

Interstate 94 bridge work near Fergus Falls begins July 18

DETROIT LAKES, Minn. – Motorists on Interstate 94 northwest of Fergus Falls will experience lane closures and possible delays beginning Thursday, July 18, weather permitting.

Crews will reconstruct the eastbound bridge deck on I-94 over Otter Tail County Road 21.

For approximately two weeks, motorists will experience lane closures while crews install safety barriers and temporary crossovers in the median.

For the remainder of the project, all traffic on I-94 will shift to the westbound lanes while crews reconstruct the eastbound bridge.

Flaggers will control traffic on Otter Tail County Road 21, when necessary.

This is a two year project. Next summer crews will reconstruct the westbound bridge deck.

The upgrades will prolong the life of the bridges and result in a smoother road surface.

For Minnesota statewide travel information, visit www.511mn.org, call 5-1-1 or log on to www.mndot.gov.

Arland Stangeland

7-4-13

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A family member says former Minnesota 7th District Congressman Arland Stangeland died of an apparent heart attack. Jeff Stangeland says his 83-year old father was at his home on Lake Lizzie near Pelican Rapids getting ready for the 4th of July weekend when he became ill during the afternoon.

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Jeff Stangeland says his father was a self-made man who never went to college but went on to serve several decades of public service as a state legislator and a U-S representative.

Audio :47

Arland Stangeland is survived by his wife Virginia and 7 children. Funeral arrangements are pending.

FF Council Rejects Bids

7-16-13

The Fergus Falls City Council rejected bids for an aeration tank piping project because the bids came in higher than expected. The engineer's estimate was \$100,500 but the lowest bid came in at more than \$145,000. City staff and a consultant recommended evaluating different materials and specifications and then re-advertising for bids on the project.

They will also follow the "competitive bid process" for the paving of Adams Park on Grotto Lake. They plan to open bids before the August 19th council meeting.

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BC-MN--Pensions-City Budgets,131

Cities feel burden of state pension shortfalls

(Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated.)

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Cities and counties across Minnesota are feeling budgets squeezed as they try to make up for shortfalls in the state pension fund.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press reports (<http://bit.ly/1ajZWIR>) that many cities have had to cut staff, reduce services, or even raise property taxes to cover the costs.

While many municipalities can find ways to reduce costs of employee health care or other benefits, pension costs are out of their control. The contribution rate is set by the Legislature, and local governments must pay.

About a decade ago, the city of St. Paul paid an average of about \$5,000 toward a police officer's pension. Last year, the tab was nearly \$11,000.

Local governments don't welcome the hikes, but realize the increases are necessary to ensure the public pensions are sustainable.

Information from: St. Paul Pioneer Press, <http://www.twincities.com>

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MnDOT app will help drivers navigate Minn. roads

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Trayvon Fargo/Moorhead

There was a small protest on the Veterans Memorial Bridge between Fargo and Moorhead yesterday afternoon (main ave. bridge) and at Dike East in Fargo. There were about 6 to 8 protesters when I went by. ~~That is all I am aware of.~~

Here is a short clip from one of the protestor's. His name is Dylan Leopard...

Thanks for the fire coverage you gave us last week.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH-PROTESTS

Minneapolis synagogue hosts gathering over Zimmerman verdict

X MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - More than 100 people gathered in south Minneapolis to speak out against the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in Florida.

~~The Star-Tribune reports that~~ a crowd gathered Sunday night at a synagogue in south Minneapolis for a service focusing on the case and recent verdict.

Rabbi Michael Latz says he organized the service at ~~Shir Tikvah~~ to let people in the community come together during a time of anguish.

Many attendees say they were spurred to attend to protest a verdict they view as an injustice.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION APP

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Smartly peaceful demonstrations were held across the country

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PENSIONS-CITY BUDGETS

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7-11-13

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MINNESOTA BUDGET

Minn. revenues exceed projections by \$463M

★ ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Minnesota's tax revenues for the budget year that ended June 30 came in \$463 million ahead of forecast, and state officials say that means more money will be on its way to schools.

