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**Class of 2026**

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## FHS Class of 2026 graduates this Saturday, May 16



This Saturday, May 16 marks another final achievement when the graduating class of 2026 cross the stage and pick up their diplomas. Graduation exercises begin at 2 p.m. at the Faulkton School Auditorium.

The traditional Pomp and Circumstance will be by the 7-12 grade band directed by Danica Mickelson.

Junior escorts are Raegan Geditz, Korbin Stark, Reese

Otter, Claire Cotton, Sean Roseland, Miriam Tanner.

Eighth grade ushers are Tiah Baloun, Karson Stark, Brooklyn Mueller, Naomi Epp.

The program will include:

- A class video/slide show during the ceremony, prepared by the seniors

- The commencement address will be given by Secondary Principal Craig Cassens.

- Supt. Dan Martin will give

the welcome and recognition of honor students.

- Special awards will be given by various guest presenters.

- The class will be presented by Supt. Dan Martin and presenting diplomas will be Board chairman Aaron Lorenzen.

- The traditional presentation of flowers to parents and loved ones concludes the ceremony.

- Following the recessional a receiving line will assemble on

the south side of the school.

FHS 2026 graduates and their parents are, Aidalisa Anderson, JD and Sylvia Anderson; Tristen Baloun Dalton and Leah Baloun; Jessica Hadrick, David and Trisha Hadrick; Madyson Koens, Brent and Elizabeth Koens; Caden Leonhardt, Rick and Kim Leonhardt; Emma Martinmaas, Bill and Darci Martinmaas, Presleigh Martinmaas, Craig and Karra Martinmaas; Spencer

Melius, Ryan and Nikki Melius; Drake Mueller, Kyle and Lisa Mueller; Sawyer Paul, Ben and Tiffany Paul; Shaye Senn, Joe and Jodi Senn; Thomas Summers Jr., Thomas and Stephanie Summers.

The Class of 2026 colors are Hot Pink, their flower is the Pink Rose.

Senior photos and plans (see pages 12-13)



## Arleta Spangler Named 2025 Associate of the Year From Accura HealthCare

We are honored to announce that Arleta Spangler, CNA, from Faulkton Senior Living in Faulkton, South Dakota, has been named Accura HealthCare's 2025 Associate of the Year!

Accura HealthCare's annual Associate of the Year award recognizes employees who embody the organization's mission and values at the highest level. These individuals exemplify Accura's

core values of trust, integrity, accountability, commitment, and kindness in the care they provide every day.

"On behalf of Accura HealthCare, I would like to personally thank and congratulate all of our award recipients. Their hard work, dedication, and commitment have allowed our Accura values to shine through and touch the lives of those we care for. Every day, our

Accura teams strive to make a difference in the lives of our residents as well as their fellow Accura staff and families. We are blessed to work alongside these incredible people. Thank you for inspiring us every day."

— Lisa Toti, President, Accura HealthCare

Congratulations, Arleta, on this well-deserved honor!



## Letter from editor

Dear Editor,  
Statement from Kurt Hall, Faulk County Sheriff

For over two decades, I have had the honor of serving the people of Faulk County. Since 2004, my commitment has been simple: uphold the law, serve this community with integrity, and lead with honesty, no matter who is standing in front of me.

In recent weeks, there has been a noticeable shift in the tone of this election. Rumors are circulating. Accusations are being made. Lines are being crossed that have nothing to do with the duty of a sheriff.

Let me be clear.

As Sheriff, I do not, and will not, discuss personnel matters publicly. Decisions involving hiring or termination are never made lightly. They are handled with careful consideration, professionalism, and respect for the position and the people involved. That standard will not change for the sake of politics.

What I will address is this: the growing culture of misinformation, speculation, and personal attacks.

That is not leadership.

That is not law enforcement.

And that is not how this office should be represented.

I have built my career on telling the truth, plain and simple. Not the convenient version. Not the version that benefits me. The truth. Whether you know me personally or have simply watched how I have carried this badge, you know exactly where I stand.

I do not create narratives to damage others. I do not engage in rumor campaigns. I do not need to tear someone else down to stand firm in who I am and what I have done for this county.

My silence up to this point has not been weakness. It has been discipline. It has been a refusal to give energy to noise that does not serve this community.

But there comes a time when silence can be mistaken for acceptance, and that time is now.

Enough is enough.

This election should be about leadership, accountability, and the future of Faulk County, not gossip, not gimmicks, and not distractions.

And it should be about

character.

Look at what has been done. Look at the record. Look at how each candidate carries themselves when things get difficult. This role is not about who can be the loudest or the most visible in a moment. It is about who can be steady, measured, and trustworthy over time.

We do not need flashy statements or attention seeking tactics. We need seriousness. We need facts. We need leadership that understands the weight of this office and respects it.

I do not hurry to social media to make claims or stir reaction. That is not the character this office has been built on, and it is not the standard I will lower myself to meet.

I ask the people of this community to do what they have always done best: seek the truth for themselves. Ask questions. Have real conversations with both candidates. Look at the record. Look at the character. Decide based on facts, not rumors.

We can disagree. We can debate. But we will do it as adults, with respect for each other and for the office at stake.

Faulk County deserves that.

And I will continue to stand on that standard every single day.

Kurt Hall

Faulk County Sheriff

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## Prairie Doc Perspective A Bump in the Crossroads of the Body

By Andrew Ellsworth, MD

When was the last time you thought about your neck?

It's easy to overlook, but your neck is a remarkably busy place. It houses the spinal cord, carrying signals between your brain and the rest of your body. It allows food to travel from your mouth to your stomach. It delivers blood to your brain. It contains muscles that support and move your head, along with your vocal cords, thyroid, and parathyroid glands.

In many ways, the neck is a crossroads of vital structures, and it can offer clues when

something is not quite right elsewhere in the body.

Take a moment and gently feel your neck. Become familiar with what is normal for you. If you notice a lump or something that does not feel right, it's worth paying attention.

Many neck lumps are not dangerous. Some are simply swollen lymph nodes reacting to an infection. A cold, flu, sinus infection, strep throat, dental issue, or even a skin infection can cause lymph nodes in the neck to enlarge. These typically improve over a couple of weeks as the body recovers.

However, as with any area of the body, if you feel a new lump or bump, consider an appointment with your provider to have it examined.

As a general rule, if a neck lump persists beyond two to three weeks in an adult, it should be evaluated. In children, lymph nodes may remain enlarged a bit longer and still be harmless, but in adults, persistence deserves a closer look.

The feel of a lump can also provide clues. Lymph nodes from infection are often soft, movable, and a bit rubbery. In contrast, a hard, fixed, or rapidly growing lump is more concerning and should be checked promptly. Lumps that

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continue to enlarge or change over time also warrant evaluation.

Other symptoms also matter. Fever, unexplained weight loss, night sweats, or difficulty swallowing are important signals that should not be ignored. Swelling in multiple areas of the body may suggest a more widespread process, such as some infections or, less commonly, a cancer like lymphoma.

Another common finding is a thyroid nodule, located in the front of the neck. These are fairly common and usually benign, but they are often evaluated with ultrasound to better understand their size and appearance and to determine if follow-up is needed.

Some people experience a "...globus sensation" which is the feeling of something stuck in the throat when nothing is actually there. This can be related to acid reflux, post-nasal drip, muscle tension, or even stress and anxiety. Once again, persistent symptoms should be checked out.

The bottom line is simple: if you notice a lump or bump in your neck, do not ignore it. While many causes are minor and temporary, some require further attention. When in doubt, have it evaluated.

A quick check today can provide reassurance, or catch something early when it matters most.

Dr. Andrew Ellsworth is a Family Medicine Physician at Avera Medical Group Brookings in Brookings, SD. He serves as one of the Prairie Doc Volunteer Hosts during its 24th Season providing Health Education Based on Science, Built on Trust. Follow The Prairie Doc® at [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org), Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm on SDPB, YouTube and streaming on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDPB, Sundays at 6am and 1pm).



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## Hometown Realty Minute

Tiffany Paul



### The Most Expensive Promise in Real Estate

By Tiffany Paul, Licensed Realtor with eXp Realty

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Don't hire the agent who talks the highest.

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Because in the end, results pay. Promises don't.

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## Tourism Continues to Drive Economic Growth Across South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. – Tourism is driving economic growth in communities across South Dakota, especially in rural areas, according to a new analysis from Tourism Economics. In 2025, three of the state's four tourism regions saw increases in visitor spending, highlighting the industry's role in supporting local businesses, jobs, and tax revenue in every county.

The Glacial Lakes & Prairies (3.1%) region saw significant growth in visitor spending last year. The Black Hills & Badlands (1.0%) and Southeast (0.8%) regions both saw moderate growth. Spending in the Missouri River (0%) region remained steady, maintaining its 2024 levels.

Total visitor spending in South Dakota reached a record high of **\$5.16 billion**, a

1.1% increase compared to 2024.

The top 10 counties with annual growth were evenly distributed across the state, including Jerauld (14.8%), Spink (11.6%), Todd (9.9%), Brown (9.1%), Potter (7.6%), Sully (7.2%), Faulk (5.6%), Beadle (4.4%), Stanley (4.1%), and Oglala Lakota (3.9%).

This regionally diverse growth highlights how tourism benefits counties of all sizes, including rural areas and larger travel hubs.

"These numbers reflect what we're seeing across South Dakota. Visitors are traveling beyond our well-known destinations and discovering communities across the state," said James Hagen, Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Tourism. "From our iconic landmarks to our small-town experiences, visitors are exploring more places and staying longer, which is driving meaningful growth in communities of every size. That momentum reflects a strong, collaborative industry focused on elevating the entire state."

To view the full Tourism Economics County and Region Level Impact Report, visit [SDVisit.com](http://SDVisit.com).

The South Dakota Department of Tourism is comprised of Travel South Dakota and the South Dakota Arts Council. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen.

## Faulkton city wide cleanup

Hosted by: Faulkton Area, Economic Development, Corporation, and the City of Faulkton. Assisted by the Fulton high school student students.

Please join us in helping clean up Faulkton to make it welcoming to all and get our beautiful town ready for

summer

Volunteers: We are in search of volunteers to assist with hauling if you have a trailer or would like to help load please contact Amber Martinmaas at 605-216-6605. We will meet at the north parking lot of the school at noon May 14.

Community members: if you need assistance getting items to the curb, please call Amber Martinmaas at 605-216-6605 or Gloria Bode at 605-460-2684

Set out May 13: items must be on the curb, separated into appropriate piles, 1. Acceptable household items, 2. Tree piles 3. Construction/demolition. \* anything not accepted will be left, and it will be your

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responsibility to dispose of.

Thursday, May 14 starting at 1 PM pick up: Crews will make one pass and WILL NOT return. Your items must be on the curb by noon May 14.

The rubble site cannot accept the following items: garden produce, plastic or paper bags, cardboard boxes, rubber back carpet, paint or paint cans, car batteries, tires, hazardous waste materials, herbicide/pesticide containers, food waste, computers, TVs, loose insulation or Styrofoam.

Anything with Freon will not be accepted.

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## Record Notes

### Weather

	H	L	P
Tues., May 5 . . . .	50	28	
Wed., May 6 . . . .	52	27	
Thurs., May 7 . . . .	62	34	
Fri., May 8 . . . . .	74	40	
Sat., May 9 . . . . .	65	38	.02
Sun., May 10 . . . .	62	34	
Mon., May 11 . . . .	80	40	

Scott Armstrong, Observer  
The total amount of moisture in 2026 is 3.51 and ended 2025 with 3.37.

## Faulkton Area Coming Events

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May 13: Elementary Awards Program starting at 2:30 p.m. Drama Awards 5:15 and Athletic Awards at 6 p.m.

May 14: Self Defense Class starting at 4 p.m. in the Wrestling room.

May 15: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! Early dismissal at 12:30 p.m.

May 15: Farmers Union Day Camp starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Faulkton County 4-H grounds.

May 16: **GRADUATION!** Congrats to all the Graduates of Faulkton School District. Faulkton Gym at 2 p.m.

May 18: Golf meet at Lee Park in Aberdeen for Regions starting at 10 a.m.

May 18: Track meet in Warner starting at 11 a.m.

May 21: Track meet in Gettysburg starting at 10 a.m.

May 25: Memorial Day

May 26: Memorial Day Program at the Orient Community Hall starting at 10:30 a.m.

May 26: Brown Bag Food Pantry at the United Church from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

May 28 -30: State Track meet in Sioux Falls, Howard Wood.

June 1-2: State Golf meet in Brookings starting at 8 a.m.

June 10-11: Youth Basketball Camp for grades incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>.

Faulkton Legion Post #102 - Monthly meeting is the **FIRST Monday** of the month at 7 pm at the Legion Hall!

**Buttercup phone number!** To Order your drink call **605-850-1763.**

**Buttercup SPRING HOURS open Tues - Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Every Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. +** If the easel is out, STOP IN!

Angel Among Us Daycare and FFA are collecting POP TOPS for the Ronald McDonald House to help families stay for free with loved ones while in the hospital.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA/NA) is now back in session at Our Savior Lutheran Church, every Thursday at 8 p.m. If needed you may contact 605-216-5142.

Cresbard Cemetery Board is seeking donations to meet expenses. They can be sent to the board c/o Ashley Kretschmar, PO Box 42, Cresbard, SD 57435.

The Faulk County Cancer Support Group is available to provide information and assistance to those with cancer in Faulk Co. and surrounding area. For more information, or to find out meeting dates and times, please contact April Sorensen at 605-598-1147.

There is help: food pantry available at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 1013 Court Street, in Faulkton, sponsored by the Faulk Co. Ministerial Assoc. phone 605-598-6590, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tues. thru Thurs.

The Rural Advocate for the Family Crisis Center, can be reached at the Hotline of 605-472-0508.

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### Standing Behind Those Who Show Up First

At Glacial Lakes Energy (GLE), safety, community, and partnership aren't just words — they're how they operate.

And when something goes wrong, our local fire departments are the ones who show up first.

That's why GLE launched their Fire Department Grant Program.

GLE reached out to more than 70 career and volunteer fire departments within roughly 50 miles of their production plants in Aberdeen, Huron, Mina, and Watertown and asked a simple question: What do you need?

Not a wish list. Not extras. The equipment that truly makes a difference when the call comes in.

Because of GLE's close ties to agriculture and ethanol production, they encouraged departments to consider ag-related rescue and emergency situations. Most importantly, they asked them to focus on what would improve safety and preparedness for their teams and communities.

#### They Told Us. We Acted.

"We received 33 applications totaling more than \$371,000. The requests were practical and important — grain bin rescue equipment, breathing gear, water storage tanks, rescue tools, PPE, radios, and fire hoses. We funded every project exactly as

requested because when firefighters tell you what they need to protect lives, you listen and you act," stated Mark J. Schmidt, GLE Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Schmidt shared one example from a local department that highlighted just how important this equipment can be.

"We heard from one fire department that they had two firefighters battling a fire when they became surrounded in a fire ring. The department did not have portable radios at the time — their radios were only mounted in the truck. Thankfully, they were able to yell for help and were heard, because it could have ended much worse. Now, with these grant funds, they are able to purchase portable radios," stated Schmidt.

"We were pleased to award grants to the Faulkton Fire Department and help support the important work their volunteers do to keep their communities safe," added Schmidt.

John Miller, Faulkton Fire Grant writer, said the funds will be used to purchase communications equipment and added they are very happy that GLE is so supportive of the community.

#### Why It Matters

Many of these departments operate with limited funding and rely heavily on volunteers. These

are people who leave work, dinner tables, and their families behind to respond when emergencies happen.

The right equipment can change the outcome of a call. It improves response, increases safety, and helps protect both responders and the people counting on them. That matters to GLE.

#### Stronger Departments. Safer Communities.

This wasn't about convenience. It was about having the right equipment when seconds matter and making sure the people we rely on have what they need to do their jobs safely and effectively. Better-equipped departments mean faster response, safer operations, and stronger communities.

