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bathroom for a company out near Fargo.

“Gary has been operating cranes since he was 18, 19 years old,” Carla said. “He is an awesome crane operator, and I’m a crane-aholic.”

Carla is original from the town of New England, while Gary is from Williston. They first came to the Beulah area working at the power plants before starting Lake View Services 13 years ago.

Nowadays, Carla said crane work requires bigger and bigger rigs.

“Things are getting heavier,” she said. “And it’s for safety reasons, too.”

“What they have found over the years is that the size of the cranes they have limit their potential for some of the work they do,” Leanne Stiefel, USB Lending Department Manager, said. She added that being able to acquire a substantially larger crane will help ensure Lake View Services can get the jobs they want, even if the work involved requires a larger rig.

At the end of February, Carla was visiting with then-outgoing USB Lending Department Manager Carla Borlaug during her retirement party.

“I told Carla (Borlaug), ‘You know, we’re going to buy a 250 ton crane,’” Carla Poeckes said.

Huber Obenauer and Stiefel were present at the time.

“We just asked, ‘Can we help you with that?’” Stiefel said. “And they were excited to work together with us and with the Bank of North Dakota.”

Working with USB and BND, Lake View Services was able to take advantage of a Bank of North Dakota Business Development Loan Program for financing the purchase.

“What we were able to do is partner with the Bank of North Dakota in order to get that program to help them to finance at an affordable rate,” Stiefel said.

“Having BND as our partner allows us to be bigger than ourselves,” Huber Obenauer said. “In rural North Dakota, we do things best with our ego checked at the door and in collaboration with each other.”

Also, because the actual transaction took place in North Dakota rather than some kind of capital lease out of Texas, the 5 percent tax on the transaction stays in North Dakota as well.

The need to upgrade led Gary and Carla to consider the 250 ton Tadano. Carla said Tadano makes good cranes. This crane was built in Germany and designed by Japan, before being shipped to Houston, Tex. CraneWorks then brought the new crane up to Beulah.

“It went absolutely smoothly,” Carla said of the process of purchasing and acquiring the crane.

Huber Obenauer said she has to remind herself of how impressive equipment like the new crane can be. She said people who live in Mercer County get used to seeing equipment and rigs like this, but visitors from outside the area are always amazed when they see them.

For a local business to acquire such an impressive crane, it takes a lot of dedication and passion to cranes and crane work. But it also takes strong professional and personal relationships to help with financing and delivery, so that Gary and Carla Poeckes can continue and build upon their passion and their dream.



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The new 250 ton Tadano crane (right), seen in comparison to what is now Lake View Services’ second largest crane, at 130 tons.



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GuideOne Elite Insurance Company In the state of Iowa	HealthPartners Insurance Company In the state of Minnesota
TOTAL ASSETS 33,347,021.00	TOTAL ASSETS 423,227,083.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES 4,940,852.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES 231,794,788.00
Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds 0.00	Aggregate write-ins for special surplus funds 0.00
Common Capital Stock 5,037,810.00	Common Capital Stock 47,900,000.00
Preferred Capital Stock 0.00	Preferred Capital Stock 0.00
Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than Special Surplus Funds 0.00	Aggregate Write-ins for Other Than Special Surplus Funds 0.00
Surplus Notes 0.00	Surplus Notes 0.00
Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus 1,709,308.00	Gross Paid in and Contributed Surplus 1,028,056.00
Unassigned Funds 21,556,311.00	Unassigned Funds 142,504,239.00
TOTAL CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 28,303,429.00	TOTAL CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 191,432,295.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES, CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 33,244,281.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES, CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 423,227,083.00
NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2023	NORTH DAKOTA BUSINESS ONLY FOR THE YEAR 2023
Property and Casualty Companies From State Page	Property and Casualty Companies From State Page
Total Direct Premiums Earned 0.00	Total Direct Premiums Earned 12,270,156.00
Total Direct Losses Incurred 0.00	Total Direct Losses Incurred 13,893,907.00
Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Earned 0.00	Total Accident and Health Direct Premiums Earned 12,270,156.00
Total Accident and Health Direct Losses Incurred 0.00	Total Accident and Health Direct Losses Incurred 13,893,907.00
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WHEREAS, the above corporation duty organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2021 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and	WHEREAS, the above corporation duty organized under the laws of its state or country of domicile, has filed in this office a sworn statement exhibiting its condition and business for the year ending December 31, 2021 conformable to the requirements of the laws of this State regarding the business of insurance and
WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid,	WHEREAS, the said company has filed in this office a duly certified copy of its charter with certificate of organization in compliance with the requirements of insurance law aforesaid,
NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD, Commissioner of Insurance of the State or North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day or April, A.O. 2023.	NOW THEREFORE, I, JON GODFREAD, Commissioner of Insurance of the State or North Dakota, pursuant to the provisions of said laws, do hereby certify that the above named company is fully empowered through its authorized agents and representatives, to transact its appropriated business of authorized insurance in the state according to the laws thereof, until the 30th day or April, A.O. 2023.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seat at Bismarck this first day of May, A.O., 2022 (SEAL)	IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seat at Bismarck this first day of May, A.O., 2022 (SEAL)
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