

hasn't been harvested, according to the Department of Agriculture.

Among the other top 10 corn states, only South Dakota, with about 60 percent of its crop harvested, is further behind.

Across much of the Corn Belt, a wet spring kept farmers from planting on time or in some cases forced them to replant washed-out crops. The season was followed by a cool, damp summer that slowed crop development. A rainy fall kept farmers out of their fields and prevented corn from quickly drying out.

Corn must be dry before it is used for animal feed, corn syrup or other products.

Prices are nowhere near highs of a year or two ago, but they're still enough to motivate farmers to push into muddy fields as soon as they can. The quality of the corn still in the fields, primarily in central and northern Illinois, is beginning to drop because of moisture, said Dennis Bowman, a crop expert with the University of Illinois Extension Service.

"Most of it's starting to go out of condition pretty fast where you're starting to see the ears drop and stalk strength go down," he said. "The stalks are falling over."

Job creation is expected to remain far too weak in coming months to absorb the 15.4 million unemployed people who are seeking work — and the 11.5 million others who are underemployed. As more people begin seeking work, the jobless rate is likely to resume rising.

The report offered evidence of how hard it remains to find a job: The number of people unemployed for at least six months rose last month to 5.9 million. And the average length of unemployment has risen to more than 28 weeks, the longest on records dating from 1948.

Even counting last month's decline, the unemployment rate has more than doubled since the recession began in December 2007, when it stood at 4.9 percent. And the underemployment rate has jumped to 17.2 percent from 8.7 percent.

"We will need very substantial job growth to get unemployment lower, especially when

Obama was pleased that the economy is moving in the right direction but wants to press harder on creating jobs.

Press secretary Robert Gibbs said the new employment figures show the economy is making much-needed progress and is "getting the right trend going in hiring." But Gibbs told reporters that the nation must "get back to an economy that is not just growing but is creating jobs."

The stock market initially jumped in response to the news, before giving back its gains by late morning. Shortly after noon, the Dow Jones industrial average was down about 10 points. Broader stock averages were mixed.

The increase in hours worked means employees are earning more income, Riccadonna said, which could help boost consumer spending and enable Americans to pay down more debt.

Average weekly earnings jumped \$4.08 to \$622.17, the report said.

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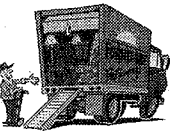

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

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At this time, no attorney with this firm has personally reviewed the particular circumstances of your account. However, if you fail to contact our office, our client may consider additional remedies to recover the balance due.

NOTICE BEFORE FORECLOSURE

TO: Marshall W. French
12612 33rd St. SE
Oriska, ND 58063
Beverly A. French
12612 33rd St. SE
Oriska, ND 58063

Occupant
12612 33rd St. SE
Oriska, ND 58063

the title owners of the following described real property:

A tract of land in the South Half of Southwest Quarter of Section 18 Township 140 Range 56, Barnes County, North Dakota, described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of the SW_{1/4} of said Section 18, thence East along the section line 1,344.75 feet to a point which is the point of commencement; thence due North 264 feet in a line parallel with the West section line of said Section 18 to a point; thence due East 165 feet in a line parallel with the South section line to a point; thence due South 264 feet in a line parallel with the West section line of a point on the South section line; thence west along the South section line 165 feet to the place of beginning, a/k/a 12612 33rd St. SE, Oriska, ND 58063.

Notice is hereby given that certain mortgage upon the above-described property, Marshall W. French and Beverly A. French, Mortgagor, executed and delivered to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Marketplace Home Mortgage, LLC, a Limited Liability Company, Mortgagee, dated January 25, 2006, and filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Barnes and State of North Dakota, on the 27th day of January, 2006 at 10:15 A.M. as Document No. 256416 and which mortgage is being serviced by US Bank Home Mortgage, and given to secure the payment of \$104,500.00, and interest according to the conditions of a certain promissory note, is in default.

The following is a statement of the sum due for principal, interest, taxes, insurance, maintenance, etc., as of December 6, 2009:

Principal \$95,373.29
Escrow Advance: 66.32
Accrued interest to December 6, 2009 3,368.28
Late Charges 128.45
Recording Cost 10.00
Pro Rata MIP/PMI 151.52
Property Inspection 80.00
TOTAL \$99,177.86

That as of December 6, 2009, the amount due to cure any default, or to be due under the terms of the mortgage, exists in the following respects:

Accumulated Payments Owing: \$6,461.40
Principal & Interest: 6 months @ \$802.37 = \$4,814.22
Escrow: 6 months @ \$274.53 = \$1,647.18
\$6,461.40
Late Charges 128.45
BPO 100.00
Property Inspection 80.00
TOTAL \$6,769.85

all of which must be paid BY CERTIFIED FUNDS, MADE PAYABLE TO US BANK HOME MORTGAGE and mailed to the undersigned attorney to cure the default, plus any accrued interest, subsequent payments or late charges which become due and any further expenses for preservation of the property which may be advanced. PLEASE CONTACT THE UNDERSIGNED FOR THE EXACT AMOUNT DUE THROUGH A CERTAIN DATE.

