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City airport getting drain tile; Historical Society wants jail building

The Groton Municipal Airport is closed until June 1, due to flooding conditions at the airport. Darrell Hillestad, who had been spearheading improvements to the airport, said that he has ordered the drain tile for the airport and the cost is about \$8,000. He said that the city could make an application to the state which would pay for 70 percent. Hillestad said that the water can be drained to a direct route to the creek. Several people are donating their equipment and time to help keep the cost down.

The old jailhouse located south of the Groton Community Center is back in the spotlight. Topper Tastad came before the council, on behalf of the Groton Community Historical Society, to ask for the jail property to be deeded to the Groton Community Historical Society. The jail property is currently under the ownership of the City of Groton. Tastad said that the building needs tuck repair and the roof will need to be replaced soon. If deeded, the building liability would be removed from the city. An asbestos report was done a few years ago and it showed there is asbestos in the building. The amount of property asked for is 50 feet by about 55 feet. Mike Nehls also was present in support of the preservation of the jail building. "There is a lot of history in that building," Nehls said.

A new park bathroom remains in the forefront of the city council as the city is seeking grants. The city is applying for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for a new park bathroom, also known as a shelter or officially titled Safe House. The structure would be used as a tornado shelter as well. Ted Dickey from Northeast Council of Governments talked about the grant, which has a deadline of December 1, 2023. It's a 75:25 matching grant with the state also matching 10 percent. All of that would result in the city paying for 15 percent of the project plus other items not covered by the grant. Dickey said that based on the city population, there would be one bathroom stall in each the men's and women's bathrooms. If the city wanted more, they would have to cover those costs.

Ken Hier from IMEG (formerly Clark Engineering) was also on hand to talk about their involvement in the project. He said the city would need to hire an architect firm by the next council meeting. Once an architect firm is hired, then the process will begin in developing a plan for the new facility.

Topper Tastad talked about a speaker system in the city park. He said Pauer Sound came out to a study in the park for a sound system. The original quote came in at \$25,483.44. Tastad suggested that the city install the speakers and hang the wire which would save a couple thousand of dollars. In addition, instead of having 10 speakers, Tastad said there would only need to be eight speakers. The city is also applying for a \$4,000 POET grant and a \$5,000 Heartland Energy Economic Development Grant. Tastad said that he has 14 financial commitments. He said if the grants are approved, the project could be a go. "It should be a real nice system," Tastad said. Events such as the Summer Fest, Pumpkin Fest, Easter egg hunt and other events could use the speaker system.

Jarod Fliehs and Doug Hamilton came before the council to talk about the new proposed concession stand at the Groton Baseball Complex. Dickey said that the grant application was submitted last Friday. The



The Groton Historical Society wants the jail building that is currently under the ownership of City of Groton. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Paul Kosel)

amount of the grant requested is \$65,600, which is 35 percent of the \$189,000 project. A walk-in cooler, which will not be included in the grant project, would raise the cost to \$202,000. The Groton Baseball/Softball Foundation has raised about \$55,000 towards the project. It will not be known until the end of 2023 or early 2024 if the city will be awarded the grant. It was asked if it would be possible for the city to budget



Drain tile was being installed at the Groton Municipal Airport on Wednesday. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



the project in case the grant is not awarded. City Finance Officer Douglas Heinrich said the budget is the council's and they would have to decided that in December.

Heir talked about the Groton Water Reservoir project that is still incomplete. He said that McGuire Iron is hoping to be here between May 15 and May 30 to finish up the work. The tank will need to be drained and dried with sandblasting done to the beams. The tank could be out of commission for two to three weeks. Work is starting later than expected due to the cool spring.

The Groton Police Station, which is housed in the former City Hall building, will be getting a new sign. The council accepted the low quote from Service Signs for \$2,800 for an enclosed, lighted sign. There will also be an expense for wiring. The old Wage Memorial Library Sign will also be removed and placed in the History Room located in the current City Hall/Library building. The History Room is located in the former bank vault.

During department reports, Waste Water Superintendent Dwight Zerr told the council that an emergency discharge had to be done as the lagoon was full. Zerr had to make an application with the state to get the emergency discharge approved. There was a proposal to change the fine for sump pump violation from 10 days to 24 hours with no action being taken. Terry Herron, City Supervisor, said that he anticipates that the garbage route will be on for one more week.

There was discussion about the No Parking Signs in the downtown district from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. Both Zerr and Herron were opposed to any changes as it would interfere with snow removal and sweeping times. The proposal was to change it to an Emergency Snow Removal Signs when there is 2" of snow. Towing has been an issue, but it was stated that someone could be starting a towing service in town. The proposal was compared to what Aberdeen is doing and they have no problems with the signage. It was decided not to make any changes to the current signage.

The 2022 Annual Report was presented. Heinrich said that the 2015 debt refinance loan had been in the negative due to journal entries not being done. It was recommended that a journal entry be done to get it out of the negative and then make proper journal entries in the future.

The council authorized the signing of a Renewable Energy Certificate contract with Heartland Energy. There would be no cost to the city and the city could benefit from the REC. A renewable energy certificate, or REC (pronounced: rĕk, like wreck), is a market-based instrument that represents the property rights to the environmental, social, and other non-power attributes of renewable electricity generation. RECs are issued when one megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity is generated

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There must be cadillacs in heaven

That's the heck of it. The longer one treads upon this firmament, the more friends you lose. That, I wrote long ago, is why we look back at childhood so fondly. We haven't suffered life's inevitable loses.

We gathered last week in the Ashley Baptist Church to say goodbye to Donny Dockter, a big room full of heartbeats beating together, rhythmic applause for a big man.

Afterward, I thought about the increasing number of eulogies I've written, but recalled what his son Jason called it—a celebration of his life. I rather like that more modern perspective. And I was reminded that we ought to deliver our bouquets to the living. But in my defense, had I done this sooner, Donny would have been impossible to live with.

There were lots of Docker boys in the front pews, the bloodline evident, and I don't know if there was a wide receiver in the bunch but I'd put that offensive line up against anyone's.

Dad thought a lot of Donny. The family connection goes back decades. Mom reminded me of the Christmas I got a racetrack. Donny and Dad stayed up until 2 a.m. assembling and playing with it while Mom and Shirley rubbed bleary eyes.

Donny was a car guy. Specifically, Cadillacs, and he was disdainful of any other "piece of sh--." He should have been buried in an Eldorado. I didn't look closely, but I wonder if the casket didn't have a hood ornament.

He was opinionated, a progressive in a conservative community, but when he sat down over coffee with a half dozen Republicans to argue politics, I'd say it was a fair fight.

So, there was more than a familial connection. Heck, I was accused just last week, at a very high volume, of being—gasp!—a Democrat. Which around here is either one step above or one step below a Commie.

I sat beside Donny at a ballgame not so long ago. The game was broadcast by a local cooperative, and we were spotted at home by the Delzers. "Look," Jimmy said to Marie, "It's a quorum."

Donny was more conservative than he might have admitted. Old school work ethic. A traditionalist. Certainly no tofu-eating flower child. The flag-draped coffin bore testament to his patriotism and service to country. A no-nonsense kind of guy. I saw the evidence.

As kids, my cousin Rodney Meidinger, the Delzer boys, and Todd Dockter, spent hours on a raft constructed of railroad ties. This was when Todd was about a yardstick high and not a left tackle. I still don't know if Todd fell into that slough at the edge of town or Donny just got wind of our Huck Finn escapades, but I remember he took an ax to that raft. I still resent that.

Fast-forward. Todd is now the Street and Water Supervisor for the City of Ashley, and I'm guessing he never fell in at the treatment plant because Donny might have chopped it down.

I'll guess that Donny was a strict father. He

once yelled at me from the window of his Caddy for walking in the middle of the street, and I sassed back that he had no jurisdiction over me.

And lived. I count that as a near-death experience.

He and Shirley—an itty-bitty little thing—must have done OK as parents, though. They raised good sons. Jason was Dylan's Industrial Arts instructor, a loquacious storyteller, and the single biggest reason Dylan could be dragged to school at all. As he prefaced his eulogy, Jason noted, "My brothers have me on a timer."

Jason described Donny's life as one lived "pedal to the metal." His occupations changed over the years. He worked for DOT, worked at an elevator like my dad, sold cars and tractors, and raised cattle. He was an excavator, plumber, and septic tank pumper when he retired. It was the only time Donny took any crap from anyone.

He worked hard. If he'd been a miner he'd have been Big Bad Don. He laughed big, too. I imagine I'll think about him, if spring ever comes, when I mow around the railroad tie retaining walls he muscled in to abate our drainage issues two decades past.

And when I see a Cadillac. If they don't have Cadillacs in heaven, Donny's going to raise hell, and if, God help me, I ever buy a Prius, I won't need windshield wipers for the rain. It will be Donny spitting down. He was a liberal, but he wasn't a purist.

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That's Life

by Tony Bender

Weekly Vikings Recap - NFL Draft Review

By Jack & Duane Kolsrud

The 2023 NFL Draft was anti-climactic for the Minnesota Vikings as the team made only three draft-day trades and ended up with only six players, their lowest total since 2009.

23rd Overall Pick: Jordan Addison - WR (USC)

For the first time since 2020, the Vikings did not make a draft-day trade with their first-round pick. Although there was some speculation leading up to the draft that the Vikings may trade up in the first round to take one of the quarterbacks, the Vikings stayed put and selected wide receiver Jordan Addison. Addison, who was ranked by some experts as the top wide receiver in this year's draft, fell to the fourth wide receiver taken in the first round, likely because of his slender frame. However, Addison is a natural-born receiver who will bring elite route-running at all levels of the field to the Vikings. If anything, Addison's talent will open even more opportunities for Justin Jefferson and TJ Hockenson this upcoming season.

102nd Overall Pick: Mekhi Blackmon - CB (USC)

After the Vikings traded back with the San Francisco 49ers and acquired the last pick of day 2 of the NFL Draft, the Vikings selected yet another undersized USC player. This time it was Mekhi Blackmon, who is a feisty corner-

back that graded out elite in both zone and man coverage at the cornerback position. The knock on Blackmon, besides his lack of size, is that he is already 24 years of age, which is almost 3 years older than most of the other players in the draft. However, because of his age, Blackmon will likely be able to come in right away and compete for playing time on this Vikings' defense, which lacks veteran cornerbacks.

134th Overall Pick: Jay Ward - CB (LSU)

With the Vikings' first pick on the third day of the draft, the Vikings selected yet another cornerback, this time Jay Ward out of LSU. Similar to Mekhi Blackmon, Jay Ward possesses a slight frame at only 188 lbs. However, what Ward brings with him is an ability to play multiple positions on the defense. Ward can line up as the nickel cornerback and defend the opponent's slot receiver, or he can play outside. Ward even has the potential to play the safety position, as well.

141st Overall Pick: Jaquelin Roy - DL (LSU)

The Vikings continued the trend of bolstering the team's defense by taking LSU's humungous nose tackle, Jaquelin Roy. Roy, who weighs 315 lbs., will look to fill the huge void on the defensive line that has been there since Dalvin Tomlinson's departure. Ironically enough, Roy's player comparison coming into the draft was Dalvin Tomlinson. If Roy can reach the potential that so many people think he has, he could become a key piece of this Vikings' defense in the future.

