

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2015**

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Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)

Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/ Tribal Link Up.* (See attached letter.)

Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.

Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website.
(www.companywebsiteaddress.com)

Company's information posted on USAC website.

Other (describe): Alliance does not publish its own directory. The information is published by DEX

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DELIVERY NAME
DELIVERY CITY
DELIVERY ADDRESS

June 16, 2014

Dear DELIVERY NAME:

Once a year, Alliance Communications is required to notify all residential customers about low-income assistance programs for telephone service.

What types of discounts are available?

- **The Lifeline program** offers support to qualified low-income residential consumers for one telephone line per eligible household. Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone service. Eligible consumers can receive \$9.25 per month in discounts. In addition, the Federal Universal Service Charge is not assessed to consumers participating in Lifeline.
- **Toll Blocking** prevents the placement of all long distance calls for which a subscriber would be charged. Toll blocking is available to eligible consumers at no cost. Also, by choosing this option, consumers are usually not charged a deposit for local phone service.

How do I know if I'm eligible? Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if they, one of their dependents or their household participate in one of the following qualifying assistance programs:

- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid
- National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Acceptable documentation of program-based eligibility includes current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program; program participation documents; or another official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal or Tribal program.

See reverse side for more information.

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Can I qualify based only on my income? Yes. Consumers are eligible for Lifeline if their household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Household Size	Income	Household Size	Income
1	\$15,755	6	\$43,160
2	\$21,236	7	\$48,641
3	\$26,717	8	\$54,122
4	\$32,198	Each extra person	\$5,481
5	\$37,679		

Acceptable documentation of income eligibility includes prior year's state, federal or Tribal tax return; current income statement from an employer or paycheck stub; social security statement of benefits; Veterans Administration statement of benefits; retirement/pension statement of benefits; unemployment/workmen's compensation statement of benefits; federal or Tribal notice of letter participating in General Assistance; or a divorce decree or child support award or another official document containing income information.

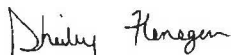
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Will I need to recertify my Lifeline eligibility every year? Lifeline recipients must recertify their eligibility annually. Failure to properly recertify a recipient's continued eligibility for the Lifeline program will result in termination of the Lifeline recipient's monthly Lifeline discount and de-enrollment from the Lifeline Program.

Are there any other restrictions in the Lifeline Program? The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

Lifeline enrollment forms are available at www.alliancecom.net/phone/local-phone, or dial 611 from any phone with Alliance service or call 605-594-3411.

Sincerely,



Shirley Flanagan
Customer Service Supervisor

H-BC board tackles teacher hiring process in work session

By Lori Ehde

Three new elementary school teachers were hired in the Hills-Beaver Creek School District following action at Monday night's School Board meeting.

H-BC graduates Kale Wiertzema and Halden Van Wyhe were hired as full-time elementary classroom teachers for the 2014-15 school year, and Whitney Stoffel is a full-time K-12 special education teacher for 2014-15.

The action comes after School Board members tabled a hiring decision at the May 27 meeting that drew dozens of concerned individuals.

They agreed to discuss the matter at a June 3 work session that addressed concern over the district's hiring process.

Some board members wondered why the hiring committee interviewed only four candidates for two open positions when there were 19 applications for the jobs.

The district's official hiring process calls for four candidates (if possible) to be interviewed for each open position.

In the work session, board member Lois Leuthold said she trusted the expertise of the hiring committee.

"It's not up to us to micromanage," she said. "That's not our job as board members."

On the Hiring Committee are Superintendent Todd Holthaus, former Dean of Students (now teacher) Don Bosshart, new elementary principal Jason Phelps and teachers Angie and Jason Blosmo, Jill Stiefvater, Shelly Fischer and Rex Metzger.

Board member Amie Fick agreed that board members shouldn't micromanage, but said she asked to review the other 15 applications after more than 40 people showed up at the May 27 meeting.

"After that happened, I wanted to make sure I was doing due diligence," Fick said. "Especially when there's a huge concern dividing our community."

