

Plant

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as to what additional costs might be incurred based on those alternatives.”

Nelson said there are a few reasons behind the rise in cost estimates.

“The estimates were made about three years ago, so there’s some cost impact there,” She said. “We also know more about the collector well and the water quality. The water quality is different than we estimated and is higher in dissolvable solids than we thought, which requires more facilities to treat.”

She added there will also be more water to treat, thus boosting the city’s water capacity.

“The good news is we also think there’s going to be more water passing through than we initially thought,” she said. “As we pump more, the water quality, we under-

stand, is going to improve ... Putting more equipment in initially will treat the water that we need it to and eventually is going to treat more water, giving us a little more longevity.”

Initially the plant was estimated at around \$18 million.

Nelson said the total cost is going to depend on the commission’s direction in the coming months.

“It depends upon what types of design elements they would like to pursue,” she said. “We have the opportunity to add some redundancy because we have more water from the collector well than we initially thought we would have, and that’s a good and a bad thing — we’re going to have more capacity, but at the expense of having more equipment.”

Additionally, there are also opportunities for building enhancements including aesthetics and additional office and garage space, allowing the city to vacate the 1929 water plant for other

purposes.

Nelson said they’re still discussing how best to raise the additional money and the factors they’ll have to watch.

“We talked a little bit about rates,” she said. “We talked about putting additional costs on the surcharge. The customers will remember that’s how we put forward for our first improvements — our collector well, our raw water main and what we thought were going to be the expenses for the water treatment plant — were primarily on the surcharge and some on the rates. We also talked about putting the increase on rates. Part of that depends on what the state revolving loan fund allows and how we can charge that back down to the customer.”

She added that the rates will be decided at a later date.

“We’ll talk about that closer to when we choose and bid out the alternatives,” she said. “There will be a

rate increase — what that will look like, we’re uncertain at this point.”

Nelson said the commission ultimately wants to get the project done in the correct manner.

“I think the general consensus was we really want to get the plant built correctly the way we like the first time,” she said. “The commission, in general, would like to see as much redundancy and capacity as we can put into the plant, as well as architectural enhancements because of where it is and the efficiency to have everything in one location.

Nelson said more discussion on the matter is expected in October with bidding planned for the spring of 2016.

No official action was taken at Monday night’s meeting.

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MMC Announces Noon Forum Fall Schedule

The Noon Forums at Mount Marty College began on Thursday, Sept. 17, with a presentation by Dr. Dana DeWitt, Dr. Rich Lofthus and Dr. Terry Nelson, entitled “The Constitution Then and Now.”

Continuing this week and each Thursday on the Yankton campus, presenters will give a talk on a variety of topics. The events are held over the lunch hour in the South Dining Room of Roncalli and are free and open to the public. Brown bag lunches are welcome and visitors are also able to purchase food from MMC dining services.

The Fall 2015 schedule includes:

- Sept. 24 – Calvin Buchholz, “Working in Government and Security”

- Oct. 1 – Abby Goeken, “Sleep 101 – Learn the Basics”

- Oct. 8 – No presentation
- Oct. 15 – MMC Students and Faculty, “The Educational Benefits of Travel”
- Oct. 22 – Phil Jaquith, “On the Frontlines of the 2014 Ebola Outbreak in Liberia, Africa”

- Oct. 29 – Dr. Helen Ciernick, “Mother Mary”
- Nov. 5 – Merle and Gina Brandt, “Get in the Boat: Haiti Mission Trip”

- Nov. 12 – No presentation
- Nov. 19 – Sr. Maribeth Wentzlaff & Jordan Foos, “Catholic Leadership Programs: Its History and Hopes”

- Dec. 3 – Dr. Paul Anders, “Promoting Interfaith Understanding”
- Dec. 10 – Dr. Alan Ferris, “Happiness in the 21st Century”

KNOX CO. SHERIFF’S REPORT

- On September 15, 2015 at 6:37 p.m. the Knox County Sheriff’s Office received a 911 call reporting that a bicyclist had been hit by a semi about a half mile east of the Blue Moon turn-off on Highway 12 and that the semi driver did not stop to help the bicyclist. The Knox County Sheriff’s Office and Niobrara Fire and Rescue responded to the scene. Off-duty deputies from the Sheriff’s Office were requested to report to duty and several other agencies were notified to attempt to locate the semi; which included the Santee Sioux Tribal Police, Crofton Police, Verdigre Police, Bon Homme County and Yankton County.

