

In Yankton County, Not Heeding Burn Ban Could Be Costly Decision

From P&D Staff Reports

Burning large trash piles in Yankton County in defiance of the current burn ban could be costly.

"According to the resolution, the fines can be up to \$500, plus the fees it would take for the fire departments to go out to extinguish it," Yankton emergency management director Paul Scherschligt told the *Press & Dakotan* Tuesday.

Scherschligt asked for residents to be patient, saying it's just not worth the risk. "We would ask that people bear with

everything going on," he said. "We've got to get rain here pretty quick. ... I hate to see firefighters put in jeopardy over somebody burning trash."

He added that despite last week's moisture, the danger is still high.

"The conditions out there are really bad," he said. "Even though there is some greening up, we've been getting some reports the grass is still burning. Other counties have had some issues and we just need to get some moisture before we do these big pile burns."

State Board OKs Tax Break For Local Firm

PIERRE — A Yankton company received approval for a sales and use tax refund of \$12,200 Tuesday.

The state Board of Economic Development granted the refund to TruXedo Inc. The amount reflects the taxes paid on equipment purchased as part of an expansion.

The company makes liners, covers and other accessories for pickup truck beds.

The refund came under the South Dakota Jobs program of economic development incentives created in 2013 by the Legislature.

The program gives the state board the responsibility for determining recipients of the refunds.

— From reporter Bob Mercer

Flags At Half-Staff To Honor Lincoln

PIERRE (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard is ordering flags on state property to be flown at half-staff Wednesday in honor of President Abraham Lincoln, who was assassinated 150 years ago.

Daugaard's order comes at the request of President Barack Obama. The president has declared Wednesday as a Day of Remembrance in Lincoln's honor.

The flags are to be flown at half-staff from 8 a.m. until sunset.

OBITUARIES

Laura Brunick

Laura Brunick, 93, of Vermillion, passed away Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

Laura Girard was born November 23, 1921 in rural Burbank, SD to Edward and Eveline (Ouellette) Girard. She attended country school and graduated from University High School in Vermillion. She married Wilbur "Wayne" Brunick on November 21, 1946 in Vermillion.

She worked for Newberry's Department Store; Jacobson's Bakery and was the manager of the Civic Council in Vermillion.

She is survived by three sons: Doug (Rena) of Meckling, SD, Larry (Darlene) of Eudora, KS and Paul (Ann) of Vermillion, two daughters: Mary (Chuck) Taggart and Tricia (Leo) Taggart all of Vermillion, a sister Dora Mae Miller of Onawa, IA and a daughter in law Ruth Bremer of Vermillion. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Wayne, three sons: Bruce, Tom and Donnie, four brothers; Elmer Girard, Roland Girard, Frances Girard and Alphonse Girard, a sister Alphonsine Kutil and granddaughter Laura Brunick.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 17 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church with burial to follow in the Calvary Cemetery in Vermillion.

Visitation will begin at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 with a Rosary at 6:30 p.m. and a Prayer service at 7:00 p.m., all at the Church. hansenfuneralhome.com.

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Annella Coyle

Annella Coyle, formerly of Hartford, SD, died April 13, 2015, at Good Samaritan Village in Sioux Falls. She was 85.

Annella Katherine (Jankord) Coyle was born April 3, 1930, at Florence, SD, to Henry and Katherine (Haas) Jankord. As a young girl, she moved with her family to Kranzburg, SD, where she attended school. She moved to Watertown, SD in the 1950s, and was a nanny for a period of time. She then became a dietician at St. Ann's Hospital in Watertown.

She was united in marriage to Eugene Coyle on April 24, 1954, in Kranzburg, SD. The couple moved to Hartford, SD, where she became a loving mother, homemaker, and farmwife. Annella kept her days busy with many activities on the farm. In addition to all the farming chores, she managed the records for their dairy herd, and was a bookkeeper for the farm and the family taxidermist business. When time allowed, the couple enjoyed taking trips to Boston, Chicago, Denver and Arizona.

Following retirement in 2000, the couple moved to Sioux Falls.

She was a member of St. George Catholic Church and was active in the Altar Society for over forty years. She always looked forward to summertime when she could plant her flower gardens. Annella enjoyed keeping a clean house, and loved cooking for her family. Affectionately known as "Ma," she became like a second mother to her children's friends. Annella's accepting and friendly spirit



Brunick

S. Corinne Oberembt OSB

S. Corinne Oberembt OSB, age 90, died on Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

A wake service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2015, and the Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., both in Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel in Yankton, South Dakota. Burial will be in the monastery cemetery.

Joint services are under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Yankton.