Minnesota Management and Budget says most of the extra revenue came from higher-than-expected individual income tax payments.

Some of that is attributed to stronger-than-expected economic growth. But the department believes much of it came from wealthy taxpayers shifting income from future years into 2012 to beat higher taxes, yielding a one-time gain that'll be offset in future years.

Still, Governor Mark Dayton says the quarterly update is good news for education because a bill he signed last session requires the state to use surplus revenue to accelerate repayments of money that previous legislatures borrowed from school districts.

TARGET LAWSUIT--DISCRIMINATION

Hispanic employees sue Target for discrimination

★ FRESNO, Calif. (AP) - Three former Hispanic employees are suing Target Corporation for discrimination and retaliation, citing a training document reminding managers that not all Hispanics eat tacos and burritos, dance to salsa or wear sombreros.

The lawsuit was filed June 24th in California's Yolo County.

It alleges that Caucasian managers at a warehouse in Woodland regularly used racial slurs when addressing Hispanic workers. It cites a document featuring common stereotypes and tips on how to manage Hispanic workers.

A Target spokeswoman wouldn't comment on the lawsuit itself but says the Minneapolis-based company was sorry for the content of the document. She says it was not part of any "formal or company-wide training" and was used only at one distribution center.

The lawsuit also alleges that Target terminated many of its older

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Hispanic employees.



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The Fergus Falls Chamber invites you to "Chamber Cafe" at 7:30am on Thursday, July 11th at the New Rehearsal Spaces for A Center for the Arts, located above the Senior Citizens Center downtown. "Chamber Cafe" is like a "Business BEFORE Hours" -- find out about summer events & what's going on in Fergus Falls. Enjoy a light breakfast & networking. If you like being "in the know" then to this event you'll want to go! Join us for "Chamber Cafe" Thursday, July 11th at the NEW Center for the Arts Rehearsal Spaces. Sponsored by the Fergus Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. **belong. connect. succeed.**

Trees Vandalized at Community Garden

7-9-13

Apple and Cherry trees planted in the orchard at the Community Garden in Fergus Falls were vandalized. Limbs on the trees were snapped off. A local nursery looked at them and said it appears to damage done by humans and not animals. The trees are valued at \$40 each.

Those living in the area will be asked to watch the garden and to report any suspicious activity to law enforcement.

OTC to Consider Wheelage Tax

*new spin
- priority -*

7-5-13

County commissioners across the state are considering "wheelage taxes" after the Legislature recently expanded the option beyond Twin Cities metro counties. It is usually \$5 or \$10 per car or truck, added on when vehicles are registered with the state each year.

Julie Ring, legislative coordinator for the Association of Minnesota Counties, says Brown, Mower and Rice counties already have approved the new tax, revenues of which go to road repairs.

Lawmakers also recently made it possible for Minnesota's 87 counties to impose a sale tax to help pay for transportation and transit projects without a referendum.

Otter Tail County Board of Commissioners will hear a presentation on Wheelage Tax at the July 16th board meeting. They need to notify the state by August 1st if they are going to add the tax. The fees would be dedicated to fixing roads.

Arrest After Accident

9-30-13

A 25-year-old man from Wadena is under arrest after leaving an accident Saturday.

The accident was called from a business on Main Street in Perham. A vehicle had hit a road sign and took off. Officers found the vehicle on US Hwy 10 near 470th Avenue. The driver was arrested for DWI, leaving the scene of an accident, property damage, and possession of a bottle.

(Douglas Dabill)

*Erin
Scott Burris Miller*

Heavy Loss from Fire near Vining

9-30-13

A pole barn is a total loss after a fire on 160th Street near Vining. The fire was reported shortly after 7 am Saturday. The building, two dogs, two tractors and other Ag equipment were lost in the fire. Lightening from storm in the area is the probable cause of the fire.

Gas Vented from Home, Eight Residences Evacuated

9-30-13

A passerby may have saved lives by calling in a natural gas smell Sunday evening.

In the 700 block of West Alcott, a couple was working an apartment in their basement. The gas valve above the dryer was turned. The dryer is electric and the gas line was not hooked to anything so the house was filling with gas for about 20 minutes. Gas could be smelled outside the home.

