

American Legion spring meeting is April 6

WAGNER – The annual District 8 Spring Meeting of the South Dakota American Legion will be held Sunday, April 6, in Wagner for Legionnaires from Lincoln, Turner, Union, Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Clay, Douglas, Hutchinson and Yankton counties.

The Legion business session will begin at 7 p.m. in the Wagner American Legion Post. The social will begin at 4 p.m. followed by lunch at 5 p.m.

Participants will elect District and District Vice Commanders for two-year terms and County Commanders and Vice Commanders in the District for one-year terms during the business meeting.

The session will also feature Post reports regarding the past year's unusual activities, Post Americanism reports, a membership turn-in, recognition of the District 8 Legionnaire of the Year and an address by State American Legion Commander Rick MacDonald of Hermosa.

Outgoing District 8 Commander Jay Youngbluth will conduct the business session and Wagner Post Commander Robert Kucera will be in charge of the local arrangements.

The District 8 Auxiliary will hold its meeting at 7 p.m. the same day in the Methodist Church (two blocks west of the Legion).

Johnson is March SESDAC employee of the month

Kristina Johnson, home manager, was selected as the SESDAC, Inc. March 2014 Employee of the Month. Kristina has been a part of our organization since May 2007.

Kristina was nominated for the award by her fellow co-workers, based on her dedication to her job and the people she supports.

Co-workers had the following compliments written in their nominations for Kristina: "Kristina has shown great leadership skills in

supporting people in difficult situations. Even in the face of adversity, Kristina remains calm."

Kristina currently resides in Vermillion.

SESDAC, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that assists people with disabilities to live, work, and socialize in their community. SESDAC, Inc. began providing services in 1973 and currently serves 96 people with disabilities and has 140 employees.



Pictured above is Kristina Johnson, home manager, center, Alice Sealey, assistant director of services, right, and Gerry Tracy, executive director, left.

(Courtesy photo)

'Oliver!' and 'Space School Musical' to be offered by VCT

The VCT board of directors has announced its 2014 summer season. The main stage offering is "Oliver!" Performances will be July 25-28, with rehearsals beginning in early June. Auditions will be from 4-6 p.m. May 11, and 6-8 p.m. May 14 at the United Church of Christ, 226 E. Main St. in Vermillion.

"Oliver!" is a musical about young orphan Oliver Twist's adventures on the streets of London. It features music, lyrics and book by Lionel Bart, a British songwriter and composer during the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

Callie Hisek, who will graduate in May with a Master of Fine Arts degree in directing from the University of South Dakota, will direct the play. Anthony Burbach, music director for several past VCT productions, will return in that role this summer.

This year's children's theatre production, presented in cooperation with Dakota Players, is "Space School Musical." The play was developed as part of NASA's Discovery and New Frontier programs, which are designed to provide young people with a better understanding of space.

The cast is limited to 50 elementary school actors. Young actors may register to participate at the Parks and Recreation event in early May or online. Casting on June 16 will be followed by a full week of rehearsal and a June 20 performance.

Both plays will be presented at the Vermillion High School Performing Arts Center.

Additional information about this year's plays, or getting involved with VCT is available at vermillioncommunitytheatre.org.

Leadership SD will launch soon

The South Dakota Community Foundation, in partnership with Dakota Education Consulting, is launching a new training program called Leadership South Dakota.

Saying the future success of South Dakota depends on the development of homegrown leaders, the group is looking to recruit 40 participants from across the state for its inaugural class.

"To use a sports analogy, South Dakota needs a stronger bench. The people who are in leadership positions today, will be moving on before too long," said Rick Melmer, director for the program. "Leadership South Dakota is looking for the best of the best in South Dakota – people who want to hold an elected office, start a business or be a community leader in their hometown."

Leadership South Dakota will provide class members with the background information, unique experiences and insights necessary to

assume leadership positions at the community, state and national levels.

The group will meet in a variety of locations across the state for seven weekend classes:

- September 2014 in Brookings with a focus on agriculture, our number one industry.

- October 2014 in Rapid City where the main topic will be tourism and natural resources.

- November 2014 in Pierre to go behind-the-scenes of state government.

- January 2015 in Kyle to discuss Native American history and culture.

- February 2015 in Sioux Falls to explore health and financial services.

- March 2015 in Aberdeen to cover education, manufacturing and technology.

- April 2015 in Chamberlain for presentation of research projects and program graduation.

