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Public Notices Highlight Insurance Companies' Financial Condition

In this issue you will find the annual publication of financial summaries of insurance companies licensed to do business in South Dakota.

Insurance companies doing business in South Dakota are required by state law to publish these financial summaries each year. The summary lists the insurance company's assets, liabilities, business in South Dakota for the year and the lines in which the company is authorized by the state of South Dakota to sell insurance.

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South Dakota Newspaper Association, founded in 1882 and based in Brookings, represents the state's 113 weekly and daily newspapers.

April precipitation is above normal

The amount of moisture received in the area was more than double above normal for the month of April. The average precipitation for April is 1.91. The area received 4.70 inches of moisture. That pushes the yearly total to 6.50 inches. The normal for year to date is 3.97 inches.

Amendment C changes vote total needed for ballot issues that raise taxes

By Dana Hess

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BROOKINGS — Constitutional Amendment C, on the June 7 primary ballot in South Dakota, would change the number of votes needed to pass ballot issues that raise taxes and fees. The increased number of votes would also apply to ballot issues that call for the expenditure of \$10 million over five years.

Backers of the amendment, which they have dubbed the "taxpayer protection amendment," say the bar for passing ballot issues that deal with raising taxes and fees should be 60% of the vote. Currently ballot issues pass with a 50% plus one majority.

Those who oppose the amendment say that it takes away the ability of citizens to create tax and fee legislation through ballot initiatives.

The amendment was introduced as House Joint Resolution 5003 in the 2021 legislative session. It was sponsored in the House by Republican Rep. Jon Hansen of Dell Rapids. It was approved in the House by a vote of 56-12 and in the Senate by a vote of 18-17. Originally intended for the November 2022 general election ballot, in the Senate the resolution was amended to put it on the primary ballot this June.

The ballot date change was offered by Republican Sen. Lee Schoenbeck of Watertown. The amendment's foes note that if approved by voters, Amendment C would increase to 60% the number of votes needed for a Medicaid expansion initiative that's on the November ballot.

Schoenbeck calls Medicaid the "flavor of the day," saying that passage of Amendment C would protect voters from any number of special interests that seek to use ballot initiatives, constitutional amendments or referred measures to spend taxpayer dollars.

"On a ballot issue, some special interest goes out and gets the signatures and then they run ads in support of it," Schoenbeck said. "Who's got the interest to spend the money on the other side? Usually nobody."

In the Legislature, new taxes or spending programs need a two-thirds majority to be enacted. According to Schoenbeck,

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The 2022 NFL Draft concluded this past Saturday and the Vikings walked away with ten new draftees to the team. This week we will recap the Vikings' first, second, and third-round picks. Next week we will look at the Vikings' fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh-round picks.

Round 1: No. 32 – Lewis Cine, Safety (Georgia)

After trading back to the last pick of the first round, Kwesi Adofo-Mensah made his first pick as Vikings' GM, selecting the hard-hitting safety out of Georgia, Lewis Cine (pronounced seen). Cine possesses the ideal size and speed that you would want in a defensive back, standing 6'2", weighing almost 200 lbs, and running a 4.37 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine.

Cine played on an historic Georgia defense that won the National Championship and ultimately had five players drafted in the first round this year. Many argued that it was maybe the greatest college defense of all time. What is amazing was that with all that talent, Cine was still able to stand out, winning the defensive MVP of the National Championship game.

What makes Cine so special is his ability to read plays and quickly attack whoever has the ball. He is a disruptor that seems to come out of nowhere sometimes. Overall, his aggressiveness is something that the Vikings fans will come to love about him. Moreover, his leadership skills will be a nice addition to the Vikings. Cine was a team captain for Georgia in 2021 as a true junior.

Round 2: No. 42 – Andrew Booth Jr., Cornerback (Clemson)

The Vikings got a much-needed cornerback early in the second round of the draft in Andrew Booth Jr., a fluid athlete with great ball skills. If you watch any of his highlights from his time at Clemson, you will see several one-handed interceptions by him. Although Booth fell to the second round, many experts believe he has the talent and potential to become a true #1 cornerback for the Vikings.

The concern with Booth, however, is injury-related. He has had multiple surgeries and was unable to participate in the entire pre-draft process because of them. The Vikings probably did their due diligence on Booth to make sure he will be healthy by the time the season starts. Nonetheless, it is concerning that Booth, who was rated as a top-three cornerback in the draft by some draft experts, fell down to the 42nd pick of the draft.

Round 2: No. 59 – Ed Ingram, Guard (LSU)

The Vikings bulked up their offensive line room with the pick of Ed Ingram out of LSU. Some felt this was a "reach" by the Vikings as Ingram would have likely been available in later rounds. However, the Vikings must have valued Ingram as a prospect to take him earlier than expected. Although Ingram is not an elite athlete by any means, he does have good size and power, as well as solid fundamentals as a blocker.

It will be interesting to see what the Vikings do with Ingram and the offensive line overall. Ingram, who played guard throughout his entire career at LSU, apparently took snaps at center during the Senior Bowl in February. Since some experts believe that Ingram can start right away, the Vikings might have made this pick intending to use him to replace Garrett Bradbury, who the Vikings are not expected to pick up his fifth-year option on.

Round 3: No. 66 – Brian Asamoah, Linebacker (Oklahoma)

With their last pick on day two of the draft, the Vikings selected Brian Asamoah, a rangy, athletic linebacker out of Oklahoma. Although Asamoah is a little undersized at 6'0", his speed and change-of-direction skills are what make him a very good player that can cover a large amount of space on the field.

Asamoah will need to improve his coverage skills if he wants to be an every-down linebacker. However, many experts believe that the Vikings' 3-4 defensive scheme will benefit Asamoah as an inside linebacker because he will be able to use his talents to pursue the football as both a pass rusher and a run stopper.

Amendment C

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Amendment C holds the passage of initiated measures that raise taxes or fees to a similar standard.

He explained that the Legislature must make budget trade-offs. As an example, Schoenbeck said that if lawmakers want to spend more money on nursing homes, there may be less money to spend on education. Special interests don't take that approach when they place a tax measure on the ballot.

"It's about special interests putting their spending issues or their tax issues on the ballot without regard to what the whole financial picture for the state looks like," Schoenbeck said. "And that's dangerous. There are consequences that they don't tell people when they do that."

Brendan Johnson, an attorney for the opponents of Amendment C, says that its passage would take away majority rule, the same majority rule that lawmakers use when they vote on the state budget. While new spending requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature, the state's budget is approved with a simple majority vote.

"This is the Legislature trying to say to the people that anytime that there is a tax or fee that they have to have 60%," Johnson said. "That is not the same rule that applies to the Legislature. They do their appropriation and that's what this would be, an appropriation."

Passage of Amendment C would change forever South Dakota's political legacy of citizen-backed ballot initiatives, according to Johnson.

"This is our right that we've had, as South Dakotans, since the beginning of our state's history," Johnson said. "For the first time, we have a Legislature that wants to take it away from the people of South Dakota so badly that they're putting it on a June primary ballot when they know that the smallest percentage of South Dakota voters will come out to vote."

The constitutionality of the amendment is the subject of a lawsuit that's not likely to be resolved soon. Johnson said summary judgment arguments will be held after the June election. If Amendment C is approved, the lawsuit is likely to make its way to the South Dakota Supreme Court in the fall.

All registered voters are eligible to vote on Amendment C. The voter registration deadline is May 23. Absentee voting started on April 22 and continues until June 6, the day before the primary election.

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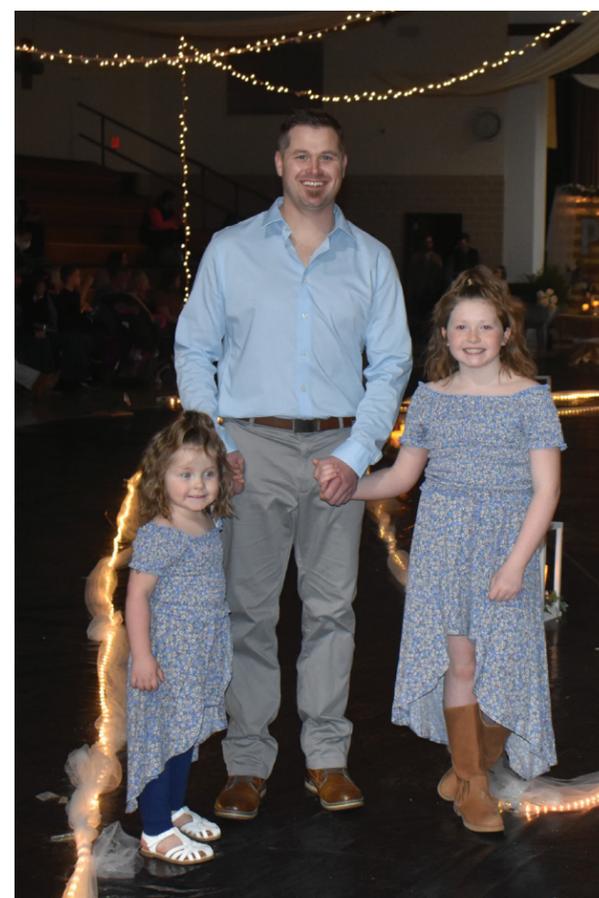
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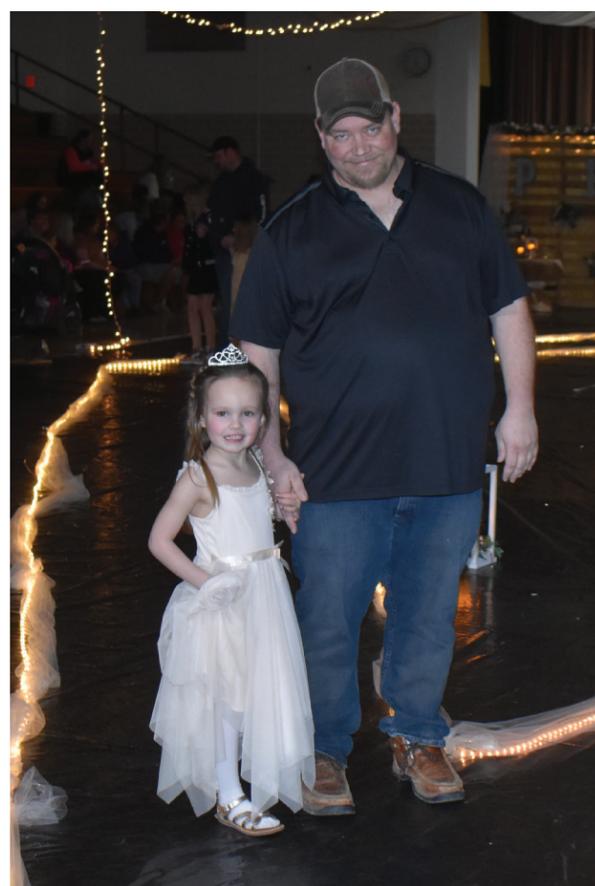
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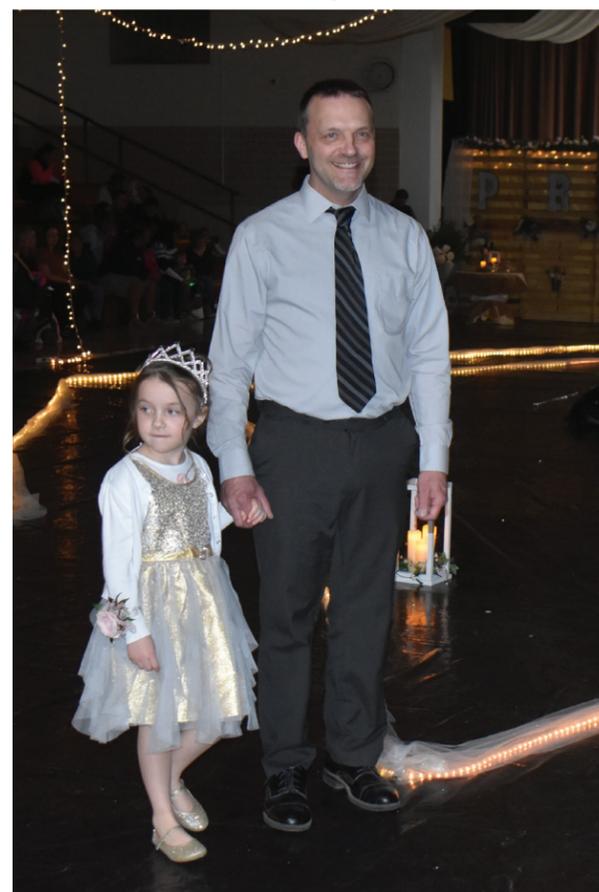
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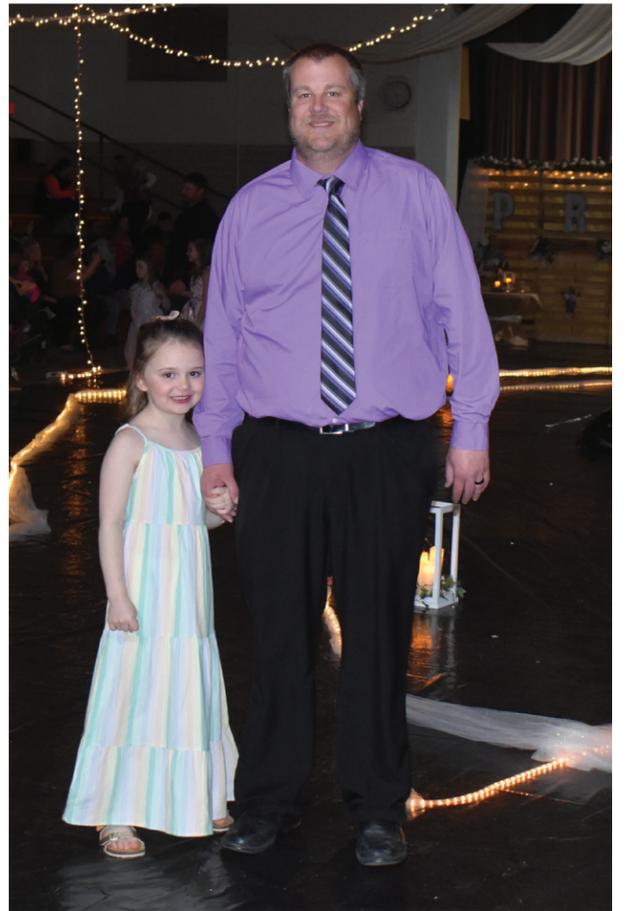
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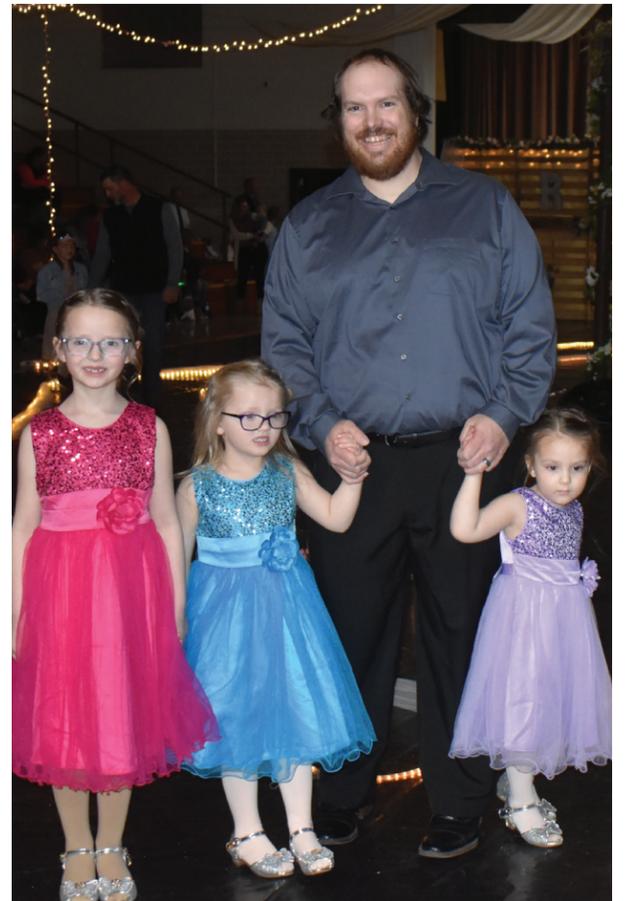
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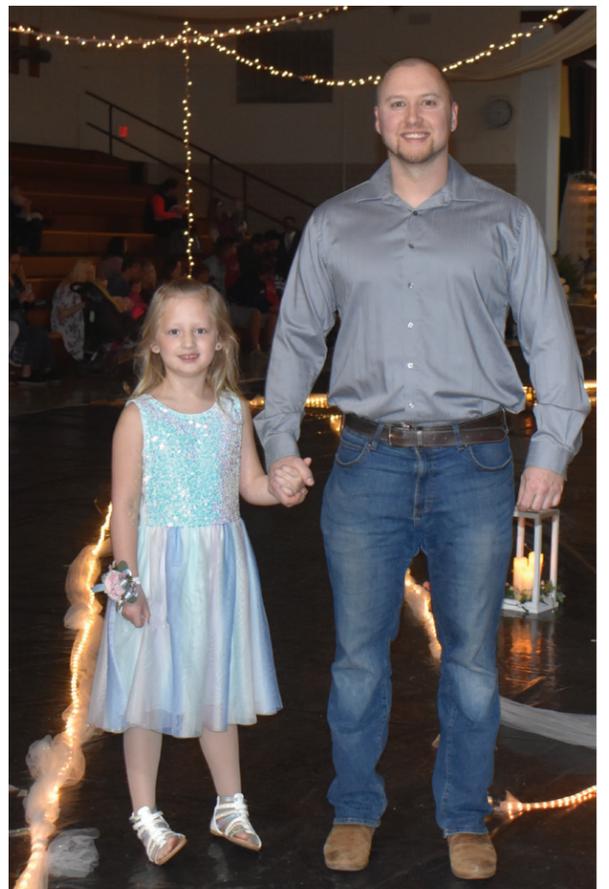
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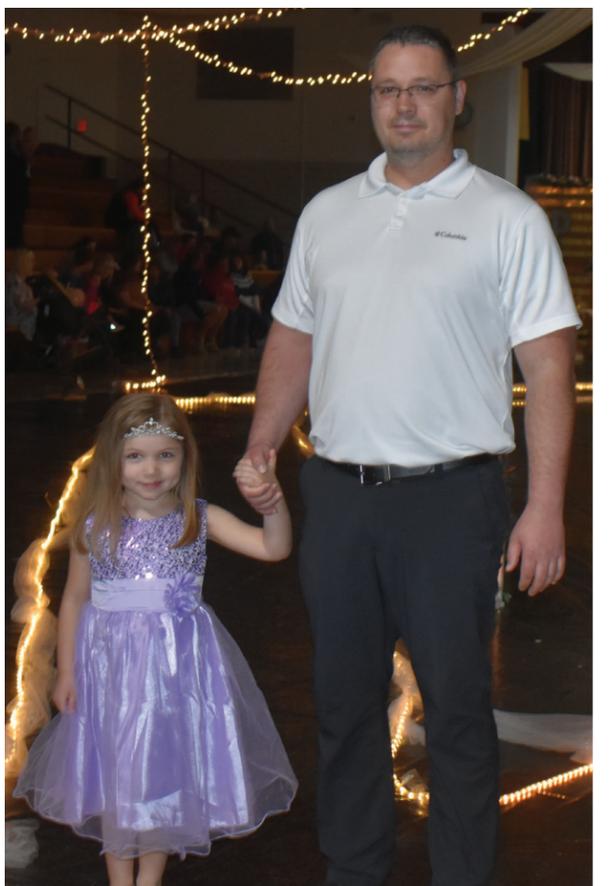
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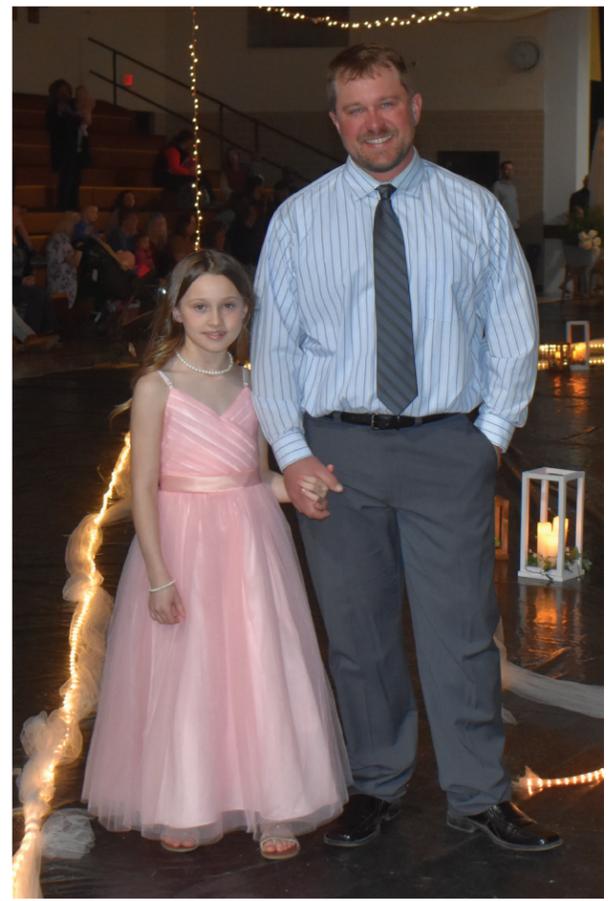
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SPECIAL REPORT: Proposed CO2 pipelines thrust South Dakota into billion-dollar debate over carbon capture technology and climate change