164th Overall Pick: Jaren Hall - QB (BYU)

Kevin O'Connell finally got his developmental quarterback with the selection of Jaren Hall in the fifth round. Hall is a solid quarterback with a quick release and great leadership qualities. However, the problem with Hall is that he is already 25 years old and can get dinged up easily given his smaller size for the quarterback position. Hall projects to be a career backup quarterback, but as we have seen with guys like Brock Purdy and Dak Prescott, if you can put a talented team around these late-round quarterbacks, they can find success very early in their careers.

222nd Overall Pick: DeWayne McBride - RB (UAB)

With the Vikings' last pick of the 2023 NFL draft, the team took DeWayne McBride, a running back who had been on the team's radar for a while now. McBride was invited earlier this year to visit Minnesota as part of the Vikings' official visit of the team's top 30 prospects. McBride is an exciting running back prospect who possesses great balance and elusiveness. This pick is also further proof that the team may be moving on from Dalvin Cook soon.

Groton City Cooper Variance Notice

NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT The Groton Planning & Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on May 22, 2023, at 6:00pm CDT at City Hall, 120 N Main St., Groton, SD for a variance of Part 9, Chapter 9.01, Section 9.0106 of the Groton Zoning Ordinance. This application was made by Dustin Cooper for a garage addition to be built within 3 feet of the North lot line in a Residential (R-1) District at 506 N Main St., Groton, SD, legally described as Lt 4-6, Bk 19, of the 1st Addition.

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

Doug Heinrich
Zoning Administrator
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By David Adler

"The Supreme Court's First Big Decision on State Powers"

In February 1793, in *Chisholm v. Georgia*, the U.S. Supreme Court, fully mindful of the evolving political and legal tensions surrounding the nature of the nation-state relationship, rendered its first important decision on the scope of state authority.

Chisholm, a citizen of South Carolina, sued the State of Georgia for failure to pay him for goods delivered to the state. In short, *Chisholm* was trying to collect a debt. But the "great cause" in this suit, as Justice James Iredell characterized it, presented the critical issue of whether a state could be sued in federal court by citizens of another state. Georgia invoked "sovereign immunity" and denied the premise that the Court had jurisdiction to hear the case.

Edmund Randolph, the Attorney General of the United States and a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, argued the case on behalf of *Chisholm*. It was common at that point in our history for the attorney general to represent private clients to compensate for the low salary of the office. Randolph argued that the Court had jurisdiction to hear the case by virtue of Article III of the Constitution, which extended the judicial power to cases and controversies "between a State and citizens of another State."

More than one Antifederalist had noticed the phrase in Article III and suspected that it might be used to subvert state sovereignty. Did that clause, in fact, mean that a citizen of one state could sue another state in federal court? The language certainly suggested it, but some of the Constitution's defenders sought to soothe the fear and denied that states might be hauled into federal court under this provision, for the sovereign is not subject to suit.

Randolph was in a good position to know the meaning of the clause. In the Convention, he was a key member of the Committee of Detail, which drafted most of Article III. He was joined on the committee by James Wilson who, appointed to the original Supreme Court by President George Washington, wrote the major opinion in *Chisholm*.

Justice Wilson, second in importance to James Madison as an architect of the Constitution and nicknamed the "professor" because of his deep learning and knowledge of our legal system, appealed to nationalist principles in upholding the Court's jurisdiction to hear the case.

Wilson began with the principle that the people of the United States form a nation, making ridiculous the "haughty notions of state inde-

pendence, state sovereignty and state supremacy." He wrote: "As to the purposes of the Union, therefore, Georgia is not a sovereign state." Wilson's opinion in *Chisholm* remains a powerful justification of both the Court's decision and the United States as nation and not merely a league of sovereign states.

Wilson's repudiation of the claim of state immunity was grounded in language as strong as that later used by Justice John Marshall. Sovereignty, he stated, is not to be found in the states, but in the people. The Constitution was created by the "People of the United States," who did not surrender any sovereign power to the states.

A state, he wrote, is a "body of free persons united together for their common benefit." Wilson declared that if a free individual is amenable to the courts, the same should be true of the state. If a dishonest state willfully refuses to perform a contract, should it be permitted "to insult justice" by being permitted to declare, "I am a sovereign state?"

Justice Wilson concluded that that the American people had established a nation for national purposes. They never intended to exempt states from national jurisdiction. Instead, they expressly provided in Article III, in clear language and "with precise accuracy" that the judicial power extends to "controversies between a state and citizens of another state."

Chisholm's victory—the ability to sue a state to recover a debt—was a victory for many citizens at the time since states had been playing fast and loose in fiscal matters for years. But the doctrine placed states in jeopardy since, if enforced, it might expose them to harassment by a swarm of creditors.

The Supreme Court had very clearly acknowledged that they were being asked to make their first great question about the nature of the union; they directly stated, as Justice Wilson declared, "for purposes of the Union, Georgia is not a sovereign state." The answer certainly was correct, if the union was to have meaning, but 1793 probably was too soon to state it so boldly.

A storm of controversy, formed by all sides, engulfed the Court and its decision. A constitutional amendment—the 11th Amendment—denying that states were suable in federal courts was proposed and ratified in 1798.

The Court's ruling in *Chisholm* opened a window into the dilemma that the judiciary faces when it renders an opinion which, while firmly grounded in the text of the Constitution and the aims of its drafters, faces enormous resistance across the nation. It may be said that the Court fulfilled its duty to say what the law is, leaving to the citizenry the opportunity to exercise its right to amend the Constitution to reflect new and changing circumstances.

Traphagen, Johnson and girls 3200m relay take first at Milbank meet

The Groton Area girl's track team placed third at the Milbank Invitational Track Meet held Thursday. The girls placed first in three divisions. Faith Traphagen won the 800m run, Aspen Johnson won the triple jump and the relay team of Taryn Traphagen, Faith Traphagen, Ashlynn Warrington and Rylee Dunker won the 4x800 relay event.

In the boy's division, Groton Area took second in three events - Cole Simon in the 400m dash, and the relay team of Keegen Tracy, Ryder Johnson, Andrew Marzahn and Teylor Diegel in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays.

Girl's Division

Team Scores: 1. Milbank 180.5, 2. Great Plains Lutheran 111.25, 3. Groton Area 97, 4. Hamlin 91.5, 5. Webster Area 65.25, 6. LaMoure/Litch-Marion 60, 7. Aberdeen Christian 44, 8. Aberdeen Roncalli 41, 9. Florence/Henry 24, 10. Sisseton 24, 11. Tri-State 10.5, 12. Ellendale 8, 13. Langford Area 6,

200 Meters: 10. Mckenna Tietz, 29.99; 17. Talli Wright, 30.86; 25. Hannah Sandness, 31.79

800 Meters: 1. Faith Traphagen, 2:36.80; 3. Ashlynn Warrington, 2:50.14

1600 Meters: 13. Elizabeth Fliehs, 6:52.67

100m Hurdles: 2. Mckenna Tietz, 18.88; 6. Talli Wright, 19.36; 14. Hannah Sandness, 21.54

300m Hurdles: 3. Mckenna Tietz, 52.86; 4. Talli Wright, 53.26; 7. Hannah Sandness, 57.04

4x100 Relay: 4. (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hansen, Kella Tracy, Laila Roberts), 54.83

4x200 Relay: 2. (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hansen, Kella Tracy, Laila Roberts), 1:52.27

4x400 Relay: 4. (Jerica Locke, Kennedy Hansen, Kella Tracy, Laila Roberts), 4:30.89

4x800 Relay: 1. (Taryn Traphagen, Faith Traphagen, Ashlynn Warrington, Rylee Dunker), 10:58.13

SMR 1600m: 2. (Jerica Locke, Laila Roberts, Kella Tracy, Taryn Traphagen), 4:37.60

Shot Put: 6. Emma Kutter, 30-07.00; 15. Faith Fliehs, 27-10.50; 33. Ashley Johnson, 22-02.00; 41. Kayleigh McGannon, 19-09.00

Discus: 24. Faith Fliehs, 65-01; 28. Emma Kutter, 61-11; 30. Ashley Johnson, 60-08

High Jump: 5. Anna Fjeldheim, 4-05.00; 10. Emerlee Jones, 4-03.00; 18. Shaela McGannon, 3-11.00

Long Jump: 3. Aspen Johnson, 13-10.00; 10. Anna Fjeldheim, 13-03.00; 12. Sydney Leicht, 13-02.25

Triple Jump: 1. Aspen Johnson, 32-00.25; 18. 8 Emerlee Jones, 26-09.75

Boy's Division

Team Scores: 1. Milbank 157.25, 2. Aberdeen Roncalli 109, 3. Hamlin 95.5, 4. Webster Area 82.5, 5. Groton Area 67, 6. LaMoure/Litch-Marion 64, 7. Great Plains Lutheran 39.25, 8. Aberdeen Christian 36.5, 9. Tri-State 34, 10. Ellendale 23.75, 11. Florence/Henry 22.25, 12. Sisseton 20, 13. Langford Area 15

100 Meters: 3. Korbin Kucker, 12.23

200 Meters: 7. Korbin Kucker, 24.95; 16. Gage Sippel, 26.10; 24. Caden McInerney, 26.58; 36. Logan Warrington, 29.46

400 Meters: 2. Cole Simon, 54.60; 6. Gage Sippel, 57.82; 3. Logan Warrington, 1:04.50

800 Meters: 7. Blake Pauli, 2:20.81; 11. Jacob Lewandowski, 2:30.16; 13. Jayden Schwan, 2:34.35

1600 Meters: 6. Blake Pauli, 5:22.73; 9. Jayden Schwan, 5:33.17; 11. Tristin McGannon, 5:43.59; 18. Nicolas Fernandez, 6:21.68; 19. Garrett Schultz, 6:22.78

3200 Meters: 9. Nicolas Fernandez, 14:31.97; 11. Garrett Schultz, 15:26.30

110m Hurdles: 10. Caden McInerney, 20.92

300m Hurdles: 9. Colby Dunker, 47.20; 13. Caden McInerney, 50.81

4x100 Relay: 2. (Keegen Tracy, Ryder Johnson, Andrew Marzahn, Teylor Diegel), 45.80

4x200 Relay: 2. (Keegen Tracy, Ryder Johnson, Andrew Marzahn, Teylor Diegel), 1:36.11

4x400 Relay: 3. (Keegen Tracy, Ryder Johnson, Cole Simon, Andrew Marzahn), 3:47.07

4x800 Relay: 3. (Blake Pauli, Tristin McGannon, Jayden Schwan, Jacob Lewandowski) 9:29.59

Shot Put: 7. Holden Sippel, 40-11.00; 8. Logan Ringgenberg, 40-04.50; 9. Caleb Hanten, 39-11.00; 11. Karter Moody, 36-10.00; 13. Kaleb Antonsen, 35-06.50; 44. Drew Thurston, 23-09.50; 46. Payton Mitchell, 23-02.00

Discus: 6. Logan Ringgenberg, 116-01; 7. Kaleb Antonsen, 108-07; 11. Holden Sippel, 101-03; 15. Caleb Hanten, 96-03; 29. Karter Moody, 77-00; 36. Drew Thurston, 68-07; 46. Payton Mitchell, 45-05

High Jump: 7. Tate Larson, 5-03.00; 10. Korbin Kucker, 5-01.00

Long Jump: 9. Jacob Zak, 17-05.50; 19. Gage Sippel, 16-00.00; 24. Tate Larson, 15-07.00

Triple Jump: 3. Jacob Zak, 38-03.00; 15. Tristin McGannon, 30-08.50

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Johnson wins long jump at Milbank Track

Aspen Johnson took first place at the Valley Queen Cheese Invitational Track Meet held Tuesday in Milbank. Johnson was in 42nd place in the state prior to the meet and with her 15-5.75 jump, could move her into the high 20s in the state. The girls division took fourth place in the team scores as two relay teams placed second. The boys 800m Relay Team also took second.

