

YCL To Brief City Commission On Space Needs

The Yankton City Commission will hear a discussion on the space needs for the Yankton Community Library Monday night.

During the commission's 7 p.m. meeting, Library Director Kathy Jacobs will brief commissioners on the assessments so far and discuss seeking public dialogue on the facility's future plans.

Also Monday, the commission will hold a public hearing on a community development block grant for the Gehl Drive/Dakota Trailer project, among other items. The board will also convene in a closed session to discuss matters tied to labor negotiations.

The City Commission meets in the City of Yankton Community Meeting Room (Room 114) at the Technical Education Center, 1200 W. 21st St.

ICCA Set To Visit Yankton Sunday

The International Coin Collectors Association (ICCA) will be making a stop in Yankton at the Holiday Inn Express, located at 2607 Broadway Avenue, on Sunday, Oct. 9, through Thursday, Oct. 13. The show hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

The ICCA will be purchasing coins, paper currency, gold and silver on behalf of their global network of collectors, dealers and refineries.

This special event is free and open to the public.

MMC To Close For Holiday On Monday

The Mount Marty College campus will be closed for the Native American/Columbus Day holiday on Monday, Oct. 10. Offices will be open and classes held beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

Student Leaders To Attend SDHSA Workshops

Throughout the next month, high school student leaders from around South Dakota will attend one of seven regional student council workshops co-sponsored by the South Dakota High School Activities Association and the South Dakota Student Council Association with the belief that good leaders build good communities.

The workshops are planned to enhance the leadership abilities of those high school student leaders that are in attendance. The format for the workshops is designed to provide an opportunity for high school student leaders to gather for the purpose of networking with other student leaders, gaining training in leadership skills, and exchanging information about student council activities in each of the participating schools.

Area workshops include the following:

- Oct. 11 — Spirit Point Region: North Sioux City, Region Advisor: Landra Knodel: 263-3313 or Landra.E.Knodel@k12.sd.us.
- Oct. 27 — Big Sioux Region: Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School in Sioux Falls. Region Advisor: Michele Jensen: 362-2860 or michele.jensen@k12.sd.us.

VA To Offer Area Flu Vaccinations

To safeguard the health of America's veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) urges all veterans to receive flu vaccinations this season.

Walk-in clinics for veterans enrolled in VA's health care system will take place beginning next week at the following locations and times. Only one vaccination is required this year, which will be provided at no charge to veterans who are enrolled for VA health care.

Area opportunities include:

- Sioux Falls VA Medical Center: Oct. 7-7-11 a.m.; Oct. 11 — 7 a.m.-noon; Oct. 14 — 7-11 a.m.; Oct. 17 — 7 a.m.-noon; Oct. 18 — noon-6:30 p.m.; Oct. 21 — 7 a.m.-noon; Oct. 26 — 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Oct. 27 — noon-6 p.m.; Nov. 1 — noon-p.m.
- Wagner CBOC, 400 W Hwy 46-50, Wagner, phone: 605-384-2340: Nov. 4 — 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Nov. 18 — 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Sioux City CBOC, 1551 Indian Hills Dr. Ste 206, Sioux City, Iowa, phone: 712-258-4700: Oct. 24 — 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Credit Card Scam Targets Classifieds

LINCOLN, Neb. —The Nebraska State Patrol is urging citizens to be aware of a fraudulent scam targeting classified ads.

Investigators with the Nebraska State Patrol received a complaint from a man who ran a classified ad in his local paper several weeks ago. On Tuesday, Sept. 20, the man was contacted by a person calling from an out-of-state number. The person calling indicated the credit card used by the man to pay for the classified ad did not go through and he needed to provide the numbers again. The man complied with the request. A short time later the scammer called back, indicating the card still would not work and ask the man for a different credit card. He provided the caller with a new credit card number.

The man then became suspicious and called his credit card companies to put a hold on each of the cards. The card company indicated the scammers had already charged thousands of dollars to one card and were attempting to charge to the other card.