During the investigation at the scene, the bicyclists were identified as Jennifer McMaken and Aaron Ritz from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Jennifer gave the investigating Deputy a description of the semi and trailer. Jennifer also told the investigating Deputy that she had purchased a large bag of honey while riding through the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation a couple of days previous. That bag of honey was torn open and splattered along the white line on Highway 12. Jennifer’s bicycle received about \$450 worth of damage from the incident. Jennifer received first aid treatment at the scene from Niobrara Rescue for her injuries. Jennifer and Aaron were then taken to Niobrara to spend the night.

Several hours passed and multiple semis that matched the description from the victim, were inspected for evidence. Ultimately a semi owned by K&J Trucking from Sergeant Bluff, Iowa was located parked at the Argo Hotel in Crofton. The semi was being driven by Gerald Rains of Sioux City, Iowa. An inspection of the passenger’s side of the semi performed and honey was located in several areas on the truck. The driver was questioned about the incident. Evidence was collected from the semi and the driver was released pending an evidence comparison from the semi and the accident scene.

The next day Gerald Rains contacted the Knox County Sheriff’s deputy investigating the accident and confessed to the crime. Rains was cited, and will appear in the Knox County Court in October.

- Over Labor Day weekend, stop signs were damaged at the 515 Ave. and 516 Ave. intersections of 892 Road. The posts were broken off at the ground level leaving the intersections uncontrolled. Contact the Sheriff’s Office with information.
- At 2 a.m. Sept. 19, the Sheriff’s Office investigated a car vs. deer crash on 54D near mile marker #4. A Santee PD cruiser struck a deer, causing extensive damage and requiring towing from the scene.
- In the early morning hours of Sept. 19, a vehicle struck the Ne-

braska sign at the base of Standing Bear Bridge. The vehicle was extensively damaged but managed to leave the scene. The accident is currently under investigation and any information on the wreck can be forwarded to the Sheriff’s Office.

- On Sept. 8, 2015, at 9:44 p.m., the Knox County Sheriff’s Office received a 911 call from the Big Red Mini Mart in Wausa, Nebraska. The clerk reported that she was robbed at knife and gun point by a lone individual. The clerk was not injured. An undetermined amount of money was taken.
- The Knox County Sheriff’s Office is assisting the Wausa Police Department in an investigation of the armed robbery. The Nebraska State Patrol is also assisting in the investigation. No arrests have been made at this time.

BOOKINGS

- 9-14-15: Preston Gilpin, 19, Santee: Probation Violation, Possession of Meth, Reckless Driving
- 9-14-15: Dillon Denney, 23, Santee: Strangulation, Sexual Assault-3rd degree
- 9-14-15: Jose Quintana, 18, Santee: Disturbing the Peace, Resisting arrest, No Operator License, DUI
- 9-16-15: Dalton Denney, 19, Santee: Contempt of Court-failure to pay fines & costs
- 9-16-15: Ajay Bertschinger, 29, Creighton: DUI/3rd offense
- 9-16-15: Russell Schill, 30, Omaha: Failure to Appear- Knox County Warrant
- 9-16-15: Laura Calvillo, a/k/a Laura Saul, 49, Santee: Failure to Appear/Santee Warrant
- 9-18-15: Stefan Thomas James, 23, Center: Willful Reckless Driving, DUI, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Contempt of Court-Cedar Co. Warrant
- 9-18-15: Luke McQuistan, 34, O’Neill: Fraud-Bad Check
- 9-19-15: Edward T. Taylor, 38, Santee: Domestic Assault
- 9-1-15, Wilson S. Freemont, III, 44, Santee: Failure to Pay Fines & Costs (Santee Wt.)
- 9-4-15, Adam Denney, 28, Santee: Theft, Violation of Court Order (Santee Wt.)
- 9-6-15, Randy Wood, 27, Belden: DUI, 1st Offense
- 9-6-15, Darrel Denney, 27, Santee: Domestic Abuse, Assault, Child Endangerment
- 9-9-15, Matthew Cole, 27, Palsade: Burglary (Knox County Warrant), Theft Unlawful Taking
- 9-11-15, Wilmer R. Flyinghawk, Jr., 37, Santee: Failure to Pay Child Support, Failure to Appear, DUS, Obstructing Law Officer, Resisting Arrest
- 9-12-15, Tylon Larson, 54, Santee: Disturbing the Peace; DUI, 2nd offense; DUS; Willful Reckless Driving

OBITUARIES

Martha Melichar

Martha B. Melichar, age 97, of Yankton and formerly of Tabor, passed away on Friday, September 18, 2015 at the Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 23 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, Tabor with Rev. Steven Jones officiating. Burial will be in St. Wenceslaus Cemetery. Visitations will be from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, September 22 at the Opsahl-Kostel Memorial Chapel, Tabor with a 7 p.m. Wake Service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

For online condolences, go to www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

Martha Melichar was



Melichar

born November 27, 1917 to Frank and Katherine (Hale) Kortan in Tabor, South Dakota. She grew up on a farm just

south of Tabor and attended Tabor Public School. She later moved into town and worked at the Home Store grocery store. She married George Melichar on September 1, 1948 after his return to Tabor from serving in World War II. They operated a Standard Oil Station and blacksmith shop until August of 1967 after which they retired. Martha was an avid gardener and loved working outdoors. She also was a wonderful cook and

baker and enjoyed trying new recipes and sharing her garden produce and baked goods with friends and relatives. She was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church and the Altar Rosary Society.

