

## Man Accused Of Using Fake Money

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) — A Kearney man has been accused of using counterfeit money.  
*The Kearney Hub* reports 20-year-old David Reed was arrested Monday night after he allegedly tried to use a counterfeit bill of \$20 at a business.  
Authorities say Reed used counterfeit money at other locations around Kearney. Counterfeit money was seized from his home.  
Reed has been charged with five counts of felony forgery and one count of possession of a forged instrument. Court records do not list an attorney.  
Reed remained Wednesday at the Buffalo County Jail on a \$25,000 bond.

## Labor Dept. Seeks \$33K From Company

RAPID CITY (AP) — The U.S. Department of Labor has filed a lawsuit against a western South Dakota construction company to recover more than \$33,000 in employment benefits.  
The federal agency on Wednesday announced the suit against Rapid City-based Remodel King Construction Inc. Scott Sogge is the company's president and sole owner. The agency says he withheld more than \$33,000 in earned wages from employees' pay intended to go toward the company's retirement plan, but misspent the funds.  
Federal officials say the alleged violation happened between May 2008 and December 2010.  
The suit is seeking a court order requiring the company to restore the amount to the retirement plan.  
The suit also wants to bar the company from violating the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act in the future.

## Police Investigate Woman's Death

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say the death of a woman found near a fire in Omaha is being investigated as a homicide.  
Omaha police say 30-year-old Amanda M. Brown was found south of downtown Omaha by firefighters Tuesday night. Fire crews were dispatched to battle a blaze near railroad tracks in a wooded, brushy area used by homeless people.  
Officials say it's unclear how Brown died. An autopsy has been ordered.

## Senate Vote On Keystone Blocked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats are refusing to let supporters of the Keystone XL oil pipeline to use an energy efficiency bill as a vehicle to attempt winning congressional approval for the controversial project.  
Majority Leader Harry Reid used a parliamentary move Wednesday to block a Republican amendment on the pipeline as well as a measure to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from imposing new greenhouse gas regulations on coal-burning power plants.  
The proposed Canada-U.S. pipeline would cross Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska. The Obama administration announced last month it was delaying a decision on the pipeline's fate indefinitely. Reid has offered supporters a vote on a stand-alone bill that deals with only the pipeline.  
All 45 Senate Republicans and as many as a dozen Democrats support the project. Environmental groups oppose it.

## Omaha Teen Sentenced In Death

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — An Omaha teenager convicted of killing his ex-girlfriend has been sentenced to several decades in prison.  
Douglas County District Judge Russell Bowie gave Justin Lenz on Wednesday a 60- to 80-year sentence. He pleaded guilty last August to second-degree murder in the May 2012 death of 16-year-old Melanie Koontz.  
Lenz must serve 30 years in prison before he is eligible for parole.  
Koontz' body was found in an Omaha creek. Investigators say she was strangled.

## SD Student Is Top Geo Bee Contestant

STURGIS (AP) — A Sturgis eighth-grader will be traveling to Washington, D.C., to represent South Dakota in the national finals of the National Geographic Bee.  
Bridger Gordon attends Sturgis Williams Middle School. Gordon is one of just 54 students remaining in the national competition. He will vie with others for the grand prize from May 19 to 21.  
First prize in the national competition is a \$50,000 college scholarship and a trip to the Galapagos Islands, with \$25,000 and \$10,000 scholarships to the next two finishers.  
The final round will air on the National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo WILD.

