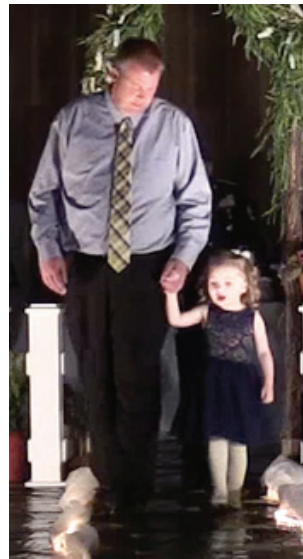
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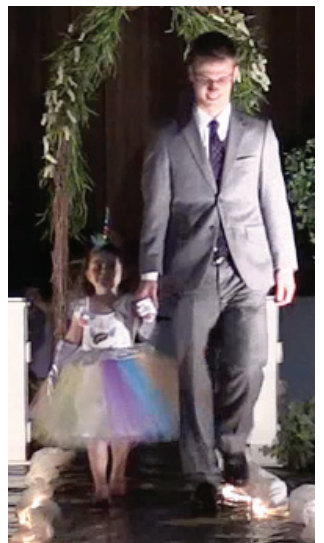
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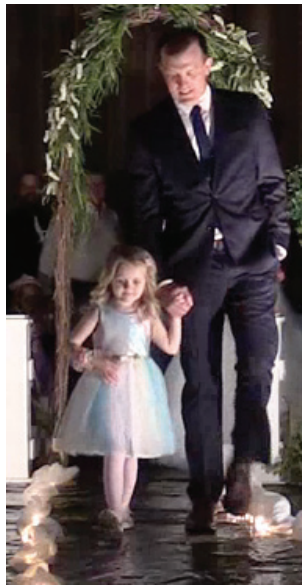
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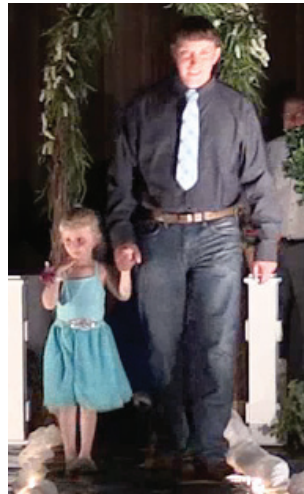
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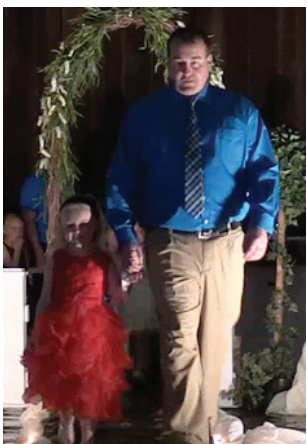
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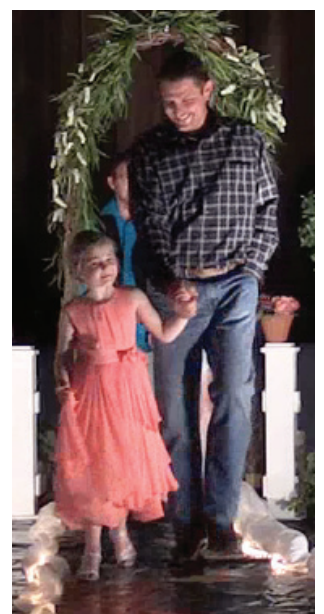
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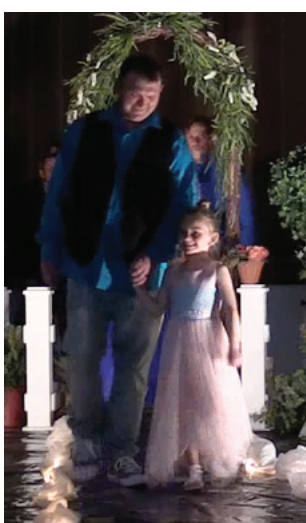
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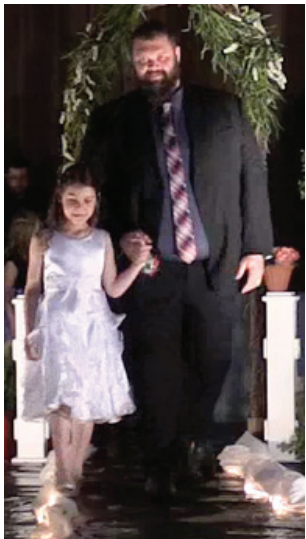
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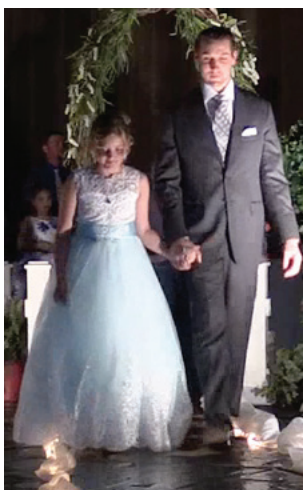
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Right Photo: Gracie Pearson escorted by Lucas Pearson.



Right Photo: Meleana Hagenson escorted by Anthony Hagenson.

Left Photo: Savannah Randell and Sierra Bohlmann escorted by Bobby Bohlmann.





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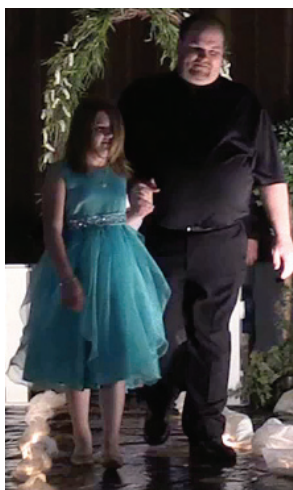
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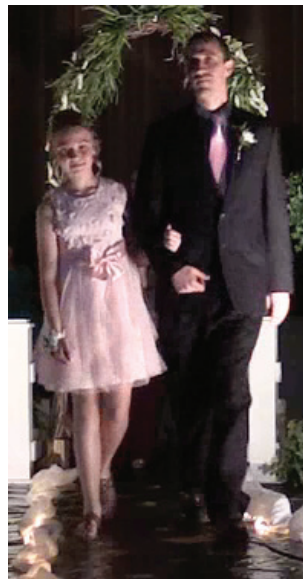
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Wanner resigns as GBB coach; Donley resigns as Yearbook Advisor

Two resignations were accepted at the school board meeting Monday evening. Shaun Wanner turned in his resignation as head girls’ basketball coach after coaching for eight years in that position. The board accepted the resignation pending suitable replacement. JoAnn Donley turned in her resignation as the yearbook advisor. Since she is an auxiliary staff member, the board could not attach the suitable replacement clause on her resignation.

Brian Dolan was hired as the head boys’ basketball coach and athletic director for the 2019-20 school year. He will have no teaching position in the district. The vote for approval was 4-1 with Merle Harder voting. Harder would not elaborate as to why he voted no.

Seth Erickson was hired as the assistant football coach for the 2019 season. Off-staff coaching agreements were issued to Chance Strom, head boys soccer coach; Chris Kucker, head girls soccer coach; Chelsea Hanson, head volleyball coach; Jenna Strom, assistant volleyball coach; Aubray Harry and Joellen Miller as cheer coaches; Darin Zoellner as head wrestling coach and Ryan Scepaniak as assistant wrestling coach. Those agreements need to be turned in by May 24.

Adjustments have been made to the adopted 2019-20 school year due to conflicts. The spring music concerts have all been moved back one week. The Elementary Spring Concert was moved from April 21 to April 28. The Middle School Spring Concert was moved from April 28 to May 5. The High School Spring Concert was moved from April 30 to May 7.

The elementary tuck pointing project had some good news, according to Superintendent Joe Schwan. A bid of \$102,000 was submitted by a Dell Rapids firm. The school’s architect had some misgivings about the cost after he reviewed the project. Then a walk-through with Midwest Masonry of Groton also revealed that the bid amount was too high for the work that needed to be done. The reviews showed that the building is in sound condition and that only a few areas needed attention; thus, reducing the cost significantly. “It’s a lot smaller project that what was realized,” Schwan said. Schwan suggested negotiating a contract with Midwest Masonry and have the work done locally. He said it would be well under the \$50,000 amount which is the bid limit.

The high school boiler project will be taking its next step. The board approved to proceed with bid of the project. Every five years, the district has to do a waiver for allowing high school credit for eighth graders completing Algebra I. Schwan said that only 10 to 20 percent of the students take that route, but it is beneficial for those that do it. There are 30 districts around the state that take the waiver and the board decided to take the waiver for the next five years.

Elementary Principal Brett Schwan reported on the OST fees. He said he is not proposing any increases for the summer, but said that the district should revisit the rates before school starts. Groton Area is charging \$2.50 and Schwan said the rates have not been increased since he has been here, except when the district discontinued the multiple child discount. Other districts are charging \$3 an hour for OST. “More information will be coming,” he said.

Business Manager Mike Weber talked about the Trust and Agency Accounts. He said that starting in 2021, Trust and Agency Fund will need a board of four people in order to keep it as a T&A account. Some will be transferred to an Enterprise Fund.

