



Groton Area 5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation



Janel Lone's fifth grade side is pictured above. In front, left to right, are, Neely Althoff, Kameron Casscells, Zachary Flihs, Grayson Flores, Wyatt Hagen, Tevan Hanson, Madison Herrick and Asher Johnson; in the second row, left to right, are Porter Jones, Connor Kroll, Ian Kutter, Jose Fernando Nava, Logan Olson, Peyton Schuring and Jordan Schwan; in back, left to right, are Janel Lone, Raquel Tracy, Mathias Walters-Weidner, Aurora Washenberger, Alexis Williamson, James Wilson and Groton D.A.R.E. instructor Police Chief Stacy Mayou. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Shelby Hendrickson's side is pictured above. In front, left to right, area Kolton Antonsen, Savannah Beauchamp, Skylor Bedford, Aspen Beto, Donovan Block, Kaedynce Bonn and Grant Cleveland; in the middle row, left to right, area Samuel Crank, May Dallaire, Arianna Dinger, Abby Fjeldheim, Tenley Frost, Luke Gauer and Anthony Gilmore; in back, left to right, are, Shelby Hendrickson, Adeline Kotzer, Korbin McKane, Wesley Morehouse, Lincoln Shilhanek, Brooklyn Spanier, Novalea Warrington, Bentley Zerr and Groton D.A.R.E. instructor Police Chief Stacy Mayou. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



D.A.R.E. Essay Winners

D.A.R.E. essay winners are pictured above. From Lone's side, they are Alexis Williamson, third place; Madison Herrick, second place; and Tevan Hanson, first place. From Hendrickson's side, they are Novalea Warrington, first place; Aspen Beto, second place; and Brooklyn Spanier, third place. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Tom Barstad, Aberdeen K9 Police Officer, was the guest speaker at the Groton Area D.A.R.E. Graduation ceremony held Tuesday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

# Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

Here is a look at the Vikings 2022 schedule as well as some insight for each matchup.

Week 1: vs. Green Bay Packers (Sunday/3:25)

This will be the first time in Vikings' history that they open the season at home against the Packers with fans in attendance. In 2020, the Vikings faced the Packers at home to start the season but had no fans in attendance due to COVID protocols.

Week 2: @ Philadelphia Eagles (Monday/7:30)

The Vikings have met the Eagles on Monday night twice before (1990 & 2004) and lost both times.

Week 3: vs. Detroit Lions (Sunday/12:00)

Despite the Vikings leading the all-time series against Detroit, 79-40-2, newly hired Vikings' head coaches are a measly 3-5-1 in their first home game against the Lions.

Week 4: vs. New Orleans Saints - @London (Sunday/8:30am)

The Vikings and Saints have both played twice in London prior to this year and are both undefeated in those games.

Week 5: vs. Chicago Bears (Sunday/12:00)

Prior to 2016, the NFL automatically gave the London game teams a bye the next week. Now, the NFL offers those teams the option to decline such a bye week. Since the London game is so early in the season, the Vikings requested a later bye week and in turn get to face the Bears at home immediately after the trip home from overseas.

Week 6: @ Miami Dolphins (Sunday/12:00)

The Vikings have only played the Dolphins on the road five times in the team's history. In those five games, the Vikings are 1-4, with their only win coming all the way back in 1976.

Week 7: BYE

Week 8: vs. Arizona Cardinals (Sunday/12:00)

The last time the Vikings lost to the Cardinals at home was in 1977, when the Arizona Cardinals were the St. Louis Cardinals.

Week 9: @ Washington Commanders (Sunday/12:00)

Head Coach, Kevin O'Connell, will make his first trip back to Washington where he was the quarterbacks coach for Kirk Cousins

Week 10: @ Buffalo Bills (Sunday/12:00)

This will be the first time that the Vikings will meet the high-powered Bills since the Stefon Diggs trade in 2020. Interesting to note that in the Vikings last five trips to Buffalo, the most points a Vikings defense has given up to the Bills is 17.

Week 11: vs. Dallas Cowboys (Sunday/3:25)

Similar to when the Vikings had to travel to Seattle three years in a row from 2018-2020, this will be the third straight year the Cowboys come to US Bank Stadium to face the Vikings. The Vikings are winless in the previous two games against the Cowboys.

Week 12: vs. New England Patriots (Thursday/7:20) [THANKSGIVING]

This will be the first time in Vikings' history that the Vikings will host a Thanksgiving game rather than travelling to Detroit or Dallas for the Thanksgiving game.

Week 13: vs. New York Jets (Sunday/12:00)

Despite winning the last two games against the Jets, the Vikings are only 3-8 all-time versus the Jets.

Week 14: @ Detroit Lions (Sunday/12:00)

By this point, Lions' newly drafted wide receiver, Jameson Williams, will be fully recovered from his ACL injury and could validate whether the Vikings made the wrong call giving Detroit the 12th pick in the draft to take him.

Week 15: vs. Indianapolis Colts (TBD)

The Vikings will look to defeat the Colts for the first time since 1997.

Week 16: vs. New York Giants (Sunday/12:00) [CHRISTMAS EVE]

The Vikings have played on Christmas Eve five times, winning only one time in 2011 against Washington.

Week 17: @ Green Bay Packers (Sunday/3:25) [NEW YEAR'S DAY]

This will be the third game for the Vikings this season that falls on a holiday. It will also be the second straight time the Vikings will travel to the frozen tundra for the penultimate game of the season.

Week 18: @ Chicago Bears (TBD)

Since the NFL required the last week of the season to feature division opponents in 2010, the Vikings have played the bears at home to finish the season seven times. However, this will be the first time the Vikings travel to Chicago to finish the season during that time.

## Alexandra Stange earns University of Nebraska-Lincoln degree

LINCOLN, NE (05/16/2022)-- Alexandra Gaile Stange of Groton was among 3,523 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during commencement exercises May 13 and 14.

Stange earned a Bachelor of Arts from the College of Arts and Sciences.

The graduates are from 58 countries; 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; and more than 250 Nebraska communities.

Jay Keasling, Philomathia Professor of Alternative Energy at the University of California, Berkeley, and a Husker alumnus, delivered the undergraduate commencement address May 14 at Memorial Stadium. He also received an honorary Doctor of Science during the undergraduate ceremony. Terry L. Fairfield, former president and CEO of the University of Nebraska Foundation, received the Nebraska Builder Award for exceptional service to the state and university during the ceremony.

Marco Barker, vice chancellor for diversity and inclusion at Nebraska, gave the address at the graduate and professional degree ceremony May 13 at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Sara Howard, policy adviser for First Five Nebraska and former state senator, spoke to the law graduates May 14 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

In addition, graduates from 2020 and 2021 who were unable to attend their ceremonies were celebrated. More than 20 returned to be recognized.

## Four locals graduate from Lake Area

WATERTOWN, SD...The 55th Annual Lake Area Technical College graduation ceremony was held Friday, May 13, 2022, with seven hundred sixty-three graduates.

The following students were presented their diplomas by Bryon Noem, First Gentleman of South Dakota, and Mike Cartney, President of Lake Area Tech.

The following students have graduated:

Name	Hometown	Major
Treyton G Diegel	Groton SD	Agriculture
Casey L Johnson	Groton SD	Community Health Worker
Cole G Johnson	Bristol SD	Custom Paint & Fabrication
Alicia K Gauer	Groton SD	Practical Nursing

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## Guthmiller takes second at NEC Golf Meet

Carly Guthmiller placed second at the Northeast Conference golf meet held Monday at Lee Park in Aberdeen. Guthmiller shot a 49 in the front nine and a 45 in the back nine for a total score of 94.

Aberdeen Roncalli's Claire Crawford shot a 43 in both sets for a score of 86 to win the tournament.

Others playing for Groton Area were Emma Schinkel, shooting a 60 and a 61 for a total of 121; Shaylee Peterson, shooting a 58 and a 65 for a total of 123; and Carly Gilbert, shooting a 70 and a 69 for a total score of 139.

## Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed Near Crooks

PIERRE S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR) Forest Health Team has confirmed the presence of emerald ash borer (EAB) in Minnehaha County near Crooks, South Dakota. EAB has previously been confirmed in other areas of Minnehaha and Lincoln counties.

"Potentially impacted ash trees were reported by a landowner," said Greg Josten, DANR State Forester. "Upon inspection, DANR's Forest Health Team confirmed the presence of EAB pupae in one of the trees."

The movement of infested wood, including firewood, is a common way to spread EAB from one community to another. State and local quarantines are in place to help slow the spread, but it is important to remember not to move firewood – Buy it Where you Burn It!

The state quarantine, which is in place year-round, prohibits the movement of any raw ash wood, such as logs, or firewood from any hardwood species out of Lincoln, Minnehaha, and Turner counties. In addition, the city of Sioux Falls has banned the movement of ash wood from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

For more information about EAB or to report a suspected sighting please visit <https://emeraldashborerinsouthdakota.sd.gov/>.



### A sign of Spring

The weather has seen its ups and downs, but Julianna Kosel caught this picture of a butterfly on a blooming plum tree on a beautiful sunny day.

