

# City awards bid for fire station roof repair

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The Vermillion City Council awarded a \$30,000 bid toward the first phase of repairing the roof of the fire station.

The action was taken at the council's regular meeting Monday night.

City Engineer José Domínguez said the city received three bids for the project, ranging from \$30,610 to \$54,491.

The low bid came from Winkler Roofing of Sioux City, IA, and this is the one the council accepted.

The 2014 budget included \$60,000 in the Second Penny Fund for the project.

Council member Steve Ward asked Domínguez if he had any concern about the low bid being so much lower than the others.

"It was a wide range, but we talked to (Winkler)," Domínguez said. "They seemed pretty comfortable with it. ... They didn't really have any concerns whatsoever."

"Actually, they were wondering why the other ones were so high," he said.

The city's main fire station is located at 820 N. Dakota St. and has two roof portions, an upper and a lower.

"Over the past five years the city has been experiencing leaks during rain events in the upper roof area," Domínguez said.

Although the leaks have been fixed, due to their number the city had the building inspected by roofing contractors to determine its condition.

"All of them had essentially the same concern, that the roof – especially the upper roof – had some issues with the fabric pulling off the flashing and some ... other protrusions through the roof," Domínguez said.

The contractors also estimated the lower portion of the roof has an additional two to five years of life left, he said.

The fire station was built in 2000.

"The roof had a 10-year warranty and no manufacturer defects, or installation errors, were found during the inspection," a council agenda memo reads. "Due to the warranty expiration and no manufacturer defects found at installation, we could not request that a portion of the cost be paid by the roof manufacturer or the contractor that installed the roof."

A timeline as to when work will be completed on the project was not given at Monday's meeting.

MEDINA, MN – As Polaris celebrates its 60th anniversary throughout 2014, the focus is on the loyal, dedicated, and committed employees who have fueled the company's growth from a small-town farm equipment manufacturer into the global leader in the powersports industry.

Polaris was incorporated in then-tiny Roseau, MN, in 1954, and the outstanding work ethic of the early employees lives on in the workforce that now staffs Polaris facilities in several locations worldwide, including: Roseau, MN;

Osceola, WI; Spirit Lake, IA; Wyoming, MN; Monterrey, MX; Vermillion; and Wilmington, OH.

"Our employees, our workforce is what makes Polaris the company it is today," said Polaris CEO Scott Wine. "They are committed to building the highest-quality products and providing Polaris riders with the ultimate riding experience. That's the way it's been with Polaris for 60 great years."

Polaris employees past and present will be celebrated at events held throughout the company's anniversary year.

Original partners Edgar Hetteen, David Johnson, and Allan Hetteen founded Polaris 60 years ago in the small farming community of Roseau, MN.

In its early years, the company produced a variety of products, including farm machinery. In 1956, the first Polaris snowmobile emerged from the small Roseau production facility, and the company was soon mass-producing snowmobiles.

Polaris diversified its business focus in the mid-1980s by entering the all-terrain vehicle (ATV) business, and the company

has become the global powersports leader with the addition of side-by-side off-road vehicles (ORV), motorcycles, military vehicles, small electric/hybrid powered vehicles, and more.

The driving force behind every world-class Polaris vehicle is the company's workforce.

The men and women in Polaris offices, production facilities, and distribution centers carry on the commitment to quality the founders instilled in the company 60 years ago.

## Scenes from the Fourth



The Bluff Ridge Band, made up of Kaycee Michael, Kim Brouwer, Chad Passick, and (not pictured) Kyle Brouwer, provide musical entertainment during Vermillion's "Community in the Park" celebration held in Barstow Park July 4.

(Photo by David Lias)



(Above) When the Vermillion Fire Department is involved in planning something for kids, you can bet that water will be involved. Madeleine Eisenbeisz, 6, daughter of Sommer Eisenbeisz of Vermillion, directs a stream of water from a fire hose to knock down a "mock" house blaze.

(Photo by David Lias)

(Left) Danielle Barrett, 7, daughter of Teena Barrett, Vermillion, and Rick Brown, reacts after a thrilling ride down an inflatable slide in Barstow Park during the July 4 celebration sponsored by the Vermillion Fire Department.

(Photo by David Lias)

## OBITUARIES

### Frances Mollet

Frances Mollet, 86, of Vermillion, passed away Saturday, July 5, 2014, at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center.



Mollet

Frances (Anderson) Mollet was born Feb. 7, 1928, on the farm her grandfather homesteaded near Akron, IA. She was raised on the farm and attended country school and Akron High School graduating in 1946. She sang in chorus, played piano in the jazz band and played basketball.

Frances met her husband Lyman at a dance and they were married on April 20, 1949. They loved to dance, dancing throughout their 55 years of marriage. They farmed together their entire marriage and she took great pride in being a homemaker and raising their six children.

She was an accomplished pianist, seamstress, loved playing cards with friends and tending to her garden. Frances always had a freezer full of cookies, bread and pies for friends and family and never let anyone go without a second helping.