Board member Karin Moser agreed that it's good to ask questions.

She pointed out that she's not questioning the candidates the Hiring Committee recommended, and she said she's not even questioning the hiring process.

"I agree we have a good process in place, but I don't see where we followed the process this time," Moser said.

"It comes down to the number of candidates for each position."

Board member Jim Kueter said he, too, wishes more of the candidates could have been interviewed, especially in light of the quality of their portfolios.

"We're not saying you wouldn't have ended up with the same two candidates," Kueter said.

With the June 3 meeting being a work session, no action was taken, but board member Harley

Fransman asked if the board should consider a change to the hiring process.

For example, it currently suggests interviewing four or five candidates, depending on the pool and interest.

Fransman said the words "per position" could be added for clarification, but he cautioned not all positions attract that many candidates.

Superintendent Holthaus reminded the board that hiring decisions are a big responsibility and require a great deal of time and effort by people who volunteer their time.

"When I was first hired, the principal and I sat down and interviewed and that was that," he said.

"When you have to release a young professional, guess who has to do it. There's a vested interest... I don't think there needs to be any action. I get the message. I guess my integrity is on the line."

Since the May 27 board meeting, a third full-time position opened up, so all three positions were addressed at the June 9 meeting.

In other personnel business Monday, the board approved Jill Stiefvater as an extended school year special education teacher for this summer.

The board also agreed to hire student help in the custodial department at \$8.25 per hour. A full-time person will be hired in that department this fall.

Friendship Days lineup

Hills Friendship Days are Friday, June 13, and Saturday, June 14.

Hills Friendship Days Golf Tournament will be Friday, June 13, at the Larchwood Golf Course. Shotgun starts will be at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. with a meal time for both at noon. Participants must be preregistered. Call 962-3212.

Border League Softball games begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Hills softball field.

Saturday events kick off with the FFA Annual Pancake Breakfast beginning at 7 a.m.

The 5K Run/Walk for all ages will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the **Friendship Days Parade** starts at 10 a.m.

A **Mud Volley Tournament** will be in Jacobson Park. Contact Rod Scholten, 507-962-3535, for information.

Food Vendors will be set up at the Hills Softball Field from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and **Concessions in the Park**, sponsored by Hills Christian School, will be available from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Arts in the Park Vendor Fair begins at 11 a.m. at Jacobson Park, and music will be performed by Burn Steers at the park from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Kids' activities at the park from 1 to 3 p.m. include free kids' train rides and Ferris wheel. Inflatables are available at \$5 per child, \$15 max per family.

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Moser asked to speak.

"Healthy debate leads to good things," she said. "There is not always division on our board. At times we do have hot topics and welcome different points of view. Because of data privacy the public needs to trust the elected officials on the board at the decisions they made."

Board member Amie Fick also weighed in on that sentiment. "We support Mr. Holthaus 100 percent and pushed to get him the help he needed when we hired a new principal. We respect and work with him," Fick said.

"The board is not dysfunctional; we work together. This is not a popularity contest. My only goal is to secure strong staff, and I am proud of every one of them."

Board member Lois Leuthold said, "We are a governing board, and when you question these applicants you are questioning their ability to choose teachers."

Fransman said, "We need to trust the hiring committee."

On a roll call vote, the H-BC board approved Wiertzema's hire on a split decision. Voting in favor were Fransman, Leuthold, Arlyn Gehrke and Tim Baker. Voting against the motion were Moser, Fick and Jim Kueter. Motion carried.

Board action on hiring Van Wyhe as an elementary classroom teacher passed unanimously, as did action to hire Whitney Stoffel, special education teacher, and Jill Stiefvater, extended school year special education teacher for summer of 2014.