"That's good for our employees, our plants, and the communities we're proud to be part of," stated Schmidt.

GLE proudly supported the following fire departments: Aberdeen Rural, Alpena, Ashton, Bowdle, Brant, Bristol, Cavour, Clear Lake, Columbia, Doland, Faulkton, Florence, Garden City, Gary, Hayti, Hazel, Henry, Hosmer, Huron, Lake Norden, Letcher, Mellette, Miller, Northville, Redfield Rural, Roscoe, Toronto, Turton, Wallace, Watertown, Wessington, White, Wilmot, and Wolsey.

Schmidt closed by saying, "Bottom line — we know who shows up when things go wrong. This is our way of helping make

#### Who Are We – Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC

Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC (GLE) was formed in 2001 as a South Dakota cooperative and is proudly owned by more than 4,200 shareholders. GLCP owns Glacial Lakes Energy (GLE), which operates four ethanol production facilities located in Watertown, Mina, Aberdeen, and Huron, South Dakota.

Combined, GLE produces more than 370 million gallons of renewable ethanol annually, purchases over 127 million

bushels of corn each year, produces approximately 1.1 million tons of feed products/distillers grains, and 69,000 tons of corn oil.

In addition to its four South Dakota plants, GLE also holds ownership interests in Granite Falls Energy, Redfield Energy, and Harvestone Commodities Group.

GLE is committed to supporting agriculture, renewable energy, and the rural communities where we live and work.



Proudly presenting the Glacial Lakes Energy Fire Department Grant check are GLE Board of Director Brent Gabler. Accepting the check on behalf of the Faulkton Fire Department is Drew Plooster.

## Faulkton Area Medical Center

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### Medical Minutes by Dr. Sylvia Anderson Coronary Artery Calcium CT

Heart disease often develops slowly over time, even before symptoms appear. A Coronary Artery Calcium (CAC) CT scan is a special type of heart scan that looks for calcium deposits in the arteries that supply blood to the heart. Calcium in these arteries is a sign of plaque buildup, which can increase the risk of heart attack or stroke. The CAC scan gives a "calcium score" that helps health care providers better understand a person's risk for future heart disease and guide prevention decisions. [heart.org]

The CAC scan is most helpful for people who are at moderate or uncertain risk for heart disease, especially when it is unclear whether medications such as cholesterol-lowering drugs are needed. A higher calcium score means more plaque and a higher risk of heart attack, while a score of zero suggests a lower short-term risk. The scan itself is quick, painless, and does not require needles or contrast dye. It can help patients and providers decide on next steps, such as lifestyle changes or starting medication. [mayoclinic.org]

Like all medical tests, there are some risks to consider. The scan uses a small amount of radiation, like that of a mammogram. It is not recommended for everyone, especially those who already have heart disease or are at very low risk. The CAC scan should be used as a tool to support discussion, not as a stand-alone test. If you have questions about your heart disease risk or whether a coronary calcium scan is right for you, talk with your health-care provider.

Please bring your insurance and identification information to your appointment

#### May 13th

ER: 24/7  
Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm  
Echo-cardiograms  
Sleep Studies

#### May 14th

ER: 24/7  
Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm  
Ultrasounds  
Carr Clinic  
Dexa Scan  
Mammos

#### May 15th

ER: 24/7  
Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm

#### May 16th

ER: 24/7

#### May 17th

ER: 24/7

#### May 18th

ER: 24/7  
Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm

#### May 19th

ER: 24/7  
Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm  
Ultrasounds

#### May 20th

ER: 24/7  
Clinic: 9 am - 5 pm  
Echo-cardiograms

# Faulkton Senior Living News

by Joyce Kalkman

Cool nights and breezy sunshine days. That 's it! Looks like we better keep praying for rain. Our residents are fine and always ready to start their day with a good exercise routine. Janet gets them together in a big circle each with a 2 lb. weight. After working on their upper body and doing some deep breathing its time to work on the legs by kicking two large balls around. In the afternoon everyone is ready for the popular game of Bingo! Joyce and Patty Hansen got it all set up and Carl Bauman is good at calling the numbers. But first we need two free numbers, so today we picked 3 and 5. May 3 was our Med Aid, Amber Sutton's birthday and May 5 was Cinco De Mayo Day. Amber had a fun birthday and we all dreamed of enchiladas at snack time. Lucky bingo winners for this day were Darlene Sabin, Doris Ann Boyd, Vonnie Bowar and Agnes Bertch. The real good snack afterward was homemade chocolate chip nutty cookies compliments of Janet Bohn.

The residents were up and at it Tuesday morning ready for exercise. Janet gave each one a soft ball to squeeze and draw circles with. This is good for the hands and upper arm muscles. Afterwards they tossed the ball to each other. This was the first Tuesday of the month and that means its time for the Resident Council Meeting. The meeting was opened with everyone saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Many things came up for discussion, mainly their meal of the month choice. This time they decided on liver with lots of onions, baked potatoes, spinach salad and for dessert angel food cake with strawberries or blueberries and whip cream. The meeting adjourned with everyone praying the Our Father.

Our residents never want to miss their exercise routine so when Janet was gone on

Wednesday Trintje Bauer, Director of Nursing and Christy Schilder, Social Service Coordinator, did a good job of subbing for her. With some snappy music playing on the Boom Box they all had fun exercising their arms, shoulders, legs and ankles to the beat of the music. This fun ended with everyone tossing a ball to each other. Today was also our Business Office Manager, Eryka Huss's birthday. She loved all the birthday wishes from the staff and residents. The Catholic residents were all in the chapel later in the morning. Thanks to Chuck Bowar who led the rosary. Father Brian soon came and said Mass. Dawn Melius read the Epistle and the Psalm of the day and Father's homily was on the Gospel of John 15:1-8 where Jesus said to his disciples "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower." "He is the vine, we are the branches. A branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine". Jesus said "Without me you can do nothing". That's why He wants us to remain in Him. Lets all choose to remain in Him today.

It was bingo time in the afternoon with Carl and Janet running the game. The residents like winning the extra points from the four corner and blackout bingo game. This time the winners were Shirley Genzler, Ann Beadle and Bonnie Anderson. A good treat after the game to go with their juice or coffee was homemade cinnamon rolls.

Janet and the residents were busy Thursday morning exercising with the 2 lb. weights. After a good warm up they decided to kick or hit four large balls around. Lot of action going on there! Later Pastor Avery held communion service for the Lutheran and Methodist residents in the chapel. She played the organ for the hymns "He Lives" and "Abide With Me". Pastor's homily was on John 15:9-11 Jesus said to his disciples "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. If you keep my commandments you will remain

in my love. Closing hymn was "O How I Love Jesus". It was game time in the afternoon and the residents are always ready and willing to play card bingo. Joyce agreed and got the game going. There was plenty of players and that means lots of winners. This day was also Vonnie Bowar's birthday. She kinda wanted to keep it quiet but that never happened. She got a lot of "Happy Birthday" wishes and was overjoyed to see much of her family here. One special grandson brought his homemade cupcakes for his mom and Eryka to serve to all the residents and staff. Pretty yummy treat!

Friday means lets exercise, play bingo and enjoy root beer floats. Janet took care of all of it! The residents are getting pretty good at lifting the 2 lb. weights and kicking the large balls around. They most of all enjoy the afternoon bingo. Carl enjoys calling the numbers while Ronalee assists the players. The winning players are the happiest especially Agnes Bertch, Ronalee Isack and Leota Turner. The ice cream floats always go over big.

Saturday afternoon was a big day here as we celebrated our annual Mother's Day Tea Party. 2026 is the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of the United States so that was our theme for this year. Red White and Blue decorations were all over the Meadows dining area for all our residents, tenants and guests to enjoy. Thanks to these tenants: Ronalee Isack, Patty Hansen and Marlene Hammond for assisting with all the table favors. The program started with everyone singing "God God Bless America". Then it was time for our patriotic skit, starring, Beth Witte, Janet Bohn and Joyce Kalkman. Beth was the narrator and Joyce was Betsy Ross while Janet played the part of her daughter. After a little action and simple talking, the stars and stripes were made and we had a lovely flag! Soon after the skit ended I'm sure Hollywood was calling for these three actors! A delicious treat afterwards of

angel food cake with strawberries or blueberries and whip cream was served to all. Thanks to Deb Wilson, Tracy Beidler and Melissa Zimmermann for bringing it on! Mothers Day was Sunday and Pastor Avery held Worship Service in the chapel. She played the organ for the hymns "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and "Trust and Obey". Pastor's talk

was on John 14:15-21 Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. Every time we show love, mercy, compassion or generosity to someone, we are showing it to Jesus. Jesus, help me to love you more deeply by loving others more faithfully. Closing hymn was "Now Thank We All Our God".

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**Senior Nutrition Program Menu**  
Faulkton

Wed., May 13 thru Wed., May 20  
Wednesday, May 13

Swiss steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, pears, whole wheat bread.

Thursday, May 14  
Tater-tot hot-dish, green beans, fruit, breadstick.

Friday, May 15  
Cook's Choice!

Monday, May 18  
Spanish rice with hamburger, broccoli, mandarin oranges with vanilla pudding, whole wheat bread.

Tuesday, May 19  
Bratwurst on bun, tri tater, sauerkraut, tropical fruit.

Wednesday, May 20  
Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, Catalina blend, applesauce, whole wheat bread.

All meals include milk.



**Faulkton School Lunch Menu**

Wed., May 13 thru Wed., May 20  
Wednesday, May 13

Burger and fry bake, turkey BLT wrap, MS/HS spicy chicken sandwich, Senior's Choice Meal, glazed carrots, French bread, fruit and veggie bar.

Thursday, May 14  
Tenders, nuggets or popcorn chicken, deli sandwich, MS/HS fish sticks or rib patty, white whole grain bread, mixed vegetables, fruit and veggie bar.

Friday, May 15  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!**  
Sloppy Joe on WG bun, misc. cold pack, Kitchen's choice, green beans, fruit and veggie bar.

All meals daily include a fruit and vegetable bar, 1% white, and fat free chocolate milk.



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## Q & A for the Faulk County Sheriff's Primary Election from the Faulk County Record

As Faulk County voters prepare to head to the polls in the June 2 Republican Primary for Faulk County Sheriff, the Faulk County Record sent a series of questions to each of the three candidates seeking the office. Candidates Incumbent Sheriff Kurt Hall and Former Chief Deputy Brent Koens responded to the questionnaire and shared their views on law enforcement, community priorities, and their goals for the sheriff's office if elected.

Candidate Grady Jolley chose not to answer the questions at this time, stating he plans to respond following the conclusion of the primary election.

The following are candidates Incumbent Sheriff Kurt Hall and Former Chief Deputy Brent Koens, responses to the Faulk County Record's questions ahead of the June 2 election.

### Incumbent Sheriff Kurt Hall answers to the questionnaire!

#### Role & Priorities

• **What do you see as the primary responsibilities of the county sheriff?** State Statute require Sheriffs to pursue and apprehend all felons, provide court security, civil process, maintain and operate County Jails, maintain records, and keep the peace.

• **What are your top three priorities if elected, and why?** Continue with what is working, maintain a stable work environment for my employees and continue the safety of Faulk

County.

• **How would you measure success in this role?** Building public trust and operating a successful county jail.

**Experience & Qualifications**  
• **What experience has prepared you to serve as sheriff?** 22 years of being your Faulk County Sheriff.

• **How does your leadership style influence how you would run the department? What would you do differently from the current administration?** Maintaining a competent staff and continuing with what has been working.

**Public Safety & Crime**  
• **What strategies would you use to address crime in the county?** Continue to evaluate and prioritize criminal activity.

• **How do you plan to balance enforcement with prevention?** Continue to empower citizens on being pro active in deterring and reporting crimes.

• **What role should the sheriff's office play in addressing drug-related issues?** As the only Law Enforcement Agency in Faulk County we need to take a leading role and work with other agencies that can assist with drug investigations.

**Community Relations**  
• **How would you build trust between law enforcement and the community? What steps would you take to ensure transparency and accountability?** Continue to be visible to the public, the School, and other events. Also continue to have an open door policy for the people of Faulk County to maintain their trust.

• **How should the department handle public complaints or concerns?** Complaints are taken seriously and are to be handled discreetly to build public confidence.

#### **Budget & Resources**

• **How would you manage the sheriff's office budget effectively?** Prioritize the needs to operate efficiently.

• **What are your priorities when allocating limited resources?** Public and employee safety.

• **Do you foresee the need for additional funding or staffing?** I can see the need for more funding for pay increases for staff as time goes on to maintain a trustworthy workforce.

#### **Jail & Corrections**

• **What are your plans for managing the county jail safely and efficiently?** I feel the jail is being ran safely and efficiently now.

• **How would you address overcrowding or staffing challenges?** We don't overcrowd when we are full we are full

• **What role should rehabilitation and mental health services play?** Mental Health is an issue in all jails. I do use Northeastern Mental Health in Aberdeen. I am also looking into a new tele-mental health agency out of Sioux Falls.

#### **Policy & Accountability**

• **What policies would you implement or revise within the department?** The current policies have worked and will update as needed.

• **How would you handle misconduct within the ranks?** Misconduct is a case by case matter. If it affects the public trust or working relationships within the county then action will be taken.

• **What is your approach to use-of-force policies?** I do have use of force policies. These are immediately reported to the Supervisor and Sheriff. They get updated as needed.

#### **Collaboration**

• **How would you work with other local agencies and departments? What partnerships are important for improving public safety?** In a

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small agency like ours with limited resources one must work well with other agencies for help with manpower as well as technology.

#### **Technology & Modernization**

• **How should the sheriff's office use technology to improve operations?** Technology comes at a cost. If it is warranted and can be done efficiently and is reliable it should be considered.

• **What is your stance on tools like body cameras or data transparency?** I think Technology is a good thing, we do have Body Cams, Transparency does build accountability. This subject can only go as far as the County Budget will allow.

#### **Closing**

• **Why should voters choose you over your opponent(s)?** This election is about Law Enforcement and future of the Faulk County Sheriff's Office.

• **What do you want the public to know about your vision for the county?** Lets keep what has worked for the last 22 years. For those of you that remember the reputation the Faulk County Sheriff's Office had back in 2004 before I came here that September, hopefully we don't ever return to that turmoil again.

### Former Chief Deputy Brent Koens answers to the questionnaire!

#### Role & Priorities

• **What do you see as the primary responsibilities of the county sheriff?**

To fairly and evenly enforce laws. To support the management of the jail facility.

To effectively and efficiently manage the budget for the sheriffs office and the jail. To support staff by ensuring that they receive training so they can effectively and efficiently do their job. Create an environment of safety, security, and mutual respect with all residents throughout the county.

• **What are your top three priorities if elected, and why?**

1: Work alongside staff to create a productive, supportive and mutually beneficial work environment. This would help to fix the morale and address the turnover.

2: Make sure that staff, including myself are actively engaging with the community and school. In my opinion this approach fosters trust and mutual understanding. Enforce laws with a supportive approach. Giving the offenders resources to help them better their situation.

3: Evaluate the budgets for both the Sheriff's Office and the Jail to make sure and be fiscally responsible with the taxpayers funds.

• **How would you measure success in this role?**

By being visible and actively engaged with the members of this community. By being open to evaluations and recommendations from all members of the community. By evaluating the effectiveness of community education programs. By evaluating crime and traffic enforcement statistics.