# Fmr. Employees Slam US Senate Candidate

BY DIRK LAMMERS  
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SIoux FALLS — Another former employee of Republican U.S. Senate candidate Dr. Annette Bosworth is accusing the Sioux Falls physician of not paying fully for past work, adding to the allegations that have plagued Bosworth's campaign and prompted the state attorney general to investigate.  
Leann Batiz, who worked as a certified nurse practitioner at Bosworth's Sioux Falls clinic, said she moved from Pierre to Sioux Falls last June to take a job at the clinic as a certified nurse practitioner with a promised annual salary of \$80,000.  
"After a few weeks of receiving \$10 less an hour than I was paid as an RN, I started to have to beg for my paycheck every two weeks and she always 'negotiated' a lesser amount than I was owed," Batiz wrote in a letter to state Rep. Steve Hickey, a Sioux Falls pastor, who asked South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley to look into the



Bosworth

accusations from her and other employees. Batiz declined to comment beyond the letter, which was provided to The Associated Press by Hickey.  
Jackley on Tuesday announced he would investigate several nominating petitions submitted by U.S. Senate candidates, including that of Bosworth. She is one of five Republicans seeking the GOP nomination in the June 3 primary for the seat being vacated by retiring Democratic U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson.  
Bosworth told The Associated Press she received calls from two supporters Wednesday saying they were interviewed by Department of Criminal Investigation officers asking questions about their signatures.  
"The intimidation this is causing is real," she said.  
Bosworth said she could not comment on Batiz's allegation.

Batiz is the latest of several former employees who accused Bosworth of shortchanging them on compensation.  
Ethan Crisp, who worked as a staffer for Bosworth's campaign from September through January, said he is owed \$2,000 in back wages for his work, a debt reflected in Bosworth's quarterly campaign report to the Federal Election Commission.  
Bosworth said Crisp's claim is being contested.  
Two former employees of Bosworth's Christian mission-based health care nonprofit Preventive Health Strategies — executive director Mathia Rall and project manager Tonya Montgomery — sued Bosworth in late 2012 for thousands of dollars in back wages, according to court records. Bosworth and chief financial officer Peggy Craig, the candidate's sister, responded by accusing Rall and Montgomery in sworn affidavits of stealing office records related to raffles benefiting the clinic.

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## Sales Of Raw Milk In Legislators' Focus

BY BOB MERCER  
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PIERRE — State Agriculture Secretary Lucas Lentsch briefed the Legislature's government operations and audit committee Wednesday about a new round of discussions with producers selling raw milk for human consumption.  
Lentsch said he established a work group on raw milk. Participants include consumers, current and former raw-milk producers, general dairy producers and regulators, he said.  
The first meeting April 17 lasted four hours. Lentsch said he's interested in learning from the past. Inspections are occurring but he's using what he described as "secretarial discretion" regarding the results.  
"There very clearly are consumer in our state who want access to raw-milk food product," Lentsch said.  
The next meeting will be July 17 during a tour of a raw-milk dairy near Marion, he said.  
The third meeting will be Oct. 17 and he wants to have "the mechanics of potential solutions in place" by then for possible changes in state rules or laws.  
"If April 17 is any indication of how the year goes, I'm very optimistic," Lentsch said. "It's an intellectual conversation worth having."  
There are two dairies selling bottled raw milk currently and there are also herd-share arrangements, according to Lentsch. State inspections occur monthly for the bottlers.  
"It's a way for us to identify what's working and what isn't," he said.  
Sen. Larry Tidemann, R-Brookings, said that as a former dairyman he saw the standards as thresholds for managing operations.  
Lentsch said he's trying to

achieve food safety while preserving access to local food.  
Last year Lentsch's department held three rounds of public hearings to condense raw-milk rules and to require product-safety labeling. Dakota Rural Action unsuccessfully tried to stop the changes.

Dakota Rural Action attempted to get legislators to reverse the rules. Lentsch formed the work group in response to that situation.  
"What we're finding is there are a lot of questions. When you sit down around a table, a lot can be accomplished," Lentsch said.

Legal responsibilities involving herd shares are still being defined, he said.  
Tidemann said he wants to see testing results and learn the suggestions offered by the producers and consumers.  
"If we need to re-visit the rules we're ready to do that," Lentsch told him.

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Applications are still being accepted for RTEC's AWS Certification/Upgrade Welding course set to begin on **June 24, 2014**. It will be a 48-hour night class held from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact RTEC today to learn about possible funding assistance. Next course is expected to begin in mid-August. Apply now!

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