By: Bart Pfankuch May 2, 2022

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So far, most of the discussion about two proposed multibillion-dollar carbon dioxide pipelines that would cross hundreds of miles of eastern South Dakota has centered on opposition by landowners whose properties would be affected by the digging and laying of underground pipes carrying a potentially dangerous chemical.

Those farmers and rural families have valid concerns, especially those who have already endured the upheaval caused by the Dakota Access Pipeline, which was laid in some cases very near the same route as the proposed CO2 pipelines.

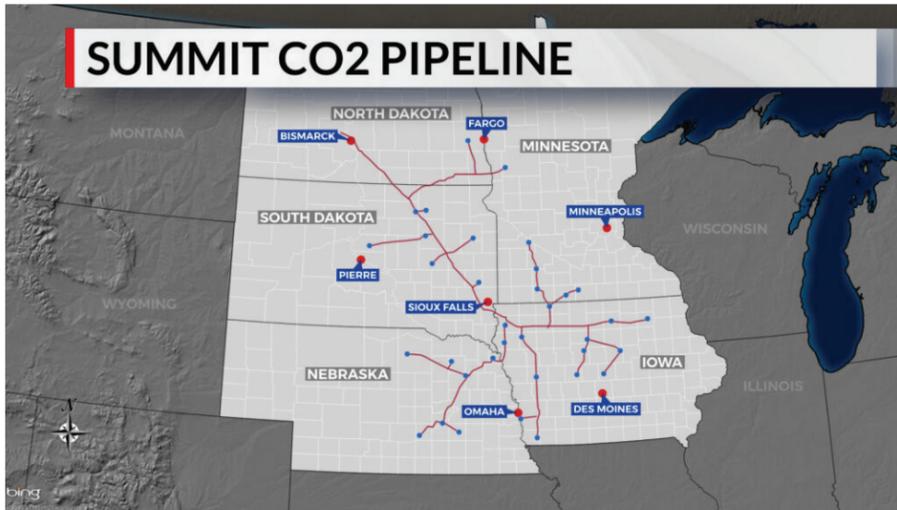
The two separate pipeline projects, proposed by Summit Carbon Solutions and Navigator CO2 Ventures, both based in Iowa, are in the early stages of planning and permitting, and both hope to be operational in 2024. Both projects seek to use carbon-capture and sequestration technology, or CCS, to collect CO2 from ethanol plants and ship it in liquid form through miles of pipelines to sites where it will be buried and held deep underground.

Pipeline construction tears up land owned in some cases for generations by the same families; there's an inherent risk of leakage; farmland is turned over and taken out of production; drain-tile systems and water-flow patterns can be affected; and payments for use of the land are far from life-changing. Hundreds of South Dakota landowners have signed up to address state regulators about the Summit project, many in strong opposition.

However, another battle is brewing over CCS on a much larger scale. The expansion of CCS projects across the U.S. is raising concern among some experts who say the new investment into CCS has the potential for long-range negative consequences — not only for the states directly affected by CO2 pipelines, but also for the U.S. economy and indeed for the environment of the entire planet.

A fundamental question among climate-change scientists is whether the practice of CCS, the process at the heart of the two proposed pipeline projects, is the best way forward in the effort to reduce carbon emissions into the atmosphere. Also in play, however, is the debate over the cost, and whether spending billions on carbon-capture technology is the best use of taxpayer money and industry investment in the broader effort to reach net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases and ultimately better protect the planet from climate change. Some argue that focusing time, money and resources on CCS to mitigate climate change could slow more effective efforts to protect the earth.

In CCS, carbon emitted by industrial plants is captured at the source rather than being emitted into the atmosphere. The carbon dioxide is then pressurized into a liquid that is transported through underground pipelines to storage areas far beneath the earth's surface.



This map shows the proposed route of the 2,000-mile Summit Carbon Solutions CO2 pipeline that will carry pressurized carbon dioxide from ethanol plants to a sequestration site a mile underground in central North Dakota. About 470 miles of the pipeline would be located in South Dakota. Image: Courtesy KELO

Pros and cons of carbon capture and sequestration

On a most basic level, supporters of CCS say it is one proven and relatively expedient way to begin preventing large quantities of CO2 from entering the environment and to reduce greenhouse gases that cause climate change. They also argue it will benefit and extend the life of the ethanol industry, which creates corn-based additives that can reduce the impact of fossil fuels burned in cars and trucks.

Officials with the two CCS pipeline projects that would pass through South Dakota add that their multibillion-dollar projects will create jobs in rural areas, generate millions in tax dollars for state and local governments, and strengthen rural economies across the Midwest.

Some supporters of the process acknowledge it isn't perfect, and note that it is far from an overall solution to reducing carbon emissions and slowing climate change.

However, if the two proposed pipeline projects can keep nearly 30 million tons of carbon dioxide a year from the atmosphere, as projected, that fact alone makes them highly valuable, said Matthew Fry, a policy analyst on carbon issues for the Great Plains Institute, a Minnesota-based independent, nonprofit think-tank focused on energy and climate.

"We're going to transition away from fossil fuels eventually, but it isn't going to happen in my lifetime ... because we just can't meet our requirements as humans at this point to immediately switch to full non-carbon emission industry or energy resources," Fry said. "So in the space of transition before we can go full green, we're going to have to do carbon capture to meet climate goals."

Opponents of CCS, however, say the billions spent to capture carbon and build pipelines to carry it could be better spent in reducing dependence on fossil fuels to begin with, and in protecting natural methods of CO2 reduction, such as increasing forests and natural areas. They say the money could also be used to further incentivize industries, including carmakers, to more rapidly advance the switch to electric or other low-emission vehicles.

Those who oppose CCS also say the process is a way of "green-washing" the fossil-fuel industry, giving the appearance of reducing carbon emissions while actually extending the time America and the world are reliant on fossil fuels for transportation.

"It's such a dangerous form of green-washing, where you're trying to take an environmentally destructive activity and rebrand it in a way that

makes it appear benign," said Basav Sen, the climate-justice project director at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C. "The idea of using energy sources that put carbon into the atmosphere and addressing it after the fact by attempting to capture that carbon and store it in the ground is a non-starter for all kinds of reasons having to do with science, social justice, and economic feasibility."

The U.S. Congress has been largely supportive of CCS, and has allocated billions in funding to support research and development of carbon-capture projects. From 2010 to 2020, Congress provided \$10.7 billion to CCS-related activity and programs, according to an October

2021 Congressional Research Service report. President Joe Biden recently signed into law his omnibus \$1 trillion infrastructure package, which provides another \$12 billion for carbon-capture research and projects. Much of that funding is available to companies that build and operate carbon-capture projects, in particular through the ongoing 45Q tax-credit program.

Despite the continued aggressive financial investment in CCS, the 2021 congressional report notes the division in the scientific community over the value of CCS and the high expense attached to the process.

"In the view of many proponents, greater CCS deployment is fundamental to reduce CO2 emissions or reduce the concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere," the report notes. However, the report also points out that "others raise concern that CCS may not discourage fossil fuel use and that CO2 could leak from underground reservoirs into the air or other reservoirs, thereby negating any climate benefits of CCS."

To date, carbon captured from energy plants has been sequestered or used as a solution injected into the ground for "enhanced oil recovery," in which the compressed gas increases access to underground oil in fracking or other collection methods. Also, captured carbon has been used to make new products such as cements, plastics, dry ice, jet fuel, hand sanitizer and other usable materials. Some studies have questioned whether the cost to capture



This photo shows the spot where a CO2 pipeline ruptured in Satartia, Miss., in February 2020, leading to the evacuation of 300 residents and the hospitalization of four dozen others. No one was killed. Photo: Courtesy Yazoo County Emergency Management Agency

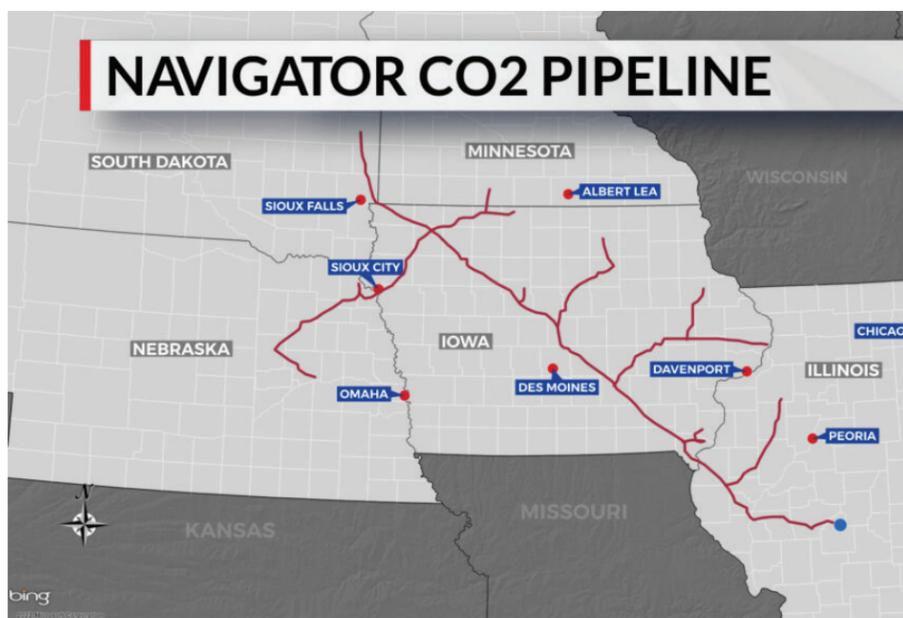
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carbon and use it to generate new products is economically viable, though efforts in that area continue, including at POET Biofuels, headquartered in Sioux Falls.

Of the 5,000 miles of existing CO2 pipelines operating in the U.S., the vast majority are used for enhanced oil recovery. Officials from both pipelines proposed for South Dakota say the captured carbon will be sequestered and not used for enhanced oil production.



This map shows the 1,300-mile route of the Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline project as proposed by Navigator CO2 Ventures. The South Dakota portion would include 62 miles of pipelines through Brookings, Moody and Minnehaha counties. Image: Courtesy KELO

Pipelines heading north and south of S.D.

The 2,000-mile, \$3.7 billion Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline would cross 469 miles in South Dakota, carrying 12 million tons of CO2 northward each year from 32 ethanol plants in five states to a site in central North Dakota, where the CO2 would be buried and permanently stored more than a mile underground.

The South Dakota portion of the Summit Carbon Solutions project was submitted for permitting by the state Public Utilities Commission in February, and a public hearing is expected to be held before the end of 2022.

A second CO2 pipeline, a \$3 billion, 1,300-mile project proposed by Navigator CO2 Ventures, would capture 15 tons of CO2 each year from 20 ethanol and fertilizer plants in five states. The Navigator pipeline would cross 62 miles in South Dakota and terminate at a site in central Illinois where the CO2 would be buried 6,400 feet underground. Navigator has contacted affected landowners in South Dakota and plans to submit its pipeline permit application to the PUC this summer, said Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, a spokeswoman for Navigator.

The CCS projects would capture carbon dioxide released during the fermentation process required to produce ethanol, a corn-based product that is an additive to gasoline. The

Navigator project would also capture carbon from fertilizer plants.

Fry said CCS is one of several ways that government and industry can work together to stave off climate change until America and the world can end the use of fossil fuels and reach net-zero emissions from vehicles and industry. The expense and gaps in technology are simply too great at this time to quickly reverse the world's reliance on fossil fuels, so waiting for decades for a full solution on carbon reduction to emerge is not a sensible approach, Fry said.

Fry said the world needs to remove gigatons of carbon emissions annually to slow or stop climate change, so it is best to get started in some fashion as soon as possible.

"It's a buffet of things we need to do," Fry said. "We're going to have to do it all, and carbon capture is definitely one of the pieces of the puzzle we're going to have to do to meet our climate goals by 2030 or 2050."

Fry called carbon emissions from ethanol plants "low-hanging fruit" in terms of how essentially simple it is to capture, transport and sequester carbon compared with reducing vehicle emissions or other technologies required to reduce carbon.

"The reality is that with the projects we're talking about, ethanol plants, for example, they emit tons and tons of pure CO2, which is really low-hanging fruit in the capture world," he said.

In interviews and in presentations to government officials and the public, representatives of Summit and Navigator present other potential positive outcomes from the CCS projects.

