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## Groton Service Organizations

### Groton Chamber of Commerce

First in a series by Dorene Nelson

The Groton Chamber of Commerce received its first charter on August 20, 1981.

The Groton Chamber is open to all business persons in the Groton area. It was organized to promote commerce with local area businesses in the city of Groton.

The current officers are Carol Kutter, president; Ashley Smith, vice president; April Abeln, secretary; and Stacy Oliver, treasurer.

Over 60 local businesses are members of the Groton Chamber of Commerce. The businesses in Groton are vital to the town and surrounding communities.

These businesses provide a wide range of products and services, from healthcare to auto care, beauty services, and agronomy services, to name a few.

Chamber business members help promote countless activities and support many community events.



Back L to R- Kellie Locke, Lori Westby, Hope Block, Carol McFarland-Kutter, Ashley Smith, April Abeln, Karyn Babcock  
Front L to R- Carla Tracy, Kassie Dunbar (Courtesy Photo)

The Chamber meets the first Wednesday of every month at the Groton Community Center with the meetings open to all members.

The Groton Chamber financially supports any and all local events that may encourage commerce in the region. In addition, the Chamber recently awarded two scholarships to high school seniors.

Another current project is to install lighting on the "Welcome to Groton" signs outside of town. The Chamber is already paying for the lighting on the flag pole in the city park. Chamber members have also donated to the American Legion for painting a flag on our new water tower.

There is a dues structure for membership. The dues for businesses with up to ten employees are \$100 annually; businesses with 11-20 employees pay \$250 while any business with 21 or more employees pays \$500 a year.

Investing in the Chamber by membership dues is truly an investment in the Groton community. The Chamber uses the digital sign on Highway 12, its Facebook page, and its website to advertise upcoming events, business anniversaries, special sales, or positions for hire.

Occasionally the group will do radio ads promoting the community and local events. In addition, the Chamber advertises in the Glacial Lakes, Yellowstone Trail, and Aberdeen magazines.

Groton Bucks are offered to promote commerce in the community as well as offering a Notary service that is free of charge to all members. The board is a small, but passionate group of dedicated individuals, who are committed to the economic growth of the region. The Chamber is always open to new members and new ideas to promote this community and the surrounding region. For more information, please check out the website at grotonchamber.com.



### Groton Tuff Tiger Award Banquet

Back Row: Hank Flihs - Coach's Award, Jonah Theisen - Most Improved, Keegan Kucker - Mr. Hustle, Kyson Kucker - Mr. Hustle, Liam Johnson - Rookie of the Year, Wyatt Hagen - Coach's Award

Front Row: Preston Hinkelman - Most Improved, Henry Pharis - Rookie of the Year, Keenan Moody - Mr. Hustle, Bentley Ehersmann - MVP, Braxten Sombke - Rookie of the Year. (Courtesy Photo)

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### Trio of Groton golfers place in top 20 at Groton meet

Three Groton girls participated in the golf meet held Monday at the Olive Grove Golf Course in Groton. All three golfers placed in the top 20. Carly Guthmiller placed fifth with a score of 98, shooting a 49 in both halves. Shaylee Peterson placed 11th with a score of 110, shooting a 56 in the front nine and a 54 in the back nine. Emma Schinkel tied for 14th with a 118, scoring a 62 in the front nine and a 56 in the back nine.



By Jordan Wright

Last week we covered the Minnesota Vikings' draft picks from days one and two, so this week we turn our attention to the third day. The Vikings added Fourth round (pick 119) – Kene Nwangwu, running back, Iowa State. Although he was a backup RB during college, Kene's testing numbers were off the charts. He will battle Ameer Abdullah for the team's third RB spot and kick returner.

Fourth round (pick 125) – Camryn Bynum, safety, California. Bynum was a four-year starter and two-time captain at Cal, but his lack of high-end speed is forcing him to switch from corner to safety.

Fourth round (pick 134) – Janarius Robinson, defensive end, Florida State. A top-10 DE prospect coming out of high school, Robinson has the size and athletic ability to develop into a starting-caliber player. The only thing that will hold him back is his lack of effort that showed up on tape through college.

Fifth round (pick 157) – Ihmir Smith-Marsette, wide receiver, Iowa. The Vikings wanted to upgrade their kick return game, so they doubled down on the position by drafting Ihmir. He has the potential to develop into a rotational receiver, but his kick return ability will be what keeps him on the roster.

Fifth round (pick 168) – Zach Davidson, tight end, Central Missouri. Davidson had a fantastic 2019 season but will face a big test in the jump from Central Missouri to the NFL. The most interesting thing about Davison is that he is a dual-threat – not only can he play tight end, he is also a punter!

Sixth-round (pick 199) – Jaylen Twyman, defensive tackle, Pittsburgh. With their final pick in the 2021 NFL draft, the Vikings grabbed Twyman. He will be a rotational DT whose biggest strength is his ability to push the pocket and rush the passer from the interior of the defensive line.

Undrafted Rookie Free Agents

Turner Bernard, long snapper, San Diego State. A solid long snapper, Bernard has limited athleticism which could limit his potential to make an NFL roster.

Tuf Borland, linebacker, Ohio State. Only the second player to be named a three-time team captain at Ohio State, by all accounts Borland has a fantastic work ethic and was the leader of the buckeye's defense. The thing that will hold him back is his limited athleticism.

Christian Elliss, linebacker, Idaho. His father was a Pro Bowl defensive lineman for Detroit, so Elliss has been around football his entire life. He has a chance to make the roster as a backup LB and special team's ace.

Zeandae Johnson, defensive tackle, California. Johnson played mostly defensive tackle in college, but he is only 270 pounds so will need to switch to defensive end if he wants to stick in the league.

Myron Mitchell, wide receiver, Alabama-Birmingham. Another player who could potentially be a kick return specialist, Mitchell was a solid yet unspectacular receiver at UAB. He has high-end athleticism, but he will need to refine his route running.

Riley Patterson, kicker, Memphis. Patterson will battle for the Vikings' kicker spot that was opened up when the team released Dan Bailey this offseason.

Whop Philyor, wide receiver, Indiana. Earning the nickname because of his love for Burger King Whoppers, Philyor is impressive with the ball in his hands. His biggest weakness is his size, but his speed can compensate for that somewhat.

Blake Proehl, wide receiver, East Carolina. Another player who had family in the NFL (his

father, Ricky, is a two-time Super Bowl champion), Blake is very good at route running and has a wide catch radius. His lack of speed will be a tough hurdle to overcome.

A.J. Rose, running back, Kentucky. Rose is a high-character person (he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as a youth) who is a bruising running back but doesn't have the speed to break away from NFL defenders.

Jordon Scott, defensive tackle, Oregon. A massive human being, Scott is a nose tackle who is difficult to move but doesn't offer much as far as rushing the passer.

Zach Von Rosenberg, punter, LSU. Rosenberg is a truly unique prospect. A former pitching prospect for the Pittsburgh Pirates, Rosenberg ditched baseball to become a punter at LSU.

## HARDSHELLS REJOICE: MAY 23 IS WORLD TURTLE DAY

By Tom Emery

Every terrapin, snapper, and slider can pop his head out of his shell and smile.

Sunday, May 23 is World Turtle Day, and there are plenty of reasons to celebrate in South Dakota. The state is home to seven turtle species, though some are threatened or endangered. Biologists are working to ensure the long-range future of South Dakota turtles, and note that the general public can do much to help.

"The long-range future is good for turtles in the state," said Eileen Dowd Stukel, the Wildlife Diversity Coordinator for South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks, "as long as we maintain a diversity of wetland types for aquatic turtles, and assure that turtles are not over-collected for the pet trade or sale to restaurants."

Species of turtles are found statewide, though the southeastern part of the state has some of the highest concentrations. The most common species in South Dakota is the northern painted turtle.

Six of the seven turtle species in South Dakota are aquatic or semi-aquatic, while one, the ornate box turtle, is strictly a land-dweller. The false map turtle is classified as a state-threatened species. The Blanding's turtle was formerly a state endangered species, but is so rare in South Dakota that the designation was removed.

Turtles play valuable roles in South Dakota ecosystems. "The majority of our state's turtle species are aquatic, and depend on environments that provide clean water to support the prey they need," said Stukel. "That makes the presence of turtles an indicator of relatively good water quality."

"Similarly, our only full-time terrestrial turtle, the ornate box turtle, lives in sandhill habitats of south-central South Dakota, and depends on good-quality grasslands," continued Stukel. "Their presence indicates that land owners and land managers are doing a good job with grassland conservation and management."

As elsewhere, South Dakota turtles face a number of challenges, including on roadways, where turtles are commonly found in warmer weather.

"Since turtles are reptiles and therefore cold-blooded, they rely on outside sources to raise their body temperature," remarked Stukel. "They may be attracted to the warm environment found on roads. They also travel across roads built through their habitat in search of nesting areas, or places where they will hibernate for the winter."

Other threats include predators such as raccoons, skunks, and foxes. "However, turtles have evolved with predators, and can withstand this pressure as long as there is sufficient nesting habitat," commented Stukel. "An additional danger is lack of long-term monitoring information on how our turtle populations are doing."

There are many other ways for the average citizen to protect turtles across the state. Turtles should never be removed from the wild unless for a permitted activity such as research or captive propagation. Likewise, domestic pet turtles should not be released into the wild, as they spread disease to the wild populations.

"If you see a turtle crossing the road and it is safe to stop, move the turtle across the road in the direction it was heading," said Stukel. "Don't allow your dog to destroy turtle nests they may encounter, and don't pick up turtles to keep as pets."

Stukel added that citizens should report sightings of turtles that are considered rare to the appropriate state or federal wildlife agency, and support laws and practices that maintain diverse aquatic and terrestrial habitats.

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...the other campers in our groups.

Kids: color stuff in!



## Off to Summer Camp!



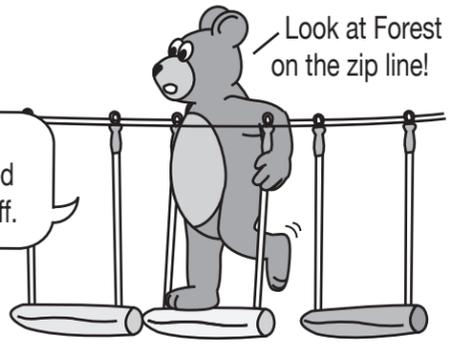
Camp has so many new activities to try!

Are **you** going to any summer camp? If so, what kind of camp?

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with the names of different kinds of camps:

- stunts, cheers, competitions
- kitchen safety, recipes, pans
- defense exercises, sparring practice
- canoeing, hiking, fishing
- lessons, practice, recitals
- study, singing, praying
- programming, gaming, web site building
- brainstorming, stories, editing
- flight simulation, mock launches
- swimming, basketball, soccer
- ballet, hip hop, jazz
- costumes, acting, shows
- horses, riding, shows
- experiments, rockets, robots
- drawing, comics, animations

Chitter and Chatter are going to go to day camp. Forest and I are going to overnight camp for two weeks. Chitter and Chatter only need to bring their lunches each day, but Forest and I must pack more stuff.



Look at Forest on the zip line!

Cheerleading  
Martial Arts  
Equestrian

Space  
Sports  
Nature

Computer  
Cartoon  
Theater

Science  
Music  
Writing

Bible  
Cooking  
Dance

I love to read comics by flashlight!

Do you see the glow from that tent?

How many fireflies are on this page?

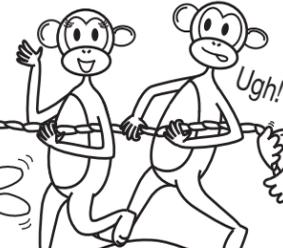
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Hey guys! Pull harder! Forest is as strong as a bear!