The fire department arrived. The electricity for the block was turned off and eight residences were evacuated as a precaution while the gas was vented from the home.

The gas line wasn't capped but should have been.

Two Teens Charged with Theft from Vehicles

9-30-13

A report of prowlers in the area of Peck Street and Junius led to charges for two juveniles in Fergus Falls.

The first call came in around 11:30 pm Saturday. A man said that his wife's car has been gone through. Someone else saw them trying door handles and entering any car that was unlocked. Two GPS systems and other items were taken from unlocked cars. If the cars were locked, they left them alone.

Police found a juvenile running from the area with his pockets full of things taken from cars. Two juveniles ages 15 and 14 will be charged with theft.

Air-Soft Guns Fired in Parking Lot

9-25-13

It was reported to police that three college-aged men were in the apartment parking lot on Spartan Drive shooting at each other with air-soft guns Tuesday evening. They were hiding between the cars and shooting at each other but police did not find damage to the vehicles. Police were not able to find the suspects.

Napper Nabbed in Stolen Vehicle in Perham

9-25-13

It may not be illegal to sleep in your car but it is a problem if the car is stolen. That's what Paul Wayne Krause discovered Tuesday afternoon when he pulled over to take a nap in a rural section of Perham. The vehicle had been reported stolen in Bloomington. Perham Police identified the vehicle and nabbed the napper. 32-year old Krause is currently in jail.

Arrest Made after Disturbance on Bus

9-23-13

*Just After
Midnight
Found*

Police and State Patrol responded to a disturbance on a Jefferson ~~Bus~~ Lines bus on I 94 near exit 57.

Another passenger had spotted a weapon in the handbag of a passenger. The intoxicated passenger was also causing a disturbance. Victoria Cosey- Green was arrested for possession of a weapon in public and disorderly conduct. The gun turned out to be a BB gun but Cosey- Green has outstanding warrents from Hennepin Co (Minnesota) and North Dakota. She is held in the Otter Tail County Jail.

Deer Stand Shot

9-19-13

It was reported to the sheriff's office that a deer-hunting stand in the Swan Lake area had been shot at. The windows were shot out and bullet holes were left in the wood. The origins of the shots appear to be from a near-by bike trail. The caller was concerned because his grandchildren use the stand to bow hunt.

Flatley Sentenced for Chat with Child and Gun Possession

9-19-13

A Perham man thought he was chatting on the computer with a 13-year-old girl from Montana. It was really a deputy in Montana posing as the child. 54-year-old John Patrick Flatley of Perham was convicted of engaging in electronic communication describing sexual conduct with a child. In a separate case he was convicted possession a weapon after dishonorable discharge from the armed forces.

Flatley will spent 90 days in jail concurrently. He was ordered to follow the recommendations of an evaluation, not to have access to internet unless he has approval of a probation agent and he will be required to register as a predatory offender.

Campbell Convicted on Weapons Charge

9-18-13

A Fergus Falls man is going to prison for a weapons charge conviction. Homeowners near Pelican Rapids came home in July of this year to find a man they knew in their yard acting strangely. They knew the man as he was formerly married to a family member. 32-year-old Steven Deshun Campbell pretended to have found a break-in at the home and left quickly. They found a chainsaw and frozen beef tips from their freezer outside under a window. Other items were missing from the home and it had been ransacked.

Officers questioning Campbell found the stolen Playstation 3 at the apartment where he was staying.

Campbell, who has a previous burglary conviction, received 39 months in prison and credit for 59 days spent in jail for possession of a firearm. A 2nd degree burglary charge was dismissed.

TWO FERGUS FALLS MEN CHARGED IN WHAT PROSECUTORS SAY WAS THE DRUG RELATED MURDER OF A RELATIVE HAVE REFUSED EXTRADITION TO MINNESOTA FOR A SECOND TIME.

MICHAEL ALAN BURRIS AND HIS SON, MICHAEL KYLE BURRIS WERE ARRESTED LAST MONTH IN MESA, ARIZONA WHERE THEY NOW LIVE.