Capturing the carbon from the ethanol plants that signed onto the Summit project would be the equivalent of eliminating emissions from 2.6 million cars each year, said Jake Ketzner, vice president of communications for Summit. On its website, Navigator says its CCS project would remove the equivalent of carbon emissions from 3.2 million cars a year.

They also point to the significant investment and employment opportunities the CCS pipelines would generate.

In a recent news release, Summit said its CCS project would create more than 11,000 jobs, generate \$371 million in tax revenues, provide \$2.1 billion in investments with local contractors and suppliers, and pay landowners about \$310 million in five states. The South Dakota portion of the project would require an overall investment of \$795 million by Summit, create \$440 million in labor income in the state, and generate state and local taxes of \$74 million.

Navigator's CCS project, called the Heartland Greenway, would overall create more than 17,000 jobs with \$870 million in wages during construction, and generate \$31 million in property taxes, the company said. In South Dakota, the Navigator project would generate \$76 million in investment in the state economy and create 625 jobs during construction.

Employment on both projects would fall

significantly once the projects are completed and operational.

In a presentation to the South Dakota Senate Commerce and Energy Committee in January, Ketzner told lawmakers the Summit project would also strengthen the state's ethanol industry, whose 16 plants generate 1.2 billion gallons of ethanol a year, employ thousands of workers and provide a substantial market for state corn growers.

Ketzner said CCS projects will allow ethanol plants to reduce their carbon-emission scores to the point that they can expand their sales market in states such as California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, New Mexico, Minnesota and New York, which have already required, or are moving toward requiring, low carbon-emission fuels for vehicles. On its website, Navigator estimates ethanol plants that participate in its CCS project could see \$20 million to \$40 million a year in revenue gains from selling into low-carbon markets.

Summit officials told lawmakers that ethanol plants can be eligible for \$50 in federal tax credits for every ton of carbon captured during the process. Summit's plan is to split the profit received for each ton of carbon captured with participating ethanol plants.

"The main goal is to increase profitability and long-term viability of ethanol plants across our five-state footprint," Ketzner said. "We're looking to make sure that our ethanol plant facilities are competitive for decades to come."

Expense, safety and viability concerns

Summit officials told South Dakota lawmakers during the January hearing that no fatalities had ever been linked to a CCS pipeline. But that doesn't mean piping chemicals underground for hundreds of miles is without risk.

In February 2020, a 24-inch carbon dioxide pipeline ruptured in Satartia, Miss., causing a green gas to be emitted from the break. No residents or responders died, but about 300 people were evacuated and nearly four dozen people were treated at local hospitals. Liquefied CO2 is dense and tends to stay near the ground in a leakage, making it more dangerous than chemicals that may disperse quickly into higher elevations.

Officials with Summit and Navigator say the CCS industry has learned from that incident, and that safety is the top priority for both companies.

Burns-Thompson, the Navigator spokeswoman, told News Watch that improvements have been made that will ensure greater safety on the proposed CCS lines in the Midwest. For starters, the new pipelines will be made with a flexible steel that will allow for some bending without breaking, Burns-Thompson said. In addition, the proposed CCS pipelines will not carry hydrogen sulfide, which was present in the Satartia line and may have contributed to erosion. Finally, she said, the Satartia line was thought to have been exposed to heavy rains and flash flooding that were unlikely to occur on the new CCS lines in the Midwest.

Meanwhile, research and reports from the field provide uneven results when it comes to efforts to capture, sequester or reuse CO2.

A recent report from a large coal-fired power plant in Canada indicated the company was only able to capture 44% of its carbon emissions, less than half of the 90% it projected (the company blamed problems with a carbon compressor for the shortfall). A large power plant in Texas, the Petra Nova facility, was the only coal-fired energy plant in the country using CCS from 2017-2020 — but the CCS effort there was ended after three years due to a drop in oil prices and an inability to make the finances work on the CCS project.

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Charlie Johnson is an organic farmer near Madison, S.D., opposes the proposed Summit carbon pipeline because of its impact on the land but also because he believes there are better, less invasive and less expensive ways to reduce carbon emissions into the environment. Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch

In a recent open letter published as an advertisement in The Washington Post, dozens of climate, environmental and civic groups urged officials in the U.S. and Canada to rethink support for CCS processes and pipelines.

"On behalf of our millions of members and supporters across the United States and Canada, we call on policymakers to recognize that carbon capture and storage is not a climate solution. It is a dangerous distraction driven by the same big polluters who created the climate emergency," the letter stated, arguing that CCS is unnecessary, does not work and creates needless risks for communities where pipelines are located.

A 2020 study from the University of California-San Diego found that 80% of carbon-capture projects aimed at reuse of CO2 into commercially viable products have failed.

Charlie Johnson is an organic farmer who leases farmland near Madison, S.D., and who opposes the CCS pipeline that may pass through the land he farms. Johnson went through a similar process when the Dakota Access Pipeline went through the land he works.

Johnson's disdain for the CCS project transcends damage to the earth. Johnson simply believes that there are more worthwhile, viable and sensible solutions to reducing climate change and carbon emissions that don't include spending billions on capture technology and underground pipelines.

"What we're doing is creating stress and anxiety for thousands of landowners, we're tearing up the land, we're investing billions of dollars that could be invested better," Johnson said. "Let's get back to simpler approaches; let's get back to capturing carbon by using nature itself."

Johnson argues that the ethanol industry and its heavy reliance on using land to grow corn, which requires fertilizers, is doing more harm than good to the environment. The billions used to fund CCS research and operations could be better used to protect prairie and forest lands and plant more trees and plants that naturally consume CO2, he says.

Sen, from the Institute for Policy Studies, said Johnson is correct in noting that there are better, far less expensive ways to reduce carbon emissions or increase natural suppression of carbon in the atmosphere.

Sen said ethanol plants maintain a pattern of overuse of land and resources, and that CCS does not make sense because it allows continued production and use of fossil fuels.

"Trying to extend the life of corn ethanol for internal combustion engines at this point is counter productive in terms of the climate solutions we need," he said. "From just a straight-up market-competition standpoint, there is no justification to do carbon capture because you can build renewable energy instead in the

electrical sector."

Sen added that the many billions of dollars being invested into CCS technology and pipelines could be used to dramatically speed up a transition to low-carbon or net-zero carbon emission vehicles and energy sources.

"Is this the best use of our investment? I would argue very strongly, no. If you take those governmental dollars and tax breaks and subsidies, and you put the money not into biofuels or fossil fuels, and instead into a massive expansion of public transportation or into research and development of electric vehicles and energy storage to bring costs down, that's a far more productive use of that funding."

Two S.D. ethanol plants, two different plans

Dana Siefkes Lewis is the chief administrative officer of Redfield Energy and the president of the South Dakota Ethanol Producers Association.

Siefkes Lewis said some but not all of the 15 ethanol plants in South Dakota have signed on to supply CO2 to the Summit pipeline; Redfield is one producer that is planning to supply carbon dioxide to Summit through a feeder line to the main pipeline heading to North Dakota.

Speaking for Redfield Energy and not the association as a whole, Siefkes Lewis said the company is looking at carbon capture as one of several ways to reduce its carbon footprint.

"Everything is on the table as far as what would lower our carbon score, so we're looking at any idea because we can't put everything in the carbon-capture basket," she said.

Redfield Energy sees carbon capture as a win-win that will allow it to reduce carbon emissions into the atmosphere while also producing ethanol with a lower carbon score that could enable the company to sell more fuel to states like California, which is requiring fuels to be produced through more environmentally favorable methods. To date, Redfield Energy does not sell ethanol to low-carbon markets in the U.S., she said.

"Whether you believe in climate change or not, California does," Siefkes Lewis said.

Reducing carbon emissions at Redfield — which does not capture any carbon emissions now — is a way to keep the company as competitive as possible in the U.S. ethanol market, Siefkes Lewis said. "We really believe that if we are not on the lookout for a way to lower our carbon score, the plants around us will (be)," she said.

Under the current proposal, Summit would pay for the systems to capture carbon from Redfield Energy and for the processing and piping away from the plant, she said.

Siefkes Lewis said Redfield worked with Summit to ensure safety protocols would be in place. She also is hopeful that the concerns of landowners on the pipeline route will be addressed and satisfied before the pipeline gets built.

"We have safety rules we have to follow, and we believe this is a good project for us," she said. "But we also want to be sure that our members and the landowners around us are OK with it."

Meanwhile, POET Biofuels, the world's largest producer of ethanol, with company headquarters in Sioux Falls, so far has decided not to participate in the CCS pipelines proposed in the state, according to Erin Smith, spokeswoman for POET.

POET, which has 33 ethanol plants in eight



Officials of the Redfield Energy ethanol plant, shown here, have agreed to supply carbon to the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline project, hoping to reduce the plants carbon emissions and potentially provide new markets for its biofuels. Photo: News Watch file

states including South Dakota, already captures carbon at its plants and has an aggressive approach to finding ways to reuse, rather than simply sequester, the carbon emitted from its plants, according to the company website.

"POET continues to explore all available options to achieve our goal of 70% reduction in carbon compared to gasoline by 2030," Smith wrote in an email to News Watch. "While POET isn't involved in any CO2 pipelines at this time, our team continues to do our due diligence regarding long-term viability and public safety."

Last year, POET released its first Sustainability Report, which explains the company's efforts to reduce carbon emissions and reuse carbon it captures.

"We are currently supplying a nationwide customer base with CO2 applications that include beverage carbonation, food processing, municipal water treatment, fire suppression and agricultural applications," the company says on its website.

POET's goals include reducing the carbon intensity of its biofuels by 70% by 2030 and becoming fully carbon-neutral by 2050.

POET uses captured carbon to produce dry ice, which is used in transportation of many food and medical products, including COVID-19 vaccines, according to the company's website.

"POET's high quality, pure dry ice is perfect for food, medical and e-shipping applications. We have the capability to produce many forms of dry ice in order to meet our customers' specific needs," the company says.

— Next installment: Why many South Dakota landowners are opposed to the pipeline projects.

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POET Biofuels, whose ethanol plant in Chancellor, S.D., is shown here, has so far not signed on to any carbon capture pipeline projects, and instead uses its own carbon capture processes to reduce carbon emissions and use the CO2 to make dry ice and other products. Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch

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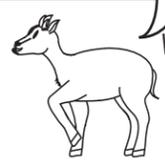


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...and packing a picnic for the park.



Kids: color stuff in!



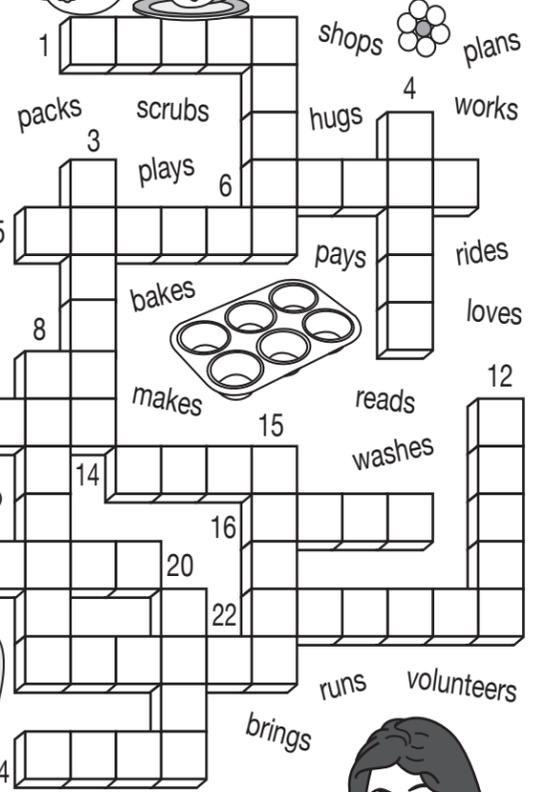
Happy Mother's Day!



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with things our moms do:

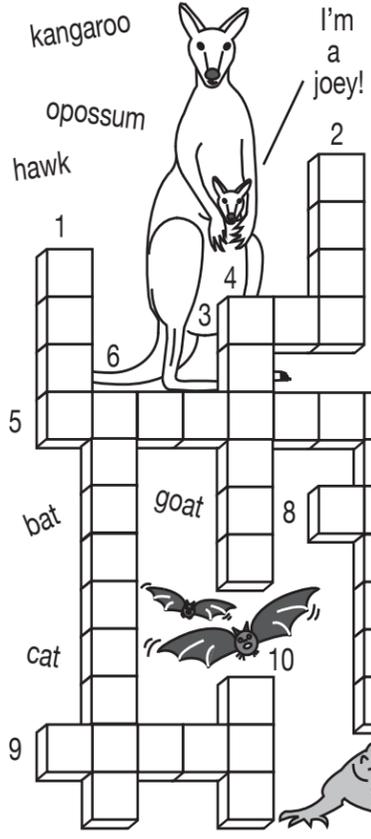
- _____ her bicycle on the path
- _____ in the lake
- _____ and folds laundry
- _____ stories with us every night
- _____ the flower box
- _____ sure we do our homework
- _____ cookies
- _____ us to feed our pets
- _____ us even when we make mistakes
- _____ the bushes
- _____ us how to take care of our things
- _____ at a business
- _____ at town events
- _____ us to the bus stop on time
- _____ for our groceries and clothes
- _____ and kisses us goodnight
- _____ summer vacations
- _____ picnics
- _____ us to the doctor or dentist
- _____ in the road race
- _____ and mops floors
- _____ flower bulbs
- _____ mini golf
- _____ the bills

Mothers and fathers are very excited when their children are born. It is a time of wonder and love. Our parents take care of us, guide us and teach us for many years. Mothers do so many things for and with us. Stop and think about all the time and love your Mother gives you. **What can you do to surprise her or help her out a little on her special day?**



Who knew I had such a flair for flowers?

I love spending time with my kids. Tennis anyone?

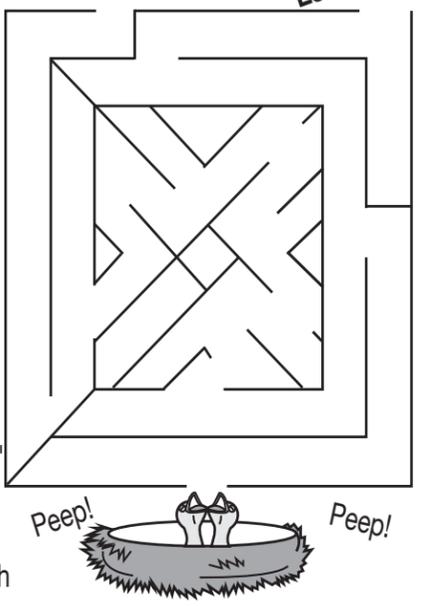


Animal Mothers and Their Young

Some newborn animals need a lot of care, while others can take care of themselves almost from birth. Every spring it's a blast to visit farms and zoos to see, feed and pet the new baby animals. **Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:**

- this mother sits on her eggs to keep them warm, then spreads her wings to keep wind and rain away from her chicks
- this nanny watches her kid leap and jump on the mountainside
- this baby hangs by its toes in a cave: its mother hangs next to it to feed it and wrap a wing around it to provide warmth
- these babies are born onto their mother's tail
- this hopping mother has a large pouch to carry her baby
- this mother builds a nest of grass and mud to put her eggs in; when they hatch she tears the nest open
- her young can hang upside down by their tails - "look, ma, no hands"
- after this baby is born, others help it get its first breath of air
- this bear carries her young on her back
- mother carries her young by picking them up with her mouth

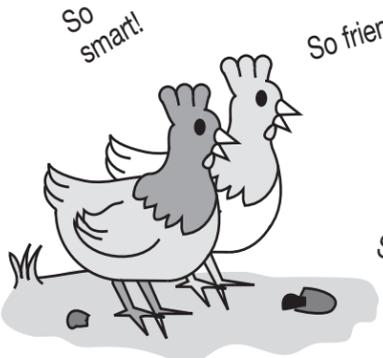
Does this mother bird get to feed her baby birds? Or will the worm escape?



Mother, Mom, Ma!

We call our moms by many affectionate names. In the animal kingdom there are special names for animal mothers and their young. **Can you match these?**

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| 1. doe | A. foal |
| 2. mare | B. duckling |
| 3. frog | C. gosling |
| 4. duck | D. fawn |
| 5. kangaroo | E. tadpole |
| 6. goose | F. joey |



So smart!
So friendly!
So big!
So fast!
So clever!
Gee whiz, Ma!

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|------------|-----------|
| 1. ewe | A. chick |
| 2. cow | B. lamb |
| 3. hen | C. cub |
| 4. lioness | D. piglet |
| 5. sow | E. owl |
| 6. owl | F. calf |

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Brown County April 26, 2022

Meeting Minutes

APRIL 26, 2022 – GENERAL MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

An opportunity for public comment was given.