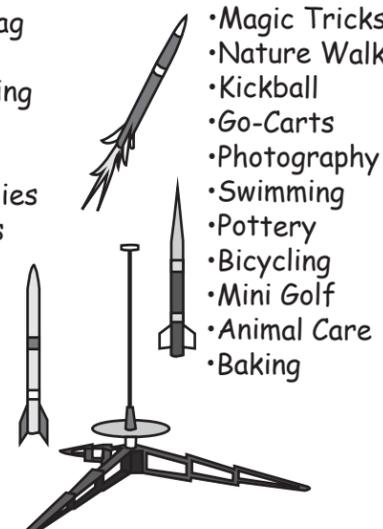
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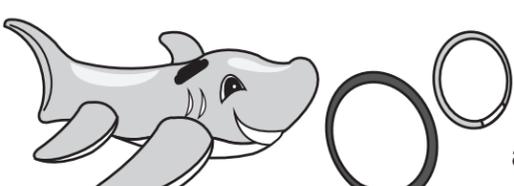
Hi Mom and Dad,  
I love camp! I have made lots of friends. We are so busy all the time swimming, making crafts and learning new activities. I even made you a puzzle. **Can you find and circle all of these activities that I have tried this year?**  
I can't wait to see you!  
Love, Forest

- Capture the Flag
- Playing Cards
- Horseback Riding
- Scrapbooking
- Model Rockets
- Catching Fireflies
- Spooky Stories
- Roasting Marshmallows
- First Aid Class
- Magic Tricks
- Nature Walk
- Kickball
- Go-Carts
- Photography
- Swimming
- Pottery
- Bicycling
- Mini Golf
- Animal Care
- Baking

Hey! When did you find time to write home?



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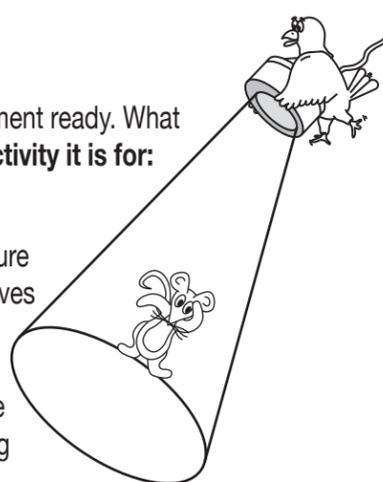
## Ready For Fun at Camp!

When you show up for your next class, the camp counselor has the equipment ready. What activity are you going to do? **Draw a line from each equipment list to the activity it is for:**

- plastic lacing, popsicle sticks, buttons and glue, macaroni
- tennis racket, baseball bat, soccer ball, basketball hoop
- script, stage, spotlight, curtain
- bows, arrows, wrist guards, targets
- keyboard, monitor, mouse, software

- Theater
- Computer
- Crafts
- Sports
- Archery
- kickboards, diving toys, whistle
- bowls, spoons, ingredients, pans
- rocks, fossils, volcano models
- canoes, kayaks, safety vests
- fingerprinting, magnifying glass

- Water Adventure
- Detectives
- Swim
- Earth Science
- Cooking





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# EARTHTALK

From the Editors of E - The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: What is a "pollinator lawn" and how can I make one in my backyard?

-- Jane W., Westbrook, CT

Bees and other pollinators are essential for growing a great deal of nature's finest foods. These include coffee, chocolate, beans, many fruits including apples, avocados, blueberries, cherries and peaches, nuts like almonds and cashews, and vegetables such as cauliflower, broccoli and Brussel's sprouts, just to name a few. More than 100 U.S.-grown crops rely on pollinators. Small birds and animals also depend on a variety of pollinated wild fruits and seeds to survive.

Unfortunately, the populations of bees and other pollinators, including hummingbirds, butterflies, moths and flies, have been drastically declining due in part to exposure to insecticides, but also to loss of natural habitat including grasslands, meadows and woodlands lost to human development.

Turning your own lawn into a pollinator or "bee" lawn can help restore the kinds of natural habitat no longer available to pollinators. Typical manicured lawns, which require a great deal of water, gas for mowing and weed-killer, are also a virtual desert environment for bees and other pollinators. In contrast, "bee" lawns consist of a mix of grasses and shorter flowers that can provide vital nutrition to pollinators. Fine fescues grass, for example, has thin blades that give flowers the best chance to grow, and shorter perennial flowers such as Dutch White Clover, Creeping Thyme and Self-Heal cater to a variety of bees with diverse pollen and nectar needs. Dutch White Clover flowers also take nitrogen from the air and add it back into soil, reducing the need for fertilizer. It's recommended that bee lawns be kept at least three inches tall to provide a shaded, moist environment for flowers to bloom and seeds to form.

Furthermore, incorporating a very simple bee water garden into a bee lawn can provide pollinators with a shallow water source that can be otherwise difficult to find. Because bees are small and can easily drown, bee water gardens consist of wide, shallow bowls of water that have rocks rising above the water surface for bees to stand on. And for anyone worried about being stung on their bee lawn, it's good to know that wild bees do not sting when foraging for flower nectar or pollen—in fact, you can safely get within inches of bees visiting flowers and not get stung. People usually tend to get stung only when bees are harassed at their nest, stepped on or entangled in pieces of clothing.

Thankfully, the importance of bee lawns has been gaining momentum, so much so that, in 2019 Minnesota launched the \$900,000 Lawns to Legumes project to help homeowners across the state make their lawns bee-friendly. The program particularly emphasizes hope for providing protection for the at-risk rusty patched bumblebee, Minnesota's state bee. At one time abundant, the rusty patched bumblebee has suffered an 87 percent decline in population in the last 20 years and was formally listed as federally endangered in March 2017, marking the first bee in the continental U.S. to make the endangered species list.

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**Planting different types of tiny flowering plants among grass stalks is a great way to attract bees and other pollinators that help keep our farms productive and our produce aisles well-stocked.**

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## Service Notice: Leone Henjum

Mass of Christian Burial for Leone Henjum, 99, of Conde will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 13th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Turton. Father Mark Axtmann will officiate. Burial will follow in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Conde under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Visitation will be held at the church for one hour prior to services with a rosary beginning at 9:45 a.m.

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 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....16,858,812.00  
 Due and Accrued.....147,082,152.00  
 Other Assets.....2,144,360,175.00  
**TOTAL ASSETS.....1,660,000,000.00**  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
 Reserve for Losses.....935,523,138.00  
 Reserve for Loss.....203,346,793.00  
 Adjustment Expenses.....14,908,256.00  
 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....8,333,002.00  
 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes).....1,358,496.00  
 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes.....332,019,415.00  
 Unearned Premiums.....97,112,502.00  
 All Other Liabilities.....1,592,601,600.00  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES.....1,234,681.00**  
 Special Surplus Funds.....6,000,000.00  
 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit.....125,632,050.00  
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus.....418,891,844.00  
 Unassigned Surplus.....551,758,575.00  
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders.....2,144,360,175.00  
**TOTAL.....2,172,736.00**

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020**  
 Direct Premiums Written.....2,172,736.00  
 Direct Premiums Earned.....2,153,158.00  
 Direct Losses Paid.....3,734,181.00  
 Direct Losses Incurred.....

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**COMPANY**  
**HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:**  
**ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183**  
**MAIL ADDRESS:**  
**ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183**  
**ASSETS:**

Bonds.....\$2,638,036,158.00  
 Stocks.....533,299,024.00  
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate.....0  
 Real Estate Owned.....0  
 Cash and Bank Deposits.....232,205,158.00  
 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums.....328,348,312.00  
 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....22,898,920.00  
 Due and Accrued.....496,064,181.00  
 Other Assets.....4,250,851,752.00  
**TOTAL ASSETS.....10,177,371.00**  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
 Reserve for Losses.....1,658,583,146.00  
 Reserve for Loss.....360,512,264.00  
 Adjustment Expenses.....26,442,940.00  
 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....14,773,527.00  
 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes).....2,821,876.00  
 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes.....568,635,152.00  
 Unearned Premiums.....288,280,038.00  
 All Other Liabilities.....2,940,048,942.00  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES.....2,188,958.00**  
 Special Surplus Funds.....5,000,000.00  
 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit.....623,472,070.00  
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus.....680,141,782.00  
 Unassigned Surplus.....1,070,588.00  
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders.....4,250,851,752.00  
**TOTAL.....4,250,851,752.00**

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020**  
 Direct Premiums Written.....839,696.00  
 Direct Premiums Earned.....1,070,588.00  
 Direct Losses Paid.....407,226.00  
 Direct Losses Incurred.....395,700.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**

**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
 WHEREAS, the The Standard Fire Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 26, 27
  - 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) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal
- 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., 2021.

LARRY DEITER  
 Director of Insurance

**19100**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**  
**AMCO INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:**  
**ONE WEST NATIONWIDE BLVD., COLUMBUS, OH 43215-2220**  
**MAIL ADDRESS:**  
**ONE WEST NATIONWIDE BLVD., 1-99-FIN7, COLUMBUS, OH 43215-2220**  
**ASSETS:**

Bonds.....\$166,538,284.00  
 Stocks.....0  
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate.....0  
 Real Estate Owned.....0  
 Cash and Bank Deposits.....232,205,158.00  
 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums.....20,550,063.00  
 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....255,583,331.00  
 Due and Accrued.....1,371,746.00  
 Other Assets.....277,839,947.00  
**TOTAL ASSETS.....721,883,371.00**  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
 Reserve for Losses.....644,090.00  
 Reserve for Loss.....37,047.00  
 Adjustment Expenses.....29,855,912.00  
 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....135,719.00  
 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes).....284,568.00  
 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes.....9,707,632.00  
 Unearned Premiums.....485,213.00  
 All Other Liabilities.....16,024,005.00  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES.....517,251,591.00**  
 Special Surplus Funds.....523,556,325.00  
 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit.....3,000,000.00  
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus.....177,486,674.00  
 Unassigned Surplus.....17,840,372.00  
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders.....13,831,904.00  
**TOTAL.....29,855,909.00**

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020**  
 Direct Premiums Written.....1,149,767.00  
 Direct Premiums Earned.....1,137,020.00  
 Direct Losses Paid.....691,919.00  
 Direct Losses Incurred.....769,212.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**

**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
 WHEREAS, the Amco Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 26, 27
  - 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) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal
- 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., 2021.

LARRY DEITER  
 Director of Insurance

**19186**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**  
**ALLIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.**  
**HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:**  
**1122 N MAIN STREET, MCPHERSON, KS 67460**  
**MAIL ADDRESS:**  
**PO BOX 1401, MCPHERSON, KS 67460**  
**ASSETS:**

Bonds.....\$24,457,015.00  
 Stocks.....0  
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate.....0  
 Real Estate Owned.....0  
 Cash and Bank Deposits.....2,788,693.00  
 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums.....0  
 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....184,733.00  
 Due and Accrued.....2,425,471.00  
 Other Assets.....29,855,912.00  
**TOTAL ASSETS.....4,729,736.00**  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
 Reserve for Losses.....644,090.00  
 Reserve for Loss.....37,047.00  
 Adjustment Expenses.....29,855,912.00  
 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....135,719.00  
 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes).....284,568.00  
 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes.....9,707,632.00  
 Unearned Premiums.....485,213.00  
 All Other Liabilities.....16,024,005.00  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES.....517,251,591.00**  
 Special Surplus Funds.....523,556,325.00  
 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit.....3,000,000.00  
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus.....177,486,674.00  
 Unassigned Surplus.....17,840,372.00  
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders.....13,831,904.00  
**TOTAL.....29,855,909.00**

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020**  
 Direct Premiums Written.....1,149,767.00  
 Direct Premiums Earned.....1,137,020.00  
 Direct Losses Paid.....691,919.00  
 Direct Losses Incurred.....769,212.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**

**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
 WHEREAS, the Alliance Insurance Company, Inc., a Corporation organized under the Laws of Kansas, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 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) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal
- 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., 2021.

