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County of Yankton

In Circuit Court
First Judicial Circuit

Estate of
ADOLF R. KRCIL,
Deceased.

PRO. 12-39

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that on October 4, 2012, Allen D. Krcil was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Adolf R. Krcil.

Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred.

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.

Dated October 4, 2012.

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McGovern

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feature McGovern in two classes. He plans to make the historic event also a time for Avon students to think about their own futures.

"I will cover George McGovern and his life story in my seventh grade civics class and senior American government class," Fathke said. "I will cover it in my current events and have them do stories on his life and what it meant to have a presidential candidate be born from a small town like Avon, South Dakota."

McGovern's lifetime of service, particularly his presidential run, literally brought world attention to Avon.

"It was a big deal for the town of Avon, and it gave our small community some special recognition," Fathke said.

LOSING WITH DIGNITY

But not everyone in Avon was a big McGovern fan. In fact, Brodeen recalled a huge display of support for Republican incumbent Richard Nixon in the 1972 election — in the shadow of McGovern's hometown. "I remember, when I was growing

up, there was a big farmhouse just outside of town. There was a huge triangular sign out there that said, 'Vote Nixon!'" Brodeen said. "McGovern didn't carry South Dakota, and I don't think he even carried Avon. I never fathomed it, I never understood it, especially when you think of presidents like Jimmy Carter who came from little towns."

McGovern graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, later teaching at the Methodist college.

Avon superintendent Tom Culver attended DWU in the late 1980s, hearing McGovern speak at a history class on campus.

"It was kind of interesting that he ran for president, came back to Dakota Wesleyan and South Dakota, and spoke about it," Culver said.

The politician didn't sugar-coat his landslide loss in the 1972 race.

"He won only one state, when he took Massachusetts, and he mentioned it in his speech that day at Dakota Wesleyan," Culver said.

McGovern may have suffered a huge loss in his presidential bid. However, history will treat him well for his humanitarian accomplishments, notably the war on hunger and poverty, Culver predicted.

"It was kind of neat, having someone of (McGovern's) stature," the superintendent said. "No matter

what party anybody belonged to, everyone had a lot of respect for the guy."

LIFETIME RECOGNITION

McGovern maintained his strong connection with DWU throughout his life.

Brodeen attended the 2006 dedication of the McGovern Library on campus, when former President Bill Clinton spoke at the program.

Brodeen took advantage of the opportunity to cover the event. He recalled the intense security measures in place for the ceremony.

"It was very cool," he said. "They had the dog that was sniffing (for bombs), and there was security all over the place. It was packed."

During another visit to the DWU campus, Brodeen walked up to McGovern and introduced himself.

"George said, 'I know you,' like most politicians, but he really did know me," Brodeen said. "There were a lot of people in the library, and he knew them. When he got up in front of all these people, he was really quick and funny."

Brodeen's six sisters all attended DWU, "and I think they all knew George McGovern," he said.

A LASTING LEGACY

Fathke only met McGovern once on the campaign trail, but it was

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1. Why do you want to be a county commissioner?

I'm interested in serving on the County Commission as another measure of serving our community. All five generations of my family have been active in the community and state government. I've served the community through participation in the Yankton Jaycees, Yankton Elks Lodge, Knights of Columbus, as well as taking turns delivering Meals on Wheels. I worked for a time in prison ministries through our church. I drove for Yankton Transit for several years. County commissioners need to be attentive to questions and problems brought before the commission by concerned citizens. Folks need to be made to feel comfortable in the commission chambers. I believe that my many years of working with folks on a daily basis will

help me to help the commission accomplish this.

2. The County Commission has a process under way to restructure the Highway Department, which includes re-defining the superintendent position as a more administrative role. Do you support this move? Why or why not?

Commissioners are in the process of hiring a new highway superintendent. I support this endeavor. Among the items which must be emphasized to the successful applicant for the highway position: improve morale among the county road employees, teach the proper way to blade a gravel road (sorry, but folks have complained to me about this) and work to improve communication among vehicles, especially snowplows, to reduce the number of trips made down the same road with trucks on the same day. Once the road is opened, vehicles must be diverted to other roads. The state highway department has an employee who makes his route during inclement weather, reporting snow depth and road condi-

tions, and then he has a late breakfast with our group of "kibitzers." We know this works.