LANDFILL PURCHASE- FIRE TRUCK:

Landfill Manager Mike Scott discussed the need for a used fire truck at the landfill. Request is to purchase off the federal surplus. Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to approve purchase Osh Kosh Fire Truck from Federal Surplus in Huron, SD for \$12,000. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PUMPING INTO MOCCASIN CREEK:

Scott Bader, Planning and Zoning Director, met to discuss the process and jurisdictional concerns related to pumping into the Moccasin Creek. Permits are not being granted from the county.

MINUTES:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the general meeting minutes of April 19th, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following claims and payroll:

Payroll: Commission \$4,503.96; Auditor \$9,633.24; Treasurer \$12,821.53; SA \$25,903.13; SVAWA \$0.00; Maintenance \$10,021.27; Assessor \$15,215.89; Register of Deeds \$8,028.80; VSO \$4,194.00; GIS \$2,483.72; IT \$7,409.85; HR \$4,061.37; Sheriff \$42,210.34; Jail \$55,334.66; Coroner (Voucher) \$0.00; Court Security \$6,213.43; JDC \$28,066.48; Welfare \$2,161.43; Museum \$10,041.66; Parks/Fairgrounds \$4,399.58; Fair Board \$4,720.00; 4-H \$620.00; Weed \$918.14; Planning & Zoning \$5,681.44; Highway \$46,616.12; Dispatch \$34,560.83; Emergency \$4,285.81; Teen Court \$474.24; JDAI \$1,846.15; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,296.05; Landfill \$13,401.88; MATCHING BENEFITS: FICA @ \$21,974.54; MEDICARE \$5,139.18; DISCOVERY HSA @ \$864.96; WELLMARK BCBS @ \$115,247.04; DELTA DENTAL @ \$7,454.30; DEARBORN LIFE @ \$1,016.94; SDRS RETIREMENT @ \$46,314.41.

CLAIMS: Insurance: SD PUBLIC ASSURANCE ALLIANCE \$4,624.52. Professional Fees: Assurance Land Surveying \$1,613.55; AVERA ST. LUKE'S \$5,849.33; CHRISTY GRIFFIN-SERR LAW OFFICE \$8,541.67; COGLEY LAW OFFICE, PROF LLC \$8,541.67; DOHRER LAW OFFICE \$8,541.67; DREW BECKER \$200.00; IMEG Corp \$14,920.27; JERALD M. MCNEARY \$8,541.67; KRISTI SPITZER \$200.00; KUCK LAW OFFICE \$8,541.67; LUMEN \$225.01; MICHELLE GAIKOWSKI \$38.00; Myron Haar \$13.36; SANFORD HEALTH \$547.20; Sanford Health Network \$4,629.70; TALIAFERRO LAW FIRM \$8,541.67; YANKTON COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE \$50.00

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VICE, INC \$5,301.67; SIOUX FALLS CRANE & HOIST, INC. \$1,541.20. Travel & Conference: PATTI WOODS \$40.00; SCOTT MEINTS \$40.00; SD ASSOC. OF COUNTY OFFICIALS \$185.00; SDAE4-HP \$65.00. Utilities: DEPENDABLE SANITATION INC \$513.00; MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES CO \$32.28; NORTH-WESTERN ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS \$385.57; QWEST CORPORATION \$1,168.23. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT:

Moved by Fjeldheim seconded by Wiese to approve the following Human Resource Report:

· Acknowledge employment ending for Stacy Ramsdell as Brown County Communications Dispatcher full-time; effective April 21, 2022.

· Approve Jacquelyn Ormand; Brown County Dacotah Prairie Museum Collections, part-time through the month of May 2022.

· Approve hiring of two seasonal full-time Fairgrounds employees, with one potentially becoming a permanent full-time employee. One seasonal full-time employee not coming back. The other seasonal full-time employee moving to the part-time position.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS:

RESOLUTION: 16-22 SEVERSON-LEFOR FIRST ADDITION

Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: The plat showing "Severson-Lefor First Addition" in the NE1/4 of Section 34, Township 123 North, Range 64 West of the 5th P.M., in Brown County, South Dakota, be approved and accepted and the County Auditor is hereby instructed to endorse on such plat a copy of this resolution and to certify the same. Seconded by Gage. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage- aye, Sutton- aye. Resolution Adopted.

RESOLUTION: 17-22 BAUER-EDWARDS FIRST - ADDITION

Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing Bauer-Edwards First Addition in the E1/2 SW1/4 of Section 10-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Gage. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage- aye, Sutton- aye. Resolution Adopted.

RESOLUTION: 18-22 PAPA SUBDIVISION

Commissioner Feickert brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing PAPA SUBDIVISION IN STRATFORD SOUTH DAKTOA (Located in the SW1/4 section 4-T121N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota) having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Gage. Roll call vote: Commissioner Feickert – aye, Fjeldheim – aye, Wiese – aye, Gage- aye, Sutton- aye. Resolution Adopted.

ORDINANCES 217 AND 218 – MINI AG REZONE – SET HEARING DATE:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to set a hearing date for May 17th at 8:45 a.m. in the Courthouse Commission Chambers and authorize advertising the following mini ag rezoning ordinances: Proposed Ordinance 217, Applicant Jared Steger requesting to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG): "Boesl Addition" in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 32-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38980 142nd ST, Warner); and Proposed Ordinance 218, applicant Edwards Legacy Family Limited Partnership requesting to rezone from Chapter 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Chapter 4.07 Mini Ag District (M-AG): Proposed Lot 1, "Bauer-Edwards First Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 10-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SURPLUS SALE- HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT ON PURPLE WAVE:

Moved by Wiese, seconded

by Fjeldheim to authorize the following surplus sale: Auction to consist of the following Brown County Highway department surplus: 2000 MODEL TK-110-HDG S/N Y0254 ;1997 832B WITH CAB S/N B208C18882U;1987 SP12 PHEUMATIC RUBBER TIRE S/N 633; 2000 MODEL 312-ST S/N 462599; 1988 MODEL 11HTB1WH ONE WAY S/N5760 OFF A 2011 VOLO NO TIRES. Bids may be submitted online at Purplewave.com. Auction to conclude May 24, 2022. For information please contact the Brown County Highway at (605) 626-7118. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENT – WEED AND PEST:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Gage to acknowledge the resignation of Dennis Wiedebush from the Brown County Weed and Pests Board and acknowledge the appointment of Bill Donaldson for a three-year term. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Weise to approve the following out of state employee travel: Sheriff Office employees Terry Evans and Ryan McClain for travel to Casper, WY September 18-22, 2022 to attend 2022 NW Shuttle Conference as related to job duties. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following fair contracts: Seether, Wade Bowen, and Randy Rogers Band (entertainment). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASES RENEWAL ADDENDUM:

Moved by Wiese seconded by Feickert to approve the following lease agreement addendum: Aberdeen Karting Club for lease of one acre of land east of the horse race tract at the fairgrounds and adequate area for parking. Lease option is for the first three-year period commencing November 1, 2021 and terminating October 31, 2024. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

SHERIFF REPORTS:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following March 2022 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENT:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve, and authorize auditor assign claim against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS PERMIT:

Moved by Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve firework permit for Richmond Lake Association for public display July 3rd, 2022. Discharge location from the Edwards Preserve at Richmond Lake. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASES:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the following leases: Prairie Partners Master Gardener's for lease of Home Arts Building May 21, 2022; Camp Good News for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp Lodge and Dorms July 16-22, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to go into executive session per SDCL 1-25-2 (Contracts and Legal). All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declare the executive session closed with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County April 26, 2022 Consol. Equaliz.

APRIL 26, 2022 – CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Members of the Brown County Commission Sutton, Feickert, and Gage, Aberdeen School District 6-1 Board Member Alm, and City of Aberdeen Mayor Schaunaman met for consolidated board of equalization at

1pm in the courthouse commission chambers. Auditor Cathy McNickle, Director of Equalization Gene Loeschke, and Deputy Director of Equalization Russell Metz were also present. Oaths of office were taken by Commissioner Duane Sutton and Aberdeen City Mayor Travis Schaunaman. Auditor Cathy McNickle called the meeting to order and called for nominations for Chairman.

Alm nominated Duane Sutton as Chair for the 2022 Brown County Consolidated Board of Equalization. Moved by Alm, seconded by Feickert that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Sutton as Chair of the 2022 Brown County Consolidated Board of Equalization. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

APPEALS - STIPULATIONS:

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Feickert to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization to maintain equalization: LIANG CHEN LT 6 BK 33 BENNETT & THOMAS ADD@40,000; JIM KOEHLER LT 1 PRAIRIE'S EDGE 7TH ADD@826,765; JANINE DEBENEDICTIS LT 20 BK 1 KYBURZ & HURLBERT ADD@\$127,092; KRB PROPERTIES LT 1 K&R BRAUN 1ST CONS ADD (BK 31 HAGERTY & LLOYD ADD)@\$108,610; LT 949-950 MORNING HTS EXT ADD@\$99,149; LT 951-952 MORNING HTS EXT ADD@\$104,596; LT 953-954 MORNING HTS EXT ADD@\$100,097; LT 955-956 MORNING HTS EXT ADD@\$26,633; ALPINE INCOME PROPERTY OP LP LT 2A 1ST SD LT A ABDN MOTOR MOTELS ADD OF BJORNSSONS OL 2 NW 20-123-63@\$2,640,000; PRAIRIES EDGE DEV LLC LT A PRAIRIE'S EDGE 7TH ADD@\$0; ALLEN RINGGENBERG LT 1 RINGGENBERGS SD SW 16-123-63@\$84,000; LT 2 RINGGENBERGS SD SW 16-123-63@\$56,000; LT 4 RINGGENBERGS SD SW 16-123-63@\$40,950; LT 5 RINGGENBERGS SD SW 16-123-63@\$27,300; LT 6 RINGGENBERGS SD SW 16-123-63@\$31,185; LT 7 RINGGENBERGS SD SW 16-123-63@\$83,700; LT 8 RINGGENBERGS SD SW 16-123-63@\$40,950; LT 9 RINGGENBERGS SD SW 16-123-63@\$159,207; SCOTT VOELLER BOLS LAKESIDE EST W2 26-123-64 1973 TITAN 14X70 VIN# 113562D1221 @ \$0. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OMITTED:
Moved by Alm, seconded by Gage to add the following parcel by recommendation from the Director of Equalization to maintain equalization: RYAN SALLEE LT 2 SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH 2ND SD SW 6-123-63 (LT 10 GUGLES 1ST SD) @ \$43,124. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:
Moved by Gage, seconded by Alm to declare the Consolidated Board of Equalization adjourned at 1:43p.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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NOTICE
Application has been made by Jared Steger 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 17th at 8:45 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):

"Boesl Addition" in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 32-T122N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (38980 142nd ST, Warner)

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. 217.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Edwards Rezoning Notice

NOTICE

Application has been made by Edwards Legacy Family Limited Partnership 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 17th at 8:45 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):

Proposed Lot 1, "Bauer-Edwards First Addition" in the SW1/4 of Section 10-T123N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota

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. 218.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

(0504.0511)
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Brown County Surplus Property Sale Notice

NOTICE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE

Notice is hereby given for surplus auction. Auction to consist of the following Brown County Highway department surplus: 2000 MODEL TK-110-HDG S/N Y0254 ;1997 832B WITH CAB S/N B208C18882U;1987 SP12 PHEUMATIC RUBBER TIRE S/N 633; 2000 MODEL 312-ST S/N 462599; 1988 MODEL 11HTB1WH ONE WAY S/N5760 OFF A 2011 VOLO NO TIRES. Bids may be submitted online at Purplewave.com. Auction to conclude May 24, 2022. For information please contact the Brown County Highway at (605) 626-7118.

ATTEST:
Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

(0504.0511)
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Frederick Town Public Progress Hearing Notice

Notice of Public Progress Hearing

A progress hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 12, 2022, at the Frederick City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to receive questions and comments concerning the Frederick Wastewater Project and its funding.

This hearing will be open to the public and all interested individuals are encouraged to attend. Written comments pertaining to the projects or its funding may be submitted to Diane Bruns, PO Box 546, Frederick, SD 57441 by 4:30 p.m. on May 12th, 2022.

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Claremont Town April 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The board of trustees for the town of Claremont met on April 12 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Johnson called the meeting to order with trustee Spencer and Rasmussen present. Others present were Karen and Mitchell from Helms and Asso. On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the minutes from the March meeting were approved. On a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen the following warrants allowed:

General: James Valley , telecom, 91.69; NWE, street lights 304.78 city hall 42.21,859.67; Dacotah bank, city loan, 573.55; GDI publishing, 14.35; Post office, stamps, 58.00; Charla Rye, office supplies, 86.02; SD Public assurance, 381.66; Full circle Ag., Diesel, 241.07; IRS, 1st quarter fed tax, 322.58; Jason Spencer, 2hrs. Snow removal, 32.00; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; WSSW: BDM, water purchased, 796.20; Helms and ASSo. Grant/sewer, 1417.50; SD Public Health Lab., water sample, 15.00; NWE, water, 397.72; NWE sewer, 114.96; Rural Development , water loan,

576.00; Karen and Mitchell from Helms and Asso. Were at the board meeting to go through the Storm Drainage Study. With no further business board a motion to adjourn was made by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen . Motion carried.

C.Rye, Finance Officer
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Groton City Harrison Variance Notice

NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on May 23, 2022 at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main St., Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 9, Section 9.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Craig Harrison, POA for C. Vergene Harrison for an existing garage within 4 feet of the North lot line in a Residential (R-1) District at 1101 N Broadway St, Groton, SD, legally described as Lts 15-16 Bk 8 Randalls Addition, to be re-platted as Harrison First Addition at the above named meeting.

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.

Doug Heinrich
Zoning Administrator

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Groton City Northwestern Sp. Exception

NOTICE OF SPECIAL EXCEPTION HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on May 23, 2022 at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main St., Groton, SD for a special exception of Chapter 13, Section 13.0104 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by NorthWestern Energy for a utility substation in a General Industrial District at 307 E Aspen Ave., Groton, SD, legally described as NWE Groton Substation Two.

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.

Doug Heinrich
Zoning Administrator

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Groton City Rehffuss Variance Notice

NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on May 23, 2022 at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main St., Groton, SD for a variance of Chapter 9, Section 9.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Ronald Rehffuss for a garage within 3.5 feet of the North lot line in a Residential (R-1) District at 207 N 3rd St., Groton, SD, legally described as Lt 10 Bk 2 Original Plat.

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.

Doug Heinrich
Zoning Administrator

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Balloons and Jumbo Cards headquarters is the Groton Independent!

Graduation & Mother's Day are on hand!

**Groton City
April 19, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

April 19, 2022
The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00 PM at 120 N Main Street for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Bahr, Babcock, Cutler, Wells, Blackmun, and Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Attorney Drew Johnson, Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich, Paul Kosel, Terry Herron, Jason Wambach, Valerie Baker, Beverly Sombke, and Dwight Zerr.

Public comments were welcomed pursuant to SDCL 1-25-1, but none were received.

Valerie Baker and Beverly Sombke presented the possibility of starting a community garden within the city for individuals who do not have the space to have a garden. Council would like to look into how Aberdeen operates their community gardens. Further discussion was tabled to next council meeting.

Dwight Zerr requested a budget increase for the wastewater fund in order to complete various maintenance projects. Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to transfer funds in the amount of \$30,000 from the swimming pool budget to the wastewater budget. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Babcock to approve Resolution 20222 authorizing the Mayor of Groton, South Dakota to enter into an agreement for financial assistance between the City of Groton, South Dakota and South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources as follows (all members voted aye):

WHEREAS, the CITY OF GROTON has determined it is necessary to proceed with C462051-06, WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 PROJECT (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF GROTON has determined that financial assistance will be necessary to undertake the Project and an application for financial assistance to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources (the "Board") was prepared; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF GROTON submitted a funding application for \$1,326,000 for the Project to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and South Dakota Senate Bill 62 have allowed for additional grant allocations; and

WHEREAS, CITY OF GROTON qualifies for \$9,660,000; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF GROTON received \$266,747.78 ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board will match \$266,747.78 of those funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GROTON:

1. That the CITY OF GROTON is hereby authorizing a request for consideration by the Board for a total of an additional \$266,747.78 of ARPA grant funds to be provided for this project.

2. That the CITY OF GROTON is hereby authorized to execute the applications and submit it to the South Dakota Board of Water and Natural Resources and to execute and deliver such other documents and perform all acts necessary to effectuate the application for financial assistance.

3. That the MAYOR OF GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the CITY OF GROTON to do all things on its behalf to certify and sign payment requests in the event financial assistance is awarded for the Project.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to go forth with the BDM Rural Water System Hookup Application for the airport, with the cost of the hookup being \$4,000.00. All members voted aye.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to approve the size of the Street Resurfacing Project to stay within the \$125,000 budget. All members voted aye.

The minutes from the previous meeting on April 5, 2022, were approved on a motion by Blackmun and seconded by Babcock. All members voted aye.