Girl's Division

Team Scores: 1. Milbank, 185; 2. Great Plains Lutheran, 107; 3. Hamlin, 93; 4. Groton Area, 69.5; 5. Clark/Willow Lake, 59.5; 6. Webster Area, 48; 7. Warner, 39.5; 8. Aberdeen Roncalli, 37; 9. Dakota Hills, 29; 10. Florence/Henry, 26; 11. Border West, 25; 12. Tri-State, 22; 13. Britton-Hecla, 16.5; 14. Sisseton, 16; **15. Langford Area, 3**

100m Hurdles: 4. Mckenna Tietz, 18.25; 7. Talli Wright, 19.00; 18. Hannah Sandness, 21.38

100 Meters: 33. Shaela McGannon, 15.80

300m Hurdles: 4. Mckenna Tietz, 54.37; 12. Hannah Sandness, 59.51; 18. Talli Wright, 1:02.35

200 Meters: 9. Mckenna Tietz, 29.31; 17. Talli Wright, 30.51; 30. Hannah Sandness, 32.72

400 Meters: 13. Elizabeth Flihs, 1:15.30

800 Meters: 4. Taryn Traphagen, 2:47.67; 7. Ashlynn Warrington, 2:50.57; 20. Elizabeth Flihs, 3:08.29

4x100 Relay: 2. (Laila Roberts, Kennedy Hansen, Rylee Dunker, Aspen Johnson), 55.23

4x200 Relay: 2. (Jerica Locke, Laila Roberts, Kennedy Hansen, Rylee Dunker), 1:56.40

4x400 Relay: 5. (Kennedy Hansen, Jerica Locke, Laila Roberts, Rylee Dunker), 4:32.39

SMR 1600m: 3. (Laila Roberts, Rylee Dunker, Faith Traphagen, Jerica Locke), 4:43.03

High Jump: 5. Anna Fjeldheim, 4-06.00; 15. Emerlee Jones, 4-02.00

Long Jump: 1. Aspen Johnson, 15-05.75; 12. Anna Fjeldheim, 13-07.50; 25. Sydney Leicht, 12-04.50

Triple Jump: 3. Aspen Johnson, 32-01.75; 15. Emerlee Jones, 29-01.50

Discus: 26. Faith Flihs, 64-04; 31. Ashley Johnson, 52-03

Shot Put: 4. Emma Kutter, 34-04.00; 19. Faith Flihs, 27-00.50; 32. Ashley Johnson, 20-11.50

Boy's Division

Team Scores: 1. Milbank 144.5; 2. Aberdeen Roncalli 97; 3. Webster Area 89.5; 4. Warner 82.5; 5. Hamlin 73; 6. Border West 51.5; 7. Groton Area 49; 8. Great Plains Lutheran 40; 9. Tri-State 37; 10. Clark/Willow Lake 29; 11. Britton-Hecla 25; 12. Dakota Hills 19; 13. Florence/Henry 16; 14. Tiospa Zina 13; 15. Sisseton 9; 16. Langford Area 4

110m Hurdles: 8. Caden McInerney, 19.76

300m Hurdles: 11. Colby Dunker, 50.40; 15. Caden McInerney, 53.09

100 Meters: 7. Korbin Kucker, 12.00; 8. Jacob Zak, 12.00; 36. Logan Warrington, 13.67

200 Meters: 6. Lane Tietz, 24.63; 7. Korbin Kucker, 24.70; 21. Colby Dunker, 26.01

400 Meters: 5. Cole Simon, 55.56; 12. Lane Tietz, 57.99; 20. Gage Sippel, 1:00.86

800 Meters: 24. Jayden Schwan, 2:34.56; 28. Tristin McGannon, 2:34.97; 29. Jacob Lewandowski, 2:35.03

1600 Meters: 13. Jayden Schwan, 5:40.96; 26. Nicolas Fernandez, 6:25.45; 27. Garrett Schultz, 6:41.63

4x100 Relay: 3. (Keegen Tracy, Ryder Johnson, Andrew Marzahn, Teylor Diegel), 46.37

4x200 Relay: 2. (Keegen Tracy, Ryder Johnson, Andrew Marzahn, Cole Simon), 1:35.87

4x400 Relay: 3. (Keegen Tracy, Ryder Johnson, Andrew Marzahn, Cole Simon), 3:40.49

4x800 Relay: 4. (Blake Pauli, Jacob Lewandowski, Tristin McGannon, Jayden Schwan), 9:42.65

Long Jump: 8. Jacob Zak, 18-08.00; 22. Gage Sippel, 16-02.50

Triple Jump: 5. Jacob Zak, 39-00.50; 18. Tristin McGannon, 32-11.00

Discus: 6. Logan Ringgenberg, 122-07; 10. Holden Sippel, 103-00; 15. Kaleb Antonsen, 88-11

Shot Put: 7. Holden Sippel, 41-04.75; 8. Logan Ringgenberg, 40-08.50; 9. Caleb Hanten, 40-02.00

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Groton Community Calendar

Friday, May 5

School Breakfast: Eggs and sausage.
School Lunch: Fish nuggets, try taters.
Senior Menu: Taco salad, Mexican rice, breadstick, lemon tart bar.
Track at Sisseton, 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 6

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Groton City-Wide Rummage Day, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 7

High School Baseball vs. W.I.N./Elkton at Elkton, noon.
Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
United Methodist communion Sunday: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school after children's sermon in worship, 10:30 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m. (Graduation reception); worship with communion at Zion, 11 a.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion (Senior Milestones & Faith Forever Scholarship Awards), 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 8

School Breakfast: Cook's choice for rest of year.
School Lunch: Zita pasta, bake corn.
Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, garlic toast, Acini Depepi fruit salad.
The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Girls Golf at Milbank, 10 a.m.
Track Meet at Webster Relays. Varsity starts at 10 a.m.; junior high at 3 p.m.
FFA Banquet, 6:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m..
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9

School Lunch: Hamburgers, fries.
Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, oriental blend vegetables, peaches, whole wheat bread.
The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Ladies Aid LWML, 1 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Church Council, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10

School Lunch: Chicken fajitas, refried beans.
Senior Menu: Turkey sub sandwich, lettuce and tomato, macaroni salad, watermelon.
Baseball, Softball & TBall Parent Meeting at Groton Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

School Lunch: Cheeseburger, pasta bake, green beans.
Senior Menu: Tator tot hot dish, corn, apple juice, Mandarin oranges, whole wheat bread.
Girls Golf at Madison.
Northeast Conference Track Meet in Groton

Friday, May 12

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans.
Senior Menu: Tuna salad on croissant, pea and cheese salad, mixed fruit.
Elementary Track and Field Day, 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 13

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 14

MOTHER'S DAY
Graduation, 2 p.m.
Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school after children's sermon in worship, 10:30 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; worship at Zion, 11 a.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.

Monday, May 15

School Lunch: Cook's choice for rest of year.
Senior Menu: Sloppy joe on bun, oven roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, ice cream sundae, whole wheat bread.
The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Girls Golf: NEC at Sisseton, 10 a.m.
NEC JH Track Meet at Sisseton, 10 a.m.
Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center, 1 p.m..
Baseball, Softball and T-Ball Uniform pickup at City Hall, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16

Senior Menu: Chicken alfredo, buttermilk biscuit, winter blend vegetables, cookie, apricots.
The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Baseball, Softball and T-Ball Uniform pickup at City Hall, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
High School Baseball hosts Hamlin, 6 p.m. (V/JV)
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Conde Ad Council
St. John's Lutheran: Quilting, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, May 17

City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, carrots and peas, Mandarin oranges, Pineapple, whole wheat bread.
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.; UMYF Bonfire; Groton Ad Council, 7 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: League, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 18

Senior Menu: BBQ Chicken breast, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, fruit, cookie, whole wheat bread.
Girls Golf Meet at Sisseton, 10 a.m.
Region 1A Track Meet in Groton
Emmanuel Lutheran: Ascension Worship, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 19

Senior Menu: Chili, cornbread, coleslaw, vanilla pudding.

Saturday, May 20

Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at Rosewood Court, 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 21

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.; Newsletter items due.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; worship with communion at Zion, 11 a.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; worship at Avantara, 3 p.m.

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Monday, May 22

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage roll hotdish, corn, pears, muffins.
Girls Golf Meet at Olive Grove Golf Course, 10 a.m.
The Pantry, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Senior Citizens meet at the Groton Community Center with potluck at noon.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23

Senior Menu: Pork Cutlet, creamy noodles, mixed vegetables, blushing pears, whole wheat bread.
The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 24

Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.
DARE Graduation, 2 p.m.
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, May 25

Senior Menu: Hamburger on bun; lettuce, tomato and onion; potato salad, cucumber salad, fresh fruit.
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Girls Golf Region 1A at Lee Park, Aberdeen, 10 a.m.
State Track Meet in Sioux Falls

Friday, May 26

Senior Menu: Lemon chicken breast, creamy noodles, tomato spoon salad, banana bars, whole wheat bread.
Faculty In-Service
State Track Meet in Sioux Falls

Saturday, May 27

State Track Meet in Sioux Falls
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 28

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.
United Methodist: Conde worship, 8:30 a.m.; Coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship, 10:30 a.m.
St. John's Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m.; worship at Zion, 11 a.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship, 9 a.m. (Kathy Gubin leading worship)
Legion Baseball: At Clark, 1 game, noon.
Jr. Legion Baseball: at Clark, 1:30 p.m., 1 game

Tuesday, May 30

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, winter blend vegetables, cookie, apricots.
The Pantry, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Common Cents Community Thrift Store, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.
United Methodist: Community Coffee Hour, 9:30 a.m.
Legion Baseball: at Watertown (DH), 5 p.m.
Jr. Teeners: Huron at Groton, DH, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31

Senior Menu: Ham, au gratin potatoes, cauliflower, tropical fruit, whole wheat bread.
Groton CM&A: Kids' Club, Youth Group and Adult Bible Study begins at 7 pm
St. John's Lutheran: Bible Study, 2:45 p.m.
Jr. Legion Baseball: Mobridge at Groton (DH), 5 p.m.

