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Ex-Inmate Faces Assault Charge

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF

SPRINGFIELD — An newly-released inmate faces a simple-assault charge following this week's altercation with a fellow prisoner at Mike Durfee State Prison.

Kendall Osteen, 49, has been released from the Springfield prison but remains held in connection with Tuesday's incident, said Michael Winder, a spokesman for the Department of Corrections (DOC).

"Kendall Osteen has been charged with simple assault. A probable-cause affidavit for his arrest exists and has been filed in Bon Homme County," Winder said. "He is being held in custody but not at a DOC facility."

Winder said he couldn't reveal Osteen's location at the present time. Winder was unsure if other charges are pending against Osteen.

Osteen and Dennis Lashley, 62, were roommates and apparently fought over a remote control, Winder said.

Lashley suffered injuries in Tuesday's fight, which occurred just hours before Osteen was to be released from prison. Lashley was later found unresponsive and was pronounced dead at a Tyndall hospital.

Winder said no weapons were believed to have been used in the altercation. The court document, signed by Circuit Judge



Osteen

Glen Eng, lists a \$20,000 cash bond for Osteen. Simple assault is a Class I misdemeanor.

Assistant Attorney General Doug Barnett is listed as the head prosecutor for the case.

The Division of Criminal Investigation is continuing its work on the case, said Sara Rabern, spokeswoman for the South Dakota Attorney General's office.

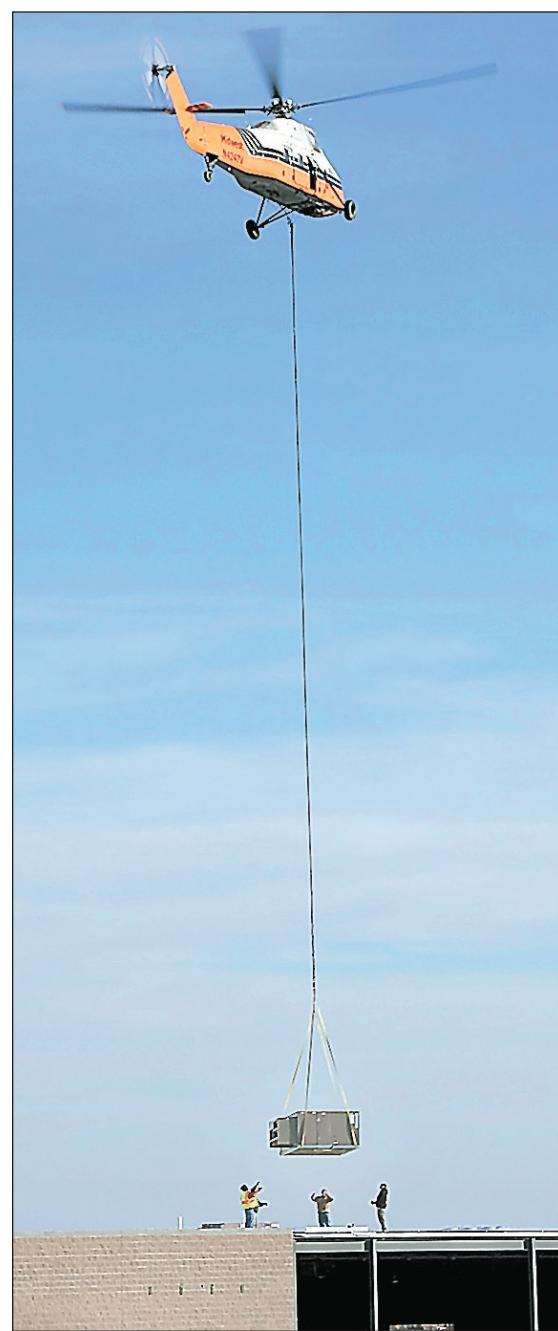
An autopsy was being conducted in the case. The attorney general's office will decide whether to file any new charges, Rabern said.

Osteen is considered to have completed his sentence at Springfield, and any new charges are a separate matter, she said.

Winder said he believes this was the first vio-

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THANKS FOR THE LIFT



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Construction work for the new Menards building on the north edge of Yankton took to the skies Thursday afternoon as this helicopter was flown in to lend a hand on the job. The helicopter, which came in from Sioux Falls, hoisted heating and cooling units onto the roof of the new structure, where workers then installed the units. The Menards store is expected to open for business next spring.

INTERACTIVE EDUCATION



KELLY HERTZ/P&D

Mount Marty College student Jordan Pater uses a Virtual Driver Interactive simulator Thursday to learn about the consequences of driving while intoxicated.

Machines Simulate, Teach About Impaired And Distracted Driving

BY NATHAN JOHNSON

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All it takes is one careless moment behind the wheel of a vehicle to create a tragedy.

That's the lesson Mount Marty College students are learning this week while using two Virtual Driver Interactive simulators that demonstrate the consequences of impaired or distracted driving.