Moved by Cutler and seconded by Wells to authorize the following bills for payment. All members voted aye.
Payroll, \$22,211.18, Employee salaries; Administrative, \$4,183.05; Public Safety, \$7,602.05; Public Works, \$10,426.08; Dacotah Bank, \$4,866.59, SS/Medicare/Withholding; Dacotah Bank, \$2,606.32, SS/Medicare/Withholding; USPS, \$241.90, Util-

ity Billing Postage; Web Water, \$13,894.22, Water Services; SD State Treasurer, \$10,721.30, Sales and Excise Tax - March 2022; Dakotaland FCU, \$730.00, Employee Savings; Dacotah Bank, \$576.24, HSA contributions; Todd Gay, \$92.80, Mileage for SDMEA Conference; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$240.00, Supplemental Retirement; MJs Sinclair, \$1,937.05, Fuel purchases, car wash - PD Tahoe; Anita Lowary, \$150.00, Election Board - April 12, 2022; Melenie Sombke, \$150.00, Election Board - April 12, 2022; Julie Hinds, \$150.00, Election Board - April 12, 2022; Heartland Waste, \$8,171.45, Garbage hauling; Douglas Heinrich, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - March 2022; April Abeln, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - March 2022; Kellie Locke, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - March 2022; Landon Johnson, \$20.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - March 2022; Branden Abeln, \$407.00, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - March 2022; Med Flex; Paul Kosel, \$78.58, Employee Cell Phone Usage Reimbursement - March 2022; Mileage Reimbursement - Heartland Annual Mtg; Runnings Supply Co, \$120.46, Hose reel, 9-pattern spray revolver, ratchet, garden hose; A&B Business Solutions, \$352.10, Printer Lease; Irby, Inc, \$14,027.65, Crimper kit, line hardware, crossarms, insulators, cutout fuses, overhead material, overhead wire for service replacements/repairs; WAPA, \$22,384.19, Power Services

- March 2022; Heartland Consumer Power, \$56,726.84, Power Services - March 2022; Aramark, \$36.84, Rug Rent; Groton Daily Independent, \$107.69, Publication Fees; Dakota Doors Inc, \$192.35, Repairs to City Shop Door; Ecolab Pest Elimination Div. , \$106.00, Rodent Services - Rubble Site; Locators & Supplies, Inc. \$129.80, Marking White Paint; Cole Papers, Inc, \$162.02, Garbage Bags - Community Center & City Hall; Share Corporation, \$313.85, Dynasty Liquid (bacterial digestant), hand cleaner; James Valley Telecommunications, \$786.89, Telephone and Internet Services; Ken's Food Fair, \$140.47, Fuel, water, foam trays, paper products; Dacotah Bank Visa, \$2,375.57, Rubble site camera annual fee, One Call notifications, fuel, battery combo pack - pd, hanging file folder frames, The Pantry donation box, clothing - pd, postage fees, air compressor for city shop ; AutoZone, Inc. , \$51.03, oil, oil filter, brake fluid; Creative Product Sourcing, Inc. \$601.15, 2022 DARE T-Shirts ; NorthWestern Energy, \$61.91, Natural Gas - Watertower; South Dakota 811, \$9.45, Message Fees for Jan. 2022 - Mar. 2022;

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Cutler to approve the March finance report. All members voted aye.
The Groton City Council, appointed as the Board of Canvassers due to the members' positions on the governing board in the jurisdiction of City of Groton for the Municipal Election held on the 12th day of April, 2022, hereby certify that the following

is a true abstract of the votes cast in the jurisdiction of City of Groton at the election as shown by the returns certified to the person in charge of the election:

Mayor (three-year term)
Aaron Michael Grant24
Scott Hanlon218
All members present voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Bahr to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 760 - Amending Rates for Municipal Utility Customers. All members voted aye.

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to allow Officer Tony Garcia to attend Taser Instructor Certification in Huron, SD on May 2, 2022. All members voted aye.

Discussion took place regarding the Spring Baseball Contract. Reminder - 2022 Spring City Wide Clean Up: April 30, 2022 - May 6, 2022

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Cutler to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 8:07 PM. All members voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 8:52 PM.

Moved by Bahr and seconded by Cutler to promote Officer Justin Cleveland to Assistant Chief with a wage of \$28.00/hour. All members voted aye.

Moved by Babcock and seconded by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM. All members voted aye.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor
Douglas Heinrich, Finance Officer

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**Brown County
Voter Registration
Notice**

NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration for the General Election to be held on June 7, 2022 will close on May 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Failure to register by this date will cause forfeiture of voting rights for this election. If you are in doubt about whether you are registered, check the Voter Information Portal at www.sdsos.gov or call the county auditor at (605) 626-7110.

Registration may be completed during regular business hours at the county auditor's office, municipal finance office, secretary of state's office, and those locations which provide driver's licenses, SNAP, TANF, WIC, military recruitment, and assistance to the disabled as provided by the Department of Human Services. You may contact the county auditor to request a mail-in registration form or access a mail-in form at www.sdsos.gov.

Any voter who needs assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, may contact the county auditor for information and special assistance in voter registration.

Cathy McNickle - Brown County Auditor
(605.0511)

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**Westport Town
April 4, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Town of Westport General Meeting
April 4th, 2022

The Town of Westport met on April 4th, 2022 with Derek Schoenfelder, Shane Storm, Mitchell Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.

The following expenses were presented:

City General NWPS (\$592.10), Groton Independent (\$14.90), B&B contracting - snow removal (\$420.00), US treasury (\$599.06) & SD Unemployment (\$17.29).

Sewer NWPS (\$58.43) DANR- Loan repayment (\$9,310.01) & NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13).

Water Dept. of Revenue (\$15.00), Water Maintenance District (\$459.18) & DENR -Loan repayment (\$3,912.12).

Derek Schoenfelder made motion to pay all bills; second by Mitchell Wilson.

The following deposits were presented:

City General Brown County Collections (\$1,514.13), State of SD (\$2,512.86), & Interest (\$4.54).

Sewer Resident Payments - (\$2,130.00).

Water Resident Payments - (\$3,209.51).

NEW BUSINESS: Water District Maintenance contract was signed, for them to do the water testing in Westport.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer
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Columbia City 2021 Annual Report

Exhibit 1

STATEMENT OF FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL FUNDS
December 31, 2021

General Fund	Sales Tax Fund	Ball Park Fund	Governmental Funds	OtherEnterprise Funds Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
Cash Assets:						
Cash in Checking Accounts.....	131,062.88	43,593.97	6,169.01		168,873.00	349,698.86
Change and Petty Cash.....						0.00
Passbook Savings.....						0.00
Savings Certificates.....						0.00
SD FIT account.....	13,978.76					13,978.76
101 FUND CASH BALANCES.....	145,041.64	43,593.97	6,169.01	0.00	0.00	168,873.00
Municipal funds are deposited or invested with the following depositories:						
						349,698.86
						13,978.76
						363,677.62
						Exhibit 2

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL FUNDS

General Fund	Fund	Fund	Governmental Funds	OtherEnterprise Funds Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
Receipts (Source):						
311 Property Taxes.....	59,496.48					59,496.48
313 Sales Tax.....		29,400.82				29,400.82
311-319 Other Taxes.....	76.96					76.96
320 Licenses and Permits.....	940.00					940.00
331 Federal Grants.....	898.44					898.44
335.1 Bank Franchise Tax.....	891.96					891.96
335.2 Prorate License Fees.....	1,222.53					1,222.53
335.3 Liquor Tax Reversion.....	1,042.53					1,042.53
335.4 Motor Vehicle Licenses (5%).....	7,748.35					7,748.35
335.8 Local Government Highway and Bridge Fund.....	27,999.39					27,999.39
338.1 County Road Tax (25%).....	93.00					93.00
338.2 County Highway and Bridge Reserve Tax (25%).....	357.54					357.54
361 Investment Earnings.....	258.74				69.77	328.51
363-369 Other Revenues.....	61.52					61.52
ENTERPRISE FUNDS						
372-389 Enterprise Operating Revenue (380).....					22,226.00	22,226.00
Total Receipts.....	101,087.44	29,400.82	0.00	0.00	22,295.77	152,784.03
Disbursements (Function):						
411-419 General Government.....	53,635.40	13,608.00				67,243.40
422 Fire.....	2,145.03					2,145.03
431 Highways and Streets.....	13,226.41					13,226.41
432 Sanitation.....	46,241.28					46,241.28
441-449 Health and Welfare.....	898.44					898.44
451-459 Culture-Recreation.....	2,695.12					2,695.12
ENTERPRISE FUNDS						
420 Other Expenses.....					16,658.01	16,658.01
Total Disbursements.....	118,841.68	13,608.00	0.00	0.00	16,658.01	149,107.69
Subtotal of Receipts, Disbursements and Transfers.....	(17,754.24)	15,792.82	0.00	0.00	5,637.76	3,676.34
Fund Cash Balance,						
January 1, 2021.....	148,817.12	27,801.15	6,169.01		163,235.24	346,022.52
Adjustments:						
SD FIT account.....	13,978.76					13,978.76
Restated Fund Cash Balance,						
January 1, 2021.....	162,795.88	27,801.15	6,169.01	0.00	0.00	163,235.24
FUND CASH BALANCE,						
December 31, 2021.....	145,041.64	43,593.97	6,169.01	0.00	0.00	168,873.00
Do amounts equal Exhibit 1 Fund Cash Balance?.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Exhibit 3

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

General Long-Term Debt	General Obligation Bonds	Special Assessment Bonds	Other	Revenue Bonds	Total
Debt Payable, January 1, 2021.....				238,714.00	238,714.00
Add New Issues:				5,937.99	5,937.99
Less Debt Retired.....				232,776.01	232,776.01
December 31, 2021.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	232,776.01	232,776.01
(23101).....	(23103)	(23700)	(23102)		
Note: Amounts reported do not include interest.					
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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
6101 ANACAPRI BOULEVARD, LANSING, MI 48917-3988

MAIL ADDRESS:
P.O. BOX 30660, LANSING, MI 48909-8160

ASSETS:

Bonds	.....\$9,937,644,262.00
Stocks	.....\$8,838,320,862.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....\$18,419,564.00
Real Estate Owned	.....\$229,097,249.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....(\$12,958,904.00)
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	.....\$858,524,014.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	.....\$63,147,002.00
Due and Accrued	.....\$1,515,440,414.00
Other Assets	.....\$21,447,634,263.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....\$21,447,634,263.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	.....\$2,441,077,622.00
Reserve for Loss	.....\$599,854,402.00
Adjustment Expenses	.....\$533,302,946.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	.....\$40,436,946.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	.....\$1,630,093.00
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	.....\$2,376,748,936.00
Unearned Premiums	.....\$630,882,885.00
All Other Liabilities	.....\$6,623,933,830.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....\$3,000,000.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....\$3,000,000.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	.....\$1,250,000.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....\$0.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....\$14,819,450,433.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....\$14,823,700,433.00
TOTAL	.....\$21,447,634,263.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021

Direct Premiums Written	.....\$8,873,711.00
Direct Premiums Earned	.....\$57,910,459.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....\$28,843,901.00
Direct Losses Incurred	.....\$29,677,264.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
WHEREAS, the Auto-Owners Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Michigan, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 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., 2022.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183

MAIL ADDRESS:
ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183

ASSETS:

Bonds	.....\$11,599,074,841.00
Stocks	.....\$4,384,274,072.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	.....\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....\$310,928,929.00
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	.....\$1,787,899,954.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	.....\$91,759,463.00
Due and Accrued	.....\$2,024,281,928.00
Other Assets	.....\$20,198,219,187.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....\$20,198,219,187.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	.....\$7,316,629,039.00
Reserve for Loss	.....\$1,579,274,263.00
Adjustment Expenses	.....\$117,376,259.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	.....\$65,896,910.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	.....\$23,101,267.00
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	.....\$2,668,067,637.00
Unearned Premiums	.....\$597,903,090.00
All Other Liabilities	.....\$12,368,249,466.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....\$8,599,298.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....\$25,000,000.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	.....\$2,629,824,585.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....\$5,169,546,838.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....\$7,629,970,720.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....\$20,198,219,187.00
TOTAL	.....\$20,198,219,187.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021

Direct Premiums Written	.....\$813,493.00
Direct Premiums Earned	.....\$908,911.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....\$238,143.00
Direct Losses Incurred	.....\$182,010.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
WHEREAS, the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) 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., 2022.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
THE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183

MAIL ADDRESS:
ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183

ASSETS:

Bonds	.....\$1,869,997,522.00
Stocks	.....\$979,281,307.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	.....\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....\$17,387,467.00
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	.....\$191,841,106.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	.....\$17,230,776.00
Due and Accrued	.....\$159,606,647.00
Other Assets	.....\$64,155,422.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....\$1,160,831,907.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	.....\$492,327,200.00
Reserve for Loss	.....\$211,759,269.00
Adjustment Expenses	.....\$106,267,473.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	.....\$15,635,083.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	.....\$8,835,882.00
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	.....\$1,098,871.00
Unearned Premiums	.....\$357,751,702.00
All Other Liabilities	.....\$118,117,697.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....\$1,694,259,274.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....\$561,804,244.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	.....\$2,256,063,518.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....\$125,632,050.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....\$429,019,145.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....\$309,253,593.00
TOTAL	.....\$1,160,831,907.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021

Direct Premiums Written	.....\$1,928,783.00
Direct Premiums Earned	.....\$1,941,435.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....\$2,651,004.00
Direct Losses Incurred	.....\$2,882,985.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
WHEREAS, the Travelers Casualty Insurance Company of America, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 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., 2022.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
THE STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183

MAIL ADDRESS:
ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183

ASSETS:

Bonds	.....\$3,016,442,098.00
Stocks	.....\$527,381,027.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	.....\$43,938,450.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....\$23,633,482.00
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	.....\$340,113,902.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	.....\$23,960,497.00
Due and Accrued	.....\$564,937,951.00
Other Assets	.....\$4,516,773,925.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....\$1,739,316,530.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	.....\$375,426,690.00
Reserve for Loss	.....\$27,762,156.00
Adjustment Expenses	.....\$15,665,081.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	.....\$6,653,996.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	.....\$634,255,765.00
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	.....\$332,843,902.00
Unearned Premiums	.....\$3,131,924,120.00
All Other Liabilities	.....\$2,044,234.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....\$5,000,000.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....\$623,472,070.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	.....\$754,333,502.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....\$1,384,849,805.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....\$4,516,773,925.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....\$958,463.00
TOTAL	.....\$932,403.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021

Direct Premiums Written	.....\$958,463.00
Direct Premiums Earned	.....\$932,403.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....\$568,711.00
Direct Losses Incurred	.....\$518,744.00

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., 2022.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
AMCO INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
1100 LOCUST STREET, DES MOINES, IA, 50391-1100

MAIL ADDRESS:
ONE WEST NATIONWIDE BLVD, 1-99-FIN1,
COLUMBUS, OH, 43215-2220

ASSETS:

Bonds	.....\$187,026,905.00
Stocks	.....\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	.....\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....\$23,633,482.00
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	.....\$290,636,885.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	.....\$1,560,844.00
Due and Accrued	.....\$300,425,786.00
Other Assets	.....\$903,283,902.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....\$1,739,316,530.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	.....\$0.00
Reserve for Loss	.....\$0.00
Adjustment Expenses	.....\$0.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	.....\$0.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	.....\$0.00
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	.....\$8,292,770.00
Unearned Premiums	.....\$0.00
All Other Liabilities	.....\$593,613,765.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....\$601,906,535.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....\$3,000,000.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	.....\$3,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....\$177,486,674.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....\$20,890,693.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....\$201,377,367.00
TOTAL	.....\$903,283,902.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021

Direct Premiums Written	.....\$8,416,655.00
Direct Premiums Earned	.....\$8,623,477.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....\$9,306,091.00
Direct Losses Incurred	.....\$7,122,503.00

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., 2022.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
2775 SANDERS ROAD, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062

MAIL ADDRESS:
3075 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE G4E, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062

ASSETS:

Bonds	.....\$28,979,837,324.00
Stocks	.....\$7,124,953,122.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....\$737,144,434.00
Real Estate Owned	.....\$391,679,405.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....\$1,965,883,370.00
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	.....\$7,627,841,703.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	.....\$245,404,167.00
Due and Accrued	.....\$11,694,318,578.00
Other Assets	.....\$58,767,062,103.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....\$16,690,922,185.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Reserve for Losses	.....\$3,309,170,441.00
Reserve for Loss	.....\$1,802,550,221.00
Adjustment Expenses	.....\$1,802,550,221.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	.....\$153,166,648.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	.....\$0.00
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	.....\$12,961,752,153.00
Unearned Premiums	.....\$5,418,480,786.00
All Other Liabilities	.....\$40,336,042,434.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....\$15,859,471.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....\$3,882,000.00
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	.....\$3,284,769,264.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....\$15,126,508,934.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....\$18,431,019,669.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders\$58,767,062,103.00
TOTAL\$9,466,576.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
FARMERS ALLIANCE MUTUAL
INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
1122 N MAIN STREET, MCPHERSON, KS 67460
MAIL ADDRESS:
PO BOX 1401, MCPHERSON, KS 67460
ASSETS:

Table with financial data for Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Company, including Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans, Real Estate, and various Surpluses.