LARRY DEITER  
 Director of Insurance

**19194**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**  
**FARMERS ALLIANCE MUTUAL**  
**INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:**  
**1122 N MAIN STREET, MCPHERSON, KS 67460**  
**MAIL ADDRESS:**  
**PO BOX 1401, MCPHERSON, KS 67460**  
**ASSETS:**

Bonds.....\$237,126,195.00  
 Stocks.....53,986,244.00  
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate.....0  
 Real Estate Owned.....5,062,429.00  
 Cash and Bank Deposits.....19,395,014.00  
 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums.....38,786,547.00  
 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....1,498,792.00  
 Due and Accrued.....10,926,848.00  
 Other Assets.....366,782,069.00  
**TOTAL ASSETS.....43,622,550.00**  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
 Reserve for Losses.....5,635,787.00  
 Reserve for Loss.....296,626.00  
 Adjustment Expenses.....1,230,020.00  
 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....0  
 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes).....1,230,020.00  
 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes.....0  
 Unearned Premiums.....84,941,786.00  
 All Other Liabilities.....17,645,739.00  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES.....153,372,508.00**  
 Special Surplus Funds.....500,000.00  
 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit.....0  
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus.....212,909,557.00  
 Unassigned Surplus.....6,360,884.00  
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders.....213,409,557.00  
**TOTAL.....366,782,066.00**

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020**  
 Direct Premiums Written.....8,747,606.00  
 Direct Premiums Earned.....8,324,635.00  
 Direct Losses Paid.....6,475,240.00  
 Direct Losses Incurred.....6,127,678.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**

**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
 WHEREAS, the Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Kansas, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 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) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal
- 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., 2021.

LARRY DEITER  
 Director of Insurance

**19232**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**  
**ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:**  
**2775 SANDERS ROAD, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062**  
**MAIL ADDRESS:**  
**3075 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE G4E, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062**  
**ASSETS:**

Bonds.....\$31,919,103,672.00  
 Stocks.....7,870,259,270.00  
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate.....574,570,640.00  
 Real Estate Owned.....301,473,685.00  
 Cash and Bank Deposits.....943,852,098.00  
 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums.....5,123,286,477.00  
 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income.....291,084,364.00  
 Due and Accrued.....6,884,850,434.00  
 Other Assets.....53,908,480,640.00  
**TOTAL ASSETS.....1,130,876,938.00**  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
 Reserve for Losses.....3,995,947,854.00  
 Reserve for Loss.....1,546,908,374.00  
 Adjustment Expenses.....185,902,150.00  
 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....11,178,211,325.00  
 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes).....2,385,911.00  
 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes.....185,902,150.00  
 Unearned Premiums.....11,178,211,325.00  
 All Other Liabilities.....2,899,055,563.00  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES.....33,744,552,837.00**  
 Special Surplus Funds.....19,777,839.00  
 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit.....3,882,000.00  
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus.....3,301,977,518.00  
 Unassigned Surplus.....16,838,290,446.00  
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders.....20,163,927,803.00  
**TOTAL.....53,908,480,640.00**

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020**  
 Direct Premiums Written.....8,493,055.00  
 Direct Premiums Earned.....8,324,635.00  
 Direct Losses Paid.....6,475,240.00  
 Direct Losses Incurred.....7,518,141.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**

**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
 WHEREAS, the ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Illinois, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 27
  - 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) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal
- 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., 2021.

LARRY DEITER  
 Director of Insurance

**64580**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**  
**ILLINOIS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.**  
**HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:**  
**300 S.W. ADAMS, PEORIA, IL 61634**  
**MAIL ADDRESS:**  
**300 S.W. ADAMS, PEORIA, IL 61634**  
**ASSETS:**

Bonds.....\$1,208,766,174.00  
 Stocks.....75,319,360.00  
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate.....78,831,693.00  
 Real Estate Owned.....4,453,434.00  
 Policy Loans.....16,734,020.00  
 Cash and Bank Deposits.....15,246,203.00  
 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums.....23,498,615.00  
 Investment Income.....12,152,542.00  
 Due and Accrued.....125,988,173.00  
 Other Assets.....1,560,990,214.00  
**TOTAL ASSETS.....2,385,911.00**  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
 Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts.....697,003,698.00  
 Reserve for Accident & Health Policies.....354,941,613.00  
 Policy and Contract Claims Life.....5,891,505.00  
 Accident & Health.....1,700,070.00  
 General Expenses.....2,385,911.00  
 Due or Accrued.....0  
 Taxes, Licenses & Fees.....652,286.00  
 Federal Income Taxes.....0  
 Due or Accrued.....0  
 All Other Liabilities.....249,606,427.00  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES.....1,310,876,938.00**  
 Special Surplus Funds.....0  
 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit.....0  
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus.....250,113,276.00  
 Unassigned Surplus.....250,113,276.00  
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders.....181,177,039.00  
**TOTAL.....1,560,990,214.00**

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020**  
 Direct Premiums Received.....1,960,625.00  
 Direct Losses Paid.....1,388,595.00  
 Direct Losses Incurred.....2,316,021.00  
 Life Insurance in Force.....181,177,039.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**

**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
 WHEREAS, the Illinois Mutual Life Insurance Co., 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) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal
- 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., 2021.

LARRY DEITER  
 Director of Insurance

**65005**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**  
**RIVERSOURCE LIFE INSURANCE**  
**COMPANY**

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 227 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER  
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 227 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER  
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474  
**ASSETS:**

Bonds.....	\$17,807,454,375.00
Stocks.....	762,394,205.00
Mortgage Loans on	0
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned.....	2,425,555,754.00
Real Estate.....	81,722,270.00
Real Estate Owned.....	796,679,861.00
Policy Loans.....	2,751,397,841.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	5,181,200.00
Deferred and	0
Uncollected Premiums.....	148,857,280.00
Investment Income	93,065,701,846.00
Due and Accrued.....	117,844,944,632.00
Other Assets.....	117,844,944,632.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>117,844,944,632.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Life	0
Reserve for Contracts.....	18,983,088,405.00
Reserve for Accident	0
& Health Policies.....	3,022,219,076.00
Policy and Contract Claims	0
Life.....	60,496,158.00
Accident & Health.....	15,859,682.00
General Expenses	0
Due or Accrued.....	9,689,267.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	0
Due or Accrued.....	11,631,885.00
Federal Income Taxes	0
Due or Accrued.....	298,671,922.00
All Other Liabilities.....	90,653,310,866.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>113,054,946,261.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds.....	825,177,207.00
Capital Paid Up.....	3,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and	0
Contributed Surplus.....	2,635,577,101.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	1,326,250,063.00
Surplus as Regards	0
Policyholders.....	4,789,998,371.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117,844,944,632.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020</b>	
Direct Premiums Received.....	27,575,257.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	49,319,207.00
Losses Incurred.....	7,063,568.00
Life Insurance in Force.....	640,158,482.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**

**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the RiverSource Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Minnesota, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;  
 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 1, 2, 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) Variable Annuities; (21) Variable Life; (22) Reinsurance; (23A) Travel Accident Baggage; (23B) Pre-Paid Legal; (23C) Bail Bonds Surety; (26) Commercial; (27) Personal
- 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., 2021.

LARRY DETTER  
 Director of Insurance

**19429**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**  
**THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE**  
**STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA**

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 500 WEST MADISON STREET, SUITE 3000,  
 CHICAGO, IL 60061  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 175 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10038  
**ASSETS:**

Bonds.....	\$118,882,565.00
Stocks.....	0
Mortgage Loans on	0
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned.....	0
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	7,112,161.00
Agents Balances or	0
Uncollected Premiums.....	0
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	819,223.00
Due and Accrued.....	16,120,977.00
Other Assets.....	142,934,926.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>142,934,926.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses.....	0
Reserve for Loss	0
Adjustment Expenses	0
Other Expenses (excluding	0
taxes, licenses and fees)	0
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	0
(excluding Federal and	0
Foreign Income Taxes)	0
Federal and Foreign	0
Income Taxes.....	4,964,635.00
Unearned Premiums.....	0
All Other Liabilities.....	91,668,288.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>96,632,924.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds.....	0
Capital Paid Up or	0
Statutory Deposit.....	5,005,500.00
Gross Paid In and	0
Contributed Surplus.....	17,320,615.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	23,975,887.00
Surplus as Regards	0
Policyholders.....	46,302,002.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>142,934,926.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020</b>	
Direct Premiums Written.....	1,078,062.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	1,050,080.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	2,036,853.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....	-576,694.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**

**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the THE INSURANCE COMPANY 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) Variable Annuities; (21) Variable Life; (22) Reinsurance; (23A) Travel Accident Baggage; (23B) Pre-Paid Legal; (23C) Bail Bonds Surety; (26) Commercial; (27) Personal
- 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., 2021.

LARRY DETTER  
 Director of Insurance

**19445**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**  
**NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE**  
**COMPANY OF PITTSBURGH, PA.**

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 2595 INTERSTATE DRIVE, SUITE 103,  
 HARRISBURG, PA 17110  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 175 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10038  
**ASSETS:**

Bonds.....	\$12,218,276,591.00
Stocks.....	487,821,050.00
Mortgage Loans on	0
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned.....	3,191,055,769.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	473,597,106.00
Agents Balances or	0
Uncollected Premiums.....	1,225,490,150.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	161,456,943.00
Due and Accrued.....	4,449,250,452.00
Other Assets.....	22,206,946,061.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>22,206,946,061.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses.....	7,953,463,558.00
Reserve for Loss	0
Adjustment Expenses	0
Other Expenses (excluding	0
taxes, licenses and fees)	11,606,309.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	0
(excluding Federal and	0
Foreign Income Taxes)	108,401,015.00
Federal and Foreign	0
Income Taxes.....	18,333,675.00
Unearned Premiums.....	2,719,829,043.00
All Other Liabilities.....	4,663,598,936.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>16,477,512,356.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds.....	807,073,133.00
Capital Paid Up or	0
Statutory Deposit.....	4,478,750.00
Gross Paid In and	0
Contributed Surplus.....	4,809,878,052.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	108,005,769.00
Surplus as Regards	0
Policyholders.....	5,729,435,704.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,206,946,061.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020</b>	
Direct Premiums Written.....	7,858,795.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	8,395,999.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	2,735,197.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....	26,119,337.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**

**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., 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, 26, 27
  - 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) Variable Annuities; (21) Variable Life; (22) Reinsurance; (23A) Travel Accident Baggage; (23B) Pre-Paid Legal; (23C) Bail Bonds Surety; (26) Commercial; (27) Personal
- 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., 2021.

LARRY DETTER  
 Director of Insurance

**19640**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**  
**COLUMBIA NATIONAL INSURANCE**  
**COMPANY**

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 12329 SOUTHPORT PARKWAY, STE 200, LA VISTA,  
 NE 68128  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 175 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10038  
**ASSETS:**

Bonds.....	\$68,079,695.00
Stocks.....	6,641,576.00
Mortgage Loans on	0
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned.....	3,191,055,769.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	2,108,266.00
Agents Balances or	0
Uncollected Premiums.....	9,040,866.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	459,472.00
Due and Accrued.....	1,800,101.00
Other Assets.....	88,129,966.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>88,129,966.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses.....	24,917,586.00
Reserve for Loss	0
Adjustment Expenses	0
Other Expenses (excluding	0
taxes, licenses and fees)	6,865,782.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	0
(excluding Federal and	0
Foreign Income Taxes)	46,573.00
Federal and Foreign	0
Income Taxes.....	19,625.00
Unearned Premiums.....	14,144,671.00
All Other Liabilities.....	4,097,306.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>50,991,543.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds.....	2,900,000.00
Capital Paid Up or	0
Statutory Deposit.....	0
Gross Paid In and	0
Contributed Surplus.....	12,806,281.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	22,332,142.00
Surplus as Regards	0
Policyholders.....	88,129,966.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88,129,966.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020</b>	
Direct Premiums Written.....	1,430,868.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	1,451,467.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	1,431,356.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....	1,391,687.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**

**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Columbia National 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:

- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 26, 27
  - 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) Variable Annuities; (21) Variable Life; (22) Reinsurance; (23A) Travel Accident Baggage; (23B) Pre-Paid Legal; (23C) Bail Bonds Surety; (26) Commercial; (27) Personal
- 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., 2021.

