

# Lake Andes Fire Destroys Van At School Site

From P&D Staff Reports

LAKE ANDES — A weekend fire destroyed a painter's van at a school construction site but didn't result in injuries or any extensive damage at the site, according to a school official.

Work is under way on a new addition at the Andes Central elementary school that will house the kitchen and commons area, said Superintendent Darrell Mueller.

Some painters were working on the addition Saturday, either late afternoon or early evening, Mueller said. The painting contractor had his van parked outside the building when it caught fire.

The Lake Andes fire department responded to the fire, Mueller said. No school activities were under way at the time, and no crew members were injured in the fire, he said.

Mueller didn't have the name of

the van's owner.

The fire created a great deal of heat next to the construction site, resulting in some charring of the brick and burning some paint off the tin work, the superintendent said.

However, work is continuing on the addition, located on the east side of the elementary school, Mueller said. The project is slated for completion about mid-term, he added.

# Car

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He needed a radiator and a motor. The steering wheel was gone as was the dash and all the gauges.

"One summer, all we did was search salvage yards in Nebraska and South Dakota looking for replacement parts for 'Father's Toy,'" said Lillian. She said Ralph would describe one little thing for her to look for which would be easy for her recognize and he would look for the harder parts. It was a great pastime and hobby for the both of them.

"When those cars were built in '46, '47 and '48, by Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Pontiac, they all had the same body but different trim," said Heger. "So some of my parts come from all three."

The hood is from an Oldsmobile and the rear fender guard also came from an Olds. The steering wheel and the antenna light came from a Pontiac.

The couple laughed as they remembered arguing over the paint job until the day it went to the body shop for the process.

"I didn't know when I left for school that morning what color paint would be used," said Lillian. The original paint job was dark gray and light gray and she thought they should stay with the original color. But Ralph thought a black roof and red body would really make all that chrome pop. Since Ralph took it to be painted, his color choices ruled.

Heger did all the restoration except for the paint job and the upholstery inside. The late Andy Uhing did the complete inside re-upholstery and was very fond of this particular automobile project. Uhing made a sign that hung in the window claiming his handiwork for many years until someone rolled the window down and the sign fell into the door.

The total project took about two years, and the Hegers drove Father's Toy in the 1978 Crofton Homecoming Parade — and the car has been in every parade since.

Through the years, they have traveled the area for 50 miles in every direction to every parade they could find and came home



PHOTO: LINDA WUEBBEN  
Ralph and Lillian Heger have retired their 1948 Chevrolet Fleetliner, which they restored themselves and has been a fixture at area parades and other events for decades.

with trophies many times.

In 1996, Heger took his beauty to the Schuetzenfest's 100th celebration in Bow Valley. Heger grew up on a farm right across the road from the Bow Valley Dance Hall so when his car won the trophy in the antique car division in his own stomping grounds, he was quite proud.

The car was also famous for the music the couple motored down the street. Heger had a CD player and speakers out the back windows that played music to match whatever the event was. In the homecoming parade, the speakers played the Crofton Fight Song. At the Schuetzenfest, he played polka music like "In Heaven There Is No Beer."

When in Crofton, the Hegers could push one of six specially installed horns and "Crofton Warriors, Hats Off to Thee" would play. When the Hegers moseyed down the street during Wayne Chicken Days, the Chicken Dance would play, and little kids did the dance along with the music.

Another special memory happened during a Riverboat Days Parade in Yankton. They had mounted a display on the car's hood of soldiers raising the flag at Iwo Jima and Heger played "God Bless America" and "You're a Grand Old Flag." The area had just received news of the local soldiers who were injured and killed in the fighting in Iraq. Soldiers up and

down the parade route stood and saluted their car as they drove by.

The couple loved to share their car and drove many miles, getting 12 miles per gallon on the way. They only missed two parades for Czech Days in Tabor for personal reasons — and when they didn't sign up, someone would always call and ask why.