GHS Prom: Enchanted Forest Part 2



Celia Moreno escorted by Porter Johnson. (Photo #6066 by Paul Kosel)



Brooklinn Halvorson escorted by Cade Larson. (Photo #6070 by Paul Kosel)



Montana Marlow escorted by Cameron Johnson. (Photo #6074 by Paul Kosel)



Anna Bisbee escorted by Kellen Antonsen. (Photo #6078 by Paul Kosel)



Karrah Johnson escorted by Danny Feist. (Photo #6082 by Paul Kosel)



Adam Franken escorting Danielle and Hannah Franken. (Photo #6090 by Paul Kosel)



Brenna Carda escorted by Jackson Dinger. (Photo #6067 by Paul Kosel)



Ava Kramer escorted by Nick Cunningham. (Photo #6071 by Paul Kosel)



Karsyn Jangula escorted by Jared Klootwyk. (Photo #6075 by Paul Kosel)



Emma Schinkel escorted by James Brooks. (Photo #6079 by Paul Kosel)



Kamryn Flihs escorted by Garrett Schultz. (Photo #6083 by Paul Kosel)



Tyler Oliver escorting Sloane Oliver. (Photo #6091 by Paul Kosel)

Princess Prom: Enchanted Forest Part 1



Kate Profeta escorted by Boyd Williams. (Photo #6068 by Paul Kosel)



Shallyn Foertsch escorted by Graydon Bakke. (Photo #6072 by Paul Kosel)



Abby Yeadon escorted by Kaleb Antonsen. (Photo #6076 by Paul Kosel)



Cadence Feist escorted by Dylan Krueger. (Photo #6080 by Paul Kosel)



Trent Kurtz escorting Calli Wilkinson and Haley Erickson. (Photo #6088 by Paul Kosel)



Brian Bahr escorting Raven Bahr. (Photo #6092 by Paul Kosel)



Carly Guthmiller escorted by Holden Sippel. (Photo #6069 by Paul Kosel)



Ashtyn Bahr escorted by Logan Warrington. (Photo #6073 by Paul Kosel)



Kaecie Zacher escorted by Dylan Anderson. (Photo #6077 by Paul Kosel)



Delayne Jones escorted by Austin Aberle. (Photo #6081 by Paul Kosel)



Robert Kroger escorting Lennox Locke and Lexie Locke. (Photo #6089 by Paul Kosel)



Vern Johnson escorting Evie Johnson. (Photo #6093 by Paul Kosel)

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Elementary Spring Concert



Desiree Yeigh directed the fifth grade band at the Elementary Spring Concert held Tuesday. They performed, *Blizzard Rock* and *Gallant March*. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)



Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten: Head and Shoulder
Directed by Scott Glodt

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1st Grade: Down by the Bay
Directed by Scott Glodt

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2nd Grade: Tempo Island Conga
Directed by Scott Glodt

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3rd Grade: Boomwackers
Directed by Scott Glodt

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4th Grade: Recorders
Merrily We Roll Along, Gently Sleep, Hot Cross Buns, It's Raining, Old Macdonald
Directed by Scott Glodt



5th Grade: Ukuleles Three Little Birds, Stand by Me
Directed by Scott Glodt

(Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM video)

Middle School Spring Concert



The middle school spring concert was held last Thursday with the theme, "Songs from around the world." The choir, under the direction of Scott Glodt, sang, "Marching with the Saints" and "Kusimama." The band, under the direction of Desiree Yeigh, performed "Adventure in India," "Mah-Ná Mah-Ná" and "Kitty Hawk March." (Photos by Paul Kosel)



Kyleigh Kroll was recognized as the girl seventh grade Band Student of the Year by Director Desiree Yeigh. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



TC Schuster was recognized as the boy seventh grade Band Student of the Year by Director Desiree Yeigh. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



Novalea Warrington was recognized as the girl sixth grade Band Student of the Year by Director Desiree Yeigh. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



Jordan Schwan was recognized as the boy sixth grade Band Student of the Year by Director Desiree Yeigh. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



Libby Cole was recognized for her second year in Middle School All State Band by Director Desiree Yeigh. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)



Wesley Borg was recognized as the most improved band member by Director Desiree Yeigh. (Photo lifted from GDILIVE.COM)

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 Investment Income \$13,458,247.00
 Due and Accrued \$129,939,444.00
 Other Assets \$1,577,075,891.00
TOTAL ASSETS **\$1,577,075,891.00**

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS
 Reserve for Life Policies & Contracts \$707,079,352.00
 Reserve for Accident & Health Policies \$335,190,089.00
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 Accident & Health General Expenses Due or Accrued \$575,406.00
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 Taxes, Licenses & Fees Due or Accrued \$387,086.00
 All Other Liabilities \$129,939,444.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$2,461,887,000.00**
 Special Surplus Funds \$1,300,418,887.00
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 Unassigned Surplus \$276,657,004.00
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders \$276,657,004.00
TOTAL **\$2,76,657,004.00**
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022
 Direct Premiums Written \$1,577,075,891.00
 Direct Premiums Received \$1,797,068.00
 Direct Losses Paid \$845,579.00
 Losses Incurred \$890,468.00
 Life Insurance in Force \$167,937,941.00

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 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., 2023.
- LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

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 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
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 Policy Loans \$-
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 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income \$10,055,450.00
 Due and Accrued \$62,870,038.00
 Other Assets \$1,206,480,882.00
TOTAL ASSETS **\$1,206,480,882.00**

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS
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 Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses \$109,834,899.00
 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees) \$8,359,666.00
 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes) \$4,919,066.00
 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes \$1,221,422.00
 Unearned Premiums \$199,687,970.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$986,117,242.00**
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 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit \$6,000,000.00
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus \$98,351,325.00
 Unassigned Surplus \$203,050,101.00
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders \$307,963,639.00
TOTAL **\$1,206,480,882.00**
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022
 Direct Premiums Written \$5,673.00
 Direct Premiums Earned \$2,545.00
 Direct Losses Paid \$-
 Direct Losses Incurred \$963.00

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:

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- 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., 2023.
- LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

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 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
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 Cash and Bank Deposits \$66,005,976.00
 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums \$377,920,857.00
 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income \$24,846,135.00
 Due and Accrued \$534,559,362.00
 Other Assets \$4,655,512,905.00
TOTAL ASSETS **\$4,655,512,905.00**

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS
 Reserve for Losses \$1,827,793,077.00
 Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses \$388,029,861.00
 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees) \$29,649,842.00
 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes) \$17,378,304.00
 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes \$1,509,384.00
 Unearned Premiums \$705,466,989.00
 All Other Liabilities \$348,264,753.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$3,318,092,208.00**
 Special Surplus Funds \$1,986,214.00
 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit \$5,000,000.00
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus \$623,472,070.00
 Unassigned Surplus \$706,962,412.00
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders \$1,337,420,696.00
TOTAL **\$4,655,512,905.00**
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022
 Direct Premiums Written \$1,607,403.00
 Direct Premiums Earned \$1,283,654.00
 Direct Losses Paid \$399,890.00
 Direct Losses Incurred \$424,297.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
 WHEREAS, the The Standard Fire Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

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

- 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 26, 27
 - 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Property Damage (Other than Auto); 10) 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., 2023.
- LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

19100
 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
AMCO INSURANCE COMPANY
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
 1100 LOCUST STREET, DES MOINES, IA, 50391-1100
 MAIL ADDRESS:
 ONE WEST NATIONWIDE BLVD, 1-99-FIN7, COLUMBUS, OH, 43215-2220
ASSETS:

Bonds \$191,370,391.00
 Stocks \$-
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate \$-
 Real Estate Owned \$-
 Cash and Bank Deposits \$27,665,144.00
 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums \$254,972,090.00
 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income \$1,706,564.00
 Due and Accrued \$534,559,362.00
 Other Assets \$279,474,137.00
TOTAL ASSETS **\$755,188,326.00**

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS
 Reserve for Losses \$3,106,118,663.00
 Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses \$711,833,546.00
 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees) \$338,842,154.00
 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes) \$46,812,068.00
 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes \$-
 Unearned Premiums \$2,925,165,153.00
 All Other Liabilities \$860,223,087.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$7,988,994,671.00**
 Special Surplus Funds \$3,000,000.00
 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit \$1,250,000.00
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus \$177,486,674.00
 Unassigned Surplus \$14,234,979,675.00
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders \$14,234,979,675.00
TOTAL **\$14,239,229,675.00**
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022
 Direct Premiums Written \$66,124,445.00
 Direct Premiums Earned \$61,712,549.00
 Direct Losses Paid \$62,132,466.00
 Direct Losses Incurred \$66,037,830.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
 WHEREAS, the AMCO Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

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

- 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 26, 27
 - 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Property Damage (Other than Auto); 10) 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., 2023.
- LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

19888
 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
AUTO-OWNERS INSURANCE COMPANY
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
 6101 ANACAPRI BOULEVARD, LANSING, MI 48917-3968
 MAIL ADDRESS:
 MI 48917-3968 P.O. BOX 30660, LANSING, MI 48909-8160
ASSETS:

Bonds \$10,340,635,363.00
 Stocks \$8,386,732,535.00
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate \$17,974,302.00
 Real Estate Owned \$231,015,472.00
 Cash and Bank Deposits \$(142,516,236.00)
 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums \$1,064,389,842.00
 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income \$75,752,231.00
 Due and Accrued \$2,254,240,837.00
 Other Assets \$22,228,224,346.00
TOTAL ASSETS **\$22,228,224,346.00**

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS
 Reserve for Losses \$3,106,118,663.00
 Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses \$1,632,290,905.00
 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees) \$125,494,911.00
 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes) \$73,103,777.00
 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes \$-
 Unearned Premiums \$2,967,625,596.00
 All Other Liabilities \$642,053,560.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$13,139,784,194.00**
 Special Surplus Funds \$8,355,232.00
 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit \$25,000,000.00
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus \$2,660,159,287.00
 Unassigned Surplus \$5,045,212,567.00
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders \$7,738,727,086.00
TOTAL **\$20,878,511,280.00**
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022
 Direct Premiums Written \$776,054.00
 Direct Premiums Earned \$745,355.00
 Direct Losses Paid \$57,178.00
 Direct Losses Incurred \$(59,205.00)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
 WHEREAS, the Auto-Owners Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Michigan, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

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

- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 26, 27
 - 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Property Damage (Other than Auto); 10) 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., 2023.
- LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

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 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
 ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183
 MAIL ADDRESS:
 ONE TOWER SQUARE, HARTFORD, CT 06183
ASSETS:

Bonds \$11,844,044,904.00
 Stocks \$4,498,246,132.00
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate \$-
 Real Estate Owned \$-
 Cash and Bank Deposits \$343,692,560.00
 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums \$1,967,058,460.00
 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income \$95,424,991.00
 Due and Accrued \$2,130,044,233.00
 Other Assets \$20,878,511,280.00
TOTAL ASSETS **\$20,878,511,280.00**

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS
 Reserve for Losses \$7,688,815,504.00
 Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses \$1,632,290,905.00
 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees) \$125,494,911.00
 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes) \$73,103,777.00
 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes \$-
 Unearned Premiums \$10,399,941.00
 All Other Liabilities \$2,967,625,596.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$13,139,784,194.00**
 Special Surplus Funds \$8,355,232.00
 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit \$25,000,000.00
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus \$2,660,159,287.00
 Unassigned Surplus \$5,045,212,567.00
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders \$7,738,727,086.00
TOTAL **\$20,878,511,280.00**
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022
 Direct Premiums Written \$776,054.00
 Direct Premiums Earned \$745,355.00
 Direct Losses Paid \$57,178.00
 Direct Losses Incurred \$(59,205.00)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
 WHEREAS, the Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

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

- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
 - 1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Property Damage (Other than Auto); 10) 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., 2023.
- LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

19046
 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
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 \$1,927,878,250.00
 Stocks \$-
 Mortgage Loans on Real Estate \$-
 Real Estate Owned \$-
 Cash and Bank Deposits \$27,867,239.00
 Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums \$213,166,104.00
 Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income \$17,438,059.00
 Due and Accrued \$134,905,037.00
 Other Assets \$2,321,254,689.00
TOTAL ASSETS **\$2,321,254,689.00**

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS
 Reserve for Losses \$1,030,965,929.00
 Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses \$218,868,083.00
 Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees) \$16,688,882.00
 Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes) \$9,802,225.00
 Federal and Foreign Income Taxes \$-
 Unearned Premiums \$139,032.00
 All Other Liabilities \$397,918,364.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES **\$1,776,199,909.00**
 Special Surplus Funds \$1,120,323.00
 Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit \$6,000,000.00
 Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus \$125,632,050.00
 Unassigned Surplus \$412,302,407.00
 Surplus as Regards Policyholders \$545,054,780.00
TOTAL **\$2,321,254,689.00**
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022
 Direct Premiums Written \$2,518,985.00
 Direct Premiums Earned \$2,108,076.00
 Direct Losses Paid \$1,723,055.00
 Direct Losses Incurred \$3,074,591.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
 WHEREAS, the Travelers Casualty Insurance Company of America, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;

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

- 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 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 Property Damage (Other than Auto); 10) 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., 2023.
- LARRY DEITER
 Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
ALLIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.

