

# Beware of transient paving companies

On July 10 the Clay County Sheriff's Office received reports of a paving company offering "leftover asphalt" to rural Clay County residents. The companies offered the resident asphalt for their driveways and push for a quick deal by pretending the asphalt is somehow leftover leading the homeowner to believe they will get a better deal by acting fast.

Factually, the asphalt is not "leftover" and the resident has a legal right to change their minds within three days, whether or not the work has been completed. Furthermore, the vendor is obligated to give proper written notification of the right to cancel and the vendor may not encourage the customer to waive the right to cancel.

A rural Clay County resident did enter into an agreement with a paving company from Texas doing business as B&S Paving. The vendor agreed to pave a driveway for \$50,000. The resident became suspicious when the vendor asked for multiple checks to be written to different names and for various amounts. The vendor indicated by doing this they could avoid excise taxes.

This was reported to the Clay County Sheriff. Investigation began and a deputy located and identified the transient vendors in Yankton. Even though approximately \$20,000 had been paid to the vendors on July 10 when some of the work was completed, a deputy was able to meet with the resident and vendor on July 11 in Clay County and recovered the payment.

The customer was advised of the right to cancel and at that time, the vendor immediately left the area without payment or completion of the job. Later, B&S Paving surrendered their temporary South Dakota Excise tax license to the Department of Revenue.

In this case, the Clay County resident did not lose any money to the scammers. Clay County Sheriff Andy Howe encourages rural residents to be watchful for transient vendors such as pavers, roofing companies, painters or others who offer work done with surplus materials with no time for cancellation.

Howe also encourages citizens to be aware of attempts to scam elderly neighbors or family members and to report any suspicious activity to law enforcement.

# Workers will soon move dirt at Eagle Creek site

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Groundbreaking is getting closer for the Eagle Creek Software Services headquarters to be built in Vermillion.

"Everything's in place," said Steve Howe, executive director of the Vermillion Chamber of Commerce & Development Company (VCDC), during a special meeting with the Vermillion City Council Monday afternoon.

The facility promises to bring 200 new jobs to Vermillion following its completion.

Howe estimates an opening date at the end of April or the beginning of May.

"We've got the lease signed, we just got the appraisal back on the property, and we're able to sign a contract with the people to do the dirt work," he said. "Right now it's in their hands..."

"They're getting ready any day now to start turning dirt on that property. You're going to start seeing some activity going," he said.

Eagle Creek provides consulting and technical expertise, focusing on customer relationship management,

information management and applications development.

The company's mission is to help its clients increase quality and efficiencies while managing price and risk in software development, deployment and support.

Eagle Creek Software Services, with headquarters in Eden Prairie, MN, was founded in 1999. The company has project centers in Valley City, ND, and Pierre.

Howe said the formal groundbreaking ceremony will take place in the coming weeks.

The Eagle Creek site is located at the southwest corner of Princeton and Bower streets, north of the old Pamida building.

"(The facility) is 100 percent designed, and we actually opened bids on Thursday (July 11)," Howe said. "The bids have been out, and now it's just going to do contracts for the individual bid pieces at this point."

Seventeen different bid packets were put out, which covers the various materials the facility requires.

Howe said the VCDC made sure there were multiple bidders for each component.

"We made sure that every local provider that could provide services was invited, and they let us know whether they could do it or not," he said. "Local bidders were given a 3 percent ... bonus. Basically, we just made sure that if there's a tie (between bidders) it went to the local provider."

The jobs Eagle Creek brings to Vermillion will boast pay higher than the state's average wages, and the supply of employees will come from USD and its recently formed Information Technology Consultant Academy.

Howe said there are approximately 19 employees currently working out of the business school, and that another training class is set to begin in September.

Howe added that he has spoken to an employment recruiter for Eagle Creek, who told him there is a lot of interest in the new facility.

"He said that he's having far (better) luck recruiting people to Vermillion than Pierre or Valley City," Howe said. "He said it's like night and day, getting interest. So, that's good news."

- David Lias contributed to this report.

# One Book SD 2013 at library

One Book South Dakota 2013 presents "The Long-Shining Waters," by Danielle Sosin, in an author-led book discussion and reading at the Edith B. Siegrist Vermillion Public Library on Tuesday, July 23 at 7 p.m. The event will be held in the Kozak Community Room.

Refreshments will be served. Sign up and borrow a copy of the book at the Vermillion Public Library. Once you return the book, put your name in a drawing to keep the book. Drawing will be done at the author event.

The book centers around Lake Superior, the north country, the great fresh-water expanse. "The Long-Shining Waters" presents three stories whose characters are separated by centuries and circumstances, yet connected across time by the place they inhabit.

For questions or more information call (605) 677-7060 or e-mail vpl@sdln.net, or visit www.vermillionpubliclibrary.org. Sponsored by the VPL Library, SD Center for the Book, and the SD Humanities Council.