The Hegers have decided to pass the car along to their granddaughter in Phoenix whose companion is a mechanic and able to take good care of the old Detroit special. They sent a duffle bag of trophies along so the young couple could display them when the automobile is out and about. Their 2-year-old Arizona grandson already found the horns this last summer when the family was together here in Nebraska.

The car was transported by a Minnesota man who was hauling other antique vehicles to the southwest and the antique started right up and the mechanic-friend backed it off the truck when it arrived.

This past fall, the Hegers' son-in-law drove the Fleetliner in its last parade. Their granddaughter and great-grandson rode along in the front seat as the Chevy said its goodbyes to Crofton.

## YANKTON COURTS

**CASES DISPOSED:**  
**DECEMBER 1-8, 2011**

Linda Lorraine Attebury, Centerville; Seat belt violation, \$25

James Rick Cronn, 109 Jerry St., Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25

Steven Kotalik, Gayville; Speeding other roadways, \$125

Mark Tacke, 30837 432nd Ave., Yankton; Illegal lane change, \$120

Deanna L. Merryfield, Viborg; Seat belt violation, \$25

Colin Thomas Hamilton, Tyndall; Speeding on state highway, \$105

Sariah Vanhorn, 2606 Cedar Terrace, Yankton; Purchase/receive/consume/poss tobacco under 18, \$95

Kelsey Marie Lammers, Hartington, Neb.; Speeding other roadways, \$105

Alexandra F. Mika, 2006 Walnut St., Yankton; Careless driving, \$120

Wayne B. Buss, Irene; Artificial light/night vision, \$270

Donald L. Kinning, 511 E. 7th St., #4, Yankton; Municipal speeding, \$99

Rick L. Torczon, Columbus, Neb.; Overweight on axle, dismissed-not timely filed

Robert Glenn Hilt, Canton; Overweight on axle, dismissed-not timely filed

Dylan M. Schrempf, Vermillion; Possession controlled substance, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Poss two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed-motion by prosecutor

Adam Justin Myers, Sioux Falls; Municipal speeding, \$119

Miriam Hensel, 702 Walnut, #2, Yankton; No drivers license, \$120

Matthew D. Ellison, 100 Rainbow St., Yankton; Reregister every six months, recharged; Reregister every six months, dismissal-reduction; Misprision of felony, \$384 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court

Michael Wayne Collier, Honey Creek, Iowa; Driving under influence-2nd of, \$643 plus 60 days in jail with 50 days suspended based on conditions of court; Careless driving, dismissed-motion by prosecutor

Nathan Allen Braaten, 220.5 Capital, #B, Yankton; Driving under influence-3rd of, recharged; Simple assault, recharged; Simple assault, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Open alcoholic bev container accessible in vehicle, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Driving under influence-3rd of, dismissal-reduction; Simple assault, \$164.90 plus 30 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Driving under influence-2nd of, \$643 plus 60 days in jail with 50 days suspended based on conditions of court

Gaige Patrick Barry, 504 1/2 Green St., Yankton; Poss two ounces of marijuana or less, \$455; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed-motion by prosecutor

Joey Lee Guy, Volin; Domestic violence simple assault, dismissal-reduction; Disorderly conduct, \$166 plus 14 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court

Amanda Martin, Mission; Birth certificate or affidavit to be submitted, \$166 plus 14 days in jail suspended based on

conditions of court

Crystal Dawn Arcoren, 206 East 23rd St., Yankton; No drivers license, \$120

Crystal Dawn Arcoren, 206 East 23rd St., Yankton; Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, \$166 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court; Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, \$166 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court

Leonard A. Knight, Springfield; No drivers license, \$120

Paulletta Marie Hursell, 113 Juniper St., Yankton; Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, \$166 plus 5 days in jail suspended based on conditions of court

Mary L. Wagner, 902 E. 11th #2, Yankton; Possession of alcohol by minor, \$120

Dennis Ray DeJong, Avon; Seat belt violation, \$25

Anita Bebout, 414 W. 15th St., #41, Yankton; Disobey traffic signs-not stop, \$114