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

Table with financial data for Alliance Insurance Company, Inc. including Bonds, Stocks, Real Estate, and various Liabilities.

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022

Direct Premiums Written: \$1,412,689.00
Direct Premiums Earned: \$1,334,523.00
Direct Losses Paid: \$3,876,455.00
Direct Losses Incurred: \$4,617,950.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

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

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

19194

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
FARMERS ALLIANCE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
1122 NORTH 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, Real Estate, and various Liabilities.

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022

Direct Premiums Written: \$1,412,689.00
Direct Premiums Earned: \$1,334,523.00
Direct Losses Paid: \$3,876,455.00
Direct Losses Incurred: \$4,617,950.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

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

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:
2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
ALLSTATE INDEMNITY COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
3100 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE 201, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062
MAIL ADDRESS:
3100 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE 201, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062
ASSETS:

Table with financial data for Allstate Indemnity Company including Bonds, Stocks, Real Estate, and various Liabilities.

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022

Direct Premiums Written: \$1,073,013.00
Direct Premiums Earned: \$1,035,178.00
Direct Losses Paid: \$14,000,129.00
Direct Losses Incurred: \$16,336,289.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

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

In this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2023.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

19240

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
ALLSTATE INDEMNITY COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
3100 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE 201, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062
MAIL ADDRESS:
3100 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE 201, NORTHBROOK, IL 60062
ASSETS:

Table with financial data for Allstate Indemnity Company including Bonds, Stocks, Real Estate, and various Liabilities.

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022

Direct Premiums Written: \$9,929,602.00
Direct Premiums Earned: \$9,817,792.00
Direct Losses Paid: \$8,209,318.00
Direct Losses Incurred: \$11,304,367.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
WHEREAS, the Allstate Indemnity Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Illinois, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 27
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal

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., 2023.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

19275

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
AMERICAN FAMILY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, S.I.

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

Table with financial data for American Family Mutual Insurance Company including Bonds, Stocks, Real Estate, and various Liabilities.

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022

Direct Premiums Written: \$312,459.00
Direct Premiums Earned: \$279,717.00
Direct Losses Paid: \$549,841.00
Direct Losses Incurred: \$1,616,027.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
WHEREAS, the American Family Mutual Insurance Company, S.I., a Corporation organized under the Laws of Wisconsin, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws 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., 2023.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

19283

FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
AMERICAN STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY OF WISCONSIN

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

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

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022

Direct Premiums Written: \$67,567,059.00
Direct Premiums Earned: \$66,380,976.00
Direct Losses Paid: \$59,169,868.00
Direct Losses Incurred: \$62,374,715.00

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

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., 2023.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
AUI INSURANCE COMPANY

HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
1271 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 37TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10020-1304
MAIL ADDRESS:
1271 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 37TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10020-1304
ASSETS:

Table with financial data for AUI Insurance Company including Bonds, Stocks, Real Estate, and various Liabilities.

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022

Direct Premiums Written: \$289,494.00
Direct Premiums Earned: \$280,777.00
Direct Losses Paid: \$48,409.00
Direct Losses Incurred: \$86,147.00

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DIVISION OF INSURANCE
STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE

COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
WHEREAS, the AUI Insurance Company, 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:
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 23A
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., 2023.

LARRY DEITER
Director of Insurance

Bonds	.....	\$95,571,659.00
Stocks	.....	\$-
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$-
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$-
Policy Loans	.....	\$-
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$29,282,848.00
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$-
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	.....	\$-
Due and Accrued	.....	\$633,041.00
Other Assets	.....	\$6,455,707.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$131,943,255.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	.....	\$-
Reserve for Losses	.....	\$-
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses	.....	\$-
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	.....	\$-
Taxes, Licenses and Fees	.....	\$-
(including Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	.....	\$-
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes	.....	\$594,173.00
Unearned Premiums	.....	\$-
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$90,942,643.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$91,536,816.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$-
Capital Paid Up or Statutory Deposit	.....	\$5,005,500.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$17,320,615.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$18,080,324.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$40,406,439.00
TOTAL	.....	\$131,943,255.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022

Direct Premiums Written	.....	\$1,015,146.00
Direct Premiums Earned	.....	\$1,012,609.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$741,523.00
Direct Losses Incurred	.....	\$1,676,429.00
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE	.....	\$-
STATE CAPITAL, 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:	.....
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) Ball Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal 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., 2023.	.....
LARRY DEITER	.....	Director of Insurance

64246 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
 10 HUDSON YARDS, NEW YORK, NY 10001
 MAIL ADDRESS: MAIL ADDRESS: MAIL ADDRESS:
 10 HUDSON YARDS, NEW YORK, NY 10001
ASSETS:

Bonds	.....	\$51,055,889,558.21
Stocks	.....	\$1,251,743,849.79
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$5,993,792,375.42
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$249,686,164.38
Policy Loans	.....	\$4,010,523,057.87
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$1,349,607,900.26
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$1,161,664,433.84
Investment Income	.....	\$-
Due and Accrued	.....	\$492,903,296.74
Other Assets	.....	\$10,432,704,059.08
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$75,998,514,695.39
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	.....	\$-
Reserve for Life	.....	\$50,016,167,894.50
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$5,020,315,518.68
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$-
Life	.....	\$462,630,416.34
Accident & Health General Expenses	.....	\$328,279,415.97
Due or Accrued	.....	\$1,076,960,996.60
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$29,252,050.65
Due or Accrued	.....	\$-
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$-
Due or Accrued	.....	\$-
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$10,219,486,757.24
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$67,153,093,049.98
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$1,503,589,608.10
Capital Paid Up and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$-
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$172,531,451.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$77,097,027.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$252,128,478.00
TOTAL	.....	\$4,500,805,190.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022

Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$6,232,799.22
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$9,824,116.00
Direct Losses Incurred	.....	\$1,896,594.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$66,341,008.97
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE	.....	\$-
STATE CAPITAL, PIERRE	.....	\$-
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY	.....	\$-
WHEREAS, the 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) Ball 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., 2023.	.....
LARRY DEITER	.....	Director of Insurance

64505 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
HOMESTEADERS LIFE COMPANY INSURANCE COMPANY
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
 5700 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266
 MAIL ADDRESS: MAIL ADDRESS: MAIL ADDRESS:
 5700 WESTOWN PARKWAY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266
ASSETS:

Bonds	.....	\$3,218,070,583.00
Stocks	.....	\$8,228,900.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$214,487,383.00
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$9,117,320.00
Policy Loans	.....	\$1,350,566.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$43,664,337.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$18,364,801.00
Investment Income	.....	\$-
Due and Accrued	.....	\$32,295,852.00
Other Assets	.....	\$83,357,711.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$3,638,937,655.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	.....	\$-
Reserve for Life	.....	\$3,251,911,287.00
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$-
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$-
Life	.....	\$4,923,027.00
Accident & Health General Expenses	.....	\$10,157,238.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$2,060,039.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$-
Due or Accrued	.....	\$-
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$-
Due or Accrued	.....	\$-
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$183,960,258.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$3,453,321,333.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$1,507,500.00
Capital Paid Up and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$-
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$2,015,896,538.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$185,616,320.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$185,616,320.00
TOTAL	.....	\$3,638,937,652.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022

Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$9,824,116.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$1,896,594.00
Direct Losses Incurred	.....	\$4,924,145.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$66,341,008.97
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE	.....	\$-
STATE CAPITAL, PIERRE	.....	\$-
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY	.....	\$-
WHEREAS, the 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) Ball 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., 2023.	.....
LARRY DEITER	.....	Director of Insurance

63312 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
MASSMUTUAL ASCEND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
 191 ROSA PARKS STREET, CINCINNATI, OH 45202
 MAIL ADDRESS: MAIL ADDRESS: MAIL ADDRESS:
 P.O. BOX 5420, CINCINNATI, OH 45201-5420
ASSETS:

Bonds	.....	\$33,331,904,289.00
Stocks	.....	\$868,253,770.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$3,088,813,560.00
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$-
Policy Loans	.....	\$31,459,162.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$1,991,236,955.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$7,742,452.00
Investment Income	.....	\$-
Due and Accrued	.....	\$414,726,057.00
Other Assets	.....	\$3,148,905,414.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$42,883,041,659.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	.....	\$-
Reserve for Life	.....	\$24,259,873,748.00
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$50,510,234.00
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$-
Life	.....	\$140,168,179.00
Accident & Health General Expenses	.....	\$390,642.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$48,404,491.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$2,060,039.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$-
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$-
Due or Accrued	.....	\$-
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$15,549,051,488.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$40,050,458,821.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$-
Capital Paid Up and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$-
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$815,178,800.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$2,015,896,538.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$2,832,582,838.00
TOTAL	.....	\$42,883,041,659.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022

Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$14,630,731.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$8,500,620.00
Direct Losses Incurred	.....	\$1,384,900.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$9,371,169.00
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE	.....	\$-
STATE CAPITAL, PIERRE	.....	\$-
COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY	.....	\$-
WHEREAS, the MassMutual Ascend 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) Ball 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., 2023.	.....
LARRY DEITER	.....	Director of Insurance

63444 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
ACCENDO INSURANCE COMPANY
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
 3148 WEST 3500 SOUTH, WEST VALLEY CITY, UT 84119
 MAIL ADDRESS: MAIL ADDRESS: MAIL ADDRESS:
 3148 WEST 3500 SOUTH, WEST VALLEY CITY, UT 84119
ASSETS:

Bonds	.....	\$67,681,779.00
Stocks	.....	\$-
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$5,750,000.00
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$-
Policy Loans	.....	\$-
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$210,132,809.00
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$16,978,340.00
Investment Income	.....	\$-
Due and Accrued	.....	\$497,046.00
Other Assets	.....	\$61,030,736.00
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$362,070,710.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	.....	\$-
Reserve for Life	.....	\$28,059,699.00
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$154,385,172.00
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$-
Life	.....	\$5,867,770.00
Accident & Health General Expenses	.....	\$39,414,144.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$2,964,540.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$2,330,218.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$-
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$-
Due or Accrued	.....	\$-
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$45,576,604.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$278,598,147.00
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$-
Capital Paid Up and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$2,500,000.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$436,308,114.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$(355,335,551.00)
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$83,472,583.00
TOTAL	.....	\$362,070,710.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022