Middle/High School Principal Kiersten Sombke reported about the sixth grade orientation that will be held this fall on August 16. She said that the MS/HS PAC will be available in the library at the end of the orientation and they will be providing the different colored book covers to all sixth graders. “That will be a great thing,” she said.

The board reviewed the graduation requirements that the district currently has, what is the new state requirement and what is proposed for the new Groton Area graduation requirements. Superintendent Schwan said that the changes will not greatly affect the students at GHS. The bottom line is that 22 total credits will still be required.



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Into The Woods

The Groton School Play, *Into The Woods*, was a musical that was two and one-half hours long. These students have put a lot of hard work into this production. Pictured in back, left to right, are Madeline Schuelke, Alexis Hanten, Tylan Glover, Julianna Kosel, Hailey Monson, Steven Paulson, Braden Freeman, Kayla Jensen, AnneMarie Smith, James Cranford, Director Austin Fordham, Micah Poor; in front, left to right, are James Brooks, Alyssa Fordham, Camryn Kurtz, Anna Bisbee, Trinity Smith, Nevaeh Pardick and Carter Barse. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Little Red Riding Hood (Anna Bisbee) had the duty to protect the Baker's child as the Baker's Wife (Alexis Hanten) hands the child over to Riding Hood. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Pictured are Micah Poor (narrator), Hailey Monson (Cinderella's stepmother), Camryn Kurtz (Lucinda), AnneMarie Smith (Cinderella), Alyssa Fordham (Florinda), Kayla Jensen (Jack's Mother) and Carter Barse (Jack). (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Baker (Tylan Glover) talks with the Mysterious Man (James Brooks). (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Pictured here is the Mysterious Man (James Brooks), the Steward (Braden Freeman), Cinderella's Prince (Steven Paulson), the Baker's Wife (Alexis Hanten) and the Baker (Tylan Glover). (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The witch (Madeline Schuelke) wants to protect Rapunzel (Julianna Kosel). (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The Baker (Tylan Glover) holds the goose that laid the golden egg. On the left is the Baker's Wife (Alexis Hanten) and on the right is Jack (Carter Barse). (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Rapunzel (Julianna Kosel) is holding a set of twins as she stands beside her Prince (James Cranford). The witch (Madeline Schuelke) has lost her power. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Reserve for Losses	221,121,037
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Adjustment Expenses	21,569,234
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	112,642,946
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	5,480,368
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	3,508,864
Unearned Premiums	415,394,404
All Other Liabilities	95,031,353
TOTAL LIABILITIES	874,748,206
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	0
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	318,016,174
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	308,031,239
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	582,082,281
TOTAL	1,456,830,487
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Written	120,135
Direct Premiums Earned	110,687
Direct Losses Paid	337,954
Direct Losses Incurred	268,107
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY	
WHEREAS, the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Ins. Co., a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:	
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:	
3-4-6-7-12-13-14-22	
1. Life	
2. Health	
3. Fire & Allied Lines	
4. Inland & Ocean Marine	
5. Workmen's Compensation	
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)	
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)	
8. Auto Bodily Injury	
9. Auto Property Damage	
10. Auto Physical Damage	
11. Fidelity & Surety	
12. Glass	
13. Burglary & Theft	
14. Boiler & Machinery	
15. Aircraft	
16. Credit	
17. Crop-Hail	
18. Livestock	
19. Title	
20. Var. Annuities	
22. Reinsurance	
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2019.	
LARRY DIETER Director of Insurance	

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
HARTFORD UNDERWRITERS INSURANCE COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
One Hartford Plaza	
Hartford, CT 06155	
Mail Address:	
One Hartford Plaza T-1-2	
Hartford, CT 06155-0001	
ASSETS	
Bonds	1,462,895,993
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	94,479,953
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	17,931,939
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	24,181,871
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	13,924,052
Other Assets	69,131,087
TOTAL ASSETS	1,682,544,895
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	658,973,741
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	142,464,725
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	11,015,701
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	5,037,313
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	201,882,761
All Other Liabilities	75,237,474
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,094,611,715
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	6,504,000
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	87,930,207
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	493,498,973
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	587,933,180
TOTAL	1,682,544,895
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Written	1,276,510
Direct Premiums Earned	1,261,228
Direct Losses Paid	539,747
Direct Losses Incurred	946,651
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY	
WHEREAS, the Hartford Underwriters Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:	
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:	
2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-17-18	
1. Life	
2. Health	
3. Fire & Allied Lines	
4. Inland & Ocean Marine	
5. Workmen's Compensation	
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)	
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)	
8. Auto Bodily Injury	
9. Auto Property Damage	
10. Auto Physical Damage	
11. Fidelity & Surety	
12. Glass	
13. Burglary & Theft	
14. Boiler & Machinery	
15. Aircraft	
16. Credit	
17. Crop-Hail	
18. Livestock	
19. Title	
20. Var. Annuities	
21.	
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2019.	
LARRY DIETER Director of Insurance	

64505	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
HOMESTEADERS LIFE COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
5700 Westown Parkway	
West Des Moines, IA 50266	
Mail Address:	
5700 Westown Parkway	
West Des Moines, IA 50266	
ASSETS	
Bonds	\$2,759,120,671
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	178,991,390
Real Estate Owned	10,327,016
Policy Loans	1,721,603
Cash and Bank Deposits	13,899,325
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums	17,732,418
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued	30,351,495
Other Assets	56,704,890
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,068,848,808
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts	\$2,785,443,630
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	0
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	3,795,759
Accident and Health	0
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued	6,467,636
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	2,142,447
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued	0
All Other Liabilities	63,997,934
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,861,847,406
Special Surplus Funds	\$0
Capital Paid Up	0
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	0
Unassigned Surplus	207,001,403
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$207,001,403
TOTAL	3,068,848,809
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Received	\$8,173,931
Direct Losses Paid	3,444,241
Losses Incurred	3,491,073
Life Insurance in Force	57,219,310
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY	
WHEREAS, the Homesteaders Life Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:	
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:	
-1-	
1. Life	
2. Health	
3. Fire & Allied Lines	
4. Inland & Ocean Marine	
5. Workmen's Compensation	
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)	
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)	
8. Auto Bodily Injury	
9. Auto Property Damage	
10. Auto Physical Damage	
11. Fidelity & Surety	
12. Glass	
13. Burglary & Theft	
14. Boiler & Machinery	
15. Aircraft	
16. Credit	
17. Crop-Hail	
18. Livestock	
19. Title	
20. Var. Annuities	
21.	
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2019.	
LARRY DIETER Director of Insurance	

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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
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY	
WHEREAS, the IMT Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:	
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:	
2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-17-18	
1. Life	
2. Health	
3. Fire & Allied Lines	
4. Inland & Ocean Marine	
5. Workmen's Compensation	
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)	
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)	
8. Auto Bodily Injury	
9. Auto Property Damage	
10. Auto Physical Damage	
11. Fidelity & Surety	
12. Glass	
13. Burglary & Theft	
14. Boiler & Machinery	
15. Aircraft	
16. Credit	
17. Crop-Hail	
18. Livestock	
19. Title	
20. Var. Annuities	
21.	
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2019.	
LARRY DIETER Director of Insurance	

	MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6									
	For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2018, and ending April 30, 2019									
	General	Restricted	Capital	Special	Pension	Bond	Capital	Enterprise	Agency	Total for
	Fund	Gen Funds	Outlay	Education	Fund	Redemption	Projects	Fund	Fund	District
1. Beginning Balance	897,628.74	32,052.21	489,434.08	12,306.23	0.00	134,552.63	1,314,764.45	48,128.70	247,806.64	3,176,673.68
a. cash	897,628.74	32,052.21	489,434.08	12,306.23	0.00	134,552.63	1,314,764.45	48,128.70	247,806.64	3,176,673.68
b. petty cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Transfers in										
3. Revenue to date	3,165,124.91	0.00	995,574.46	594,279.56	582.15	141,383.48	0.00	240,353.25	743,859.45	5,881,157.26
4. Total accounted for	4,062,753.65	32,052.21	1,485,008.54	606,585.79	582.15	275,936.11	1,314,764.45	288,481.95	991,666.09	9,057,830.94
5. Transfers out										
6. Expenditures to date	3,631,089.83	0.00	1,192,589.63	562,577.52	0.00	210,266.25	282,401.10	251,156.99	792,046.86	6,922,128.18
a. encumbrances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements	3,631,089.83	0.00	1,192,589.63	562,577.52	0.00	210,266.25	282,401.10	251,156.99	792,046.86	6,922,128.18
7. Ending Balance	431,663.82	32,052.21	292,418.91	44,008.27	582.15	65,669.86	1,032,363.35	37,324.96	199,819.23	2,135,902.76
a. checking	431,663.82	32,052.21	292,418.91	44,008.27	582.15	65,669.86	1,032,363.35	37,324.96	199,619.23	2,135,702.76
b. petty cash	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
April Receipts	156,728.81	0.00	90,254.92	49,941.92	1.30	13,483.62	0.00	24,903.97	65,129.15	400,443.69
April Expenses	396,980.24	0.00	10,114.69	54,399.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,822.50	85,841.00	569,158.29
Agency Checking	199,619.23									
District Checking	1,936,083.53									
Certificate of Deposit	0.00									
Agency Cash on Hand	200.00									
Total all Funds	2,135,902.76									