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LARCHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 3, 2014

The Larchwood City Council met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 in the Larchwood American Legion after a brief discussion with RS Architects Council members present were: Mayor Snyder, Brian Melfert, Ted Underberg, Sharon Melfert, Mike Metzger and Ken Kerkvliet. Others in attendance were: Sandi DeSmet, Tony DeSmet, Verdonka Kelly, Caita Manning, Bob Lewis, Wayne, Becky and Brandi Kollis.

Mayor Snyder called the meeting to order at 6:27. Mayor Snyder read a Retirement Proclamation for Bob Lewis on his service of over 20 years. Bob was given the framed Proclamation and was thanked for his service.

Brandi Kollis was crowned Miss Larchwood by Mayor Snyder. There are eleven Little Misses: Emery Koch, Claire Vanden Bosch, Sierra Tabin, Kaitlynn Beidin, Emersan Rentschler, Braylyn Childress, Leah Blauwel, Marissa Brossdor, Mia Moyer, McKenzie DeSmet, and Avery Motes.

Thank you's were received from AWANA for use of the gym, Crochet Group for use of the Community Center and Women's Club donated serving bowls, dish soap, and garbage bags for use of the Community Center.

The Consent Agenda was approved on motion by Metzger, second by Sharon Melfert. Items on the Consent Agenda were Minutes-May 5 & 14, 2014; Liquor License-Larchwood Food Center, B&B Bar, Rebate-freezer-1308 Fell Street, Cigarette Permits-Larchwood Quick Stop, Larchwood Mini Mart, Larchwood Food Center, B&B Bar, Sports Center.

Tony DeSmet gave his maintenance report: dirt from the softball diamond was moved to the vacant lot, removed volunteer trees, sprayed weeds, fixed a broken valve box, oil changes on the mowers, did maintenance on the slashhead.

Bills in the amount of \$108,393.82 were approved on motion by Metzger, second by Brian Melfert. Roll call vote: all ayes. The Claims Report was signed by Mayor Snyder and the Council. The Bank Reconciliation and Time Sheets were signed by Mayor Snyder.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Alliance Comm-phonelnternet \$205.00; Brandi Kollis-Miss Larchwood \$250.00; Bryan Rock-agiflme \$465.40; City of Larchwood-utilities \$2,027.59; Country Boutique-plant \$55.15; D&L Masonry-repairs \$1,885.00; Dakota Supply-water supplies \$59.72; Davis Typewriter-office supplies \$17.79; Denney's Sanitation-residential service \$6,150.98; DRG Mechanical-repair \$485.56; Farmers Elevator-fertilizer \$04.00; Gerber Insurance-insurance \$155.00; Hawkins-chemicals \$199.08; Hillyard-supplies \$365.69; Icon Ag-mower \$7,993.00; IPERS-retirement \$2,187.12; IRS-Felr/FICA tax \$2,811.99; John Deere-sprinkler parts \$22.72; Jordan Schettler-rebate \$100.00; Lachlan Murphy Bonander-legal \$1,551.00; Larchwood Baseball-chalk \$415.88; Larchwood Food Center-supplies \$11.53; Larchwood Lumber-supplies \$534.57; Larchwood Mini Mart-

gas \$376.10; Larchwood Quick Stop-gas \$82.30; Lyle Grolewold-rebate \$25.00; Lyon & Sioux Rural Water-water usage \$4,964.40; Lyon REC-power \$42,484.95; Meyer Electric-repair \$464.53; New Century Press-publication \$357.15; Oriental Trading-Miss Larchwood \$160.33; Postmaster-postage \$7.40; Randall Stanley Architects-plan \$2,505.00; Rex David-rebate \$70.00; Sandi DeSmet-mileage \$87.36; Security Savings Bank-Larchwood Bucks \$50.00; Stan Houston Equipment-weedeater \$337.93; Stateline Graphics-publication \$79.88; Stensland Gravel-gravel \$146.98; The Shop-supplies \$40.77; Tony Kerkvliet-block \$505.10; Treasurer State of Iowa-sales tax \$2,934.40; Verizon-cell phones \$184.89; TIF \$24,495.55; JMAR-rebate \$23,791.05; Lachlan Murphy Bonander-legal \$704.50; Library \$4,211.99; Alliance Comm-phonelnternet \$50.52; Audio Editions-audios \$225.39; Baker & Taylor-books \$273.95; City of Larchwood-salary \$2512.60; FICA \$102.20; IPERS \$224.37; utilities \$92.21; Crabtree Publishing-books \$61.24; Crossings Book Club-books \$87.77; Diamond Lake Bids Co-books \$175.56; Gayle Bruns-mileage \$29.70; Petty Cash-postage \$105.00; Midwest Tape-dvds \$31.48; Vicki Rath-storytime \$150.00.