You have the right, in accordance with the terms of the mortgage, to cure the default specified above. You also have the right to assert in the foreclosure action that no default exists or any other defense you may have to said action.

Notice is further given that if the total sums in default, together with interest accrued thereon at the time of such payment, accrued payments then due and expenses advanced, are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing or service of this Notice, the Mortgagee will deem the whole sum secured by the mortgage to be due and payable in full without further notice. Furthermore, proceedings will be commenced to foreclose such mortgage, and in the event of Sheriff's sale as provided by the laws of the State of North Dakota, the time for redemption shall be as provided by law, but not less than sixty (60) days after the Sheriff's Sale.

Dated November 23, 2009.

MACKOFF KELLOGG LAW FIRM
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By:
Bethany Abrams, Attorney #06344

If you have previously received a discharge in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, this is not an attempt to collect a debt against you personally, but only an attempt to determine your intention concerning retaining this property.

(December 4, 11, 18, 2009)

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IN DISTRICT COURT, BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF SANDRA LEA AMUNDSON, AN ADULT PERSON

Sandra Lea Amundson,
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PROPOSED NAME CHANGE

Please take notice that, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code 32-28-02, a Petition for Name Change will be filed in the District Court by Sandra Lea Amundson praying for an order of the Court changing the name of Petitioner, Sandra Lea Amundson, to Sandra Lea Larson thirty days after the first publication of this notice.

Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with Petitioner's Attorney.

Dated this 2 day of December, 2009.

JODIE KOCH SCHERR
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Attorney for Petitioner

(December 4, 2009)

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PUBLIC HEARING
THE CITY OF SANBORN IS HAVING A PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATING MACELROY STREET AND ALLY EASEMENT LOCATED IN BLOCK 3 OF PEASE & ZINGS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SANBORN HEARING WILL BE HELD AT 6:45 P.M. ON DECEMBER 9, 2009 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND YOU CAN DIRECT YOUR COMMENTS TO MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL BY PHONE OR MAIL COMMENTS TO CITY OF SANBORN, PO BOX 103, SANBORN, ND 58480

(November 13, 20, 27, December 4, 2009)

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The North Dakota School for the Deaf, Future Services Plan Transition Team will meet on Thursday December 17th, 2009 from 9:00-4:00pm CST. This meeting will be held at the Chautauqua Gallery Room, Lake Region College, Devils Lake, ND. A public comment period will be take place 3:30 to 4:00pm CST. For further information, or if you have any special needs, contact Department of Public Instruction, Office of Special Education, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 201, Bismarck, ND 58505-0440, (701) 328-2277.

(December 4, 2009)

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Qwest Corporation
Request to Withdraw SGAT Available Terms/Conditions
Application
Case No. PU-07-314
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

November 25, 2009
On June 14, 2007, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an application to withdraw its Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT). The SGAT is a statement of the terms and conditions under which Qwest provides access and interconnection to its network facilities for the network facilities of unaffiliated, competing providers of telephone exchange services. Qwest states that the SGAT was last updated on May 30, 2002 and, due to changes in applicable law since then, the SGAT is outdated. Qwest states that it will continue to make its Performance Indicator Definitions and its Performance Assurance Plan available to competitive local exchange companies.

On July 25, 2007, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. On August 29, 2007, Level 3 Communications, LLC filed comments requesting that the Commission require Qwest to file an updated SGAT for approval, that all carriers have the opportunity to participate in the approval process regarding the SGAT, and that the Commission order Qwest to allow Level 3 to continue to operate under its current interconnection agreement until an updated SGAT has been submitted and approved.

On October 15, 2009, Qwest filed a request that the Commission issue an order approving withdrawal of the SGAT. Qwest believes that three developments support the withdrawal: (1) on June 9, 2008, Level 3, entered into a Term Extension Agreement of its interconnection agreement with Qwest, extending that agreement until July 31, 2010; (2) the Idaho Commission granted Qwest's request to withdraw the Idaho SGAT finding that intervenors did not identify a legal requirement in Idaho that an SGAT remain in effect; and (3) in the two years since Qwest made its filing to withdraw the SGAT, no CLEC has opted into the SGAT in North Dakota. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. Requests for hearing must be received by January 15, 2010. If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400, or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify the Commission. **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
Tony Clark, Commissioner
Kevin Cramer, Chairman
Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner

(December 4, 2009)

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