Direct Premiums Received	.....	\$471,083.00
Direct Losses Paid	.....	\$299,232.34
Direct Losses Incurred	.....	\$295,838.00
Life Insurance in Force	.....	\$317,730.00
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE	.....	\$-
STATE CAPITAL, 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) Ball 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., 2023.	.....
LARRY DEITER	.....	Director of Insurance

63983 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
UNITED HERITAGE LIFE INSURANCE
 HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: HOME OFFICE ADDRESS: HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
 707 EAST UNITED HERITAGE COURT, MERIDIAN ID 83642
 MAIL ADDRESS: MAIL ADDRESS: MAIL ADDRESS:
 PO BOX 7777, MERIDIAN, ID 83680-7777
ASSETS:

Bonds	.....	\$590,742,594.43
Stocks	.....	\$48,409,054.52
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	.....	\$3,671,075.48
Real Estate Owned	.....	\$9,369,468.08
Policy Loans	.....	\$4,809,594.83
Cash and Bank Deposits	.....	\$802,692.21
Deferred and Uncollected Premiums	.....	\$413,040.99
Investment Income	.....	\$-
Due and Accrued	.....	\$7,302,017.86
Other Assets	.....	\$38,577,424.16
TOTAL ASSETS	.....	\$704,086,962.56
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	.....	\$-
Reserve for Life	.....	\$562,330,410.84
Reserve for Accident & Health Policies	.....	\$2,232,700.78
Policy and Contract Claims	.....	\$-
Life	.....	\$2,542,576.53
Accident & Health General Expenses	.....	\$287,919.00
Due or Accrued	.....	\$1,691,247.66
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	.....	\$293,624.49
Due or Accrued	.....	\$-
Federal Income Taxes	.....	\$-
Due or Accrued	.....	\$-
All Other Liabilities	.....	\$56,628,968.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.....	\$626,007,447.32
Special Surplus Funds	.....	\$4,000,000.00
Capital Paid Up and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$4,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and Contributed Surplus	.....	\$4,000,000.00
Unassigned Surplus	.....	\$65,089,515.19
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	.....	\$78,089,515.19

JVT Notice of Annual Meeting

NOTICE OF 66th ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the 66th Annual Meeting of the members of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company will be held at the Groton High School Arena in Groton, South Dakota on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 12:30pm, with registration beginning at 11:30am.

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

1. To receive and act upon reports of the officers and management of the cooperative for the previous year's operations.

2. To elect three directors for terms of three years.

3. To act upon any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors.

Dated: 12/22/2022

Roger Zastrow, Secretary

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Groton School Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING

April 24, 2023

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

Moved by Weismantel, second Pharis to approve the agenda with one amendment under New Business Item #4a – approve resignation. Motion carried.

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

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.

Head Cook, Brandon Clocksene, Head Custodian, Mike Nehls, Transportation Supervisor, Damion Bahr, and School Nurse, Beth Gustafson, presented department overview presentations.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: HS Arena HVAC project, 1969 gym/locker room project, Region V Superintendent meeting, SD Registered Teacher Appreciation program, E-Sports meeting, Smarter Balance Testing update, NWEA-MAPS testing, Senior and Graduation update and exit meetings with departing staff.

The board received a request from Head Wrestling Coach, Darin Zoellner, for additional coaching staff in 2023-24. Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to hire a junior high wrestling coach. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Flihs to approve resignation of 6th grade teacher Rose Long-Buechler, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried 5-0 with Weismantel abstaining.

Moved by Flihs, second Pharis to hire Brooke Malsom as 6th grade teacher and JH track coach for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Flihs to adopt resolution authorizing membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to approve resignation of music teacher Scott Glodt, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Flihs to issue teacher contracts with return date of Monday, May 1, 2023. Motion carried.

The board took a short break at 7:56 pm and returned at 8:01 pm.

Moved by Flihs, second Pharis to go into executive session at 8:01 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 9:18 pm.

Moved by Pharis, second Weismantel to adjourn at 9:18 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Man-

ager

Deborah Gengerke, President
The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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Brown County Meeting Minutes

APRIL 25, 2023 – GENERAL MEETING

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Dennert moved to approve the agenda with amendment of removing to discuss Girl Scouts Camp Hammock Project, seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Tracy Feist addressed the Commission regarding needling Assistance. Chairman Sutton addressed her to contact the State's Attorney Office for further assistance.

BID - FLOOR COVERINGS: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for removal and disposal of existing carpet and vinyl cove base, and install 24" x 24" carpet tiles and new vinyl base. Bids were received from Montgomery's @ \$29,318.85 and Builders First Source @ \$38,959.14. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to table this discussion so Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent could review the bids. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #243 - SECOND READING/ADOPTION: Moved by Commissioner Gage seconded by Fjeldheim to approve the Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance #243 amending portions of Title 4 Zoning, Chapters 4.01 Definitions, 4.06 Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P), Chapter 4.07 Mini-Ag District (M-AG), 4.15 Light Industrial District (L-I), and Chapter 4.16 Heavy Industrial District (H-I). Roll Call: Dennert – aye; Fjeldheim – aye; Wiese – aye; Gage – aye and Sutton – aye. Ordinance #243 adopted. (Copies of the full Ordinance are available at the Brown County Auditor's Office or Brown County Planning and Zoning Office during regular business hours).

LOAD LIMITS EXTENSION: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent met with the Commissioners to ask that the Load Limits be extended due to the soft road conditions yet at this time. Commissioner Wiese offered the following Resolution as of April 25th.

Resolution #15-23
WHEREAS, SDCL 32-22-24 authorizes the proper authority to establish maximum axle and axle group loadings during the period of each year from February fifteenth to April thirtieth, inclusive, and

WHEREAS, that authority may be exercised without formal resolution if the highway authority erects or causes to be erected and maintained signs designating the restrictions; and

WHEREAS, if highway and climatic conditions warrant, the proper highway authority may extend the time period mentioned by ordinance or resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brown County Commission, per SDCL 32-22-24 extends the seasonal load restrictions established by the Brown County Commission in regular session on February 21st (6-ton per axle and 40 MPH for trucks) from April 30, 2023 to May 9, 2023, inclusive or until roads become stable.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Commission requests the South Dakota Department of Public Safety and the South Dakota Highway Patrol to enforce any and all weight limits for the extended period of time.

Seconded by Commissioner Sutton. Roll call vote: Commissioners Sutton-aye, Gage – aye, Wiese-aye, Fjeldheim-aye, Dennert-aye. Resolution adopted.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent shared with the Commissioners that he has pushed back switching to the Summer Schedule (10-hour

workdays) until load limits are lifted. Dirk also informed the Commission that Hall crossing has been wiped out. Also, there are some grants that are being streamlined so the funding can be sent straight to the Counties from the Federal Government.

SURPLUS PROPERTY: Chairman Sutton shared that they have had several discussions in regard to the Hub City Building that was marked Surplus and at this time have decided to advertise for sealed bids. Commissioner Wiese moved to postpone this item one-week so that they may review the RFP that is being prepared by the State's Attorney's office. Seconded by Gage. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FY 2024 BENEFITS: Erica Coughlin, HR Director met with the Commission to discuss the FY 2024 Benefits. There will be no changes to the Vision Insurance, will continue with Optilegra and no increase. Dental Insurance will continue with Delta Dental but there will be a 5% increase. Health Insurance will remain with Wellmark and there is a 2.84% increase in all the 4 plans. Erica recommended going to 2 plans: either a \$3000 or \$3500 deductible plan, this will affect 24 employees in the County. Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Fjeldheim to go with Erica's recommendations for the FY 2024 Benefits.

HR UPDATE: Erica Coughlin, HR Director informed the Commission that we will be going live with Executive on April 30th. Commissioner Wiese questioned the process for those departments that are not at a computer all day, Erica shared such as the Highway department those employees will be given a proximity card that they will swipe to clock in and out.

MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to approve the General Meeting minutes of April 18, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Gage to approve the Brown County Board of Equalization minutes of April 18, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS/PAYROLL: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the following claims: Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$223.17. Professional Fees: Civil Solutions LLC \$1,711.10; Dean Schaefer Court Reporting \$249.00; Faulk County Sheriff's Office \$990.00; IMEG Corp \$9,807.35; Minnehaha County Auditor \$67.00; Saber Shred Solutions, Inc \$2,190.85; Yankton County Sheriff's Office \$50.00; Yankton County Treasurer \$135.00; Zylstra Investigations \$8,332.50. Publishing: Groton Daily Independent \$252.48; Midwest Radio of Fargo-Moorhead \$3,615.00. Repairs & Maintenance: Auto Glass Solutions Inc \$350.00; B&B Contracting, Inc \$985.50; Dakota Doors Inc \$5.48; Hanlon Brothers, LLC \$22,393.00; Hase Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc \$246.02; HF Jacobs & Son Const. Inc \$611.63; House of Glass \$191.30; K&S Plumbing, Inc \$2,821.62; Kramp Enterprise and Investment \$37,080.00; Precision Kiosk Technologies \$5,400.00; Steven Lust Automotive \$190.97; Traffic Solutions, Inc \$1,660.41; Woodman Refrigeration, Inc \$130.61. Supplies: Aberdeen Awards \$75.00; Amazon Capital Services, Inc \$38.17; Century Business Products \$102.25; Cole Paper Inc \$1,861.79; Dakota Doors Inc \$268.50; GovConnection, Inc \$1,382.91; Lang's Audio, TV & Appliance \$99.90; Leidholdt Tool Sales, LLC \$63.90; Marco Technologies, LLC \$36.85; Menards \$254.02; Sander's Sew-N-Vac \$399.08; Schwan Welding \$2,648.80; ThomsonReuters-West Payment Center \$1,894.62. Travel & Conference: Jon Lemke \$68.00; Kasey Kurtz \$354.96; Lynn Heupel \$256.42; The Lodge at Deadwood \$208.00. Utilities: City of Aberdeen \$289.28; Dependable Sanitation, Inc \$165.00; Northwestern Energy \$5,536.83. Others: Pizza Ranch \$79.96; Safe Harbor \$415.00; SD Dept of Revenue & Regulation \$13,280.94.