During the lunch hour Thursday, dozens of students gathered around the two simulators in the Roncalli Center to put them to use or to watch a friend.

"It's been pretty popular," said Jordan Pater, a student who was helping to oversee the machines. "You learn a lot."

Added fellow student Jaron Finkbeiner, "We hope people are reminded to be smart and to not

drink and drive."

The machines were obtained through the Sioux Empire Safety Village of Sioux Falls, which was able to purchase them six months ago thanks to a donation from Vern Eide Motorcars of Sioux Falls.

A grant from the Office of Highway Safety allowed Mount Marty College to shave off 75 percent of the cost to have the simulators delivered and operated on campus for five days, according to Tracy Taylor, director of student counseling. The final day will be Nov. 22, and the machines can be used from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. They will not be in use Saturday and Sunday.

When individuals use a machine, they are asked to give their name, date of birth, gender and drivers license number if they have one.

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Neb. Gives 2nd Approval To Pipeline Bill

BY GRANT SCHULTE

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska lawmakers avoided a drawn-out political fight Thursday after a prominent critic of the planned Keystone XL pipeline backed away from his proposal to keep nearly all oil lines out of sandy-soil hills that sit atop an enormous U.S. water supply.

A plan to regulate major oil pipelines in Nebraska sailed through the second of three required votes. The bill by state Sen. Annette Dubas of Fullerton would place the state Public Service Commission in charge of pipeline developers who want to build in Nebraska.

Gov. Dave Heineman called the special session last month to address mounting worries that the proposed 1,700-mile Keystone XL oil pipeline could leak and foul the Ogallala aquifer, a groundwater supply beneath Nebraska and parts of seven other states.

The \$7 billion crude pipeline would move oil from Canada through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma before it connects with Texas Gulf Coast refineries.

Debate over the pipeline has drawn international attention focused largely on Nebraska, and pipeline operator TransCanada announced Monday that it would voluntarily reroute the pipeline in the state after environmentalists and landowners protested its pathway through the rural Sandhills. But national environmental groups have said they will actively fight the project along any route because of potential environmental threats.

TransCanada spokesman Shawn Howard said the reroute will avoid the Sandhills, but keep the same proposed entry and exit points on Nebraska's borders. He said the company will likely need to secure between 100 and 200 new easements from landowners on any new routes that win approval. Howard said landowners who are no longer in the pipeline's path will have easements removed from their property titles, and can keep the money TransCanada paid for the land.

State Sen. Ken Haar of Malcolm, a critic of the pipeline, introduced an amendment Thursday that would have designated the Sandhills an "avoidance zone" and banned major oil pipelines from the area

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Rate On 30-Year Mortgage Ticks Up To 4 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The average rate on the 30-year mortgage hovered above the record low for a third straight week. But cheap mortgage rates have done little to boost home sales or refinancing.

Freddie Mac said Thursday that the rate on the 30-year loan ticked up to 4 percent from 3.99 percent. Six weeks ago, it dropped to a record low of 3.94 percent, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research.

The average rate on the 15-year fixed mortgage rose to 3.31 percent from 3.30 percent. Six weeks ago, it hit a record low of 3.26 percent.

Rates have been below 5 percent for all but two weeks this year. Yet this year could be the worst for home sales in 14 years.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

Webster Elementary School student Ty Schultz has a hard time remembering the words to a poem called "I Remember" in a skit from the school's fall program, "School Daze," performed Thursday at the Yankton High School/Summit Activities Center theatre. The program was a whimsical, musical look at a typical school day for students, such as lunch in a cafeteria, running in the hallways and detention. To see or purchase images from this event, visit spotted.yankton.net. (Kelly Hertz/P&D)



Petitions Out For Viborg-Hurley School Board

BY RANDY DOCKENDORF

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The wheels keep moving toward creating the new Viborg-Hurley school district, as candidates are circulating petitions to run for the new five-member school board.

The Turner County auditor's office is conducting the Jan. 10 school board election, in accordance with state law. Turner County has been designated as the county of jurisdiction for the Viborg-Hurley district.

"This is a whole new thing for us," said Deputy Auditor Sue Deutsch. "We've never

had to do one of these (school board) elections."

The new district comes into existence July 1, 2012.

The period for taking out candidate petitions began Monday and runs through Dec. 12, Deutsch said. The petitions can be obtained from the Viborg and Hurley school district offices, the Turner County auditor's office or downloaded from the South Dakota Secretary of State's website.

A check Tuesday afternoon showed three petitions had been taken out. A candidate needs 20 valid petition signatures to get on the ballot.

The Viborg-Hurley School District will be divided into two areas of representation, north and south of 290th Street. The region north of the highway has 1,203 residents, while the region to the south has 1,187 residents.

Each area will have two school board representatives, and the fifth school board member will be elected at-large. Patrons will be eligible to vote for the at-large board position and the two members from the area in which the voter legally resides.

In the upcoming election, two members

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