**Q & A for Primary Race of the Faulk County Sheriff (Continued on page 9)**

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## RE-ELECT KURT HALL Faulk County Sheriff

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*Throughout that time, he has consistently made himself available for guidance and support whenever needed.*

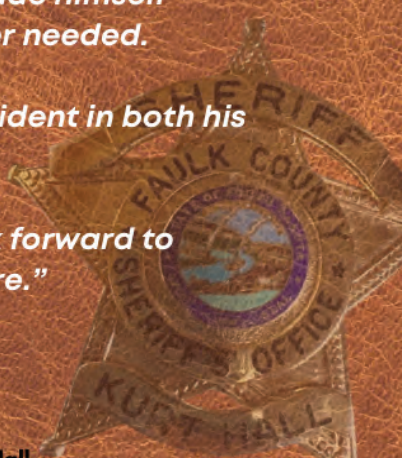
*His dedication to serving his community is evident in both his leadership and daily work.*

*I value our professional relationship and look forward to continuing to work along side him in the future."*

-Sheriff Shane R. Cronei, Hand County

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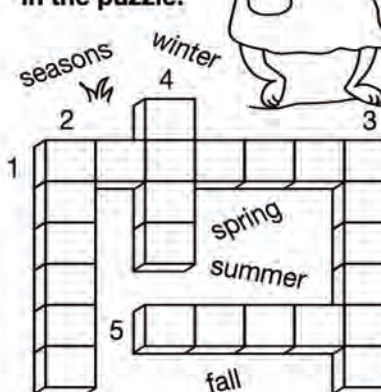
Can you find the bug who wants pie?      We want the freshest vegetables and fruits.  Kids: color stuff in! 

# Newspaper Fun!

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## Fresh! At the Farmers' Market!

**Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:**



You can't buy fresher fruits and vegetables than those at the farm or the farmers' market! I love buying my berries, peaches and apples there!

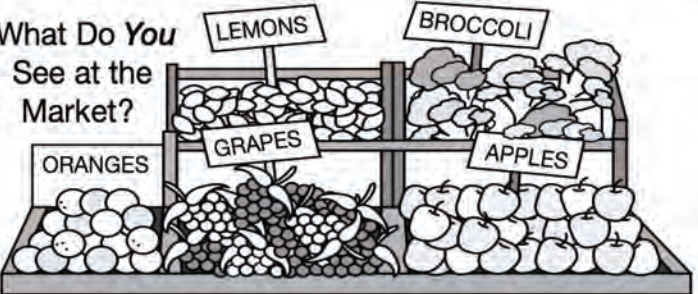
Ooooooo...pie!

Have you ever been to a farmers' market? It is a place where farmers bring, set up and sell their fruits, vegetables, potted plants and baked goods. Most of these markets are held once a week, often at fairgrounds or in parking lots. Some people like to go to the market because they enjoy talking with other shoppers and asking farmers about their products. Others enjoy being outside where their children can play a little and help to choose and buy items.

There are many sights at the farmers' market. **Read the clues to fill in the crossword:**

1. green and yellow \_\_\_\_\_ piled high
2. home-baked \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ for weighing food
4. straw \_\_\_\_\_ for cooling heads
5. \_\_\_\_\_ giving shade
6. \_\_\_\_\_ talking and selling
7. freshly cut \_\_\_\_\_
8. samples of juicy \_\_\_\_\_ to try
9. dried \_\_\_\_\_ hanging
10. \_\_\_\_\_ laden with foods and potted plants
11. \_\_\_\_\_ listing prices
12. \_\_\_\_\_ to carry food and supplies to the market

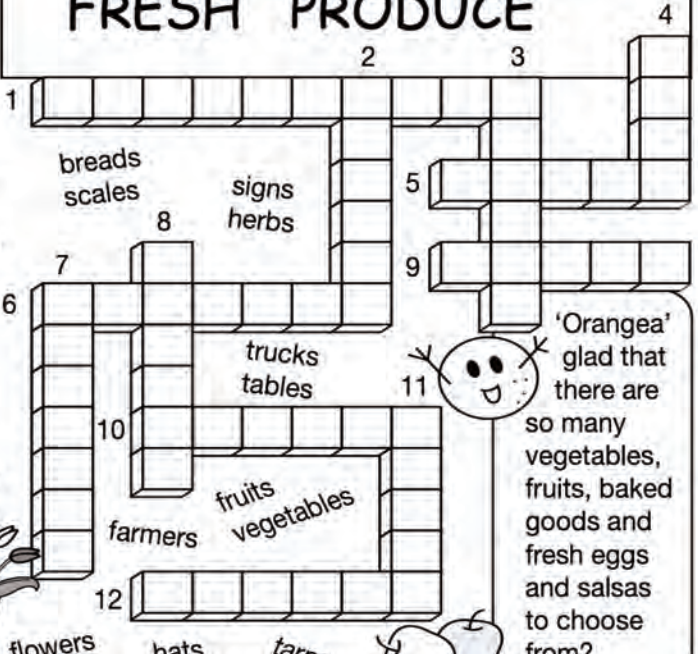
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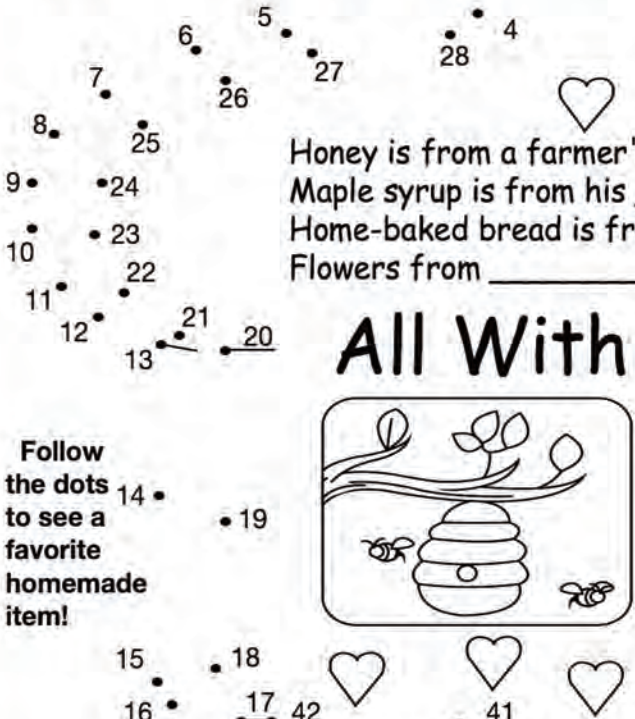
**As Fresh As Fresh Can Be!**

1. while some products are available all year round, in some areas, foods from the farms follow the \_\_\_\_\_
2. in the \_\_\_\_\_: lettuce, radishes, asparagus...
3. in the \_\_\_\_\_: corn, cucumbers, tomatoes...
4. in the \_\_\_\_\_: squash, broccoli, potatoes...
5. in the \_\_\_\_\_: turnips, kale, brussels sprouts...

**What Do You See at the Market?**



'Orangea' glad that there are so many vegetables, fruits, baked goods and fresh eggs and salsas to choose from?



Honey is from a farmer's \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maple syrup is from his \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home-baked bread is from his \_\_\_\_\_  
 Flowers from \_\_\_\_\_ tended with lovin'!


**Follow the dots to see a favorite homemade item!**

### All With Lovin'!

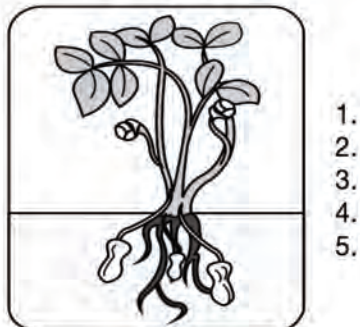
Fill in the poem with these words:

gardens    ovens    trees    bees

\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_



Pick us, "peas"!



### Where Does It Grow?

How do foods grow? Where do you find the foods below when you want to harvest them? **Match these foods to where you find them:**

1. apples
2. pumpkins
3. potatoes
4. blueberries
5. tomatoes

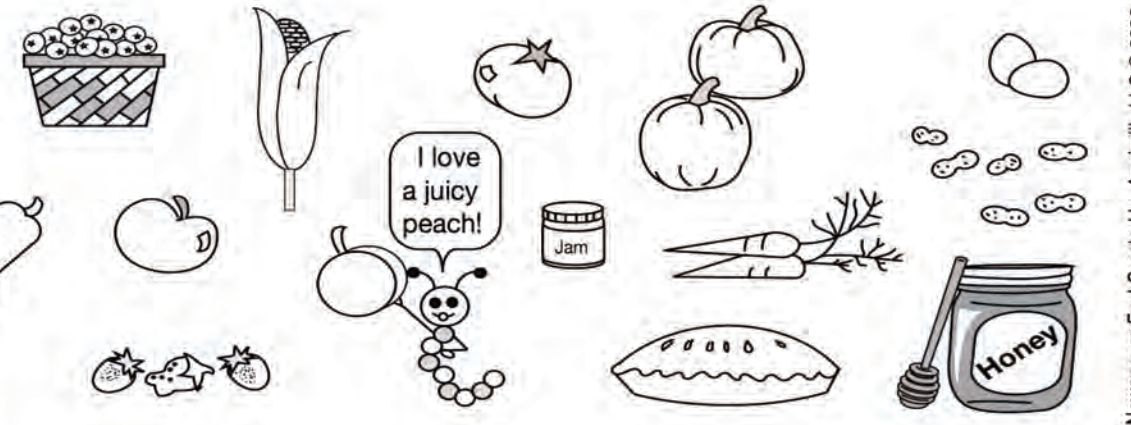
A. under the ground  
 B. trees  
 C. vines  
 D. plants (about 3 feet high)/vines  
 E. bushes

A. out of the ground on a plant with spiky leaves  
 B. on woody vines  
 C. flower above the ground, but grow below ground  
 D. roots that grow in the ground  
 E. grow on tall plants (not trees)

### As Seasons Change!

As the seasons change, so do your choices at the farmers' market. Summer turns into autumn! The days have cooler temperatures and get shorter. At this time, the growing season ends in some areas of the country. They are the days when farmers will harvest and get ready for winter.

1. Draw a line through the 5 items that are "Disappearing" from the market in late summer!
2. Circle the 5 items that are at the market in the fall or are "Appearing."
3. Mark an "X" on the 4 items that can be sold all year long.



I love a juicy peach!

**Q & A for Primary Race of the Faulk County Sheriff**  
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**Experience & Qualifications**

• **What experience has prepared you to serve as sheriff?**

I've been a law enforcement officer since 1999. I have an associates degree in criminal justice. I have attended numerous trainings for law enforcement in general, jail management, community policing, and supervisory and leadership training. I am a law enforcement firearms instructor.

• **How does your leadership style influence how you would run the department?**

I would actively be involved with the staff and their work duties. During my time as a Chief Deputy Sheriff, I made it a priority to make sure that I knew how to effectively complete every task that is required for every position. This assures accountability and active leadership throughout the entire agency. This also created an opportunity for me to develop effective policies and procedures and cover shifts when needed.

• **What would you do differently from the current administration?**

I would be a working Sheriff that is actively involved with the community and all of the staff members. I would attend training with staff. This would provide efficiency and accountability for everyone. I would create an environment that would be fulfilling, collaborative, and stable for staff.

**Public Safety & Crime**

• **What strategies would you use to address crime in the county?**

I would use a proactive approach where community involvement, visibility, and open and effective communication is essential. I would assure that the staff has adequate training to do their jobs efficiently and effectively.

• **How do you plan to balance enforcement with prevention?**

Laws would be enforced fairly and with an accountability approach for both the staff and the public. Through open communication and community education, the sheriffs office along with the public can work together, to prevent crime.

• **What role should the sheriff's office play in addressing drug-related issues?**

Through crime prevention programming, and enforcement actions. I also feel that we should be involved in providing offenders resources to assist them in not reoffending. I would also look into becoming involved in drug task force operations with surrounding organizations so that we can combine resources and information.

**Community Relations**

• **How would you build trust between law enforcement and the community? What steps would you take to ensure transparency and accountability? How should the department handle public complaints or concerns?**

Through visibility and accountability for both myself and all the staff. I would have an

open door policy where anyone could come into the office and speak with me and or our staff about any concerns. I would also like to put in place a Law Enforcement committee that would involve residence of each community, a County Commissioner, and emergency service partners. This committee would meet with me and staff to evaluate the effectiveness of the agency as a whole and to address, any complaints or concerns. This committee would also be involved in the hiring process of new staff. I will keep in contact with city and organization leaders and Emergency Service leaders. I will attend city, organizational, and Emergency Service meetings.

**Budget & Resources**

• **How would you manage the sheriff's office budget effectively?**

I would look at past budgets and evaluate any future changes in pricing and services to make sure the budget reflects those changes yet maintain financial responsibility. We would have to look at jail contract fees to make sure we stay competitive yet equivalent to surrounding facilities.

• **What are your priorities when allocating limited resources?**

I would make sure that the community and the jails' safety and security is a top priority. I would make sure that staff, including myself have the training to be able to step

In to assist or fill in at any time

• **Do you foresee the need for additional funding or staffing?**

**implement or revise within the department?**

We would have open communication policies throughout the entire agency. I would put policies in place that would assure continuity and accountability for all staff, including myself. I would make sure our policies at the Sheriff's Office align with the same policies that all county employees have to follow.

• **How would you handle misconduct within the ranks?**

It would be handled in an individual basis. Some misconduct would have to be forwarded to the SD Division of Criminal Investigation for their review. I would assure that I would respect the rights of the employee, as well as keep the best interest of the county in mind. I would also keep the county commissioners and the state attorney informed of any such issues.

• **What is your approach to use-of-force policies?**

These type of policies would have to be reviewed for changes in standards. All employees would be trained on the policies and procedures for use of force. All use of force actions would be reviewed to make sure it aligned with policies and procedures. The assistance from the SD Division of Criminal Investigations may be needed in some cases. All staff members will be adequately trained in de-escalation techniques to try to avoid a use of force.

**Q & A for Primary Race of the Faulk County Sheriff**  
(Continued on page 10)

I would have to evaluate the budget and changes in rising costs. As the sheriff, I would constantly review staffing changes and requirements to assure safety and security of the community and the jail, but yet staying financially responsible to the taxpayers.

**Jail & Corrections**

• **What are your plans for managing the county jail safely and efficiently?**

I would assure that all employees have involvement in creating policies and procedures. We would have open communication with all staff members. I will continuously monitor the safety and security the jail and staff and make changes accordingly. I would do this while continuing to be accountable to the taxpayers.

• **How would you address overcrowding or staffing challenges?**

I would assure that staff would maintain inmate numbers that would bring in revenue yet keep in mind the safety and security of the staff, the facility, and the public. I would make sure staff members are cross trained, including myself, to fill-in at multiple positions, within the agency.

• **What role should rehabilitation and mental health services play?**

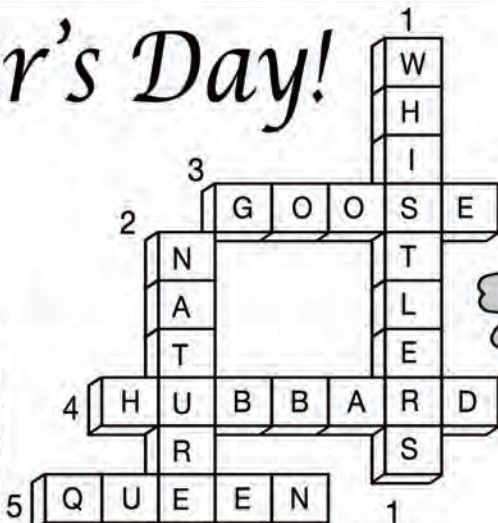
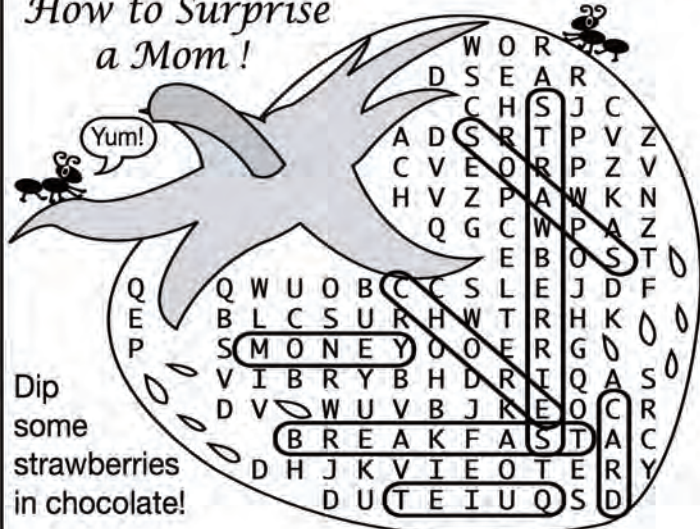
Our staff will make mental health and rehabilitation resources available to inmates while in custody and at their release from the facility.