Payroll: Commission \$4,615.41; Auditor \$11,144.00; Treasurer \$16,659.75; SA \$31,446.25; Maintenance \$8,591.38; DOE \$16,861.17; ROD \$9,932.80; VSO \$4,254.09; GIS \$2,643.52; IT \$5,982.67; HR \$5,001.68; Sheriff \$50,382.21; Jail \$79,236.17; Coroner \$784.28; Court Security \$7,125.00; JDC/HD \$46,719.85; Welfare \$2,336.49; DPM \$11,263.29; Parks/Fairgrounds

\$5,893.65; Fair \$4,107.20; 4-H \$786.80; W & P \$1,058.37; P & Z \$7,232.60; Hwy. \$61,861.25; Dispatch \$41,737.09; EM \$4,933.61; 24/7 Sobriety \$1,395.10; Landfill \$18,728.72; FICA \$27,592.68; Medicare \$6,453.11; Discovery_HSA \$1,482.96; Health Insurance_Wellmark BS \$121,991.62; Dental Insurance_Delta \$7,855.68; Life Insurance_Deardown \$1,037.34; Retirement_SDRS \$55,374.95. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

HR REPORT: Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Dennert to approve the following Human Resource Report submitted by Human Resources Director, Erica Coughlin to approve the following: Transfer of Caid Verzani from Brown County Jail Detention Officer to JDC Detention Officer; effective April 2, 2023. Transfer of Mike Rohrbach from Brown County Highway to Weed & Pest, FT; effective May 1, 2023. Transfer of Jerry Lehrkamp from Brown County Highway to Weed & Pest, FT; effective May 1, 2023. Acknowledge retirement of Cindy Meyers, Brown County Treasurer Office Chief Deputy, FT; effective on June 23, 2023. Request to fill (see below). Approve the promotion of Jolene Forsting from Brown County Office Deputy to Chief Deputy, starting wage \$27.80/hour; effective June 26, 2023. Request to fill. Hiring of Breanna Locke as Brown County Fairgrounds seasonal worker; starting wage \$14.00/hour; effective May 7, 2023. Hiring of Rhonda Retzlaff as Brown County Fairgrounds seasonal worker; starting wage \$12.50/hour; effective May 15, 2023. Approve hiring Caden Sheldon as Brown County Fairgrounds seasonal worker; starting wage \$14.00/hour; effective May 30, 2023. Approve wage adjustment, Sarah Jesz, Brown County Assistant 911 Communications Manager to \$2516.14/pay period; effective April 16, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIM ASSIGNMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to authorize and approve the Auditor sign the Claim Assignment against an individual to Credit Collections Bureau for the purpose of collecting liens. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Wiese to approve and authorize the Chairman sign the following lease agreements: Marlene Loeb for lease of Club House on April 28-29, 2023 for Rummage Sale; Aberdeen Running Club for lease of Fairgrounds on May 25, 2023 for Beer Run Running Event; Heidi Klein for lease of Richmond Lake Youth Camp on June 8-11, 2023; Massenomics for lease of Tables & Chairs on July 21-22, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LOTTERY PERMIT: Moved by Commissioner Fjeldheim, seconded by Wiese to approve the Lottery Permit for Aberdeen Amateur Hockey Association with drawing to be held in Summer of 2023 to help assist the association in the funding for facility, equipment, maintenance & repairs. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCES - SET HEARING DATE/AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to set hearing date and authorize advertising for first reading of the following zoning ordinances to be held May 9, 2023, in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Proposed Ordinance 244, applicants Levi Jensen requesting to move from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance: The West 520' of the North 1,965' of the SW ¼ of Section 9-T121N-R63W of the 5TH P.M., Brown County South Dakota (14380 390th Ave., West Rondell Twp.). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLATS:
Resolution #16-23

Commissioner Dennert brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the County Commission of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Hendrick Addition in the SE ¼ of Section 26, Township 124 North, Range 64 West of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 1967, Chapter 11-3 and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #17-23

Commissioner Dennert brought the following resolution: "Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Jordan Engelhart First Addition in Government Lot 1 and in the S ½ N ¼ of Section 6-T126N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined, is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3 and any amendments thereof." Seconded by Commissioner Wiese. All members present voting aye. Resolution adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS: Representative Carl Perry introduced Scott Moore, who is Representative of District 23.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Gage to go into executive session to discuss Contracts, Legal and Personnel per SDCL 1-25-2. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The chair declared the executive session closed with no action taken.

BIDS – FLOOR COVERINGS: Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent recommended to accept the Bid from Montgomery's. Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to award the bid submitted by Montgomery's in the amount of \$29,318.85 for removal and disposal of existing carpet and vinyl cove base and install 24" x 24" carpet tiles and new vinyl base; rejecting the bid from Builders First Source @ \$38,959.14. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE: Judy Dosch, Building Superintendent shared that she has been in contact with a couple of companies in regard to doing Tuck Pointing on the Dome and Lady Justice on top of the Courthouse. In 2020 a motion was moved to assign \$250,000 for future projects – Heupel Auditor is researching this.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Commissioner Wiese, seconded by Dennert to adjourn the Brown County Commission meeting at 10:15 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County April 25, 2023 Consolidation Eq.

APRIL 25, 2023 – CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sutton at 1:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Dennert, Gage and Sutton, Aberdeen School Board Member Duane Alm and Mayor Schaunaman.

STIPULATIONS:
Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Pierson Ford Lincoln Mercury on LT 3 AUTO PLAZA ADD from \$990,839.00 to \$1,056,179.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Hub City Downtown LLC on LT 1-2 & N 20.9' & W 42' OF S 4.1' LT 3 & W 42' OF N 19' LT 4 BK 10 ORIGINAL PLAT from \$1,890,014.00 to \$1,313,795.00; N 120' LT 1 BLACKSTONE 4TH SD (B10 ORIG) (SPLIT FOR TIF) from \$1,287,374.00 to \$485,440; BALANCE OF LT 1 BLACKSTONE 4TH SD (B10 ORIG) (SPLIT FOR TIF) from \$321,975.00 to \$121,492.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for John & Riley Pfeifer on LT 1 TREVOR LIEN ADD from \$737,936.00 to \$695,080.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Commissioner Dennert to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Plaza Rentals LLP on LT 2 & N 12.5' LT 3 BK GORDERS 3RD ADD from \$174,316.00 to \$150,500.00; Painted Gray Goat LLC on LT 2 DOHN'S ADD (LT 2 AUTO PLAZA) from 684,688.00 to 534,890.00. All members present voting aye.

Motion carried.

CONTESTED:

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Dennert to approve the following recommendations from the Director of Equalization for Wayne Lenling on LT 10 BK 2 GOLDEN ACRES 4TH SD from \$194,362.00 to \$194,362.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm to approve the Director of Equalization for Jared & Morgan Jacobson on LT 2 BK 5 HERITAGE ESTATES ADD SW 7-123-63 from \$468,457.00 to \$423,126.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the Director of Equalization for Brett & Bailey Hoffman on LT 6 BK 5 HERITAGE ESTATES ADD SW 7-123-63 from \$455,080.00 to \$422,892.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gage, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm to approve the Director of Equalization for Lynn Lander on LT 2 ROLLING HILLS VILLAGE 18TH ADD from \$382,429.00 to \$382,429.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Mayor Schaunaman, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm to approve the Director of Equalization for Holiday Station Stores LLC on LT 1 TAN ADD NE NE 22-123-64 from \$1,314,142.00 to \$1,314,142.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the Director of Equalization for Dakota Storage Inc. on LT 3 FUHRMANN'S 2ND ADD from \$1,413,059.00 to \$1,413,059.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Commissioner Gage to approve the Director of Equalization for Painted Gray Goat, LLC on LT 1 AUTO PLAZA ADD from \$524,462.00 to \$524,462.00; Shiny Gray Goat, LLC on LT 8 AUTO PLAZA ADD from \$933,596.00 to \$933,596.00; Old Gray Goat, LLC on LT 7 EX W 100' AUTO PLAZA ADD from \$774,318.00 to \$774,318.00; All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm, seconded by Mayor Schaunaman to approve the Director of Equalization for Plaza Rentals on W 100' LT 7-8 EASTONS 1ST SD BK 34 BENNETT & THOMAS ADD from \$112,937.00 to \$87,970.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

RECESS: Moved by Commissioner Dennert, seconded by Aberdeen School Board Member Alm to declare the Consolidated Board of Equalization recessed until 1:00 p.m. on May 2, 2023. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lynn Heupel, Brown County Auditor

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Brown County Jensen Rezoning Notice

NOTICE
Application has been made by Levi Jensen to the Brown County Board of Commissioners for a change of zoning. Hearing to be held in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, South Dakota on May 9, 2023 for the purpose of rezoning the following property from Agriculture Preservation District (AG-P) to Mini-Agriculture District (M-AG) to bring this parcel into compliance for its current use:

The West 520' of the North 1,965' of the SW1/4 of Section 9-T121N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota (14380 390th Avenue, West Rondell Twp.).

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present comments and testimony regarding the amendment to Second Revision Brown County Ordinances pertaining to rezoning the described property. At conclusion of the hearing, the Brown County Commission may adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 244.

ATTEST:
Lynn Heupel
Brown County Auditor
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The Life of John "Bud" Knecht

Houghton, SD: The funeral service for John "Bud" Knecht was held Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at St. John's Lutheran Church of Hecla, SD. The Rev. Sara Sorensen officiated. Spring interment will be in the Houghton Cemetery.



John "Bud" Raymond Knecht was born March 19, 1923 to John and Ellanora "Ella" (Bartholome) Knecht on the family farm near Houghton. He grew up and attended his early schooling in the Houghton area and graduated from Hecla High School in 1941.

Following graduation John began farming on the family farm with his dad and brother. The two generations worked together until their father's passing, then John and his brother, Lloyd, maintained their shares of the farm. John was a member and worked for the National Farmers Organization in Columbia and helped load and sort cows. He retired from farming in 1986.

On April 20, 1946 he married Ilene M. Olson in Houghton and they raised three daughters together. John was a clerk for the Shelby Township and he was a member of the First Congregational Church in Houghton until its closing.

Ilene passed away on April 2, 1991 and John remained living on the farm. As his health began to decline he went to Nano Nagle Village in Aberdeen in January 2017. In March 2023 he moved to Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen and remained there until the time of his death.

John enjoyed the many adventures that life brought him. The camping trips to Canada, the bus trips from coast to coast, and the fishing all year around at the local lakes, were some of his fondest times. He was a talented woodworker and could make anything imagined, whether it was a monkey swinging in the tree or a friendly farmer waving from the roadside. Those many projects earned their farm corner the name "Plywood Corner." After retiring from farming John would come into the local Houghton Café and would shake dice for coffee while visiting with friends. Throughout the years he looked forward to attending the Brown County Fair each summer. As he got older, he loved going for rides along the country roads.

John "Bud" passed away Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at Mother Joseph Manor in Aberdeen, at the age of 100.

He is survived by his daughters, Vicki (Robert L.) Hehn, Linda (David) Elsen and Debra Knecht, all of Aberdeen; 8 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 7 step-great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren (with one on the way) and 4 step-great-great-grandchildren.

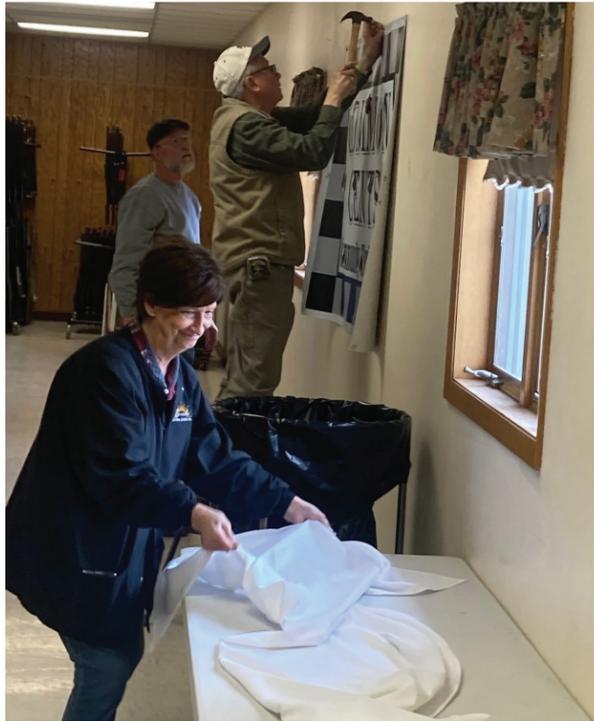
Preceding him in death were his wife, Ilene; his parents, John and Ella Knecht; 6 sisters and 3 brothers.