Eleanor Rose was born October 1, 1924, the oldest of twelve children of George and Rose (Keller) Oberembt of Dimock, South Dakota. She attended Saints Peter



Oberembt

graduating from the eighth grade. Eleanor entered Sacred Heart Monastery in 1940 and went to Mount Marty High School for two years before becoming a novice. She received her GED in 1969.

Eleanor was invested as a novice on June 23, 1942 and received the name Corinne. She made first profession on June 24, 1943 and final profession on June 24, 1946. S. Corinne

and Paul parochial school, and was greatly influenced by Sisters who taught her. She spent two years at home helping her parents after

ministered for years to the Native American people in Chamberlain, Stephan, Fort Thompson, Big Bend and Pierre, South Dakota. In her first assignments, she was a boarding school prefect and laundress for twenty-six years. Later, she taught religion and did some home visitation as her ministry.

She also did domestic work in Zell, Yankton, and Parkston, South Dakota; Hartington and Lincoln, Nebraska; and Hales Corners, Wisconsin. After receiving pastoral care training in Mitchell, South Dakota, she did hospital and nursing home visitation in Parkston, South Dakota until her retirement. S. Corinne was a woman who had time for everyone. She loved to visit and just be with people.

She had a playful side and often delighted in leg-pulling banter. She was also devoted to her family and reveled in time spent with them. She was always ready for an outing to her home territory, and took great joy in being able to serve the people of Parkston as her final ministry.

S. Corinne is survived by her Benedictine community; and her sisters: Dorothy Paulson of Waukegan, IL, Phyllis Dearborn of Westcliffe, CO, Cleone Suermeier of Waukegan, IL, and Mary (Del) Dostalek of Gold Canyon, AZ; brothers: Alvin of Mesa, AZ and George (Mary Ann) of Lincoln, NE; sisters-in-law: Gerry Oberembt of Mitchell, Anne Oberembt of Adel, IA, and Alberta Oberembt of Pleasant Prairie,

WI, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers: Jerry, Raymond, Donald, and Thomas; sister and brother-in-law, Magdalen and Sil Scalabrini; and brothers-in-law, Jerry Dearborn and Harold Suermeier.

To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Eleanor Elizabeth Kuhn was born March 28, 1922, the oldest of five children of Wendelin and Rosa (Heimbuch) Kuhn of Dodge, North Dakota. In grade school, she



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attended a Consolidated Rural School. Her high school years were spent at St. Mary's School, Richardton, North Dakota and Mount Marty High School, Yankton, South Dakota; graduating in 1940. She graduated from Mount Marty College in 1957 and from St. Louis University in 1962 with a Masters in Hospital Administration. Eleanor entered Sacred Heart Monastery June 14, 1939. She was invested as a novice on June 23, 1940 and received the name Judith. She made first

profession on June 24, 1941 and final profession on June 24, 1944.

S. Judith spent her first years in education as a teacher and principal. She was taught at Glen Ullin, North Dakota, Menominee, Nebraska and Aberdeen, South Dakota. Her second career was as Chief Executive Officer of St. Thomas More Hospital in Canon City, Colorado. She held that position from 1962 to 1987. During her tenure, the hospital built new buildings and expanded services. She then began her third career in Pastoral Ministry at St. Michael's Parish in Canon City. Her ministry to shut-ins and the bereaved was very rewarding, and she served many from 1989 to 2002. She

received the Holy Father Pope John Paul II Honor Medal at Pueblo Cathedral on December 3, 2000; an honor that filled her with great gratitude to the Lord. Sister Judith retired to the monastery in 2002.

S. Judith enjoyed gardening, canning, sewing, and the companionship of her pet dog and cat. She was proud of her family's Russian roots that thrived in the soils of North Dakota. She took these hearty roots with her wherever she lived, and sunk them deep to give her strength for the hardships of life.

S. Judith is survived by her Benedictine community; her sister, Leona Hoff, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death

by her parents and her brothers: Ralph, Leo and John; sisters-in-law, Rosemarie, Marcella and Catherine Kuhn; and brother-in-law, Leonard Hoff.

To send an online message to the family, please visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Denise Hecht

Denise Eleanor Hecht, age 74, of Yankton, SD passed away early Monday morning, April 13, 2015 after a brief stay at the Good Samaritan Center, Sioux Falls, SD.

Memorial Mass will be 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, SD with Rev. Robert Wullweber officiating. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, SD.

A gathering of family and friends will be 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15,



Hecht

Denise (Kollasch) Hecht was born on October 29, 1940 in Whitmore IA to Orville and Betty Kollasch. She spent her youth in Estherville IA. She later married William Hecht on November 25, 1960. To this

union 6 children were born: Toni, Tina, Tonya, Todd, Twyla and Tami. The family moved to Yankton in 1968. Denise worked various jobs in Yankton, her most recent being the 1st Bank Card Center, where she worked her last 17 years until her retirement.

