

Prisoner Apprehended After HSC Escape

From P&D Staff Reports

A Fall River County prisoner was apprehended in Yankton Tuesday after attempting to escape while at the South Dakota Human Services Center (HSC).

The Yankton County Sheriff's Office received a report at 1:21 p.m. that Cory Crawford, 41, had climbed a roof at HSC and gotten into a vehicle.

"He had someone there picking him up," said Chief Deputy Sheriff Steve Larson. "The person that picked him up claimed they didn't know he was an escapee. She got down the road three or four miles and when she figured out what he was doing, she kicked him out of her vehicle. He was then apprehended a few minutes later."

The sheriff's office, as well as HSC security personnel, were on the scene.

"An HSC employee saw him go over the roof," Larson said. "They got HSC security, which then followed the car."

Crawford had been in jail in Fall River County for driving under the influence and resisting arrest. He was due to be released back to Fall River County today (Wednesday).

Yankton Sets New Record Low Monday Night

There was a chill in the Yankton air early Tuesday morning, and it tied a record.

The city officially dipped down to 45 degrees Tuesday morning, tying the low temperature record for June 12. It was last set in 1958. The normal low for the date is 58.1 degrees.

Today (Wednesday) marks the first day of the year that the average high temperature hits 80 degrees. Accordingly, the mercury, which has been in the 70s the past two days, is expected to climb back into the mid 80s today. There is also a chance of thunderstorms running into the weekend.

For weather details, see page 2.

Memorial Pool To Host 'Late Night For Teens'

The Yankton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its first "Late Night for Teens" of the summer, at 8-10 p.m. Friday, June 15 at Memorial Pool. The event's theme is "Finally, It's Summer!"

For further information, call 668-5234 or stop by the Summit Activities Center at 1801 Summit Street. Remember to follow the Yankton Parks and Recreation on Facebook.

MS Excel 2010 Level I Class Set For Randolph

RANDOLPH, Neb. — Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel 2010 in a one-session Northeast Community College workshop at the Lied Public Library in Randolph.

The class, MS Excel 2010, Level 1, with course number ACCT 0200 and CRN #70691, meets Saturday, June 16, running from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the public library at 111 N. Douglas St. in Randolph.

Diann Ballard is the instructor of this class. To register, call (402) 372-2269.

Library To Sponsor Concert For Kids

The Yankton Community Library invites kids of all ages to a Summer Reading Concert at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 18.

The String Beans, a family friendly band, will perform at the Riverside Park Amphitheater. This celebration is sponsored by the Friends of the Library so there will be no charge for attending.

String Beans' music is a fun mix of rock, country, blues, pop, polka and even a little rap. Their songs are all about the stuff kids love — dinosaurs, sports, animals, food, cartoons and just having fun. Some of the songs are even educational and teach youngsters all about things like astronomy, nature, language and history."

The band's "whacky on-stage antics and dance-tastic songs are perfect entertainment for preschool through elementary-aged audiences, as well as their parents and teachers."

In the case of inclement weather, we will meet in the City Hall gym, 416 Walnut Street.

For more information, contact the library at 668-5275.

OBITUARIES

Dale Haas

Funeral services for Dale D. Haas, age 91 of Bloomfield, Nebraska, will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Crofton, Nebraska. Pastor Les Parmenter will officiate, with burial in the Crofton City Cemetery. Military Honors will be conducted by VFW Post 4996 and American Legion Post 249, both of Bloomfield.

Pallbearers will be Tim Haas, Terry Haas, Chris Haas, Josh Haas, Shane Bass, and Tanner Haas.

Visitation will be Tuesday, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Brockhaus Funeral Home in Bloomfield.

To sign the guestbook, or leave online condolences, please visit www.brockhausfuneral-home.com.

Dale died Saturday, June 9, 2012, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

Dale D. Haas, son of Florian and Vera (West) Haas passed away on Saturday June 9, 2012. Dale was born April 28, 1921 on a farm northwest of Crofton. He grew up on the family farm, and attended Herrick rural school near his home. After receiving his education, Dale entered the United States Army in 1943, serving his country during World War II. He was in the 1303rd Engineer Regiment Company, and participated in battles in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, the Rhineland, and Central Europe. After his Honorable Discharge in 1945, Dale returned to the family farm northwest of Crofton. In 1947, Florian and Vera, along with Dale and his brothers Lowell and Kenneth, purchased and moved

to a farm northwest of Lindy. The three brothers continued to operate the farm after their parent's death, finally retiring in 2004. Dale remained on the farm after Kenneth's death in 2005 and Lowell's death in 2008, residing there until his recent accident, when he moved to Yankton to be near family.