**Policy & Accountability**

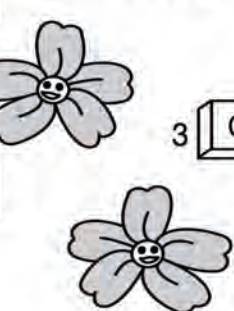
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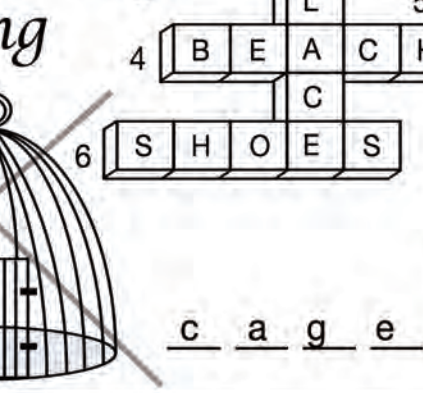
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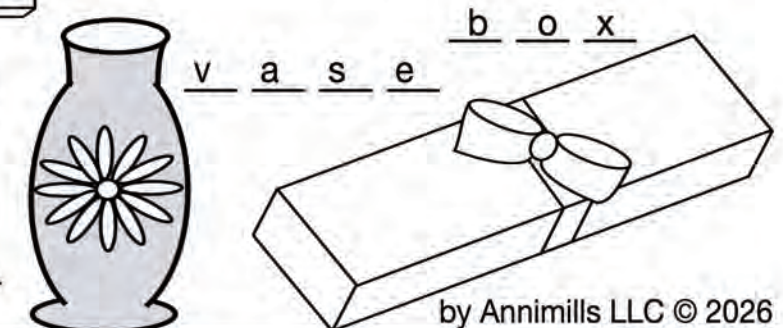
**Five Famous Mothers!**



**Mom's favorite things:**



**The Finishing Touch!**



**Q & A for Primary Race of the Faulk County Sheriff (Continued from page 9) Collaboration**

**• How would you work with other local agencies and departments?**

As the Chief Deputy Sheriff, I always had a close working relationship with surrounding agencies. Sharing of information and resources with surrounding agencies can be essential in investigating crimes and crime prevention. The sheriff's office would work closely and assist the fire departments, ambulance, county and state Hwy departments, Emergency Management and Courthouse departments to ensure a close and mutually beneficial working relationship.

**• What partnerships are important for improving public safety?**

A partnership with surrounding agencies, communities, colonies,

businesses, community services and the School are essential. Open communication, dialogue, and training is key.

**Technology & Modernization**  
**• How should the sheriff's office use technology to improve operations?**

Technology is constantly changing. We would need to make sure we are aware of changes to be able to do our jobs more efficiently and effectively. I would keep our staff trained on the proper use of technology for investigations and operational purposes. As the Chief Deputy in the last year, I have been working with Motorola Communications to bring a dispatch and communication system to the County to improve emergency communications with our local EMS partners. This is the same system that's proven to be effective for Brown and Spink Counties. It also allows instant communication between our agencies.



Lydia Blachford shooting her Air Pistol at State Shoot in Pierre at the end of April.

**Lydia Blachford 2026 National Shooting Sports Qualifier**

A special congratulations goes out to Lydia Blachford on being selected to the National Shooting Sports Team for the 3rd year in a row! This year Lydia qualified in two events and has chosen to compete in Air Pistol at the national level. Congratulations to all the South Dakota 4-H Shooting Sports members who qualified for Nationals based on the Spring Shoot results! Your dedication, hard work, and countless hours of practice continue to shine through in every event.

To qualify once is an accomplishment. To qualify three years in a row shows the true meaning of commitment, perseverance, and determination. We are incredibly proud of Lydia and all the hard work she has put in over the years. Faulk County 4-H has loved watching her grow as both a shooter and leader within the program.

We also want to congratulate all the other qualifiers and alternates from across the state. Representing South Dakota at the national level is an honor and reflects the strength of the entire 4-H Shooting Sports program.

Good luck to everyone competing at Nationals in Nebraska this year! We know you will represent South Dakota with pride both on and off the range.

**• What is your stance on tools like body cameras or data transparency?**

Body cameras are put in place to protect the law enforcement as well as the offender. There would be policies and procedures in place on how to effectively use the devices as well as how to provide the footage to those outside of the agency.

**Closing**

**• Why should voters choose you over your opponent(s)?**

I would be the future of Faulk County. I have many years to go before retirement. My commitment to Faulk County is

to serve as an accessible, engaged, and working Sheriff. I am dedicated to being constantly accountable to both residents and Sheriff's Office staff. I will maintain my role as a resource for our schools and continue to manage the jail efficiently and effectively, as I have successfully done over the years. I would create an environment for employees that would be more stable where turnover could be less of a concern. It has truly been an honor to serve you as the Chief Deputy and I would love the opportunity to serve you as the

Faulk County Sheriff.

**• What do you want the public to know about your vision for the county?**

My vision for the County is to be one that is actively engaged with the Law Enforcement efforts. One that is informed of what is going on and feels that their voice can be heard. A County that the Sheriff's Office works daily to earn and maintain the communities respect.

Brent W. Koens

"Faith is not knowing what the future holds, but knowing Who holds the future."



Christy Struble, Brenda Ferguson, Glenn Kaup of Venture Communications, Trintje Bauer, and Carrie Tennant.

**Venture Communication Honors Faulkton Senior Living with a Donation**

Caring for those who once cared for us matters. That's why Venture Communications is honored to donate \$5,000 to each of the 8 nursing homes in our cooperative area, supporting updates and the dedicated teams who make a difference every day. We're proud to give back to the communities we call home.

The UCF Praise Band presents the first **JAM: Jesus and Me**, an afternoon of music, praise and worship. Youth, grades 5 and up (as of fall 2026) from **ALL** denominations interested in participating in musical worship are invited to join. Experience the teamwork needed in preparation for a public performance.

**MAY 31, 2026**

Participants should arrive before 2:00 PM

Performance for friends & family starts at 6:30 PM

To help the Praise Band prepare for JAM, pre-registering would be helpful, but not required. Contact anyone below:

**Megan Hlavacek**

605•216•0963

**Lyndsay Rasmussen**

605•870•1721

**John Pfeifer**

605-380-9309

**Jess Hansen**

605-824-2112



**FREE T-shirt, snacks & meal provided for all JAMMERS.**

## Trojans Turn in Strong Showing at CSDC Golf Meet

By: Raegan Geditz

The Faulkton Trojans took advantage of perfect weather Thursday, May 7, at the CSDC Golf Tournament at Lakeside Country Club, putting together strong performances on both the boys' and girls' sides.

After dealing with rough weather for much of the spring season, golfers were finally met with sunshine, calm winds, and ideal scoring conditions. The nice weather helped set the stage for one of the most competitive meets of the year.

The Faulkton boys team was on the hunt for the conference title all day, finishing just one stroke out of first place in a tight team race. Senior Drake Mueller led the Trojans with a 76, good for fourth place individually. Henry Bossly also finished in the top 10 with a 79 to place sixth overall.

Spencer Melius added an 87 for 12th place, while Landon Dikoff shot a 93 to finish 19th. Tucker Baloun rounded out the Faulkton scoring with a 109.

Coach Cunningham said the boys stayed steady throughout the day in a tournament where every shot mattered.

"The boys played very consistently all day, and every score mattered in a tournament that close," Cunningham said. "To come within one shot of the conference title shows the kind of depth and focus this team has developed throughout the season."

The Lady Trojans also had a strong day, placing four golfers inside the top 10. Anika Mueller led the way with a fourth-place finish after shooting a 90. Kinley Mueller and Raegan Geditz each carded rounds of 97 to finish eighth and ninth, while Brooklyn Kast followed closely behind with a 98 to place 10th.

Emma Martinmaas also competed for Faulkton in her first varsity meet, gaining valuable experience at the conference level.

Cunningham said he was proud of how the girls competed throughout the round.

"The girls competed really well from top to bottom," Cunningham said. "Having four golfers finish in the top 10 is a great accomplishment, and it shows how much this group has improved this year."

The tournament marked one of the strongest overall performances of the season for the Trojans, and Cunningham believes both teams are continuing to improve at the right time.

"This was one of the best overall team performances we've had this season," Cunningham said. "The kids stayed composed, handled the conditions well, and competed hard all day. We're excited to keep building off this as we move toward the postseason."

With the regular season winding down, both Faulkton teams will look to carry the momentum from Thursday's

conference meet into the final events of the spring.

### Girls

4th Anika Mueller- 90  
8th Kinley Mueller- 97  
9th Raegan Geditz- 97  
10th Brooklyn Kast- 98  
Emma Martinmaas- 129

### Boys

4th Drake Mueller- 76  
6th Henry Bossly- 79  
Spencer Melius- 87  
Landon Dikoff- 93  
Tucker Baloun- 109

## National Honor Society Inducts 10 New Students

By: Natalie Hadrick

On May 7th, the National Honor Society welcomed ten new members during its annual induction ceremony. The newest inductees included Natalie Hadrick, Khloe Kaup, Anika Mueller, Austina Sorensen, Chloe Sime, Tate Bray, Tucker Baloun, Landon Dikoff, Ayden Haselhorst, and Cole Noon. Students were selected based on their achievements in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. With the addition of the new inductees, the chapter now has a total of 26 members.

## Faulkton Students Learn Sculpture Techniques from Darwin Wolf

Faulkton School welcomed Artist in Residence Darwin Wolf into its classrooms this week, giving students in grades 4 through 7 a unique opportunity to learn directly

from a professional sculptor. Throughout the week, students explored basic sculpting techniques and then put their new skills into practice by creating their own original works of art.

Working alongside Wolf, students learned how artists shape, texture, and detail in three-dimensional art. The hands-on experience allowed them to experiment, problem-solve, and bring their creative ideas to life through sculpture.

Darwin Wolf is a South Dakota-based sculptor known for his work in figurative and public art, often drawing inspiration from nature and everyday life in the region.

Artist in Residence opportunities such as this are made possible by the Faulkton Area Arts Council.

## CHS River Plains High School Senior Recipients

CHS River Plains is proud to support local high school seniors through its scholarship program and congratulates the following students on their achievements and future educational plans:

**Aidalisa Anderson** — Central Lakes College, business management and meat processing

**Tristen Baloun** — South Dakota State University, agricultural systems and technology

**Keaton Fiedler** — South Dakota State University, agricultural business and agronomy

**Trace Genzler** — Lake Area Technical College, diesel technology

**Holden Gill** — Bismarck State College, agribusiness



Sandy Sprenger with Scholarship recipient Madyson Koens.

## Madyson Koens Faulkton Dacotah Bank Scholarship recipient

Dacotah Bank is proud to announce its local 2026 scholarship recipient. Madyson Koens of Faulkton received \$2,000 to apply towards her education.

Madyson is the daughter of Brent & Elizabeth Koens. Madyson plans to attend South Dakota State University.

This year, Dacotah Bank awarded 44 scholarships to graduating high school seniors across its communities. Over \$70,000 was awarded to students from South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota.

Applicants were high school seniors whose immediate family has account relationships with Dacotah Bank, Dacotah Insurance, or Dacotah Trust and Wealth Management.

A complete list of Dacotah Bank's scholarship winners may be found at dacotahbank.com in mid-May.

Kynlee Larson — Valley City State University, business administration

Jaylee Lechtenberg — University of Nebraska-Lincoln, agribusiness

**Spencer Melius** — South Dakota State University, agricultural systems and technology

Clair Reiman — Wayne State College, elementary education

Rachel Rueb — Lake Area Technical College, agricultural business

CHS River Plains wishes these students continued success as they pursue their educational and career goals.



Boys and Girls Golf LRC Champions



Sylvia Anderson with Sandy Sprenger Faulkton B & P Treasurer

## All Roads Lead to Faulkton Event Winner was Sylvia Anderson

Faulkton's annual "All Roads Lead to Faulkton" event was a success this year, with nine local businesses participating in the community-wide shopping promotion. Businesses prepared special sales, discounts, and door prizes while encouraging shoppers to follow the event and individual business Facebook pages for updates and announcements throughout the event.

Customers who shopped locally during the promotion were entered for a chance to win \$500 in Faulkton Bucks, sponsored by the Faulkton Business and Professional Association (B&P). Faulkton Bucks work like gift certificates and can be used at any participating B&P business. The certificates do not expire and are designed to support hometown businesses throughout the community.

This year's lucky winner of the \$500 in Faulkton Bucks was Sylvia Anderson.

The Faulkton Business and Professional Association is a non-profit organization that brings together business owners and professionals to promote networking, business growth, community involvement, and professional development.

Although Faulkton, South Dakota, has a population of fewer than 850 people, the community continues to offer tremendous value to residents and visitors alike. Located along Highway 212, Faulkton features many hidden gems, including locally owned shops, restaurants, gift stores, service businesses, colorful murals, and the historic carousel.

Community members and visitors are also encouraged to mark their calendars for upcoming events in Faulkton, including Wild West Days on July 3-5 and the Faulkton Area Arts Council's 52nd Annual Arts and Crafts Fair on Oct. 17.

The Faulkton Business and Professional Association extends its thanks to everyone who participated in this year's event and to all who visited Faulkton — a community where wonders never cease.

### Congratulations FHS Class of 2026!



**Aidalisa Anderson**  
Plans: Central Lakes College



**Tristen Baloun**  
Plans: South Dakota State University Ag System and Tech



**Jessica Hadrick**  
Plans: South Dakota State University Human Biology



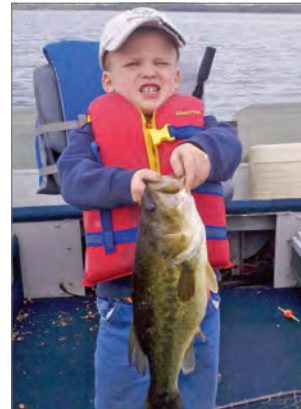
**Brooklyn Kast**  
Plans: South Dakota State University Pharmacy



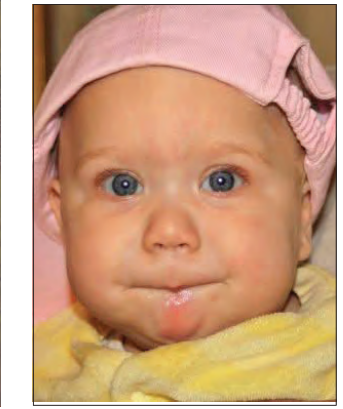
**Madyson Koens**  
Plans: South Dakota State University Human Development



**Caden Leonhardt**  
Plans: Dakota Wesleyan Wildlife Management



**Emma Martinmaas**  
Plans: South Dakota State University Business



**Presleigh Martinmaas**  
Plans: Lake Area Tech Physical Therapy



**Spencer Melius**  
Plans: South Dakota State University Ag System and Tech



**Drake Mueller**  
Plans: Grand View University Business



**Sawyer Paul**  
Plans: Undecided



**Shaye Senn**  
Plans: Northern State University Business



**Thomas Summers Jr.**  
Plans: Valley City State University Exercise Science



# Congratulations & Best Wishes to the F.H.S. Class of 2026!

## Faulkton High School Class of 2026

Class Flower: Yellow Rose

Saturday, May 16 – 2 p.m. Gym

Class Colors: Black & Gold



from these area businesses and friends . . .