May Expenditures

General	\$ 29,760.45
Road Use	\$ 571.85
Water	\$ 7,474.50
Sewer	\$ 1,851.11
Electric	\$ 47,240.64
Garbage	\$ 6,150.98
TIF	\$ 24,495.55
	\$117,545.08
Library	\$ 4,211.99
	\$121,757.07

May Revenues

General	\$29,855.29
Road Use	\$ 4,061.84
Water	\$ 11,135.18
Sewer	\$ 7,131.93
Electric	\$ 70,260.85
Garbage	\$ 5,314.66
TIF	\$ 6,478.37
LOST	\$ 5,314.66
	\$140,552.60

Old Business:

The Council had discussion on the Street Project if they want to do the project next year they have to decide by July in order to get the plans and bidding ready. The Council scheduled a special meeting on Tuesday June 10 at 4:30 pm for more discussion.

A bid was received for a new copier from Marco in the amount of \$4,642.91. Motion by Metzger, second by Kerkvliet to purchase. Roll call vote, all ayes.

New Business:

Motion by Underberg, second by Sharon Melfert to contract with Mosquito Control.

Motion by Sharon Melfert, second by Brian Melfert to contract from Community Of

The Council received a bid from Midwest Alarm to update the cameras at the gym and to add some to the park in the amount of \$13,698.00. Motion by Underberg, second by Metzger to accept the bid. Roll call vote: Metzger-aye, Underberg-aye, Kerkvliet-aye, Sharon Melfert-aye, Brian Melfert-aye.

Steve Michael and Chad Grolewold volunteered to complete the brick work at the softball diamond if the city will purchase the block. Motion by Brian Melfert, second by Metzger to purchase the block.

Resolution 2014-10 to Request the Assistance of NWMA Planning & Development Commission to complete a Comprehensive Land Use Plan in the amount of \$8,000 was tabled on motion by Underberg, second by Sharon Melfert.

Ordinance 5-2014 Amending the City of Larchwood Code of Ordinances Regarding Garbage Collection Charges was approved on motion by Kerkvliet, second by Metzger. Roll call vote: Underberg-aye, Metzger-aye, Sharon Melfert-aye, Brian Melfert-aye, Kerkvliet-aye. Underberg moved that the rule requiring that an Ordinance be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to this meeting be suspended with respect to the Ordinance 5-2014, second by Brian Melfert. Roll call vote: Sharon Melfert-aye, Brian Melfert-aye, Metzger-aye, Underberg-aye, Kerkvliet-aye. This Ordinance will increase service rates of \$41 per customer due to an increase at the landfill.

Two Stone Front Incentive Grants were approved on motion by Metzger, second by Sharon Melfert. Roll call vote: Metzger-aye, Underberg-aye, Sharon Melfert-aye, Kerkvliet-aye, Brian Melfert-aye for LEMS to complete stone and siding on the front of their building for \$2,710.00 and Countryside Auto for signage and retaining wall for \$5,000.00.

The meeting was then adjourned on motion by Sharon Melfert, second by Metzger. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 8:30 pm in the Larchwood Community Center.

Sandi DeSmet, City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICES

ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALCESTER CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014

The Alcester city council held their regular city council meeting on Monday, June 2, 2014 in the meeting room of the Alcester Community Building...

