

ATF Investigates Fire That Destroyed Bar

STURGIS (AP) — Federal authorities began investigating Thursday the cause of a fire that destroyed a popular South Dakota biker bar, but they cautioned their presence didn't necessarily indicate any criminal wrongdoing.

A team from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives started investigating the scene at the Full Throttle Saloon in Sturgis, the loss of which is estimated at \$10 million.

At least two dozen agents are on the scene at the request of the state fire marshal's office.

Special Agent Robert Schmidt told The Associated Press their teams are often called to large incidents to give extra support to state and local investigators on scene.

"Oftentimes when the ATF gets called in, people think there's something suspicious. We're just another resource for the state and local teams," he said.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Tony Mangan said the Fire Marshal's office decided to request the help of ATF due to the size of the fire. He said without federal help, it could take weeks to comb through all of the debris.

The bar, which featured such amenities as zip lines, musical stages and rental cabins, had been the subject of the truTV series "Full Throttle Saloon," which aired for several seasons starting in 2009.

Some 45 firefighters fought the blaze, and their efforts were complicated by the lack of fire hydrants or a ready water supply at the site. Water had to be trucked in and held in holding tanks.

Saloon owner Michael Ballard said in a statement on the bar's Facebook page that walking the grounds after the fire is "simply devastating."

The ATF is the federal agency with jurisdiction over fires and arson.

Half Of State Teaching Graduates Leave

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — An education task force appointed by Gov. Dennis Daugaard has found that about half of all aspiring teachers graduating from South Dakota colleges leave the state after earning their degrees.

The study also found that 240 classrooms in the state started the 2014-15 school year without a teacher, according to the *Argus Leader*. South Dakota ranks last in the nation in teacher wages, and many education leaders blame low pay for what they say is a shortage of qualified candidates.

The numbers were presented Wednesday to the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teachers and Students, which was formed in the spring to reconsider how schools are funded and address concerns about teacher salaries. The 26-member group of lawmakers, officials, community members and educators broke into small groups to exchange ideas for updating how the state funds K-12 schools.

The proposals, including potential sales tax increases, will be distilled and added to a report for the group's Oct. 1 meeting.

The statistics concerned task force member Steve O'Brien, an English teacher at Watertown High School.

"This is the first indication that we are starting in a hole," O'Brien said. "We are still talking about literally thousands of students going without opportunity because of this shortage."

Pipe Staged Ahead Of Permits For Proposed Oil Pipeline

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BISMARCK, N.D. — Mountainous piles of steel pipe are being staged across four states in anticipation of building the biggest-capacity pipeline proposed to date to move crude from North Dakota's prolific oil patch.

But stockpiling the pipe is a gamble for the Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners' Dakota Access Pipeline, a \$3.8 billion, 1,130-mile project that still needs approval from regulators in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois.

"What the company does is at their own risk," said Julie Fedorchak, chairwoman of the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

The three-member panel has signaled its approval of the company's project in North Dakota, the pipeline's longest leg, but Fedorchak said a final decision is several weeks away.

If approved, the Dakota Access Pipeline would move at least 450,000 barrels of North Dakota crude daily through South Dakota and Iowa to an existing pipeline in Patoka,

Illinois, where shippers can access Midwest and Gulf Coast markets.

Energy Transfer Partners announced the project last year, just days after North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple urged industry and government officials to build more pipelines to keep pace with the state's oil production. He said doing so will reduce truck and oil train traffic, curb natural gas flaring and create more markets for the state's oil and gas.

North Dakota is the nation's No. 2 oil producer behind Texas. It produces about 1.2 million barrels a day, with about half of it moved by rail. Recent derailments and fires involving North Dakota crude — including an explosion in Quebec two years ago that killed 47 people — have drawn criticism from lawmakers and the public about using trains to move oil.

Energy Transfer Partners spokeswoman Vicki Granado said Thursday the company is optimistic the necessary permits will be obtained in all states, with construction expected to start late this year or early 2016. The company, which has the shipping com-

mitments it needs from oil producers, hopes to have the pipeline running late next year.

Granado said so far Energy Transfer Partners has acquired 72 percent of the easements needed along the route, which crosses 50 counties in the four states. The company has said it would use the eminent domain process to acquire other easements if agreements with landowners can't be reached voluntarily.

The company said it has three storage yards in North Dakota, and two each in South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois. Near Richardton, in western North Dakota, pipe began coming to a staging area along Interstate 94 a few weeks ago on mile-long trains, city commission president Frank Kirschenheiter said.

"It's quite a pile of pipe," Kirschenheiter said.

Justin Kringstad, director of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority, said it's not uncommon for companies to stage pipe while still in the permitting process.

"In order to hit a timeline, they absolutely have to get that material ready in advance with the goal of obtaining per-

mission so construction can start immediately," Kringstad said.

He said stockpiling pipe ahead of permits usually works out, but sometimes it can take years for the intended project to occur. For example, he said, Calgary-based TransCanada Inc. has had pipe stockpiled for several years for its multibillion-dollar Keystone XL pipeline, which has been stalled by environmental objections. That project would move Canadian tar sands oil to Gulf Coast refineries, as well as about 100,000 barrels of domestic oil daily from North Dakota.

