

Firefighters save dog from icy river

FARGO (AP) — Forget kittens in trees. Try Labradors on ice.

That was the rescue facing Fargo firefighters Tuesday when they got a call about a dog trapped in the Red River. The pooch — a black Labrador named Jack — had escaped his owner's yard despite its electronic fencing and was spotted in the water near El Zagal Par 3 Golf Course, Assistant Fire Chief Larry Schuh said.

When firefighters first

arrived, they couldn't see the dog — but they could hear him, Schuh said.

"He was howling," said Schuh, who followed the sound until he spotted the dog about 120 yards away.

Jack had apparently struggled to get his front paws and chest onto an ice shelf, but his bottom half was still submerged, Schuh said. Firefighters donned water-rescue gear, grabbed Jack by the collar and pulled him ashore. He was "shivering

pretty good" and had frost on his whiskers near his muzzle, Schuh said. Otherwise, Jack was unharmed.

His owner, reached by his cellphone, was already

scouring the area to find him.

Schuh, who has Labradors of his own, said firefighters rescue one or two dogs each winter from frigid waters.

Labradors are especially drawn to the area's rivers.

"Jack probably learned to stay in his yard," Schuh said with a laugh, before adding: "Eh, I doubt it."

BRIEFS

Bald eagle set for release into wild

BISMARCK (AP) — A bald eagle discovered in September with a broken wing has recovered and is ready for release.

Weather permitting, the eagle is to be released Thursday in the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, the fifth release of an eagle in the park this year.

The Bismarck Tribune reported that the bird had been found near Finley and recovered at the Dakota Zoo in Bismarck.

The other rehabbed and freed eagles, three golden eagles and one bald eagle, also were rehabilitated at the Dakota Zoo.

N.D. cities set record temperatures

FARGO (AP) — The National Weather Service said Fargo and Grand Forks have set record high-temperature marks.

The Forum reported the temperature in Fargo was 51 degrees at noon Monday, breaking the record of 45 set in 1959.

The temperature in Grand Forks was 48 degrees at 11 a.m. Monday, blowing past the previous record of 42.

Tuesday's temperatures are expected to dip back into a more seasonal range.

Man accidentally burns barn

WHEATLAND, N.D. (AP) — Authorities said a Wheatland man who was burning grass from ditches near his home accidentally burned down his barn.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office said the fire started about 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Authorities said there was nothing valuable inside the barn, which was deemed a total loss.

Cass County deputies and the Casselton Fire Department responded.

Williston considers apartment building

WILLISTON, N.D. (AP) — The Williston City Commission is slated to vote Tuesday on a plan to purchase a permanent stake in an apartment building to help house city employees.

Mayor Ward Koeser said the city could spend up to \$350,000 to buy control of a

George Gaukler.

Williston city administrators said the idea would help them recruit new employees. Officials told the Williston Herald that some new city employees are living in vehicles or RV parks.

Fargo experiences rash of break-ins

FARGO (AP) — Fargo police said car and garage break-ins have made it a Grinch-like holiday for some residents.

The Forum reported that a rash of thefts from cars and unlocked garages occurred late Christmas Eve into early Christmas Day on the south side of town.

Sgt. Kevin Pallas said someone broke a window in one vehicle to remove a present.

Pallas said residents should keep their valuables indoors, where they will be safer.

Police search for cat that bit woman

FARGO (AP) — Police said a woman bitten by a stray cat may have to get a series of rabies shots if the escaped animal can't be found.

The Forum reported that the woman was bitten by the cat about midnight Sunday.

Police said an officer took the cat into care, but it escaped while the officer responded to a disturbance call.

Police said the cat has been spotted several times but officers have been unable to recapture the animal.

The large black cat has white markings on its chest, paws and belly. Police said it was wearing a collar and a tag with the name Oscar on it. The tag also had a disconnected phone number for the owner.

Police investigate armed robbery

WEST FARGO, N.D. (AP) — West Fargo police are investigating a report that two men with a gun approached a woman and took her purse.

Assistant Police Chief Mike Reitan told The Forum that the incident was reported just before 8:30 p.m. on Monday.

Reitan said the victim was not injured.

Police have not released additional information.

Public Notice

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Midcontinent Communications / Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. Interconnection Arbitration Application

Case No. PU-11-697 NOTICE OF MOTION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

December 21, 2011 By letter dated June 14, 2011, Midcontinent Communications ("Midcontinent"), requested facilities-based interconnection from Missouri Valley Communications, Inc. ("Missouri Valley") for the purpose of exchanging local traffic under Section 251(a) of the Communications Act of 1934 and reciprocal compensation and number portability, under Section 251(b) of the Communications Act of 1934.

By letter dated November 14, 2011, Midcontinent filed a Petition for Arbitration with this Commission to arbitrate several unresolved issues arising out of interconnection agreement negotiations between Midcontinent and Missouri Valley. Midcontinent's Petition was filed pursuant to section 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 69-02-10.