A motion by Jurens and seconded by Karna Johnson to approve the printed agenda. All voted aye.

A motion by Dykstra and seconded by Burke to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting with the following correction that Larsen and not Dykstra made the motion to pay comp time to Mike Kezar. All voted aye.

A motion by Jurens and seconded by Dykstra to approve the following warrants for payment. All voted aye. Finance Council, \$110.00, Finance Office, \$2,627.75, Police, \$5,432.50, Street, \$2,487.50, Water, \$2,344.00, Sewer, \$2,790.40, Solid Waste, \$307.50, Library, \$1,200.00, Auditorium, \$171.01, Golf, \$4,733.91, South Dakota Retirement, contributions, \$2,334.18, Alcester Union, publications, ads, \$588.19, McKays Insurance, city insurance, \$16,807.00, Dept. of Revenue, beer licenses, \$612.50, Glenn's Copies, supplies, \$34.50, Alcester Chamber of Commerce, dues, \$75.00, Gob, Haugland & Gillespie, pro fees, \$1,352.30, Steve's Auto Body, maint, \$250.00, Electronic Engineering, car changeover, \$946.32, Dakota Care,

cars, car stenciling, \$362.50, Sinclair Fleet, gas, \$71.98, Nave's Uniforms, vest, clothing, \$919.67, Alcester Fire Dept, allowance, \$1,355.00, Bomgaar's, supplies, \$386.27, Ez-Liner, strip, parts, \$432.42, Diamond Vogel, paint for parking, \$208.97, Cenex Credit Card, gas, \$950.99, Sanitation Products, sweeper gutter brooms, \$405.00, Diesel Machinery, maint, \$164.51, L. G. Everat, rock, \$130.28, Town & Country, maint, \$208.00, South Lincoln Rural Water, water purchase, \$7,452.00, HD Supply Waterworks, supplies, \$112.27, SDDENR, drinking water fee, \$340.00, SD Ass'n of Rural Water, registration, \$25.00, Barco Municipal, supplies, \$15.00, Pedersen Machine, filters, \$10.44, Olson's Acs, maint, \$27.40, Curtis Saugstad, mowing, \$40.00, Backy Jenkins, supplies, \$32.12, Hawkins, chemicals, \$3,220.49, Deo-Cole, supplies, \$21.81, Micro-Marketing, supplies, \$14.99, Ingram, books, \$21.15, Alcester-Hudson School, library carpet, \$5,020.95, Upstart, supplies, \$32.45, Bruce Halverson, lawn care, \$150.00, Southeastern Electric, light repair, \$110.46, Schoenemann, supplies, \$5.23, Mules Auto, maint, \$48.89, Midwest Tuff, maint, \$174.02, Ad Ventilator, \$45.00, Star Publishing, ads, \$135.00, Sunyside Cafe, meals, \$107.50, Baugher Foods, food supplies, \$117.39, Steve's Club, supplies, \$58.83, Loren Frutser, disposal, pickup, roll-offs, \$789.20, Fast Signs, signs, \$150.42, Cheshelman, pop, \$175.00, Pepsi, pop, \$120.12, Dakota Beverage, beer, \$07.50, SD Dept of Revenue, golf sales tax, \$1,204.05, City of Alcester, golf beer license, \$300.00, Total Stop, supplies, \$87.57, VISA, supplies, lodging, maint, \$1,625.39, Farm Bureau, life insurance, \$41.51, Alliance Communications, phone, internet service, \$443.00, M&I American En-

ergy, utilities, \$2,810.81, Dakota Care, health insurance premiums, \$464.21, IRS, payroll taxes, \$5,467.49, City of Alcester, \$230.01, reimburse health insurance, Office of Child Support, \$515.08, support, Southeastern

Electric, utilities, \$557.67, Barney's Auto Salvage, skid-loader, \$12,000.00, State Bank of Alcester, 2009 Bond, \$10,542.10, State Bank of Alcester, 2008 Bond, \$12,379.38, SD State Treasurer, sales tax, \$712.10, John Conkling Dist, \$480.20

Public Input was heard from Rodney Schemp that he wants to put an addition on his garage and that he will be at the July meeting to ask for a variance. Vickie Larson asked the mayor why he did not write a letter to Alcester on the city's stance on the opt-out vote about county 811. The mayor responded that the city's stance was in an article in the Akron HomeTowner.

