

2010 Legal and Public Notices

Letter was sent to one property owner last month. Improvements were done on the property.

Request will be made to Attorney Thurman to write a letter to Sheriff's Office regarding complaints received about a town individual for erratic driving, noise and littering. Letter will be sent to one property owner requesting trees be cleaned up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lift Station Tree Removal
Water Superintendent Scherschligt to get cost estimates for next meeting.

Community Access Grant

Finance Officer Munkvold provided information regarding availability of Community Access Grant. No action taken.

Street Repair Bids

One bid received from Road Guy. Cost for material and labor (no state, local or excise tax included) \$32,400.00

Motion Frank, send Pratt to award the bid to the Road Guy with project to be done as soon as possible but no later than August 16, 2013. Motion carried.

OTHER:

Trustee Frank asked how much is owed for water/sewer charges on the 200 2nd Street Property. There is a potential buyer for the property. Finance Officer Munkvold will gather the information.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion Pratt, second Frank to adjourn the town board meeting at 7:40pm. Motion carried. Next monthly meeting of the Lester-ville Town Board is scheduled for July 8, 2013 at 7pm in the fire hall room.

Janelle Munkvold
Finance Officer

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Sci-Fi/Fantasy Author Richard Matheson Dies At 87

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Richard Matheson, the prolific sci-fi and fantasy writer whose "I Am Legend" and "The Shrinking Man" were transformed into films, has died. He was 87.

A spokesman for the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films said Matheson died Sunday in Los Angeles. No other details were provided.

With a career spanning more than 60 years, Matheson crafted stories that deftly transitioned from the page to both the big and small screens. Several of his works were adapted into films, including 1953's "Hell House," 1956's "The Shrinking Man," 1958's "A Stir of Echoes" and 1978's "What Dreams May Come."

Matheson's 1954 sci-fi vampire novel "I Am Legend" inspired three different film adaptations: 1964's "The Last Man

on Earth" starring Vincent Price, 1971's "Omega Man" starring Charlton Heston and 2007's "I Am Legend" starring Will Smith.

Matheson was also responsible for writing several episodes of "The Twilight Zone," as well as editions of "The Alfred Hitchcock Hour," "Rod Serling's Night Gallery," "The Martian Chronicles" and "Amazing Stories." His "Twilight Zone" installments included "Nightmare at 20,000 Feet," which featured William Shatner as an airplane passenger who spots a creature on a plane's wing, as well as "Steel," which inspired the 2011 film "Real Steel" starring Hugh Jackman.

"I loved Richard Matheson's writing, and it was a huge honor getting to adapt his story 'Button, Button' into a film," posted "Donnie Darko" and "The

Box" director Richard Kelly on Twitter on Monday.

Matheson influenced several generations of storytellers. Among them were Stephen King, who dedicated his 2006 novel "Cell" to Matheson, and Steven Soderbergh, whose first feature-length film was the made-for-TV movie "Duel," based on the Matheson short story of the same name.

"Richard Matheson's ironic and iconic imagination created seminal science-fiction stories and gave me my first break when he wrote the short story and screenplay for 'Duel,'" said Spielberg in a statement. "His 'Twilight Zones' were among my favorites, and he recently worked with us on 'Real Steel.' For me, he is in the same category as (Ray) Bradbury and (Isaac) Asimov."

Matheson was scheduled to receive

the visionary award at the Academy of Science Fiction, Horror and Fantasy Films' Saturn Awards on Wednesday. The organization said the award will be presented posthumously and the 39th annual ceremony would be dedicated to Matheson.

"We are heartbroken to lose a writer of towering talent, unlimited imagination and unparalleled inspiration," said Robert Holguin, the academy's president. "Richard was a genius whose visions helped bring legitimacy and critical acclaim to science fiction and fantasy. He was also a longtime supporter of the academy, and everyone associated with the Saturn Awards feels emptier today to learn of this enormous loss."

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to accomplish that through a 10.13 percent increase on the minimum charge, a multiplier he then applied to the minimum charges for users of each meter size.

This minimum charge — which ranges from the aforementioned \$15 for those with the smallest meter size to \$1,967 for those with the largest — will take the form of a surcharge, which is an amount charged before a customer gets a drop of water and must be passed as an ordinance.