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, 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

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
ALL STATE INDEMNITY COMPANY

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

Table with financial data for All State Indemnity Company, including Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans, Real Estate, and various Surpluses.

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

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

19275

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
AMERICAN FAMILY MUTUAL
INSURANCE COMPANY, S.I.

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
6000 AMERICAN PKWY., MADISON, WI 53783
MAIL ADDRESS:
6000 AMERICAN PKWY., MADISON, WI 53783
ASSETS:

Table with financial data for American Family Mutual Insurance Company, S.I., including Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans, Real Estate, and various Surpluses.

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 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

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

19283

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
AMERICAN STANDARD INSURANCE
COMPANY OF WISCONSIN

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
6000 AMERICAN PKWY., MADISON, WI 53783
MAIL ADDRESS:
6000 AMERICAN PKWY., MADISON, WI 53783
ASSETS:

Table with financial data for American Standard Insurance Company of Wisconsin, including Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans, Real Estate, and various Surpluses.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
WHEREAS, the American Standard Insurance Company, S.I., a Corporation organized under the Laws of Wisconsin, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 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

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
500 WEST MADISON STREET, SUITE 3000,
CHICAGO, IL 60661
MAIL ADDRESS:
1271 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 37TH FLOOR,
NEW YORK, NY 10020
ASSETS:

Table with financial data for The Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, including Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans, Real Estate, and various Surpluses.

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:

- 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 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

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
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
ASSETS:

Table with financial data for Fidelity & Guaranty Life Insurance Company, including Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans, Real Estate, and various Surpluses.

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

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
GREAT AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
301 EAST FOURTH STREET, CINCINNATI, OH 45202
MAIL ADDRESS:
PO BOX 5420, CINCINNATI, OH 45201-5420
ASSETS:

Table with financial data for Great American Life Insurance Company, including Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans, Real Estate, and various Surpluses.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
WHEREAS, the Great American Life Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Ohio, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

- 1, 2, 16, 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

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

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 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
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
ASSETS:

Bonds	.....	\$50,111,955,025.00
Stocks	.....	\$1,307,924,997.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$5,329,797,620.00
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$289,755,272.00
Policy Loans	.....	\$3,765,370,955.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$790,591,671.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$1,152,820,718.00
Investment Income Due and Accrued	.....	\$483,747,818.00
Other Assets	.....	\$8,895,320,807.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$72,127,294,885.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	.....	\$47,030,513,643.00
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$4,764,705,757.00
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$474,946,264.00
Life	.....	\$303,931,539.00
Accident & Health	.....	\$5,117,675.00
General Expenses	.....	\$0.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$1,349,925,446.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$30,912,963.00
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$0.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$9,883,398,556.00
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$63,538,334,168.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$1,502,366,212.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$0.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$7,086,584,505.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$0.00
TOTAL	.....	\$8,588,950,717.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021		
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$6,334,991.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$3,270,197.00
Losses Incurred	.....	\$3,847,991.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$556,509,214.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
 WHEREAS, the GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA, a Corporation organized under the Laws of New York, 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 Commercial; 27) Personal
 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., 2022.
 LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

64505 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
HOMESTEADERS LIFE COMPANY
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
 5700 WESTOWN PARKWAY, WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266
 MAIL ADDRESS:
 5700 WESTOWN PARKWAY, WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266
ASSETS:

Bonds	.....	\$3,045,470,056.00
Stocks	.....	\$5,947,800.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$204,840,134.00
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$9,451,763.00
Policy Loans	.....	\$1,409,613.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$42,894,287.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$17,773,993.00
Investment Income Due and Accrued	.....	\$29,404,737.00
Other Assets	.....	\$94,379,458.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$3,451,571,841.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	.....	\$3,107,357,680.00
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$0.00
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$5,117,675.00
Life	.....	\$0.00
Accident & Health	.....	\$8,123,357.00
General Expenses	.....	\$4,167,196.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$0.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$0.00
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$0.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$132,152,818.00
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$3,256,918,726.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$3,451,571,841.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$0.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$194,653,110.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$3,451,571,836.00
TOTAL	.....	\$194,653,110.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021		
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$9,681,637.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$4,099,285.00
Losses Incurred	.....	\$4,078,125.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$70,987,506.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
 WHEREAS, the Homesteaders Life Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;
 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:
 1, 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 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., 2022.
 LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

64580 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
ILLINOIS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
 300 SW ADAMS, PEORIA, IL 61634
 MAIL ADDRESS:
 300 SW ADAMS, PEORIA, IL 61634
ASSETS:

Bonds	.....	\$1,200,530,836.00
Stocks	.....	\$95,395,934.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$87,161,389.00
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$4,415,316.00
Policy Loans	.....	\$15,735,321.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$18,148,865.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$24,031,591.00
Investment Income Due and Accrued	.....	\$11,980,542.00
Other Assets	.....	\$137,574,985.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$1,594,974,779.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	.....	\$698,829,687.00
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$346,024,833.00
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$6,912,681.00
Life	.....	\$1,889,301.00
Accident & Health	.....	\$2,619,650.00
General Expenses	.....	\$449,709.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$0.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$280,625,310.00
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$1,317,351,171.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$3,256,918,726.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$277,623,608.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$277,623,608.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$1,801,661.00
TOTAL	.....	\$2,950,278.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021		
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$2,950,278.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$1,038,553.00
Losses Incurred	.....	\$167,181,332.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$1,309,000.00

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 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., 2022.
 LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

63444 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
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
ASSETS:

Bonds	.....	\$52,345,738.00
Stocks	.....	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$4,415,316.00
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$0.00
Policy Loans	.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$107,292,845.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$6,754,866.00
Investment Income Due and Accrued	.....	\$250,525.00
Other Assets	.....	\$42,002,769.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$208,646,743.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	.....	\$6,547,478.00
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$3,188,783.00
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$3,464,751.00
Life	.....	\$20,297,256.00
Accident & Health	.....	\$1,586,348.00
General Expenses	.....	\$5,340,344.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$0.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$43,316,479.00
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$83,741,439.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$2,500,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$226,308,114.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$226,308,114.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$208,646,743.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$124,905,304.00
TOTAL	.....	\$208,646,743.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021		
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$93,030.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$66,883.00
Losses Incurred	.....	\$72,309.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$1,309,000.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
 WHEREAS, the Accendo Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Utah, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;
 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:
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 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel/Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal 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., 2022.
 LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

63983 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
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
ASSETS:

Bonds	.....	\$566,109,610.94
Stocks	.....	\$56,008,915.60
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$4,191,219.91
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$9,748,309.99
Policy Loans	.....	\$4,803,767.35
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$3,220,583.03
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$283,176.52
Investment Income Due and Accrued	.....	\$7,092,905.32
Other Assets	.....	\$30,737,389.29
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$682,175,877.95
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	.....	\$540,111,529.42
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$2,153,905.68
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$2,968,483.38
Life	.....	\$288,704.00
Accident & Health	.....	\$1,228,231.02
General Expenses	.....	\$597,678.68
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$0.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$606,028,409.37
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$4,600,000.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$5,000,000.00
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$4,000,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$62,547,468.58
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$62,547,468.58
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$76,147,468.58
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$682,175,877.95
TOTAL	.....	\$3,587,216.53
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021		
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$2,047,171.66
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$1,919,335.49
Losses Incurred	.....	\$22,468,742.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$0.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
 WHEREAS, the United Heritage Life Insurance, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Idaho, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;
 NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:
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 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel/Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal 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., 2022.
 LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

64238 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
GUARANTY INCOME LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
 200 1ST ST SE, SUITE 1300, CEDAR RAPIDS, IA, US 52401
 MAIL ADDRESS:
 2638 SOUTH SHERWOOD FOREST BLVD, STE 200, BATON ROUGE, LA, US 70816
ASSETS:

Bonds	.....	\$2,269,923,381.00
Stocks	.....	\$564,846,976.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$164,054,213.00
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$3,198,349.00
Policy Loans	.....	\$889,053.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$176,528,141.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$28,278.00
Investment Income Due and Accrued	.....	\$16,625,852.00
Other Assets	.....	\$262,022,843.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$3,458,117,086.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS		
Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts	.....	\$1,968,631,524.00
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$0.00
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$873,433.00
Life	.....	\$0.00
Accident & Health	.....	\$2,312,052.00
General Expenses	.....	\$83,000.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$0.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$0.00
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$0.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$856,800,648.00
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$2,826,388,604.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$62,000,000.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$499,158,660.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$68,069,822.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$631,728,482.00
TOTAL	.....	\$3,458,117,086.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021		
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$206,016.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$93,040.00
Losses Incurred	.....	\$0.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$0.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
 WHEREAS, the Guaranty Income Life 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, 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 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., 2022.
 LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

19186 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021
ALLIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
 1122 N. MAIN STREET, MCPHERSON, KS 67460
 MAIL ADDRESS:
 PO BOX 1401, MCPHERSON, KS 67460
ASSETS:

Bonds	.....	\$25,067,901.00
Stocks	.....	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$4,191,219.91
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$5,132,174.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$0.00
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$0.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued	.....	\$159,621.00

Frederick Town 2021 Annual Report

Exhibit 1
Columbia City
May 3, 2022
Meeting Minutes

STATEMENT OF FUND CASH BALANCES
 ALL FUNDS
 December 31, 2021

	General Fund	Wastewater Project Fund	Governmental Funds	Other Funds	Enterprise Funds Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Sales Tax Fund	Water Deposit Fund	Total
Cash Assets:									
Cash in Checking Accounts	279,796.97	39,357.11			(105,743.86)	40,565.78	79.58	4,955.00	259,010.58
Change and Petty Cash									0.00
Passbook Savings	255,556.10					32,376.09			287,932.19
Savings Certificates	7,100.16								7,100.16
101 FUND CASH BALANCES	542,453.23	39,357.11		0.00	(105,743.86)	72,941.87	79.58	4,955.00	554,042.93
									554,042.93
									554,042.93

Municipal funds are deposited or invested with the following depositories:
 First National Bank of Frederick

City of Columbia Council Meeting – May 3, 2022
 CALL MEETING TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m.
 ROLL CALL – Cara Dennert, Ellen Harr, Trevor Meints, Corey Mitchell, Cole Kampa, Emily Eichler via Zoom
 Community – Jeremy Dosch
 Corey Mitchell called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed out from the April 4th meeting. Trevor Meints made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES

	General Fund	Wastewater Project Fund	Governmental Funds	Other Funds	Enterprise Funds Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
Receipts (Source):									
311 Property Taxes	116,579.35								116,579.35
313 Sales Tax	69,192.47								69,192.47
311-319 Other Taxes	391.47								391.47
320 Licenses and Permits	12,435.13								12,435.13
335.1 Bank Franchise Tax	1,698.60								1,698.60
335.2 Prorate License Fees	861.53								861.53
335.3 Liquor Tax Reversion	4,349.59								4,349.59
335.4 Motor Vehicle Licenses (5%)	5,460.43								5,460.43
338.1 County Road Tax (25%)	190.00								190.00
338.2 County Highway and Bridge Reserve Tax (25%)	5,974.98								5,974.98
338.3 County Wheel Tax	251.98								251.98
341-349 Charges for Goods and Services	27,723.09								27,723.09
361 Investment Earnings	134.22								134.22
362 Rentals	5,152.00								5,152.00
363-369 Other Revenues	2,403.44	3,176,924.91							3,179,328.35
ENTERPRISE FUNDS									
372-389 Enterprise Operating Revenue (380)					50,474.32	62,236.00	925.27	400.00	114,035.59
380.05 Lottery Revenues									
Total Receipts	252,798.28	3,176,924.91		0.00	50,474.32	62,236.00	925.27	400.00	3,543,758.78
Disbursements (Function):									
411-419 General Government	67,879.61								67,879.61
431 Highways and Streets	14,685.87								14,685.87
432 Sanitation	22,896.08	3,270,474.48							3,293,370.56
437 Cemeteries	5,350.52								5,350.52
451-459 Culture-Recreation	22,595.44								22,595.44
461-469 Conservation and Development	15,000.00								15,000.00
ENTERPRISE FUNDS									
420 Other Expenses	148,407.52	3,270,474.48		0.00	164,356.42	45,222.99	940.05	0.00	3,629,401.46
Total Disbursements	148,407.52	3,270,474.48		0.00	164,356.42	45,222.99	940.05	0.00	3,629,401.46
391.01 Transfers In	10,925.37								10,925.37
511 Transfers Out	10,925.37								10,925.37
Subtotal of Receipts, Disbursements and Transfers	93,465.39	(82,624.20)		0.00	(113,882.10)	17,013.01	(14.78)	400.00	(85,642.68)
Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2021	448,987.84	121,981.31			8,138.24	55,928.86	94.36	4,555.00	639,685.61
Restated Fund Cash Balance, January 1, 2021	448,987.84	121,981.31		0.00	8,138.24	55,928.86	94.36	4,555.00	639,685.61
FUND CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2021	542,453.23	39,357.11		0.00	(105,743.86)	72,941.87	79.58	4,955.00	554,042.93
Do amounts equal Exhibit 1 Fund Cash Balance?	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Warrant Vouchers: Web Water – 39.86; Northwestern Energy – 876.13; Runnings – 29.58; JVT – 124.92; Dacotah Bank – 159.11; Cara Dennert – 1235.25; GDI – 28.97; Jeremy Dosch – 419.99; Runnings – 89.40; Menards – 141.64; petty cash – 300.00; SDFOGA – 75.00; Kolker Law Office – 133.13
 Cole Kampa made a motion to accept the vouchers as presented. Trevor Meints seconded the motion. All in favor – motion carried.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT

General Long-Term Debt	General Obligation Bonds	Special Assessment Bonds	Enterprise Other	Revenue Bonds	Total
Debt Payable, January 1, 2021				91,300.23	91,300.23
Add New Issues:				1,420,000.00	1,420,000.00
Less Debt Retired				25,341.59	25,341.59
DEBT PAYABLE, December 31, 2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,485,958.64	1,485,958.64
	(23101)	(23103)	(23700)	(23102)	

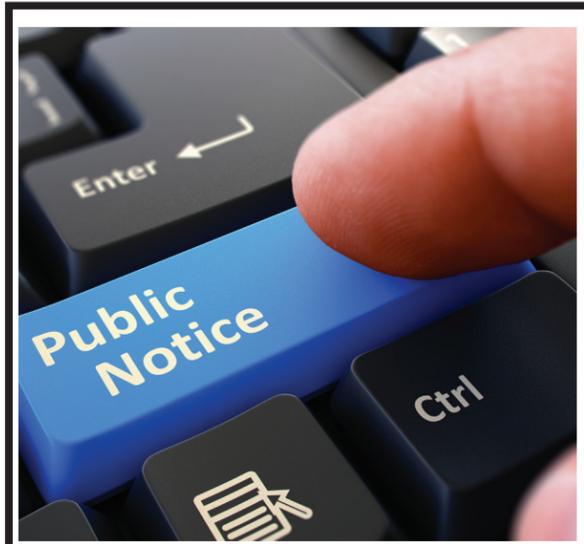
Note: Amounts reported do not include interest.
 Published once at the total approximate cost of \$225.61. 21179

COMMUNITY COMMENTS / CORESPONDENCE – UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 Baseball field update – they are in the process of drilling wells – there will be 3 altogether when finished
 Nuisances - There are a few issues going on – Kari is helping with the process.
 Streets – Trevor will call to have streets bladed. Discussions are still going on regarding the paving of the streets.
 Parks - The baseball teams will be using the Westport ball field for games this summer.
 Lagoon/sewer – There was discussion on the residential city sump pumps – pros and cons of pumping into the sewer. A message will go out with the June sewer bill regarding pumping sump water outside instead of the sewer lines. Cole is contacting Jeremy – the lagoon will need to be pumped because of the flooding.

Rubble Site – Still waiting on cameras to be installed.
 NEW BUSINESS – Cara will apply for the mosquito grant. Emily will organize a Summer Rec program for children in town. Wage of \$10 per hour for supervisors.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Cara will attend Finance Officer School in Huron in June. She presented bank balances and information on tractor that was sold through Jark Auction. Ellen Harr made a motion to accept the financial reports as given. Emily Eichler seconded the motion. All were in favor – motion carried.
 April 30, 2022 balances: SF - \$ 182,167.06; GF - \$ 171,147.47; FIT - \$13,979.01
 Cash on hand - \$0
 Cole Kampa made a motion to adjourn. Ellen Harr seconded the motion. All were in favor – meeting adjourned.

Next City Council Meeting - June 1, 2022 7:00 p.m.
 Submitted by Cara Dennert, Finance Officer
 Published once at the total approximate cost of \$25.94. 21194



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Frederick School Notice of 2021 Audit

Notice of Audit of the Fiscal Affairs of Frederick Area School District No. 6-2

Notice is hereby given that the records and books of account of Frederick Area School District No. 6-2 of Brown County, South Dakota, have been audited by Eide Bailly LLP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and that a detailed report thereon is filed with the governing board, the Business Manager, and the Department of Legislative Audit, 427 South Chapelle, Pierre, South Dakota, for public inspection.

