

Santee Man Sentenced For Assault

From P&D Staff Reports

SANTEE, Neb. — A Santee, Neb., man is serving 30 months in prison for assault with a dangerous weapon, according to U.S. Attorney Deborah R. Gilg. Jeremiah Denney, 25, had been convicted on the charge and was sentenced Feb. 17 by U.S. District Judge Joseph F. Bataillon, according to a news release from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). In addition to his prison term, Denney will serve three years of supervised release following his release from prison. Denney was further ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$4,412.56. The FBI news release outlined events related to Denney's conviction and sentencing. On May 22, 2011, Denney went to a residence on the Santee Sioux Indian Reservation. Denney's girlfriend was present at that location along with other persons. An argument ensued between Denney and his girlfriend. As the argument escalated, Denney pulled out a weapon believed to be a box cutter. The girlfriend was struck in the leg, and another male at the residence was cut on the arm. Both the girlfriend and the injured male were taken to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton for treatment of their injuries. The FBI investigated the case, according to the news release.

SAC Beginning Summer Hours Saturday

Summer hours at the Summit Activities Center in Yankton will begin on Saturday, May 19, and will be the following:
• Monday-Friday — 5 a.m.-9 p.m.;
• Saturday — 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
• Sunday — Noon-6 p.m.
Also, the SAC will be closed Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day. For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street, Yankton. Don't forget to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation Department on Facebook.

USD FMA Chapter Honored As Superior Chapter

VERMILLION — The Financial Management Association International (FMA) chapter at the University of South Dakota has earned FMA International's highly coveted FMA Superior Chapter Award for the 12th consecutive year. Presented to fewer than 5 percent of FMA chapters across the United States, USD's FMA chapter was recognized for its overall excellence during the 2011-12 academic year. To achieve Superior Chapter Award status from FMA International, USD's FMA chapter met or exceeded several specific criteria, including the ability to demonstrate exemplary chapter management and providing members with many program activities. In the past year, USD FMA hosted several campus events, including seminars on the FDIC, real estate investment and the Education Services Industry.

"I'm very proud of our students as they dedicate their time and talent outside the classroom to make sure that their experience in FMA at USD is meaningful," noted Angeline Lavin, Ph.D., professor of finance at USD and FMA adviser. "Because of their commitment, our students have built a strong FMA chapter here at USD. We also appreciate the alumni and supporters of USD and the finance program who take the time to visit campus and share their knowledge with our current students." USD's FMA chapter hosted several speakers during the year, and the academic year culminated with a luncheon on the same day as the inaugural USD-Wells Fargo Equity Research Competition last month. Logan Holter, a current FMA member from Platte, was inducted into the FMA National Honor Society at the luncheon. USD's FMA chapter also publishes a yearly newsletter for business faculty, students and alumni, and maintains its own Web site (<http://orgs.usd.edu/fma/index.htm>) where information on upcoming events as well as information on becoming a member of the organization is available.

OBITUARIES

Joyce Ritchey

LINCOLN, Neb. — Joyce E. Ritchey, 85, of Lincoln, Neb., formerly of Wausa, Neb., died Wednesday, May 16, 2012, in Lincoln. Funeral services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Golgotha Lutheran Church, rural Wausa. Pastor Adam Salinas will officiate, with burial in the Golgotha Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. today (Friday) at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Creighton, Neb. To sign the guestbook or leave online condolences, visit www.brockhausfuneralhome.com.

Dick Neeman Jr.

WAUSA, Neb. — Dick Neeman, Jr., 84, of Wausa, Neb., died Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at Faith Regional Health Services, Norfolk, Neb. Funeral services are at 2:30 p.m. Monday at United Church of Christ-St. John's, Syracuse, Neb. Pastor John Finster will officiate, with burial in the Park Hill Cemetery at Syracuse. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Brockhaus Funeral Home, Wausa. To sign the guestbook or leave online condolences, visit www.brockhausfuneralhome.com.

Rose Welchert

Rose M. Welchert, 82, of Wakonda and formerly of Yankton, died Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at the Wakonda Heritage Manor, Wakonda. Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yankton, with the Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Burial will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Con-

stance, Neb., at approximately 1:45 p.m. Visitations begin at 5 p.m. Monday at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton, with a 7 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scripture Service. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Steven Engler

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N.M. — Steven J. Engler, 59, Truth or Consequences, N.M., formerly of Yankton, died Wednesday, May 16, 2012, in El Paso, Texas. A social memorial gathering for friends and family will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Yankton Moose Lodge. It will be hosted by his daughters, Jennifer Heick and Jessie Engler. Engler donated his body to science.