The commission also decided that it will charge \$4.93 for every 1,000 gallons of water — up from the current charge of \$3.52. Despite some consideration that the first 1,000 gallons would be provided for "free" with the surcharge, the commission decided against that.

That means the 501 customers that currently use less than 1,000 gallons per month will have a monthly bill of \$19.93. At each increase of 1,000 gallons, users

simply add another \$4.93 to their bill — which is why the average user of 5,000 gallons arrives at \$39.65.

The usage rate increase must be passed via a resolution.

City officials have not given a precise timeline of when they will enact the new cost structure, but Viereck said he anticipates the surcharge and usage rate would go into effect at the same time.

An ordinance takes an introduction and first reading at the initial meeting, followed by a second reading and public hearing at the next meeting before it can be given final approval. The resolution can be passed within one meeting — making it likely that it would be considered during the same session as the public hearing for the ordinance.

Why does the commission want to use a combination of a surcharge and rate increase to pay for improvements?

Under state law, the total amount of debt the city can take on is 5 percent of the previous year's assessed value. That puts the current cap for Yankton at approximately \$38-\$39 million. Of that total, the city has approximately \$19.7 million in legal debt capacity available. A surcharge does not

count toward the city's total debt capacity, while rates do.

The commission wants to have some debt capacity left over for things such as economic development projects or disasters.

The cost structure received unanimous approval from the commission. Commissioner Dave Carda was absent.

In related matters, the commission approved a bid of \$661,800 from Wellf Construction of Yankton to complete improvements to Water Plant No. 2. Should a new water plant be built, the 1974 facility will be used during peak usage times. Environmental Services Director Kyle Goodmanson said the upgrades will replace equipment, some of which dates back to when the plant was built, and create redundancy in the system so it isn't as susceptible to a breakdown.

Also, a public hearing was held as part of applying for an up to \$26 million loan from the state for the pro-

posed water system upgrades. The interest rate for the 20-year loan would be 3 percent. The application must be submitted by July 1, and City Manager Amy Nelson said she expects to get the state's decision on the application in October.

The commission unanimously approved submitting the loan request.

In other business Monday, the commission:

- heard complaints from two residents who live near the downtown about the sound level of bands playing in the outdoor area of Happy Hour in the 300 block of Douglas Avenue. Meanwhile, a resident who lives across the street from the venue praised the establishment's efforts to create a vibrant downtown and said the noise has not been a problem. On the recommendation of City Attorney Dave Hosmer, the commission said it will have staff look at crafting an ordinance that specifies acceptable decibel levels. Otherwise, Hosmer

said the current ordinance dealing with unreasonable noise is vague;

- approved a vendor use policy for the Meridian Bridge;
- agreed to have Marty Shukert of RDG update its 2007 plan for the Meridian Bridge Plaza. The contract is not to exceed \$7,111.
- agreed to a final payment of \$2,015 to Daniels Residential Inc., of Tea for the Riverside Park Comfort Station that was started in 2011. The payment will now close out the \$199,338 project. Park and Recreation Director Todd Larson said the delay in finishing was due to an issue with the flooring; and
- approved a set of covenants and general conditions for the sale of approximately six acres of city-owned property south of Fire Station No. 2.

You can follow Nathan Johnson on Twitter at twitter.com/AnInlandVoyage

Family

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Yankton. He has five children: Jeremy, Ross, Erin, Alex and Adam.

Steve and Janet Heine live on the family homestead. Steve graduated from Cedar Catholic High School. He has always worked on the farm and is currently co-manager and owner. Janet grew up on a farm/ranch operation near Ree Heights and graduated from Miller High School and from Northern State University in Aberdeen.

The couple met while she was working in admissions at Mount Marty College in Yankton. They married in 1994 and have three children: Garrett, Ashley and Lauren.

With Gerhardt's death at an early age, the Heine family faced many challenges in keeping the farm going, Janet said.

"Gary said, 'I think Dad had an instinct (about his early passing). During the last year or two of his life, my dad took me along to the sale barn and taught me so much,'" she said.

Eventually, the five brothers — Gary, Gene, Ron, Tom and Steve — formed a partnership. They farmed in Nebraska and Yankton County, and they fed cattle in Nebraska for themselves and a custom feeding operation.