Ron Ness, president of the North Dakota Petroleum Council, said he believes the Dakota Access Pipeline will be permitted, in part because it will be safer than moving the state's crude by train. The pipeline would replace at least four, mile-long oil trains daily, he said.

"We're confident of the project moving forward," Ness said. "There will always be naysayers but this is a great project and it will improve safety."

College Graduate Pays Parking Tickets Over 40 Years Later

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — It's better late than never for Kent Broyhill, who sent \$100 to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to pay off his old parking tickets after graduating more than 40 years ago.

Broyhill had tried to pay the fines before his 1974 graduation at the campus police station, but an officer told him that the school accepted only cash, the *Lincoln Journal Star* reported. Broyhill's pockets were empty, so the officer gave him a pass

as long as he paid the fines as soon as he could.

Broyhill said he forgot about the tickets until a conversation with a college friend and realized that he hadn't made good on his promise. He sent the \$100 with a note explaining what had happened to the college's Parking and Transit Services, where it landed on Director Dan Carpenter's desk.

"I can't remember how many tickets I had, or what I owed, so I got out my

checkbook and sent (the university) \$100," said Broyhill, who lives in South Sioux City. "I promised I would pay them. It was the right thing to do."

Parking staff checked through files but couldn't find Broyhill's name. Carpenter said the school doesn't have records of paper tickets written back that far but that Broyhill's tickets likely were deemed "uncollectable" sometime in the 1970s or 1980s.

OBITUARIES

Robert Cappel

Robert "Bob" Lewis Cappel, 70, of Yankton, South Dakota, died Tuesday, September 8, 2015, in Hospice care at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15 at First United Methodist Church in Yankton with Reverend Ron Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery in McCook, Nebraska at a later date.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14 at First United Methodist Church with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the memorial service on Tuesday at the church.

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

Honorary pallbearers will be Bob's nieces and nephews: Erik Karre, Leah Van Amberg, Abby Olson, Rich Cappel, Sean Cappel, Sara Langan, April Kendall, Tyler Cappel, Amanda Cappel and Olivia Cappel.

Robert Lewis Cappel was born June 26, 1945, in Denver, Colorado. Bob was the son of Robert and Julia Cappel of McCook, Nebraska. Growing up in McCook, he excelled in high school and college baseball and developed a deep admiration and lifelong love of the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Go Big Red! He graduated from McCook High School in 1964 and Peru State College in 1969. Bob began a lengthy career with the YMCA working in Lincoln, Nebraska, and St. Louis, Missouri. After making his home in Texas, he became the assistant executive director of the Longview YMCA and later the executive director of



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Chamber of Commerce in Lexington, Nebraska. He later moved to Yankton, South Dakota, where he served as executive director of the Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce until his retirement in 2010. He married Carolyn (Chafee) Pawlitschek on May 22, 1999 in Yankton, South Dakota.

Bob followed his heart's calling and entered the ministry becoming the Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church in Yankton. Only God knows the number of lives that were touched and changed because Bob emulated the

love of Jesus Christ. Bob's firm handshakes and hugs were a reaffirmation of his love. Bob knew no strangers. He deeply loved and cared for all humanity. Bob received many awards and numerous special recognitions during his lifetime, but he was most proud of his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Cappel was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Julia Cappel. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Cappel of Yankton; daughters Angela Cappel and Carrie Cappel of Fort Worth, TX, and Meredith Cappel of New York, NY; son and daughter-in-law Aaron and Stephanie Cappel of Wylie, TX; stepchildren Nathan and Stacy Dahms of Melbourne, FL, and Katelyn "Kels" Pawlitschek of Winnebago, MN; sisters LaDonna (Tom) Karre and Christine (Dick) Cappel; brothers Dirk (Deb) Cappel and Charles (Jan) Cappel;

grandchildren Brooke, Kellan, and Camden Cappel and Brandon Stevermer as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, 207 W. 11th Street Yankton, SD 57078 to further Bob's favorite ministries and missions.

To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzrayfuneralhome.com.

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Lea Hejl

Lea M. Hejl, 67, of Austin, passed away on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at St. Mark's Lutheran Home in Austin after a bout with cancer.

Lea was born on March 6, 1948 in Yankton, SD to Albert and Ella (Carda) Fuks. She attended high school in Tabor, SD and later attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. Lea married Leonard Hejl on December 28, 1968.

Lea enjoyed visiting her children, traveling, especially to warm Mexico beaches and walks with her pet dog, Jemma.

Lea is survived by her

husband Leonard of Austin; children, Dean Hejl of Fayetteville, AR, Theresa (Jared) Davis of St. Peter, MO and Michael (Alicia) Hejl of North Mankato; two older sisters, Dorothy (Donald) Caba of Mills River, NC and Dolores (Don) Kotab of Dante, SD.

Lea is preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, John and Joe Fuks. Visitation will be from 5-7

p.m. on Saturday, September 12 at Mayer Funeral Home in Austin. Services and burial will be private.

The family requests that all memorials in Lea's name should be directed to The Mower County Humane Society.

Online Condolences may be left at www.mayerfh.com.

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