Agtegra, Faulkton  
Andrea Marie Photography  
Animal Health Center  
Assurance Land Survey  
- Zach & Shauna Remily  
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Channel - Nick Holt  
CDH Construction - Cole Hogg  
CHS River Plains

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Dacotah Bank - Faulkton  
Dakota Lodge & Guide  
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- Dawn Melius  
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**FHS Track Results for:  
Meet: Miller Invitational  
Meet  
May 5, 2026**

**Girls:** 400 Dash Austina Sorensen 6<sup>th</sup> 1:08.04; 800 Run Austina Sorensen 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:34.75; 100 Hurdles Presleigh Martinmaas 5<sup>th</sup> 17.72; 300 Hurdles Presleigh Martinmaas 5<sup>th</sup> 54.47; Discus Anika Mueller 1<sup>st</sup> 110' 10"; High Jump Maggie Bautzmann 3<sup>rd</sup> 4' 8"; Long Jump Brooklyn Mueller 4<sup>th</sup> 13' 10.5"; Triple Jump Brooklyn Mueller 1<sup>st</sup> 30' 10"; 800 Relay 6<sup>th</sup> 2:02.63 (Khloe Kaup, Maggie Bautzmann, Brooklyn Mueller, Blake Bowman); 1600 Relay 7<sup>th</sup> 4:45.19 (Austina Sorensen, Presleigh Martinmaas, Khloe Kaup, Rhyann Roseland); 3200 Relay 1<sup>st</sup> 11:59.40 (Rhyann Roseland, Blake Bowman, Anna Martinmaas, Lola McCamly); Medley Relay 4<sup>th</sup> 5:25.02 (Khloe Kaup, Maggie Bautzmann, Blake Bowman, Anna Martinmaas).

**Boys:** 400 Dash Cole Noon 1<sup>st</sup> 54.62; 1600 Run Korbin Stark 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:51.97; 3200 Run Korbin Stark 1<sup>st</sup> 10:48.49; 110 Hurdles Spencer Melius 2<sup>nd</sup> 15.69; 300 Hurdles Spencer Melius 1<sup>st</sup> 42.47; Spencer Schulte 6<sup>th</sup> 48.66; Shot Put Weston Senn 2<sup>nd</sup> 41' 11"; Tristen Baloun 3<sup>rd</sup> 41' 4.75"; Discus Weston Senn 1<sup>st</sup> 131' 1"; Tristen Baloun 8<sup>th</sup> 107' 10"; Javelin Spencer Melius 1<sup>st</sup> 169' 1"; 400 Relay 7<sup>th</sup> 51.04 (Tate Bray, Legend Geist, Riley Simons, Paxton Hartung); 800 Relay 8<sup>th</sup> 1:45.91 (Max Martinmaas, Tristen Baloun, Weston Senn, Marken Cazeau); 1600 Relay 3<sup>rd</sup> 3:50.82 (Max Martinmaas, Cole Noon, Marken Cazeau, Paxton Hartung); Medley Relay 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:28.74 (Marken Cazeau, Tate Bray, Riley Simons, Paxton Hartung).

**Spicer's Comments:**

Despite some chilly, windy conditions, we had a good day. We faced some competition we haven't yet seen this year. It is nice when this happens because we have an opportunity to see where our team is compared to these teams.

We had quite a few personal bests set today in both field and running events. The boys team brought home five first places and the girls took home three. We also had quite a few other placers in this meet. Almost all our relays that we ran placed. Our field events, once again, did very well. We had four first place finishes in the field events. Spencer Melius took home first place in the javelin, Weston Senn took first place in the discus, Anika Mueller in the triple jump, Cole Noon brought home a first place in the 400 dash and Spencer placed first in the 110 hurdles.

We coaches are pleased with how the athletes performed in this meet. Hopefully, the

weather will cooperate as the season begins to come to the end. We will continue to work in practice on the areas that need a little bit of honing. Again, very happy with the performances of our athletes.

**FHS Track Results for:**

**CSDC Meet Results  
May 9, 2026**

**MS Girls:** 200 Dash Kinze Breen 6<sup>th</sup> 33.20; 400 Dash Blake Bowman 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:11.80, Landry Remily 4<sup>th</sup> 1:13.98, Raya Cotton 7<sup>th</sup> 1:15.90; 800 Run Lola McCamly 4<sup>th</sup> 3:09.54, Sydni Bisbee 5<sup>th</sup> 3:13.57, Raya Cotton 6<sup>th</sup> 3:13.82; 1600 Run Lola McCamly 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:47.00; 100 Hurdles Joey Edgar 3<sup>rd</sup> 22.23, Hayli McGaugh 6<sup>th</sup> 23.19; Shot Put Maddix Bray 3<sup>rd</sup> 25' 9.75; Discus Naomi Epp 7<sup>th</sup> 58' 10"; Maddix Bray 8<sup>th</sup> 58' 7"; 400 Relay 6<sup>th</sup> 1:11.71 (Brynlee Rhodes, Brynlee Rasmussen, Hayli McGaugh, Brintley Huss); 800 Relay 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:08.29 (Joey Edgar, Blake Bowman, Anna Martinmaas, Naomi Tanner); 1600 Relay 7<sup>th</sup> 2:27.95 (Kinze Breen, Hayli McGaugh, Brynlee Rhodes, Brintley Huss); 1600 Relay 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:58.90 (Blake Bowman, Brooklyn Mueller, Anna Martinmaas, Naomi Tanner); 1600 Relay 4<sup>th</sup> 5:20.41 (Joey Edgar, Raya Cotton, Landry Remily, Sydni Bisbee); Medley Relay 4<sup>th</sup> 2:20.31 (Joey Edgar, Sydni Bisbee, Landry Remily, Kinze Breen).

**MS Boys:** 100 Dash Henry Homan 4<sup>th</sup> 14.99; 400 Dash Kaden Kaup 1<sup>st</sup> 1:00.92, Paxton Hartung 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:01.49; 800 Run Paxton Hartung 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:31.67; 800 Relay 3<sup>rd</sup> 1:57.91 (Kaden Kaup, Henry Homan, Waylon Adams, Everett Miller); 1600 Relay 1<sup>st</sup> 4:35.97 (Waylon Adams, Kaden Kaup, Henry Homan, Everett Miller); Medley Relay 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:05.68 (Henry Homan, Everett Miller, Kaden Kaup, Waylon Adams).

**HS Girls:** 200 Dash Khloe Kaup 7<sup>th</sup> 31.69; 800 Run Austina Sorensen 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:30.39; 1600 Run Austina Sorensen 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:40.86;

Discus Anika Mueller 1<sup>st</sup> 102' 6"; Shaye Senn 7<sup>th</sup> 78' 3"; Triple Jump Brooklyn Mueller 1<sup>st</sup> 33' 7"; Long Jump Brooklyn Mueller 3<sup>rd</sup> 14' 2"; Maggie Bautzmann 4<sup>th</sup> 13' 4"; High Jump Maggie Bautzmann 4<sup>th</sup> 4' 2"; Rhyann Roseland 6<sup>th</sup> 3' 10"; 1600 Relay 4<sup>th</sup> 4:47.16 (Austina Sorensen, Khloe Kaup, Rhyann Roseland, Maggie Bautzmann); 3200 Relay 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:46.42 (Rhyann Roseland, Blake Bowman, Anna Martinmaas, Lola McCamly); Medley Relay 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:49.8 (Hadley Edgar, Brooklyn Mueller, Claire Cotton, Austina Sorensen).

**HS Boys:** 1600 Run Korbin Stark 1<sup>st</sup> 4:53.56; 110 Hurdles Spencer Melius 1<sup>st</sup> 15.77, Spencer Schulte 4<sup>th</sup> 18.29; 300 Hurdles Spencer Melius 1<sup>st</sup> 41.22, Spencer Schulte 5<sup>th</sup> 47.73; Shot Put Weston Senn 2<sup>nd</sup> 43' 4.75"; Tristen Baloun 4<sup>th</sup> 41' 7"; Discus Weston Senn 1<sup>st</sup> 133' 5"; Tristen Baloun 7<sup>th</sup> 115' 4"; Javelin Spencer Melius 1<sup>st</sup> 178' 9"; Weston Senn 2<sup>nd</sup> 151' 5"; Long Jump Marken Cazeau 8<sup>th</sup> 16' 6.25"; 400 Relay 5<sup>th</sup> 51.86 (Legend Geist, Tate Bray, Riley Simons, Paxton Hartung); 1600 Relay 1<sup>st</sup> 3:42.96 (Max Martinmaas, Logan Niederbaumer, Korbin Stark, Cole Noon); 3200 Relay 1<sup>st</sup> 8:54.54 (Logan Niederbaumer, Max Martinmaas, Cole Noon, Korbin Stark); Medley Relay 1<sup>st</sup> 3:58.10 (Max Martinmaas, Marken Cazeau, Cole Noon, Logan Niederbaumer)

**Spicer's Comments:**

We had a great day of track on Saturday. Overall, our middle and high school teams did very well against some very good competition. Our middle school girls placed second overall. Our high school boys placed third and the middle school boys placed fourth. Our high school girls placed sixth.

Many personal bests were set for both high school and middle school athletes. We had quite a bit of success in both the middle and high school events and placed many individual and relay events. The high school boys placed first in the 1600,

3200, and medley relays. The 1600 and 3200 relays consisted of Logan Niederbaumer, Max Martinmaas, Cole Noon, and Korbin Stark, and the medley relay consisted of Martinmaas, Marken Cazeau, Noon, and Niederbaumer. Spencer Melius placed first in the 110 and 300 hurdles and the javelin. Korbin Stark placed first in the mile and Weston Senn placed first in the discus. Brooklyn Mueller placed first in the triple jump and Anika Mueller placed first in the discus. In the middle school, Kaden Kaup placed first in the 400 dash, and the 1600 relay team consisting of Waylon Adams, Kaup, Henry Homan, and Everett Miller, also placed first. Again, that was one of many good performances by our

athletes in the field and running events.

We were very happy with how we did today. We have a couple weeks left in this track season. We need to have good practices so that we can continue to perform well at our meets. Hopefully, the weather will continue to cooperate so we have good days for track meets. Thank you to all those who are coming to support our athletes at these meets. It is definitely motivation for our athletes as they compete.

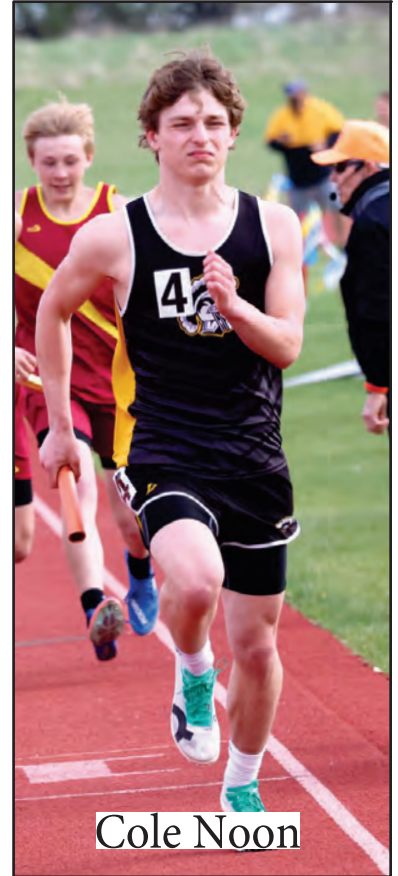
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Dial- A-Move Last Chance Meet May 18 in Warner at 9:30 am.

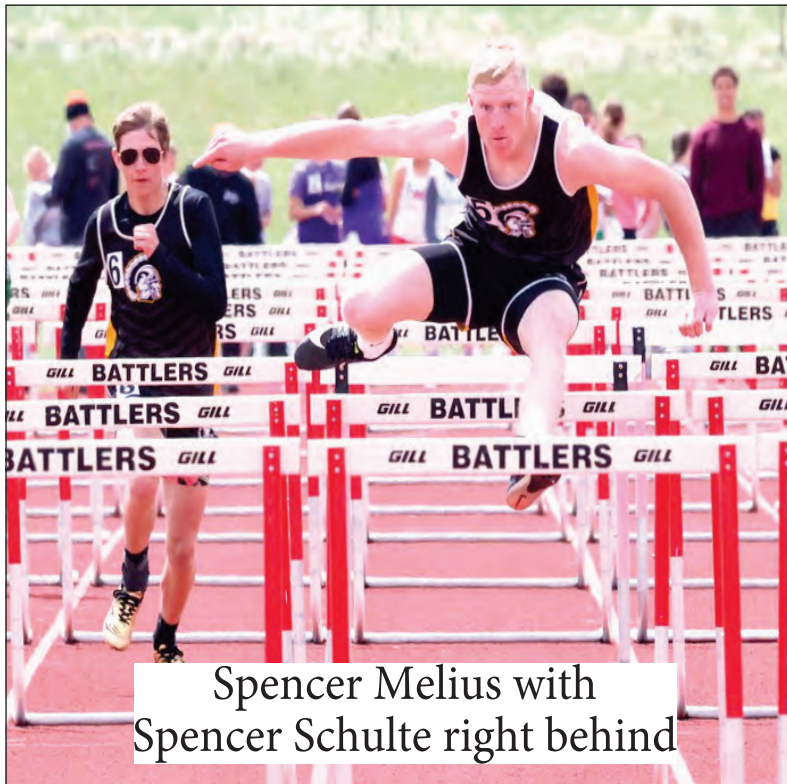
Sully Buttes Last Chance Meet May 21 in Gettysburg at 10:00 am.



Landry Remily



Cole Noon



Spencer Melius with Spencer Schulte right behind



Brooklyn Mueller

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids will be received by the City Council of the, City of Faulkton, PO Box 21, South Dakota, 57438, at the office of the City Finance Officer of said City until 2:00 pm (local time) on the 2nd day of June, 2026, and then be publicly opened and read, for furnishing all equipment, labor, and materials as set forth in the specifications and performing all work, incidental thereto for Runway 13/31 Reconstruction & Taxiway Improvements, Faulkton Municipal Airport, Faulkton, South Dakota.