### Westport Town May 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Town of Westport General Meeting  
May 2nd, 2022  
The Town of Westport met on May 2nd, 2022 with Isaac Abeln, Derek Schoenfelder, Shane Storm, Mitch Wilson and Doreen Hertel present.  
The following expenses were presented:  
City General  
NWPS (\$612.90)  
Sewer  
NWPS (\$ 22.81) & NRWA –loan repayment (\$210.13).  
Water  
WEB (\$1,521.54), SD Assoc of Rural water systems (\$360.00), State of SD (\$15.00) & Water Maintenance District (\$59.18).  
Mitch Wilson made motion to pay all bills; second by Shane Storm.  
The following deposits were presented:  
City General

Brown County Collections (\$671.90), State of SD (\$11,118.62) & Interest (\$4.36).  
Sewer  
Resident Payments- (\$2,320.00).  
Water  
Resident Payments - (\$3,487.16).  
NEW BUSINESS:  
Isaac Abeln came before the board and asked permission to have Columbia baseball team use the field this year as they are in the process of building a new field in Columbia. The board came to an agreement to have Columbia use the field and Columbia baseball would be responsible for the expenses of the team.  
Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer  
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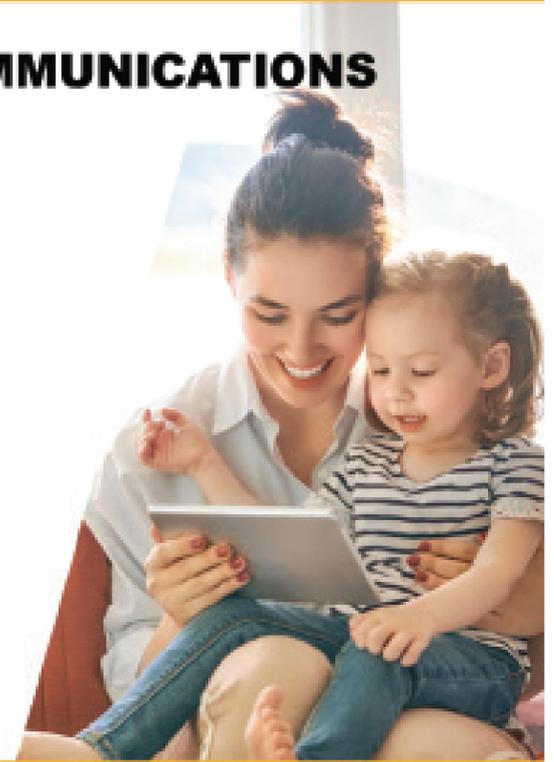
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## Only one track meet left for the Tigers to improve

Groton did not have a track meet since Friday's posting in the Performance Listings of the SDHSAA. As a result, you will see most of the places dropping a few notches. The last time the Groton Area track teams will have a chance to improve in its position is Thursday at the Regional Track meet in Clark. After that point, only the top 24 will advance to state.

Here is a look at the changes for Groton Area as of Tuesday's posting. The bold faced ones are those in the top 24.

Andrew Marzahn's dropped two spots to 28th place in the 100m dash with his time of 11.54. **Andrew Marzahn dropped one spot to 24th in the 200m dash with his time of 23.74.**

Andrew Marzahn dropped eight places to 44th place in the 400m dash with an unchanged time of 54.14.

**The boys 400m Relay Team dropped one spot to 16th place with its time of 45.86.**

**The boys 800m Relay Team dropped three spots to 19th place with its time of 1:35.70.**

**The boys 1600m Relay Team dropped one spot to 22nd with its time of 3:43.21.**

**The boys 3200m Relay Team keeps its 21st spot with its time of 8:58.10.**

The boys Sprint Medley Relay Team dropped five spots to 32nd with its time of 3:58.61.

**Jackson Cogley dropped four spots to 21st place in the high jump with his height of 5-9.**

Jackson Cogley's triple jump distance of 38-5.75 keeps him in 39th place.

The girls 400m Relay team drops one spot to 31st with its time of 54.64.

The girls 800m Relay Team drops two spots to 26th with its time of 1:54.40.

**The girls 1600m Relay team drops one spot to 17th place with its time of 4:24.42.**

**The girls 3200m Relay Team dropped two spots to 21st place with its time of 10:36.27.**

**The Groton Area girls Sprint Medley Relay team dropped five spots to 23rd place with its time of 4:38.83.**

**Aspen Johnson's distance of 34-1.75 in the triple jump keeps her in eighth place.** Aspen Johnson dropped two spots in the long jump to 34th place in the long jump.

- Paul Kosel

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## Three Groton relay teams take first at NEC Meet

The boys 400m Relay team and the girls 1600m Relay Team and 3200m Relay Team were Northeast Conference Champions at the track meet held Thursday in Britton. Runner-up honors went to Jackson Cogley in the high jump, Aspen Johnson in the triple jump and the girls sprint medley relay team.

### Boy's Division

**Team Scores:** 1. Milbank 198, 2. Webster Area 115, 3. Aberdeen Roncalli 79, 4. Hamlin 77, 5. Groton Area 71, 6. Deuel 58, 7. Clark/Willow Lake 55.5, 8. Britton-Hecla 35.5, 9. Sisseton 26, 10. Redfield 22, 11. Tiospa Zina 1

**100 Meters:** 3. Andrew Marzahn, 11.74

**100 Meters Varsity - Prelims:** 2. Andrew Marzahn, 11.63; 17. Korbin Kucker, 12.49; 23. Jayden Zak, 12.91

**200 Meters:** 5. Andrew Marzahn, 23.86; 10. Ryder Johnson, 25.22; 13. Korbin Kucker, 25.80

**400 Meters:** 9. Ryder Johnson, 58.37; 11. Christian Ehresmann, 1:00.19; 15. Tate Larson, 1:02.11

**800 Meters:** 5. Jacob Lewandowski, 2:20.44; 8. Tristan McGannon, 2:27.99; 9. Braxton Imrie, 2:41.65

**1600 Meters:** 12. Tristan McGannon, 5:26.27; 16. Jayden Schwan, 5:54.22; 17. Braxton Imrie, 6:17.39

**110m Hurdles - 39":** 7. Caden McInerney, 20.86

**110m Hurdles - 39" Prelims:** 7. Caden McInerney, 20.90

**300m Hurdles - 36":** 8. Colby Dunker, 48.78; 10. Caden McInerney, 50.85

**4x100 Relay:** 1. (Andrew Marzahn, Keegan Tracy, Kaden Kurtz, Teylor Diegel) 45.86

**4x200 Relay:** 8. (Ryder Johnson, Lane Tietz, Korbin Kucker, Colby Dunker), 1:41.61

**4x400 Relay:** 3. Kaden Kurtz, Cole Simon, Keegan Tracy, Teylor Diegel), 3:43.21

**4x800 Relay:** 3. Cole Simon, Keegan Tracy, Lane Tietz, Jacob Lewandowski), 9:07.84

**SMR 200-200-400-800m - [2-2-4-8]:** 3. Kaden Kurtz, Teylor Diegel, Andrew Marzahn, Cole Simon, 3:58.61

**Shot Put - 12lb:** 5. Holden Sippel, 40-10.50; 8. Caleb Hanten, 39-02.25; 10. Logan Ringgenberg, 36-08.25

**Discus - 1.6kg:** 6. Caleb Hanten, 115-11; 7. Holden Sippel, 115-05; 8. Logan Ringgenberg, 112-10

**High Jump:** 2. Jackson Cogley, 5-09.00

**Long Jump:** 7. Jacob Zak, 18-01.75; 13. Ryder Johnson, 16-10.00; 14. Tate Larson, 16-08.50

**Triple Jump:** 6. Jackson Cogley, 37-03.50; 9. Jacob Zak, 36-00.25; 15. Tristan McGannon, 31-09.00

### Girl's Division

**Team Scores:** 1. Milbank 178.5, 2. Aberdeen Roncalli 157, 3. Groton Area 70.5, 4. Webster Area 68, 5. Clark/Willow Lake 56, 6. Hamlin 54, 7. Redfield 52, 8. Deuel 41, 9. Britton-Hecla 28, 10. Sisseton 18