Michelle D. Tieszen, 1109 W. 11th St., Yankton; Failure to yield right of way, \$120

Douglas B. Whipple, Fordyce, Neb.; Speeding other roadways, \$125

Kelly Lynn Happeny, Hurley; Speeding on state highway, \$125

Tyler Dennison Schoenfelder, Sioux Falls; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$105

Jesse Cole Gullikson, Wakonda; Speeding on state highway, \$105

Barbara Jean Hansen, 618 Pearl St., Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25

Billie Jo Brewer, Irene; Speeding other roadways, \$105

Kathryn Dawn Walsh, 1225 Pasque Cir., Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25

April Lee Herbst, Mitchell; Speeding other roadways, \$125

Stanley James Hohn, Rapid City; Careless driving, \$120

Randall Scott Stone, Sperry, Iowa; Fail to stop at weigh station, \$170

Christopher Henry Kats, Hudson; Speeding other roadways, \$125

Jerry Lee Woodard, 1202 Whiting St., Yankton; Seat belt violation, \$25

Shelby Jo Hanson, Vermillion; Petty theft 2nd degree-\$400 or less, dismissal-reduction; No drivers license, \$120

Joshua Robert Law, 2500 Douglas Avenue, #11, Yankton; Speeding other roadways, \$105

Joby James Wuestewald, Gayville; Seat belt violation, \$25

Elizabeth Blandina Allemand, Volin; Seat belt violation, \$25

Dennis Oscar Sletten, Irene; Seat belt violation, \$25

Ronald John Haneke, Canton; Move oversize farm machinery after dark, \$170

Regan Manning, 702 Valley Rd., Yankton; Speeding other roadways, \$105

Michelle Mueller-Carter, 3302 Aurora, Yankton; Parking/standing violation, dismissed-motion by prosecutor

Dewayne Eugene Llewellyn, 908 Bill Baggs Road, #3, Yankton; Possession controlled substance, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Manuf/distr/poss drugs sched 1 or II, \$604 plus 10 years in S. D. State Penitentiary with 6 years suspended and 336 days time served based on conditions of court; Drug free zones created, dismissed-motion by prosecutor; Possession controlled substance, dismissed-motion by prosecutor

Chad Westendorf, Belton, Mo.; Speeding on state highway, \$79

Taylor L. Gould, Newcastle, Neb.; Speeding other roadways, \$125

Paul M. Ryan, 500 Douglas, #11, Yankton; Renewal registration during assigned month, \$120

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## OBITUARIES

### Betty Zeplin

Betty Zeplin (formerly of Yankton, SD and Wayne) entered into rest on December 18, 2011, at Heritage Of Bel-Air, Norfolk, Nebraska.

A Christian Service will be held at the Hase-mann Funeral Home, Wayne, Nebraska, at 1:30 p.m. Friday, December 23, 2011. Interment is in Mount Hope Cemetery, West Point, Nebraska.

Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Zeplin, 87, was born on October 15, 1924, at West Point to Paul and Viola (Tuttle) Zeplin. She graduated from Wayne High School in 1942, received her Bachelors Degree in 1949 and Masters Degree in 1958 at Wayne State College. Betty was a kindergarten and music teacher in Ainsworth from 1944-1947 and Yankton Public Schools from 1947-1987, when she retired. She was an avid reader and enjoyed cross-stitch, crafts of all kinds, and traveling. Betty was very interested following all activities of her nephews and great-nephews and great-nieces.

Betty is survived by her brother-in-law, Ray Roberts; three nephews, and their families, Paul (Brenda) Roberts of Carroll; Brad (Joanie) Roberts of Winside; Jim (Angie) Roberts of Syracuse; several great-nieces; great-nephews; and cousins.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Lois Roberts in 2008, and one infant great-niece, Melissa.