**Base Bid**

Primary Work: Approximately 262 SqYd Asphalt Cold Milling (2" Nominal Depth), 24,502 SqYd Asphalt Pavement/Base Removal (8" Nominal Depth), 86,025 CuYd Unclassified Excavation, 17,308 CuYd Borrow Excavation (On-site), 30,780 CuYd Subbase Course (Furnished), 4,764 CuYd Subbase Course (Recycled), 44,655 SqYd Geotextile Separator Fabric, 1,500 SqYd Geogrid, 7,089 CuYd Aggregate Base Course, 9,718.8 Ton Asphalt Base/Surface Course, 680.3 Ton Asphalt Binder (PG 64-34), 54.9 Emulsified Asphalt Prime Coat, 18.3 Emulsified Asphalt Tack Coat, Temporary Runway and Taxiway Pavement Markings, Runway and Taxiway Pavement Markings, 248 Ft 30" RCP (Class III), 2 Each 30" RCP (Class III) Flared Ends, 302 Ft 24" RCP (Class III), 4 Each 24" RCP (Class III) Flared Ends, 226 Ft 15" RCP (Class III), 3 Each 15" RCP (Class III) Flared Ends, 9,532 Ft 4" Perforated Underdrain Pipe Complete, 26 Each Underdrain Cleanout, 2 Each Underdrain Tee, 10 Each Connect Underdrain to RCP Storm Sewer, 1 Each Connect to Existing Underdrain, 1 Each Cap and Abandon Existing Underdrain, 1 Each 2'x3' Type B Inlet w/Type E Frame, Grate, and 10'x10' Concrete Apron, 9,791 Ft Barbed Wire Fence, 3 Each Tubular Gate, 1,278 Ft 10" Chain-Link Fence, 16.9 Acres Seeding and Fertilizing, 13,564 CuYd Topsoil (Removed from Stockpile), 81,709 SqYd Mulching, Field Laboratory, Existing Site Removals, Erosion Control, 1 Each Remove and Dispose of Existing Primary Windcone; Remove and Dispose of Concrete Footing, 1 Each L-807, LED, Style 1B (Internally Lit), Size 2 (12 Feet) w/ Single L-810 LED Steady Burn Red Obstruction Light Including Concrete Footing & Site Pad, 1 Each Electrical Equipment Rack, Locating Existing Underground Utility Work, 10,000 Ft 1/2" No. 8 AWG, 5kV, XLPE, L-824, Type C Cable Installed in Conduit, 3,672 Ft 1/2" No. 4 Cu. AWG, 600V, THWN-2, Installed in Conduit 1/2" No. 6 Cu. AWG, 600V (GND), THWN-2, Installed in Conduit, 1,836 Ft 1/2" No. 6 AWG, Solid, Bare Copper Counterpoise Wire, Including Trenching or Plowing, Including Ground Rods, Connections, & Terminations, 8,690 Ft Airfield Electrical, Lighting, and Control Vault Equipment Work, Complete, 1 Each 10' x 12' Pre-Fabricated, Airfield Electrical, Lighting, & Control Vault Building, Including Concrete Footings, & Site Preparation & Restoration, 1 Each L-821 Airfield Lighting Control Panel, Type I (Conventional), Class W (Wall Mounted), Style 1 (Unlighted), Mode 1 (Generic), 1 Each L-854, Type 1 Air-to-Ground Radio Control Equipment w/ Heavy Duty Antenna & Mounting Brackets, 1 Each L-829 Constant Current Regulator (CCR) w/ Monitoring Options, Class 1 (6.6A) Style 1 (3-Step), 7.5 kW Size, Abandon Existing DEB Cable & Counterpoise, 10,846 Ft Trenching & Backfilling or Plowing for Conduit, 10,578 Ft Non-Encased, Electrical Conduit, 1-2 Inch, Type I, Sch. 40 PVC in Trench or SDR 13 HDPE Plowed, 55 Ft Non-Encased, Electrical Conduit, 1-2 Inch, Type III, SDR 11 HDPE, Bored, 408 Ft Sand-Encased, Electrical Conduit, 2-2 Inch, Type III, Sch. 80 PVC in Trench, 14 Each Cable Markers, 9 Each L-867B (12"), Class 1A, Junction Box with Flat Etched Steel Cover, 18 Each Remove & Dispose of Existing Runway Stake-Mounted Threshold Lights; Abandon Existing Transformers, 31 Each Remove & Dispose of Existing Runway Stake-Mounted Edge Lights; Abandon Existing Transformers, 2 Each Remove & Dispose of Existing Taxiway Stake-Mounted Edge Lights; Abandon Existing Transformers, 2 Each Remove & Dispose of Existing DEB Sign, 43 Each L-853 Retroreflective Marker, Type II (Elevated), Style I (Plowable), Soil Anchored, 33 Each L-861, 30-Inch Elevated, Mode 1, LED, Medium Intensity Runway Light (MIRL), White;

Yellow, Including Base Can & Concrete, 2 Each L-861, 30-Inch Elevated, Mode 1, LED, Medium Intensity Runway Light (MIRL), Yellow/Red, Including Light Base Can & Concrete, 2 Each L-861, 30-Inch Elevated, Mode 1, LED, Medium Intensity Runway Light (MIRL), Green/Yellow, Including Light Base Can & Concrete, 2 Each L-861, 30-Inch Elevated, Mode 1, LED, Medium Intensity Runway Light (MIRL), Red, Including Light Base Can & Concrete, 6 Each L-861E, 30-Inch Elevated, Mode 1, LED, Medium Intensity Runway Light (MIRL), Green Uni-direction, Including Light Base Can & Concrete, 28 Each L-861T, 30-Inch Elevated, Mode 1, LED, Medium Intensity Taxiway Light (MITL), Blue, Including Light Base Can & Concrete, 4 Sets L-861T, 30-Inch Elevated, Entrance/Exit, Mode 1, LED, Medium Intensity Taxiway Light (MITL), Blue, Including Base Can & Concrete (2 Units per Set), 2 Each L-858R/L, Mandatory/Location, Airfield Sign, Size 1, Style 4 (Unlighted), Mode 1, 2-Module Including Concrete Sign Pad, 2 Each L-858R/L, Mandatory/Location, Airfield Sign, Size 1, Style 4 (Unlighted), Mode 1, 3-Module Including Concrete Sign Pad, 2 Each L-881 Abbreviated Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI), Style B (Current), Class 2, LED, w/ Baffles Including Concrete Footings, Site Pads, & Junction Boxes, Spare Parts

Alternate Bid 1  
Primary Work: Approximately 1 Each Remove & Dispose of Existing Beacon w/ Bird Spikes; Wood Utility Pole to Remain, 1 Each L-801A LED Rotating Beacon, Class 2, Including Tell-Tale Relay, L-810 Double LED Steady Burn Red Obstruction Lights, 1 Each 40' Tip-Down Pole, Primed & Painted Including Concrete Footing & Site Pad, 154 Ft 1/2" No. 4 Cu. AWG, 600V, THWN-2, Installed in Conduit, 77 Ft 1/2" No. 6 Cu. AWG, 600V (GND), THWN-2, Installed in Conduit, 48 Ft Trenching & Backfilling or Plowing for Conduit, 77 Ft Non-Encased, Electrical Conduit, 1-2 Inch, Type I, Sch. 40 PVC in Trench or SDR 13 HDPE Plowed

Plans and Specifications: Copies of the Plans and Specifications are available for inspection at: Office of the City of Faulkton, South Dakota, or at the Office of Helms and Associates, 416 Production Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained, at the Office of the latter, upon payment to Helms and Associates for shipping and handling in the amount of \$100 for an 11" x 17" size set of plans and specifications.

Plans and Specifications may be retrieved by registering with the Issuing Office at <http://www.helmsengineering.com/biddocs.html>. Following registration, complete sets of Plans and Specifications may be downloaded as portable document format (PDF) files. Users who have downloaded the Plans and Specifications will be mailed an invoice of \$20.00. All payments are non-refundable.

Additionally, upon request, in accordance with South Dakota Codified Law 5-18B-1, one copy of Plans and Specifications shall be furnished, without charge, to each Contractor resident in South Dakota who intends, in good faith, to bid upon the project.

2. Bid Guarantee: Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or draft in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid, and drawn on a solvent State or National Bank, or a ten percent (10%) Bid Bond issued by a surety authorized to do business in the State of South Dakota and payable to the City of Faulkton, South Dakota.

3. Contract Bonds: Separate Payment and Performance Bonds guaranteeing faithful performance of the Contract and payment of all labor, materials, rentals, etc., will be required for an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the Contract. All bonds must be issued or co-signed by a licensed resident agent of South Dakota.

4. Commencement and Completion: The Engineer will set the beginning date in a written "Notice to Proceed with Construction". The Contractor shall begin the work within ten (10) days of the date set forth in the written "Notice to Proceed" and shall complete the work within the number of calendar days, working days, or completion date or dates as shown in the Specifications.

5. Title VI: The City of Faulkton, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

6. Minimum Wage Rates: The successful bidder will be required to comply with all applicable Federal Labor Laws, including the minimum wage rates decision of the United States Department of Labor.

7. Affirmative Action: A Contractor who may be awarded a contract of \$10,000 or more and subcontractors who may be awarded a subcontract of \$10,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the advertised specifications.

8. Award of Contract: The right is reserved, as the interest of the City of Faulkton, South Dakota, may require, to reject any and all bids, to waive

informality in bids received, and to accept or reject any items of any bid, unless such bid is qualified by specific limitation.

9. The contractor will certify that he and any of his subcontractors meet the requirements of 49 CFR, Part 29, regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility and voluntary exclusion as further described in these specifications.

10. The contractor will certify that he and his subcontractors will comply with the 49 CFR, 30.17, regarding Foreign Trade Restrictions as further noted in project specifications.

11. The contractor will certify that he and his subcontractors will comply with "BUY AMERICAN CERTIFICATION (JAN. 1991)" as further noted in project specifications.

12. The contractor will comply with "BUY AMERICAN-STEEL AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS (JAN. 1991)" as further described in project specifications.

13. If an applicant (corporation) has either unpaid Federal tax liability or has been convicted of a criminal violation under any Federal law within the

No. 108, May 13, 2026

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE CITY OF FAULKTON AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

	General Fund	2nd Cent Fund	Gross Receipts Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Beginning Balance .....	746,814.53	339,048.61	28,530.67	1,114,393.81
<b>Revenues and Other Sources:</b>				
<b>Taxes:</b>				
Property taxes .....	277,830.80	0.00	0.00	277,830.80
General Sales and use taxes ..	268,759.72	268,759.88	26,202.50	563,722.10
Penalties and Interest on				
Delinquent Taxes .....	606.07	0.00	0.00	606.07
Licenses and permits .....	13,261.36	0.00	0.00	13,261.36
Intergovernmental Revenues:				
State Grants .....	2,700.00	0.00	0.00	2,700.00
State shared Revenue .....	68,936.45	0.00	0.00	68,936.45
County Shared Revenue: .....	2,421.81	0.00	0.00	2,421.81
Charges for goods and services:				
Sanitation .....	4,470.00	0.00	0.00	4,470.00
Culture and Recreation .....	26,131.20	0.00	0.00	26,131.20
Fines and Forfeits:				
Court Fines and Forfeits .....	3,485.00	0.00	0.00	3,485.00
Other .....	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Miscellaneous Revenue and Other Sources:				
Interest Earnings .....	27,474.24	13,638.75	1,040.58	42,153.57
Rentals.....	5,735.25	0.00	0.00	5,735.25
Other Revenues.....	2,270.59	0.00	0.00	2,270.59
Sale of Municipal Property.....	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Revenue and Other Sources .....</b>	<b>705,157.49</b>	<b>282,398.63</b>	<b>27,243.08</b>	<b>1,014,799.20</b>
<b>Expenditures and Other Uses:</b>				
Legislative .....	14,122.35	0.00	0.00	14,122.35
Executive.....	8,429.29	0.00	0.00	8,429.29
Elections.....	276.85	0.00	0.00	276.85
Financial Administration .....	122,483.22	0.00	0.00	122,483.22
Other General Government.....	25,321.62	0.00	0.00	25,321.62
Police .....	46,229.00	0.00	0.00	46,229.00
Fire.....	15,007.17	0.00	0.00	15,007.17
Highways and Streets.....	215,549.21	146,551.24	0.00	361,900.45
Sanitation.....	22,977.14	0.00	0.00	22,977.14
Airport .....	17,087.04	83,032.87	0.00	100,119.91
Cemeteries.....	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Health.....	9,586.35	0.00	0.00	9,586.35
Recreation.....	55,773.45	2,188.25	0.00	57,961.70
Parks.....	53,052.13	0.00	0.00	53,052.13
Economic Development and Assistance.....	6,150.15	35,000.00	12,108.00	53,258.15
<b>Total Expenditures and Other Uses .....</b>	<b>615,844.97</b>	<b>266,772.36</b>	<b>12,108.00</b>	<b>894,725.33</b>
Increase/Decrease in Fund Balance.....	89,312.52	15,626.27	15,135.08	120,073.87
Ending Balance:				
Restricted.....	250,000.00	0.00	0.00	250,000.00
Committed .....	0.00	354,674.88	43,665.75	398,340.63
Assigned.....	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
Unassigned.....	585,877.05	0.00	0.00	585,877.05
<b>Total Ending Fund Balance .....</b>	<b>836,127.05</b>	<b>354,674.88</b>	<b>43,665.75</b>	<b>1,234,467.68</b>

**PROPRIETARY FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Enterprise Funds
Beginning Balance.....	298,752.09	234,283.14	0.00
Revenues.....	333,513.79	216,502.34	0.00
Expenses .....	341,249.04	205,376.22	0.00
<b>Ending Balance:</b>			
Restricted for:	0	0	0
Revenue Bond Debt Service.....	52,501.11	148,697.40	0.00
Equipment Repair and/or Replacement.....	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
Unrestricted .....	208,515.73	96,711.86	0.00
<b>Enterprise Long-term Debt.....</b>	<b>971,387.29</b>	<b>3,186,893.53</b>	<b>4,061,614.48</b>

The preceding financial data does not include component units. Information pertaining to those activities may be obtained by contacting the municipal finance officer at 605-598-6515.

Municipal funds are deposited as follows:

Dacotah Bank Faulkton:	
Checking .....	24,882.69
Savings .....	1,710,969.43
Petty Cash .....	150.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,736,002.12</b>

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preceding 24 months, the applicant is ineligible to receive an award unless the sponsor has received notification from the agency suspension and debarment official (SDO) that the SDO has considered suspension or debarment and determined that further action is not required to protect the Government's interests.

**A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. (local time), May 26, 2026 via GoToMeeting. The conference is intended to clarify any questions regarding bidding and/or construction requirements. All interested contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers are encouraged to attend. Below is the link and call-in information:**

**https://meet.goto.com/608622997**  
**Access Code: 608-622-997**  
**United States: +1 (646) 749-3122**  
 Trisha Adams, Finance Officer  
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19046 FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 TRAVELERS CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	ONE TOWER SQUARE HARTFORD, CT 06183
MAIL ADDRESS:	ONE TOWER SQUARE HARTFORD, CT 06183
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Bonds .....	\$2,309,977,816.00
Stocks .....	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate .....	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned.....	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits.....	\$14,331,077.00
Agents Balances or Uncollected Premiums.....	\$293,874,678.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income Due and Accrued .....	\$22,875,129.00
Other Assets .....	\$133,251,009.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS.....</b>	<b>\$2,774,309,708.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES, SURPLUS &amp; OTHER FUNDS</b>	
Reserve for Losses.....	\$1,214,458,478.00
Reserve for Loss Adjustment Expenses .....	\$250,068,499.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees).....	\$21,787,479.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes).....	\$10,076,844.00
Federal and Foreign Income Taxes .....	\$8,671,449.00
Unearned Premiums .....	\$506,044,368.00
All Other Liabilities .....	\$110,679,850.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES.....</b>	<b>\$2,121,786,967.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds.....	\$1,383,333.00
Capital Paid up or Statutory Deposit .....	\$6,000,000.00
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus .....	\$125,632,050.00
Unassigned Surplus .....	\$519,507,359.00
Surplus as Regards Policyholders.....	\$652,522,742.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$2,774,309,708.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025</b>	
Direct Premiums Written .....	\$3,478,481.00
Direct Premiums Earned.....	\$3,274,863.00
Direct Losses Paid.....	\$624,694.00
Direct Losses Incurred .....	\$1,637,487.00
<b>STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF INSURANCE   STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY</b>	
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 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., 2026.	
LARRY DEITER Director of Insurance	

# Small Business, Big Impact

By Sen. John Thune

During the first week of May, we celebrate Small Business Week. This time of year, the impact that small businesses have in our communities is especially evident. We might notice the Little League team has the name of its local business sponsor on the back of its jerseys. High schoolers might be applying for summer jobs at a restaurant on Main Street. And a little outside of town, we can see planting season is underway on family farms across South Dakota.

Small businesses aren't just a

big part of our economy, they're also pillars of our communities. Nearly half of private sector jobs in America are at small businesses, and most of our nation's job growth comes from smaller enterprises. And one of my top priorities is strengthening our small businesses, farms, and ranches so they can continue to be engines of growth and opportunity in our country.

