

Woman Who Stabbed Man Sentenced

PIERRE (AP) — A woman who has admitted to using a steak knife to stab a man in the back at the Rosebud Indian Reservation has been sentenced.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says 24-year-old Misty Fawn Swalley has been sentenced to 36 months in prison and two years of supervised release.

The Mission woman pleaded guilty in September to one count of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Federal authorities say Swalley stabbed the man in June while at a gas station in Mission. Authorities say the stabbing happened after Swalley became upset about a conversation taking place.

Swalley is under the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Couple's Dog Graces DU Magazine Cover

MITCHELL (AP) — A 4-year-old Chesapeake Bay retriever owned by a Mitchell couple is fast on her way to becoming a famous, furry model.

The dog, Kimber, is pictured on the May/June issue of *Ducks Unlimited* magazine, the *Daily Republic* reported. She has also been featured in various products and promotions for hunting companies Sport Dog and Benelli in the past three years.

Kimber is owned by T.J. Greer, who works as the hunting lead at the local Cabela's, and his wife, Lori. The dog seems to love the camera, and she even tried to show the couple up in their engagement photos a couple of years ago, they said.

"If she sees the photographer that's been taking her picture with his big huge camera she's instantly ready to go ... I try with my phone all the time and she fluffs me off like, 'That's not a camera,'" Lori Greer said.

The Greers have trained Kimber to hunt, and she has her Hunting Retriever Club title. They've also taught her to play basketball by hitting the ball with her nose.

Josh Miller, regional sales manager for Sport Dog, is Kimber's trainer and her first connection to the Wisconsin-based company. T.J. Greer met Miller through his position at Cabela's.

T.J. Greer said the dog's character and her appearance make her a great model, and photographer Lee Kjos realized just that during Kimber's first shoot for the package of a Sport Dog collar.

"Lee liked working with her so much that now he likes to use her whenever someone is looking for a Chesapeake," T.J. said. "He really liked her look and that she's really, really easy to work with."

The *Ducks Unlimited* cover is getting more attention than the Greers expected, and they're thankful for Kimber's opportunities, the couple said.

Hate-Crime Hoaxer Violates Probation

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A woman who faked an anti-gay hate crime has been sentenced to 90 days in jail for violating probation, but she can apply to serve the time on house arrest.

The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports that 36-year-old Charlie Rogers was sentenced Friday in Lancaster County Court.

She had faced up to a year after acknowledging in March that she violated her probation by not reporting to jail on Jan. 15 to finish her original 90-day jail sentence.

Rogers, a former University of Nebraska-Lincoln basketball player, was convicted of lying to police about being attacked by masked men and having anti-gay slurs carved into her skin.

Prosecutors say Rogers faked the attack because she thought it would inspire change in the treatment of gay people.

Scientists Converge On Mines Campus

RAPID CITY (AP) — More than 100 physicists, chemists and other scientists from around the world will converge on Rapid City Monday to discuss dark matter, neutrino physics and many other experiments being conducted at South Dakota's underground laboratory in Lead.

The South Dakota School of Mines & Technology will host the Conference on Science at the Sanford Underground Research Facility at the school's Rapid City campus.

School of Mines scientists are involved in five high-level research projects being conducted or planned at the lab, located in the former Homestake gold mine, that could lead to a better understanding of the origins and makeup of the universe.

Scientists will discuss subjects ranging from neutrino physics to dark matter to astrobiology and life in extreme environments.

"The experiments coming to the Sanford Underground Research Facility over the next five years are path breaking," South Dakota Mines President Heather Wilson said in a statement. "We want to open the opportunity for faculty and students from South Dakota and the upper Midwest to participate in the scientific work that will be undertaken here."

The Sanford Underground Research Facility is nearly a mile underground. Scientists there are conducting research on such subjects as nuclear reactions within stars and dark matter, an elusive substance that scientists believe makes up about a quarter of the universe. Conducting the sensitive experiments underground shields them from disruptive cosmic radiation.

Webcast On Crime, Postal Inspectors Set

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society is hosting a webcast that addresses how postal inspectors used an array of documents to track down organized crime bosses.

The program sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution will be broadcast Tuesday at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

"Organized Crime in the Mail" presents historic artifacts related to Mafia cases investigated by postal inspectors.

One of the cases highlighted in the presentation is the one known as "The Black Hand," in which members of an organized crime group during the early 20th century used letters to extort money from well-off Italian immigrants by demanding money in exchange for their families' safety.

There is no fee to view the program, but visitors wanting to go into the museum's galleries must pay standard admission.

Nebraska

Bridge, Pavement Work Top List Of Fuel-Tax Projects

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Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska officials say the state's upcoming fuel tax increase will help replace old bridges, repave county roads and allow work on construction projects to start earlier.

The 6-cent-per-gallon increase approved by lawmakers last week won't start phasing in until Jan. 1, but state and local officials say they already have a rough idea of which projects will take priority.

County officials said they plan to focus on structurally deficient bridges, many of must support farm equipment, school buses and other large vehicles. City officials are likely to use the money for road and bridge repairs, while the state Department of Roads said its share could help officials start work sooner on longer-term projects.

The tax will generate roughly \$75 million annually by 2020, divided evenly among cities, counties and the state. Lawmakers approved the measure last week over Gov. Pete Ricketts' veto. Ricketts, a Republican, argued that raising the tax to 31.6 cents per gallon over four years contradicts the public's desire for tax relief.

Pawnee County spends about \$500,000 a year upgrading its bridges and culverts but isn't catching up on the backlog, said county commissioner Dennis Schardt.

Schaardt said many county bridges can only sustain four to five tons, while many trucks can weigh 20 tons. Some constituents at a local coffee shop complained about the tax increase, but Schardt said the need is too great to ignore.