**100 Meters Varsity - Prelims:** 14. Karsyn Jangula, 14.60; 17. Brooklyn Hansen, 14.97; 18. Kayla Lehr, 15.11

**200 Meters:** 7. Rylee Dunker, 28.84; 14. Karsyn Jangula, 30.08; 16. Brooklyn Hansen, 30.51

**400 Meters:** 16. Sydney Leicht, 1:17.53

**800 Meters:** 5. Taryn Traphagen, 2:51.68

**100m Hurdles - 33":** 5. Talli Wright, 18.94

**100m Hurdles - 33" Varsity - Prelims:**

6. Talli Wright, 19.13

**300m Hurdles - 30":** 11. Talli Wright, 1:01.21

**4x100 Relay:** 7. (Kayla Lehr, Karsyn Jangula, Kella Tracy, Brooklyn Hansen), 57.37

**4x200 Relay:** 8. (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hansen, Rylee Dunker, Laila Roberts), 2:02.27

**4x400 Relay:** 1. (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hansen, Kella Tracy, Laila Roberts), 4:24.42

**4x800 Relay:** 1. (Kella Tracy, Faith Traphagen, Taryn Traphagen, Rylee Dunker, 10:36.27

**SMR 200-200-400-800m - [2-2-4-8]:** 2. (Laila Roberts, Kennedy Hansen, Jerica Locke, Faith Traphagen), 4:38.83

**Shot Put - 4kg:** 5. Maddie Bjerke, 30-09.50 SR; 7. Emma Kutter, 30-03.50; 9. Faith Flihs, 27-11.00

**Discus - 1kg:** 6. Maddie Bjerke, 90-06; 19. Faith Flihs, 66-01; 26. Emma Kutter, 46-06

**High Jump:** 3. Emerlee Jones, 4-05.00; 9. Anna Fjeldheim, 4-03.00

**Long Jump:** 3. Aspen Johnson, 15-04.50; 8. Anna Fjeldheim, 13-06.00

**Triple Jump:** 2. Aspen Johnson, 32-11.50; 10. Anna Fjeldheim, 27-07.25; 14. Emerlee Jones, 26-05.50

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# Lack of enforcement of regulations allows some South Dakota farmers to illegally convert wetlands to croplands

**Stu Whitney**  
**South Dakota News Watch**

Wildlife and water quality in South Dakota are sometimes put at unnecessary risk due to a lack of oversight and accountability of farmers who illegally drain their properties or convert protected wetlands into farmable acreage.

In addition, those who violate the law frequently avoid punishment when they are caught or are given "good-faith waivers" by local oversight groups often made up of fellow farmers and neighbors.

As a result, South Dakota and other Great Plains states are seeing a continuing decline in wetland areas that are crucial for breeding and hosting of wildlife, including the wetlands that are critical to propagation of South Dakota's lucrative pheasant population.

The Government Accountability Office, an investigative arm of Congress, raised concerns last year about the destruction of wetlands for agricultural use in the Prairie Pothole Region, urging tougher compliance measures in portions of South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Montana.

The report was critical of agencies within the U.S. Department of Agriculture that are responsible for enforcing "Swampbuster" provisions from Farm Bill legislation dating back to the mid-1980s. The report found that the agencies identified fewer than five violations a year among more than 417,000 tracked properties in South Dakota and North Dakota, the states with the most wetlands. The agencies granted "good-faith waivers" in more than 80 percent of cases, including those involving people with multiple offenses.

Farmers often control water flow on their properties through so-called "drain tiling" systems that use a series of underground pipes to remove water from wet areas and transport it into ditches or onto non-farmlands. The systems create more dry, usable cropland but are somewhat controversial because they upset the natural flow of water and ultimately reduce the number of ponds or wetlands where animals live and breed.

Part of the problem is political. State agencies representing the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency are mindful of the importance of agriculture, which accounts for nearly 30 percent of South Dakota's total economic output.

"When it comes to regulating agriculture in a state like South Dakota, the political will doesn't exist," said Don Carr, a Sioux Falls native who served as senior advisor to the Environmental Working Group in Washington D.C. "The regulations are on the books, but there's no enforcement on the ground."

Farm Bill legislation cracked down on the practice of converting wetlands to cropland and regulated the use of drain tile and open-ditch systems to drain seasonal and flooded marshes and sloughs in the pothole region.

In addition to ecological benefits, such as improving water quality and sequestering carbon, wetlands support breeding populations of North American waterfowl and other wildlife and can also help reduce flooding.

From 1850 to the mid-1980s, South Dakota wetland areas decreased from an estimated 2.7 million acres to 2.1 million acres, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service. A more recent study by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service showed that the number of wetland basins decreased between 1997 and 2007 in every Prairie Pothole Region state except for Montana.



**This photo of a farm in Sanborn County shows where a landowner dug a channel to get water moving faster on his farm. Manipulating water flow on farms helps producers use land more efficiently and can improve crop production but can also sometimes damage wetlands and wildlife habitat.**

Photo: Courtesy of John Pollmann

"It's a hugely important and identifiable wildlife mecca," said Julie Sibbing, associate vice president of land stewardship for the National Wildlife Federation. "The shallower wetlands are in many ways the most important because they're the first to thaw in spring, and waterfowl rely on resources like insects and larvae as they arrive from their wintering grounds. They can't just go someplace else."

The GAO report, commissioned by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, recommended changes in the system used by the USDA agencies to monitor tracts of land for compliance and found flaws in the appeal process when violations are found.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service uses a random sample instead of a risk-based approach to decide which tracts to assess. From 2014 to 2018, according to the report, "the NRCS identified fewer than five farmers with wetland conservation violations per year on the approximately 417,000 tracts in North Dakota and South Dakota."

"If you sample one percent, you're not looking at very many, and it's all random," said Steve Morris, a director of the GAO Natural Resource and Environment team. "There are other government agencies that use a more sophisticated risk-based approach with advanced data-mining to identify likely offenders. They're not just looking at any old thing."

NRCS officials and wetlands specialists interviewed for the GAO report said they sometimes observe potential violations in the course of their duties but do not turn them in, explaining that such action "may be counterproductive because it could undermine NRCS's relationships with farmers."

Farmers in USDA programs who knowingly commit violations can have their benefits withheld. If they are tagged with

a wetland violation, farmers can be granted a good-faith waiver by the Farm Service Agency and maintain their benefits, provided they take steps toward compliance within one year. Decisions on waivers are made by FSA county committees, frequently made up of fellow farmers and sometimes neighbors who might not be objective in such rulings, according to the GAO report.

"Given the approach to compliance checks, they might not find a violation for several years. It could be even more than 10 years," said Morris. "If that violation sticks, they could be required to pay back all of their farm payment over the last 10 years, which can be hundreds of thousands of dollars. Sometimes [the county committee] is afraid that the consequences are too severe."

The result is a system that frequently takes at face value an offender's rationale for destroying a wetland from their tract of land, according to GAO data.

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**Julie Sibbing**

"The sample we reviewed included 69 good-faith waivers in North Dakota and South Dakota from 2011 through 2015," the report states. "We found that in all 69 cases, the county committees determined that the farmer acted in good faith and FSA approved the waiver. In 14 of the 69 cases, the farmer had a history of wetland violations. Committee documents, such as meeting minutes, show that the committees

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**Rolls of drain tile can be seen in the background of a seasonal wetland with northern shoveler birds in the foreground. Small, temporary wetlands like this are often the target of agricultural drainage projects that turn them into dry, farmable land.** Photo: John Pollmann



**“Drain tiles” allow landowners to drain wetlands or ponds to make them dry and usable for agricultural purposes. The “tiles” in these rolls are essentially long tubes with holes that are buried, and which allow water from the surface to be captured in the tubes that carry the water to another location.** Photo courtesy: John Pollmann

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were aware of and discussed the previous violations but still recommended the waivers.”

Interview requests by South Dakota News Watch to the FSA state office in Huron were forwarded to the national headquarters in Washington D.C. Questions sent to that agency went unanswered.

Sibbing, who has been with the National Wildlife Federation since 2000, calls the process “hugely frustrating” and a matter of public interest, not only because of climate concerns but also the USDA dollars involved.

“It’s a bargain that farmers make with taxpayers,” she told News Watch. “If you want to receive your subsidies, you can’t continue to erode water quality and wildlife habitat.”

As a result of the GAO report and recommendations, the FSA recently changed the wording in its manual to mandate “adequate documentation” for good-faith waivers as a means of maintaining the integrity of the system. “If the reasons for granting ‘good faith’ relief are not adequately documented, the relief may be viewed as invalid,” the guidance states.

Several other recommendations, including using a risk-based approach for NRCS compliance checks and instructing field officers to report any potential wetlands violations they observe, have not yet been implemented, making conservationists nervous.

“I’m especially worried this year, with the war in Ukraine and grain

prices going sky high,” said Sibbing. “There are going to be a lot more farmers looking to put every square inch into production, which puts more pressure on the prairie pothole region. It’s important that these agencies step up and enforce the law.”

**ABOUT STU WHITNEY**

Stu Whitney is an investigative reporter for South Dakota News Watch. A resident of Sioux Falls, Whitney is an award-winning reporter, editor and novelist with more than 30 years of experience in journalism.



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**In cowboys we trust**

*Editor’s note: Tony’s attending his daughter, India’s graduation this week. Here’s one of our favorite “best of” columns from 2013.*



**That’s Life**

by Tony Bender

There might be as many descriptions of what makes a cowboy as there are cowboys. I’ve known a lot of them, and there’s no one mold. It involves more than wearing a hat and boots. It’s not a uniform; it’s a way of life that is harder to pin down than a politician or a greased pig. You know one when you see one. A cowboy, that is.

There are few things I know about cowboys that are universal. They can’t all sing, but they hear music in the rustle of tall grass and the squeak of a properly-cinched saddle. They might chew but not that sissy stuff. They don’t eat yogurt or tofu, they can’t spell quiche, and they damn sure ain’t vegetarians. Real cowboys eat meat yet have an abiding respect for the animals they raise and ride.