Groton School
May 13, 2019
Meeting Minutes
UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6
REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2019

President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the High School conference room. Members present: Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix and Smith. Absent: Fjelstad and Weismantel. Others present

64580 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT Year Ending December 31, 2018 ILLINOIS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY Home Office Address: 300 S.W. Adams Street Peoria, IL 61634 Mail Address: 300 S.W. Adams Street Peoria, IL 61634 ASSETS	
Bonds	\$1,186,205,974
Stocks	58,665,355
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate.....	47,643,956
Real Estate Owned.....	3,222,874
Policy Loans.....	17,288,406
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	10,095,909
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums.....	21,683,576
Investment Income Due and Accrued	11,888,816
Other Assets.....	103,764,731
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$1,460,459,597
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	\$707,707,162
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies.....	354,249,628
Policy and Contract Claims Life	3,677,381
Accident and Health	1,648,596
General Expenses Due or Accrued	2,284,271
Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued.....	272,861
Federal Income Taxes Due or Accrued.....	0
All Other Liabilities	150,512,705
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,220,352,604
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$0
Capital Paid Up.....	0
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus.....	0
Unassigned Surplus	240,106,993
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	\$240,106,993
TOTAL	1,460,459,597
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Received	\$1,980,173
Direct Losses Paid	774,143
Losses Incurred.....	495,982
Life Insurance in Force	183,256,843

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE
OF AUTHORITY
WHEREAS, the Illinois Mutual Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Illinois, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:
1-2
1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)
8. Auto Bodily Injury
9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
11. Fidelity & Surety
12. Glass
13. Burglary & Theft
14. Boiler & Machinery
15. Aircraft
16. Credit
17. Crop-Hail
18. Livestock
19. Title
20. Var. Annuities
21.
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2019.

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals B. Schwan and Sombke and Business Official Weber.
Moved by Harder, second Gengerke to approve the agenda with the following amendments: under New Business Item #13a – approve resignation, under New Business Item #21 – approve GASA agreement and under New Business Item #22 – issue auxiliary staff agreements. Motion carried.
Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, there was no potential conflict disclosure reported.
Moved by Rix, second Pharis to approve the following consent

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

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE
OF AUTHORITY
WHEREAS, the Heartland National Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Indiana, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:
1-2
1. Life
2. Health
3. Fire & Allied Lines
4. Inland & Ocean Marine
5. Workmen's Compensation
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)
8. Auto Bodily Injury
9. Auto Property Damage
10. Auto Physical Damage
11. Fidelity & Surety
12. Glass
13. Burglary & Theft
14. Boiler & Machinery
15. Aircraft
16. Credit
17. Crop-Hail
18. Livestock
19. Title
20. Var. Annuities
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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

Mann – 1,011.61; Thrivent – 228.90; AFLAC – 3,043.09; Delta Dental – 3,898.40; SD Supplemental Retirement – 981.19; Breit Law – 626.45; Wellmark – 59,976.00; Reliastar – 742.68; Avesis – 240.18; Advanced Auto Parts – supplies, 388.71; Agency Fund – advanced payments, 37,987.09; Allied Climate – repairs, 750.00; Amazon Capital Services – Supplies/Awards, 88.52; American Solutions for Business – lamination, 569.85; Best Western Plus – conference lodging, 539.55; City of Groton – rubble site permit, 175.00; Cole Papers – supplies, 4,584.94; Brooke Compton – mentor mileage, 48.80; Farnam's – shop supplies, 444.01; GCR Tires – tire, 70.00; Kristen Gonsoir – mentor mileage, 89.29; Groton Area – food, 269.98; Groton Chiropractic – DOT physical, 95.00; Groton Daily Independent – printing, 105.55; Groton Ford – repairs, 623.40; Groton Rescue Squad – EMT donation, 500.00; Hampton Inn – track lodging, 121.90; Hillyard – repairs, 404.00; House of Glass – janitor supply, 81.09; JW Pepper – HS music, 118.99; John Deere – repairs, 3,809.14; Jostens – scroll pins, 135.50; Jostens – honor cords, 249.95; Langford Lumber – Elementary Music supply, 35.90; Matheson Tri-Gas – IA supplies, 535.70; Northside Implement – repairs, 5,947.11; Northwestern Energy – natural gas, 2,692.75; OTC Brands – title supplies, 772.83; Pfitzer pest – pest control, 223.65; Plank Road – subscription, 116.95; Reporter & Farmer – printing, 232.93; S&S Lumber – supplies, 1,906.27; Scholastic – supplies, 223.41; Jodi Schwan – conference meals, 51.28; SDHSAA – student press pass, 31.00; Jodi Sternhagen – conference meals, 10.19; Taylor Music – repairs, 177.69; TIE – conference registration, 210.00. Total General Fund - \$399,512.88.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Agency Fund – advanced payments, 7,573.56; Amazon Capital Services – Stools/lamp, 951.38; S&S Lumber – IA Tools, 172.94. Total Capital Outlay - \$8,697.88.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 29,115.12; FIT – 2,202.02; Medicare – 1,070.90; FICA – 4,578.92; SDRS – 4,573.62; Waddell & Reed – 200.00; AFLAC – 774.68; Delta Dental – 707.34; SD Supplemental Retirement – 100.00; Wellmark – 10,057.00; Reliastar – 192.37; Avesis – 53.45; Avera St. Luke's – PT/OT, 17,455.00; Rebecca Erickson – SPED mild supplies, 118.23; Pamela Osnes – behavioral services, 3,186.48; Judy or Gene Williamson – mileage, 670.32. Total Special Ed - \$75,055.45.

CAPITAL PROJECTS: Grazzini Brothers – elementary kitchen tile work, 13,531.40.

Total Capital Projects - \$13,531.40.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service: Net Salary – 6,486.44; FIT – 359.45; Medicare – 227.74; FICA – 973.70; SDRS – 630.08; AFLAC – 242.05; Wellmark – 1,526.00; Reliastar – 3.84; Avesis – 53.93; Agency Fund – advanced payments, 5,595.00; Cintas Corporation – kitchen aprons/towels, 182.01; CWD – food, 1,733.28; Dean Foods – milk, 805.41; Earthgrains – food, 167.17; Groton Area – transfer food to computer fine, 10.00; Reinhardt – food, 3,823.48; SD Dept of Ed – food, 434.62; US Foods – food, 2,478.43. Total Food Service - \$25,732.63.

OST: Net Salary – 2,157.98; FIT –124.59; Medicare – 75.94;

FICA – 324.84; SDRS – 243.42; AFLAC – 163.93; Wellmark – 671.00; Reliastar – 16.92; Agency Fund – advanced payments, 341.37; CWD – snacks, 39.14. Total OST - \$4,159.13. Total Enterprise - \$29,891.76.

AGENCY FUND: Total - \$88,841.00.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 280,568.78; Other Local Sources – 90,807.56; County Sources – 2,265.69; State Sources – 2,334.00; Federal Sources – 24,467.66. Total Receipts - \$400,443.69.

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

The board discussed possible amendments to the 2019-20 school calendar. Moved by Gengerke, second Rix to move the follow as a result of conflicts with spring testing: elementary school concert date from April 21, 2020 to April 28, 2020, middle school concert date from April 28, 2020 to May 5, 2020, and high school concert date from April 30, 2020 to May 7, 2020. Motion carried.

The Building, Grounds and Transportation committee discussed the need to get Doney Field signs installed this summer at the football field.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: SDCNA Grant Funds, website development, NCSE Coop School Agreement, KG Roundup, ELA curriculum review, Summative Evaluation Rating, Grants Management System, Seniors last day May 10th, Dual Credit, E-Learning Classes, 6th grade orientation, and Agency Account reclassifications

Superintendent Schwan reported that Groton Area School District was ranked #2 in the state by the National Center for Education Statistics and the US Department of Education. Rankings were compiled based on student-to-teacher ratio, standardized test scores, teacher quality, graduation rate, and school funding.

Weber reported the results of the school board election held on April 9, 2019, as follows: Deborah Gengerke – 247, Tigh Flihs – 227, Travis J. Harder – 188, Clint Fjelstad – 135, total registered voters on the date voter registration closed – 2,520, number of registered voters who voted – 315 and percentage of registered voters who voted – 12.5%.

The board held public hearing on District waiver to ARSD 24:43:11:01 allowing high school credit for students in grade 8 completing Algebra I. Move by Gengerke, second Pharis to approve the waiver. Motion carried.

The board heard first reading of proposed amendments to graduation requirements.

Weber presented the FY20 District and NCSEC Preliminary Budgets in accordance with SDCL 13-11-12. No action was taken.

A list of potential surplus property was presented. Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to declare listed property surplus for sale or disposal. Motion carried.

The board reviewed specifications for tuck pointing work at the elementary. The was discussion about reducing the size of the work to be tuck-pointed. No action was taken.