3. Yankton Area Progressive Growth is expected to launch a new, five-year capital campaign soon that would fund future economic development efforts in the area. Yankton County committed \$100,000 to the last campaign. Would you support contributing funds to a new campaign? Why or why not?

If YAPG launches a new five-year campaign, I would vote for participation at a level affordable to the county. I would not make a dollar commitment at this time, not having budget information at hand. I am sure money is tight and folks are clamoring for more attention (improvements) to county roads, which is, in itself, a commitment to the continued growth of the community.

4. What are the biggest challenges facing the county in the next four years, and how will you work to address them?

There is no doubt that the biggest challenges for the commis-

memorable.

"The only campaign function I ever attended was at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, when the former (U.S. House Speaker) Tip O'Neill came and talked, played his violin, and promoted George McGovern for the U.S. Senate from South Dakota," he said.

"It was an interesting night. I also think it is interesting how many books (McGovern) had written during his lifetime about different issues.

McGovern will be remembered for his compassion as well as his politics, Brodeen said.

"George was just a very good, very kind person," he said.

McGovern's death left one piece of unfinished business, Brodeen said. The politicians didn't make it back to Avon for a dedication of the memorial in the park. However, Avon residents are hopeful that grandson Matt McGovern, who is running for the state Public Utilities Commission (PUC), can attend a dedication ceremony after the November election.

George McGovern's success was born from humble beginnings in Avon, Culver said. That kind of example will stand the test of time and inspire fellow South Dakotans, the superintendent said.

"He showed, if you work hard and have faith, you can do just about anything if you put your mind to it," Culver said.

McGovern's legacy provides an example for today's younger generation, Fathke said.

"The students' interactions are about how a notable person in government and politics could be born in a small town of Avon, South Dakota, and be widely known around the world," Fathke said.

Even with McGovern's lifetime achievements, Fathke still wonders "what might have been" had the 1972 race turned out differently.

"I like to paint during the summers, and a few years ago I painted the Avon museum," he said. "While painting, I was thinking about how our local and South Dakota history could have different if he would have won the presidency."

Now, the final chapter has been written for the politician's life, Fathke said.

"It seems (McGovern's) name will always be remembered in history," the teacher added.

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Inmate Steals Money Walking Out Of Jail

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A New Mexico inmate on his way out of jail was quickly thrown back in after authorities say he stole another inmate's cash then treated himself to a hearty lunch.

The Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office told KOAT-TV that 20-year-old Frank Rodriguez-Tapia swiped \$80 in cash while a guard's back was turned as Rodriguez-Tapia was walking out of jail. The money belonged to another inmate who was just coming into the Santa Fe jail and going through booking.

Police say Rodriguez-Tapia was supposed to report immediately to the electronic monitoring office, but bought lunch at Blake's Lotaburger. He later admitted to the theft, turned over the remaining \$67 and was sent back to jail.

Rodriguez-Tapia is now facing new larceny charges.

It was unclear if he had an attorney.

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supported, and all of the money needed to collect, transport and deliver mail comes only from the sale of stamps and other products," she said.

"More than 40 billion mail transactions are gone. They're not coming back. For the Postal Service, that means much less revenue brought in to run our operations."

The USPS has already undertaken five years of cuts or consolidated operations in a number of areas, but more changes are needed, Roozenboom said.

Instead of closing certain offices, the new strategy is to reduce the hours of operation and stagger the window service times between nearby towns.

Besides reduced window hours, other USPS alternatives include mail delivery by rural carrier or highway contract route; contracting with a local business to create a Village Post Office (VPO); or offering service from a nearby post office.

"A VPO doesn't replace a post office," Roozenboom said. "The only way a post office goes away is if it's closed."

The USPS cost-cutting program, known as PostPlan, will establish two-, four- and six-hour post offices. Postmaster positions are being eliminated nationally in all of these offices, replaced by Postmaster Relief (PMR) positions. These post offices will be remotely managed by an administrative post office.