Matt Yule

SPRINGFIELD — Matt A. Yule, 19, of Springfield died Thursday, May 17, 2012, at St. Benedict Health Center, Parkston. His funeral service is at 1 p.m. Monday at Emmanuel Reformed Church, Springfield, with burial in the Springfield Cemetery. There is a 7 p.m. prayer service Sunday at the church. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home, Springfield, is in charge of the arrangements.

Harlan Merkwan

GEDDES — Harlan Merkwan, 88, died Thursday, May 17, 2012, at Avera St. Benedict Hospital, Parkston. Funeral services are pending with Koehn Bros. Funeral Home, Geddes/Armour.

Gavins

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Only a month earlier, residents in the area had endured the wrath of the spring runoff season. On April 14, the *Press & Dakotan* reported that flood waters had crested at 15.57 feet on the prior day. "The city itself had escaped serious damage from the floods, although more than 60 square miles of farmland was inundated, and dozens of roads in Yankton County and across the river in Nebraska were washed out," the paper stated. The flood waters spread to the foot of Mission Hill and within a few miles of Gayville, and miles of Highway 50 between Yankton and Vermillion were sub-

merged. According to Dave Becker, the current Gavins Point operations project manager, the peak flow during that short-lived but intense April 1952 flood was 480,000 cubic feet per second. That compares to the 160,000 cubic feet per second experienced during the flood of 2011. "You didn't have to sell people on the need for flood control back then, I wouldn't think," Becker noted. Mundt likely captured the sentiments of many, stating, "The Missouri River is a dangerous servant, and it will be a fearful master if it is uncontrolled." Telling the crowd that Gavins Point Dam would be like the frosting on a cake, Gurney said that, while the big dams upstream would do the lion's share of controlling the flow of the river, the southernmost structure

would smooth the waters from above and make a level stream. "No dam will work efficiently without Gavins Point," he said. It was Pick who pressed the button at the end of the day's celebration that set off the dynamite blast on the island, as well as the colored smoke. A little more than five years after the May 18 groundbreaking — on Aug. 18, 1957 — a ceremony was held to mark the completion of Gavins Point Dam. The total cost of the project was just less than \$50 million. Becker said that it would be revealing to visit with the people who planned for and built the dams today. "It would be interesting to talk to those visionaries to see what they had in mind and what they think about what we have now," he stated. "Flood control was number one. I think people really

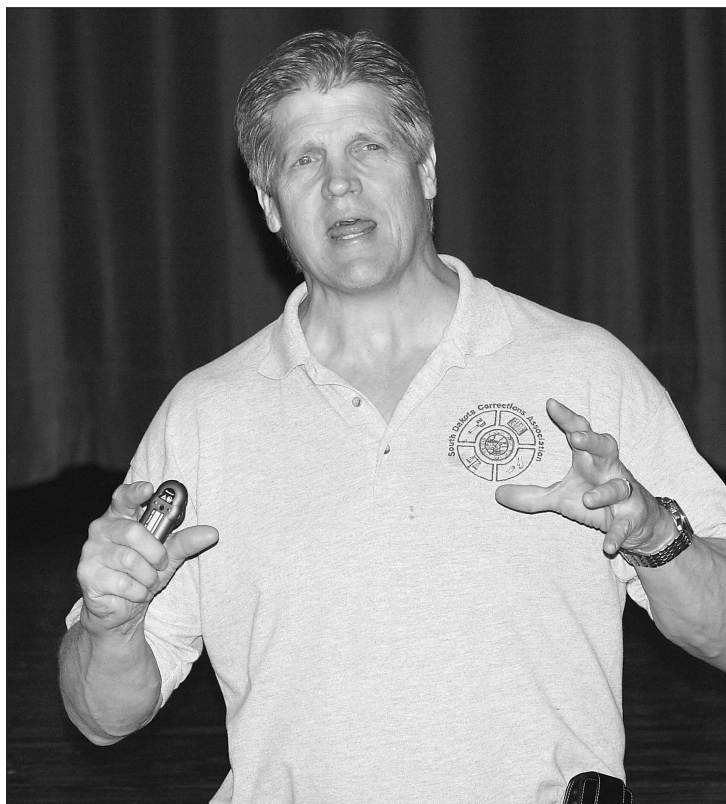
thought, we have too much water in the spring and early summer. And then we don't have enough the rest of the year. Can we use this water and save it for beneficial purposes like irrigation, navigation, power generation, recreation and wildlife management?" It is in reflecting on the commitment and work of those who built the reservoir system that the people of today can realize their responsibilities, according to Becker. "I think it is our charge now to operate and maintain them," he said. "It's a different charge than they had back then, but it is our challenge, and we need to step up to it."