I was stationed at Chute #1 at the Ashley Community Rodeo last weekend watching cowboys rocket into the arena and come limping back in the dust. More than one stopped to offer appreciation for the quality of the animal that dumped them to Jim Mosbrucker, whose company supplies rough stock to rodeos. Unfailingly, they called him sir. Cowboys are respectful.

When I come back, I want come back as Jim Mosbrucker. Black hat, black jacket, aviator sunglasses—cowboy cool—with a lifetime of knowledge accrued the old fashioned way. Each scar, the squint, the bones mended off center, a diploma of sorts.

From time to time, he predicted how a particular animal might perform and was spot on. Like it was scripted. He moved everyone back for one bull—1,500 pounds of ornery—that sent the chute gate screaming into the fence where we had been standing seconds before. Saved my camera and probably my nose. You couldn’t miss the admiration Jim felt as he watched the contests between young cowboys and young horses. “Like any athlete, the young horses will keep trying something new until they figure out what works,” he said. The cowboys have to keep up. Action, reaction, call and response. Poetry.

The pen behind us was littered with riders, impossibly young, readying gear, one praying, and another nursing a shoulder injury, grimacing, after a brutal tumble.

Someone asked, “You okay?”

You could tell it hurt to talk. “Yeah,” he gasped.

He was just fine. It’s pretty much against the law for a cowboy to be anything but fine. Cowboys don’t complain. Cowboys don’t give a lick about universal health care plans because they have a one size fits all remedy. You just get right back up. And maybe rub some dirt on it. Maybe.

In the afternoon, the kids lined up at the rodeo grounds—some as young as four—like they were awaiting their executions. Mutton busting. One after another, they tumbled to the ground, kicked and stomped, tears turning dust to mud. Those in line, boys and girls, bore witness to the carnage, but most stoically marched forward when their names were called. A few of the smarter ones refused. Not everyone is cut out to be a cowboy.

In the wake of one particularly hard sheep-wreck, announcer Tim Fuller said in his homespun Oklahoma drawl, “I want you to remember something, son. Chicks dig scars... Just sayin’.”

Maybe it’s because cowboys have more time to think—around here, eight seconds is forever—but every real cowboy is part philosopher. After another unfortunate dismount and subsequent trampling, Fuller said, “I’ve never been able to figure this out—you can’t spank your kids at Wal-Mart, but you can strap them to the back of farm animals for entertainment.”

Cowboys are a uniquely American breed, closer to the root than the branches of the American soul. Evolved as a matter of necessity, Darwinians, with sunburns and scraped knuckles, adapting to the hardships of a hard land, but prayerful in appreciation of a higher power, who on any given day might be the boss, the chuck wagon cook, a pretty girl at the dance, or the man upstairs.

This is a world in which all things are earned but not boasted about. There is a certainty among cowboys that this is the best way to live. It’s not arrogance. It’s the certainty that comes from observation of the world around us compared to the Cowboy Way.

During a break in the action, rodeo clown “Backflip” Johnny Dudley polled the crowd: “Where you all from?”

“Africa!”

He seemed taken off guard. “W-w well, welcome to America,” he said graciously before moving on.

“And where are you from?”

“New York!”

A brief pause.

“Well, welcome to America, too,” he said, softly.

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**Watch for the upcoming GHS Special Senior Section**

**Let’s Go Out to the Ball Game!**

**A “Sense”ational Baseball Game!**

1. SEE	4. FEEL
2. HEAR	5. TASTE
3. SMELL	

**Plaaaay Ball!**

1. right off the bat  
2. go to bat for  
3. to get to first base  
4. out in left field  
5. play ball  
6. bat an eyelash

A. doesn’t know what’s going on  
B. show surprise or fear  
C. to get a good start  
D. begin a game, cooperate with others  
E. help out someone  
F. immediately

**Baseballs in the Ballpark**  
A & N are identical baseballs.

Hot dog, a baseball game! Mustard, anyone?

“Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack...”  
fence  
outfield  
foul line  
infield  
first base  
pitcher’s mound  
home plate

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## Let's Go Out to the Ball Game!



The crowds, popcorn and peanuts, home runs and cheers are just a few of the things we like when going to a ball game. The baseball season is in full swing! Do you play on a team like us? Are you a fan? Just about everyone can play a little baseball, so grab a glove and ball and get out into the sunshine and fresh air!

Pop out to a ball game, get popcorn and watch pop flies!

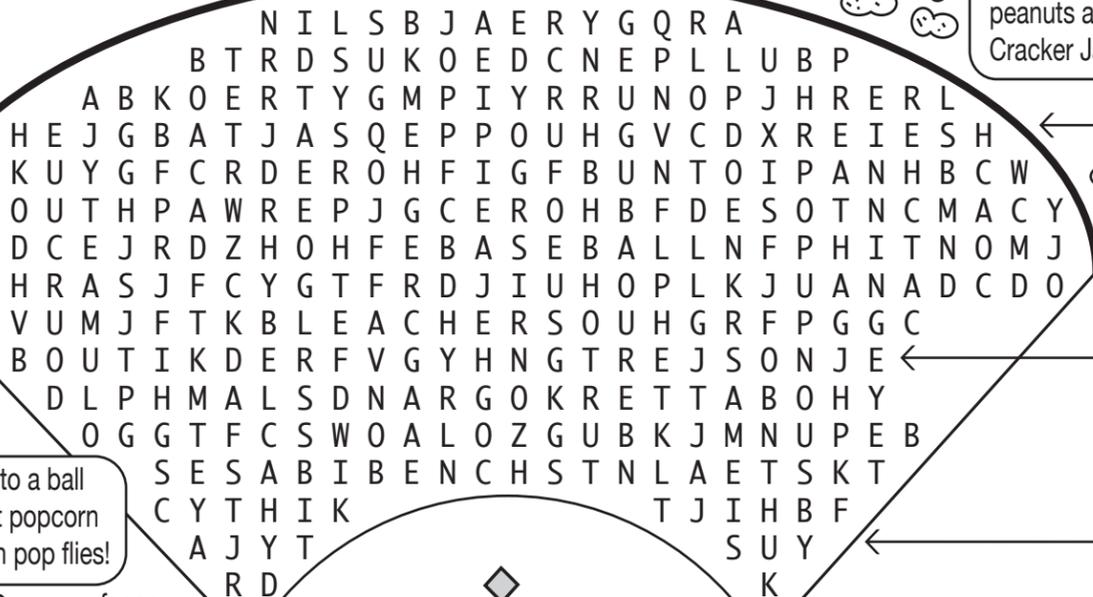


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Can you find and circle these baseball words in the puzzle?

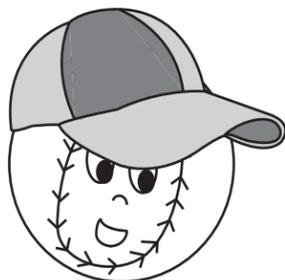
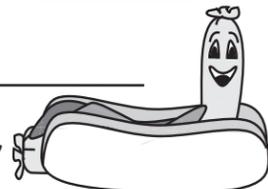
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| southpaw   | pitcher  | run   | glove   |
| grand slam | pop up   | bunt  | bullpen |
| bleachers  | batter   | steal | bench   |
| umpire     | inning   | team  | catcher |

How many parts of the baseball field can you name? Fill in the blank spaces (the ones with arrows) with the names from the list above.



"Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack..."

Hot dog, a baseball game! Mustard, anyone?



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VISITORS	1	0	0	2	1						4	11	0
HOME	0	2	1	0	2						5	9	0

### A "Sense"ational Baseball Game!

The many sounds, smells and sights at a baseball game give our senses a workout! Fill in each box with the word that makes sense:

- feel      smell      hear      see      taste

- the outfielder leap for the ball  
the batter warm up for a turn at bat
- the crack of the bat hitting the ball  
the cheer of the crowd
- the aroma of hot dogs in the air  
the leather of baseballs and baseball gloves
- the warm sun  
the wind blowing gently across the bleachers
- the cold, bubbly fruit drink  
the hot, crunchy, buttery popcorn

### Plaaaay Ball!

Baseball has been a popular sport for many years. We even borrow words from the game of baseball to express other ideas.

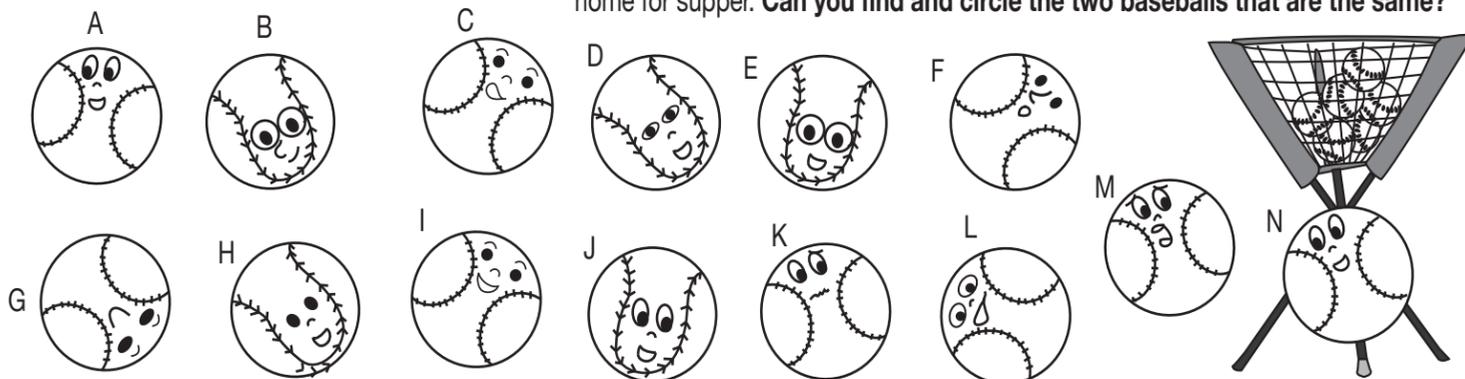
Can you match the phrases below to their meanings?