That's exactly what Republicans did last year with the Working Families Tax Cuts. In addition to permanent tax relief for hardworking South Dakotans, this bill included permanent, pro-growth tax policy to help South Dakota small businesses, farms, and

ranches. It made permanent the lower small business tax rates that Republicans enacted in 2017. It also made permanent full expensing for new equipment, which allows small businesses to deduct the full cost of a new piece of equipment the year they start using it, which makes it a lot easier for a farmer to buy a new tractor or a factory to get a new machine online.

This bill also made permanent the 199A small business deduction, which enables South Dakota small businesses to reduce their tax burden and free up money to invest in their operations and their employees. In fact, one agricultural cooperative in our state estimates the impact of this deduction at over \$100 million since it was first enacted in 2017, and another South Dakota

business credits it with allowing them to build a large addition and hire additional employees.

Here in South Dakota, a lot of our small businesses are also family businesses, and the Working Families Tax Cuts helps ensure more of these enterprises stay in the family for generations to come. I'm proud to have worked to increase the exemption threshold for the death tax in this bill, which protects a lot more family businesses, farms, and ranches from a possibly devastating tax bill when they pass the business on to the next generation, not to mention the costly estate planning expenses that many families incur because of this unfair tax.

As much as this bill helps their businesses, when I talk to small business owners in South

Dakota, they are often most excited about what the Working Families Tax Cuts does for their employees and customers. This bill puts more money in their customers' pockets, and policies like no tax on tips and no tax on overtime deliver significant tax savings for their employees.

Like a lot of South Dakotans, I got my start working at a small business when I was in high school, taking shifts at the Star Family Restaurant in Murdo. I know there's nothing small about the impact these businesses have in their communities, and I'm proud to be working to strengthen our small businesses so they can continue to be engines for the American Dream.

19062	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
THE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	
ONE TOWER SQUARE HARTFORD, CT 06183	
MAIL ADDRESS:	
ONE TOWER SQUARE HARTFORD, CT 06183	
ASSETS:	
Bonds	\$1,177,360,447.00
Stocks	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$19,756,301.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$137,165,640.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$12,708,774.00
Other Assets	\$64,942,768.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,411,933,931.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$609,453,522.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$125,492,251.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$10,932,967.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$5,056,878.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$4,090,773.00
Unearned Premiums	\$253,949,005.00
All Other Liabilities	\$53,150,421.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,062,125,818.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$694,200.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$6,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$98,351,325.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$244,762,588.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$349,808,113.00
TOTAL	\$1,411,933,931.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$71,327.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$57,087.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$0.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$28,400.00

**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:

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

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

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER

Director of Insurance

19070	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
THE STANDARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	
ONE TOWER SQUARE HARTFORD, CT 06183	
MAIL ADDRESS:	
ONE TOWER SQUARE HARTFORD, CT 06183	
ASSETS:	
Bonds	\$3,984,237,710.00
Stocks	\$590,751,727.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$118,375,216.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$484,585,181.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$36,027,575.00
Other Assets	\$620,496,437.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,834,473,846.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$2,153,105,874.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$443,344,885.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$38,760,765.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$17,865,174.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$14,040,506.00
Unearned Premiums	\$897,162,909.00
All Other Liabilities	\$430,894,669.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,995,174,781.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$2,452,502.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$5,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$623,472,070.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$1,208,374,493.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$1,839,299,065.00
TOTAL	\$5,834,473,846.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$7,349,768.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$6,643,256.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$3,424,337.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$2,772,596.00

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

WHEREAS, the The Standard Fire Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:

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

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

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

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER

Director of Insurance

19100	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
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	\$204,125,874.00
Stocks	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$15,775,897.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$40,219,986.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$1,424,877.00
Other Assets	\$203,951,727.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$465,498,361.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$0.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$0.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$0.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$0.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$8,291,503.00
Unearned Premiums	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities	\$247,048,148.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$255,339,651.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$3,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$177,486,674.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$29,672,036.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$210,158,710.00
TOTAL	\$465,498,361.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$1,600,254.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$5,032,749.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$1,620,898.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$336,358.00

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

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

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

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

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

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.

LARRY DEITER

Director of Insurance

19186	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
ALLIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	
1122 N MAIN ST MCPHERSON, KS 67460	
MAIL ADDRESS:	
PO BOX 1401 MCPHERSON, KS 67460	
ASSETS:	
Bonds	\$35,915,106.00
Stocks	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$9,498.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$0.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$260,773.00
Other Assets	\$3,208,841.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$39,394,218.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$7,344,834.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$1,008,958.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$98,290.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$212,538.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$598,776.00
Unearned Premiums	\$13,324,919.00
All Other Liabilities	\$700,455.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$23,288,770.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$1,516,466.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$758,660.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$13,830,325.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$16,105,451.00
TOTAL	\$39,394,221.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$1,746,835.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$1,721,652.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$416,947.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$271,164.00

**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, 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., 2026.

LARRY DEITER

Director of Insurance

19194	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
FARMERS ALLIANCE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	
1122 N MAIN ST MCPHERSON, KS 67460	
MAIL ADDRESS:	
PO BOX 1401 MCPHERSON, KS 67460	
ASSETS:	
Bonds	\$296,846,849.00
Stocks	\$59,562,633.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	\$8,025,981.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$19,763,434.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$52,152,617.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$2,098,962.00
Other Assets	\$40,235,912.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$478,686,388.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$67,103,499.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$8,828,386.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$13,726,881.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$1,859,717.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$0.00
Unearned Premiums	\$116,593,027.00
All Other Liabilities	\$12,637,428.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$220,748,938.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$500,000.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$0.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$257,437,454.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$257,937,454.00
TOTAL	\$478,686,392.00

BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$15,115,722.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$14,582,722.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$7,017,532.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$5,615,121.00

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

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# Rooted in Rural America

By Rep. Dusty Johnson  
BIG News

I've met with ag producers across South Dakota and they all agree – we need a Farm Bill. Farmers and ranchers want certainty as they plan for the future, and outdated farm policy is holding them back.

This week, we got one step closer to providing that certainty: **the House passed the Farm Bill with my support.** This legislation contained a dozen of my priorities to support rural America and South Dakota producers. These investments in American agriculture strengthen communities, secure our food supply chains, and put our

producers first.

My bills to expand processing capacity outside of the Big 4 meat packers, protect American trade, end California's Prop 12 requirements, and support working lands conservation were included in the Farm Bill.

## BIG Idea

Access to high-speed internet brings e-commerce, education, and socialization to the most remote areas of our state. Federal programs to deploy rural broadband and connect all Americans must be implemented to maximize impact. The Farm Bill I just passed strengthens this connectivity.

This week, I met with the South Dakota Telecommunications Assoc. to discuss how the Farm Bill supports their work and

additional ways to achieve a more connected South Dakota.

## BIG Update

South Dakota continues to grow – that's great news – but it presents challenges when it comes to ensuring a sustainable water supply for future generations. I testified in the House Natural Resources Committee on behalf of my bills to help the Lewis & Clark, Dakota Mainstem, and Western Dakota water projects receive the approval they need to move forward. Each system would draw water from the Missouri River to provide ample resources for communities in eastern, southeastern, and western South Dakota. Together, these projects will reach more than half of the South Dakota population.

It's hard to overstate the

importance of water – I'm grateful for the opportunity to partner with these water systems to ensure South Dakota

remains healthy and strong for generations to come.



Thanks to Faulkton Business and Professional Association for the \$500 in Faulkton bucks that I won at All Roads Lead to Faulkton event. Our family had fun hunting for bargains and attending community gatherings at the event. Winning the drawing was the icing on the cake!

Sincerely, Sylvia Anderson

19224	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
ST. PAUL PROTECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	
ONE TOWER SQUARE	
HARTFORD, CT 06183	
MAIL ADDRESS:	
ONE TOWER SQUARE	
HARTFORD, CT 06183	
ASSETS:	
Bonds	\$594,839,239.00
Stocks	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$670,956.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$10,966,113.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$6,453,358.00
Other Assets	\$118,642,003.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$731,571,669.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$258,016,819.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$53,128,107.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$4,643,696.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$2,140,868.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$1,874,888.00
Unearned Premiums	\$107,511,258.00
All Other Liabilities	\$61,107,969.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$488,423,605.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$293,895.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$4,200,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$201,201,337.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$37,452,832.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$243,148,064.00
TOTAL	\$731,571,669.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$472,316.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$274,852.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$34,451.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$118,096.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the St. Paul Protective Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Connecticut, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17  
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., 2026.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19232	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	
3100 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE 201	
NORTHBROOK, IL 60062	
MAIL ADDRESS:	
3100 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE 201	
NORTHBROOK, IL 60062	
ASSETS:	
Bonds	\$41,935,868,150.00
Stocks	\$8,324,899,117.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$884,611,308.00
Real Estate Owned	\$201,693,508.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$1,815,914,179.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$9,838,956,620.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$507,012,146.00
Other Assets	\$13,455,670,811.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$76,964,625,839.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$25,326,250,848.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$3,209,971,862.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$1,444,359,068.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$261,250,413.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$399,535,625.00
Unearned Premiums	\$20,485,871,124.00
All Other Liabilities	\$5,088,742,435.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$56,215,981,375.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$2,977,747.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$3,882,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$3,284,769,264.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$17,457,015,453.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$20,748,644,464.00
TOTAL	\$76,964,625,839.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$7,582,215.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$8,495,418.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$4,991,830.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$2,670,750.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the Allstate Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Illinois, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 27  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19240	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
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:	
Bonds	\$35,097,533.00
Stocks	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$2,545,400.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$0.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$347,752.00
Other Assets	\$9,963,249.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$47,953,934.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$0.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$0.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$0.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$0.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$0.00
Unearned Premiums	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities	\$11,237,180.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$11,237,180.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$4,200,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$34,569,340.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$947,414.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$36,716,754.00
TOTAL	\$47,953,934.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$1,196,311.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$1,068,760.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$862,252.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$1,178,463.00

**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., 2026.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19275	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
AMERICAN FAMILY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, S.I.	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	
6000 AMERICAN PKWY	
MADISON, WI 53783	
MAIL ADDRESS:	
6000 AMERICAN PKWY	
MADISON, WI 53783	
ASSETS:	
Bonds	\$22,559,866,021.00
Stocks	\$4,920,927,564.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$562,272,222.00
Real Estate Owned	\$126,489,875.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$1,279,382,530.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$3,451,514,422.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$183,148,795.00
Other Assets	\$3,460,329,793.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$36,543,931,222.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$8,474,826,208.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$1,440,074,529.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$1,372,104,603.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$12,552,504.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$297,630,354.00
Unearned Premiums	\$7,668,550,937.00
All Other Liabilities	\$4,262,810,558.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$23,528,549,693.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$38,055,312.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$3,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$1,918,963,819.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$11,055,362,398.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$13,015,381,529.00
TOTAL	\$36,543,931,222.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$62,840,353.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$63,581,708.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$21,524,510.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$18,244,772.00

**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, 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., 2026.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19283	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
AMERICAN STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	
6000 AMERICAN PKWY	
MADISON, WI 53783	
MAIL ADDRESS:	
6000 AMERICAN PKWY	
MADISON, WI 53783	
ASSETS:	
Bonds	\$262,631,436.00
Stocks	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$15,819,915.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$1,103,530.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$2,414,665.00
Other Assets	\$61,404,735.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$343,374,281.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$0.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$0.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$0.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$83,802.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$1,072,381.00
Unearned Premiums	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities	\$6,990,308.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$8,146,491.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$3,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$3,000,000.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$329,227,790.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$335,227,790.00
TOTAL	\$343,374,281.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$516,927.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$564,731.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$337,397.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$31,609.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the American Standard Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Wisconsin, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 26, 27  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
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., 2026.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

**Public Notices  
Highlight Insurance  
Companies'  
Financial Condition**

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

Insurance companies doing business in South Dakota are required by state law to publish these financial summaries each year. The summary lists the insurance

company's assets, liabilities, business in South Dakota for the year and the lines in which the company is authorized by the state of South Dakota to sell insurance.

"Public notices published in newspapers have an important role in keeping citizens informed and providing bonafide transparency. The publication of these insurance company financial summaries supports those principles and helps to inform South Dakotans about an important part of the

financial industry in our state," said South Dakota NewsMedia Association Executive Director David Bordewyk. "This is why public notices published in the local newspaper remain vital in our democracy."

For more information about any insurance company doing business in South Dakota, contact the state Division of Insurance in Pierre at (605) 773-3563.

More than 8 out of 10 South Dakotans believe that publishing public notices in a local newspaper should be required. That is according to a statewide survey of 406

South Dakota adults commissioned by SDNA and conducted by Coda Ventures in 2024.

South Dakota NewsMedia

Association, based in Brookings, represents the state's newspapers and digital news outlets.

**Spring is here . . .**

**WEED SEASON . . .**

**Spring brings numerous weeds.  
Canadian Thistle and wormwood need  
spraying especially in pastures, creeks,  
fence lines and abandon farm sites!**

*Good neighbors control noxious weeds.*

*Be a Good Neighbor and Spray!*

**Faulk County Weed Board**

19399	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
AIU INSURANCE COMPANY	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	
1271 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS	
NEW YORK, NY 10020-1304	
MAIL ADDRESS:	
1271 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS	
NEW YORK, NY 10020-1304	
ASSETS:	
Bonds	\$76,504,240.00
Stocks	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$2,037,782.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$0.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$440,982.00
Other Assets	\$16,665,298.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$95,648,303.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$0.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$0.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$0.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$0.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$282,549.00
Unearned Premiums	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities	\$20,771,828.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$21,054,375.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$5,627,800.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$13,985,059.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$54,981,069.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$74,593,927.00
TOTAL	\$95,648,303.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$514,243.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$475,812.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$87,932.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$131,746.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the AIU 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  
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., 2026.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19429	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	
500 WEST MADISON STREET, SUITE 3000	
CHICAGO, IL 60661	
MAIL ADDRESS:	
1271 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS	
NEW YORK, NY 10020-1304	
ASSETS:	
Bonds	\$43,921,366.00
Stocks	\$0.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$6,090,335.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$0.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$308,643.00
Other Assets	\$57,039,340.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$107,359,684.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$0.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$0.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$0.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$0.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$782,273.00
Unearned Premiums	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities	\$67,475,175.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$68,257,448.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$5,005,500.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$17,320,615.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$16,776,121.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$39,102,236.00
TOTAL	\$107,359,684.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$1,789,793.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$1,695,597.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$372,272.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$4,110,993.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the The Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Illinois, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19445	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PITTSBURGH, PA	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	
5235 NORTH FRONT STREET	
HARRISBURG, PA 17110	
MAIL ADDRESS:	
1271 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS	
NEW YORK, NY 10020-1304	
ASSETS:	
Bonds	\$12,833,016,098.00
Stocks	\$181,241,622.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$1,537,940,751.00
Real Estate Owned	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$1,094,802,708.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$1,315,743,411.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$119,653,976.00
Other Assets	\$3,466,863,270.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$20,549,261,836.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$7,704,105,739.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$941,881,271.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$21,854,652.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$127,344,771.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$55,589,676.00
Unearned Premiums	\$2,737,521,766.00
All Other Liabilities	\$4,362,850,207.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,113,896,151.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$683,756,951.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$4,478,750.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$3,909,878,052.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$1,248,954,056.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$5,847,067,809.00
TOTAL	\$20,549,261,836.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$16,851,704.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$14,663,300.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$3,946,935.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$800,537.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Pennsylvania, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
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1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
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., 2026.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19488	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
AMERISURE INSURANCE COMPANY	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	
26777 HALSTED ROAD	
FARMINGTON, MI 48331	
MAIL ADDRESS:	
26777 HALSTED ROAD	
FARMINGTON, MI 48331	
ASSETS:	
Bonds	\$697,236,627.00
Stocks	\$977,300.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$10,657,203.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$182,480,091.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$3,716,795.00
Other Assets	\$123,185,068.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,018,253,084.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$368,259,887.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$113,796,123.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$3,225,076.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$1,744,547.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$0.00
Unearned Premiums	\$130,146,615.00
All Other Liabilities	\$178,850,160.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$796,022,408.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$12,500,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$26,000,000.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$183,730,676.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$222,230,676.00
TOTAL	\$1,018,253,084.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$61,598.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$100,497.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$102,416.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$28,998.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the Amerisure Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Michigan, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) 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., 2026.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

19640	
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT	
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025	
COLUMBIA NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY	
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:	
12329 SOUTHPORT PARKWAY STE 200	
LAVISTA, NE 68128	
MAIL ADDRESS:	
PO BOX 618	
COLUMBIA, MO 65205	
ASSETS:	
Bonds	\$70,927,495.00
Stocks	\$5,814,008.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$0.00
Real Estate Owned	\$0.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$1,709,306.00
Agents Balances or	
Uncollected Premiums	\$15,161,670.00
Interest, Dividends and Real Estate Income	
Due and Accrued	\$661,599.00
Other Assets	\$2,771,987.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$97,046,065.00
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	
Reserve for Losses	\$23,464,932.00
Reserve for Loss	
Adjustment Expenses	\$5,999,989.00
Other Expenses (excluding taxes, licenses and fees)	\$46,798.00
Taxes, Licenses and Fees (excluding Federal and Foreign Income Taxes)	\$50,184.00
Federal and Foreign	
Income Taxes	\$0.00
Unearned Premiums	\$19,597,733.00
All Other Liabilities	\$5,266,085.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$54,425,721.00
Special Surplus Funds	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up or	
Statutory Deposit	\$2,900,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$12,806,281.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$26,914,063.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$42,620,344.00
TOTAL	\$97,046,065.00
BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025	
Direct Premiums Written	\$1,470,095.00
Direct Premiums Earned	\$1,432,623.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$482,228.00
Direct Losses Incurred	\$495,776.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the Columbia National Insurance Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Nebraska, has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota;  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 26, 27  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal  
in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

NOTICE OF VACANCY MUNICIPALITY OF CRESBARD

The following office will become vacant due to the expiration of the present elective officer: Trevor Ketchum, Street Commissioner, three year term

Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on July 3, 2026 and the petitions may be filed in the office of the finance officer the Town Hall in Cresbard between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5P.M. ( Central Standard time) not later than the 25th of August 2026.