OTTER TAIL COUNTY PROSECUTOR MICHELLE ELDIEN (*EL-deen) TELLS ~~KFGO~~ NEWS PAPERWORK IS NOW ON ITS WAY TO GOVERNOR MARK DAYTON SEEKING TO RETURN THE PAIR TO THE STATE:

Media : GUV'S WARRANT

Length: 00:00:22.2 OutCue: "get the burris's".<PSI_END_OBJECT>

THE PAIR IS ACCUSED OF KILLING 33-YEAR OLD SCOTT BURRIS. HIS BODY WAS FOUND IN THE OTTER TAIL RIVER LAST SUMMER. INVESTIGATORS SAY HE WAS SHOT TO DEATH OVER A DRUG DEBT OWED TO HIS UNCLE.

9/16/13 DONTMASHANEY

The National Agricultural Statistics Service says in its weekly crop report for the week ending Sunday that the moisture might have come too late to help row crop development, while others suggested it could help put on test weight.

Winter wheat seeding was estimated at 25 percent complete.

Spring wheat harvested was 88 percent, behind last year's 100 percent but near average.

Durum wheat harvested was 63 percent, well behind last year and the average.

Corn at the mature stage was 9 percent, well behind 75 percent last year and the average of 26 percent.

Soybeans were behind last year but ahead of average in maturity.

HEALTH GRANTS

Centers in the Dakotas getting large health grant

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - Two Dakota centers are getting multimillion-dollar grants from the National Institutes of Health.

The Children's Health Research Center at Sanford Research in Sioux Falls is getting \$11.6 million over five years, and the University of North Dakota medical school in Grand Forks is getting \$10.5 million over that time.

The Children's Health Research Center is a nonprofit formed by Dakotas-based Sanford Health and the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Officials there are studying congenital defects and childhood diseases.

The UND medical school will use its grant money to support a biomedical research center.

CORNFIELD CAPTURE

Transport company must pay expenses in ND escape

 A prisoner transport company's attorney says the company appreciates the help of law enforcement agencies and residents who helped capture an escaped convict who tried to hide out in a North Dakota cornfield.

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Extradition Transport of America has agreed to pay \$70,000 in expenses to law enforcement agencies and farmers who helped capture Joseph Megna.

The payment is part of a settlement agreement filed in federal court. The government filed the complaint against Extradition Transport, which had been transporting Megna from Florida to Washington state in October 2011 when he escaped from a rest stop on Interstate 94. Area farmers used combines to help flush Megna from the field.

Attorney Christopher Nyhus says the company already had been working on making the financial repayments on its own before the lawsuit.

FRACKING-METHANE

Study: Methane leaks from gas drilling not huge

WASHINGTON (AP) - A new study finds that the process of drilling and fracking for natural gas doesn't seem to spew immense amounts of the greenhouse gas methane into the air, as has been feared.

The finding bolsters a big selling point for natural gas: that it's not as bad for global warming as coal. And it undercuts a major environmental argument against fracking, a process that breaks apart deep rock to recover more gas. The study doesn't address other fracking pollution concerns.

The results generally agree with earlier EPA estimates and were published by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

About 90 percent of the study funding came from nine energy companies that drill for natural gas. The rest came from the Environmental Defense Fund.

Extradition to Minn Refused by M. A. Burris & M. K. Burris Again

9-16-13

Both Michael Alan Burris and his son, Michael Kyle Burris have refused extradition to Minnesota for a second time. They were arrested last month in Mesa, Arizona for the murder of Scott Burris. Otter Tail County Prosecutor, Michelle Eldien says the paperwork is now on its way to Governor Mark Dayton seeking to return the pair to the state. Another hearing was held Friday in Arizona. Prosecutors say Scott Burris was shot to death over a drug debt owed to his uncle.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND FARMERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE SEARCH OF A CORNFIELD FOR AN ESCAPED PRISONER NEAR VALLEY CITY ALMOST TWO YEARS AGO HAVE SETTLED WITH A CALIFORNIA TRANSPORT COMPANY. THE US ATTORNEYS OFFICE NEGOTIATED THE SETTLEMENT WITH "EXTRADITION TRANSPORT OF AMERICA." JOSEPH MEGNA ESCAPED FROM A REST STOP EAST OF VALLEY CITY. BARNES COUNTY SHERIFF RANDY MCCLAFIN (MC-LAF'-LIN) SAYS HIS DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE 34-HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Media2><PSI_MID_OBJECT>Media : SHERIFF BARNES
Length: 00:00:13.7 OutCue: "SETTLED WITH".<PSI_END_OBJECT>