The following findings and recommendations referred to in the report are hereby published in compliance with the provisions of SDCL 4-11-12:

Current Audit Findings and Recommendations

Finding 2021-001 - Lack of Segregation of Duties

Criteria: A good system of internal controls contemplates an adequate segregation of duties so that no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to its completion.

Condition: Frederick Area School District No. 6-2 has a limited number of office personnel and, accordingly, does not have adequate internal accounting controls in revenue, expenditures, and payroll functions due to a lack of segregation of duties.

Cause: The School District has an insufficient number of

staff members to adequately separate duties.

Effect: This condition increases the risk that fraud or errors might occur and not be detected in the financial reporting process.

Recommendation: Although it is recognized that the number of office staff may not be large enough to permit an adequate segregation of duties in all respects, it is important that management and those charged with governance be aware of this condition. We recommend that the School Board exercise adequate oversight of the accounting function.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the finding.

Finding 2021-002 - Preparation of Financial Statements and Footnotes and Material Proposed Adjustments to the Financial Statements

Criteria: An organization's internal control structure should provide for the recording of all necessary material adjustments and the preparation of financial statements and footnotes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Condition: Frederick Area School District No. 6-2 does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements being audited, including required footnotes and disclosures and all necessary material audit adjustments, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Cause: The School District does not have adequate staff

trained to prepare the financial statements and footnotes including adjustments to material account balances.

Effect: This condition may affect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Recommendation: This circumstance is not unusual in an organization of this size. It is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations.

Views of Responsible Officials: Management agrees with the finding.

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Girls sprint medley relay team sprint to first place at Milbank

The Groton Area girls sprint medley relay team took first place at the Milbank Invitational Track Meet held Tuesday.

There were several taking second and they were the boys 3200m relay team, the girls 800m relay team and Aspen Johnson in the long jump and the triple jump. Those that took third place were the boys and girls 400m relay teams, Jackson Cogley in the high jump and the girls 3200m relay team.

Boy's Division

The boys placed seventh in a field of 15 teams with Milbank winning the team title with 176.5 points followed by Warner with 88.5, Webster Area 82.5, Aberdeen Roncalli 69, Clark/Willow Lake 60.5, Hamlin 50, Groton Area 47, Great Plains Lutheran 28, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross 27.5, Florence/Henry 26, Tri-State 22, Sisseton 21.5, Dakota Hills 16.5, Britton-Hecla 13.5, Tiospa Zina 6, Langford Area 6.

100 Meters: 16. Korbin Kucker, 12.16; 25. Christian Ehresmann, 12.74; 31. Jayden Zak, 12.93

200 Meters: 4. Andrew Marzahn, 23.44 SR; 22. Korbin Kucker, 25.28; 27. Jayden Zak, 26.30; 28. Colby Dunker, 26.34

400 Meters: 4. Andrew Marzahn, 53.87

800 Meters: 11. Tristan McGannon, 2:23.09; 17. Braxton Imrie, 2:34.96

110m Hurdles - 39": 7. Caden McInerney, 20.45

300m Hurdles - 36": 11. Colby Dunker, 49.62; 14. Caden McInerney, 50.84

4x100 Relay: 3. Groton Area (Kaden Kurtz, Keegan Tracy, Lane Tietz, Teylor Diegel), 46.9

4x200 Relay: 5. Groton Area (Kaden Kurtz, Keegan Tracy, Andrew Marzahn, Teylor Diegel), 1:35.84

4x400 Relay: 6. Groton Area (Keegan Tracy, Andrew Marzahn, Kaden Kurtz, Teylor Diegel), 3:45.06

4x800 Relay: 2. Groton Area (Cole Simon, Keegan Tracy, Lane Tietz, Jacob Lewandowski), 8:58.02

SMR 200-200-400-800m - [2-2-4-8]: 7. Groton Area (Lane Tietz, Korbin Kucker, Christian Ehresmann, Tristan McGannon), 4:13.45

Shot Put - 12lb: 8. Holden Sippel, 38-11.00; 12. Caleb Hanten, 36-04.50; 15. Kaleb Antonsen, 34-11.50; 38. Christian Ehresmann, 27-05.00

Discus - 1.6kg: 13. Holden Sippel, 96-10; 14. Caleb Hanten, 93-08; 17. Logan Ringgenberg, 86-10

High Jump: 3. Jackson Cogley, 5-05.00

Long Jump: 4. Jacob Zak, 18-08.50; 15. Jackson Cogley, 17-02.50; 29. Tate Larson, 15-00.75

Triple Jump: 10. Jackson Cogley, 35-05.75; 11. Jacob Zak, 35-05.25; 14. Tristan McGannon, 32-09.75

Girl's Division

The girls placed fourth in a field of 14 teams. Milbank won the team title with 161 points followed by Aberdeen Roncalli with 103.5, Great Plains Lutheran with 84, Groton Area 56, Florence/Henry 55, Hamlin 51, Webster Area 46.5, Warner 38, Clark/Willow Lake 36, Britton-Hecla 29, Dakota Hills 29, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross 25, Sisseton 21 and Tri-State 6.

100 Meters: 18. Kayla Lehr, 14.61; 19. Karsyn Jangula, 14.69; 30. Riley Leicht, 15.65

200 Meters: 14. Kayla Lehr, 30.13; 15. Karsyn Jangula, 30.15; 17. Brooklyn Hanson, 30.63; 41. Riley Leicht, 38.69

400 Meters: 10. Kella Tracy, 1:10.07; 12. Brooklyn Hanson, 1:10.42; 23. Sydney Leicht, 1:16.34

4x100 Relay: 3. Groton Area (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hanson, Aspen Johnson, Laila Roberts), 54.3

4x200 Relay: 2. Groton Area (Jerica Locke, Kella Tracy, Kennedy Hanson, Laila Roberts), 1:54.34

4x400 Relay: 4. Groton Area (Jerica Locke, Kella Tracy, Kennedy Hanson, Laila Roberts), 4:28.1

4x800 Relay: 3. Groton Area (Faith Traphagen, Taryn Traphagen, Emerlee Jones, Rylee Dunker), 10:50.45

SMR 200-200-400-800m - [2-2-4-8]: 1. Groton Area (Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, Jerica Locke, Faith Traphagen), 4:41.56

Shot Put - 4kg: 8. Maddie Bjerke, 29-05.50; 15. Faith Flihs, 26-08.00; 24. Emma Kutter, 24-05.50

Discus - 1kg: 13. Maddie Bjerke, 75-03; 25. Faith Flihs, 64-01; 36. Emma Schinkel, 54-05

High Jump: 5. Anna Fjeldheim, 4-05.00; 22. Emilie Thurston, 3-11.00

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Long Jump: 2. Aspen Johnson, 14-08.25; 16. Anna Fjeldheim, 13-04.50; 17. Trista Keith, 13-01.00

Triple Jump: 2. Aspen Johnson, 31-05.25; 13. Emerlee Jones, 28-01.75; 20. Anna Fjeldheim, 26-10.00

Boys win Webster meet, Girls take second

The Groton Area boys won the Webster Area Track Meet held Friday. The boys finished with 128 points followed by LaMoure/Litch-Marion with 114, Florence/Henry with 109, Clark/Willow Lake with 107, Webster Area with 100, Aberdeen Christian with 74 and Britton-Hecla with 38.

The Groton Area girls took second by just one point as Webster Area won the team title, 134-133. Taking third was Clark/Willow Lake with 101, Florence Henry was fourth with 74 followed by Aberdeen Christian with 66, LaMoure/Litch-Marion with 63, Britton-Hecla with 41 and Langford Area with 33.

Three Groton Area girls relay teams took first place at the Webster Invitational Track Meet held Friday. In addition, Faith Traphagen took first in the 800m run and Aspen Johnson took first in the long jump.

Taking second for Groton Area were Aspen Johnson in the triple jump, Jackson Cogley in the high jump, Laila Roberts in the 100m dash, the girls 3200m Relay Team, Caden McInerney in the 110m hurdles, and the boys 1600m and 3200m Relay Teams.

Third place finishers were Colby Dunker in the 300m Hurdles, Tristan McGannon in the 1600m Run, Jacob Lewandowski in the 3200m Run, the Boys 1600m Sprint Medley Relay Team, Maddie Bjerke in both in the shot put and discus, Anna Fjeldheim in the long jump, Holden Sippel in the shot put and Caleb Hansen in the discus.

Girls Division

300m Hurdles: 4. Talli Wright, 58.20.

100m Dash: 2. Laila Roberts, 14.06; 5. Karyn Jangula, 14.59; 8. Kayla Lehr, 14.84.

200m Dash: 5. Brooklyn Hanson, 30.49; 6. Kayla Lehr, 30.69; 8. Karyn Jangula, 30.96.

400m Dash: 5. Brooklyn Hanson, 1:10.70; 6. Rylee Dunker, 1:10.99; 13. Sydney Leicht, 1:15.87.

800m Run: 1. Faith Traphagen, 2:47.36.

4x100m Relay: 1. Groton Area (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hanson, Aspen Johnson, Laila Roberts), 54.83.

4x200m Relay: 1. Groton Area (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hanson, Kella Tracy, Laila Roberts), 1:56.63.

4x400m Relay: 1. Groton Area (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hanson, Kella Tracy, Laila Roberts), 4:29.68.

4x800m Relay: 2. Groton Area (Faith Traphagen, Rylee Dunker, Taryn Traphagen, Emerlee Jones), 11:49.78.

1600m Sprint Medley: 5. Groton Area (Kayla Lehr, Karyn Jangula, Rylee Dunker, Taryn Traphagen), 5:09.30.

Shot Put - 4kg: 3. Maddie Bjerke, 29-09.25; 9. Faith Flihs, 26-03; 13. Emma Kutter, 23-09.75; 21. Ashley Johnson, 20-05; 22. Emma Schinkel, 19-10.5.

Discus - 1kg: 3. Maddie Bjerke, 86-03; 10. Faith Flihs, 71-07; 21. Emma Kutter, 57-05; 23. Ashley Johnson, 52-08; 24. Emma Schinkel, 49-09.

High Jump: 5. Anna Fjeldheim, 4-03.

Long Jump: 1. Aspen Johnson, 15-00.75; 3. Anna Fjeldheim, 14-03.25.

Triple Jump: 2. Aspen Johnson, 31-00; 7. Emerlee Jones, 27-08.5; 8. Anna Fjeldheim, 27-05.

Boy's Division

110m Hurdles: 2. Caden McInerney, 20.56; 3. Tristan McGannon, 21.93.

300m Hurdles: 3. Colby Dunker, 50.42; 4. Caden McInerney, 50.96; 6. Tristan McGannon, 1:01.11.

100m Dash: 7. Korbin Kucker, 12.73; 16. Payton Mitchell, 14.13.

200m Dash: 9. Colby Dunker, 25.91; 11. Tate Larson, 26.18; 19. Christian Ehresmann, 29.15.

400m Dash: 2. Andrew Marzahn, 55.72.

800m Run: 7. Jayden Schwan, 2:59.05; 8. Ben Hoeft, 3:02.28.

1600m Run: 3. Tristan McGannon, 5:35.50; 5. Jayden Schwan, 6:08.93; 6. Ben Hoeft, 6:15.08.

3200m Run: 3. Jacob Lewandowski, 12:27.81.

4x100m Relay: 4. Groton Area (Keegan Tracy, Lane Tietz, Kaden Kurtz, Teylor Diegel), 47.59.

4x200m Relay: 6. Groton Area (Tate Larson, Colby Dunker, Teylor Diegel, Korbin Kucker), 1:44.31.

4x400m Relay: 2. Groton Area (Keegan Tracy, Kaden Kurtz, Cole Simon, Teylor Diegel), 3:47.30.

4x800m Relay: 2. Groton Area (Cole Simon, Keegan Tracy, Lane Tietz, Jacob Lewandowski), 9:29.96.

1600m Sprint Medley: 3. Groton Area (Kaden Kurtz, Teylor Diegel, Keegan Tracy, Cole Simon), 4:02.05.

Shot Put - 4kg: 3. Holden Sippel, 40-0; 5. Caleb Hanten, 36-08; 6. Logan Ringgenberg, 35-3; 8. Kaleb Antonsen, 33-10; 20. Drew Thurston, 22-01.

Discus - 1kg: 3. Caleb Hanten, 112-08; 6. Logan Ringgenberg, 94-03; 7. Holden Sippel, 92-01; 10. Kaleb Antonsen, 84-10; 17. Drew Thurston, 55-03.

High Jump: 2. Jackson Cogley, 5-05.

Long Jump: 9. Jacob Zak, 17-04; 10. Jackson Cogley, 17-1.75; 13. Tate Larson, 15-09.

Triple Jump: 4. Jackson Cogley, 37-02.5; 6. Jacob Zak, 33-07; 7. Tristan McGannon, 32-01.

Guthmiller places first at Redfield

Carly Guthmiller was the only golfer to score in the 40s in both the front nine and the back nine to take first at the Redfield golf meet. Guthmiller trailed by two to Milbank's Shaylee Schnchard after the first round, but Guthmiller was consistent in her golfing and improved by one in the back with a 47 while Schnchard shot a 51 as Guthmiller won with a total score of 95. Schnchard finished second with a 97.

Others playing for Groton Area were Emma Schinklel, with scores of 54 and 58 for a total of 112; Shaylee Peterson, with scores of 60 and 57 for a total of 117; Carly Giblingert, with scores of 71 and 70; for a total of 141; and Ava Wienk, with scores of 83 and 72, for a total of 155.

Teams participating were Redfield, Groton Area, Milbank, Aberdeen Central JV, Moberidge-Pollock and Aberdeen Roncalli.

Johnson, Cogley are high finishers at Rob Luecke Track Meet

Aspen Johnson placed second in the long jump and the triple jump to be the high placer for the Groton Area girls team at the Rob Luecke Invitational Track meet held in Groton. Jackson Cogley was high place finisher for the boys with a third place finish in the high jump.

Boy's Division

100 Meters: 24, Christian Ehresmann, 12.8; 27, Jayden Zak, 12.9; 33, Spencer Sperry, 13.2; 46, Karsten Jeschke, 13.8

200 Meters: 22, Christian Ehresmann, 26.5; 26, Colby Dunker, 26.8; 30, Tate Larson, 26.9; 32, Jayden Zak, 27.3; 37, Braxton Imrie, 28.1; 39, Karsten Jeschke, 28.3

400 Meters: 5, Andrew Marzahn, 58.1; 12, Colby Dunker, 1:01.5; 25, Braxton Imrie, 1:05.2

800 Meters: 29, Ben Hoeft, 3:02.1; 30, Jayden Schwan, 3:02.5; 1600 Meters Varsity - Finals; 23, Ben Hoeft, 5:59.7; 30, Jayden Schwan, 6:14.0

3200 Meters: 13, Jacob Lewandowski, 12:00.2

110m Hurdles - 39": 13, Caden McInerney, 21.2

300m Hurdles - 36": 13, Colby Dunker, 50.3; 14, Jacob Zak, 50.7; 22, Caden McInerney, 56.3

4x100 Relay: 5, Groton Area (Keegan Tracy, Lane Tietz, Kaden Kurtz, Teylor Diegel), 47.4; 12, Groton Area (Colby Dunker, Tate Larson, Christian Ehresmann, Spencer Sperry), 50.3

4x200 Relay: 8, Groton Area (Ryder Johnson, Kaden Kurtz, Teylor Diegel, Spencer Sperry), 1:42.4.

4x400 Relay: 5, Groton Area (Teylor Diegel, Lane Tietz, Kaden Kurtz, Keegan Tracy), 3:48.4.

4x800 Relay: 4, Groton Area (Cole Simon, Keegan Tracy, Lane Tietz, Jacob Lewandowski), 9:07.4.

Sprint Medley Relay: 4, Groton Area (Kaden Kurtz, Lane Tietz, Keegan Tracy, Cole Simon), 3:59.7.

Shot Put: 8, Holden Sippel, 37-10.00; 13, Logan Ringgenberg, 35-04.00; 16, Caleb Hanten, 34-10.50; 27, Kaleb Antonsen, 32-00.00; 41, Drew Thurston, 24-00.00

Discus: 13, Logan Ringgenberg, 105-03; 17, Holden Sippel, 99-08; 20, Caleb Hanten, 95-00; 27, Kaleb Antonsen, 84-07; 43, Drew Thurston, 60-06

High Jump: 3, Jackson Cogley, 5-06.00

Long Jump: 6, Jackson Cogley, 18-00.25; 10, Jacob Zak, 17-00.50; 12, Teylor Diegel, 17-00.00; 15, Ryder Johnson, 16-09.00; 24, Caden McInerney, 15-03.75; 30, Tate Larson, 14-06.50

Triple Jump: 7, Jackson Cogley, 36-01.50; 13, Jacob Zak, 33-01.50

Girl's Division

100 Meters: 13, Kayla Lehr, 14.6; 26, Karsyn Jangula, 15.3

200 Meters: 4, Laila Roberts, 29.8; 12, Kayla Lehr, 31.2; 14, Karsyn Jangula, 31.8

400 Meters: 4, Kella Tracy, 1:08.7; 22, Rylee Dunker, 1:14.0

800 Meters: 9, Taryn Traphagen, 2:51.9

4x100 Relay: 3, Groton Area (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hanson, Aspen Johnson, Laila Roberts), 54.4; 11, Groton Area (Kayla Lehr, Brooklyn Hanson, Karsyn Jangula, Mia Crank), 59.95.

