

Fire Damages Garages In Mission Hill

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Two garages sustained damage Friday afternoon during a fire in Mission Hill.

The Yankton Fire Department received a report of the blaze along First Street at approximately 3 p.m.

"The occupant of the home heard a 'pop' and went outside," Deputy Fire Chief Larry Nickles said.

A single garage was burning and a nearby double garage caught on fire from the radiant heat.

"The single garage was a total loss, along with the vehicle inside," Nickles said. "The double garage sustained some exterior damage and minor damage on the inside. It housed a boat, lawn equipment and motorcycles. They all have light damage."

Firefighters were on scene for about an hour.

No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is undetermined, Nickles said.



Firefighters work to battle a blaze that broke out in Mission Hill on Friday afternoon. The fire, located on first street, damaged two garages. A single garage was a total loss, while the double garage sustained less damage. No injuries were reported, and the cause of the fire is undetermined.

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City To Consider Refinancing Loan

From P&D Staff Reports

The Yankton City Commission will consider refinancing its wastewater treatment facility loan Monday.

The debt service requirements to the city would be reduced by more than \$15,295 annually for the next 11 years if the plan is adopted, and it would result in savings to wastewater users.

Also on the agenda is a pair of zoning issues and an executive session for contractual matters.

The meeting gets under way at 7 p.m. in the City of Yankton Meeting Room, located at the Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st St.

MMC Set To Host Lenten Reflection Event

The Mount Marty College theatre department, in cooperation with MMC Campus Ministry, will present "Breadth of Heaven," a Lenten reflection on the Last Supper, Agony in the Garden, and Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, March 26, beginning at 7 p.m. in Marian Auditorium.

The presentation, under the direction of Andy Henrickson, Director of Theatre, will run approximately 35 minutes. The performance is free and open to the public.

The group of Mount Marty College students participating in the holy week event include Megan Arens, Kayce Olson, Alyssa Duncan, Caitlin Ostrander, Molly Henrickson, Tessa Carda, Jessica Sahagun, Johanna Scheich, Kelsey Schmidt, Emily Anderson, Kirsti Skuza, Samie Tobey, Shaleena Lewis, Jenna Geiken, Amanda Buschelman, Kelsey Lammers, Ricardo Marroquin, Adan Garcia-Marquez, Luke Loecker, Ryan Oye and Peter Prostrullo.

Scenic and lighting designs by Stephen English, MMC Theatre Technical Director. The Stations of the Cross will incorporate the sound design of former MMC theatre student, Nicholas C. Rokahr, from the performance two years ago.

For more information, contact Sr. Mary Jo Polak, Director of Campus Ministry, 668-1547, or Andy Henrickson, Director of Theatre, 668-1533.

IRS Seeks Volunteers For Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service seeks civic-minded volunteers to serve on the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP), which is a federal advisory committee that listens to taxpayers, identifies key issues, and makes recommendations for improving IRS services.

The TAP provides a forum for taxpayers to raise concerns about IRS service and offer suggestions for improvement. The TAP reports annually to the Secretary of the Treasury, the IRS Commissioner and the National Taxpayer Advocate. The Office of the Taxpayer Advocate is an independent organization within the IRS and provides oversight of the TAP.

"In trying to comply with an increasingly complex tax system, taxpayers may find they need different services than the IRS is currently providing," said Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate. "The TAP is vital because it provides the IRS with the taxpayers' perspective as well as recommendations for improvement. This helps the IRS deliver the best possible service to assist taxpayers in meeting their tax obligations."

The TAP includes members from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Each member is appointed to represent the interests of taxpayers in their geographic location as well as taxpayers as a whole.

For the first time, the TAP this year is seeking to include at least one additional member to represent international taxpayers. For these purposes, "international taxpayers" are broadly defined to include U.S. citizens working, living, or doing business abroad or in a U.S. territory. The new international member will not be required to attend any face-to-face meetings and cannot be reimbursed for such expenditures if he or she chooses to attend.

To be a member of the TAP you must be a U.S. citizen, be current with your federal tax obligations, be able to commit 200 to 300 hours during the year, and pass an FBI criminal background check. New TAP members will serve a three-year term starting in December 2013. Applicants chosen as alternate members will be considered to fill any vacancies that open in their areas during the next three years.

The TAP is seeking members in the following locations: California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa,

Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, Puerto Rico and any other U.S. territory or location abroad. The panel needs alternates for the District of Columbia, Kansas, Kentucky, New Hampshire, New Jersey, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Applications for the TAP will be accepted through April 1, 2013. Applications are available online at www.improvers.org. For additional information about the TAP or the application process, please call 1-888-912-1227 (a toll-free call) and select prompt number five. Callers who are outside of the U.S. and U.S. territories should call 954-423-7973 (not a toll-free call). You may also contact the TAP staff at taxpayeradvocacypanel@irs.gov for assistance.

many on-line friends. Surviving is her hubby, Ken; son, Jason (Carmen) and their sons, Conner and Cooper; son, Alan; daughter, Amy (Amanda Beeson); a sister, Mary (Mike) Christopherson; a brother, George (Glenda) Graves; and many nieces and nephews.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Roger Graves.

