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The news that's close to home.

Trial for Black slated to begin

DL inmate faces multiple charges for high-speed chase.

By Becky Jacobs
Grand Forks Herald

The Devils Lake inmate who North Dakota Highway Patrol say led troopers on a high-speed chase Tuesday faces multiple charges.



Black Jr.

Claude Joseph Black Jr., 28, St. Michael, N.D., was charged Thursday in Grand Forks

District Court with reckless endangerment and fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, both Class C felonies, driving with a suspended license, unauthorized use of a vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia, all Class A misdemeanors, and driving a vehicle under the influence, a Class B misdemeanor.

Black had been serving time at the Lake Region jail on multiple charges and was allowed to leave Monday to look for a job.

However, he failed to return to the jail within the two-hour time frame he had been granted, according to a Devils Lake police report.

Troopers found Black around 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in Thompson, N.D., according to a court records. He fled in a vehicle when troopers turned on their emergency lights and sirens, according to court documents.

He then drove west on North Dakota Highway 15, exceeding 100 mph at times in a 65 mph zone and passing traffic in the wrong lane, troopers said in court documents.

Black almost hit a vehicle head-on that was eastbound, troopers said, and the vehicle "had to hit the shoulder quickly to avoid being hit" by Black, according to court records.

Troopers said they chased Black for 40 miles before stopping him with a tire-flattening device west of Northwood, N.D. They found a meth needle in Black's back pocket, according to court documents. He was arrested and taken to Grand Forks County jail.

Black's next appearance is at 1:30 p.m. March 9.

Teachers nominated for education award

Minnesota Teacher of the Year candidates include teachers from Badger, Roseau communities.

By Jennifer Johnson
Grand Forks Herald

Two teachers in northwest Minnesota are candidates for the Minnesota Teacher of the Year.



Ylitalo

Becky Ylitalo, a high school teacher at Badger School District, and Katie

Hedlund, a high school teacher at Roseau Community Schools, are among 114 candidates revealed Wednesday by Education Minnesota, the state teachers union.

District unions nominated teachers who pro-



Hedlund

vided a portfolio for consideration. Nominees must be teachers from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade and have at least three years of teaching experience.

Hedlund has been teaching in Roseau for nine years and Ylitalo for 14 years in Badger.

Finalists will be selected by March. The winner will be named May 15.

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Devils Lake native nominee for major federal position

By John Hageman
Grand Forks Herald

A Devils Lake native and former UND associate dean received the support of North Dakota's senators Thursday during a hearing on her nomination to a major federal post.



Wakefield

Mary Wakefield is seeking the post of deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services, the department's second-highest position. She is serving as the acting deputy secretary, a job she's held since March 2015.

"Dr. Wakefield understands firsthand the challenges associated with providing quality, affordable and accessible health care services, particularly in rural and

tribal communities. This knowledge will be a valuable asset as she helps to lead HHS," Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., said in a news release.

Prior to her time as acting deputy secretary, Wakefield was the administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration at HHS. She served as the associate dean for rural health at UND from 2001 to 2009.

"She will return your phone calls, she will give you a straight answer, ... she will hold people accountable," Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., said during the Senate Committee on Finance hearing. "She will make this agency work better."

The committee will vote on Wakefield's confirmation at a later date. The full Senate has the final say on her appointment.

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(From left) Shanta Gauthan and Judy Haynes listen as Bradford Hansen-Smith leads an adult art class with a focus on folding circles Thursday at the North Dakota Museum of Art.

Coming full circle

Adult classes take different approach on folding paper art

Photos | Sara Porter

The artistic folding class held Thursday evening at the North Dakota Museum of Art was unique not only because all of the students were adults, but also because all of the paper being folded was circular.

Moving away from typical square sheets used for folded art, instructor Bradford Hansen-Smith described folding circles as "far more interesting."

Over the four-week program, students will fold, discuss what they folded and explain why they chose to fold their supplies a certain way.

By the last week, each student will present a final project based on what they found interesting in their work.

Folding the Circle is one in a series of adult classes being offered at the Museum of Art.