Petitions can be picked up from the city finance officer.

Marilora Nipp, Finance Officer Town of Cresbard

Published two times at the total approximate cost of \$16.70.

Seneca Town Board Meeting

May 4, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Seneca Town Hall

Jeff Griener, president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Those present were Jeff Greiner, president; Lois Henry, trustee; Shirley Greiner, clerk; Kathy Bitzer, treasurer; Jim Bitzer, maintenance; and Keely Hamburger, finance officer; townspersons, Ed Liechi and David Hansen.

Mr. Liechi brought concerns to the town board about the dust from the road and the speed of the people who travel on the road.

April's meeting minutes were read by the finance officer. Approval of the minutes was motioned first by Lois Henry and seconded by Jeff Greiner.

The following bills were presented for approval:

EMC \$387.55; MDU 465.35; Faulkton Record 21.71; State of SD Health Lab \$20.00; R&K Mechanical \$4,933.14; Reuer Sanitation \$198.00; DPC \$585.46; Winwater \$16.93; Jim Bitzer \$521.42; Hoefert's Implement \$23.50; WEB Water \$454.29.

A motion to accept and approve the payment of the above bills for May by Jeff Greiner and seconded by Lois Henry.

Review of monthly account balances at the conclusion of April was read by the treasurer. It was approved with a motion by Lois Henry and seconded by Jeff Greiner.

South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources' Public Water System On-Site Evaluation Report was filled out and returned.

There being no further business before the Seneca Town Board, Lois Henry made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jeff Greiner at 7:30 PM.

The next Seneca Town Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, at 6:30 PM at the Seneca Fire Hall. Finance Officer, Keely Hamburger

Keely Hamburger, Clerk Published one time at the total approximate cost of \$18.70.

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Table 63274: FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 FIDELITY & GUARANTY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. Assets: \$46,394,371,986.00. Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds: \$73,133,097,250.00. Business in South Dakota 2025: \$33,163,896.00.

Table 63312: FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 MASSMUTUAL ASCEND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. Assets: \$40,391,510,239.00. Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds: \$59,172,315,796.00. Business in South Dakota 2025: \$16,292,623.00.

Table 63444: FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 ACCENDO INSURANCE COMPANY. Assets: \$283,104,716.00. Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds: \$584,269,198.00. Business in South Dakota 2025: \$710,885.00.

Table 63762: FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 MEDCO CONTAINMENT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. Assets: \$9,745,256.00. Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds: \$2,772,899,587.00. Business in South Dakota 2025: \$11,817,665.00.

Table 63983: FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 UNITED HERITAGE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY. Assets: \$666,459,342.00. Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds: \$843,046,209.00. Business in South Dakota 2025: \$0.00.

**NOTICE OF PROPANE BIDS**

The board of County Commissioners of Faulk County, South Dakota will receive sealed bids at the Auditor's Office **until 5:00p.m. Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. The bids will be opened at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse, Faulkton, South Dakota.

For a 1 year supply of propane gas for the County Highway Dept.

For a 1 year supply of propane gas for the Faulk County Jail.

For a 1 year supply of propane gas for the Faulk County Library.

Successful bidder must submit verification of current prices on each delivery if bid is cost plus.

Specifications and bid proposals for bidding can be obtained at the Faulk County Highway Office. Specifications declare a 1 year period from June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, to the June 2027 Commissioners meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to

reject any or all bids, and to waive any defects in the best interest of the County.

**PLEASE MARK THE ENVELOPE "SEALED PROPANE BID"**

Bids must include no tax, cost plus on day of delivery if not a solid bid for all year. F.O.B. locations listed above.

By order of the County Board  
Date: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Aimee Law, Auditor

Allen Hadrick, Chairman  
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No. 103, Apr. 29, May 6 & 13, 2026  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
IN CIRCUIT COURT

SS  
COUNTY OF FAULK  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
Estate of MARY VINCENT,  
DECEASED.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that on the 14 day of April, 2026, Linda Johnson,

whose address is 306 S. Exene St., Gettysburg, South Dakota 57442, was appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Vincent.

Creditors of Decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the Personal Representative's appointment, herein 14 day of April, 2026, or within sixty days after the mailing or other delivery of this written notice, whichever is later or be forever barred.

Claims may be filed with the Personal Representative or may be filed with the Faulk County Clerk of Courts, a copy thereafter mailed to the Personal Representative.

Dated this 23 day of April, 2026.  
/s/ Linda Johnson  
Linda Johnson  
306 S. Exene St.  
Gettysburg, SD 57442

Faulk County Clerk of Court  
PO Box 357  
110 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. South  
Faulkton, SD 57438  
Prepared By:

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**64211**  
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025  
**GUARANTEE TRUST LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
18205 CAPITOL AVENUE, SUITE 305  
OMAHA, NE 68022  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
1275 MILWAUKEE AVE  
GLENVIEW, IL 60025

**ASSETS:**

Bonds	\$742,166,509.00
Stocks	\$23,719,272.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$74,620,017.00
Real Estate Owned	\$6,717,915.00
Policy Loans	\$2,103,648.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$22,744,020.00
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums	\$8,723,566.00
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued	\$6,111,429.00
Other Assets	\$59,271,794.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$946,178,170.00</b>

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**

Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts	\$131,529,943.00
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies	\$488,216,665.00
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	\$2,746,590.00
Accident & Health	\$42,843,478.00
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued	\$12,395,127.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	\$3,759,919.00
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities	\$38,982,591.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$720,474,313.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds	\$12,130,975.00
Capital Paid Up	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$0.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$213,572,882.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$225,703,857.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$946,178,170.00</b>

**64246**  
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025  
**THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**  
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
10 HUDSON YARDS  
NEW YORK, NY 10001  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
10 HUDSON YARDS  
NEW YORK, NY 10001

**ASSETS:**

Bonds	\$57,671,213,015.00
Stocks	\$1,648,915,274.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$8,622,361,784.00
Real Estate Owned	\$251,574,412.00
Policy Loans	\$6,573,411,464.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$2,166,436,413.00
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums	\$1,207,544,856.00
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued	\$648,594,066.00
Other Assets	\$14,994,610,525.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$93,784,661,509.00</b>

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**

Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts	\$58,458,172,525.00
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies	\$5,458,746,736.00
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	\$406,057,557.00
Accident & Health	\$351,515,927.00
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued	\$1,238,968,838.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	\$47,577,523.00
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities	\$17,859,096,908.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$83,820,136,014.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds	\$1,507,259,795.00
Capital Paid Up	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$0.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$8,457,265,700.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$9,964,525,495.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$93,784,661,509.00</b>

**64505**  
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025  
**HOMESTEADERS LIFE COMPANY**  
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
5700 WESTOWN PARKWAY  
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
5700 WESTOWN PARKWAY  
WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266

**ASSETS:**

Bonds	\$3,575,729,800.00
Stocks	\$8,422,800.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$315,533,185.00
Real Estate Owned	\$13,147,158.00
Policy Loans	\$1,238,875.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$52,925,510.00
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums	\$20,961,666.00
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued	\$37,107,851.00
Other Assets	\$354,365,460.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$4,379,432,305.00</b>

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**

Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts	\$3,789,258,769.00
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies	\$0.00
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	\$4,462,116.00
Accident & Health	\$0.00
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued	\$12,236,316.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	\$2,955,986.00
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued	\$2,608,821.00
All Other Liabilities	\$234,669,833.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$4,046,191,841.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up	\$20,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$0.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$313,240,466.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$333,240,466.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,379,432,307.00</b>

**64580**  
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025  
**ILLINOIS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO**  
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
300 SW ADAMS ST  
PEORIA, IL 61634  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
300 SW ADAMS ST  
PEORIA, IL 61634

**ASSETS:**

Bonds	\$1,195,693,871.00
Stocks	\$7,851,230.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$84,050,884.00
Real Estate Owned	\$3,707,514.00
Policy Loans	\$18,817,845.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$16,387,502.00
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums	\$27,081,734.00
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued	\$13,200,585.00
Other Assets	\$127,721,095.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,565,173,360.00</b>

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**

Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts	\$702,433,547.00
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies	\$309,486,609.00
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	\$6,764,034.00
Accident & Health	\$708,092.00
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued	\$3,639,024.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	\$366,709.00
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities	\$229,358,118.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$1,252,756,133.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds	\$0.00
Capital Paid Up	\$0.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$0.00
Unassigned Surplus	\$31,241,227.00
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$312,417,227.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,565,173,360.00</b>

**65005**  
FROM ANNUAL STATEMENT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025  
**RIVERSOURCE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
HOME OFFICE ADDRESS:  
227 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474  
MAIL ADDRESS:  
227 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474

**ASSETS:**

Bonds	\$9,635,765,190.00
Stocks	\$425,842,234.00
Mortgage Loans on	
Real Estate	\$1,215,898,461.00
Real Estate Owned	\$65,808,095.00
Policy Loans	\$993,051,343.00
Cash and Bank Deposits	\$2,607,834,260.00
Deferred and	
Uncollected Premiums	\$4,990,058.00
Investment Income	
Due and Accrued	\$112,948,732.00
Other Assets	\$108,811,818,731.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$123,873,957,104.00</b>

**LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS**

Reserve for Life	
Policies & Contracts	\$11,408,250,235.00
Reserve for Accident	
& Health Policies	\$2,974,291,941.00
Policy and Contract Claims	
Life	\$46,229,811.00
Accident & Health	\$16,321,541.00
General Expenses	
Due or Accrued	\$25,623,269.00
Taxes, Licenses & Fees	
Due or Accrued	\$16,276,314.00
Federal Income Taxes	
Due or Accrued	\$0.00
All Other Liabilities	\$106,894,204,515.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$121,381,197,626.00</b>
Special Surplus Funds	\$2,764,955,466.00
Capital Paid Up	\$3,000,000.00
Gross Paid In and	
Contributed Surplus	\$0.00
Unassigned Surplus	(\$275,195,988.00)
Surplus as Regards	
Policyholders	\$2,492,759,478.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$123,873,957,104.00</b>

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025**

Direct Premiums Received	\$3,888,568.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$1,801,071.00
Losses Incurred	\$2,042,984.00
Life Insurance in Force	\$5,828,470.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the GUARANTEE TRUST LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Illinois has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
1, 2  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) 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., 2026.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025**

Direct Premiums Received	\$8,064,785.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$12,675,473.00
Losses Incurred	\$6,662,505.10
Life Insurance in Force	\$656,409,595.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, 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) 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.  
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Director of Insurance

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025**

Direct Premiums Received	\$10,095,397.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$5,751,326.00
Losses Incurred	\$5,741,703.00
Life Insurance in Force	\$91,310,584.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the Homesteaders Life Company, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Iowa has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
1  
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., 2026.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025**

Direct Premiums Received	\$1,747,742.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$1,262,010.00
Losses Incurred	\$1,675,630.00
Life Insurance in Force	\$166,292,555.00

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**DIVISION OF INSURANCE | STATE CAPITOL, PIERRE**  
**COMPANY'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**  
WHEREAS, the Illinois Mutual Life Insurance Co, a Corporation organized under the Laws of Illinois has complied with all requirements of the Insurance Laws of the State of South Dakota:  
NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned, Director of Insurance of the State of South Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named Company is fully empowered through its authorized agents to transact the numbered lines of business listed below:  
1, 2  
1) Life; 2) Health; 3) Fire & Allied Lines; 4) Inland & Ocean Marine; 5) Workmen's Compensation; 6) Bodily Injury Liability (Other than Auto); 7) Property Damage (Other than Auto); 8) Auto Bodily Injury; 9) Auto Property Damage; 10) Auto Physical Damage; 11) Fidelity & Surety; 12) Glass; 13) Burglary & Theft; 14) Boiler & Machinery; 15) Aircraft; 16) Credit; 17) Crop-Hail; 18) Livestock; 19) Title; 20) Variable Annuities; 21) Variable Life; 22) Reinsurance; 23A) Travel Accident Baggage; 23B) Pre-Paid Legal; 23C) Bail Bonds Surety; 26) Commercial; 27) Personal in this State according to the Laws thereof, unless this Certificate of Authority is otherwise revoked, suspended or withdrawn.  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Pierre, S.D., this 1st day of May, A.D., 2026.  
LARRY DEITER  
Director of Insurance

**BUSINESS IN SOUTH DAKOTA 2025**

Direct Premiums Received	\$40,068,453.00
Direct Losses Paid	\$19,003,718.00
Losses Incurred	\$19,221,371.00
Life Insurance in Force	\$673,079,546.00

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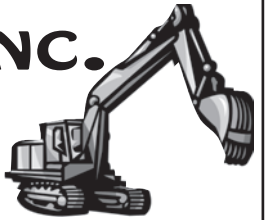
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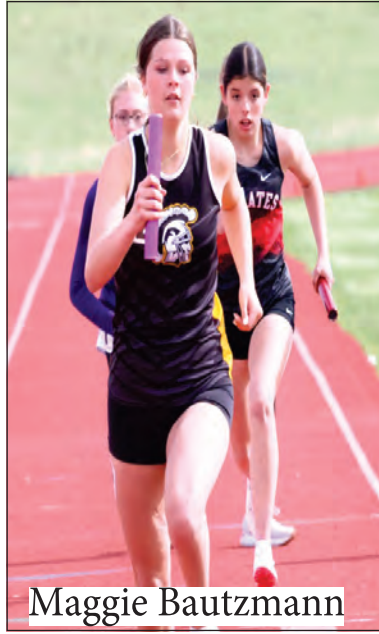
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