"It's costing more to replace these structures and to make them big enough to handle the modern equipment," he said. "With this added money, we just hope to hit some of the most



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critical projects."

West Point Mayor Marlene Johnson said state Highway 275 through her city has seen increased traffic as more businesses locate in the region, raising safety concerns. Johnson said many residents in the area would like to see the road expanded to four lanes to accommodate the growth.

"Nothing's going to happen tomorrow, but anything that can be done to improve our highways, I'm definitely going to support," she said.

The additional money will allow the Nebraska Department of Roads to start work sooner on some resurfacing and bridge projects starting in 2016.

"We'll look at our budget to see how many of these highway projects we can address, and when," said Moe Jamshidi, the department's acting director. "Obviously, when we have more funds, we can bring more (projects) into the picture."

Nebraska's share of Federal Highway

Trust money has fallen faster than the national average in the five-year period that ended in 2013, the last year for which numbers were available. Funding from the federal fuel tax has declined for most states as vehicles became more efficient and motorists cut back on driving.

Nebraska has more than 100,000 miles of roads and 20,000 bridges, mostly owned by counties and cities. Roughly 10,000 miles of road and 3,500 bridges belong to the state. Last year, the Department of Roads identified \$10.2 billion in projects it says are needed over the next 20 years.

Sen. Jim Smith of Papillion, the bill's sponsor, said the committee he chairs plans to look this summer at how the fuel tax money is divided. The Transportation and Telecommunications Committee will travel to study whether some needs are greater than others.

Trial For One-Time South Dakota US Senate Candidate Bosworth To Begin

BY JAMES NORD
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PIERRE — The trial for former political candidate Annette Bosworth is slated begin this week over alleged election law violations during the 2014 Republican U.S. Senate primary.

Bosworth, 43, has pleaded not guilty to six counts each of perjury and filing false documents. The Sioux Falls physician has said she's the target of "political persecution" and has denied any criminal intent to deceive.

"There's no deal that will take away any of the felonies, so of course it's going to trial," Bosworth told The Associated Press in a recent interview. She later referred requests for comment to her attorney, Bob Van Norman, who didn't return multiple messages.

Jury selection is expected to begin Monday and testimony could begin Wednesday.

Here are three things to consider about the case:

PRIMARY LOSS

Bosworth received 6 percent of the vote in the June 3, 2014, five-way primary for the Republican nomination, and learned of her loss on national



Bosworth

television.

Attorney General Marty Jackley filed charges against Bosworth the next day. Former Secretary of State Jason Gant had asked Jackley to investigate Bosworth for allegedly being out of the country during a time when her petitions to get on the ballot say she was gathering signatures.

According to an arrest affidavit, Bosworth attested to personally gathering signatures when she was on a publicized medical mission trip in the Philippines. She also attested to gathering signatures on some Hutterite colonies, but residents interviewed said she was not there when they signed.

SYMPATHETIC REPORT

A report this month from the Virginia-based Citizens in Charge Foundation, a voter initiative and referendum advocacy group, argues that Bosworth's prosecution is too harsh and could dissuade potential candidates from participating in the political process.

Group president Paul Jacob questioned whether the South Dakota at-

torney general's office has a personal or political problem with Bosworth.

Jackley said that's "absolutely" not the case. He said he waited until after the election to file charges.

"This prosecution has simply been under the rule of the law and the letter of the law," Jackley said.

CHANGES TO ELECTION LAWS

The cases of Bosworth and former independent candidate Clayton Walker, who faces similar accusations, spurred election law changes during the 2015 legislative session. The changes were proposed by Secretary of State Shantel Krebs and eventually signed into law.

Krebs pushed a measure to allow the secretary of state's office to audit a random sample of voter signatures from statewide candidates' petitions.

Lawmakers also approved a provision designating a "drop-dead" date for citizens to begin a court challenge of a nominating petition, meant to ensure such challenges can be resolved with enough time for the state to print absentee ballots. A measure to allow citizens more time to challenge a petition by moving up the candidate filing deadline also passed, but could be referred to the 2016 ballot by activists.

2 Marines With Neb. Ties Die In Nepal Crash

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Two U.S. Marines with Nebraska ties were among the six Marines and two Nepalese soldiers killed last week in a helicopter crash in Nepal.

On Sunday, the Defense Department identified all the Marines killed in Tuesday's crash.

One of the pilots, Capt. Dustin Lukasiewicz, grew up in Wilcox, Nebraska, before joining the Marines.

Lance Cpl. Jacob A. Hug was working as a videographer onboard the flight deliv-

ering supplies to earthquake victims. Hug is an Arizona native, but several of his family members live in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska.

Nepalese soldiers recovered the bodies of the eight people who died in the helicopter crash on Saturday.

Lukasiewicz dreamed of becoming a pilot. The *Lincoln Journal Star* reports. Lukasiewicz graduated from Wilcox Hildreth High School in 2003 and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2007.

"He wanted to fly," Tony Kersten, his brother-in-law said Friday. "He loved aviation."

Lukasiewicz lived with his wife, Ashley, and their daughter in Fallbrook, California. Ashley is pregnant and due to deliver another child in June. He was assigned to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 469, Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Hug's family members say he grew up wanting to be a Marine. He was a video-

ographer based in Okinawa, Japan.

"Selfless, kind, always thinking of others, his siblings absolutely adored him," said Stacy Rooker, Hug's cousin.

Family members said they are proud of what Hug had done with his life.

"I feel so blessed and privileged to have been his father here on earth and to have that relationship with him," Hug's father Jim Hug said by phone from Phoenix. "I'll cherish that every day for the rest of my life."

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