A motion by Dykstra and seconded by Jurens to hire Eidean Hartman as a city mower at \$9.50 an hour. All voted aye.

A motion by Dykstra and seconded by Larsen to change the Personnel Policy in regards to city employees answering emergency ambulance and fire calls to that they be allowed to go with no loss of pay. All voted aye.

The police manual was handed out and will be approved at the July meeting. Water leaks in the city hall roof was discussed and the insurance company will be notified.

The printer/scanner and Fair Parade were tabled until the next meeting. A motion by Jurens and seconded by Karna Johnson to approve a stop sign resolution, that stop signs be placed at Jefferson Drive, Anderson Street and Lincoln Circle where they meet up with Lincoln Drive. To make the corner of Second Street and Broad Street into a 4-way stop. All voted aye.

Discussion was held on the purchasing of a street patching machine with a motion by Burke and seconded by Larsen to purchase a patching machine

for \$15,500 and \$1,500 for shipping using 2nd penny sales tax monies. Motion carried on a 4 to 1 with Dykstra voting no.

One bid was received for the 2001 Crown Vic and that was from Roger Knutson for \$1,200. A motion by Dykstra and seconded Burke to accept the \$1,200 bid. All voted aye.

A motion by Dykstra and seconded by Larsen to approve beer licenses for Total Stop, Hillbilly's, DJ's Express and Alcester Golf Course. All voted aye.

A motion by Karna Johnson and seconded by Larsen to authorize the mayor and finance officer to sign the operating agreements with the four approved beer license applicants. All voted aye.

A motion by Dykstra and seconded by Burke to authorize Lonnie Johnson and Tim Peel names to be put on the city VISA credit card. All voted aye.

Bids were received for seal-coating streets of \$2.20 per square yard from Topkolo, Yankton and \$1.46 per square yard from The Road Guy, Yankton. A motion by Burke and seconded by Karna Johnson to accept the bid of \$1.46 per square yard from the Road Guy. All voted aye. The work is scheduled for July with the city doing 8,000 sq. yards, Alcester-Hudson schools, 7,200 sq yards and Southeastern Electric, 5,000 sq. yards.

A motion by Larsen and seconded by Dykstra to block off a portion of First Street by the Alkota loading docks when unloading pallets and trucks. All voted aye.

A motion by Karna Johnson and seconded by Jurens to hold the first reading on the revised city ordinances. All voted aye. A copy of the ordinance can be seen at the city office with the second reading at the July council meeting.

A motion by Dykstra and seconded by Karna Johnson to hold the first reading to amend the water ordinance to raise the water rates by 35 per 1,000 from \$5.10 to \$5.45 per 1,000. All voted

aye. A motion by Larsen and seconded by Burke to hire Kim McLauray as the engineer for the Safe Routes to School project with the fees paid from the grants funds. All voted aye.

A motion by Karna Johnson and seconded by Burke to allow Nathan Beebe to attend the golf course for a golf tournament with the details to be worked out by the golf committee. All voted aye.

A motion by Larsen and seconded by Burke to go into executive session at 8:50 to go over finance officer applications. All voted aye. Mayor Johnson declared the council out of executive session at 8:51 in order to take a recess. A motion by Burke and seconded by Dykstra to go into executive session at 8:55 to go over finance officer applications. All voted aye. Council member Patricia Jurens left the room during the executive session. Mayor Johnson declared the council out of executive session at 9:21.

A motion by Larsen and seconded by Dykstra to go into executive session at 9:22 to conduct an interview for a finance officer applicant. All voted aye. Mayor Johnson declared the council out of executive session at 9:47.