More information can be found at ndmoa.com/adult-classes.

— Herald staff report



(From right) Aimee Rogers and Dhasarathy Archana listen as Bradford Hansen-Smith leads an adult art class with a focus on folding circles Thursday at the North Dakota Museum of Art.

MORE ONLINE



To see video of the adult art class, visit gfherald.com.

UND receives almost \$600,000 for research

By Anna Burleson
Grand Forks Herald

The North Dakota Centers of Excellence Commission awarded almost \$600,000 in research dollars to UND at a meeting Tuesday.

The Energy and Environmental Research Center re-

ceived \$300,000 to look at using unmanned aerial systems to inspect high-voltage power lines in partnership with Minnkota Power Cooperative Inc. and Border States Industries Inc.

The UND Chemistry and Electrical Engineering departments received \$100,000 each

to study detection and imaging in biomedical samples and a modified aviation headset, respectively.

The College of Engineering and Mines Institute for Energy Studies also received \$99,987 to develop applying their patented process of using activated carbon production in

steam heating plants at North Dakota University System campuses.

NDSU also received \$140,000 in research grants.

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Area News

License plates, tabs to take six weeks

It could take up to six weeks for drivers in North Dakota to obtain their license plates and registration tabs by mail.

"We encourage vehicle owners to renew their registration as soon as they receive their notice in the mail," said Mark Nelson, deputy director for driver and vehicle services for the state Department of Transportation.

The wait is because of the Sunrise license plates, which replace the old plates and began distribution in November. This is the first time in 23 years that such a large volume of plates are being mailed to owners, compared to the usual process that involves mailing envelopes with registrations and tabs.

About one million vehicles are being renewed this year, with more than 350,000 Sunrise plates already distributed, according to the DOT.

Owners can receive plates and tabs at any Motor Vehicle

branch office. Renewing online or mailing in registration forms are also options. For more information, go to dot.nd.gov.

Myers to serve as U.S. attorney in N.D.

Christopher Myers is set to be the U.S. attorney for North Dakota.

Myers, whose appointment was approved Saturday by U.S. District Court Chief Judge Ralph Erickson, will serve as U.S. attorney until President Barack Obama nominates a replacement and the U.S. Senate confirms the nominee, according to a news release.

Myers had worked with the U.S. Attorney's Office for nearly 14 years before becoming the acting U.S. attorney in March.

Violent crime, especially against children, will "remain a priority" for the office, Myers said in a release.

"Rest assured, we will retain the quality of life we enjoy in North Dakota," he said. "Criminal organizations will find North Dakota a particularly unfavorable place to do business."

Burglar charged, caught on camera

CROOKSTON — A 33-year-old man was charged with burglary after video surveillance caught him inside a lake cabin.



Gadbow

Christopher Allen Gadbow, Winger, Minn., made his first appearance Thursday in Polk County District Court after being

arrested Tuesday and charged with second-degree burglary, a felony.

Sheriff's deputies were dispatched Monday around 7:30 p.m. to a lake cabin in rural Erskine, Minn., after a caller said he saw Gadbow inside the cabin on his video surveillance, according to a criminal complaint.

Deputies found a set of footprints on the deck and pry marks on the back door of the cabin, according to the complaint.

After following the tracks into the woods and out onto the lake, where they lost the tracks, the deputies returned

to the cabin and found no one inside but did find two partial fingerprints by the garage window, according to the complaint.

The deputies matched the man in the surveillance footage to Gadbow and drove to his residence.

According to the complaint, Gadbow admitted he entered the house by prying open the back door with a screwdriver and intended to steal something, but when he saw the deputies show up, he got scared and left.

Gadbow was arrested and taken to the Northwest Regional Corrections Center.

He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine.

Gadbow's next appearance is 9 a.m. Tuesday. A permanent fish house on Union Lake near the residence also was burglarized, according to the Polk County Sheriff's Office. It's unknown if the burglaries are related.

Anyone who had a fish house burglarized is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at (218) 281-0431.

— Herald staff reports