"In this type of operation, the scammers get on-line and randomly call numbers listed in classified ads," said Investigative Services Captain Chuck Phillips. "We want Nebraskans to be aware, because these types of scam operations usually work in one state then move on."

Anyone who believes they may have been contacted by this "Classified Scam" should contact their credit card company and local law enforcement.

Captain Phillips said, "It's a good idea, if you're placing an ad with a credit card to ask for verification that the transaction was successful before continuing."

For additional information on scams and identity theft, visit the Nebraska Attorney General's website at <http://www.ago.ne.gov/> click on the Consumer Protection tab, or call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-727-6432.

OBITUARIES

Erna Cook

Erna E. Cook, 95, of Yankton died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, at Avera Yankton Care Center, Yankton.

Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Wintz & Ray Funeral Home, Yankton, with the Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Burial will be in the Yankton Cemetery in Yankton.

Visitation with the family present is 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Visitation resumes one hour prior to the funeral on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Elgin Iron Hawk

BRIDGEWATER — Elgin Iron Hawk, 60, of Bridgewater died Friday, Oct. 7, 2011, at the Diamond Care Center, Bridgewater.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m.

Monday at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, Wagner. Burial is in the Holy Fellowship Episcopal Cemetery, rural Greenwood.

Wake services are being held at the YST Gym, Wagner.

Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, is in charge of arrangements.

Murel Deurmier

MARION — Murel Deurmier, 72, of Marion died Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011, at the Tieszen Memorial Home, Marion.

Funeral services are at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at United Methodist Church, Wagner. Burial is in the ZCBJ Cemetery, rural Wagner.

Visitation is Tuesday at Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Wagner, with the family present from 5-7 p.m.

IRS Warns Of Tax Scam Targeting Midwesterners

ST. PAUL — The Internal Revenue Service is warning of a scam in that promises a tax refund or rebate based on Social Security benefits. The scam is prevalent across parts of the Midwest and South.

"This scam is bold. Con artists approach people face-to-face and encourage them to file tax returns to get a refund, rebate or stimulus check based on withholding from Social Security benefits," said IRS spokesperson Carrie Resch. "The problem is that this kind of withholding never took place. The victim is out the fee the scammer charged for the return preparation and they've also signed a false tax return claiming a refund that is not legitimate."

The scam targets people who aren't normally required to file tax returns, including seniors and low income individuals. Fliers and advertisements for "free money" from the IRS, suggesting that the taxpayer can file a return and get a refund with little or no documentation, have been appearing in community churches and senior centers around the country.

"These schemes are often spread by word of mouth among unsuspecting and well-intentioned people telling their friends and relatives. And that's exactly why the IRS is working aggressively to warn people before they would be approached by one of these scammers," Resch said.

People are being victimized because they end up paying the scammer a fee to prepare the re-

turns, only to find out their claims are rejected or they have to return the money to the IRS, plus potential penalties and interest.

"That's why it's important to make sure your family and friends are aware of the scam, so that innocent people don't fall victim to it. Remember, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is," said Resch.

In general, the IRS pursues enforcement actions against those who promote schemes or entice others to violate the law. The penalty for filing fraudulent returns with the IRS can be up to \$5,000. The IRS pursues the organizers of scams and can recommend criminal prosecution.

"At the IRS, protecting taxpayer money is a matter we take extremely seriously," said Kelly R. Jackson, Special Agent in Charge of the IRS Criminal Investigation division. "An integral part of the agency's mission involves detecting and catching fraudulent tax refund claims. The object of these schemes is to defraud the government and the taxing public."

The IRS says taxpayers should be wary of any of the following:

- Fictitious claims for refunds or rebates based on excess or withheld Social Security benefits.
- Claims that Treasury Form 1080 can be used to transfer funds from the Social Security Administration to the IRS enabling a payout from the IRS.
- Unfamiliar for-profit tax services teaming up

with local churches.