LARRY DETTER  
 Director of Insurance

**19240**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**  
**ALLSTATE INDEMNITY COMPANY**

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 2775 SANDERS ROAD, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 3075 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE 64E, NORTHBROOK,  
 IL 60062  
**ASSETS:**

Bonds.....	\$101,810,071.00
Stocks.....	0
Mortgage Loans on	0
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned.....	0
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	2,040,268.00
Agents Balances or	0
Uncollected Premiums.....	0
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	815,979.00
Due and Accrued.....	7,102,202.00
Other Assets.....	111,788,520.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>111,788,520.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses.....	0
Reserve for Loss	0
Adjustment Expenses	0
Other Expenses (excluding	0
taxes, licenses and fees)	0
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	0
(excluding Federal and	0
Foreign Income Taxes)	0
Federal and Foreign	0
Income Taxes.....	718,182.00
Unearned Premiums.....	10,997,872.00
All Other Liabilities.....	11,716,054.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>11,716,054.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds.....	0
Capital Paid Up or	0
Statutory Deposit.....	4,200,000.00
Gross Paid In and	0
Contributed Surplus.....	98,135,873.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	-2,283,407.00
Surplus as Regards	0
Policyholders.....	100,052,466.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111,788,520.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020</b>	
Direct Premiums Written.....	219,581.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	198,825.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	280,475.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....	345,445.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**

**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the ALLSTATE INDEMNITY COMPANY, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Illinois, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;  
 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:

- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 27
  - 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) Variable Annuities; (21) Variable Life; (22) Reinsurance; (23A) Travel Accident Baggage; (23B) Pre-Paid Legal; (23C) Bail Bonds Surety; (26) Commercial; (27) Personal
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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., 2021.

LARRY DETTER  
 Director of Insurance

**19275**  
**FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT**  
**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**  
**AMERICAN FAMILY MUTUAL**  
**INSURANCE COMPANY, S.I.**

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 6000 AMERICAN PARKWAY, MADISON, WI 53783  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 6000 AMERICAN PARKWAY, MADISON, WI 53783  
**ASSETS:**

Bonds.....	\$13,717,840,255.00
Stocks.....	5,517,251,459.00
Mortgage Loans on	0
Real Estate	0
Real Estate Owned.....	215,122,715.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	244,705,518.00
Agents Balances or	0
Uncollected Premiums.....	364,194,979.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	1,790,576,624.00
Due and Accrued.....	82,519,983.00
Other Assets.....	24,745,786,325.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>24,745,786,325.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses.....	6,391,822,416.00
Reserve for Loss	0
Adjustment Expenses	0
Other Expenses (excluding	0
taxes, licenses and fees)	1,425,622,686.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	0
(excluding Federal and	0
Foreign Income Taxes)	1,213,123,874.00
Federal and Foreign	0
Income Taxes.....	22,130,086.00
Unearned Premiums.....	39,903,622.00
All Other Liabilities.....	5,140,445,537.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>2,894,326,413.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds.....	17,117,373,634.00
Capital Paid Up or	0
Statutory Deposit.....	0
Gross Paid In and	0
Contributed Surplus.....	490,690,000.00
Unassigned Surplus.....	7,133,471,691.00
Surplus as Regards	0
Policyholders.....	7,628,411,691.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,745,786,325.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020</b>	
Direct Premiums Written.....	65,111,876.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	65,906,538.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	72,093,027.00
Direct Losses Incurred.....	79,872,599.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE**  
**STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**

**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the American Family Mutual Insurance Company, S.I., a Corporation organized under the Laws of Wisconsin, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws

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64505 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020  
**HOMESTEADERS LIFE COMPANY**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 5700 WESTOWN PARKWAY, WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 5700 WESTOWN PARKWAY, WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

Bonds \$2,887,242,220.00  
 Stocks 3,869,500.00  
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 171,084,477.00  
 Real Estate Owned 9,737,580.00  
 Policy Loans 1,533,083.00  
 Cash and Bank Deposits 65,502,124.00  
 Deferred and Uncollected Premiums 17,334,518.00  
 Investment Income 29,364,762.00  
 Due and Accrued 63,739,783.00  
 Other Assets 3,249,408,047.00  
**TOTAL ASSETS 3,249,408,047.00**  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
 Reserve for Life 2,956,800,193.00  
 Policies & Contracts 2,956,800,193.00  
 Reserve for Accident & Health Policies 0  
 Policy and Contract Claims 0  
 Life 5,204,415.00  
 Accident & Health 0  
 General Expenses 7,005,769.00  
 Due or Accrued 1,743,494.00  
 Taxes, Licenses & Fees 0  
 Federal Income Taxes 0  
 Due or Accrued 0  
 All Other Liabilities 68,706,949.00  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES 3,039,460,820.00**  
 Special Surplus Funds 0  
 Capital Paid Up 0  
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus 209,947,230.00  
 Unassigned Surplus 209,947,230.00  
 Surplus as Regards 3,249,408,050.00  
**TOTAL 3,249,408,050.00**  
**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020**  
 Direct Premiums Received 7,172,573.00  
 Direct Losses Paid 5,070,059.00  
 Losses Incurred 5,098,983.00  
 Life Insurance in Force 64,908,424.00

64246 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020  
**THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 10 HUDSON YARDS, NEW YORK, NY 10001  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 10 HUDSON YARDS, NEW YORK, NY 10001

Bonds \$47,972,078,125.42  
 Stocks 1,317,055,084.77  
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 4,815,515,589.68  
 Real Estate Owned 280,145,314.72  
 Policy Loans 3,809,542,003.11  
 Cash and Bank Deposits 421,576,090.15  
 Deferred and Uncollected Premiums 1,157,303,052.94  
 Investment Income 518,447,581.40  
 Due and Accrued 7,752,704,811.81  
 Other Assets 68,044,367,654.00  
**TOTAL ASSETS 68,044,367,654.00**  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
 Reserve for Life 44,335,796,916.86  
 Policies & Contracts 44,335,796,916.86  
 Reserve for Accident & Health Policies 4,633,463,084.57  
 Policy and Contract Claims 0  
 Life 449,304,725.25  
 Accident & Health 271,363,489.91  
 General Expenses 1,363,785,861.97  
 Due or Accrued 35,849,189.18  
 Taxes, Licenses & Fees 0  
 Federal Income Taxes 0  
 Due or Accrued 0  
 All Other Liabilities 9,195,062,385.26  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES 60,284,625,653.00**  
 Special Surplus Funds 1,501,142,816.67  
 Capital Paid Up 0  
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus 6,258,599,184.38  
 Unassigned Surplus 6,258,599,184.38  
 Surplus as Regards 7,759,742,001.05  
**TOTAL 68,044,367,654.05**  
**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020**  
 Direct Premiums Received 5,633,322.26  
 Direct Losses Paid 9,014,930.56  
 Losses Incurred 7,125,343.84  
 Life Insurance in Force 417,186,661.00

63983 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020  
**UNITED HERITAGE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 707 E UNITED HERITAGE COURT, MERIDIAN, ID 83642-7785  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 PO BOX 7777, MERIDIAN, ID 83680-7777

Bonds \$526,490,217.11  
 Stocks 47,383,414.05  
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 4,574,879.16  
 Real Estate Owned 10,100,289.27  
 Policy Loans 4,963,488.66  
 Cash and Bank Deposits 1,486,178.57  
 Deferred and Uncollected Premiums 502,614.32  
 Investment Income 7,270,160.83  
 Due and Accrued 32,351,408.52  
 Other Assets 635,122,650.49  
**TOTAL ASSETS 635,122,650.49**  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
 Reserve for Life 505,938,521.02  
 Policies & Contracts 505,938,521.02  
 Reserve for Accident & Health Policies 1,955,457.78  
 Policy and Contract Claims 0  
 Life 3,405,161.88  
 Accident & Health 264,778.00  
 General Expenses 1,453,178.56  
 Due or Accrued 466,808.39  
 Taxes, Licenses & Fees 0  
 Federal Income Taxes 0  
 Due or Accrued 0  
 All Other Liabilities 47,033,660.71  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES 560,517,566.34**  
 Special Surplus Funds 5,200,000.00  
 Capital Paid Up 0  
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus 4,000,000.00  
 Unassigned Surplus 4,000,000.00  
 Surplus as Regards 60,405,086.19  
**TOTAL 74,605,086.19**  
**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020**  
 Direct Premiums Received 635,122,652.53  
 Direct Losses Paid 2,949,511.92  
 Losses Incurred 2,308,769.23  
 Life Insurance in Force 20,232,532.00

63444 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020  
**ACCENDO INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 3148 WEST 3500 SOUTH, WEST VALLEY CITY, UT 84119  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 3148 WEST 3500 SOUTH, WEST VALLEY CITY, UT 84119

Bonds \$4,594,826.00  
 Stocks 0  
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 0  
 Real Estate Owned 0  
 Policy Loans 0  
 Cash and Bank Deposits 11,944,188.00  
 Deferred and Uncollected Premiums 1,803,014.00  
 Investment Income 26,746.00  
 Due and Accrued 67,895,892.00  
 Other Assets 86,284,666.00  
**TOTAL ASSETS 86,284,666.00**  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
 Reserve for Life 1,508,119.00  
 Policies & Contracts 1,508,119.00  
 Reserve for Accident & Health Policies 1,427,970.00  
 Policy and Contract Claims 0  
 Life 140,000.00  
 Accident & Health 7,743,901.00  
 General Expenses 6,925,454.00  
 Due or Accrued 779,883.00  
 Taxes, Licenses & Fees 0  
 Federal Income Taxes 0  
 Due or Accrued 0  
 All Other Liabilities 40,887,054.00  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES 59,412,381.00**  
 Special Surplus Funds 0  
 Capital Paid Up 0  
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus 41,308,114.00  
 Unassigned Surplus 41,308,114.00  
 Surplus as Regards 16,955,829.00  
**TOTAL 26,852,285.00**  
**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020**  
 Direct Premiums Received 86,284,666.00  
 Direct Losses Paid 3,547,660.00  
 Losses Incurred 45,508.00  
 Life Insurance in Force 17,644,219.00

63312 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020  
**GREAT AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 301 EAST FOURTH STREET, CINCINNATI, OH 45202  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 P.O. BOX 5420 CINCINNATI, OH 45201-5420

Bonds \$27,578,284,997.00  
 Stocks 1,149,366,647.00  
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 1,577,832,226.00  
 Real Estate Owned 66,050,992.00  
 Policy Loans 69,997,359.00  
 Cash and Bank Deposits 2,047,399,245.00  
 Deferred and Uncollected Premiums 7,808,952.00  
 Investment Income 257,292,198.00  
 Due and Accrued 3,043,119,985.00  
 Other Assets 35,797,152,601.00  
**TOTAL ASSETS 35,797,152,601.00**  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
 Reserve for Life 30,127,660,056.00  
 Policies & Contracts 30,127,660,056.00  
 Reserve for Accident & Health Policies 55,007,419.00  
 Policy and Contract Claims 0  
 Life 216,450,014.00  
 Accident & Health 397,186.00  
 General Expenses 24,056,093.00  
 Due or Accrued 4,997,037.00  
 Taxes, Licenses & Fees 0  
 Federal Income Taxes 0  
 Due or Accrued 0  
 All Other Liabilities 2,471,393,008.00  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES 32,889,960,813.00**  
 Special Surplus Funds 0  
 Capital Paid Up 1,507,500.00  
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus 8,013,960,675.00  
 Unassigned Surplus 8,013,960,675.00  
 Surplus as Regards 2,081,723,613.00  
**TOTAL 2,897,191,788.00**  
**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020**  
 Direct Premiums Received 8,165,426.00  
 Direct Losses Paid 3,547,660.00  
 Losses Incurred 45,508.00  
 Life Insurance in Force 17,644,219.00