## OBITUARIES

### Phyllis Frankenfled

Phyllis Hatch Frankenfled, 86, died Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at Hospice House of the Hills in Rapid City after a short and courageous battle with cancer. Her friends and family, joined by compassionate hospice professionals, kept her comfortable and cheerful, trading jokes and stories with her until her final hours. She took to her grave the precious secret of whom among her five sons was her favorite. Yet each son could (and did) claim plausibly that he was the one, because she lavished upon each son her unconditional love, her infinite support, and her unabashed pride, buttressed sometimes by her fierce defense against criticism, whether fair or unfair.

Born Jan. 5, 1927, in McLaughlin, Phyllis was a bold adventuress all of her life. At the age of four, along with some friends and cousins of about the same age, she embarked on a midwinter excursion



Frankenfled

from McLaughlin to Bullhead 17 miles distant, where her Uncle Kit's candy counter beckoned. They made it more than five miles before a concerned mailman boarded the children on his horse-drawn sleigh and delivered them back to their frantic parents.

At age five Phyllis ran away to school, only to be turned away again and again until an exasperated principal relented and enrolled her in first grade a year early. Phyllis denied that her father's position as school board president had anything to do with this possibly illegal age waiver.

In high school, Phyllis worked for E.Y. Berry, owner of the McLaughlin Messenger and later a Congressman. It was Berry who managed to persuade University of South Dakota Registrar H. W. Frankenfled to admit Phyllis to college in 1944, despite being underage and short a few credits. She quickly made up the credits, and two years later, she met and married the Registrar's son, Robert Frankenfled.

After a brief interlude in Chicago, Bob and Phyllis Frankenfled returned to South Dakota, for Bob to earn his law degree. In

1952, with sons Don and Russ in tow, they moved to Rapid City, where they spent the rest of their lives. Bob worked as a lawyer and Phyllis taught English and coached debate at Rapid City Central High School. Along the way, sons, Charles, Kent and James were added to the brood.

Phyllis loved to travel, with Hawaii a favorite destination. Bob and Phyllis took cruises to Alaska and the Panama Canal. After Bob died in 1994, she made regular trips with friends to the Indian Wells tennis tournament. Later, she traveled with sister Dorothy, son Russell, or others to the Middle East, the Mediterranean, and Europe.

A devoted member of Alpha Phi, Phyllis maintained lifelong friendships with her sorority sisters. She was an active member of PEO and many bridge clubs.

She was a founding member and frequent lay reader at St. Andrew's Episcopal parish, and was proud to see each of her five sons confirmed at St. Andrew's.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, Scott

and Anna Hatch; her brother, Robert Hatch; her husband, Robert Frankenfled; and her great-grandchild, Amelia Frankenfled. Surviving are her sister, Dorothy Berry of Spearfish; five sons, Donald (Jean), Rapid City; Russell, Hill City; Chuck (Angelia), McPherson, KS; Kent (Brenda), Ames, IA; James (Kelly), Minnetonka, MN; her eight grandchildren, Lindsay and David; Celeste and Aaron (Shara); Shannon (Nathan) and Adam; and Matthew (Cristina) and Emily. Her three surviving great-grandchildren are Caden, Colin and Addison. Also surviving is her sister-in-law, Patricia Frankenfled Edberg.

Her five sons reluctantly admit that her real favorite may have been her rambunctious dog Mac, who is a world-class Frisbee player.

Funeral services were Saturday, July 13, at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Rapid City.

Inurnment will be in Black Hills National Cemetery at a later date.

A memorial has been established.

Services are under the direction of Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home in Rapid City.

Her online guestbook is available at www.osheimschmidt.com.

### Anne Iversen

Anne L. Iversen, 86, of Vermillion, passed away Monday, July 15, 2013, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton. Her funeral will be 11 a.m. Monday, July 22, 2013 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion, with Rev. Trisha Boese officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church. Burial of ashes will be at a later date. Condolences may be posted at www.Koberfunerahome.com.

### Delbert Johnson

Delbert Johnson, 83, of Vermillion, passed away Tuesday, July 16, 2013, at his residence. Delbert was born June 20, 1930, in



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Viborg, to Andrew and Gladys (Jensen) Johnson. He graduated from Viborg High School in 1948 and married Anna Belle Dickerson on Oct. 21, 1951, in Viborg. They farmed in the Viborg area until they sold the farm business in 1966 when he went to work for the Terrace Park Dairy Company for five years. He then purchased the distributorship of the Sioux City Journal, retiring from that in 1999.

Delbert is survived by his wife Anna Belle of Vermillion; two sons, Bruce (Diane) of Crystal Lake, IL and Brian of Long View, WA; and a daughter, Gloria Anne Johnson of Egan, MN. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Tamara, Wesley, Drew, Adam and Tessa Rose; and two great-grandchildren, Ellie and Ian.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Vermillion with visitation starting at 9 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Irene following the lunch at the church. hansenfuneralhome.com.

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