- right off the bat
- go to bat for
- to get to first base
- out in left field
- play ball
- bat an eyelash

- Fun Idea!**  
Design your own "team" pennant!
- 
- wrong, doesn't know what's going on
  - show surprise or fear
  - to get a good start
  - begin a game, cooperate with others
  - help out someone
  - immediately

### Baseballs in the Ballpark!

Chuck brought two identical baseballs to his team's baseball practice. As he gathers the baseballs after the practice, he needs to find his baseballs before he heads home for supper. Can you find and circle the two baseballs that are the same?



## Groton City 2021 Drinking Water Report

City of Groton  
DRINKING WATER REPORT  
WATER QUALITY

Secretary's Award

The City of Groton has supplied twenty-one consecutive years of safe drinking water to the public it serves and has been awarded the Secretary's Award for Drinking Water Excellence by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. This report is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

### Water Source

We serve more than 1,458 customers an average of 94,000 gallons of water per day. Our

water is surface water that we purchase from another water system. The state has performed an assessment of our source water and they have determined that the relative susceptibility rating for the Groton public water supply system is low.

For more information about your water and information on opportunities to participate in public meetings, call (605)397-8422 and ask for Douglas Heinrich.

### Additional Information

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria,

which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit

the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections.

These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Groton public water supply system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in

your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### Detected Contaminants

The attached table lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2021 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2021. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

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The City of Groton public water system purchases 100% of their water from WEB Water Development Association (1089).

2021 Table of Detected Regulated Contaminants For Groton (EPA ID 0147)

Terms and abbreviations used in this table:

\* Maximum Contaminant Level Goal(MCLG): the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

\* Maximum Contaminant Level(MCL): the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

\* Action Level(AL): the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. For Lead and Copper, 90% of the samples must be below the AL.

\* Treatment Technique(TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. For turbidity, 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU

\* Running Annual Average(RAA): Compliance is calculated using the running annual average of samples from designated monitoring locations.

Units:

\*MFL: million fibers per liter

\*mrem/year: millirems per year(a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

\*NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units

\*pCi/l: picocuries per liter(a measure of radioactivity)

\*ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter(mg/l)

\*ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter(ug/l)

\*ppt: parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

\*ppq: parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter

\*pspm: positive samples per month

Substance	90% Level	Test Sites > Action Level	Date Tested	Highest Level Allowed (AL)	Ideal Goal	Units	Major Source of Contaminant
Copper	0.8	0	09/14/20	AL=1.3	0	ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead	2	0	09/15/20	AL=15	0	ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Substance	Highest Level Detected	Range	Date Tested	Highest Level Allowed (MCL)	Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Units	Major Source of Contaminant
Fluoride *	0.47		11/08/21	4	<4	ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Haloacetic Acids (RAA)	14.4		08/17/21	60	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.
Haloacetic Acids (RAA) *	14.55		11/08/21	60	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.
Total Coliform Bacteria *	1	positive samples		1	0	pspm	Naturally present in the environment.
Total trihalomethanes (RAA)	8.28		08/17/21	80	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.
Total trihalomethanes (RAA) *	7.94		11/08/21	80	0	ppb	By-product of drinking water chlorination. Results are reported as a running annual average of test results.

Please direct questions regarding this information to Mr Terry Herron with the Groton public water system at (605)397-8422.

\* WEB Water Development Association (1089) test result.

## Brown County May 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

MAY 10, 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. Commissioner Wiese 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.

### STRIPING AGREEMENT:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Feickert to approve and authorize the Chair to sign agreement with the SD DOT for the striping of approximately 48.0 miles of county roads within Brown County at an estimated cost of \$36,753.28 (County share @ 40% = \$14,701.31 State share @ 60% = \$22,051.97). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### MINUTES:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve the general meeting minutes of May 3rd, 2022. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### CLAIMS/PAYROLL:

Moved by Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the following claims and payroll: PAYROLL: Commission \$4,503.96; Elections (Voucher) \$915.00; Auditor \$9,694.18; Treasurer \$14,657.53; SA \$24,724.70; SVAWA \$0.00; Maintenance \$10,916.80; Assessor \$15,755.89; Register of Deeds \$9,951.20; VSO \$4,181.32; GIS \$2,483.72; IT \$9,468.69; HR \$4,061.37; Sheriff \$42,478.93; Jail \$60,198.42; Coroner (Voucher) \$0.00; Court Security \$6,175.27; JDC \$27,882.31; Welfare \$2,161.43; Museum \$12,588.17; Parks/Fairgrounds \$5,012.02; Fair Board \$5,397.81; 4-H \$779.79; Weed \$4,202.14; Planning & Zoning

\$5,736.17; Highway \$55,298.94; Dispatch \$33,097.12; Emergency \$4,285.81; Teen Court \$556.32; JDAI \$1,846.15; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,303.95; Landfill \$17,100.36; Matching benefits: FICA @ \$23,803.49; Medicare @ \$5,566.90; Discovery HSA @ \$864.96. CLAIMS: Insurance: SD ASSOC OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS \$2,150.00 Professional Fees: ABERDEEN FIRE & RESCUE \$228.00; AVERA ST. LUKE'S \$9.00; CERTIFIED LANGUAGES INTERNATIONAL LLC \$661.65; KOLETZKY LAW OFFICE, PROF LLC \$237.60; LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC \$1,722.92; LEXISNEXIS RISK DATA MGMT INC. \$150.00; MICROFILM IMAGING SYSTEMS, INC. \$748.00; Morrison County Sheriff's Office \$50.00; SANFORD CLINIC \$400.00; SANFORD HEALTH \$21.00; SD RETIREMENT SYSTEM \$180.00; SD SECRETARY OF STATE \$30.00; WEX HEALTH INC. \$172.95 Publishing: ARGUS LEADER \$20.37; DAKOTA BROADCASTING, LLC \$1,400.00; HUB CITY RADIO \$1,500.00 Repairs & Maintenance: ACE REFRIGERATION LLC \$463.08; CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT \$519.16; DIESEL MACHINERY \$14,127.24; ECOLAB PEST ELIMINATION \$252.61; HOVEN AUTO REPAIR INC \$2,233.64; LAURSEN ASPHALT REPAIR EQUIPMENT SALES, LLC \$15.87; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC \$79.07; LEIDHOLT ELECTRIC LLC \$2,068.18; MIDWEST PUMP & TANK \$3.03; NARDINI FIRE EQUIPMENT CO OF NORTH DAKOTA \$314.00; PANTORIUM CLEANERS INC. \$222.90; PIERSON-FORD-LINCOLN-MERCURY \$1,924.49; POMPS TIRE SERVICE, INC \$20.00; QUALITY WELDING \$270.00; R.D. OFFUTT COMPANY \$231.84; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. - AG \$55,172.49; ROBERT A LYKE \$975.00; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$1,458.25; RUNNINGS \$37.98; SEWER DUCK INC \$1,000.00; STEVEN LUST AUTOMOTIVE \$6,185.02; TIMOTHY C. GARDNER \$68.00; TOWN & COUNTRY BUILDING SUPPLY \$243.24; TRANSOURCE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC. \$3,722.28; WALTH SAFETY SERVICE INC \$1,136.72; WOODMAN REFRIGERATION, INC \$12,100.00 Supplies: ABERDEEN PIT STOP \$1,793.34; AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE \$63,614.62; APH