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OBITUARIES

Joanne 'Jo' Sudbeck

JoAnne "Jo" Mary Sudbeck, 64, left for Heaven on Thursday, March 21, 2013 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, March 25, 2013 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton with Rev. John Rutten officiating. Burial of JoAnne's cremated remains will be at a later date in the Hurley Cemetery. Visitations will begin 5 p.m., Sunday, March 24, 2013 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7 p.m. rosary, video tribute and 7:30 p.m. Scripture Service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church. Pall-



Sudbeck

bearers are Mathew Graves, Mathew Strutz, Jesse Christopherson, Corey Sudbeck, Heath (Bo) Sudbeck and Andrew Graves. She was born to George and Leona (Jensen) Graves on June 13, 1948 in Yankton. Jo graduated from Hurley High School in 1966 and LPN nursing school at Sioux Valley in 1970. Before nursing school, she met Ken Sudbeck while smashing pumpkins with mutual friends, and fell in love. They were married on February 20, 1971 during a raging ice storm, shortly after, their first son,

Jason was born, followed by another son, Alan and baby girl, Amy. They lived in Yankton their entire married life.

Jo worked at Human Services Center in the geriatric unit for 25 years and then at Sanford Nursing Home in Vermillion. She enjoyed her entire working life giving people the dignity they deserved until their end.

Her life centered around family, especially her two grandsons Conner and Cooper, loving them with her whole heart. She enjoyed and spent many hours doing crafty things, going to various events, camping, and just hanging out. She loved needlework, family time, cooking, her flowers and immaculate yard, and playing Farmville with her

many on-line friends.

Surviving is her hubby, Ken; son, Jason (Carmen) and their sons, Conner and Cooper; son, Alan; daughter, Amy (Amanda Beeson); a sister, Mary (Mike) Christopherson; a brother, George (Glenda) Graves; and many nieces and nephews.

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Marie Sorensen

RAPID CITY — Marie P. Sorensen, 83, Rapid City, died Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at the Golden Living Center - Bella Vista in Rapid City.

Marie was born on June 1, 1929, in Tabor, to Adolph Thomas and Christina (Kozel) Sedlacek. She grew up in Tabor and graduated from high school there in 1946.

On November 18, 1955, she was united in marriage to Leland Sorensen in Tabor. The couple moved to Rapid City and Marie raised her family here. When the kids were older, she was employed at Safeway and as a waitress in several restaurants. She and Leland moved to Custer in 1975 and she was employed at the nursing home there. After Leland retired as Post-

master in Custer, they moved back to Rapid City in 1983.

Marie loved to dance, garden and do crafts at home. She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Red Hat Society, Moose Lodge and Canyon Lake Senior Center.

Survivors include two sons: Dan (Konnie) Sorensen of Rapid City and Kelly Sorensen and special friend Lisa Schaefer, of Monroe; two daughters: Linda Barker of Custer and Susan (Sid) Michaels of Rapid City; eight grandchildren, Tricia Michaels and Amy Michaels, both of Emporia, Kan., Christina (Mike) Kopren, Rapid City,

Matthew (Sandi) Michaels, Galva, Kan., Jessi Sorensen and special friend Matt McCamley, Rapid City; Cody Barker and special friend Jessie Moffet, Custer, Stacy Sorensen, Denver, CO and Gary Sorensen, of Sidney, Ohio; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother: Tom (Kathy) Sedlacek of Tabor, and two sisters: Emma Kochmick and Alice Weibel, both of Omaha, NE.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Leland in 1994, and her sister, Marcella.

Mass of Christian burial will be offered at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, at Blessed Sacrament Church with the Rev. Janusz Kor-

ban presiding. Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Interment will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Black Hills National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, 1000 N. West Ave., #250, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

Services are under the direction of Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home.

Her online guestbook is available at www.osheimschmidt.com.
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Hospital

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In addition to just being easier to find, meal service for patients and families will also be improved. There will also be conference rooms along side of the cafeteria where staff members can grab food, then go right to their meetings.

The construction project will also have a new pharmacy, allowing biomedical services to expand into the old pharmacy. In addition, the new space allows the radiology department to expand, as well. The sleep lab will also move from the Benedictine Center into the new space.

Ekeren thinks the sleep lab will be in a better location with the new space.

Recent expansions to the hospital include the emergency department, the office pavilion and surgery center addition. However, Ekeren said the last project of this magnitude came in the 1990's when a new entrance was built to the hospital, along with a new Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

"This is the first major project for the hospital in the last 20-plus

years," he said. "We've had other projects where we spent money to upgrade, but, in terms of the square footage addition, this project can't compare to a lot of others."

Ekeren said there are a number of advantages to finishing the project ahead of schedule.

"By finishing ahead of where we expected, there is less of an inconvenience caused for patients, visitors and staff with the construction," he said. "We're also able to get into new space earlier. Finishing early should have a cost savings associated with it, as well."

The next phase for construction will be finishing the third floor and is expected to be turned over to the hospital by about August 1. Officials hope to have the new outpatient therapy center completed by May, as well.

Ekeren said the project solidifies Yankton's medical reputation.

"We have strong physicians here, and a lot of specialties offered that are skills unique to the region," he said. "With physicians being able to better collaborate and communicate with the new space, it only strengthens the regional position of Yankton in terms of health offerings."

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