Visitation is Friday from 12:00 noon until service time.

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### Velma Mettler

MENNO — Velma Mettler, 89, of Menno died early Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at the Freeman Community Hospital, Freeman.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Zion Reformed Church, Menno, with the Rev. Herman Van Stedum officiating. Burial will be in the Menno Cemetery.

Visitations are 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, at Aisenbrey-Opahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Menno, with the family present from 6-7:30 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

### Ronald Schmidt

CROFTON, Neb. — Ronald V. Schmidt, 89, of Crofton, Neb., died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011, at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral Services are at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the United

### Theodore 'Ted' Mueller

Theodore "Ted" Mueller, age 94, of Yankton passed away Monday, December 19, 2011 at his residence with his family at his side.

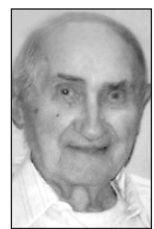
Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, Yankton with Rev. Dean Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories.

Visitations will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Ron Schatz, Dennis Stibral, Dick Lane, Jeff Bertelsen, Brandon Lane and Brian Lane.

Theodore was born January 13, 1917 on a family farm north of Utica, SD to Henry and Magdalena (Haar) Mueller. He attended country school and began farming at age 17.

Ted married Geneva Kuehn on November 26, 1941 in Yankton, SD. They made their home on the family farm and raised five children. He also did construction work; some of which included the building of the Gavins Point Dam and at various other locations. They actively farmed until he was



Mueller

80 years old. In 2009, they moved into Yankton. Ted and Geneva celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this past November.

He leaves a legacy of integrity, hard work, and a love of the land. One of his best investments was the purchase of a go-cart which created lasting memories for the grandkids and great-grandkids.

Survivors include his wife Geneva of Yankton; his five children: Carol (Ron) Schatz of Scotland, SD, Virginia Bertelsen of Moline, IL, Jim of Avon, MA, Jean (Dennis) Stibral, of Yankton, SD and Joyce (Dick) Lane of Yankton, SD; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and three sisters: Lenora Uhrhane, Ruth Clay, and Bettelu Harper, all of Central Point, OR.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Walter, and a daughter-in-law, Barbara Mueller.

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Church of Christ, Crofton, with the Rev. Les Parmenter officiating. Burial will be in the Crofton City Cemetery.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at Wintz Funeral Home, Crofton. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services on at the church.

To view the video tribute or to send online condolences, visit www.wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

### Ruth Mart

Ruth E. Mart, 93, of Vermillion, SD passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 18, at the Sanford Vermillion Care Center.

Ruth Nelson was born December 18, 1918 in Irene, SD to Lawrence and Mathilda (Mikkelsen) Nelson. She attended school in Irene and Centerville, SD, and married Harold A. Mart on February 27, 1937 in Yankton, SD.

Ruth was very much a Christian lady and operated her own wall paper hanging and interior decorating business for many years in the Wakonda, Irene and Vermillion area. Harold and Ruth farmed in the Pleasant Valley Township until Harold passed away in 1991.

Her joy was her friends, family and grandchildren. She liked to play

cards and was a member of the Sew and Chat Club for over 50 years. Ruth was a good neighbor, was always kind to people and had a gentle spirit.

Ruth is survived by her son Larry (Rose) Mart and daughter Maryln (John) Harnois all of Vermillion, two sisters; Phyllis Boom of Centerville and Betty (Eldon) Hasche of Sioux Falls, SD, a brother-in-law Ralph "Ras" Peterson of Viborg, 11 grandchildren; Rick, Jody, Karla, John, Tom, Jeff, Karen, Deb, Doug, Dan and Kathy, 17 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers; Ralph and Leonard, and six sisters; Amanda, Edith, Lottie, Marjorie, Jean and Nora, and a granddaughter.

Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 23 at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Vermillion with burial to follow the reception at the St. Patrick's Cemetery in Rural Wakonda.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 22 with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. all at the church.

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