A motion by Karna Johnson and seconded by Dykstra to hire Patricia Jurens as finance officer in training at \$40,000 a year starting as soon as possible after June 30. The motion carried on a 3-1-1 vote with Burke voting no and Jurens abstaining.

Comp time and overtime for the city employees will be discussed at the July council meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:59 by Burke and seconded by Larsen. All voted aye.

Rick Johnson, Mayor
ATTEN:
Michael Kezar, Finance Officer
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UNION COUNTY COMMISSION

JUNE 6, 2014

UNAPPROVED MINUTES UNION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS The Union County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 5, 2014, at the Courthouse in Elk Point, SD at 8:30 a.m.

Members present were Jordan, Karpen, Neely, Schamp and Ustad. Canvass of Primary Election

The Board canvassed the election results of the Primary Election held June 3, 2014. The board signed the certificate stating that the results were a true abstract of the votes cast in the jurisdiction of Union County, South Dakota 2015 Budget Request

Department heads met with the board with the budget requests for 2015.

Adjournment Motion by Jordan, second by Schemp to adjourn until June 10. Carried.

Doyle Karpen, Chairman Union County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Carol Klumper, Auditor Union County Publish June 12, 2014 Published once at the total approximate cost of \$9.96.

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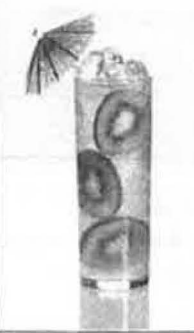
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Public Notices

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE SALE
IN CIRCUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Civil No. 13-18
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF MINER
 CitlMortgage, Inc., as successor by merger to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group Inc.,

s/ David C. Piper, Attorney #4128
 18 Second Avenue East
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 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 Published twice at the total approximate cost of \$42.86 (June 5 & 12)

Plaintiff,
 vs.
 James Knapp, Personal Representative for the Estate of Mary R. Lamotte; Brigette A. Stevenson; and any person in possession, Defendants.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PRO 14-7
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
IN CIRCUIT COURT
 :SS:
COUNTY OF MINER
ESTATE OF MARGARET UMSTEAD, DECEASED

Judgment in the amount of \$11,158.95 having been entered in favor of plaintiff and against defendants, which Judgment was filed with the Clerk of Courts of Miner County, South Dakota, on January 7, 2014, for the foreclosure of a real estate mortgage.

Notice is given that on the 30th day of May, 2014, Bruce A. Umstead whose address is 403 E. Howard Ave., Howard, SD 57349, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Margaret Umstead.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to said Judgment that the real property described in the Mortgage dated March 11, 2002, which Mary R. Lamotte, Mortgagor, executed and delivered to Securify Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee:

Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

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Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative.

and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Miner County, South Dakota, on the 15th day of March, 2002, in Book 161, Page 59, in order to realize the amount of \$25,000.00, as of March 11, 2002, plus interest accruing thereafter on said amount at the rate of 6.125% per year together with the costs and expenses of sale, will be sold subject to redemption as provided by law as one parcel of land at public auction, subject to the lien for unpaid real estate taxes and assessments of Miner County, South Dakota, and easements and restrictions of record, to the highest bidder for cash under the direction of the Sheriff of Miner County, South Dakota, at the front door of the Miner County Courthouse, in Howard, South Dakota, on June 19, 2014, at 10:00 A.M. (C.T.).

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If the sale is not made for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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Dated May 6, 2014
 Sheriff of Miner County,
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership, Inc. intends to apply for funds under Section 5311 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act for the continued operation of a public transportation project in Miner County of South Dakota.

This notice offers the opportunity for a public hearing, submittal of service proposals or comments regarding the project. Interested public or private transit or paratransit providers are invited to comment on this proposal or submit proposals to provide the service. Requests for a public hearing, comments or requests for a copy of the proposal should be directed to: Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership, Inc., Madison, SD 57042 by July 14, 2014.