The board reviewed specifications for boiler replacement at the high school. Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve

the project as presented and set June 6th at 1:00 pm as the date and time of the bid opening. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to cast ballot for SDHSAA Constitutional Amendment #1 as YES. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to cast ballot for SDHSAA Native American At-Large Representative to Board of Directors for Barry Mann of Wakpala. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to cast ballot for SDHSAA West River At-Large Representative to Board of Directors for Dan Beeker of Winner. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to cast ballot for SDHSAA Large School Group Board of Education Representative to Board of Directors for Mark Murphy of Aberdeen. Motion carried.

The board discussed changes to OST tuition rates. No action was taken.

The board discussed increasing activity personnel fees for local referees, score keepers clock timers and announcers. Moved by Pharis, second Gengerke to increase fees as presented. Motion carried.

President Smith read letter of resignation from Head Girls Basketball Coach Shaun Wanner. Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to approve resignation, pending a suitable replacement. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Harder to approve resignation of Joann Donley as Yearbook Advisor, effective with the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second Rix to hire Brian Dolan as Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried 4-1 with Harder voting no.

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to hire Seth Erickson as Assistant Football Coach for the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Harder to issue teacher contracts for the 2019-20 school year with return date of Friday, May 24. Motion carried.

Moved by Pharis, second Rix to approve Special Education ESY, Summer School, Summer Library and Summer Custodial work agreements for 2019. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve off-staff coaching agreements for the 2019-20 school year with a return date of Friday, May 24. Motion carried.

Smith declared a short recess at 8:35 pm. The board returned from recess at 8:40 pm.

Moved by Rix, second Pharis to go into executive session at 8:40 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel and SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 11:30 pm.

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

Moved by Pharis, second Gengerke to issue auxiliary staff work agreements with a return date of May 24th. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Harder to adjourn.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

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

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James Valley Annual Meeting Notice

NOTICE OF 63rd ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the 63rd Annual Meeting of the members of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company, will be held at the Groton High School Arena in Groton, South Dakota on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 12:30pm, with registration beginning at 11:30am.

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

1. To receive and act upon reports of the officers and management of the cooperative for the previous year's operations.
2. To elect two directors for terms of three years.
3. To act upon any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Dated: 12/20/2018
Garrett Rahm, Secretary
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Brown County May 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes

MAY 7, 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 Sutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to approve the General County Commission meeting minutes from April 30, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Claims: Professional Fees: Kristi Brandt \$130.00; Bytespeed \$3,010.00; Dakota Counseling Group \$1,800.00; Fox & Youngberg \$380.00; Haar Law Office \$30.60; Kuck Law Office \$561.70; Jerald McNeary \$1059.90; Microfilm Imaging Systems \$1,130.50; Mark Milbrandt \$11.20; Minn-Kota Communications \$3,101.00; Christy Griffin-Serr Law Office \$3,978.25; Kristi Spitzer \$1,800.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$574.75; UND-Pathology \$2,000.00; WSP \$16,056.13.

Jury: Lila Antonides \$10.84; Diana Banker \$10.84; Vicki Bent \$11.68; Ambrosia Conger \$10.84; John Cornelius \$12.52; Ann Erdmann \$12.52; Lance Fiedler \$11.68; Hilary Filler \$10.84; Tawni Fuegen \$10.84; Reid Fust \$10.84; Daniel Goetz \$11.68; Ryan Hardy \$14.20; Lois Hettich \$13.36; Darrell Hillestad \$10.84; Mary Hoerner \$10.84; Tuula Kattan \$10.84; Matthew Ketterling \$10.84; Elaine Kling \$11.68; Anthony Kocher \$31.84; Ronald Krogman \$10.84; Bruce Lagerquist \$10.84; Joni Larson \$13.36; Robert Lloyd \$37.72; Melissa Miles \$10.84; Steven Murphy \$10.84; Arista Padfield \$25.96; Susan Paye \$10.84; Joanne Smith \$17.56; Earl Swanson \$10.84; Beth Torrence \$10.84; Steve Triden \$10.84; Erica Voehl \$10.84; Jonathan Webb \$11.68; Rebecca Young \$10.84. Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$4,300.27; Groton Independent \$265.35. Repairs & Maintenance: Butler Machinery \$6,866.78; Commtch \$763.80; Crawford MS&F \$26.00; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$3,209.50; Dakota Electronics \$313.30; DFP \$182.41; Farnam's \$316.15; GCR Tires \$40.00; Graham Tire \$334.90; Great Western Tire \$11.00; Hase Plumbing & Heating \$6,880.00; Hoven Auto Repair \$64.45; Lang's \$50.00; Lawson Products \$11.99; Leidholt Electric \$8,690.10; Little Falls Machine \$143.72; Minn-Kota Communications \$4,133.06; Pierson-Ford \$1,125.96; Ringgenberg Electric \$388.89; Running's \$82.98; Skyview Construction \$6,575.94; Sterling Solutions \$750.00. Supplies: Aberdeen American News \$227.00; AgTegra \$29,534.08; Bakken Build Maint. \$500.00; Maynard Buckles \$850.00; Butler Machinery \$480.00; Century Business Products \$57.67; Crawford MS&F \$872.12; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$9,337.20; Dakota Electronics \$82.35; DFP \$1,258.83; Dean Foods \$927.96; Earthgrains \$861.28; Fastenal \$1,900.01; Faulkton Pharmacy \$195.80; Ferguson Enterprises \$483.92; Fox & Youngberg

\$14.64; Geffdog \$67.98; Gov-Connection \$347.27; Great Western Tire \$5,462.90; Hanten's Repair \$394.90; Heartland Paper \$1,857.98; Interstate Battery \$235.90; LG Everist \$3,242.80; Lang's \$999.99; Lawson Products \$76.70; Leidholdt Tool Sales \$33.37; Little Falls Machine \$1,698.63; Mac's \$52.68; Matheson Tri-Gas \$1,331.92; MES \$450.06; Premier Southern Ticket \$592.17; Productivity Plus \$100.75; Rivers Edge Construction \$2,000.00; Running's \$470.85; SD Continuing Legal Education \$53.25; SD State Historical Society \$50.00; Share Corp. \$380.00; TrueNorth Steel \$4,150.00; US Gov't Publishing Office \$113.00; Zastrow's Sales & Service \$238.50. Travel & Conference: Mary Baird \$78.96; City of Groton \$224.64; Mark Milbrandt \$568.14; Pennington Co. Jail \$154.80; Ramkota – Pierre \$404.00; SDACO \$175.00. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$215.01; BDM Rural Water \$36.00; Midcontinent \$729.51; NWPS \$8,575.87; Verizon \$3,098.58. Other: SD Attorney General's Office \$360.00.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Sutton seconded by Feickert to approve the following HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes: Acknowledge resignation of Harmony Mattson, "as needed/on-call" Nurse for Brown County Jail, effective May 19, 2019 and authorize request to fill vacancy. Acknowledge resignation of Robert Haliburton, Full-time Heavy Equipment Operator for Brown County Landfill, effective May 10, 2019 and authorize request to fill vacancy. Acknowledge resignation of Wayne Kleinsasser, Full-time Correctional Officer for Brown County Jail, effective May 12, 2019 and authorize request to fill vacancy. Authorize request to fill vacancy for Full-time Dispatcher position.

Approve hiring of Stewart Swenson as Seasonal lawn mower for Brown County Fairgrounds and The Granary, effective May 6, 2019. Starting wage \$11.86/ hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

NOXIOUS WEED AND DECLARED PEST NOTICE: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to authorize advertising the noxious weed & declared pest notice for 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DETENTION SUPPORT SUBGRANT APPLICATION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the chair sign the Alternatives to Detention Support Subgrant application. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

QUIT CLAIM DEED: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize chair sign Quit Claim Deed for Lot 5 and 6, Block 25, of the Plat "North Half of Block 25, Block 35 to 46 inclusive and Outlot M Hecla" according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County SD to Vernon Fischer (redemption of tax deed property). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize chair sign abatement for Brown County @ @\$950.72 (tax deed sale). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve applications for renewal of Malt Beverage Licenses to operate outside of municipality. RETAIL (ON-OFF SALE) MALT BEVERAGE: Marge Frohling DBA The Connection, Houghton (Lots 10-11-12-13 & 14 Block 2, Sec 31, T 127 R61); Richmond Oasis LLC – Alex Schaeffer (Lt 4 Schaeffer Richmond Lake 2nd ADD NW & NE 25-124-165 (5AC)); Bath Quick Stop – Alan Lanphere (Lt B Weismantels 1st SD Lt 1 Ex N 12' Jenkins SD Inc Adjn 12' Lt Jenkins SD E2 SE 18-123-62); Brown County Speedway – Bullet Sports LLC(Brown County Fairgrounds - SW ¼, Sec 1, T123 N, R64W); Elm Lake Resort – Travis Swenson (Lt 1 Elm Lake Resort SE ¼ 8-128-65 (that portion of road R 10/W)); Flatland Fyways – ARR LLC, Art Russo (Lodge OL Art Russo OLS in Gov Lt 3&4 NW 1-127-62); Centennial Village Inc (Brown County Fairgrounds SW 1/4, Sec 1, T123N, R64 W – Centennial Village); Anchors Away Lodge & Resort - PZA Inc (Palmers Richmond Resort SD Lot 1 (SD OL1 Richmond OL 1 & 2)); Aberdeen Hockey Association Inc. (Brown County Fairgrounds SW ¼ Sec 1, T123N, R64W (Odde Ice Center)). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following contract for 2019 Brown County Fair: Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association @ \$1600. 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 the following action taken: Moved by Wiese, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the lease agreement for GateHouse Media South Dakota Holdings, Inc DBA American news for lease of the Expo Building (Flea Market) on May 10-11, 2019. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PROPERTY LIEN: Individual met to discuss county lien. No action taken.