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Drugs

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these kinds of drugs," Matson said. "Every time we figure out which drugs are being used and make them illegal, there is another one waiting in the wings." If parents suspect their child is using drugs, Matson said they should look for key clues. "Focus on the eyes," Matson said. "Every drug does something to the user's eyes." The use of synthetic drugs can permanently affect the brain, which is why parents need to be aware of the rise of synthetic drug use, Matson said. He cited celebrities during his presentation to show parents how drugs impact the brain and that drug use can be overcome to live a normal life again. Decision-making and judgment areas of the brain are most affected by drug use, Matson said. He stated that one in nine high school seniors have reported using synthetic marijuana in the last year, and that emergency calls to poison control have significantly increased since 2009. Pat Grant attended the presentation and said the use of synthetic drugs was a new concept to her. "I knew kids were using marijuana and LSD and drugs like that," Grant said. "I had no idea kids were starting to use bath salts and potpourri for drug use, though." Grant said the presentation has inspired her to talk with her granddaughter, who is currently in middle school. "My granddaughter has told me about other kids who talk about drugs," Grant said. "The presentation really opened my eyes to see there is a big problem with drug use among teenagers."



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Chuck Matson, Founder of Recognizing Impairing Drugs Training spoke to parents and community members about the rise in synthetic drug use among young adults. During his presentation, Matson urged parents to speak with their children at an early age about drugs to prevent future use.

Berg said parents should be aware of the resources available to them through Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health and there is help available to them if they suspect their children need help with drug use. Matson said 8 percent of parents are unaware of the abuse of prescription drugs and that many drugs can be found in their own home. "When young adults were asked why they chose not to use synthetic drugs, the number one answer was that they did not want to

upset their parents," Matson said. "That's why it is so important for parents to at least try and educate themselves about drug use and have a conversation with their kids." Thursday's forum was sponsored by the Yankton Police Department courtesy of the Yankton Area mental Wellness, Yankton Optimists, Crime Stoppers, Lewis and Clark Behavior Health, Yankton Rural Area Health Education, and the Coalition for a Drug-Free Yankton.

USPS

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roughly 48 in August and about 90 next January and February. Closings would be suspended during the Postal Service's busy election and holiday mail season. Another 89 closings would occur in 2014. The consolidations are expected to reduce postal staff by 13,000 and save the struggling mail agency roughly \$1.2 billion annually once they are fully implemented. The latest postal move comes after vociferous protests from communities across the U.S., particularly those in rural areas, over the mail agency's initial multibillion dollar cost-cutting plan to close up to 3,700 post offices and 252 mail processing centers. The Postal Service last week backed off the closing of post offices, saying it would cut costs instead by reducing operating hours. Thursday's announcement seeks to allay some rural concerns about immediate, broad-scale cuts to mail processing centers that would have slowed first-class mail delivery of prescription drugs, newspapers and other services beginning this summer and would have virtually eliminated the chance for a stamped letter to arrive the next day.

Under the new plan, about 80 percent of the U.S. areas that currently enjoy overnight first-class mail delivery will continue to do so through the end of next year. After that, barring congressional action, the Postal Service will proceed with additional steps that could slow first-class mail and reduce overnight delivery even further, said Megan Brennan, chief operating officer of the Postal Service. The Postal Service has been grappling with losses as first-class mail volume declines and more people switch to the Internet to communicate and pay bills. The agency has forecast a record \$14.1 billion loss by the end of this year. Without changes, it said, annual losses would exceed \$21 billion by 2016. Donahoe stressed that even with its latest moves, the agency still faces mounting losses without congressional action that would give it more leeway to eliminate Saturday mail delivery and reduce health and labor

costs. If the House fails to act soon, postal officials say they will face a cash crunch in August and September, when the agency must pay more than \$11 billion to the Treasury for future retiree health benefits. Already \$13 billion in debt, the health payment obligation will force the agency to run up against its \$15 billion debt ceiling, causing it to default on the payments.

Fire

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a melted gas line. The west trailer was home to one occupant, while the east trailer had six residents who ranged from adults to 9 years old. No one was injured. "Red Cross is working with them to get provisions and a place for the night," Nickles said. Firefighters were initially on the scene for about 90 minutes. However, they later returned to put out some hot spots. At 5:30 p.m., Nickles said the gas company was on scene testing the gas line and trying to get the trailer court back in service. Gas in the area had to be shut off to cope with the situation. Also, a portion of the trailer court was without electricity. While leaving the scene at approximately 4:15 p.m., another fire call was received. This time, there was a microwave fire in the 2800 block of Abbot Street. "We put the fire out with a little bit of water," Nickles said. "They had minor smoke damage in the kitchen, and a little bit of cabinet damage. However, they should be able to stay at home tonight." Firefighters evacuated the smoke from the home and removed the microwave before leaving about 15 minutes after arrival. Nickles said the mobile home fire was the first major incident that the department has had to respond to in 2012. "It broke our quiet spell," he stated.

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