STORES, INC \$111.54; BAKKEN BUILD MAINTENANCE \$500.00; Brandon Duxbury \$159.74; BUTLER MACHINERY CO \$2,584.84; CARTNEY BEARING \$56.55; CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS \$186.79; COLE PAPERS \$442.64; CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT \$4,563.94; DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC \$182.80; DAKOTA OIL \$861.54; DIESEL MACHINERY \$6,562.27; EARTHGRAINS BAKING CO. INC. \$790.41; EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY, INC \$834.12; FARNAMS GENUINE PARTS INC \$14.07; FASTENAL CO \$23.22; GOVCONNECTION INC \$390.03; JOHN FLOREY \$21.18; KATHY BAER \$72.20; KEN'S SUPERFAIR FOODS \$85.87; LAURSEN ASPHALT REPAIR EQUIPMENT SALES, LLC \$813.00; LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC \$996.41; LEIDHOLT TOOL SALES, LLC \$124.79; LEIDHOLT ELECTRIC LLC \$2,340.35; MAC'S INC \$666.02; MARCO INC \$400.00; MCKESON MEDICAL-SURGICAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS \$55.70; MENARDS \$107.50; MIDSTATES PRINTING \$110.06; MIDWEST PUMP & TANK \$148.27; PANTORIUM CLEANERS INC. \$56.00; PERFORMANCE RENTALS LLC \$12.00; PIERSON-FORD-LINCOLN -MERCURY \$248.59; POMPS TIRE SERVICE, INC \$130.37; PRO AG SUPPLY, INC \$2,600.00; QUALITY WELDING \$1,032.08; R.D. OFFUTT COMPANY \$2,779.85; RDO EQUIPMENT CO. - AG \$2,571.02; River Bend Industries \$6,428.57; ROBERT A LYKE \$4,245.25; ROLAND L. MOERKE \$104.79; RUNNINGS \$35.96; SANDERS'S SEW-N-VAC, INC \$399.87; SATELLITE TRACKING OF PEOPLE, LLC \$1,897.75; SD STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY \$55.00; STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA \$12,000.00; STEVEN LUST AUTOMOTIVE \$1,774.40; TRI STATE WATER \$72.75; US FOODS \$8,138.66; VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO \$1,704.80; WALTH SAFETY SERVICE INC \$330.00 Travel & Conference: CATHY MCNICKLE \$109.09; Kaycee Cronin \$39.95; MARK MILBRANDT \$370.00 Utilities: CITY OF ABERDEEN \$1,645.48; ECONOMY PROPANE LLC \$381.90; MARCO INC \$97.00; MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS \$75.39; NORTHWESTERN ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS \$18,347.26; TOWN OF FREDERICK \$76.00; WEB WATER DEVELOPMENT

ASSOC. INC. \$85.21 Rentals: PANTORIUM CLEANERS INC. \$103.68 Others: SD DEPT OF AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES \$4,109.43

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### HR REPORT:

Moved by Wiese seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the following Human Resource Report: Acknowledge Employment ending for Kaycee Cronin as Brown County Fair / 4-H Admin Assistant, full-time; effective May 3, 2022. Request to fill.

Acknowledge Transfer of Angel Sanchez from Brown County Jail Correctional Officer to Brown County JDC Correctional Officer; May 15, 2022.

Approve hiring of Shanae Florence as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$18.87/hour; effective May 17, 2022.

Approve hiring of Morgan Cox as Brown County Jail Correctional Officer, full-time; starting wage \$18.87/hour; effective May 17, 2022.

Approve hiring of Brandi Trusty as Brown County Deputy Treasurer, full-time; starting wage \$16.27/hour; effective May 16, 2022.

Approve payment of retirement award for Jacquelyn Ormand in the amount of \$150 before taxes, the requirement was met.

Approve hiring of Sara Mangas as Brown County State's Attorney intern; wage \$500.00/week; effective May 9, 2022.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### FAIR CONTRACTS:

Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Feickert to approve the following fair contracts: Saliva (entertainment). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### LEASES:

Moved by Gage, seconded by Wiese to approve the following leases: Jeff Wolff for lease of Hog and Sheep Barn June 12-13, 2022; Janae Janusz for lease of Clubhouse June 25, 2022 with alcohol permission; SPURS for lease of 2555 John Deere Tractor and TR3 arena groomer 4 days between May 1st – July 31st, 2022; Aberdeen Downtown Association for lease of Clubhouse June 16th and July 14th, 2022. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT OF AC-COUNT:

Moved by Wiese to approve the following Auditor's Report of Account for March: Total Cash and Checks on Hand 7700 Total Checking Account Balances: 18231111.96 Total Savings Account Balances: 6275447.42 Total Certificates of Deposit: 3978174.09 Grand Total Cash and Balances: 28492433.47 General Fund Cash and Investment Balances by Funds: General Fund 11705667.54 Road & Bridge Fund 2407091.49 Road & Bridge Fund - restricted 423243.27 911 Service 1217112.38 Emergency & Disaster 189394.66 Domestic Abuse 975 Teen Court 1036.1 Grant 32.11 JDAI -1867.17 Richmond Youth 21916.96 24/7 Sobriety 44184.43 ROD M&P 110343.64 American Rescue Plan Federal Grant 3772057.66 Rural Access Infrastructure 95415.63 Tif Debt Service

1081.68 Landfill + cash change 3178925.06 Landfill - restricted 1400479.44 Trust and Agency Funds 3925343.59 GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH AND INVESTMENTS 28492433.47

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### SURPLUS REQUEST:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to approve surplus to landfill for Museum Copier as it no longer functions. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion on the status of the roads around Richmond Lake.

### ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Feickert, seconded by Wiese to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:01 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Cathy McNickle, Brown County Auditor

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021  
AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
6101 ANACAPRI BOULEVARD, LANSING, MI 48917-3968  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
P.O. BOX 30660, LANSING, MI 48909-8160

ASSETS: Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans on Real Estate, Real Estate Owned, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS, Reserve for Losses, Reserve for Loss, Adjustment Expenses, Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees), Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes), Federal and Foreign Income Taxes, Unearned Premiums, All Other Liabilities, TOTAL LIABILITIES, Special Surplus Funds, Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit, Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus, Unassigned Surplus, Surplus as Regards Policyholders, TOTAL

Business in South Dakota 2021: Direct Premiums Written, Direct Premiums Earned, Direct Losses Paid, Direct Losses Incurred, TOTAL

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:

- 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

19038

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, Stocks, Mortgage Loans on Real Estate, Real Estate Owned, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS, Reserve for Losses, Reserve for Loss, Adjustment Expenses, Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees), Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes), Federal and Foreign Income Taxes, Unearned Premiums, All Other Liabilities, TOTAL LIABILITIES, Special Surplus Funds, Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit, Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus, Unassigned Surplus, Surplus as Regards Policyholders, TOTAL

Business in South Dakota 2021: Direct Premiums Written, Direct Premiums Earned, Direct Losses Paid, Direct Losses Incurred, TOTAL

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:

- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2022.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19046

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021  
TRAVELERS CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

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

ASSETS: Bonds, Stocks, Mortgage Loans on Real Estate, Real Estate Owned, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS, Reserve for Losses, Reserve for Loss, Adjustment Expenses, Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees), Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes), Federal and Foreign Income Taxes, Unearned Premiums, All Other Liabilities, TOTAL LIABILITIES, Special Surplus Funds, Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit, Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus, Unassigned Surplus, Surplus as Regards Policyholders, TOTAL

Business in South Dakota 2021: Direct Premiums Written, Direct Premiums Earned, Direct Losses Paid, Direct Losses Incurred, TOTAL

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:

- 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

19062

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, Stocks, Mortgage Loans on Real Estate, Real Estate Owned, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS, Reserve for Losses, Reserve for Loss, Adjustment Expenses, Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees), Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes), Federal and Foreign Income Taxes, Unearned Premiums, All Other Liabilities, TOTAL LIABILITIES, Special Surplus Funds, Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit, Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus, Unassigned Surplus, Surplus as Regards Policyholders, TOTAL

Business in South Dakota 2021: Direct Premiums Written, Direct Premiums Earned, Direct Losses Paid, Direct Losses Incurred, TOTAL

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

WHEREAS, the The Automobile Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, 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:

- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2022.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19070

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, Stocks, Mortgage Loans on Real Estate, Real Estate Owned, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS, Reserve for Losses, Reserve for Loss, Adjustment Expenses, Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees), Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes), Federal and Foreign Income Taxes, Unearned Premiums, All Other Liabilities, TOTAL LIABILITIES, Special Surplus Funds, Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit, Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus, Unassigned Surplus, Surplus as Regards Policyholders, TOTAL

Business in South Dakota 2021: Direct Premiums Written, Direct Premiums Earned, Direct Losses Paid, Direct Losses Incurred, TOTAL

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:

- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2022.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19232

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, Stocks, Mortgage Loans on Real Estate, Real Estate Owned, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, TOTAL ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS, Reserve for Losses, Reserve for Loss, Adjustment Expenses, Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees), Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes), Federal and Foreign Income Taxes, Unearned Premiums, All Other Liabilities, TOTAL LIABILITIES, Special Surplus Funds, Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit, Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus, Unassigned Surplus, Surplus as Regards Policyholders, TOTAL

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

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

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

- 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2022.

LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19194

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

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, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances, Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, and various Liabilities and 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

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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

19240

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

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, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances, Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, and various Liabilities and 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

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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

19275

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

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, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances, Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, and various Liabilities and 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

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

19283

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

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, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances, Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, and various Liabilities and Surpluses.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
WHEREAS, the American Standard Insurance Company of Wisconsin, 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

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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

19429

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

500 WEST MADISON STREET, SUITE 3000,  
CHICAGO, IL 60661  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
1271 AVENUE OF THE AMERICANS, 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, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances, Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, and various Liabilities and 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

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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

63274

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021  
FIDELITY & GUARANTY LIFE  
INSURANCE COMPANY

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, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances, Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, and various Liabilities and Surpluses.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE  
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
WHEREAS, the Fidelity & Guaranty 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:

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

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

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

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, Cash and Bank Deposits, Agents Balances, Uncollected Premiums, Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income, Due and Accrued, Other Assets, and various Liabilities and 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

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LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
 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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	.....	<b>\$72,127,294,885.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>		
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 General Expenses	.....	\$1,349,925,446.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$30,912,963.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$0.00
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$9,883,398,556.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$63,538,334,168.00
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$1,502,366,212.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	.....	<b>\$63,538,334,168.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$7,086,584,505.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$0.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$8,588,950,717.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	<b>\$8,588,950,717.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021</b>		
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

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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	.....	<b>\$3,451,571,841.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>		
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 General Expenses	.....	\$8,123,357.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$4,167,196.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$0.00
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$132,152,818.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$3,256,918,726.00
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	.....	<b>\$3,256,918,726.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$194,653,110.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$3,451,571,836.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$2,950,278.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	<b>\$2,950,278.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021</b>		
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  
 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  
**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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	.....	<b>\$1,594,974,779.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>		
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 General Expenses	.....	\$2,619,650.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$449,709.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$0.00
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$280,625,310.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$1,317,351,171.00
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	.....	<b>\$83,741,439.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$277,623,608.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$0.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$277,623,608.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	<b>\$1,801,661.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021</b>		
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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 LARRY DEITER  
 Director of Insurance

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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	.....	<b>\$208,646,743.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>		
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 General Expenses	.....	\$1,586,348.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$5,340,344.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$0.00
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$43,316,479.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$83,741,439.00
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	.....	<b>\$5,000,000.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$226,308,114.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$62,547,468.58
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$76,147,468.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	<b>\$682,175,877.95</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021</b>		
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$3,587,216.53
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$2,047,171.66
Losses Incurred	.....	\$66,883.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$93,040.00

**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:  
 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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 LARRY DEITER  
 Director of Insurance

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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	.....	<b>\$682,175,877.95</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>		
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 General Expenses	.....	\$1,228,231.02
Due or Accrued	.....	\$597,678.68
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$0.00
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$58,699,877.19
Due or Accrued	.....	\$606,028,409.37
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$4,600,000.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	.....	<b>\$5,000,000.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up	.....	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$226,308,114.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$62,547,468.58
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$76,147,468.58
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	<b>\$682,175,877.95</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021</b>		
Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$3,587,216.53
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$2,047,171.66
Losses Incurred	.....	\$66,883.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$93,040.00

**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:  
 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

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	.....	\$3,196,349.00
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
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	.....	<b>\$3,458,117,086.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>		
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 General Expenses	.....	\$2,312,052.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$83,000.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$0.00
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$856,800,648.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$2,826,388,604.00
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$62,000,000.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	.....	<b>\$2,500,000.00</b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	<b>\$3,458,117,086.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2021</b>		
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

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	.....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$5,132,174.00
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$0.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued	.....	\$1

**Groton School  
May 9, 2022**

**Meeting Minutes**

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 9, 2022

President Gengerke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Flihs, Gengerke, Harder, Rix, Smith, and Weismantel. Absent: Pharis. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal Sombke and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Smith, second Weismantel approve the agenda with two amendments under New Business Item #12q – approve contract with Riley Fuhrman and under New Business Item #13 – approve resignation from Mike Nehls. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Rix, second Harder to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of April 11, 2022, and April 25, 2022; bills; financial report, custodial accounts, and investments; transportation report; school lunch report and open enrollment applications #23-01, #23-02, and #23-03. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary – 191,259.35; FIT – 17,627.69; Medicare – 7,232.06; FICA – 30,923.24; American Funds – 547.60; SDRS – 31,134.40; Health Savings Account – 100.00; Waddell & Reed – 1,150.00; Horace Mann – 940.61; Thrivent – 250.00; AFLAC – 2,968.25; Delta Dental – 4,050.48; SD Supplemental Retirement – 2,140.83; Division of Child Support – 365.79; US Dept of the Treasury – 252.04; Wellmark – 62,864.35; Standard – 688.59; Wage Works – 1,137.46; Avesis – 308.04; Amazon – supplies, 200.21; Angela Antonsen – expenses, 165.00; Auto Value – parts, 52.12; Avera St. Luke's – services, 381.06; Bahr's Jungle – pizza, 107.43; City of Groton – paint/sand, 152.30; Cole Papers – supplies, 2,844.74; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 45,598.07; Dependable Sanitation – service, 1,238.00; Kristi Ekern – services, 105.00; Farm Tire Service –

Description	General Fund	Assigned Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Bond Redemption	Enterprise Fund	Custodial Fund	Total for District
1. Beginning Balance .....	1,552,676.37	149,575.03	1,624,948.69	314,149.50	0.00	73,605.96	142,940.60	3,857,896.15
a. checking .....	1,552,676.37	149,575.03	1,624,948.69	314,149.50	0.00	73,605.96	142,940.60	3,857,896.15
b. petty cash .....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2. Transfers in								
3. Revenue to date .....	3,092,903.21	18,829.82	1,088,906.10	521,960.37	1,126.12	300,096.37	763,184.25	5,787,006.24
4. Total accounted for .....	4,645,579.58	168,404.85	2,713,854.79	836,109.87	1,126.12	373,702.33	906,124.85	9,644,902.39
5. Transfers out								
6. Expenditures to date .....	3,950,977.58	24,185.18	1,315,307.01	668,555.09	0.00	241,538.30	796,814.66	6,997,377.82
a. encumbrances .....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
b. disbursements .....	3,950,977.58	24,185.18	1,315,307.01	668,555.09	0.00	241,538.30	796,814.66	6,997,377.82
7. Ending Balance .....	694,602.00	144,219.67	1,398,547.78	167,554.78	1,126.12	132,164.03	109,310.19	2,647,524.57
a. checking .....	694,602.00	144,219.67	1,398,547.78	167,554.78	1,126.12	132,164.03	109,310.19	2,647,524.57
b. petty cash .....	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
April Receipts .....	181,217.52	1,122.00	182,549.47	50,787.39	64.82	50,086.91	41,056.19	506,884.30
April Expenses .....	418,481.23	912.22	41,207.67	77,076.93	0.00	28,103.76	78,683.74	644,465.55
Custodial Checking .....		109,310.19						
District Checking .....		2,553,879.80						
USDA Supply Chain Defer .....		(15,665.42)						
<b>Total all Funds .....</b>	<b>2,647,524.57</b>							

tires, 1,131.22; Adam Franken – supplies, 184.01; Groton Area – fees, 225.74; Groton Daily Independent – ads, 818.13; Groton Dairy Queen – cards, 100.00; Hillyard – supplies, 4,602.52; House of Glass – parts, 136.46; Rebecca Hubsch – mileage, 364.52; Mike Imrie – services, 280.00; Matchbox Recreation – fees, 460.00; Menards – supplies, 32.24; Midstates – paper, 74.66; Midwest Bus – parts, 650.96; Northside Implement – services, 2,180.43; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 11.81; Petty Cash – supplies, 124.00; Quality Inn – rooms, 380.00; Sean Schuring – services, 525.00; SDHSA – rules, 222.00; Sewer Duck – services, 280.00; Sisseton American Legion – fee, 100.00; Taylor Music – supplies, 220.98; Michael Weber – expenses, 98.34; Martin Weismantel – expenses, 385.00. Total General Fund - \$420,372.73.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business – managed print agreement, 2,410.33; Amazon – adapters, 65.48; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 1,248.03; Groton Area – yearbooks, 165.00; House of Glass – parts, 1,323.00; Brenda Madsen – expenses, 15.38; US Bank – financing, 9,200.00. Total Capital Outlay - \$14,427.22.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 31,802.09; FIT – 2,543.70; Medicare – 1,177.36; FICA – 5,034.26; SDRS – 5,061.32; Waddell & Reed – 200.00; AFLAC – 481.05; Delta Dental – 1,024.94; SD

Supplemental Retirement – 100.00; Wellmark – 13,270.67; Standard – 227.00; Wage Works – 58.33; Avesis – 70.69; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 35.64; NCS Pearson – supplies, 59.50; SD Dept of Human Resource – fees, 2,270.39; Volunteers of America – tuition, 51.07; Judy or Gene Williamson – mileage, 599.76. Total Special Ed - \$64,067.77.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service: Net Salary – 5,624.33; FIT – 389.35; Medicare – 202.84; FICA – 867.42; SDRS – 892.56; AFLAC – 326.91; Wellmark – 2,313.00; Standard – 5.76; Avesis – 19.63; BIMBO Bakery – bread, 489.92; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 261.80; East Side Dairy – milk, 1,114.45; Hillyard – supplies, 246.42; Performance Foodservice – food, 8,769.14; US Foods – food, 3,505.40. Total Food Service - \$25,028.93. OST: Net Salary – 1,920.50; FIT – 111.81; Medicare – 67.62; FICA – 289.00; SDRS – 197.50; AFLAC – 163.93; Wellmark – 678.00; Standard – 23.28; Custodial Fund – advanced pays, 166.84. Total OST - \$10,808.64. Total Enterprise - \$35,837.57.

CUSTODIAL FUND: Total - \$78,683.74. RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 262,416.50; Other Local Sources – 64,359.48; County Sources – 3,078.51; State Sources – 200.00; Federal Sources – 176,829.81. Total Receipts - \$506,884.30.