- Home-made fliers and brochures implying credits or refunds are available without proof of eligibility.
- Offers of free money with no documentation required.
- Promises of refunds for "Low Income - No Documents Tax Returns."
- Claims for the expired Economic Recovery Credit Program or Recovery Rebate Credit.
- Advice on using the Earned Income Tax Claims based on exaggerated reports of self-employment income.
- In some cases non-existent Social Security refunds or rebates have been the bait used by the con artists. In other situations, taxpayers deserve other tax credits they are promised but the preparer uses fictitious or inflated information on the return, which results in a fraudulent return.

Anyone with questions about a tax credit or program should visit www.irs.gov, call the IRS toll-free number at 800-829-1040 or visit a local IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center.

If you feel you are a victim of this type of scam, or would like to report possible cases or fraud involving the scam, call the IRS Criminal Investigation Division and leave a message at 651-312-8088. (The message may be left anonymously.) If you have questions about the scam, you can also email the IRS Criminal Investigation Division at StPaulCID@ci.irs.gov.

Recovery

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The barricade of sandbags was eventually overcome by water at 160,000 cfs, and the earth behind it was left pock-marked. Most of those holes have since been filled in with sand. A pile of trees, mobile home decks and sandbag material awaits disposal. Tens of thousands of sandbags still line the shore, despite volunteer efforts to get rid of them.

"Clean-up has been slow, but it's coming along," Doug said. "Several retired campers (who live in the park) are working every day. I can't believe how much that helps, and I'm really grateful for it."

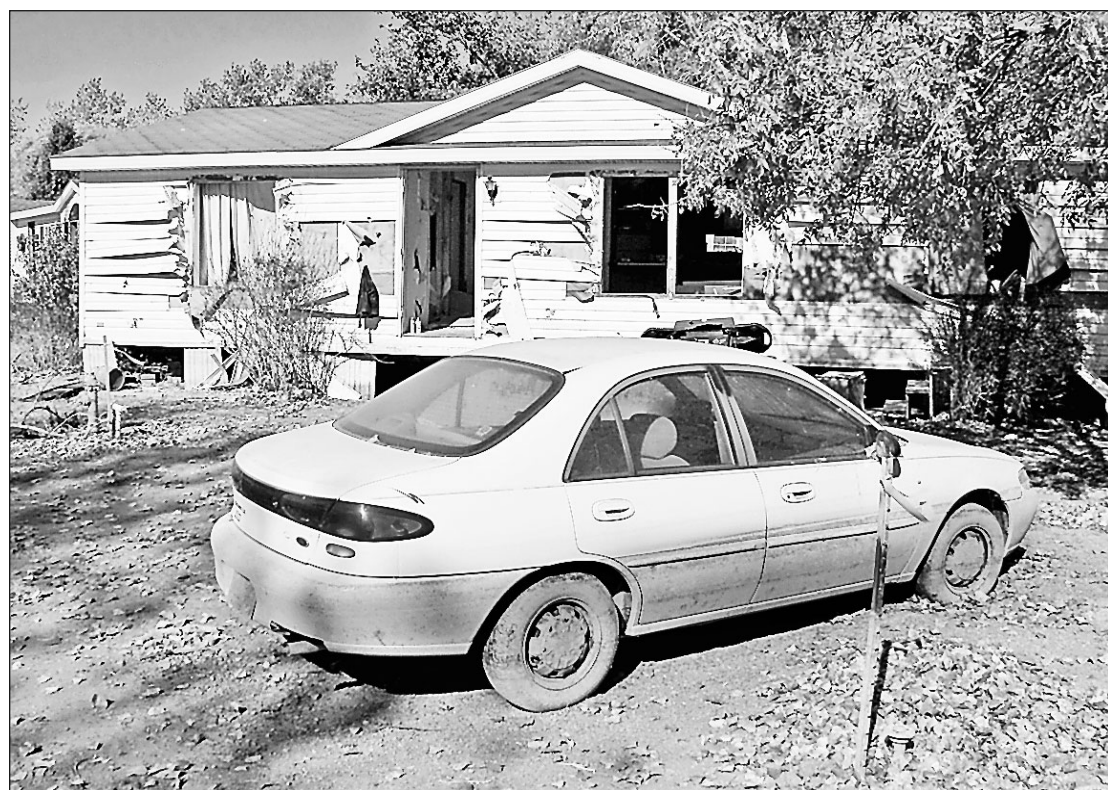
The Larsons are in the process of receiving a loan from the Small Business Administration to get things up and running by next summer.