Melmer said Leadership South Dakota is looking for a diverse group of participants from across South Dakota who

represent a wide variety of professions and backgrounds. Individuals selected for the program will be trained through:

- Visits to organizations, businesses and industries instrumental to South Dakota.

- Meetings with extraordinary leaders who have contributed to the fabric of our state.

- Skill development in the areas of leadership, health and wellness, communication, and organizational management.

"Leadership South Dakota will be an opportunity for emerging leaders to learn how South Dakotans have overcome challenges in the past and see firsthand the hurdles we face today," said Stephanie Judson, president of the South Dakota Community Foundation.

"We also hope they will emerge from the seven sessions with a deeper desire to use their talents and resources to find innovative solutions to challenges within our borders."

The deadline to apply is Friday, May 30.

Interested candidates may apply online at www.LeadershipSouthDakota.com. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply soon since nearly a dozen spots have already been assigned.

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Questions about Leadership South Dakota can be directed to (605) 271-7756 or LeadershipSD@gmail.com.

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S PRESS BRIEFING

03/23/14 18:10 – A vehicle was stopped and the driver was cited for speeding near Wakonda on 455th Avenue.

03/24/14 08:20 – A deputy met with and assisted a woman who came into the office with a child custody dispute.

03/24/14 13:18 – A deputy investigated a report from a rural resident of someone damaging a loader by attempting to force the lock open.

03/24/14 21:16 – A deputy responded to a report of debris on Highway 19 north of Vermillion. The debris was moved from the road.

03/25/14 09:55 – A deputy responded to a report of a woman driving a vehicle in the oncoming lane on Highway 50. The vehicle was not located indicating the driver turned off or realized her mistake.

03/25/14 10:05 – A juvenile was picked up for

a court services detainer and transported to the juvenile detention center in Sioux Falls.

03/25/14 10:51 – An inmate was transported from the Yankton County Jail to the Clay County Jail.

03/25/14 14:18 – An inmate was transported from the Charles Mix County Jail to the Clay County Jail after being arrested there for a Clay County warrant.

03/25/14 14:24 – A wanted person was arrested in Vermillion and booked into jail for failure to pay his fines.

03/25/14 15:15 – After a request from The Department of Social Services, a deputy checked the status of an adult in Wakonda. It was found that the man was capable of caring for himself and no need for a hold existed.

03/25/14 16:37 – A deputy responded to a rural residence to check the welfare of an elderly person

after family members expressed concern. The man was located and was not in need of any assistance.

03/25/14 17:08 – Officers responded to the jail to assist staff with a suicidal and uncooperative inmate. He was restrained and a psychological evaluation was ordered.

03/26/14 15:46 – A man was transported to the VA hospital in Sioux Falls and committed on an involuntary mental illness hold.

03/28/14 05:41 – A caller reported a dead deer on Highway 19 south of

Vermillion. A deputy responded and moved the deer.

03/28/14 10:15 – A deputy investigated a car/deer crash on Highway 19 south of Vermillion.

03/28/14 13:38 – A deputy investigated a car/deer crash on Highway 50 east of Vermillion.

03/28/14 14:52 – A caller reported vehicles speeding with regularity through the 35 mph zone in Burbank in the morning and evening. Deputies will provide additional patrol and enforcement in this area to address the problem.

03/29/14 09:21 – A deputy received a report from the Union County sheriff of a vehicle that appeared to have been in a crash. The deputy located

the vehicle at the Coffee Cup truck stop in Union County and notified the Union County sheriff of the vehicle's location.

Total Records: 18

Have IRA questions? Let's talk.



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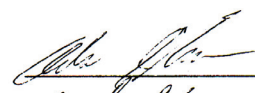
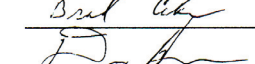
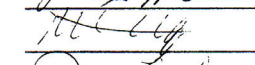
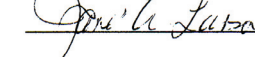

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ATTENTION TAXPERS: NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE OF \$20,000. RESOLUTION FOR OPT OUT

The Governing Board of Meckling Township do state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$20,000 starting with calendar year 2014 taxes payable in the calendar year 2015. This opt out will be for 10 (ten) years, which be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2024. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the board.

This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision.

Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread an excess levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount.

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 **Brad Cuka, Board Member**
 **David Hanson, Board Member**
 **Michael Slattery, Treasurer**
 **Jane Larson, Clerk**

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