LEASED LAND NAME CHANGE: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve change of tenant for leased county land near the landfill. Tenant, R & B Farms, Randy Bauer, requested the lease be moved into the name of R & B Farms, Bryan Bauer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PROPERTY TAX: Individual met to discuss valuation of property. No action taken.

RIGHT OF WAY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to

approve Right of Way for Northern Electric for occupancy of Brown County Highway 3, in section 20 SW ¼, Township 128N, Range 63W, Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Highway Superintendent Dirk Rogers gave department update. No action taken.

LAND SWAP: Bill Edwards met to discuss a proposed land swap with the county. No action taken.

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

Jeannette McClain, Brown County Deputy Auditor

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Columbia City May 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes

City of Columbia Council Meeting – May 7, 2019 7:00 pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Tyler Kampa, Corey Mitchell, Cole Kampa, Ellen Harr, Trevor Meints.....

Community – Jeremy Dosch, Hattie Weismantel

Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the April meet-

ing. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

Warrant Vouchers: JVT – 117.81; Allen's Electric – 1718.23; John Deere Financial – 2019.60; Northwestern Energy – 638.22; Runnings – 1879.53; Jeremy Dosch – 419.99; Kelsie Ehresmann – 279.99; Cara Dennert – 823.50, GDI – 77.28; Great Western Bank – 271.71; SDPAA – 3703.85; Inman Irrigation – 3952.00; Stan Houston – 235.00; SD Dept of Revenue – 150.00; Agtegra – 724.00; Agtegra – 558.90; Web – 38.76; Web – 37.90; Productivity Plus – 1445.21; City Hours: Corey Mitchell – 262.99; Trevor Meints – 84.00; Tyler Kampa – 265.99;– Machine Rental: Corey Mitchell – 320.00 & 240.00; Cole Kampa – 80.00; Tyler Kampa – 280.00 & 200.00; Northwestern Energy – 462.00

Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE – none
UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nuisances –Trevor said that the nuisances should be wrapped up soon with directions from lawyer.

Streets – It was agreed that the streets are not in terrible shape. Jeremy will start filling holes with gravel. Cole discussed the possibility of someday purchasing a tool to remove rocks from grass etc. Jeremy & Corey will take a look at the device.

Parks – Some work has been done of the septic project in the park. Jeremy is looking into a grant that may allow more work to be done to keep water out.

There will be a new fence along the highway and also new gates.

Lagoon/sewer – Ellen is waiting for the water to go down before the valve can be closed and at a later date sample taken.

Rubble Site – The site is getting full and we need to burn the site. The new entrance gates need to be put on.

NEW BUSINESS – Hattie Weismantel was present to discuss Summer Recreation for area kids this summer. There are 7 days on the calendar for Summer Rec. We told her to keep track of her hours and supplies for reimbursement. The 2019 -2020 Malt Beverage License was up for renewal. Cole made a motion to approve the renewal – Tyler 2nd the motion. Ellen is going to cut some vinyl letters to post e-mail address and phone number on the city hall window.

FINANCIAL REPORT –Bank balances were presented along with the 2018 Annual Report. Ellen Harr made a motion to accept as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried. The 2018 Annual Report Exhibits 1 & 2 will be published in the paper.

April 30, 2019 balances: SF –\$147,587.55; GF - \$133,148.87; FIT - \$13,771.75 Cash on Hand – \$40.00

Trevor Meints made a motion to adjourn. Cole Kampa seconded the motion. All were in favor – meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Tuesday, June 4, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer

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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	0
All Other Liabilities	155,193,727
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.	
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2019.	
LARRY DIETER	Director of Insurance

74780	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
INTEGRITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
400 Broadway	
Cincinnati, OH 45202	
Mail Address:	
400 Broadway	
Cincinnati, OH 45202	
ASSETS	
Bonds	\$5,321,133,125
Stocks	751,125,578
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate.	571,159,134
Real Estate Owned	0
Policy Loans	107,925,809
Cash and Bank Deposits	82,755,656
Deferred and	
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	

Flooding damage and repair costs could linger in SD for years

By: Nick Lowrey

The recent blizzards and rainstorms that have flooded farm fields and decimated roads across South Dakota have exposed major weaknesses in the state’s rural transportation network and created repair bills that may strain budgets of small-town and county governments for years to come.

Some local officials say the heavy flooding highlights the need for fundamental changes to how rural roads are maintained and paid for. They say the future of the state’s agricultural economy and the safety of isolated rural residents could be hampered if rural infrastructure is not improved.

South Dakota is facing recovery costs that could reach into the tens of millions of dollars as a result of back-to-back winter and spring storms and the flooding they caused, most of it east of the Missouri River. Much of the expense burden will fall to sparsely populated counties and townships, entities charged with maintaining critical farm-to-market roads and rural infrastructure.

Local officials worry they may not be able to get things fixed quickly or at all. Many govern-

ments were struggling to maintain roads and bridges long before the blizzards and heavy rains of 2019. In Turner County, southwest of Sioux Falls, the cost to repair road damage this spring is expected to exceed the county’s total annual road improvement budget.

Rural roads, many of which are gravel or dirt and highly susceptible to water damage, form critical infrastructure for farmers, ranchers and rural residents whose work forms the backbone of the South Dakota economy. Without solid roads that can support multi-ton farm equipment, farmers can’t plant, fertilize, spray for pests or move crops and livestock to market. Rural residents cannot rely on those roads to connect them with paved roads, and emergency service providers also face challenges in accessing people in crisis.

“It really is a very serious economic problem,” said farmer Jim Schmidt, a Lincoln County commissioner. “The public and the people in Pierre are going to have to ask how they’re going to pay for this.”

The problem is being compounded by an increase in extreme weather events. On average, the state is about two degrees Fahrenheit

warmer now than it was 1900. That means the atmosphere can hold more water vapor, which allows more rain or snow to fall during a single storm. Since 1991, South Dakota has averaged 14 percent more 1-inch or greater rain events than it did between 1900 and 1990, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

State officials are working on a request for a federal disaster declaration related to the flooding. The declaration would provide for federal assistance but will not pay the entire repair bill. That is bad news for rural governments — and residents — because some roads are likely to remain closed until money is found to fix them.

Counties and townships had 30 days to collect and submit damage estimates to state officials following the emergency declaration by Gov. Kristi Noem last month. The state’s total damage estimate will be available later this month, Department of Public Safety Spokesman Tony Mangan said.



This rural road in Lincoln County has travel restrictions caused by recent flooding. Officials of rural governments say farm-to-market roads in eastern South Dakota may not be fully repaired anytime soon. Photo: Nick Lowrey

Money woes will slow repairs

Part of the problem is that counties and townships have few options for raising new money when needed. Instead, they must wait for the value of the property in their county to increase either through economic development or higher commodity prices.

Since 1997, townships and counties have been restricted from raising property tax rates as they deem necessary. That year, then-Gov. Bill Janklow froze the property tax rate and restricted annual rate increases to 3% or the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower. Some years, that resulted in no increase at all in the property tax rate. Meanwhile, the cost of services has increased in necessary expenses such as employee health insurance and maintenance of gravel roads.

The idea behind the 1997 tax reform package was to slow the growth of the property tax rate by giving the public K-12 school system more money from the state’s general fund. The plan worked. According to the state Department of Revenue, in 2018, property owners paid nearly \$1 billion less in taxes than they would have paid without the property tax limit.