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Karen was united in marriage with Harlen G. Nelson on Nov. 9, 1957, in Clinton. To this union six children were born. Karen held a variety of jobs during her lifetime, working at

ning, playing cards, and antiques. Karen is survived by her husband, Harlen, of Clinton; children, Terie (Jim) McLaughlin of Brandon, Sue (Terry Trelstad) Nel-

son, Virginia Elvecrog; and brothers-in-law, Richard Nelson and Maynard Nelson. For the full obituary and online condolences, go to www.mundwilerfuneral-home.net.

Business

Continued from Page 1A

seeing the construction of another Dollar General in Elk Point, and he said that project is about a month ahead of the Brandon store.

Brandon's Dollar General is scheduled to open between Sept. 22 and Oct. 1.

"City officials, everyone that we've worked with there has been great to work with," Jones said. "So we're looking forward to building there."

Tyler Oliver with Colby Capital LLC, of Kansas City, Mo., assists Dollar General in finding available land and the general contractor for the company's building endeavors. He said Dollar General typically selects areas/communities they want to be in and they, in turn, find the building location.

"They've done their research, and their development department models demographics and growth - Brandon met that hurdle," he said, "and we fell in love with the intersection."

Oliver said Dollar General will hire local management and staff and will employ between seven and 10 people. Most Dollar General stores are open seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., he said.

"They're like a small WalMart," Oliver said. "The idea is that they love smaller communities. It's not going to keep you from going to WalMart but it will slow you down a little bit."

He added the store "is also a compliment to the local grocery store."

Founded in 1955 by Richard W. Drelling, Dollar General Corporation is a U.S. chain of variety stores headquartered in Goodlettsville, Tenn. As of January 2012, Dollar General operated more than 10,000 stores in 40 U.S. states. It is the nation's largest small-box discount retailer, which offers an assortment of popular brands at low everyday prices.

Fastenal

"Better visibility and a

new facility," is what is enticing Fastenal to relocate from its location at 805 Ninth Ave. to Annabelle Street, according to Nick Erstad, general manager of the Brandon store since 2012. "We've grown a lot, although the store won't be bigger."

Brandon native Jason Klein and his unnamed business partner are making their first commercial real estate investment in the city with the construction of a 7,000 square-foot structure that will house Fastenal. The remaining 2,000 square feet of space will be available for lease, he said.

"It's nice to be able to begin these kinds of projects, and it's exciting to see Brandon moving again," he said. "It's pretty straightforward. We're building space that somebody wants and, hopefully, that helps the community."

Erstad said Fastenal's main market is business-to-business sales. Spartan ERV, for example, he said, buys nuts, bolts, safety glasses, tools and other items from them. "We also sell to industrial contractors," he said.

"We're not really geared up for the weekend warrior/honey-do-list kind of customer." Fastenal is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We are open to the public, and we're a really good source for that hard-to-find stuff," Erstad said.

Fastenal has two other stores in the area: one in Sioux Falls on Benson Road, and one near Tea. The Brandon store, which first opened in 2009, is one of 2,700 company-owned stores worldwide. The headquarters is in Winona, Minn., where Fastenal was founded in 1967.

coming to Brandon Library

From staff reports

Reading Bridge is a free tutoring program for elementary-aged children who struggle with reading and writing. This summer, the program is being offered at the Brandon Community Library, and runs from July 7-30.

Sessions are one-hour per session, two sessions per week for four weeks. In Brandon, the sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays at either 10 to 11 a.m. or 11 a.m. to noon. The reading/writing instruction is presented by trained tutors in a small-group setting. The goal is

for elementary-aged children to continue reading and writing during the summer in order to minimize summer learning loss. Parents who would like their children involved in the program can register online at readingbridge.org or go to the Brandon Community Library.

ANNIVERSARY

Stoltenbergs to celebrate 50 years together



Marrie and Dean Stoltenberg

Dean and Marcie Stoltenberg of Brandon will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, June 20.

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