Loving memories will be cherished by her son, Edward (Donna) Melichar of Omaha, NE; her daughter, Katherine (Don) Klaassen of Tabor, SD; grandchildren: Pam (Mike) Mason and their children, Claire and Hope, all of Omaha, NE, Ken (Cameo) Melichar and their children: Ashlyn, Nathan and Jonah, all of Hewitt, TX; Angela (David) Dingsor and their daughter, Norah, all of Sioux Falls, SD, Jonathan (Jennifer) Klaassen of Sioux Falls, SD, and Jared Klaassen of Sioux Falls, SD; sister-in-law, Angeline Kortan of

Tabor, SD; many nieces, nephews, and friends and her beloved staff at Sister James Country Unit.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George; her parents; five brothers: John, Albert, Joseph, Adolph, and Dorance (Bud) Kortan; six sisters: Mary (Ed) Souhrada, Albina (John) Wurtz, Clara (Ed) Hlavac, Anna (Joe) Dvoracek, Adeline (Leo) Pechous and Ludmila in infancy; grandson, Benjamin Klaassen and great granddaughter, Bethany Mason.

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under the direction of the Wintz & Ray Funeral Home in Yankton.

To post an online sympathy message, visit wintzray-funeralhome.com.

Laverne Berndt

Laverne Berndt, 90, of Tyndall, South Dakota passed away on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at St. Michael’s Hospital Avera in Tyndall.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22 at Goglin Funeral Home in Tyndall. Funeral services for Laverne will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23 at First Baptist Church in Avon with Rev. Mike Boyle and Rev. Bill Van Gerpen officiating. Burial will follow in First Baptist Cemetery, Avon.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Goglin Funeral Home of Tyndall. Online condolences may be sent at www.goglinfh.com.

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Charley was preceded in death by her parents; sister-in-law, Ruth Ann Kyte; father-in-law, Ty Waage; and a niece and nephew.

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Sandra Langeland

Sandra Kaye “Sandy” (Johansen) Langeland, 60, of Yankton passed away Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015, at Avera Sister James Care Center, Yankton.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at Christ the King Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dani Jo Ninke officiating. Burial will be in the Spring Valley Lutheran Cemetery, rural Viborg, at a later date.

Visitations will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a prayer service and memory sharing at 7 p.m. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

For online condolences, go to www.opsahl-kostelfuneralhome.com.

James Ruggles

James Ruggles, MD, passed away unexpectedly Monday, Sept. 21, 2015, at his residence.

The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with the service details.

Charlet Waage

Charlet “Charley” Waage, 55 of Springfield, died Sunday, September 20, 2015 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls.



Waage

Her funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 24 at St. Vincent Catholic Church in Springfield, with Pastor Ken Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Bon Homme Cemetery, rural Tabor. Visitation will be at the church Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30p.m. with the family present. A 7:30 p.m., prayer service will follow. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home of Springfield is in charge of the arrangements.

Charlet Marie “Charley” Waage, daughter of Ralph T. “Tuck” and Helen E. “Betty” (Brown) Kyle, was born May 22, 1960 at Sioux City, IA. She received her education in Elk Point, graduating from Elk Point High School in 1978. She attended SDSU for one year and then USD for two years where she earned a degree in accounting.

Charley married Bruce Waage in Elk Point on September 21, 1979. Two children were blessed to their union. After their marriage, they continued with their schooling at Springfield. Charley worked as production manager at CR Industries in Springfield from 1979 until it closed in July of 2006. At this time, she went back to school to earn her nursing degree, graduating in 2008. While attending school and after graduating, Charley worked at St. Michael’s Hospital in Tyndall until the time of her death.

Charley was a member of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Springfield. For years, she and her husband served as EMTs for the Springfield Ambulance Association.

Charley will be remembered for her love of her grandchildren and her enjoyment of quilting and gardening.

Thankful for having shared her life are her husband Bruce of Springfield; son Tom Waage of Vermillion; daughter Jennifer Waage of Springfield; four grandchildren: McKayla Waage, Tanner Hajny, Taylor Van Duysen and Dodge Van Duysen; nine siblings: Mary Kyte of Council Bluffs, IA; Tom (Karen) Kyte of Seymour,

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