63274 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020  
**FIDELITY & GUARANTY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 801 GRAND AVE., SUITE 2600, DES MOINES, IA 50309  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 801 GRAND AVE., SUITE 2600, DES MOINES, IA 50309

Bonds \$21,429,985,272.00  
 Stocks 2,227,770,075.00  
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate 427,575,978.00  
 Real Estate Owned 31,440,412.00  
 Policy Loans 1,158,197,435.00  
 Cash and Bank Deposits 5,121,724.00  
 Deferred and Uncollected Premiums 201,737,979.00  
 Investment Income 3,927,994,181.00  
 Other Assets 29,409,823,056.00  
**TOTAL ASSETS 29,409,823,056.00**  
**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**  
 Reserve for Life 14,439,745,526.00  
 Policies & Contracts 14,439,745,526.00  
 Reserve for Accident & Health Policies 12,182.00  
 Policy and Contract Claims 15,430,406.00  
 Life 0  
 Accident & Health 25,908,661.00  
 General Expenses 5,125,975.00  
 Due or Accrued 0  
 Taxes, Licenses & Fees 0  
 Federal Income Taxes 0  
 Due or Accrued 0  
 All Other Liabilities 13,674,890,717.00  
**TOTAL LIABILITIES 28,161,113,467.00**  
 Special Surplus Funds 229,172,434.00  
 Capital Paid Up 3,000,000.00  
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus 1,282,111,290.00  
 Unassigned Surplus 1,282,111,290.00  
 Surplus as Regards 490,574,139.00  
**TOTAL 1,248,709,585.00**  
**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2020**  
 Direct Premiums Received 29,409,823,052.00  
 Direct Losses Paid 7,258,292.00  
 Losses Incurred 379,815.00  
 Life Insurance in Force 35,971,790.00

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63983 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020  
**UNITED HERITAGE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 707 E UNITED HERITAGE COURT, MERIDIAN, ID 83642-7785  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 PO BOX 7777, MERIDIAN, ID 83680-7777

64246 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020  
**THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 10 HUDSON YARDS, NEW YORK, NY 10001  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 10 HUDSON YARDS, NEW YORK, NY 10001

63444 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020  
**ACCENDO INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 3148 WEST 3500 SOUTH, WEST VALLEY CITY, UT 84119  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 3148 WEST 3500 SOUTH, WEST VALLEY CITY, UT 84119

63312 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020  
**GREAT AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
 301 EAST FOURTH STREET, CINCINNATI, OH 45202  
 MAIL ADDRESS:  
 P.O. BOX 5420 CINCINNATI, OH 45201-5420

63274 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
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**FIDELITY & GUARANTY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
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## Brown County Notice Sale of Property

NOTICE SALE OF PROPERTY  
Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Chapter 6-13 SDCL, the following described properties will be offered for sale by auction in the Community Room, Brown County Courthouse Annex, Aberdeen, South Dakota on May 20th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The properties have been approved for public sale by the Brown County Commission. At the conclusion of this sale, Brown County will issue and file a Quit Claim Deed to the property in the name requested by the purchaser. All delinquent taxes, penalties and interest are abated and are not the responsibility of the new owner. Brown County makes no guarantee of absolute fee simple marketable title to the property. It is recommended that the purchaser of a county quit claim deed pursue a quiet title action in order to acquire marketable title to the property (see SDCL Chapter 43-30, title standards 26-01 and 26-02).

Purchase price of the property along with a \$30.00 recording fee shall be paid in full on the day of the sale. Property offered for sale is as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: MINIMUM BID  
ABERDEEN CITY  
East Two Feet of Lot 12, Block 18, Highland Park Addition, \$50.00

Aberdeen, Brown County, South Dakota 1400 9th Ave SW, (Bare Lot)

Lot 2, Diver's 2nd Rearrangement of Lots 11-12, Block 23, First Addition to the City of \$2,000.00

Aberdeen, according to the plat thereof of record, Brown County, South Dakota  
317 4th Ave SW  
(Bare Lot)

Lot Ten(10), Block Fifty-One(51), Second Addition to Aberdeen, According to the Plat \$5,000.00 thereof of Record, Brown County, South Dakota  
13 9th Ave SE  
(Bare Lot)

STRATFORD CITY  
Lot 10-11-12, Block 19 in town of Stratford, Brown County, South Dakota \$500.00 .....  
0 Stratford  
(Bare Lot)  
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
(0505.0512)

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## Brown County Ord. 191 Kampa Hearing

NOTICE  
Application has been made by Scott Kampa to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on May 18, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG):

Kampa Outlot A of "Kampa Outlot A" in the NW ¼ SW ¼ Section 31-T123N-R61W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13556 400th Avenue)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 191

ATTEST: - Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
(0505.0512)

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## Brown County Ord. 192 Rozell Hearing

NOTICE  
Application has been made by Scott Rozell to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on May 18, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07

Mini-Ag District (M-AG):  
Lot 1, "L.B. Addition" in the NE ¼ of Section 1-T121N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14201 382nd Ave)  
The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 192.

ATTEST: -Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
(0505.0512)

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## Brown County Ord. 193 Mensinger Hearing

NOTICE  
Application has been made by Ed Mensinger to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on May 18, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.14 Highway Commercial District (HC):

W ½ of the East 32 Rods of the South 20 rods lying next North of the South 50' of the SW ¼ of Section 15-T123N-R63 W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (5405 E Hwy 12)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 193.

(0505.0512)  
Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$22.92. 20031

## Brown County Ord. 194 Kirschenmann Hearing

NOTICE  
Application has been made by Bill Kirschenmann to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on May 18, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG) to Chapter 4.16 Heavy Industrial District (H-I):

Gisi's Lot A of "Outlot No. 1, Winter's Outlots" in the N ½ of Section 22-T453N-R64W, except R.O.W., of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (627 385th Ave S)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 194.

ATTEST: -Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
(0505.0512)

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## Brown County Ord. 195 Kamen Hearing

NOTICE  
Application has been made by Kamen Equipment (Jerry Kamen) to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on May 18, 2021 at 8:46 A.M. for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.14 Highway Commercial District (HC):

Lots 1&2, "Kamen First Subdivision" in the SW ¼ of Section 23-T122N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (13980 & 13998 386th Ave)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present

comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 195.

ATTEST: -Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor  
(0505.0512)

Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$23.51. 20033

## Westport Town Vacate ROW Hearing Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR VACATION OF PUBLIC ROADWAY

Notice is hereby given that a Petition requesting that a certain public roadway be vacated in City of Westport, Brown County, South Dakota, pursuant to SDCL: 31-3-6, as hereinafter specifically described has been received by the Westport Town Board of City of Westport; that the Petition may be examined by contacting the Westport Finance Officer at the address indicated below; that the specific description of the property being requested to be vacated is:

That the existing public right-of-way which includes the statutory right-of-way and any right-of-way acquired by deed(s) lying as follows:

Running Northwest and Southeast commonly known as the alley in Block 9, Westport and Hinz 2nd addition to Westport.

Bordered by Lot 1, Hinz 2nd Addition to Westport on the Northeast and Lot 2, Hinz 2nd Addition to Westport on the Southwest.

Located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 125, Range 64, Brown County, South Dakota.

That said public right of way being approximately 16 feet wide and 75 feet in length.

Additional location information: The alley runs between 25 N Railway Avenue and 29 N Railway Avenue in Westport.

Therefore, notice is hereby given that the Westport Town Board of City of Westport will hold a public hearing to consider the vacation of the above described public roadway; that such meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 1st day of June, 2021 at 7 o'clock P.M. at Westport Town Hall.

That any person interested in the proposed action may be present at said date and time and present their information, opinions, and/or arguments relative to the proposed action. Any person(s) unable to attend this meeting may deliver their written opinion for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Such testimony should be delivered prior to the date and time of the scheduled hearing by mailing or delivering the opinion to: Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer, City of Westport, Brown County.

WESTPORT CITY  
By Doreen Hertel  
Finance Officer  
(0505.0512)

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## Brown County May 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes

MAY 4, 2021 - GENERAL MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Feickert to approve the general meeting minutes of April 27, 2021. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Machinery & Equipment: Butler Machinery \$14,105.00. Professional Fees: City of Aberdeen \$223.12; Avera St. Luke's \$1,011.24; Aspire Inc \$10,000.00; Avera McKennan Hospital \$231.48; Brick's TV & Appliance \$1,578.75; Carrels & Bain \$244.02; Clark Engineering \$190.00; Dakotabilities \$200.00; Christopher Haar \$61.80; Mark Katterhagen \$42.00; Kennedy Pier Loftus \$811.80; Kuck

Law Office \$39.40; Lucy Lewno \$470.00; Live Inc \$100.00; Darcy Lockwood \$42.00; NE mental Health Center \$2,054.00; Sanford Health Occupational \$177.00; Kristi Spitzer \$200.00; Yankton County Sheriff Office \$100.00. Publishing: McQuillen Creative Group \$1,440.00; Groton Independent \$146.93. Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Clean All \$450.00; Day County Treasurer \$1,383.33; Derwin D. Kampa \$211.94; Hub City Roofing \$46,740.00; Laursen Asphalt Repair Equipment \$40.00; Lawson Products \$53.87; Quality Welding \$16.00; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$110.48; Schwan Welding \$2,207.31; Sewer Duck \$130.00; Woodman Refrigeration \$744.22. Supplies: American Alliance of Museums \$275.00; Carlsen Funeral Home \$150.00; Cash-Wa Distributing \$17.25; Fastenal Co \$93.11; Govconection Inc \$711.85; Great Western Tire Inc \$360.00; Derwin D. Kampa \$10.00; Laursen Asphalt Repair Equipment \$886.00; Lawson Products \$705.88; Lucy Lewno \$17.03; Mac's Inc \$1,063.85; Menards \$327.42; Midwest Printing \$197.00; Midwest Pump & Tank \$22.38; Performance Oil & Lubricants \$330.00; Premier Biotech Inc \$159.67; Runnings \$3.49; SD Secretary of State \$7.00; SD State Historical Society \$55.00. Travel & Conference: McKenzie Bierman \$28.20; City of Groton \$55.08; Aaron Walberg \$202.94. Utilities: AT&T Mobility \$197.38; Quest Corporation \$60.72; Midcontinent Communications \$134.10; Northwestern Energy & Communication \$12,156.32. Other: Area IV Nutrition \$1,500.00; Avera St. Luke's \$25,000.00; Boys & Girls Club \$5,000.00; Michelle Clemensen \$180.00; Groton Community Transit Inc \$1,000.00; City of Aberdeen \$1,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the HR Office Report, which includes the following: Acknowledge transfer of Danica Hillestad, Brown County JDC Assistant Supervisor to Sheriff's Office Administrative Assistant effective May 10, 2021 at \$17.35/hour. Request to fill.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

