Events Center Lures Potential Sponsors

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A marketing company has started selling sponsorship rights for the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls.

Officials with the Legend Sales & Marketing tell The Argus Leader that they expect to secure at least six large businesses or organizations for sponsorship rights. Their branding will appear around the entire \$117 million facility, such as at entrances and around the inside of the buildings.

More than a dozen other companies are expected to buy sponsorship opportunities on places like concourse

Train Traffic Resumes After Derailment

DEWEY (AP) — Train traffic has resumed near the southwestern South Dakota community of Dewey after a

An empty BNSF Railway coal train headed from Wyoming to Nebraska derailed early Monday. The railroad says 37 cars of a 123-car train went off the tracks. The cause wasn't immediately determined.

Prosecutor Faces Drunken Driving Count

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — The assistant city attorney for Sioux Falls is facing a drunken driving charge.

A Highway Patrol trooper arrested 44-year-old Keith Allenstein in Minnehaha County on June 14. He has declined comment because the case is still proceeding. It's being handled by the state attorney general's office.

City Attorney Dave Pfiefle says Allenstein is continuing to serve in his position as legal adviser to the city police and fire departments. He says it's too soon to say whether Allenstein might face internal discipline.

Board Tables Anti-Pipeline Resolution

YORK, Neb. (AP) — The York County Board of Commissioners has tabled a resolution that opposes construction of the Keystone XL pipeline through the county in eastern

The *York News-Times* says several dozen people crammed into the board room on Tuesday morning some to oppose the measure and others to support it.

The resolution would have the board state its opposition to the pipeline and, should the pipeline be built, commit the board to wielding its power to protect the residents' welfare and resources.

The tabled measure will return for board reconsideration in two weeks.

The pipeline could carry 830,000 barrels of oil per day from Canadian tar sands to refineries on the Texas Gulf coast. The Obama administration is still considering whether to approve the project.

Former Police Chief Convicted In Sex Case

BY MARGERY A. BECK

Associated Press OMAHA, Neb. — A former western

Nebraska police chief was convicted Wednesday of attempted sexual assault of a teenage girl.

Mark Lindburg, 53, pleaded no contest Wednesday in Box Butte County District Court to one count of attempted first degree sexual assault of a child, the Nebraska Attorney General's Office said. Lindburg faces up to 50 years in prison when he's sentenced on Aug. 28

An investigation showed Lindburg engaged in sexual interactions with a 15year-old girl while on duty as

Hemingford's police chief, according to the Attorney General's Office. Lindburg was acquainted with the girl, but was not related to her, attorney general spokeswoman Shannon Kingery said.

Kingery could not provide other details of the case, and the state's prosecutor was traveling Wednesday and could not be reached for comment.

Court officials in Box Butte County said Wednesday that they could not initially locate the affidavit of investigators that would explain how Lindburg knew the victim and other details. Box Butte County Clerk Joni Woods said court officials were trying to find the affidavit, noting that "the judge wanted that information sealed.

An attorney for Lindburg did not immediately return a message left Wednesday seeking comment.

Lindburg was initially charged earlier this year with first-degree sexual assault and child abuse. In a plea agreement, the sexual assault charge was reduced to attempted sexual assault, and the child abuse count was dropped.

Lindburg served as Hemingford's police chief from November 2006 until he resigned without explanation in November 2011.

He also worked as a Box Butte County deputy sheriff for seven years and helped start a youth center in Hemingford in 2008.

Grand Island City Attorney Keeping His Job

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) - The mayor of Grand Island has failed in his effort to fire the city attorney.

Four of the council members voted Tuesday night to fire Bob Sivick, but five voted to retain him, The Grand Island Independent reported.

The agenda item said the effort to remove Sivick was 'due to a general breakdown in the relationship between the city attorney, mayor and council, as indicated by his refusal to abide by council direc-

tive." Sivick has said that he's struggled with Mayor Jay Vavricek and council members for two years over how he should carry out his duties.

It came to an apparent head at the June 25 council meeting when the council directed Sivick to get a court order to handle the removal of some profane signs erected by a Grand Island resident. Sivick resisted, saying the city building director had the authority to remove the signs without a

court opinion and that the council didn't have the power to direct him to seek advisory opinions from courts.

The refusal, Vavricek said, was evidence of insubordination justifying Sivick's re-

Council member Steve Dugan said Sivick was a paid employee of the city who should have followed the council's directive, which Dugan said was not illegal, immoral or unethical. Sivick was hired in June 2011 and doesn't have an employment contract. But Sivick said in his defense Tuesday the issue wasn't his refusal but rather the mayor's actions over Sivick's two years with the

city.
"I have been concerned about the mayor's erratic behavior, particularly with different decisions," Sivick told those at the meeting. "You have witnessed that behavior publicly here in this chamber - I have witnessed more privately.'

Some SD Soldiers Told To Return Overpayments

RAPID CITY (AP) — Three Black Hills mayors are upset that some National Guard soldiers have been told to return bonus pay they mistakenly received.

Some members of the 842nd Engineering Company were notified in March that they had been overpaid and were told not to spend the money. They received instructions last month on paying it back.

Lead Mayor Jerry Apa, Spearfish Mayor Dana Boke and Deadwood Mayor Chuck Turbeville are upset about how the matter was handled.

"After more than two months of no communication on the matter many (Guard members) assumed the money was theirs, many

began paying bills, making purchases, etc.," they said in a letter to the *Rapid City* Journal.

The mayors want the Guard to apologize and offer specialized repayment plans to the soldiers rather than offering standard plans that allow for only a handful of options, including immediate full payment or collection of

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