Frances was a member of the St. Agnes Catholic Church, Sanford Hospital Auxiliary, Merry Homemakers Extension Club, American Legion Auxiliary and the

Vermillion Senior Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Olga Anderson; her husband, Lyman; her brothers, Stanley and Conrad; and a grandson, Adam Knutson.

She is survived by her sons, Gary Mollet, Craig (Sandy) Mollet, Mark (Patti) Mollet, Kevin (Kristi) Mollet; daughters, Deanna (Jeff) Leffers, Denise (Tom) Knutson; 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral Mass will be 1 p.m. Friday, July 11, at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial to follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. all at the church. hansenfuneralhome.com.

### Mary Watkin

Mary Susan Svoboda Watkin, 57, died of lung cancer on May 21, 2014. A memorial service will be held July 18, 2014 at the United Church of Christ in Vermillion, at 3 p.m.

Susan was born May 20, 1957, in Mitchell. The family lived east of Chamberlain on the American Creek when Susan was born. Her mother wanted to call her Susan instead of Mary and won the argument. Susan started school in Chamberlain transferring to a country school when the family moved north of Reliance. Susan was very active in 4-H, participating in demonstrations,

showing calves, and baking pies, cakes and cookies, all which helped her later in life. She started high school in Chamberlain and graduated from Vermillion High School after the family moved to Vermillion during her senior year. Susan helped raise and breed Limousine cattle on the family ranch and was elected the first North American Limousine Queen. Susan graduated from SDSU in Brookings receiving a B.S. in Animal Science.

After college, Susan started her long career in sales selling livestock feed in northern and western South Dakota. She moved to Rapid City to sell advertising for the Western Livestock Journal in Sturgis. It was during this time Susan started playing tennis, a sport she enjoyed and excelled at the rest of her life. She met her future husband through her work and after their marriage they lived on a ranch in Wyoming. They moved to Denver, CO, where she worked in sales while her husband trained to become a stock broker. After he received his license, they moved to Lincoln, NE, his home town and later divorced.

Susan always liked Denver and moved back to begin the next phase of her life. She started in sales at a tennis club and was quickly offered a job selling insulation for residential and commercial buildings. She remained at this job for many years moving up

in the organization to become the sales manager. When the company was purchased by a national corporation, Susan was offered the regional manager position based in Denver. The Denver regional office served all of Colorado and surrounding states. The people she worked with knew her as a fair boss who was not afraid to get her hands dirty or run the forklift if needed, and also as a friend who cared about them and their families.

Susan played competitive tennis in Denver and was known as a talented, tenacious, and "smart" player. She played singles, doubles, and mixed doubles and enjoyed success in all, making many great friends along the way. Many of them were people she had just defeated on the court. She traveled around the country competing in tournaments. She won state and regional tournaments, and advanced to the National Tournament in Kona, HI. It was through tennis she met the love of her life, Jonathan Watkin. They were married in 2006 and lived in Denver.

Susan battled lung cancer for four years with the support of her husband, friends, and family. She passed away May 21, 2014. A memorial service was held in her honor in Denver.

She is survived by her husband, Jonathan Watkin, of Denver, CO; her father, Berwyn Svoboda of

Vermillion; a brother, Wayne (Mary) Svoboda of Fond du lac, WI; and two sisters, Joyce Svoboda of Rochester, MN, and Janet (Dr. Auddie) Sharp of Merriam, KS.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mildred Hade Svoboda. A memorial marker has been placed in her honor beside her mother's grave in Chamberlain.

### Lyle Weyhrich

Lyle Weyhrich, 71, of Vermillion, passed away Monday, July 7, 2014, at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Lyle was born Feb. 4, 1943, in Pierce, NE, to Herman and Dortha (Jahn) Weyhrich. He graduated from Wausa High School and when he was 23, started his company LBA Interiors, which he was still operating when he passed away. Lyle married Barb Sedgwick on Aug. 24, 1991



Weyhrich

in Vermillion. He loved family time, golfing, and Husker and Coyote sports.

He is survived by his wife, Barb, of Vermillion; six sons, Larry (Kathy) Weyhrich of Windsor, CO, Brandon (Amber) Weyhrich of Omaha, NE, Chad (Heather) Weyhrich of Norfolk, NE, Wade (Amber) Weyhrich of Hooper, NE, Scott (Rubi) Weyhrich of Elkhorn, NE, and Rob Von Eye of Brookings. He is also survived by two daughters, Loree Zach (Ken Gall) of Madison, NE, and Andrea (Jason) Logan of Vermillion; a brother, Don (Ina) Weyhrich of Norfolk, NE; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dortha; and fathers, Herman Weyhrich and Edwin Brogren; and a son-in-law, Mark Zach.

Funeral services were 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 10 at the United Church of Christ in Vermillion with burial to follow in the BluffView Cemetery in Vermillion. Visitation began at 9 a.m. at the church on Thursday. hansenfuneralhome.com.

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