AC QUOTES - YOUTH CAMP: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the quote for AC installation at the Richmond Lake Youth Camp lodge and dorms from Heartland Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$4,815.77 per dorm rooms and \$12,341.75 for the lodge, rejecting quotes from Barton Heating & Air Conditioning Inc. in the amount of \$5,000 per dorm rooms and \$16,500 for the lodge and Custom Sheet Metal Inc. in the amount of \$6,000 per dorm rooms and \$12,000 for the lodge. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENT: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Wiese to authorize Auditor sign documentation to assign claim against an individual to Credit Collection Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP BONDS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the following Townships Bonds (Treasurer and Clerk): PORTAGE #1 - Mary A. Ewing Thorpe, Tonya Hansen; GREENFIELD #2 - Valerie Weisser, Karen Lutzman; FREDERICK #3 - Dennis Walworth, Jill Gisi; ALISON #4 - Dillon Cutler, Pamela Sue Cutler; LANSING #5 - Dixie Clark; Oneota #6 - Karla Engelhart, Neil Schanaman; Brainard #7 - Charles Dennert, Diane Bruns; Shelby #8 - Michael Knecht, William Colby Crawford; North Detroit #9 - Candi Beck; Claremont #10 - Donald J Wegleitner, Justin Wegleitner; Columbia #11 - Mary Weismantel, Patricia Daly; Westport #12 - Guyna Dehne, Doug Fjeldheim; Carlisle #13 - Ashlee Nelson; Ordway #14 - Kerr y Howell, Mike McHugh; Cambria #15 - Monte McNickle, Brenda Johnson; Riverside #16 - Steve Simon, Bruce Sippel; Groton #17 - Joyce Walter, Jeff Howard; Henry #18 - Matt Oswald, Darlene Sass; Bath #19 - David Stahl, Scott Sperry; Aberdeen #20 - William Donaldson, Marguerite Donaldson; Mercier #21 - Rodney Artz, Daryl Reick; New Hope #22 - Alan Borchard, Milton Haselhorst; Warner #23 - Sarah Swanson, Robert Seaton; Gem #24 - Loel Scott, Bob Simon; East Hanson #25 - Lyncee Monson, Betty Schinkel; Garden Prairie #26 - Craig Dunker, Todd Osterman; East Rondell Township #27 - Dennis Rossow, Kathy

Williams; Palmyra #28 - Renae Martin, Greta Thorpe; Osceola #29 - Deborah Kay Witte, Chris Sumption; Savo #30 - Calvin Raisanen, Judy Bretsch; Liberty #31 - Todd Lutzman, Janet Elsen; Ravinia #34 - Anna Wyly, Peggy Salwei; Highland #35 - Dan Misslitz; Deanna Nelson; Franklyn #36 - Chelsea Gappa, Shirley Stein; Richland #37 - Diana Kopetsky, Cheryl Gelling; Lincoln #39 - Tawney Beitelspacher, Terry Nash; Bates #44 - Kathy Dobberpuhl, Betty Geist; Garland #46 - Lloyd Buntrock, Derek Kiefer; Putney #48 - David LaMee, Mark Thompson; West Hanson #49 - Alyssa Lord, Jennifer Dirks; Hecla #50 - Susan Rosendahl, Mary Tisher; Prairiewood #53 - Heidi Carrels, Matt Prehn; West Rondell #57 - Jim Fischbach, Allen Ryckman; South Detroit #59 - Mark Perkins; Faye Hoines. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PACKAGE OFF-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE: Commissioner Feickert offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION 27-21

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of South Dakota has provided for the approval of package off-sale liquor by the boards of county commissioners of the counties of said State pursuant to SDCL Title 35 as amended; and

WHEREAS SDCL 35-4-11.1 as amended provides that the board of county commissioners shall on or before the first of September in each year determine by ordinance or continuing resolution the number of package off-sale liquor licenses (other than malt beverage) it will approve for the ensuing calendar year and the fees to be charged for the various classifications of licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Brown County Board of County Commissioners has set the number of package off-sale liquor licenses at seven and the fee for such license at \$1,000.00 and

WHEREAS, Brown County currently qualifies for seven package off-sale liquor licenses, making four additional licenses available for issuance July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Brown County Board of Commissioners wishes to make the license available to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Brown County Commission makes the following rules applicable to the issuance of new package off-sale liquor licenses:

1. Applicants may apply for the package off-sale liquor license beginning upon passage of 2021 Senate Bill 152

2. Such application packet shall include the following:

A. Uniform Alcoholic Beverage Application. This must be completed fully and according to its instructions, and bear the necessary original signatures.

B. License Purchase Fee. License purchase fee in the amount of \$1,000.00 shall be presented at time of application.

C. Sheriff Approval Form. Sheriff approval request form will accompany the application.

3. In the event the first-come, first-served applicant is not able to meet the licensing standards set out by SDCL Ch. 35-2, the applicant who next submits a fully and accurately completed application shall be next considered

Dated this 4th day of May, 2021.

Seconded by Kippley. Roll call vote: Commissioners Feickert-aye, Sutton-aye, Wiese-aye, Kippley-aye, Fjeldheim-aye. Resolution adopted.

JDAI GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE: Kelsi Vinger, JDAI Coordinator met to give an update on juvenile diversion rates and JDAI coordination efforts. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Wiese to authorize the Chair sign support letter for continued grant funding of JDAI program in Brown County, SD. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SOUTH DUMPSITE PURCHASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to authorize the Chair sign purchase agreement for property at 2210 S 5th Street (Dixon's Outlot 3 of

Dixon Outlots 3-6 in the Northeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 123 N, Range 64 W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota) in total amount of \$85,000.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE - HIGHWAY: Dirk Rogers (Highway Superintendent) met to give a department update. No actions taken.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following application submitted by East River Electric Power Coop, Inc. for 115kV overhead electric line installation: occupancy of Brown County Road 5 & 6, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following application submitted by East River Electric Power Coop, Inc. for 115kV overhead electric line installation: occupancy of Brown County Highway 6, in section 23/24, Township 127N, Range 64W, Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Kippley, seconded by Sutton to go into executive session to discuss personnel per SDCL 1-25-2(1). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:35 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Jeannette McClain, Brown County Deputy Auditor

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## Groton City Saylor Variance Notice

NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on May 24, 2021 at 6:00pm CDT at the Community Center, 109 N 3rd St., Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 10, Section 10.0105 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Mark Saylor, 1502 N Broadway, Groton, SD, for the reduction in front yard to be 12 feet from the east property line on property legally described as Lot A and B Doeringsfeld OL 3. A variance is required for the reduction in required minimum front yard size in a Residential (R-2) District.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this variance may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

Hope Block  
Zoning Administrator  
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$10.77. 20044

## Groton City Heilman Special Exception Notice

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXCEPTION HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on May 24, 2021 at 6:00pm CDT at the Community Center, 109 N 3rd St., Groton, SD for a special exception of Chapter 14, Section 14.0104 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Greg Heilman for multi-and single-family dwellings in a Commercial (C1) District at 29 N Main St., Groton, SD, legally described as Original Addition, Block 5, Lots 19-20.

Any person wishing to present testimony for or against this special exception may appear in person or by representative at the above time and place.

Hope Block  
Zoning Administrator  
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**Groton School  
May 10, 2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6 REGULAR MEETING May 10, 2021

President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 7:0 p.m. in the High School conference room. Members present: Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals B. Schwan and Sombke and Business Official Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix approve the agenda with one amendment under New Business Item #3d – approve special ed ESY. Motion carried.

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

Moved by , second to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of April 12 and 26; bills; financial report, custodial accounts, and investments; transportation report and school lunch report. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary – 186,282.61; FIT –16,219.36; Medicare – 6,987.78; FICA – 29,879.12; American Funds – 542.80; SDRS – 30,233.92; Health Savings Account – 100.00; Waddell & Reed – 1,590.00; Horace Mann – 1,424.51; Thrivent – 250.00; AFLAC – 3,336.85; Delta Dental – 4,202.65; SD Supplemental Retirement – 1,177.29; Wellmark – 61,470.72; Standard – 683.14; Wage Works – 716.65; Avesis – 269.84; Aberdeen Awards – awards, 135.00; ASBSD – webinar, 25.00; Cintas – rugs, 313.75; Cole Papers – supplies, 2,274.76; Comfort Inn – rooms, 2,008.58; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 33,298.30; Dependable Sanitation – service, 1,238.00; Austin Fordham – supplies, 578.08; Full Circle Ag – fuel, 1,425.82; Groton Area – fees, 76.40; Groton Independent – legals, 166.61; Groton Dairy Queen – supplies, 36.98; Groton Rescue Squad – services, 500.00; Hauff Mid-America – supplies, 464.50; Hilliard – supplies, 917.16; House of Glass – keys, 11.34; Matheson Tri-Glass – supplies, 415.53; McLeod's – checks, 159.58; Menards – supplies, 104.15; Midstates Group – supplies, 20.00; Julie Milbrandt – supplies, 117.80; NASSP – dues, 385.00; Northside Implement – repairs, 7,062.05; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 58.96; Reporter & Farmer – legals, 129.71; Runnings – supplies, 29.24; Ashley Seeklander – supplies, 12.20; Carla Tracy – services, 1,000.00; WageWorks – fee, 118.25. Total General Fund - \$398,449.99.

**Groton City  
May 5, 2021  
Meeting Minutes**

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 pm at 120 N Main Street for their first monthly meeting with the following members present: Wells, Fliehs, Babcock, Blackmun, Cutler, Brian Bahr and Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Jeslyn Kosel, Finance Officer Hope Block, Terry Herron, Brenda Madsen, Becca Johnson, Jessica Adler, Kim Weber, Grant Rix, Jeff Williams, Lisa Williams, Darrell Hillestad, and Brett Anderson.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received. Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye.

Payroll, \$34,457.98, Employee salaries; Executive, \$14,736.44; Administrative, \$4,077.14; Public Safety, \$8,124.81; Public Works, \$7,519.59; First State Bank, \$3,950.23, SS and WH; First State Bank, \$495.82, HSA contributions; Dakotaland FCU, \$650.00, Employee savings; Aflac, \$309.60, Employee insurance; Colonial Life, \$90.16, Employee insurance; Guardian Insurance, \$108.91, Employee insurance; Allied, \$9,895.91, Employee insurance; Employers Mutual, \$77.30, Employee insurance; City of Groton, \$124.07, Family crisis utilities; City of Groton, \$1,870.00, Recreation cash bags; SD Retirement, \$9,850.07, Employee retirement; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$430.00, Employee retirement; Ferguson, \$119.94, Asphalt patch; Running's, \$238.98, Socket set, impact wrench; Running's, \$45.98, Underground supplies for electric, towels; Badger Meter, \$24.03, Cellular units for water meters; Drew Johnson, \$1,800.00, Legal fees 4/21; A&B Business Solutions, \$319.48, Copier rent; Core & Main, \$188.33, 16 couplings; Core & Main, \$2,119.17, O-rings, couplings, gaskets, valves; Core & Main, \$654.78, Couplings, copper horns; Core & Main, \$1,692.30, Valve, gasket, valve box adaptor; A-1 Sanitation, \$1,632.24, Clean-up services; SD Gov HR Assn, \$25.00, Dues KL; Harry's Implement, \$5,948.00, 2 2021 Cub Cadets; DSG, \$104.96, Rubber tape; S&S Lumber, \$227.16, Nails, washers, polyurethane, gloves, oil, key tags, keys cut, battery, brush, hose clamps, utility knife, sea foam, nets, screws; Darrel's Sinclair, \$25.50, Tire repair; Van Deist Supply, \$666.50, Fertilizer and mosquito control chemicals; Associated Supply Co, \$16,943.86, Pool chemicals; Hansmeier & Son, \$555.50, Seed at airport; Stan Houston, \$67.50, Marking stick; Groton Autoworks, \$168.88, Sewer pickup repair axel seals; Colonial Research, \$414.20, Pool chemicals; Farmers Union, \$714.00, Fuel; Mil-

bank Water Works, \$74.55, Fiberglass hydrant marker; SD Dept of Health, \$56.00, Water testing; DGR Engineering, \$268.50, Midco contract review; Stacy Mayou, \$1,600.00, Med flex; Cole Papers, \$112.40, Paper towels; Border States, \$532.08, Brackets, cross arms; CapFirst Equipment Finance, \$32,810.00, Sweeper lease; Clark Engineering, \$5,321.36, Construction and staking; Fliehs Sales & Service, \$10,500.00, 2021 Bobcat; BK Custom T's, \$432.00, Baseball hats; Angerhofer Concrete Products, \$17.50, Brick sandblasting; Justin Cleveland, \$2,358.76, Med flex; Shirlee Frohling, \$495.72, Clear coating bookshelves; SD Municipal League, \$25.00, Budget training registration fee HB; NW Energy, \$12.42, Natural gas; Dollar General, \$118.30, Totes, paper products; Groton Independent, \$2,062.42, Publishing, statewide help wanted ad;

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Fliehs. All members voted aye.

Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Wells to appoint the following members to the new library board:

Karyn Babcock - Council Member - term same as her council seat, Kim Weber & Brenda Madsen - 3-year terms, Jessica Adler and Becca Johnson - 2-year terms, and Andrea Eisenbiesz for a 1-year term. All members voted aye. Weber, Madsen, Adler, and Johnson left the meeting.

Ken Hier entered the meeting. Hillestad introduced the plans to redo the runway at the City Airport and the utilization of state grants to supplement the project. Moved by Cutler and seconded by Bahr to approve the airport repairs to start. All members voted aye.

Jerrie Vedvei called into the meeting by phone and invited the board to her May 12th event – Hit a Home Run with DoTERRA Spring Tour. This event is scheduled to be held at the Groton Ball Field, or at the Community Center if inclement weather occurs.

**MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6**  
For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending April 30, 2021

Description.....	General Fund	Assigned Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Bond Redemption	Enterprise Fund	Custodial Fund	Total for District
<b>1. Beginning Balance .....</b>	<b>1,310,020.82</b>	<b>166,442.24</b>	<b>1,494,432.18</b>	<b>282,971.70</b>	<b>157,818.14</b>	<b>51,718.27</b>	<b>161,560.84</b>	<b>3,624,964.19</b>
<b>a. checking .....</b>	<b>1,310,020.82</b>	<b>166,442.24</b>	<b>1,494,432.18</b>	<b>282,971.70</b>	<b>157,818.14</b>	<b>51,718.27</b>	<b>161,560.84</b>	<b>3,624,964.19</b>
<b>b. petty cash .....</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>2. Transfers in .....</b>								
<b>3. Revenue to date .....</b>	<b>3,283,700.46</b>	<b>30,435.79</b>	<b>1,085,920.60</b>	<b>539,752.83</b>	<b>100,275.93</b>	<b>241,705.94</b>	<b>653,073.60</b>	<b>5,934,865.15</b>
<b>4. Total accounted for .....</b>	<b>4,593,721.28</b>	<b>196,878.03</b>	<b>2,580,352.78</b>	<b>822,724.53</b>	<b>258,094.07</b>	<b>293,424.21</b>	<b>814,634.44</b>	<b>9,559,829.34</b>
<b>5. Transfers out .....</b>								
<b>6. Expenditures to date .....</b>	<b>3,736,216.67</b>	<b>44,146.14</b>	<b>1,303,548.18</b>	<b>659,758.09</b>	<b>207,086.25</b>	<b>219,915.41</b>	<b>704,644.03</b>	<b>6,875,314.77</b>
<b>a. encumbrances .....</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>b. disbursements .....</b>	<b>3,736,216.67</b>	<b>44,146.14</b>	<b>1,303,548.18</b>	<b>659,758.09</b>	<b>207,086.25</b>	<b>219,915.41</b>	<b>704,644.03</b>	<b>6,875,314.77</b>
<b>7. Ending Balance .....</b>	<b>857,504.61</b>	<b>152,731.89</b>	<b>1,276,804.60</b>	<b>162,966.44</b>	<b>51,007.82</b>	<b>73,508.80</b>	<b>109,990.41</b>	<b>2,684,514.57</b>
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<b>b. petty cash .....</b>	<b>(0.00)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(0.00)</b>
<b>April Receipts .....</b>	<b>166,470.55</b>	<b>3,863.00</b>	<b>87,801.50</b>	<b>46,513.46</b>	<b>441.41</b>	<b>33,229.10</b>	<b>68,901.24</b>	<b>407,220.26</b>
<b>April Expenses .....</b>	<b>404,340.69</b>	<b>1,676.07</b>	<b>6,846.35</b>	<b>76,940.15</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>28,038.10</b>	<b>42,737.57</b>	<b>560,578.93</b>
<b>Custodial Checking .....</b>		<b>109,990.41</b>						
<b>District Checking .....</b>		<b>2,574,524.16</b>						
<b>Certificate of Deposit .....</b>		<b>0.00</b>						
<b>Total all Funds .....</b>		<b>2,684,514.57</b>						

allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. Patty Daly was present to speak about the length of the shorts worn by the girls volleyball team. Paul Kosel spoke about the year-end year music concerts and board attendance at them.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: COVID-19 issues related to the school district including Covid-19 active case updates for Groton Area School District, Brown County and the State of South Dakota, year-end reports, facility maintenance, preparation for 2021-22 school year, When Crisis Comes Virtual Speaking Series, medical marijuana in schools, Esser II and Esser III grant funding, summer OST, scholarship donor meet and greet, graduation ceremony, Kristen Gonsoir a finalist for Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching-State Level, and SD COVID-19 Pandemic Impact Survey.

Weber presented the FY'22 District Preliminary Budgets in accordance with SDCL 13-11-12. No action was taken.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to approve signed teacher contracts. Motion carried.

Moved Fliehs, second Pharis to approve Connect 4 Summer School Agreements with Julie Milbrandt, Alexa Schuring and Mellissa Smith, Elementary Special Ed Extended School Year Agreements with Dustin Vogel, Anne Zoellner and Ann Gibbs, Summer Library Service Agreement with Joni Groeblichhoff

and Middle School High School Special Ed Extended School Year Agreements with Becky Erickson, Sydney Kurtz and Todd Peterson. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Fliehs to cast ballot for SDHSAA West River At-Large Representative to Board of Directors for Kelly Nesmer. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Harder to cast ballot for SDHSAA Division III Representative to Board of Directors for Derek Barrios. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to cast ballot for SDHSAA Division IV Representative to Board of Directors for Jeff Kosters. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to cast ballot for SDHSAA Constitutional Amendment #1 as

Yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Fliehs to approve Jay Kusler of Cortrust Insurance to act as agent of record for EMC Property/Liability Insurance. Motion carried.

Smith declared a short recess at 7:56 pm. The board returned at 8:01 pm.

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to go into executive session at 8:01 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(2) for a student issue and SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:56 pm.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve 2021-22 GASA Negotiated Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to issue 2021-22 Auxiliary

Staff Work Agreements. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to deny open enrollment #22-01. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to deny open enrollment #22-02. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to approve open enrollment #22-03. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to adjourn at 9:59 pm. Motion carried.

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Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to deny open enrollment #22-02. Motion carried.



By Jill Kruse, DO ~ Prairie Doc® Perspectives

## The Healing Power of Art

Artists and medical personnel both know the importance of art. The famous nurse Florence Nightingale once said, "Variety of form and brilliancy of color in the object presented to patients are an actual means to recovery." Elaine Poggi, Founder of the Foundation for Photo/Art in Hospitals agrees and stated "The mood changes when our beautiful nature photos are placed on the walls, providing color, comfort, and hope to patients, caregivers, and loved ones."

Before COVID, the walls of my exam rooms featured some of my favorite art. Each room had a different, deliberately chosen theme. One theme was photographs of the Grand Tetons and Canyon De Chelle taken by Ansel Adams. Canyon De Chelle is on the Navajo reservation where I did a rotation as a resident. Another room was filled with an Asian mural and photographs of my time in South Korea when I was a student ambassador for SDSU at their sister school in Taejon, South Korea. My third exam room had circus posters and pictures of Baraboo, Wisconsin, hometown of the Ringling Brothers, and the location where I did my residency training.

The art helped break the ice with patients and allowed me to share a special part of myself and my life with them. It also provided my patients with something to look at while waiting for me to come into the room. It gave us something to talk about other than their illness or why they came to the doctor that day. As part of the discussion, I learned about my patients' travels, their love of photography, or memories of going to the circus as a child. Each picture was an opportunity to share a common bond.

COVID forced those pictures off the walls and into storage. The rooms were stripped of anything extraneous that could potentially become contaminated. My exam room walls are now blank and sterile; the rooms seem a little colder and less inviting. There is less color and joy in the rooms. Without art, we tend to jump into the clinic visit topic without first connecting as people. I didn't realize what a big difference the loss of art on the walls could make until it was gone.

Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen said "At the deepest level, the creative process and the healing process arise from a single source. When you are an artist, you are a healer: a wordless trust of the same mystery is the foundation of your work and its integrity." Photographer Prakash Ghai explained it much more succinctly when he stated, "Art heals both the creator and the viewer." I miss my art and cannot wait until I can once again hang some healing on my exam room walls.

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## CDC Approves Emergency Use of Pfizer Vaccine for Adolescents South Dakotan's 12-15 Years of Age Now Qualify for Vaccine

PIERRE, S.D. – Wednesday, the South Dakota Department of Health (SD-DOH) announced that adolescents between the ages of 12 and 15, are now eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccination statewide. The announcement comes after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention authorized the Pfizer vaccine for emergency use for this age group. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration also recommended this last Monday evening.

"Given vaccines have proven safe and effective, offering them to this age group is yet another way to protect our citizens and our communities against COVID-19," said Daniel Bucheli, SD-DOH Communications Director. "Our partners across the state stand ready to get shots in arms, and we encourage parents to protect their children from the virus by getting them vaccinated today."

According to U.S. Census data, 48,120 state residents qualify under this age group. Under South Dakota law, parental consent is still required to vaccinate minors.

Residents can directly connect with a health partner serving their area by clicking here or by texting GETVAX to 438-829 (English) and/or VACUNA to 822-862 (Spanish), to find the nearest vaccination location to them. As of 05/12/21, over 50% of the eligible population in the state has chosen to be vaccinated and zero cases of serious adverse reactions have been recorded. For more information on the state's vaccination plan, click here.

Additionally, any South Dakotan resident can request a free at-home COVID-19 test, by clicking here. To get the most up to date COVID-19 data, updated daily, please visit the Department of Health dashboard.

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NORTHWEST AREA SCHOOLS Multi-District/Education Cooperative in Isabel, South Dakota is seeking applications for the following instructor position/s: open until filled. Speech Language Pathologist, Early Childhood Special Education Instructor, Intro. to Drafting and Design/ Architectural Drafting and Design (CTE CADD position). South Dakota licensure is required and work-related experience may count toward certification. NWAS offers competitive salary, benefits, transportation and SD Retirement. Contact Quinn Lenk, Director, at 605-466-2206, or email [quinn.lenk@k12.sd.us](mailto:quinn.lenk@k12.sd.us). Northwest Area Schools Multi District/ Education Cooperative does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

BOWDLE SCHOOLS is seeking a Grade 7-12 Agriculture/FFA teacher. Call/email Hector at 605.285.6272 or [Hector.Serna@k12.sd.us](mailto:Hector.Serna@k12.sd.us). Pay depends on experience. EOE.

PERKINS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE accepting applications for deputy sheriff. Contact Perkins County Sheriff's Office PO Box 234 Bison, SD 57620 605-244-5243 EOE

FT PAINTER NEEDED: Supreme Welding Inc needs an experienced painter for 40+ hours/week. Must be 18+ yrs old. Benefits available. Contact Duane: 605-874-8416 or [swi@itctel.com](mailto:swi@itctel.com)

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## Smith, Bjerke ad Boys 3200 Relay take second at Sisseton

Groton Area placed second in three events at the Sisseton Track Meet held Friday. Isaac Smith took second in the 3200m run, Maddie Bjerke took second in the shot put and the boys 3200m relay take took second.