"We are trying to get two PMRs for every post office to provide sufficient coverage for six days a week," Roozenboom said. "The PMRs (at Wakonda) would work with an administrative office in Beresford."

Wakonda's hours and operation could change in coming year, with the possibility of more hours should revenue increase, Roozenboom said. While Wakonda has about 325 residents, it does contain a number of entities — such as an auction service, school, bank, nursing home and Clay Rural Water System — that could generate larger mail business, she said.

At Wakonda, 118 of 286 postal surveys were returned, with most favoring shorter hours rather than

the other options, Roozenboom said.

"Wakonda will go to four hours of retail hours a day," she said, referring to window and counter service. "It looks as if the hours will be 12:30-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You will also have Saturday hours."

Some residents wondered if the reduced hours meant the postal employee would run the counter for four hours but still work an eight-hour day.

Not so, Roozenboom said. A postal employee would work at the Wakonda site for only four hours each weekday, starting Jan. 12. However, postal customers would still have access to their mailboxes at other hours. In addition, postal patrons would continue to receive regular mail delivery along with services such as purchasing stamps.

Roozenboom shared results from some neighboring communities:

- Gayville: 115 of 285 surveys returned; 106, or 92 percent, favored the option of shorter hours. The retail hours for this location will likely be 8 a.m. to noon weekdays and 8-10 a.m. Saturdays.

- Irene: 149 of 404 surveys returned; 129, or 87 percent, favored shorter hours. The retail hours at this location will likely be 8 a.m. to noon weekdays, 8-9 a.m. Saturdays.

- The rural routes will come out of Irene, so Irene has to be open in the mornings (to handle the sorting)," Roozenboom said.

- Mission Hill: 70 of 263 surveys returned; 60, or 86 percent, favored realignment of hours. The retail hours at this location will likely be 1-5 p.m. weekdays and 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Steffen questioned the reason for continuing Saturday postal service, if the USPS is looking to cut costs even further.

"It seems like five days would be enough," he said. "Why do you need mail on Saturdays?"

Roozenboom pointed out that only Congress can discontinue Saturday delivery. The USPS can't make such a decision on its own, even for budgetary reasons, she said.

Tuesday's meeting revealed Wakonda could see the establishment of a Village Post Office.

Mike Heles, owner of the Eagle Stop convenience store, said he has shown interest in serving as a VPO station. However, he hasn't made any final decisions.

"I have gotten information, but I

have to see if I even qualify," he said.

A VPO provides some basic services to the community, such as the sale of stamps and acceptance of Flat Rate packages. A VPO may also provide space for post office boxes inside their business with Post Office boxes or outside with Cluster Box Units.

VPOs can provide the community with expanded hours. VPO operators are compensated on a contractual basis for their service.

The criteria for a VPO include:

- the ability to purchase an initial order of stamps and resell them at face value;
- daily hours of operation that would allow customers to access Post Office boxes, purchase stamps, pick up and drop off packages.

Heles said he has been told by a USPS official that he would receive \$300 annually for housing a VPO. "There is some compensation, but I would have to eliminate some of the things I am doing," he said. "I serve individual beer, and I couldn't have open containers (if I housed a VPO). I would also need to put up some kind of wall to separate the area."

Heles would need to maintain the VPO during his entire hours of operation, not for a shorter period. He currently opens daily at 6 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. in the winter and 9 p.m. in the summer.

He would also need to meet requirements for handicapped accessibility. His building meets the requirement, but he would need to make changes in his restroom.

Roozenboom stopped by the Eagle Stop after the postal meeting to take pictures of the facility. The photos will be forwarded as part of the evaluation process of whether the business would qualify as a potential VPO site.

"Why am I doing this?" Heles asked. "Hopefully, I will get more traffic because more people will come to the store. And I can sell stamps and provide more hours of service for people."

However, the greatest benefit can't be measured in dollars and cents, Heles said.

"The biggest motivation is to help Wakonda, because I'm part of the community," he said. "This is something that needs to be done, and someone needs to do it."

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