In 2002, the five brothers bought Yankton Livestock. In 2004, Gary and Tom bought out the other three brothers in the auction business, and Steve and Ron solely bought the feedlot. The Heines continue doing business with each other.

Currently, Steve and Ron own and operate the homestead farm as a custom feed yard. Primarily, the Heines feed out feeder cattle for themselves and customers. They also raise corn and soybeans.

Heine Farm & Feedyard

feed out more than 30,000 head of feeder cattle annually. Packers that purchase from Heine Farm & Feedyard include Tyson Foods, Cargill, Greater Omaha and many others. Hay, alfalfa and more than one million bushels of corn are purchased annually from area farmers.

Customers feed cattle at Heine Farm & Feedyard from as near as Crofton, Neb., and Scotland and as far away as California and Virginia.

The Heines are looking forward to passing the farm to the next generation, if they desire, Janet said.

"It's very important to Steve that we live on the homestead, that his family continues to live here as the years go by," she said. "We want to keep things going for the younger members of the family, if they so choose to do so later."

You can follow Randy Dockendorf on Twitter at twitter.com/RDockendorf

Habitat

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members pay a higher entry fee, so the money raised locally comes back to the Yankton affiliate.

"Everything we raise here locally stays local," Dykstra said. "It's a huge event for them, but it's a huge event for the local affiliate as well."

Aside from raising money, Dykstra said the concert will provide an opportunity to raise awareness in the community about Habitat for Humanity.

"This helps Habitat raise awareness of the need for affordable housing in Yankton County and beyond, and this is a great way to get together," she said. "It's going to be a fun concert and it's a great opportunity to share in some great music."

Dykstra said awareness is needed in the Yankton community, because there is a

need for affordable housing in Yankton and there are some misconceptions about the organization.

"It's interesting to find that Habitat for Humanity has been around for 17 years in Yankton County, and there are several people who do not know that we have a local chapter," she said. "They also do not know what the program is all about."

"One of the biggest misconceptions is that homeowners are given their homes. They pay a 0 percent interest rate, and we set that mortgage term for 20-30 years and they have to put in sweat equity. It's just like me going to the bank and financing a loan — it's exactly the same concept."

In 2012, Dykstra said, there were 136 families on the waiting list for affordable housing and the average cost of an apartment in Yankton was \$556 per month.

"That's rather steep for somebody like a single mom making less than minimum wage," she said.

Dykstra is also looking to expand the program. Cur-

rently, Habitat for Humanity is finishing a home on Rainbow Street, has broken ground at another and will be starting a new program called Brush of Kindness this fall. This will be a repair program for the exterior of homes, and will be geared toward low-income families who need assistance in keeping up with the cost.

"Any time you can get a group of people together for refreshments and good family fun, it builds the community and helps us raise awareness," Dykstra said. "I do see the need expanding beyond (not only) providing home ownership opportunities, but also to help with properties and restoring neighborhoods."

Dykstra is also looking to open a re-sale store in 2014, which would take donations of building materials and resell them to the public.

"We are definitely an organization in the midst of change," she said.

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Drought

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moisture has been recharged after last year's drought cut his crop yield.

"It would be nice to get a crop, I know that, after last year," Hofer said. "That would put a smile on a lot of faces."

The task force, a group of state officials and others appointed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard, meets periodically to get an update on conditions and consider ways to respond to dry conditions. Members of the task force said they may not meet next month if condi-

tions continue to improve. Last week, the U.S. Drought Monitor report indicated that only about 9 percent of the state was in severe or extreme drought, with no part of South Dakota in the highest category of exceptional drought. That's a big change from March, when 86 percent of the state was in severe, extreme or exceptional drought.

Hofer said he doesn't know what will happen later in the summer, but conditions are good now. "We'll just have to see what Mother Nature holds for us," Hofer said.

In western South Dakota, Larry Gabriel said his hay crop is above average, a big change from last year when

his family had to sell some cattle to get through the drought on the ranch near Cottonwood.

"The grass in the pastures, where the cattle are, it's just about as good as it can get," Gabriel said.

However, Gabriel said the hay near Philip, east of his ranch, is so poor it's not worth cutting.

Wes Nolte said his family's farm near Webster has received a lot of rain, but recent hail might have hurt the soybeans. If the weather warms up, the corn and soybeans should start shooting up, he said.

"It depends on what happens from here on," Nolte said.



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