Condolences may be directed to the family in care of Vicki Hehn – 37961 133rd St. – Aberdeen, SD 57401.



Jaromir Simunek, Simon Simunek and April Abeln are putting up banners. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Pantry celebrates First Anniversary



Nancy Larsen was putting a table cloth on a table while David Miller and Topper Tastad were putting up the sign at the Groton Community Center. The first anniversary dinner fundraiser for the pantry was held Sunday at the Community Center. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



April Abeln was getting things ready in the kitchen. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Helping to set up are in back, Diane Warrington, April Abeln, Topper Tastad, David Miller, Connie Stauch and Jaromir Simunek; in front are Nancy Larsen, Simon Simunek and Pat Miller. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Connie Stauch, Jaromir Simunek and Diane Warrington were getting the shirts put out that will be given away. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Residents taking advantage of clean-up week

Groton City residents wasted no time in hauling unwanted items to the city shop location at 10 East Railroad Avenue. This week is free clean-up week. Last call for clean-up is 10 a.m. Friday. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Groton Area Tigers Varsity Walks Away Victorious Over Madison Bulldogs Varsity, 5-2

Groton Area Tigers Varsity scores more runs than Madison Bulldogs Varsity, takes victory on Sunday to the tune of 5-2

Madison Bulldogs Varsity got on the board in the first inning when an error scored one run for Madison Bulldogs Varsity.

Ryan Groeblichhoff pitched Groton Area Tigers Varsity to victory. The righthander lasted seven innings, allowing four hits and two runs while striking out six and walking one.

Lucas Mork toed the rubber for Madison Bulldogs Varsity. The pitcher surrendered five runs on six hits over five innings, striking out four and walking one. Hayden Kane threw one inning out of the bullpen.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity smacked one home run on the day. Bradin Althoff had a long ball in the first inning.

Althoff, Colby Dunker, Tate Larson, Cole Simon, Dillon Abeln, and Braxton Imrie all had one hit to lead Groton Area Tigers Varsity.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity Claws Back, but Falls Just Short Against Redfield Area Muskrats

Groton Area Tigers Varsity fought back after falling down by five runs in the sixth inning. The comeback fell just short though, in a 15-13 defeat to Redfield Area Muskrats on Sunday. Groton Area Tigers Varsity scored three runs on a home run in the seventh inning.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity was right in it until Redfield Area Muskrats walked in the fifth inning.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity captured the lead in the second inning. Groton Area Tigers Varsity scored three runs when Bradin Althoff doubled.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity tallied seven runs in the second inning. Cade Larson, Brevin Fliehs, Cole Simon, and Althoff all moved runners across the plate with RBIs in the inning.

Nolan Gall was the winning pitcher for Redfield Area Muskrats. The righthander lasted four and two-thirds innings, allowing six hits and ten runs while striking out three. Erik Salmen threw two and a third innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Althoff took the loss for Groton Area Tigers Varsity. The lefty allowed five hits and eight runs over three innings, striking out two.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity tallied one home run on the day. Althoff put one out in the seventh inning.

Groton Area Tigers Varsity scattered ten hits in the game. Ryan Groeblichhoff, Simon, and Althoff each collected multiple hits for Groton Area Tigers Varsity. Althoff, Simon, and Groeblichhoff each collected two hits to lead Groton Area Tigers Varsity.

Redfield Area Muskrats collected 11 hits on the day. Gall, Salmen, and Kevin Weller all managed multiple hits for Redfield Area Muskrats.

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FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
**FIDELITY & GUARANTY LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY**
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:
801 GRAND AVE, SUITE 2600, DES MOINS, IA 50309
MAIL ADDRESS:
801 GRAND AVE, SUITE 2600, DES MOINS,
IA 50309
ASSETS:

Bonds\$30,301,070,356.00
Stocks\$2,746,614,757.00
Mortgage Loans on
Real Estate\$390,236,337.00
Real Estate Owned\$-
Policy Loans\$50,822,386.00
Cash and Bank Deposits\$2,074,993,449.00
Deferred and
Uncollected Premiums\$(15,818,428.00)
Investment Income
Due and Accrued\$296,607,524.00
Other Assets\$10,907,923,539.00
TOTAL ASSETS\$46,752,449,920.00

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS
Reserve for Life
Policies & Contracts\$17,541,552,518.00
Reserve for Accident
& Health Policies\$6,097.00
Policy and Contract Claims
Life\$33,583,635.00
Accident & Health\$-
General Expenses
Due or Accrued\$42,728,682.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees
Due or Accrued\$8,731,800.00
Federal Income Taxes
Due or Accrued\$-
All Other Liabilities\$27,256,367,551.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES\$44,882,970,283.00
Special Surplus Funds\$431,272,455.00
Capital Paid Up\$3,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and
Contributed Surplus\$2,003,811,290.00
Unassigned Surplus\$(793,604,108.00)
Surplus as Regards
Policyholders\$1,869,479,637.00
TOTAL\$46,752,449,920.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2022
Direct Premiums Received\$19,047,551.00
Direct Losses Paid\$408,833.00
Losses Incurred\$707,124.00
Life Insurance in Force\$86,612,284.00

**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., 2023.

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City Council

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ated and delivered to the electricity grid from a renewable energy resource. The city gets about 60 percent of its electricity from WAPA and hydro power is now considered a renewable energy resource.

In other action:

* The 136th Council convened with Jon Cutler (appointed), Jason Wambach, Karyn Babcock and Shirley Wells being sworn in council members. Drew Johnson was appointed as city council.

* A meeting will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. with Tom Manhan, Mayor Scott Hanlon, Doug Heinrich and Lori Swanson from the state to talk about economic development. Heinrich reported that a housing study was approved and will be done later this year.

* The old yellow digger truck was declared as surplus. The next step is to have it appraised before publishing for bids.

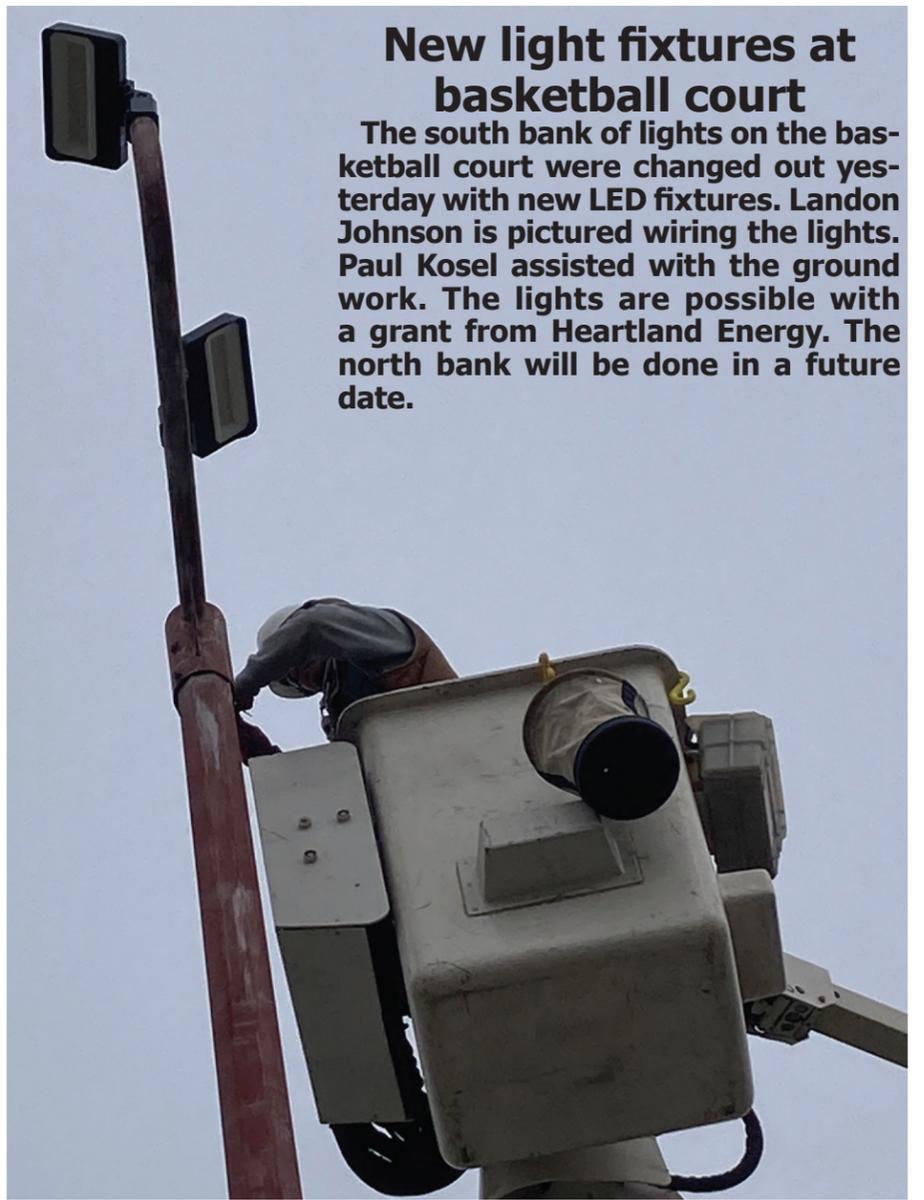
* The council authorized the mayor to sign an audit Engagement Letter with Eide Bailly to do audits for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

* City Attorney Drew Johnson said he has been in contact with the contractors for the pickle ball court and that a future date will be set for the contractor to meet with city officials. The work done on the pickle ball court have been disappointing to the council and residents as cracks and bubbles have surfaced on the court.

* The District 6 meeting of the South Dakota Municipal League was rescheduled for May 16th, which resulted in the council moving that meeting date to May 17th.

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New light fixtures at basketball court

The south bank of lights on the basketball court were changed out yesterday with new LED fixtures. Landon Johnson is pictured wiring the lights. Paul Kosel assisted with the ground work. The lights are possible with a grant from Heartland Energy. The north bank will be done in a future date.

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Iodine is required for making thyroid hormones. In addition to having a goiter, those with iodine deficiency may be fatigued, slow moving, or have poor concentration. Iodine is even more important for brain development for a fetus during pregnancy and for the growing brains in young children. Iodine deficiency can cause fewer IQ points. The archaic term cretinism refers to iodine deficiency syndrome from birth, and affected people are small, mentally slow, and may have an enlarged tongue and thickened skin, among other ailments. Likely 50 million people suffer from iodine deficient brain damage world wide still today.

Iodine is a trace element on the earth's crust, but factors like glaciers and flooding have caused it to be even more scarce in landlocked areas and more prevalent around coastal areas. In the coastal areas the iodine makes its way through the food chain. In the "goiter belt", the upper Midwest and upper Great Lakes regions of the United States, and in Switzerland, goiters were common due to the lack of iodine in the diet.

The ancient Chinese knew ingesting seaweed could shrink a goiter. In the early 1800s, a Swiss physician observed ingesting iodine could treat the goiters of his patients. As with many things, it often takes a war to cause change. In World War I, a Michigan physician observed that over 30% of recruits had a goiter, and for many of them, it was big enough to disqualify them from the military. This finally got people's attention.

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