FARMERS USED COMBINES TO FLUSH MEGNA OUT OF THE CORNFIELD. THE CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL ALSO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ITS SEARCH-RELATED COSTS AND THE COMPANY WILL PAY A 10-THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE.

JURGENS 9-16-13 12:50PM

Two-Year-Old Crashes Van –Twice

9-13-13

The sheriff's office was called to Dent around 7 pm Thursday for a vehicle crash. A woman left children in the car while she ran into a convenience store.

A two-year-old in a 1998 Plymouth Voyager van climbed into the driver's seat and put the van into reverse. A fire extinguisher case on the building was hit. The child then put the van in drive and hit a gas pump protection pipe.

Sheriff's office says minor damage done to the building and the pipe but the van has damage to the bumpers and a broken rear window.

Four children were in the van. No injuries reported. The full report was not completed but they did not expect anyone to be cited.

Names of Those Killed in Crash Released

9-14-13

Minnesota State Patrol has released the names of the two people killed in a crash near Henning Wednesday evening. They are 34 year old Sean Campbell and 26 year old Pamella Whyte Campbell both of Deer Creek. The state patrol says that Sean Campbell was driving the car that was southbound in the northbound lane on Hwy 108 near Co Road 16. Two children in the car, ages 8 and 5 have serious injuries. In the other vehicle, Grant and Lisa Smith of Henning were seriously injured.

More Charges for Former Deputy Heuer

9-10-12

A former Mille Lac County Deputy has another criminal sexual conduct case pending in Otter Tail County.

Aaron J. Heuer is now charged with two more felony counts. These new charges stem from a June 2009 incident at the same camp near Henning where the other incidents are alleged to have taken place this summer. The judge sent bail for second case at 300 thousand. He would need to pay the bail in the first case too before release from jail.

These new charges were filed today (Tuesday) the other case was filed July 22nd.

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Note on name. He uses "Huey" as a nickname. Say the name like Hue-er.

Woman Arrested at Bank for DWI

9-11-13

Bank employees realized that a woman who came into the bank to report her debit card missing was intoxicated Tuesday afternoon. She had driven there in her car. They kept the woman talking while police were summoned to take the report. She told them that her purse had been stolen out of her car. Police arrested the 63 year old woman for DWI and she was taken to detox. Her purse and debit card were later found to be at home.

Shots Fired Explained

9-9-13

Several people reported shots fired in Fergus Falls Sunday just before 12:30am. Officers in the area of Kennedy Secondary School also heard what sounded like a rifle shot followed by a group of four shots.

Officers confirmed with Otter Tail Power that the noise was made at the Hoot Lake Power Plant. The explanation is that a coal grinder plugged and it makes a noise when it plugs and when it is reset.

Fire Truck Hits Trailer in Dalton

9-9-13

No one was injured when a fire truck hit another vehicle in Dalton. The fire truck was at a bank checking on a fire alarm that turned out to be a false alarm shortly after 4 pm Saturday.

The fire truck clipped the a trailer pulled by an SUV. The tongue on the trailer bent at a 90-degree angle. More than a thousand dollars damage to the trailer but only minor damage to the fire truck.

Dalton had heavy traffic this weekend for the threshing reunion.

Puppy Scam under Investigation

9-9-13

A possible puppy scam is under investigation in Perham. A Montana woman called the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office with a complaint that she sent \$1300 for a puppy to a PO Box in Perham.