Dale was a kind and gentle man — he was much more than a farmer and an uncle. In his early years before WWII, he attended welding training in Omaha and welded in the shipyards in Seattle, WA. He was a dowsing in the Knox county area, locating many successful water and irrigation wells. Dale also utilized his dowsing talents to locate oil and gas wells in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. Most importantly, Dale was the primary day-to-day caregiver for every member of his entire family in their later years.

Dale is survived by his nephews, Warren (Monica) Haas of Yankton, South Dakota, and Lavern (Lorraine) Haas of Rapid City, South Dakota; niece, Shirlene Haas of Rapid City, South Dakota; nephews Larry (Maureen) Petersen of Cherokee, Iowa and Layton (Peggy) Petersen of Post Falls, Idaho; as well as a great-niece and many great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Florian and Vera Haas; sister, June Petersen; brother-in-law Ray Petersen; brothers, Kenneth Haas, Lowell Haas, and Avon Haas (in 2011); sister-in-law, Glenys Haas; and a niece, Charlene Haas Bass.

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Northeast Community College To Offer Online GED Testing

NORFOLK, Neb.— The Northeast Community College adult education program will partner with the GED Testing Service to offer the GED test on computer.

Registration and scheduling will be available to candidates on Monday, June 18, and testing will begin on Monday, June 25.

The GED test is the only high school equivalency program recognized by all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. Since 1942, more than 18 million adults have earned their GED test credential. The GED testing program has been called a gateway for adults to find jobs or better paying jobs, enter the workforce or college training programs, and better support themselves and their families.

According to Randy Trask, GED Testing Service's president and CEO, "Adult learners are often times juggling jobs, families, study time and transportation issues. GED testing on computer will be a significant step to making the scheduling and testing experience easier, more flexible and faster for adult learners across Nebraska and eventually the country."

"We are so pleased that the adult education program at Northeast Community

College is our partner in this important endeavor," he said.

The GED test on computer is the same test content currently offered on paper, said Nancy Schultz, director of adult education at Northeast. Its accompanying systems will provide new benefits for both the testing center and GED test-takers, including one-stop online registration and scheduling available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and flexible testing appointments. Instant test scores on four-of-five content areas, an introduction of basic keyboarding and computer skills, and enhanced test security are also benefits of computerized testing.

"Northeast Community College and its adult education program are proud to lead the way on GED testing on computer," Schultz said. "Adding this new option for adult learners will provide immediate and long-term benefits. Test-takers can now demonstrate mastery of basic technology skills by testing on computer, learn their results immediately, and be better prepared to enter the workplace."

Niobrara

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with the yellow warblers and bluebirds," he said.

The third annual Father's Day weekend fishing tournament is set for 9 a.m. to noon Sunday. A "Becoming An Outdoor Woman (BOW)" kayak workshop is set for July 20-21.

Golfing can be enjoyed at the Niobrara Valley Golf Course in neighboring Niobrara, Neb., while the nearby Ashfall Fossil Beds offers a step back in time.

"Our park offers plenty to do, and we are inviting people to come visit us," Rettig said,

He recommends making reservations where possible. Reservable sites are full this weekend, and the park is showing good turnout for the remaining weekends.

Niobrara State Park has received a major boost with its inclusion as one of eight parks in the state's "passport" program. NSP officials reported strong visitor numbers during Memorial Day weekend as participants got their passport "stamped" for the promotion.

And word about Niobrara State Park is spreading across the United States, Rettig said.

Venuto, the Utah resident, is far from the exception.

"People don't realize that our visitors are so diverse," Rettig said. "I was just talking to people from Idaho and Montana. And we have people from Rhode Island who are flying into Omaha for the Olympic (swimming) tryouts, then coming up here for camping. One of visitors from Rhode Island is meeting a brother from Michigan (here in Nebraska), and they are coming to Niobrara State Park."

The park's beauty stands on its own for attracting visitors. However, Rettig has worked with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and the National Park Service to create a packed summer of historical and educational programs.

"We have everything from American Indian history to stories about mountain men," Rettig said.

The park's interpretive programs are free and open to the public. On selected Saturday nights, programs are preceded by a an optional buffalo cookout which costs \$9 and requires pre-registration by noon of that day.

This Saturday's interpretive program features Chief Standing Bear of the Ponca Tribe. He was the first American Indian to file a successful suit against the United States government.

