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Verdigre

Privett Gets Up To 60 Years

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CENTER, Neb. — A Verdigre, Nebraska, man has been sentenced to 40-60 years in prison for last October's shooting death of his wife.

Phillip M. Privett, 66, was sentenced Tuesday on two counts in Knox County District Court in Center. He pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and a firearms charge in connection with the fatal shooting of his 66-year-old wife, Linda Privett, at their Verdigre home. They had been married 44 years.

Judge Mark A. Johnson sentenced Phillip Privett on two counts, according to Knox County Attorney John Thomas.

Privett received 30-50 years on the first count of second-degree murder, a Class 1B felony. He received 10 years, to be served consecutively with the first sentence, on the second count of Use of a Firearm to Commit a Felony, a Class 1C felony.

He will serve his sentence with the Nebraska Department of Corrections.

At Tuesday's sentencing, the prosecution called David Privett, son of Phillip Privett, as a witness, Thomas said.

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City Approves Rail Authority



Toby Morris of Dougherty and Company (left) and Napa-Platte Regional Rail Authority board member Garry Moore address Tuesday's meeting of the Yankton City Commission on the prospect of the city joining the county to form a regional rail authority for Yankton County.

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City Officials OK Move To Work With County On Authority

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After months of discussion at the county level, it was the City of Yankton's turn to weigh the potential benefits and pitfalls of entering a regional rail authority.

Ultimately, the city chose to embrace the idea of a rail authority agreement with Yankton County.

During Tuesday's meeting of the Yankton City Commission, commissioners had a chance to hear a presentation from Toby Morris of Dougherty and Company on what implications an authority could have for the area.

"A lot of (economic) development over the past couple of years has revolved around rail," Morris told the commission. "One of the things an authority can do for you is, it's another tool in the tool box. It's really a way to allow what I would call a conduit financing to happen. It involves taking two forms of government — typi-

cally, a city and a county — where they create a political subdivision."

Morris described the authority as a way of accessing capital for rail projects in the area.

One of the biggest sticking points in the debate on creating a rail authority for Yankton County has been possible conflicts with the Napa-Platte Regional Rail Authority which encompasses Bon Homme and Charles Mix counties and the rail line running from Napa Junction to Platte. Though the Yankton County Commission voted to join that authority in 2012, Morris told a special meeting of the Yankton County Commission earlier this month that this action has not been recognized by the state due to a lack of a prior public hearing. Paperwork was also not submitted to the state until April 15 of this year.

"Is Yankton County a part of the Napa-Platte

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Keystone Pipeline

PUC Says No Climate Change In Permit Fight

BY BOB MERCER
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PIERRE — A tribal environmental group can't present testimony on climate change during a state permit hearing this summer for TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL pipeline, members of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ruled Tuesday.

The Intertribal COUP organization planned to offer three scientists to testify about tar-sands development and climate change. But the group lost that opportunity when it failed to meet a requirement in the hearing process.

I-COUP's plan next became to present them as rebuttal witnesses. TransCanada's lawyers won their argument Tuesday before the commission that the witnesses shouldn't be allowed at all.

The purpose of the July 27-31 and Aug. 3-4 evidentiary hearing is for the commission to consider whether TransCanada can continue to meet all of the conditions originally set in the 2010 permit.

Because four years have elapsed without the start of construction, state law requires the company to seek the certification in order for the permit to remain valid.

James Moore, a lawyer from Sioux Falls who represents TransCanada in South Dakota, said Tuesday the 2010 permit conditions didn't include climate change.

Commissioner Gary Hanson agreed, saying the commission agreed in 2010 that its scope would be South Dakota conditions and wouldn't cover Canada or other states.

TransCanada wants to build the pipeline from tar-sands fields in Alberta, Canada, through Montana and South Dakota and then into Nebraska where it would connect with an existing network.

Intertribal COUP — that is Council On Utility Policy — is based at Rosebud. Its lawyer, Robert Gough, argued Tuesday that conditions aren't the same as they were in 2010 on climate change.



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Tourney Field Firming Up



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

A sign of the changing times as Yankton prepares for next month's World Archery Youth Championships: This new sign will greet visitors at the entrance of the Easton Yankton Archery Complex on E. Highway 50.

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With less than two weeks remaining before the bulk of the visitors arrive in Yankton, the World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC) staff finally has some numbers to work with — even if those numbers aren't exactly official.

The upcoming tournament in Yankton, to be held June 8-14, will boast approximately 650 archers, trainers/coaches and other Olympic Event Management Team members, and the total number of countries is expected to be around 50.

"A lot of it has been fluctuating," WAYC Tournament Manager Nancy Wenande said Tuesday from her office at the Easton Yankton Archery Complex.

"We knew the numbers would go down in this last week, but didn't anticipate as much fluctuation as we've seen."

One team is expected to arrive in Yankton next Wednesday, while most other teams will fly into Sioux Falls (with some into Omaha, Nebraska) on the weekend of June 6-7.

As much as the WAYC committee would like the tournament numbers to be finalized, there are some teams — Cuba, for example — still working on visas and working through the



Wenande

registration process.

"I guess fortunately for us, there are a lot of teams interested in coming," Wenande said.

Archers have to be officially registered by June 8, otherwise they cannot shoot, she added.

The first day of competition would be the following day.

Although the majority of the countries in attendance will only have a handful of shooters, three countries will have the maximum number of 24 members: United States, India and Mexico. Great Britain will be bringing 23 shooters.

The country with the smallest number? Benin (Africa), Cuba and Hungary will each bring one archer and one official.

Although the National Field Archery Association, which is headquartered in Yankton, is no stranger to hosting international archery tournaments (it hosted one last summer, for example), an event of this magnitude is new to everyone, Wenande said — even to the entire state.

"Even within the state of South Dakota, I'm not sure how many other

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