The sheriff's office turned the investigation over to the Perham Police since the alleged crime took place within city limits. Police have a possible suspect and there may be more than one victim.

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There are many variations of puppy scams. The Better Business Bureau says "Beware of breeders who insist that you wire money or call to ask for more money to cover last-minute shipping fees."

OTC Fatal

9-9-13

A fatal crash in Otter Tail County Friday afternoon. The Minnesota State Patrol says that 60 year old woman is dead after she crossed the center line on Hwy 34, just east of Otter Tail County Road 23, and struck another vehicle. The woman is identified as 60-year-old Janeen Virnala of Moorhead. The driver of the other vehicle, 47-year-old Steven Haiby of Pelican Rapids has a non-life threatening injury.

Stolen Jewelry Returned

9-9-13

Fergus Falls Police received a report of stolen jewelry in the 700 block of West Cavour Ave. A woman who had been at the home earlier in the day is suspected of coming back with a child and having the child crawl through a window and unlock the door for her. \$175 of jewelry in a plastic container was missing from the bag of a guest staying at the home. They were still at the home writing the report when the boyfriend of the suspect came and returned the jewelry. Police said a report would be sent to the woman's probation officer. It was not known if any new charges will be filed against the suspect.

Copper Wire Theft Damages Wahpeton Substation

9-6-13

Near midnight Wednesday, it was discovered that someone had cut a fence at an electrical substation in north Wahpeton, North Dakota and were in the process of cutting ground wires when they hit a live wire.

Otter Tail Power Company's safety services manager Eric Hamm says, "In this case, the thief, or thieves, risked severe burns or death for about \$50 worth of copper, and they put emergency responders and people who rely on electricity for life support at risk."

He says "The Department of Homeland Security considers interference with the electrical grid to be a potential act of terrorism."

Repairs to Otter Tail Power Company's substation will exceed \$30,000.

The Wahpeton Police Department is continuing the investigation and will coordinate with the Department of Homeland Security.

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WAHPETON POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING VANDALISM TO AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION ON THE CITY'S NORTHSIDE. CRIS OEHLER (AYLER) OF OTTERTAIL POWER COMPANY SAYS CREWS RESPONDED TO A CALL OF ARCING WIRES AT THE SUBSTATION LATE WEDNESDAY.....

Media2><PSI_MID_OBJECT>Media : ELECTRIC VANDAL
Length: 00:00:16.3 OutCue: "ARC FLASH" .<PSI_END_OBJECT>

OEHLER (AYLER) SAYS ONLY ABOUT 20-POUNDS OF COPPER WORTH \$50.00 WAS STOLEN, BUT THE THIEVES RISKED THEIR LIVES AND ARE IN BIG TROUBLE IN THEY'RE CAUGHT.....

>Media : OTP VANDALISM
Length: 00:00:11.6 OutCue: "LOT OF REASONS"
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OEHLER (AYLER) SAYS IT'LL PROBABLY COST ABOUT \$20,000 TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE. POLICE CHIEF SCOTT THORSTEINSON (THOR-STEN'-SON) SAYS THERE'S A GOOD POSSIBILITY WHOEVER DID THE VANDALISM MAY HAVE RECEIVED BURNS. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ON THE VANDALISM AND THEFT IS ASKED TO CALL WAHPETON POLICE.

BA 9/5/13 12PM

HOW DO YOU HANDLE MORE THAN 40,000 PEOPLE IN ONE PLACE,
FOR SOLD OUT EVENTS, ALL WITHIN 24 HOURS?

ASK ROB SOBOLIK GENERAL MANAGER OF THE FARGODOME. HE'S
IN CHARGE OF GETTING THE VENUE READY FOR ONE OF THE
BIGGEST CONCERTS OF THE YEAR TONIGHT AND THEN THE BISON
HOME OPENER TOMORROW:

>Media : ROBB ROY PREPS

Length: 00:00:20.2 OutCue: 'LOT OF PEOPLE.<PSI_END_OBJECT>

SOBOLIK SAYS HUNDRED'S WILL BE WORKING AROUND-THE-
CLOCK ON THE CHANGE-OVER FROM CONCERT HALL TO
FOOTBALL STADIUM STARTING LATE TONIGHT.