On November 21, 2011, Missouri Valley filed a Motion to Dismiss the Petition for Arbitration. Missouri Valley moves the Commission pursuant to Rule 56 of the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure for an order dismissing Midcontinent's Petition for Arbitration. Missouri Valley requested oral argument on the matter.

A Hearing on the Motion to Dismiss the Petition for Arbitration is scheduled to begin on February 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. CST at the Public Service Commission Hearing Room, 12th Floor, State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505. The issue is whether Midcontinent's Petition for Arbitration should be dismissed.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or braille materials, please notify the Commission, at least 24 hours in advance.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Kevin Cramer, Commissioner Tony Clark, Chairman Brian R. Kalk, Commissioner December 28, 2011

LEGAL NOTICE

The North Dakota Department of Commerce, Division of Community Services, is announcing the availability of the state's 2012 Annual Action Plan for public review and comment.

The 2012 Annual Action Plan serves as the state's grant application to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME, and Emergency Shelter Grants programs. The Action Plan describes how the funds from each program will be distributed during the 2012 program year, which will begin April 1, 2012. Funds are expected to be received on or about June 1, 2012.

The Action Plan will be available on the Division of Community Services website, www.communityservices.nd.gov/community/consolidated-plan/ beginning January 3, 2012. Written comments must be received by the close of business February 3, 2012.

Alternate formats of the Action Plan are available upon request at 701-328-5300 or via Relay North Dakota: 1-800-366-6888 TTY, 1-800-366-6889 Voice. Should anyone need additional information, please contact Paul Govig at 701-328-5300.

Written comments should be sent to:

North Dakota Department of Commerce Division of Community Services PO Box 2057 Bismarck, ND 58502-2057 or Email: dcs@nd.gov December 28, 2011

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) will receive bids for the construction of the following project(s):

REST AREA LIGHTING County(s): STUTSMAN & KIDDER Cos Location: I-94, E DAWSON INTERCHANGE TO W CRYSTAL SPRINGS INTERCHANGE WESTBOUND ROADWAY

Bids will be received until 09:30AM, January 20, 2012, IN THE FOYER, LOCATED ON 3RD FLOOR, OUTSIDE ROOM 330 OF THE NDDOT BUILDING, ON THE CAPITOL GROUNDS, IN BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA. Bids will be opened at that time and the bid results will be distributed and posted online at http://www.dot.nd.gov/business/ approximately 30 minutes after bids are opened.

All bidders are required to be prequalified at least seven (7) days before the date of the bid opening.

The proposal forms, plans, and specifications are available on the NDDOT website at http://www.dot.nd.gov and may be inspected at the Construction Services Division, NDDOT, Room 333, 608 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota, 58505-0700.

NDDOT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive technicalities, or to accept such as may be determined in the best interests of the state.

Requested by: Francis G. Ziegler, PE., Director North Dakota Department of Transportation December 28, 2011

The North Dakota Interagency Coordinating Council will hold its quarterly meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2012, from 1:00pm CST to 5:00pm CST and on Friday, January 6, 2012 from 8:30am CST to 12:00pm CST. Agenda topics include, but are not limited to: review of the FFY 2010 Annual Performance Report Indicator Information; Review Targets for Indicators 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; and Discuss Revision of the Family Survey Tool. If you need special accommodations, please contact Colette Perkins at 1-800-755-8529. This meeting is being held via the statewide video conferencing system. Individuals can participate in at the following sites on both days:

Northwest Human Service Center,

316 2nd Ave W, Williston - Conference Room A200

North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S Broadway, Ste 18 - Conference Room 411

Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Hwy 2 SW - Conference Room East

Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S 4th St, Ste 401 - Conference Room 5E

Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 - 9th Ave S - Red River Room

South Central Human Service Center, 2624 - 9th Ave S - Conference Room 124

Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave W, Ste 1 - Basement General Staff Conference Room

On Thursday, January 5, the Bismarck location will be at the West Central Human Service Center, 1237 W Divide Ave, Conference Room 1 and on Friday, January 6, the Bismarck location will be the Developmental Disabilities Division State Office, 1237 W Divide Ave Ste 1A, in the Prairie/Rose Rooms December 28, 2011

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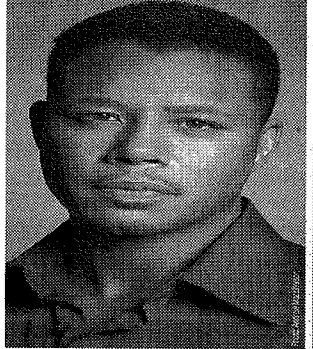
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- Take A Stand. Speak out Against Domestic Violence.
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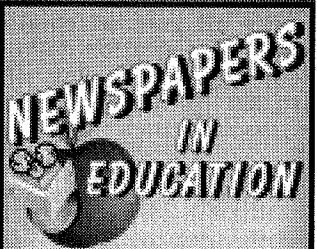
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