Schools still get the lion’s share, about 56 percent, of all property tax revenue. Statewide, counties get about 27 percent and townships only about 2 percent. Counties, with voter consent, also can charge a wheel tax of up to \$5 per wheel. The tax can’t be more than \$60 per vehicle. Counties get a portion of vehicle registration fees collected by the state

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
HUDSON INSURANCE COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
1209 Orange Street	
Wilmington, DE 19801	
Mail Address:	
100 William Street 5th Floor	
New York, NY 10038	
ASSETS	
Bonds	335,825,311
Stocks	226,239,213
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	56,610,897
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	116,810,190
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	2,054,094
Other Assets	625,492,897
TOTAL ASSETS	1,363,032,602
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	206,909,194
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	23,275,155
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	20,681,593
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	3,753,648
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	669,264
Unearned Premiums	86,239,183
All Other Liabilities	580,011,420
TOTAL LIABILITIES	921,539,457
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	7,500,238
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	293,480,097
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	140,512,810
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	441,493,145
TOTAL	1,363,032,602
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	
Due and Accrued	15,051,807
Other Assets	69,221,527
TOTAL ASSETS	2,442,948,424
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	483,720,424
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	171,504,353
Other Expenses (excluding	
taxes, licenses and fees)	23,923,725
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	
(excluding Federal and	
Foreign Income Taxes)	6,470,595
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	0
Unearned Premiums	391,429,335
All Other Liabilities	144,362,046
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,221,410,478
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	9,030,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	260,270,388
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	952,237,558
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	1,221,537,946
TOTAL	2,442,948,424
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Written	271,135
Direct Premiums Earned	280,253
Direct Losses Paid	255,795
Direct Losses Incurred	590,070
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	
DIVISION OF INSURANCE	
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE	
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE	
OF AUTHORITY	
WHEREAS, the Home-Owners Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Michigan, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:	
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:	
3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14	
1. Life	
2. Health	
3. Fire & Allied Lines	
4. Inland & Ocean Marine	
5. Workmen's Compensation	
6. Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto)	
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)	
8. Auto Bodily Injury	
9. Auto Property Damage	
10. Auto Physical Damage	
11. Fidelity & Surety	
12. Glass	
13. Burglary & Theft	
14. Boiler & Machinery	
15. Aircraft	
16. Credit	
17. Crop-Hail	
18. Livestock	
19. Title	
20. Var. Annuities	
21.	
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2019.	
LARRY DIETER	
Director of Insurance	

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

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and recently were given a portion of the fees collected on heavy non-commercial vehicles. If they charge a wheel tax, counties also can apply for competitive state grants from the annual \$15 million Bridge Improvement Grant fund.

Townships can levy up to \$.50 per \$1,000 of the property value within their boundaries. Some counties, such as Hughes County in the middle of the state, don't have organized townships and instead fund all road maintenance on their own.

Rural counties and townships are struggling financially because the value of property isn't growing fast enough to cover the increased costs of doing business. Spending on public safety and criminal prosecution, mental health and employee health insurance all have outpaced the growth in property tax collections, a 2015 study by the Department of Legislative Audit found.

The result, in places such as Hughes County, is that projects have to be delayed. Former Hughes County Commissioner Tom Tveit said at least one paved road in the county, Grey Goose Road, hasn't been resurfaced in almost 50 years. By state standards, he said, the road would be resurfaced every 30 years.

"It's equivalent to a homeowner buying a house and not replacing the roof for 50 years," Tveit said.

In 2015, revenue shortfalls led the Hughes County Commission to cut funding for the youth agricultural group 4-H. Two years later, the commission cut funding to the local library, which used the money to give free library cards to rural residents.

Several efforts have been made to give counties more options for raising revenue, most of them unsuccessful. During the 2019 legislative session, a bill to allow counties to charge a half-cent sales tax to fund courthouse and jail construction and maintenance was narrowly defeated twice on the state Senate floor.

Tveit, no longer a county commissioner, has pushed to reform the county revenue process. Meanwhile, counties will continue having trouble with roads because farmers are improving production.

"Yields have increased," he said. "That means more traffic and heavier traffic."



Gravel and dirt roads, including this one in Lincoln County, are critical transportation routes for agricultural producers and residents of rural areas in southeastern South Dakota. Recent flooding has left many either washed out or impassable due to soft, rutted conditions.. Photo: Nick Lowrey

Warmer, wetter and more extreme

State Climatologist Laura Edwards lives in rural Brown County, on the western edge of the Prairie Pothole Region, a slice of glaciated geography defined by rolling hills and depressions that fill with water during wet cycles that can last decades. The area has been locked in a wet cycle for much of the last 30 years.

Lately, the rest of the state has started getting wetter, she said.

"We have seen a wetter trend all over the state," Edwards said. "We're getting wetter faster than most other parts of the lower 48 states."

At least part of the wetter trend is due to an

increase in the state's average temperature. The temperature increase has mostly been seen in warmer evenings in spring and winter. Warmer air tends to hold more moisture than cold air. "It's kind of like you're loading the dice," she said.

Being a little warmer and a little wetter has provided some advantages for South Dakota's farmers. They've been able to get higher yields on corn and soybeans and more of them are planting those two high-dollar crops.

"Farmers are adapting to changes they see on the landscape," Edwards said.

As the spring of 2019 has illustrated, there are also drawbacks to a warmer, wetter climate. The use of tile drainage in farm fields is one example of added expenses and creating access to fields can also get expensive.

While the number and severity of rain events can vary wildly year to year, there is a consistent trend of larger events over the past 30 years.

"What we see going forward is precipitation coming in big, extreme events," Edwards said.

Overall, NOAA projects that South Dakota will keep getting wetter and warmer as the 21st century continues. The number of heavy rain and snow events also is predicted to increase, especially in the spring and winter, which long have accounted for much of the damage done to rural roads.

What we see going forward is precipitation coming in big, extreme events ... we're getting wetter faster than most other parts of the lower 48 states.

-- State Climatologist Laura Edwards
Counties face uphill climb

Turner County Commission Chairman Lyle Van Hove said he'd seen estimates as high as \$3 million for the county's share of repairs related to recent flooding. "We've got more damage than our total budget," Van Hove said.

The east and west forks of the Vermillion River converge in the north end of Turner County near the town of Parker. The river is a typical prairie stream that generally flows slowly as it meanders through a mostly flat, grassy landscape. But in the spring, when snow melts and heavy rains fall, the river floods. This year the floods were particularly bad. Seven bridges are still closed.

"We've got more bridges than just about any county in the state," Van Hove said.

Bridges are expensive to maintain and, in the case of Turner County, most of them are the county's responsibility.

In Lincoln County this spring, there are four or five culverts on county roads washed out and four bridges that need repairs. One bridge, a historic truss bridge, was nearly destroyed by ice. Another bridge's abutment, the piece that anchors it to the ground on either side, was scoured out.

Together, those bridge projects could cost well over \$200,000, said Terry Fluit, county highway superintendent. All told, Fluit said, storm damage on Lincoln County roads is expected to reach \$600,000.

"We haven't seen anything like this for years," he said.

Still, Fluit said, Lincoln County is more fortunate than others. There's a rapidly growing residential and commercial property tax base in the northern end of the county, Fluit said, so there's money to go around at least for county roads.

There is no way Turner County can get its roads back to pre-storm condition anytime soon without state and federal assistance, said county Emergency Manager Brad Georgeson.

"Some township roads are going to be closed indefinitely," he said.



Small towns like Lennox, shown here, may have difficulty paying for road repairs related to flooding after already setting annual budgets. Photo: Nick Lowrey

Townships, farmers left in limbo

In Brantford Township in northwestern Hamlin County, rain and snow caused \$78,000 worth of damage and officials hope they can get some state and federal money to help make repairs.

The township board has a 2019 budget of about \$106,000. The \$78,000 in storm damage represents nearly three-quarters of the township's yearly budget. A dozen or so culverts that were damaged but already scheduled for regular maintenance this year are ineligible for state or federal disaster assistance.

Brantford Township Clerk Dustin Leiseth said he expects the township will get between \$40,000 and \$50,000 in disaster aid.

There are 13 townships in Hamlin County and each one was assessing storm damage to their roads through March and April. Leiseth said he expects the townships to ask for more than \$1 million in disaster aid. The county government, he said, likely will ask for another million.

Leiseth said his township isn't as bad off as others. A farmer by trade, Leiseth has served on his local township board for a decade and currently is president of the South Dakota Association of Towns and Townships. While the Brantford township is in pretty good financial shape, there are many town-

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
INDEMNITY INSURANCE	
CO. OF NORTH AMERICA	
Home Office Address:	
436 Walnut Street	
Philadelphia, PA 19106	
Mail Address:	
436 Walnut Street	
Philadelphia, PA 19106	
ASSETS	
Bonds	114,258,132
Stocks	0
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	36,263,319
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	0
Interest, Dividends and	
Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	941,779
Other Assets	194,973,959
TOTAL ASSETS	346,437,189
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	0
Reserve for Loss	
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	0
Unearned Premiums	0
All Other Liabilities	193,550,334
TOTAL LIABILITIES	193,550,334
Special Surplus Funds	0
Capital Paid Up	
or Statutory Deposit	4,501,500
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	42,250,750
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	106,134,605
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	152,886,855
TOTAL	346,437,189
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018	
Direct Premiums Written	13,779,738
Direct Premiums Earned	13,857,149
Direct Losses Paid	4,134,634
Direct Losses Incurred	6,962,152
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	
DIVISION OF INSURANCE	
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE	
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE	
OF AUTHORITY	
WHEREAS, the Indemnity Insurance Co. of	
North America, a Corporation organized under the	
Laws of Pennsylvania, has complied with all	
requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State	
of South Dakota:	
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned,	
Director of Insurance of the State of South	
Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws,	
do hereby certify that the above named Company	
is fully empowered through its authorized agents	
to transact the numbered lines of business listed	
below:	
2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18	
1. Life	
2. Health	
3. Fire & Allied Lines	
4. Inland & Ocean Marine	
5. Workmen's Compensation	
6. Bodily Injury Liability	
(Other than Auto)	
7. Property Damage (Other than Auto)	
8. Auto Bodily Injury	
9. Auto Property Damage	
10. Auto Physical Damage	
11. Fidelity & Surety	
12. Glass	
13. Burglary & Theft	
14. Boiler & Machinery	
15. Aircraft	
16. Credit	
17. Crop-Hail	
18. Livestock	
19. Title	
20. Var. Annuities	
21.	
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless	
this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked,	
suspended or withdrawn.	
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto	
set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S. D., this	
1st day of May, A.D., 2019.	
LARRY DIETER	
Director of Insurance	

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ships that aren’t.