TONIGHT'S TAYLOR SWIFT CONCERT STARTS AT 7. DOORS OPEN
AT 5:30. KICK-OFF IS AT 4 TOMORROW AFTERNOON FOR BISON
FOOTBALL.

9/6/13 DONTMASHANEY

(audio...Sobolik says it takes lots of coordination and planning that takes
weeks...he says it means "not much sleep for a lot of people."

IN WHAT MAY BE A PRECEDENT SETTING CASE, TWO PEOPLE FACING FELONY DRUG CHARGES IN CASS COUNTY ARE ARGUING THAT THEY HAD A RIGHT TO HAVE MARIJUANA BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN PRESCRIBED IN A STATE WHERE THE USE OF MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES IS LEGAL. THEY WERE ARRESTED AT A CASSELTON MOTEL IN JANUARY. DEPUTIES SEIZED NEARLY 13-OUNCES OF POT. FARGO ATTORNEY MARK FRIESE (FREEZE) IS REPRESENTING ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS.

>Media : FRIESE PRACTITIONER
Length: 00:00:23.3 OutCue: "ANOTHER STATE".<PSI_END_OBJECT>

FRIESE SAYS HIS CLIENT AND THE MAN'S GIRLFRIEND WERE GIVEN PRESCRIPTIONS FOR POT UNDER THE MEDICINAL MARIJUANA LAW IN WASHINGTON STATE. HE SAYS A LICENSED NEUROPATHIC DOCTOR WROTE THE PRESCRIPTIONS. ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY KARA SCHMITZ-OLSON CHARGED THE CASE.

Media : KARA SCHMITZ DOPE
Length: 00:00:16.5 OutCue: "THE COURT".<PSI_END_OBJECT>

SCHMITZ-OLSON SAYS DEPENDING ON HOW DISTRICT JUDGE WICKHAM CORWIN RULES PRIOR TO TRIAL, THE LEGISLATURE MAY HAVE TO CONSIDER UPDATING THE LAW TO MORE CLEARLY DEFINE HOW MEDICINAL MARIJUANA IS TREATED IN NORTH DAKOTA. BOTH DEFENDANTS ARE FACING MISDEMEANOR AND FELONY DRUG CHARGES. THEIR TRIAL IS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 24TH.

JURGENS 9-5-13 12:45PM

Dental Office Burglarized

9-4-13

A dental office on North Cascade was broken into Tuesday morning. A woman letting her dogs out shortly after 5 am may have startled the burglars, who ran off. Items inside the office were rearranged. A gold crown, petty cash and magnifying safety glasses are missing. Value of the items is \$1250.

Underwood Flags Missing

9-4-13

Flags used in Underwood this weekend were reported missing to the sheriff's office. Seven American flags and 14 sections of aluminum poles were taken from Main Street sometime Saturday evening or Sunday morning. The flags were up for the Harvest Festival.

Badmoccasin Jailed

9-4-13

A Fergus Falls woman is jailed after an alleged assault Tuesday evening. Police were called by a resident of the Axel Nelson Apartments on North Mill Street. He said there was an unwanted female in his apartment. The man said that the woman, identified as 23 year old Naveena Pearl Badmoccasin had come into the apartment and was trying to take his prescription medication. Another female in the apartment confronted Badmoccasin. Badmoccasin allegedly had a hammer in her hand and swung it at the other woman and missed.

Badmoccasin was arrested for assault, obstructing the legal process, disturbing the peace-disorderly conduct.

Sand Truck Rolls

9-4-13

A truck hauling sand rolled in Otter Tail County. The sheriff's office says that the driver was used to hauling silage and misjudged the stopping distance due to the extra weight of the sand. The truck went off the gravel, into the ditch and rolled as she was approaching 250th Street from Co Road 18. The 56-year-old female driver from Vining was not injured.

BC-MN--Armed Robbery-Freezer,52
Fast food employees forced into freezer
Eds: APNewsNow.