4x200 Relay: 6, Groton Area (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hanson, Brooklyn Hanson, Laila Roberts), 1:59.4; 14, Groton Area (Kayla Lehr, Karsyn Jangula, Mia Crank, Sydney Leicht), 2:10.06.

4x400 Relay: 4, Groton Area (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hanson, Brooklyn Hanson, Faith Traphagen), 4:40.2.

4x800 Relay: 4, Groton Area (Rylee Dunker, Faith Traphagen, Taryn Traphagen, Kella Tracy), 11:20.1.

Sprint Medley Relay: 2, Groton Area (Laila Roberts, Kennedy Hanson, Jerica Locke, Rylee Dunker), 4:40.9.

Shot Put - 4kg: 10, Maddie Bjerke, 29-06.25; 15, Faith Flihs, 26-09.00; 18, Emma Kutter, 25-09.50 PR; 37, Emma Schinkel, 21-00.75 PR; 39, Ashley Johnson, 20-03.25

Discus - 1kg: 11, Maddie Bjerke, 82-05; 20, Faith Flihs, 71-02; 34, Emma Schinkel, 54-10 PR; 35, Emma Kutter, 54-05; 38, Ashley Johnson, 52-03

Long Jump: 2, Aspen Johnson, 14-01.50; 13, Anna Fjeldheim, 12-07.00; 16, Trista Keith, 12-04.00

Triple Jump: 2, Aspen Johnson, 32-04.00; 18, Anna Fjeldheim, 26-10.00

Several Groton Area athletes in the top 24 in the state

Groton Area has taken part in only three outdoor track meets and Coach Shaun Wanner said the lack of meets is a disadvantage for the Tigers. He said many teams have had five or six track meets already. The weather as played a role in cancellations. "I've tried to line up another track meet when one is cancelled," he said.

"The kids are running well, but track is a hard sport to run if you don't have many meets," Wanner said. "We have good numbers out this year and have taken 51 kids to a track meet. We have a few kids in the top 24, but we have to maintain that with the remaining schedule."

The remaining schedule have track meets at Sisseton on Friday, at Eureka on Saturday, the NEC meet May 12 in Britton and the region May 19 in Clark. Then it's the state track meet at Howard Wood field in Sioux Falls. All three classes will be competing in Sioux Falls during the three-day meet, starting Thursday, May 26.

In order to qualify of the state track meet, athletes have to place in the top 24 on the state performance listing. The following do not include any results from Tuesday's meet. The list is updated twice per week, Tuesdays and Fridays.

The Groton Area girls Sprint Medley Relay team is in the top 24, currently holding the number 15 spot with a time of 4:40.90. Aspen Johnson is currently ranked 12th in the state in the triple jump with a distance of 32-04.

In the boy's division, Andrew Marzahn is currently tied in 20th with a time of 11.54 in the 100m dash. The boys 400m Relay Team is in 17th place with a time of 46.24. The boys 800m Relay Team is also in 17th place with a time of 1:37.10. The boys 1600m Relay Team is holding on to 22nd place with a time of 3:47.40. The boys 3200m Relay Team is also in 22nd place with a time of 9:07.40. The boys Sprint Medley Relay Team is holding on to 24th place with a time of 3:59.70.

Jackson Cogley is in 24th place in the triple jump with a distance of 36-01-5.

Events that Groton Area is on the fringe are:

The girls 400m Relay team is in 27th place in the state. Their time is registered at 54.64. The 24th spot is 54.44.

The girls 800m Relay Team is in 28th place with a time of 1:56.40. The 24th spot is currently held by Canton with a time of 1:55.18.

The girls 1600m Relay team is in 26th place with a time of 4:37.20. The 24th spot is being held by Great Plains Lutheran with a time of 4:35.81.

The girls 3200m Relay Team is in 25th place with a time of 11:10.10. Canton is in 24th place with a time of 11:02.74.

Jackson Cogley is in 31st place in the High Jump with a height of 5-6. The 24th spot is at 5-8.

- Paul Kosel

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5. kangaroo	E. tadpole	5. sow	E. owlet
6. goose	F. joey	6. owl	F. calf



2022-2023 South Dakota State FFA Officers Elected

To wrap up the 94th South Dakota State FFA Convention, six members were elected to serve as the 2022-2023 South Dakota State FFA officer team and two members were elected to serve as the 2022-2023 South Dakota State FFA ambassadors.

Candidates vied for the six South Dakota leadership roles and went through extensive interviews. The individuals elected to the South Dakota State FFA officer team will travel across the state throughout the next year presenting speeches, facilitating workshops, hosting camps, holding conferences and conducting business for the South Dakota FFA Association. They will also represent the state of South Dakota at the National FFA Convention.

2022-2023 State FFA Officers (pictured above, left to right)

- President – Ella Stiefvater, Salem
- Vice President – Megan Sanders, Oral
- Secretary – Kathryn Rausch, Hoven
- Treasurer – Jacob Olson, Aberdeen
- Reporter – Sidney Peterson, Sturgis
- Sentinel – Caleb McGregor, Webster

State FFA Ambassadors assist State Officers in hosting events throughout the year and are a crucial part of the South Dakota FFA Association.

2022-2023 State FFA Ambassadors (pictured in the right photo, left to right)

- Christina Zoellner, Groton
- Ella Monroe, Rapid City



South Dakota electric cooperatives assist North Dakota following snow storms



Four linemen from Northern Electric (Bath, SD) joined 22 other electric cooperative linemen from South Dakota to assist Burke Divide Electric Cooperative (Columbus, ND) after two snow storms swept through the region last week. Shown left to right are Collin Gades, Riley Whitley, Ben Peterson and Brian Hansen. (Courtesy Photo)

PIERRE – Several South Dakota electric cooperatives answered the call for assistance to restore power after a pair of late winter storms dumped up to five feet of snow in western and north central North Dakota last week.

A team of 26 linemen and their equipment were dispatched Monday morning from West River Electric, Grand Electric, Northern Electric, Lacreek Electric, Butte Electric and West Central Electric. The linemen were assigned to help repair the infrastructure of Burke Divide Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Columbus, ND.

The co-op reported that more than 1,700 poles and roughly 80 miles of power lines were damaged in the blizzard conditions. As of Monday afternoon, more than 800 BDEC members were still without power, and officials estimated that full restoration

would likely take several weeks.

Supply shortages, logistical challenges and thick mud created by rain and melting snow could impact the timeline of the recovery effort.

Mark Patterson, manager of loss control services at the South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA), is assisting in coordinating the state's emergency response as the system honors its mutual aid agreement with cooperatives in North Dakota and throughout the region.

"We're always on standby to help a fellow cooperative in need. It's one of the things that sets cooperatives apart," Patterson said. "This has been an unusual weather event, but we're always prepared to respond. We never let our guard down because you never know what Mother Nature has in store. It's a privilege for us to be in a position to help the members of Burke Divide rebuild their system after this destructive blow to their power infrastructure and their community."

Overall, the storms impacted 14 electric cooperatives in the area and downed more than 4,000 poles and hundreds of miles of distribution and high-voltage transmission lines, as well as utility substations where snow drifts reached eight feet.

The South Dakota linemen will join more than 100 fellow co-op linemen in North Dakota, along with independent contractors, equipment suppliers and other emergency responders.

Groton Senior Citizens

April 11 Groton Senior met for a meeting. Thirteen members were present. President Sarge Likness opened the meeting with Allegiance to the flag. Minutes and treasures report were read and accepted. Marilyn Thorson thanked for her get well card. Ruby Donovan volunteered to get the flowers for the center and plant them. Sarge Likness and Darlene Daly volunteered to help her plant them, Bev Sombke had a short quiz to answer, cards were played The winners of Pinochle- Elda Stange, Whist- Darlene Fischer, Canasta- Marilyn Thorson and Eunice McColister. Door prizes Ruby Donovan, Darlene Daly, and Elda Stange. Lunch was served by Elda Stange and Darlene Fischer.

April 18-22

Groton Seniors met April 18 with 11 members were present. Cards were played, the winners of Pinochle-Ruby Donovan, Canasta - Pat Larson, Hearts- Darlene Fischer. Door prizes- Tony Goldade, Ruby Donovan, Balinda Nelson. Sarge Likness served cake before going home.

April 22-25

Groton seniors met for their pot luck dinner with 14 members were present. President Sarge Likness had the flag pledge and table prayer. Bingo and cards were played after dinner. Dick Donovan won blackout. Door prizes went to Arlys Kluess, Bev Sombke, and Tony Goldade. Before going home we celebrated Eunice McColister birthday with cake and ice cream. Bev Sombke made the cake.

Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met at the Community Center with Linda Anderson hosting. The pledge were recited in unison and role call was answered by nine members with what they did for Easter. Plans were made for a yard tour on June 25, with people in town volunteering their yards. Arbor Day will be celebrated in May or April 22, Arbor Day will be too cold. The next meeting will be May 16, at the home of Laurie Mitchell. Eunice McColister will have the program. Linda Anderson gave the program following the meeting "How to wake up your Garden."

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The boys of summer. Again

I fell asleep content, thinking about one of the things that makes America uniquely American—baseball. The Minnesota Twins, who stumbled out of the gate last season into a brick wall, were a bigger disappointment than you are to your in-laws, but as of Monday, they'd won 8 of 9.

I don't know... I don't know why we live vicariously through our favorite teams. I'm not going to psychoanalyze, but it probably goes back to our uncluttered childhoods. I adopted the Baltimore Orioles in grade school about the time I was learning the game myself, and I appreciated the way they played. Brooks Robinson, the human vacuum cleaner at third base. Boog Powell, the masher at first base. Four 20-game winners one year—Jim Palmer, Mike Cuellar, Dave McNally, and Pat Dobson—and that won't happen again. Plus, the O's had a banty rooster of a manager in Earl Weaver, who espoused a strategy of pitching and two-run homers. I clipped every box score.

I suppose one reason we fall in love with these games is that they're accessible and occasionally achievable. Once in a while, a hard-hit ball finds a hapless outfielder's glove even if his eyes are closed. Any duffer has a shot at a hole-in-one on a par 3. We've all bowled a strike.

I'd like to believe that I had more shining moments than my coach, Bob Fuhrman, ever acknowledged—he was a tough grader—but I remember ever atta-boy. Like the time I charged a sinking line drive in right field, caught it on one bounce, and threw the runner out, which in Babe Ruth Baseball counts as a minor miracle. Each time that batter came up the rest of the game, Bob reminded me, "Hey, you got him last time, Tony." Yeah, that felt pretty good.

And I remember the times he goaded me. In one tight game, after a particularly pathetic-looking swing, Bob called time-out, requiring me to make the embarrassing trek, the bleachers filled with fans, to third base where he was coaching.

"Well, can you hit him," he asked, adding derisively, "or should we bunt?"

"I can hit him," I snapped. And I did.

It's curious, the things we remember—the things that encourage us—and those memories serve as a reminder to be thoughtful in our interactions with others. Did Bob imagine that he was making memories? Nah, but he was trying to make us better, encouraging us.

He was old school. I was a smart-aleck. "Let's hear some chatter from the dugout," he yelled once. In response, I led the team in a mournful moan, something akin to a death rattle, really. Like we all had the same stomach ache. But we were pretty good and therefore, a lot cocky.

As I drifted off, I thought about my dad coming home bone-weary from his job at the Frederick Equity Exchange Elevator, but still mustering the energy from time-to-time to hit me fly balls up the street behind the Methodist Church. Or him teaching me to throw a knuckle ball.

Doug Krueger had developed a wicked knuckler by the time we were playing Legion ball, and he was a such a turd. He delighted in throwing this dancing, insane 85-mph Wiffle ball of a pitch... at batting practice! It's the only time I ever charged the mound. When was I ever going to see that pitch in a game? I guess it's funny now. I guess.

It's memories. It's the renewal of hope each spring; it comes in the season of hope. Everyone's a potential champion in May.

It's hard to give up. I played softball into my 30's, most memorably in Juneau, AK, where



That's Life

by Tony Bender

it rained. A lot. No game was ever called because of rain. I made one diving grab that nearly drowned me in right-center field as I hydroplaned almost to second base.

I never saw it, but my teammates swore it was true that during one deluge, the team pitcher, outfitted like the Gorton's fisherman in a slicker and waders, protested the game's continuance in the Great Flood. He glumly walked to his car between innings, came back and floated a duck decoy on pitcher's mound the next inning.

Look, I don't know if Babe Ruth really pointed at centerfield before homering there, either, but it's a good story and I'm going to keep telling it.

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Dear EarthTalk: What are the most recent projections about sea level rise around the world as a result of climate change? And is there any hope of turning back the tide if we rein in emissions as planned under the current iteration of the Paris agreement?

-- M. Frey, Milford, CT

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The question is whether it's too late to do anything about potentially runaway sea level rise. Credit: Roddy Scheer

As temperatures rise around the world, frozen glaciers and sea ice in the poles are melting at unprecedented rates, inundating the world's oceans with more water. The result has been some sea level rise but watch out as more is still to come. In fact, the global mean sea level, defined as the average height of the entire ocean surface, has risen eight to nine inches since 1880. Most of that rise took place in the 150 years. At current rates of emissions, the global mean sea level could rise another 12 inches by 2050.

This amount of sea level rise could be catastrophic in low-lying coastal areas around the world. Bangladesh, and island nations like the Maldives and Kiribati are already facing the brunt of rising sea levels as flooding engulfs villages with little government funding to recover from repeated catastrophes.

Here in the U.S., Florida will likely be hardest hit by sea level rise, but the Gulf Coast and New York/New Jersey— where coastline industrial waste sites could be submerged and expose millions of people to decades worth of stored pollution—also face potentially catastrophic flooding. The Gowanus Canal Superfund site in Brooklyn, New York has already released some of its polluted contents in the latest series of storms. Hawaii and far-flung U.S. territories like Puerto Rico and Guam are also at risk.

All U.S. coastal areas will undoubtedly experience some loss of coastal land. Just how much property loss takes place is partly a function of how well prepared any given region is for what's inevitably coming.

World leaders have only recently resolved to face down sea level rise and climate-change-related threats through concerted action. In particular, the 2016 Paris Climate Agreement, nixed by Donald Trump and then revived by Joe Biden, held international governments accountable to lower emissions, collectively limiting global warming processes to 1.5 Celsius. However, the "locked in" sea level rises, which will occur regardless of whether or not temperatures rise above 1.5 Celsius, are estimated to be a quarter to a half meter of sea level rise. Yet, action is still necessary to avoid greater sea level rise.

We can all do our part by cutting back on our own emissions, especially by flying and driving less. Indeed, our dependence on fossil fuels has gained new poignancy recently with defiant Russia using its clout to threaten the rest of Europe with cutting off gas pipelines. Another to help is to take an active role in countering misinformation and pushing for scientifically driven solutions. Consider signing up for text banking at Greenpeace or spreading the word by distributing the documentary Paris to Pittsburgh, which highlights the importance of the accord, to educate your friends and neighbors.

The Paris Agreement and its promises are more vital than ever. While individual citizen actions may appear small in the face of such insurmountable odds, don't forget that it's committed and engaged fighters against climate change who motivate world leaders to act in the first place.

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The breath of life and breathing exercises are an important aspect of many religions. In the book of Genesis, when God created man, he formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. Several Eastern religions use controlled breathing in meditation and prayer, helping in the processes of consciousness, mindfulness, and visualization.

In this time of increased stress and anxiety over money, wars, and numerous other matters, I encourage us all to take time to focus on our breathing.

One of the simplest ways to combat stress and anxiety is to breathe. It does not cost any money and does not have to take much time. However, deep breathing can decrease your stress, help you feel calmer, reduce pain, reduce your blood pressure, help you focus, and improve digestion. It can also increase your energy and improve your immunity.

How do you do it? Easy! Just do it. Make sure you are somewhere safe and close your eyes. Breathe in gently through your nose, take about four to five seconds, and fill your belly and chest. Perhaps hold it for another couple seconds. Then release it through your open mouth over five seconds or more, whatever is comfortable. Repeat this at least five times.

When I have patients that have anxiety or panic attacks, I often take a little time to practice this with them. Every time I feel calmer myself, and I hope they find it calming as well.

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Thank you, our readers, for taking the time to read our columns through the years, and I hope there are many more to come. Now, please take a moment to do some deep breathing. First you breathe in, then breathe out.

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