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address

the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members requesting to speak, the board proceeded with their agenda items.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: year-end items, DOE data collection, HS water storage/water heater issue, elementary track and field day and TMS auxiliary staff hour tracking system.

Weber presented the FY'23 District Preliminary Budgets in accordance with SDCL 13-11-12. No action was taken.

Moved by Weismantel, second Flihs accept resignation of Jill Helvig as Title Math Interventionist, effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Flihs to approve signed and returned teacher contracts. Motion carried.

Moved Smith, second Flihs to approve Connect 4 Summer School Agreements with Emily Dinger, Allison Tvinnereim and Anne Zoellner, Elementary Special Ed Extended School Year Agreements with Ann Gibbs and Anne Zoellner, Summer Library Service Agreement with Joni Groebelinghoff and Middle School/High School Special Ed Extended School Year Agreements with Sydney Kurtz and Todd Peterson. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, second Harder to remove from a previous motion to table and reconsider action on SDHSA Constitutional Amendment #7. Motion carried.

ried. The board discussed the proposed amendment. No action was taken.

Superintendent Schwan discussed low participation numbers with Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys Soccer for Fall of 2022. Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to pursue a Junior Varsity Boys Soccer program for 2022 if suitable opponents can be found. Motion carried.

Schwan presented minor changes to the District COVID-19 Learn On Plan. Moved by Harder, second Flihs to approve changes as presented. Motion carried. Gengerke declared a short recess at 7:55 pm. The board returned at 7:58 pm.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to go into executive session at 7:58 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel issues and SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried.

Gengerke declared the board out of executive session at 8:59 pm.

Moved by Flihs, second Harder to approve reassignment of Alexa Schuring from Junior Kindergarten/Kindergarten to Title Math/Reading Interventionist for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to approve 2022-23 GASA Negotiated Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, second Harder to issue 2022-23 Auxiliary Staff Work Agreements. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to issue off-staff extra-curricular agreements for Chelsea Hanson – Head Girls Volleyball, Jenna Strom – Assistant Girls Volleyball, Chris Kucker – Head Girls Soccer, Seth Erickson – Assistant Football, Aubray Harry – Co-Cheerleading, Jasmine Schinkel – Co-Cheerleading, Matt Locke – Head Girls Basketball, Trent Traphagen – Assistant Girls Basketball, Darin Zoellner – Head Wrestling, Ryan Scepaniak – Assistant Wrestling and Junior High Football, Kristi Peterson – Yearbook, Brenda Madsen – Senior Class Advisor, Brian Dolan – Athletic Director and Head Boys Basketball and Joni Groebelinghoff – Co-DI Coordinator. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, second Grant to hire Reilly Fuhrman as Special Ed Teacher and Junior High Volleyball Coach for the 2022-23 school year with salary to be published in July. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Flihs to approve the resignation of Mike Nehls as Custodial Supervisor on June 2, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, second Flihs to adjourn at 9:01 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager Deborah Gengerke, President

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**Claremont Town  
May 10, 2022  
Meeting Minutes**

The board of trustees for the town of Clermont met on May 10th, 2022, at 7p.m at city hall. President Johnson called the meeting to order with Spencer and Rasmussen present. Others attending were Schaffers, Babcock and Biegler from Helms and Associates. The minutes of the previous meeting was accepted on a motion by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen. On a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Spencer the following warrants were allowed: General SDML, registration, 30.00; James telecom, 98.83; SDPAA, Insurance, 381.66; Dacotah Bank, city hall loan, 573.55; Charla Rye, wage, 350.00; WSSW: B&B Contracting, grant/sewer, 208,132.02; Ecolab, pest elimination, 171.38; NWE, sewer, 21.63; SD Dept. of Public Health, water samples, 15.00; Helms and Asso., sewer grant, 571.95; DPC, storm sewer repair, 527.55; U.S. Bank, sewer grant payment, 5040.10; BDM, water purchased, 907.40; Shane Johnson, pump for storm sewer, 267.05; Rural Development, water loan, 576.00; Helms and Asso. Reps were present concerning the storm water issues in town. They made some suggestions and the board will consider all options. With no further business before the board a motion was made to adjourn by Spencer and seconded by Rasmussen motion carried.

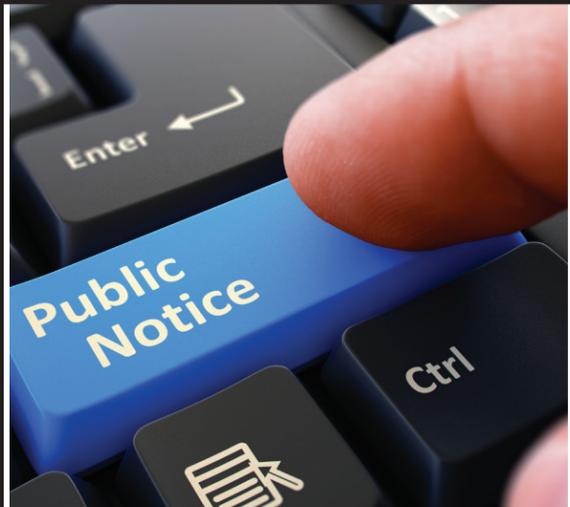
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As for airplanes, manufacturers are working hard to replace toxic materials with greener ones. One example is chrome, a carcinogen heavy metal that is used extensively within passenger cabins and elsewhere in many airplanes. Manufacturers have developed 3D printing using carbon fiber compounds to replace chrome and many other metals used throughout a plane's body. This also cuts down significantly on weight, which in turn saves fuel and emissions.

Fuel substitution is another sustainability fix that airlines are starting to take seriously. One particularly green substitute fuel comes from Fulcrum BioEnergy, which converts garbage into jet fuel that can augment regular carbon-intensive jet fuel and thus save on emissions. The company's technology utilizes chemical breakdowns of waste to produce fuels that mix with normal jet fuel, cutting emissions by as much as 20 percent.

Not surprisingly, electric drive planes are also on the horizon. Israel's Eviation has a zero-emission prototype plane that can fly up to an hour after charging for 30 minutes.

Rail companies are pursuing similar strategies, such as electric powered trains. Gravity powered trains use gravitational force—generated by braking (like hybrid electric cars)—to power their batteries. Train builders are also starting to embrace electric drive systems to save on fossil fuel consumption. These newer hybrid systems can cut emissions and fuel usage by up to 11 percent, which amounts to an average fuel savings of some 6,000 gallons of diesel per trip.

Of course, it is important to understand that travel is often a luxury. And while it can be an essential—such as seeing far-flung relatives or participating in work trips—it can often be minimized. To minimize your carbon footprint and—more important—minimize damage to our imperiled planet, consider reducing your plane travel. While both forms of transit are problematic, trains are a better choice for the planet.

The growth of the transit industry and a globalized economy mean that travel is inevitable as a habit, necessity and pastime. Nevertheless, it's important not to take plane and train travel for granted. The less you travel, the lower your carbon footprint will remain, so it's up to you to find the right balance between maintaining your quality of life and helping fight global warming. Maybe in the future we can travel great distances without any environmental guilt. But until then, it's better to think twice about taking any trips that aren't absolutely necessary.

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I don't know how you feel, but in my opinion, parenting is hard! Someone must have forgotten to hand me the instruction manual when my children came home. I have yet to meet a parent who wouldn't appreciate one.

New parents can count on getting lots of advice from well-meaning friends and relatives, and sometimes even perfect strangers. Some of that advice is welcome and useful. Some, not so much. And sometimes that advice is downright dangerous.

Many grandparents raised their own children at a time when doctors thought it was best to put babies on their stomachs to sleep. Research in the 1990s showed that this sleeping position significantly increased the risk of sudden infant death syndrome. And all those cute stuffed animals and fluffy blankets increase the risk of suffocation.

Many great grandparents started their newborns on solid food soon after birth. Now we understand more about infant nutrition and recommend waiting until six months for most babies. This helps ensure the baby is developmentally ready to swallow solids and reduces the risk of some health problems that can persist well into adulthood.

My own generation was told to avoid exposure to common allergens like nuts and fish in the hopes of reducing the risk of food allergies. More recent research indicates the opposite: early introduction to these foods reduces that risk. Of course, parents still need to be mindful of choking hazards. Try thinned smooth peanut butter, not whole peanuts. We still recommend avoiding honey, because of the risk of botulism, and liquid milk, because it is more difficult to digest. Besides, formula and breast milk provide more complete nutrition.

Parents today often swear by sleep nests or wedges. These are cushions meant to prop babies in a particular position. Although these devices are popular, they are dangerous and increase the risk of suffocation. Walkers are popular too, but they are associated with injuries, and have not been shown to help babies learn to walk. In fact, motor skills may be delayed if baby uses a walker.

So how can families sort out all this advice? Look for trustworthy sources of information, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics' on-line resource, [healthychildren.org](http://healthychildren.org), or the American Academy of Family Physicians' educational website, [familydoctor.org](http://familydoctor.org). Best of all, take advantage of regular well-child visits with your primary care provider. Your doctor desires a strong relationship and will work with you to help your child grow up safe and healthy.

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