“There’s a huge disparity in finances township to township,” Leiseth said.

Some townships don’t have money on hand to repair roads and culverts suddenly washed out by flooding or any natural disaster. Many townships and a few counties are then forced to delay scheduled maintenance to pay for repairs from storm damage.

State disaster declarations allow state agencies such as the South Dakota National Guard and Department of Corrections to help clear snow or build flood barriers. The declaration also opens up the state’s emergency fund for disaster recovery efforts such as road repairs. For a month after the emergency declaration, counties and townships assessed their storm-related damages and submitted information to the state to get reimbursements for repairs from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Another township that submitted a request for assistance was Pleasant Township in southwestern Lincoln County. Pete Fahlberg, a township supervisor, said his township is doing OK financially because it had some money set aside for emergencies. But the rain keeps falling and the township’s roads haven’t dried out.

“We’ve just been kind of spinning our wheels,” Fahlberg said.

Meanwhile, farmers still need to get cattle and pigs fed or moved to market. They’re

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
JACKSON NATIONAL LIFE	
INSURANCE COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
1 Corporate Way	
Lansing, MI 48951	
Mail Address:	
1 Corporate Way	
Lansing, MI 48951	
ASSETS	
Bonds	\$50,383,384,080
Stocks	1,180,658,145
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	9,411,338,876
Real Estate Owned	265,896,834
Policy Loans	4,560,995,779
Cash and Bank Deposits	2,821,317,972
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums.	377,994,426
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued	737,371,483
Other Assets	155,135,599,957
TOTAL ASSETS.	\$224,874,557,552
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts	\$53,759,753,403
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies	0
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	806,301,566
Accident and Health	0
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued.	243,324,488
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	(5,249,594)
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued.	0
All Other Liabilities	165,281,987,425
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$220,086,117,288
Special Surplus Funds.	\$84,848,033
Capital Paid Up	13,800,000
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	3,386,054,966
Unassigned Surplus	1,303,737,265
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$4,788,440,264
TOTAL.	224,874,557,552

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018

Direct Premiums Received. \$41,952,1080

Direct Losses Paid 73,444,002

Losses Incurred 2,889,5490

Life Insurance in Force 529,374,942

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

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

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

1.-20-21

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

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

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

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
JOHN HANCOCK LIFE	
INSURANCE CO. (USA)	
Home Office Address:	
197 Clarendon Street	
Boston, MA 02116	
Mail Address:	
197 Clarendon Street	
Boston, MA 02116	
ASSETS	
Bonds	\$44,555,587,999
Stocks	3,924,717,177
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	12,084,683,280
Real Estate Owned	4,012,653,760
Policy Loans	2,787,564,466
Cash and Bank Deposits	2,988,431,055
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums.	65,283,489
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued	582,686,831
Other Assets	148,954,290,606
TOTAL ASSETS.	\$219,955,898,663
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts	\$50,270,700,583
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies	13,776,080,526
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	307,748,229
Accident and Health	137,599,852
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued.	223,061,602
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	42,292,921
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued.	0
All Other Liabilities.	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$219,955,898,663
Special Surplus Funds.	\$0
Capital Paid Up	4,728,940
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	3,218,827,821
Unassigned Surplus	5,060,508,457
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$8,869,304,577
TOTAL.	219,955,898,663

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018

Direct Premiums Received. \$67,194,132

Direct Losses Paid 34,962,319

Losses Incurred 2,821,027

Life Insurance in Force 3,365,251,425

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

WHEREAS, the John Hancock Life Insurance Co. (USA), a Corporation organized under the Laws of Michigan, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

1.-20-21

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

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

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

LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
Year Ending December 31, 2018	
HUMANA INSURANCE	
COMPANY	
Home Office Address:	
1100 Employers Blvd.	
DePere, WI 54115	
Mail Address:	
P. O. Box 740036	
Louisville, KY 40201-7436	
ASSETS	
Bonds	\$3,547,216,138
Stocks	804,849,178
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate.	8,550,000
Real Estate Owned	13,576,713
Policy Loans	0
Cash and Bank Deposits	919,317,771
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums.	93,755,543
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued	30,920,611
Other Assets	1,815,195,339
TOTAL ASSETS.	\$7,233,381,293
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS, OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts.	\$0
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies.	298,437,261
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life.	0
Accident and Health.	1,841,899,831
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued.	443,239,434
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	0
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued.	0
All Other Liabilities	929,131,887
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,512,708,413
Special Surplus Funds	\$1,106,711
Capital Paid Up	8,833,336
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	2,085,107,576
Unassigned Surplus	1,625,625,257
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$3,720,672,880
TOTAL	7,233,381,293

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018

Direct Premiums Received. \$90,662,421

Direct Losses Paid 72,225,836

Losses Incurred 73,470,285

Life Insurance in Force 10,761,900

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

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

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

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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

he said.

All of his fields are too saturated for farm work, Sestak said.

“I should have been planting a week ago,” He said.

Sestak said he’s got until May 20 to get corn in the ground. If he can’t plant on time, he may have to do some preventive planting with an eye toward collecting on crop insurance.

“It’s great when you have it,” Sestak said of crop insurance. “But you don’t want to use it.”

According to the USDA, the week ending May 5 had 1.6 days suitable for field work. Last year, during roughly the same week, there were 5.3 days suitable for field work. On the bright side, as of May 2, no part of South Dakota was found to be in drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Large swaths of the state, about 37 percent in all, have an overabundance of water in the topsoil, according to the drought monitor. Subsurface moisture was in surplus across 27 percent of the state at the beginning of May. Just about every creek and river along Highway 14 between the James River Valley and the Minnesota border was out of its banks May 7 and showing no sign of receding anytime soon.

In 2018, about 5 percent of the state’s corn crop had been planted by May 5. This year, though, the USDA hasn’t been able to survey any farmers who have planted corn. The story isn’t much different for soybeans, though they are usually planted later in the spring.



ABOUT NICK LOWREY

Nick Lowrey, based in Pierre, S.D., is an investigative staff reporter for South Dakota News Watch. A South Dakotan for more than 20 years, he is a former editor of the Pierre Capital Journal.

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

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2018

Direct Premiums Written 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:

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

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LARRY DIETER
Director of Insurance

Jonathan Doeden is double NEC Champion

Jonathan Doeden took first place in both hurdle events on Friday at the Northeast Conference Track Meet held at Hamlin High School. Isaac Smith was a runner-up in the 3200m run. Third place winners were Nicole Marzahn in the long jump and Isaac Smith in the 1600m run. In fourth place were Nicole Marzahn in the triple jump, Jennie Doeden in both the discus and shot put, Kenzie McInerney in the long jump and Grady O'Neill in the shot put. Fifth place finishers were Kenzie McInerney in the 400m dash, Kaycie Hawkins in the discus, the boys 400m relay team and the boys 1600m relay team. In sixth place were Payton Maine in the 100m hurdles and Taylor Holm in the discus. Seventh place winners were girls 1600m relay team, Thomas Cranford in the 200m dash and the boys 800m relay team. In eighth place were Payton Maine in the 200m dash, the girls 400m relay team, the girls 800m relay team, the girls 1600m relay team, the girls 1600m sprint medley relay team and Austin Jones in the triple jump.

Girl's Division

Team Points: 1, Hamlin, 163; 2, Milbank, 156.5; 3, Roncalli, 140.5; 4, Webster Area, 81; 5, Redfield/Doland, 61; 6, Groton Area, 48; 7, Deuel, 37; 8, Sisseton, 23; 9, Clark/Willow Lake, 21; 10, Britton-Hecla, 9.
100m Hurdles: (Prelims) 4, Payton Maine, 17.69; 9, Cassandra Townsend, 18.64; 12, Jayla Jones, 19.40. (Finals): 6, Payton Maine, 17.60.
300m Hurdles: 11, Cassandra Townsend, 58.10.
100m Dash: 21, Jayla Jones, 14.60; 23, Emilie Thurston, 15.47; 24, Riley Leicht, 15.48.
200m Dash: 8, Payton Maine, 29.39; 19, Jayla Jones, 30.46; 30, Paloma Fernandez, 36.45.