"It's not quite what we were looking for, but it sure as heck is a lot better than nothing," Doug said. "We're glad we got it, and we'll work with it."

Many changes are in store for the property, he stated.

Eighteen mobile home pads near the shore that once hosted long-term residents will not be replaced.

"That's one of the things that really hurt — having to move these people out who had homes here for 18 years," Doug said.



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

This car was left at Larson's Landing throughout the duration of the flooding this summer. The sediment line on the side of the car indicate the height of the floodwaters when dam discharges reached 160,000 cubic feet per second.

"That really gave me some lumps in my throat."

Those permanent pads will become camping spots instead.

"We'll change this over to a summer-type operation rather than year-round," Doug said.

Another change will involve reconfiguration of the marina area. Also, much of the beach that was once enjoyed by residents has been washed away.

"Before people could go wade in the water," Doug said. "They won't be able to do that anymore."

One of the biggest surprises for the Larsons was the number of trees downed by beavers.

"It was like a smorgasbord," Linda said. "They'd eat one off until it tipped over and then move on to the next one."

They hope that part of the

park will be restored by Memorial Day.

"We'll have all the existing RV pads back in operation," Doug said. "But we're still out of all this area that had mobile homes. That will be a year-long project to redo."

Linda added, "It's exciting to see things coming together. You always have to look forward. That's what we're doing."

New Campaign In Place For Underage Drinking And Driving

Each year thousands of teens are killed or injured in traffic crashes as a result of underage drinking. So it's time to remind both teens and parents and adults that underage drinking and driving is deadly serious. In 2009 alone among those under 21 years of age, 1,398 people were killed in alcohol-impaired driving fatalities.

Many Americans don't realize just how dangerous underage drinking can be. The fact is, in 2009, 15 drivers and motorcycle operators under the age of 21 were killed in traffic crashes in South Dakota had BAC levels of .08 or higher.

South Dakota has stepped-up the crackdown on underage drinking and driving. Local community leaders, concerned citizens, and local law enforcement in South Dakota have joined to implement a comprehensive teen drinking-and-driving prevention campaign called Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Crackdown 2011. The campaign will target underage

drinkers and drivers as well as any parents and adults who supply alcohol to teens.

During the campaign, law enforcement officers will step-up compliance checks, saturation and party patrols, and watching for parents and adults who are providing alcohol or hosting drinking parties for their underage teens. Parents and adults need to know that hosting a party where alcohol is served to minors is not only illegal, but it's extremely dangerous for their teens, for others in the community, and for the parents and adults themselves given the legal liabilities they face.

South Dakota law states that any adult found supplying or assisting an underage individual other than their own child in possessing or consuming alcohol can be fined up to \$1,000 or be imprisoned up to 30 days to a year.

Penalties for underage drinking are also costly to teens. Any individual under the age of 21

found to be in possession (i.e., purchasing, attempting to purchase, possessing, or consuming) alcohol can be fined up to \$500 or imprisoned up to 30 days.

To help educate parents and adults and teens, a series of Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Crackdown 2011, radio and newspaper ads, mobile billboards, and other materials will be used to put parents and adults and their teens on notice that any incident of underage drinking and driving creates serious consequences.

Teens are asked to avoid drinking alcohol and then driving, and parents and adults are asked to make a new or renewed commitment to being responsible parents and adults and to never be a part of a party hosted to underage drinking. Remember, giving teens alcohol is not only wrong — it's against the law. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Crackdown 2011.

For more information visit www.nhtsa.gov or contact Jennifer Berg at jennifer.berg@icbhs.net.

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