PLYMOUTH, Minn. (AP) - There were some frightening moments for employees working the overnight shift at a McDonald's restaurant in Plymouth.

Police say the employees were forced into a freezer at gunpoint during a robbery about 3:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Authorities say four male suspects fled with some cash. ~~KMSP-TV~~
(~~<http://bit.ly/1cFppUX>~~) says the employees are OK.

Information from: KMSP-TV, <http://www.myfox9.com>

AP-WF-09-04-13 1154GMT

A DETROIT LAKES MAN HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE VICTIM OF A DEADLY DIRT BIKE CRASH NEAR HUNTER, NORTH DAKOTA. 46 YEAR-OLD JOHN HOUSEHOLDER WAS HURT WHILE RIDING A MOTORCYCLE ON A PRIVATE TRACK YESTERDAY (MONDAY) AFTERNOON. THE CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS HOUSEHOLDER DIED WHILE HE WAS IN AN AMBULANCE WHICH WAS ON ITS WAY TO MEET SANFORD AIR-MED.

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Roth Sentenced

9-3-13

A Fergus Falls man will spend more time in jail for a drug conviction. 38 year old Dale Jesse Roth sold methamphetamine to members of the West Central Drug Task Force ~~methamphetamine~~ during controlled buys conducted in February and March of this year.

Roth was convicted for first degree sale of drugs and received one year in jail. He has 162 days credited. A 86 month prison term was suspended for 25 years of probation.

Jeffery Wilson Arrested

9-3-13

Police were investigating the theft of \$141 of gasoline from a convenience store just after 2 am Monday. A 1995 Chevy Suburban was filled with gas and the driver left without paying. Later on that day, they got a report that the Suburban was also stolen.

They arrested 27-year-old Jeffery Wilson based on video evidence. The vehicle was recovered near Lake Alice.

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BC-MN--Granite Falls Killing,127

Police seek man in Granite Falls fatal shooting

Eds: APNewsNow. May be updated.

GRANITE FALLS, Minn. (AP) - Minnesota authorities are looking for a man they believe has information about the killing of a woman in Granite Falls.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension says Monday that police in the southwestern Minnesota town responded to a 911 call about 3:30 a.m. Monday. They found a 28-year-old woman dead of a gunshot wound, and a critically injured 28-year-old male.

The BCA says a 28-year-old man from Granite Falls is a person of interest. Police believe he is driving a 1996 Brown GMC Sierra pickup with Minnesota license plate 032-GGL.

Authorities say the man may be armed and dangerous. Anyone who thinks they see him is asked to call 911.

The shooting victims have not been identified. The man was taken by air to Hennepin County Medical Center.

AP-WF-09-02-13 2041GMT

A MAN IS DEVASTATED AFTER A WEEKEND FIRE GUTTED HIS ADA HOME. BROCK ROBERTSON WAS VISITING FRIENDS IN FARGO WHEN HE LEARNED HIS HOUSE WAS ON FIRE.....

>Media : HOUSE ON FIRE

Length: 00:00:04.6 OutCue: "ON FIRE" .<PSI_END_OBJECT>

THE HOME WENT QUICKLY. THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL WILL BE ON THE SCENE TODAY TRYING TO DETERMINE A CAUSE.

BA 9/3/13 4AM

AN ADA, MINNESOTA MAN LOST HIS HOME TO FIRE SUNDAY NIGHT. BROCK ROBERTSON WAS VISITING FRIENDS IN FARGO WHEN NEIGHBORS CALLED HIM TO TELL HIM HIS HOUSE WAS ON FIRE.....

Media2><PSI_MID_OBJECT>Media : FIRE VICTIM

Length: 00:00:13.0 OutCue: "WAS OKAY" .<PSI_END_OBJECT>

THERE WASN'T MUCH FIREFIGHTERS COULD DO TO SAVE THE HOUSE. THE FIRE WAS ALREADY RAGING WHEN THEY GOT THERE. A STATE MARSHALL WILL BE ON THE SCENE TODAY TO TRY TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE.

BA 9/3/123 4:20AM