400m Dash: 5, Kenzie McInerney, 1:05.53; 17, Emma Schinkel, 1:16.43; 18, Regan Leicht, 1:18.36.
800m Run: 16, Anna Fjeldheim, 3:00.64; 19, Regan Leicht, 2:13.20.
4x100m Relay: 8, Groton (Allyssa Locke, Trista Keith, Emilie Thurston, Riley Leicht), 1:01.65.
4x200m Relay: 8, Groton (Allyssa Locke, Trista Keith, Emilie Thurston, Riley Leicht), 2:13.09.
4x400m Relay: 7, Groton (Payton Maine, Cassandra Townsend, Emma Schinkel, Kenzie McInerney), 4:48.31.
4x800m Relay: 8, Groton (Regan Leicht, Anna Fjeldheim, Emma Schinkel, Aspen Johnson), 12:16.81.
1600m Spring Medley: 8, Groton (Alyssa Locke, Trista Keith, Emilie Thurston, Aspen Johnson), 5:29.80.
High Jump: 8, Nicole Marzahn, 4-6.
Long Jump: 3, Nicole Marzahn, 14-11; 4, Kenzie McInerney, 14-10.25; 21, Allyssa Locke, 11-11.5.
Triple Jump: 4, Nicole Marzahn, 30-05.75.
Discus: 4, Jennie Doeden, 100-01; 5, Kaycie Hawkins, 98-10; 6, Taylor Holm, 98-10.
Shot Put: 4, Jennie Doeden, 33-0.5; 10, Kaycie Hawkins, 30-5.25; 13, Maddie Bjerke, 28-9.

Boy's Division

Team Points: 1, Milbank, 160; 2, Hamlin, 100; 3, Redfield/Doland, 93; 4, Webster Area, 77.5; 5, Clark/Willow Lake, 67; 6, Aberdeen Roncalli, 60; 7, Sisseton, 56; 8, Groton Area, 52; 9, Deuel, 48.5; 10, Britton-Hecla, 27.
110m Hurdles: (Prelims) 2, Jonathan Doeden, 15.19; 12, Paxton Bonn, 19.13. (Finals): 1, Jonathan Doeden, 14.94.
300m Hurdles: 1, Jonathan Doeden, 32.31.
100m Dash: 15, Thomas Cranford, 11.70; 20, Kaden Kurtz, 12.07; 26, Wyatt Hearnen, 12.94.
200m Dash: 7, Thomas Cranford, 23.91; 16, Darien Shabazz, 24.47; 26, Wyatt Hearnen, 27.27.
400m Dash: 13, Mitchell Koens, 59.54; 19, Jackson Cogley, 1:00.61.
800m Run: 14, Jamie Ruiz de Medina, 2:28.44; 19, Cyruss DeHoet, 2:46.96; 20, Kannon Coats, 2:47.33.
1600m Run: 3, Isaac Smith, 4:53.59; 12, Jacob Lewandowski, 5:25.76.
3200m Run: 2, Isaac Smith, 11:04.44.

The Life of Clara Barondeau



Mass of Christian Burial for Clara Barondeau, 96, of Aberdeen and formerly of Conde was held Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Father Mike Kelly officiated. Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Clara passed away May 8, 2019 at Avera Mother Joseph Manor, Aberdeen.

Clara Janet Deis was born May 1, 1923 at Onaka, SD to Lorenz and Therea Fiest Mitzel Deis. She attended school in Onaka. While growing up she helped her father on the family farm.

Clara was united in marriage to Lewis Albert Barondeau on January 10, 1943 at Be Ventura Mission in Ventura, California where Lewis was stationed in the army.

They later moved to South Benning, Georgia and when Lewis was transferred to Europe during World War II, Clara lived with her sister Theresa Schmidt in Aberdeen, SD. While in Aberdeen, Clara

worked as a nurse's aide at St. Luke's Hospital.

When the war ended, Clara and Lewis moved to his family farm near Onaka, SD. They farmed there for four years and then moved to a farm northeast of Conde, SD. They lived and farmed there for 43 years. Clara and Lewis sold their beloved farm to their daughter, Rosemary and husband, Lynn Sanderson in 1992 and built Clara's dream house in Conde.

The couple shared 65 years of marriage before Lewis passed away on November 4, 2008. In September of 2009, Clara sold her home and moved to Aberdeen where she enjoyed the daily activities of living at Davis Court. Clara later moved to Nano Nagle Village, and spent the last 4 years of her life living at Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen, SD.

Clara was a lifelong member of the Catholic Daughters of America, and also a member of St. John The Baptist Catholic church in Conde for 51 years where she was an active member of the Altar Society. Clara was a life long member of the Conde Legion Auxiliary, a member of Conde Civic Development for several years, and a member of the Turton VFW Legion Auxiliary.

Clara enjoyed being a homemaker and working alongside of her husband in the fields, and raising Herford cattle, chickens, and pigs. Clara will always be remembered for her delicious home cooked meals, caramel rolls, and apple kuchen. She was a second mother to Dale Wilkerson, a neighbor and classmate of her son, Lewis, who lived with the family during his high school years. Clara was a special aunt to her sister Theresa's children; Janet Schile, Ron, David, and Chuck Schmidt. They spent many summers helping Clara and Lewis while enjoying farm life.

Clara is survived by her children, Lewis (Candy) Barondeau of Lutherville, MD; Dwain (Judy) Barondeau of Bismarck, ND; Rosemary Sanderson of Conde, SD; and Margie (Dale) Washnok of Aberdeen, SD. Clara's grandchildren and great grandchildren, Diana (Mike) Phillips of Arnold, MD and sons Grayson and Owen; Bradley (Katharine) Barondeau of Ft. Wayne, ID and daughter Maddie; Amy (Jeff) Ladd of St. Louis, MI; Chris Barondeau of Washburn, ND; Jennifer (Rob) Hyk and sons Dane and Hudson of Sioux Falls, SD; Andria(Chris) Bender and daughter Margot and son Gavin of Sioux Falls, SD; Jacob Sanderson and son, Hunter of Lisbon, ND; Rebecca Washnok of Harrisburg, SD; and James(Katie) Washnok and son Jett of Aberdeen, SD. Clara's sister-in-laws Mary Barondeau of Aberdeen, SD and Rhea Joyce Barondeau of Faulkton, SD. Clara is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Clara was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Lewis; four brothers, seven sisters; her son-in-law Lynn Sanderson, and her special nephew David Schmidt.

Clara requested all her grandchildren to be her Pall Bearers.

Honorary Pall Bearers were all the staff at Mother Joseph Manor

4x100m Relay: 5, Groton (Darien Shabazz, Kaden Kurtz, Austin Jones, Thomas Cranford), 46.96.
4x200m Relay: 7, Groton (Darien Shabazz, Kaden Kurtz, Austin Jones, Thomas Cranford), 1:38.52.
4x400m Relay: 5, Groton (Jonathan Doeden, Kaden Kurtz, Austin Jones, Mitchell Koens), 3:50.33.
4x800m Relay: 9, Groton (Anthony Schinkel, Jamie Ruiz de Medina, Cyruss DeHoet, Kannon Coats), 10:39.34.
1600m Sprint Medley: 9, Groton (Jackson Cogley, Wyatt Hearnen, Jacob Lewandowski, Anthony Schinkel), 4:33.49.
High Jump: 11, Paxton Bonn, 5-4; 12, Jackson Cogley, 5-2.
Long Jump: 15, Darien Shabazz, 17-2.75; 20, Mitchell Koens, 15-1.50; 24, Paxton Bonn, 14-3.75.
Triple Jump: 8, Austin Jones, 35-9.50; 11, Jackson Cogley, 35-0.75; 16, Paxton Bonn, 32-10.50.
Discus: 4, Grady O'Neill, 114-10; 10, Caleb Ferney, 104-11.
Shot Put: 9, Grady O'Neill, 39-4; 15, Caleb Ferney, 36-6.25.

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Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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

MS Band Contest in Webster



JH Excellents

Junior High Students that received an Excellent/Excellent Rating on their solos

Front (Left to right): Lydia Meier (Trumpet-II+), Veronica Tank (Flute-II+), Emily Clark (Snare-II+)

Second (Left to right): Kyleigh Englund (Tenor Sax- II+), Ashley Sperry (Clarinet- II+), Shea Jandel (Clarinet-II+), Ava Kramer (Trumpet-II+)

Third (Left to right): Michael Weisenburger (Baritone- II+), Lane Tietz (II-Mallets), Cole Simon (II), Jackson Garstecki (Trombone-II+), Logan Ringgenburg (Snare-II), Kaleb Antonson (Alto Sax-II), Danny Feist (Tuba-II+), Bryson Wambach (Alto Sax-II)

Not pictured is Faith Fliehs (Snare- II+) (Courtesy Photo by Desiree Yeigh)



6th Graders that received Excellent/Excellent Plus Ratings:

(Left to right): Corbin Weismantel (Baritone II+), Axel Warrington, (Snare-II), Emma Kutter (Tenor Sax II+), Kayla Lehr (II), **Not pictured is Carson Herrick (Baritone II+).** (Courtesy Photo by Desiree Yeigh)

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Groton Post #39 2019 Memorial Day Services

The Groton Post #39 Legion will perform Military Rites on Memorial Day, May 27th 2019 as follows:

Huffton	7:30 am	The speaker at the Groton ceremony
James	8:15 am	will be Retired Air Force LTC Arden
Verdon	8:45 am	Dohman.
Bates/Scotland	9:15 am	A meal will be provided at the Groton
Ferney	10:00 am	Legion Post #39 immediately following
Groton	11:00 am	the cemetery ceremony.

In the case of inclement weather the rites will be performed by the honor Guard at the cemetery and the speaker will be at the Post building.

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