Girls 100m Hurdles: 15, Jayla Jones, 20.33.  
Girls 300m Hurdles: 17, Trista Keith, 1:00.12.  
Girls 100m Dash: 20, Emilie Thurston, 14.53; 32, Faith Flihs, 15-51.  
Girls 200m Dash: 7, Laila Roberts, 29.37; 19, Jayla Jones, 31.90.  
Girls 400m Dash: 8, Jerica Locke, 1:05.87; 20, Rylee Dunker, 1:13.33.  
Boys 800m Run: 25, Douglas Heminger, 2:49.41.  
Girls 800m Run: 3, Faith Traphagen, 2:34.11.  
Boys 1600m Run: 8, Isaac Smith, 5:11.20; 10, Jacob Lewandowski, 5:17.10; 19, Douglas Heminger, 6:13.82.  
Boys 3200m Run: 2, Isaac Smith, 11:12.24.  
Girls 400m Relay: 5, Groton (Jerica Locke, Aspen Johnson, Karsyn Jangula, Laila Roberts), 56.44.  
Boys 400m Relay: 7, Groton (Keegan Tracy, Tate Larson, Ethan Gengerke, Cole Simon), 49.88.  
Girls 800m Relay: 4, Groton (Jerica Locke, Aspen Johnson, Jayla Jones, Laila Roberts), 2:00.13.  
Boys 800m Relay: 11, Groton (Keegan Tracy, Tate Larson, Ethan Gengerke, Jackson Cogley), 1:44.08.  
Girls 1600m Relay: 6, Groton (Jerica Locke, Rylee Dunker, Laila Roberts, Faith Traphagen), 4:42.99.  
Girls 1600m Sprint Medley Relay: 10, Groton (Emilie Thurston, Trista Keith, Karsyn Jangula, Mia Crank), 5:19.30.  
Boys 1600m Sprint Medley Relay: 5, Groton (Ethan Gengerke, Tate Larson, Cole Simon, Jacob Lewandowski), 4:12.66.  
Girls 3200m Relay: 5, Groton (Faith Traphagen, Rylee Dunker, Anna Fjeldheim, Mia Crank), 11:36.66.  
Boys 3200m Relay: 2, Groton (Isaac Smith, Keegan Tracy, Cole Simon, Jacob Lewandowski), 9:12.28.  
Girls High Jump: 15, Anna Fjeldheim, 4-01; 19, Trista Keith, 3-11; 23, Emilie Thurston, 3-9.  
Boys High Jump: 5, Jackson Cogley, 5-5.  
Girls Long Jump: 5, Aspen Johnson, 14-3.5; 11, Trista Keith, 13-5.25; 18, Emilie Thurston, 11-4.25.  
Boys Long Jump: 17, Jackson Cogley, 16-4.75; 18, Tate Larson, 16-4.25; 19, Keegan Tracy, 16-1.5.  
Girls Triple Jump: 10, Aspen Johnson, 29-3.5.  
Boys Triple Jump: 13, Jackson Cogley, 34-10.5.  
Girls Discus: 7, Chloe Daly, 79-7;  
Boys Discus: 10, Caleb Furney, 106-2; 22, Caleb Hanten, 90-11; 29, Kaleb Antonsen, 82-7.  
Girls Shot Put: 2, Maddie Bjerke, 31-5.75; 4, Chloe Daly, 28-8.25; 12, Faith Flihs, 26-6; 32, Tina Zoellner, 19-0.25; 33, Cadence Tullis, 18-3.75.  
Boys Shot Put: 16, Caleb Furney, 36-4; 22, Caleb Hanten, 33-7; 23, Holden Sippel, 32-11; 29, Kaleb Antonsen, 29-7; 30, Seth Johnson, 29-6.

## Girls Golf Results from Lee Park

The girls golf team took part in a meet at Lee Park Golf Course in Aberdeen. Carly Guthmiller placed third with a score of 89 (45 in the front half and 44 in the back half). Shaylee Peterson shot a 123 (59 in the front half and 64 in the back half) and Emma Schinkel a 127 (59 in the front half and 68 in the back half.)

## South Dakota to End Federal Pandemic Unemployment Benefits

PIERRE, SD – Wednesday, Governor Kristi Noem and the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation (DLR) announced South Dakota will terminate its participation in the federal government's pandemic-related unemployment assistance programs.

"Businesses across the state continue to say they would grow and expand, if it wasn't for the lack of workers. Help wanted signs line our streets," said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. "South Dakota is, and has been, 'Open for Business.' Ending these programs is a necessary step towards recovery, growth, and getting people back to work."

South Dakota was the only state to not apply for the federal Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) supplement last fall. Additionally, South Dakota did not opt into the federal Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) program in December 2020.

South Dakota elected to participate in three unemployment-related programs in connection with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Continued Assistance to Unemployed Workers Act of 2020.

South Dakota will no longer participate in the federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program, which affected claimants who have exhausted their traditional 26 weeks of regular State unemployment compensation.

South Dakota will no longer issue supplemental \$300 weekly payments to claimants under the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program. This payment was made to all claimants who were receiving unemployment benefits regardless of the program under which they are being paid.

## Monday morning musings

I'm sitting here Monday morning with my first cup of coffee, contemplating a weekend that felt almost normal after things got crazy some 14-months ago. It seemed like forever since my family had gotten together but, buoyed by vaccinations, we managed it for a Mother's Day dinner in Frederick, SD, that Mom didn't even have to cook for. Well, she did make her epic potato salad, but I think the rest of the ribs, beans, salads, and desserts came from my sisters and sister-in-law. Just when I think I'm a fairly competent cook, I eat a meal like that and realize I have a long way to go.

I'm an accomplished recluse but the imposed banishment of Covid had begun to wear on even on me, so the hugs, stories and laughs made for a pretty special day. I've eased back into a more normal routine—going to local businesses instead do doing pick-up, but I'll still wear a mask until we truly are out of the woods—and we're not. Vaccine hesitancy may well unleash variants and put us back in lockdown.

But undoubtedly, things are much better. Stadiums and venues are expanding capacity. We've come a long way, and for those who subscribe to the old Reagan adage that government is the problem, in this case, not so—from the federal down to the state levels, although admittedly and forever imperfect, government worked. And with a little more community spirit from citizens, it would work better.

We tend to be concentric in America, figuring that if things are fine here, they must be fine elsewhere. Well, if this pandemic should have taught us anything, it's that the world is inexorably interconnected. Borders are lines on a map that don't mean a thing to our environment and its pollution, ozone layer, and viruses. Poor India, where I have a doctor friend, is suffering horrible losses, something like 4,000 dead a day. But even in Europe, things are tough. My sister-in-law Pam recounted recent conversations she'd had with several friends in Germany, and they all had the same story. Restaurants were shut down. They hadn't received vaccinations. Curfews were still in effect. Tough going. This won't be over until it's over everywhere, but we're blessed to live in America.

I'm counting other blessings, too. Thanks to two snow squalls last week, things are greening up, and farmers, ever hopeful that the drought will end any day, are planting at a brisk pace in a lot of acres that are usually mush. My rain gauge claimed we got a half-inch of moisture over the weekend. Your results may vary. For the first time in a long time, I was happy that my gravel road was greasy. It signifies hope in a particularly hopeful spring.

Dylan, who has wrapped up his vaccinations, was back for the weekend, happily trimming back old growth in the flower beds, lopping dead branches, and landscaping a pond. We did the things you're supposed to do in spring, took worshipful tours around the yard to inspect the buds on the newest trees, and admire the perennials that promise to do even better this year. And even in the snow, bright yellow tulips bloomed. Gus the Wonder Pug, who has gotten a bit neurotic and barking over a long winter, was back to his happy old self outside, sniffing and peeing and working off the winter flab.

Having Dylan and Indy under the same roof gives me the motivation to cook. I often go for large vats of chili or soup so we can eat on it for a couple of days. Saturday, I attempted corn chowder, borrowing from several recipes and adding my own special touches which naturally included German sausage. It got so intensely quiet when they devoured the first bowl you could hear arteries harden.

Dylan topped off the bird feeders over the weekend, and yesterday afternoon after he'd headed back to Bismarck, I sat outside and watched aerial visitors scratch away at fresh mulch and munch birdseed. A thrasher even appeared but fluttered off when I twitched a muscle. Skittish things.

I'm hoping this is my last column at my desk computer for a while. Soon, I'll be on a table in the yard pecking away on my laptop, with butterflies and bees dancing around and Gus stretched out in shaded, cool grass. I hope you find these moments, too. Say a prayer for rain, and we'll visit next week.

South Dakota will no longer participate in the federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program. PUA currently provides benefits to the self-employed, the underemployed, independent contractors, and individuals who have been unable to work due to health or COVID-19-related reasons.

The termination will be effective on the week ending June 26, 2021, for all three programs. South Dakota will continue to pay regular State claims. The agreement signed to initiate these programs allows South Dakota or the U.S. Department of Labor to terminate the programs upon 30 days' written notice to the other party.

"DLR's online jobs database SDWORKS has averaged over 23,000 job openings daily," continued Secretary Hultman. "Our Job Service offices are open and ready to help and support those returning to the workforce, in need of additional skills or training, or who need an extra hand in overcoming barriers."

To search for new jobs or receive virtual employment services, visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org). **Groton Independent** ♦ **Wed., May 12, 2021** ♦ **11**



**That's Life**  
by Tony Bender

# SUPPORT NEEDED FOR BILL CRITICAL TO LOCAL JOURNALISM'S FUTURE

Fairness is not a partisan issue.

Fairness is the goal of the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act currently being considered in the United States Congress. The bill has bipartisan support in both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

H.R. 1735 / S.673 is critically important to protecting the future of high-quality, local journalism in South Dakota and across our nation. Support is growing for the legislation, yet much more needs to be done before it can become law.

This bill would make negotiations for fair compensation possible between publishers of news content and those who monetize the online distribution of that work. Facebook and Google are the two primary online platforms that take news stories created by local newspapers, radio and television newsrooms and distribute that content to their large online audiences. Those two social media platforms pay little to nothing for the content created by local news organizations.

The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act – also known as the "Safe Harbor bill" -- would simply create a four-year window for news organizations to collectively negotiate fair prices for the content they create under a safe harbor from federal anti-trust laws. Existing laws make it difficult for news publishers – especially small, local and regional publishers – to obtain fair compensation from the giant online platforms for the use of their news content.

The name of the bill is not hyperbole. As more readers move to digital platforms to find local news, it is vitally important that news organizations footing the bill to create the content be fairly compensated for its distribution.

Journalism - especially local journalism - is more important than ever. Readership is rising even as revenue generated by those readers is falling. This bill would help local news publishers negotiate with the dominant tech platforms fair prices for the stories they create.

Recent experiences in Australia and Europe demonstrate that other countries recognize the disparity in bargaining power between news publishers and Facebook and Google and are moving towards a new compensation model for publishers, one that ensures equitable terms are offered to all publishers and that platforms participate in good faith.

The revenue shared by the online giants in exchange for the news stories that drives their traffic would help pay the salaries of journalists who keep communities from becoming news deserts.

Across the United States, more than 2,000 local newspapers have closed their doors since 2004. That is 2,000 communities with little or no reporting about local governments, businesses, community happenings and sports. With no local journalism, communities suffer.

Now is the time to act before it is too late and even more communities across our nation become news deserts.

It is important for the three members of our South Dakota congressional delegation to support this bill and acknowledge the essential role of journalism in a functioning democracy.

Please join us and our colleagues at the 118 weekly and daily newspapers across South Dakota in urging Senators John Thune and Mike Rounds and Congressman Dusty Johnson to support the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act.

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