Denise enjoyed her life by painting, doing many crafts, gardening, crocheting, crossword puzzles and going on drives with her girlfriends. Her bubbly personality was evident in her wonderful sense of humor and her smile, which will be missed by us all. Her kind heart and

giving nature was known well by all who knew her and were recipients of her gifts. She never just made one of anything.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children: Toni (Scott) Stevens of Tucson AZ, Tonya Hackett of St. Cloud MN, Todd (Audrea) Hecht of Yankton SD and Twyla Weber of Sioux Falls, SD; her grandchildren: Kristie, Heather, Robbie, Kelsea, Alyssa, Shaylee, Cindy, Kelly and Rachael, as well as 13 great-grandchildren, who all were her greatest joy. She is also survived by one brother, Jim (Eva) Kollasch

of Smithland, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter, Tina, and daughter, Tami at the age of 44, two brothers, Orville and Kenny and one sister, Edna "Kay."

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will be forever cherished.

Grateful for having shared her life are her husband, Gene Coyle, Sioux Falls, SD; sons, Mike (Cheryl) Coyle, Springfield, SD, Kenny (Becc) Coyle, Yankton, SD, Kevin Coyle, Hartford, SD; daughters, Mary (John) Burke, Highland Ranch, CO and Teresa (Alan) Sterrett, Rapid City, SD; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Francis, Joseph, Vincent, Hubert; one brother in infancy; and her sister, Mary.

Mass of Resurrection will begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday April 16, 2015, at St. George Catholic Church in Hartford, SD. Visitation begins at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, with the family present from 5:00 to 7:00 and a 6:00 Prayer Service and Rosary on Wednesday evening at Miller Funeral Home, Hartford Chapel, 600 S. Western Avenue, Hartford, SD. Interment will be at St. George Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to St. George Catholic Church Building Fund.

For on-line condolences, please visit www.millerfh.com

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Eldon Grosse

Eldon L. Grosse, 92, of Benson, Minnesota, died Monday, April 13, 2015, at the Glen Oaks Nursing Home in New London.

Funeral services will be

held on Thursday, April 16, at 2 p.m., at the Zniewski Funeral Home in Benson.

Visitation will be held on Thursday at the funeral home from 1-2 p.m.

There will be a visitation at the Scotland VFW in Scotland from 1-1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17, burial will follow at Rosehill Cemetery in Scotland.

Visit www.znienskifuneralhome.com/.

Darrell Wentworth

Darrell F. Wentworth, a former College Professor and Lifetime member of VFW, died April 11, 2015. He was born July 12, 1925.

He was preceded in death by wife Enola May and son Wayne

He is survived by son Bruce (Shelly) Wentworth, Bellevue; John Wentworth, Dandridge, TN; 4 grandchildren and 1 great grand child; brothers Steve and Dan Wentworth, Yankton, S.D.

Memorial Service is 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Bellevue Memorial Chapel. Inurnment is in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Hillcrest Hospice. Bellevue Memorial Funeral Chapel, Bellevue, NE oversaw arrangements.

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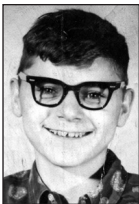
Thomas Wayne Johnson, age 65, passed away Monday, April 13, 2015 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD.

He was born February 1, 1950 in Flandreau, SD to Merlin and Ethel (Olevson) Johnson. Tom attended school in Flandreau and graduated from Washington High School in Sioux Falls. He moved to Yankton and lived at Sir Charles Apartments for many years while working at the State Hospital as a paper shredder. Tom retired in 2012 and continued to live in Yankton moving to Cedar Village Assisted Living this past year. He enjoyed playing cards, collecting stamps and coins, music, fishing with family in Yankton, returning to Flandreau for the holiday season, and eating meals at JoDean's.

Tom is survived by two brothers, Jay (Jo Ellen), Brookings, Monte (Lorraine), Flandreau, two nieces, two nephews, several great-nieces and nephews, two aunts, Delores Johnson, Flandreau, Ona Olevson, Minneota, MN, and special friend Lee Holm, Sioux Falls.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 17, 2015 at Skroch Funeral Chap-



Johnson

el, Flandreau, with burial in the Swedish Augustana Cemetery. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel.

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Raymond Dolejsi

Raymond T. Dolejsi, 86, of Yankton passed away on Monday, April 13, 2015 at the Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 17, 2015, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Robert Wullweber officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yankton, with Military graveside rites by the Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791 Honor Guard and the Ellsworth AFB Honor Guard.

Visitations will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday evening at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, with a rosary at 7 p.m. followed by a Scripture service at 7:30 p.m.



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