A number of the interpretive

events are offered through the Nebraska Humanities Program, Rettig said. The July 7 program features author Bill Ganzel speaking on the Dust Bowl. He gives the audience a sense of what it was like to live through one of the most desperate times in United States history.

The stories strongly resonate with audience members who can tell similar stories about their ancestors, Rettig said.

On July 21, Cherrie Beam-Clarke with the Nebraska Humanities Program will present "The Courage To Continue: Changing Homesteads In Nebraska." In period attire with Irish brogue representing her heritage, she depicts Nebraska life on the prairie from 1870-85.

"Cherrie has three different programs pertaining to her family coming to the U.S. from Ireland," Rettig said. "She tells her story, in full dress while peeling potatoes in a wooden bowl that her great-great-grandparents had. Her stories are so moving that I have seen grown men cry."

On July 21, another Nebraska Humanities Program features Charlotte Endorf presenting "Excessive Baggage: Riding The Orphan Train." She is making her first appearance at Niobrara State Park, Rettig said.

Endorf's program refers to the 1854-1929 movement that placed an estimated 200,000 orphaned,

abandoned and homeless children from crowded cities across Canada and the United States, including Nebraska and South Dakota, Rettig said.

Endorf traveled more than 8,500 miles, seeking the last surviving riders and descendants to document the real-life stories of the children who rode the Orphan Trains.

The Sept. 1 program features the last Nebraska Humanities Program speaker of the season. The guest, Darrel Draper, presents a living history presentation entitled "Theodore Roosevelt: Rough Rider President."

With a full line-up of recreation activities and special programs, Rettig anticipates an outstanding summer that will provide a great rebound from last year.

"People missed that whole summer on the water (during 2011 flooding)," he said. "Now, people anticipate getting back on the water and enjoying recreation as they have in the past."

For more information on Niobrara State Park, call (402) 857-3373, email ngpc.niobrara@nebraska.gov or visit online at www.stateparks.com/niobrara.html.

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Stern

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When it would come to the union negotiations, others would likely put their own interpretation on his "lame duck" actions and decisions, Stern said. "The same way with the budget," he said. "We're going to make some cuts to balance the budget this year, to stay within our taxing needs."

In both cases, those decisions should be made by the new commissioner, Stern said.

Auditor Simonsen said the commissioners normally meet every two weeks on a Tuesday. However, the board followed its usual procedure and changed last week's meeting date so it didn't conflict with an election, she said.

With the delayed commission meeting, Stern knew the election outcome and could submit his resignation for quick action by the board.

At last Thursday's meeting, the commission chose GOP primary winner Friesen — who is guaranteed of taking office — as the interim replacement for the District 2 vacancy, Simonsen said.

"We appointed Mr. Friesen to complete the balance of Mr. Stern's term, and then (Friesen) will take office in January (for his full four-year term)," the auditor said.

However, District 2 will not be represented by a commissioner until next month, Simonsen said.

"(Friesen) will not be taking the oath until the July 3 meeting," the auditor said. "We were going to administer the oath of office at the June 19 meeting, but he has other commitments, so he will not be at that meeting. He will take his oath of office July 3."

Simonsen said a commissioner has resigned one other time during her tenure as auditor.

Judy Rokusek of Olivet resigned mid-term as District 1 county commissioner, and the commissioners appointed Betty Bauer of Freeman to served the balance of Rokusek's 2006-10 term. Bauer then ran for a full term in 2010 and was defeated by former Hutchinson County auditor Jerome Hoff, who remains on the commission.

In response to a Press & Dakotan request, Simonsen de-

clined to release a copy of Stern's resignation letter, which is public record. She did describe the general contents of the letter for this story.

During his interview, Stern agreed to the request and faxed a copy of his resignation letter to the Press & Dakotan. The letter reads as follows:

"First of all, I would like to congratulate Steve Friesen as the new county commissioner for District II. I know he will do a good job representing our district.

"Since this was a primary election and not a general election, my term actually does not expire until Dec. 31, 2012. However, in an effort to service the people of Hutchinson County in the most effective way, I am resigning my position as county commissioner.

"I feel it is in the best interest of the county to have the newly-elected commissioner involved

with the union negotiations and budget for 2013. I could stay on and continue to collect a paycheck for the next six months, but that would be doing a disservice to the people of Hutchinson County and they deserve more. And this will give Steve (Friesen) an opportunity to be involved in a very important process.

"In my experience, a 'lame duck' only complicates and confuses the process, and with issues as big as union negotiations and budget processes, this is no time for distractions.

"It has been an honor serving the people of the Hutchinson County for the past 20 years, and I will be forever grateful for the support I've received over the years.

"(Signed,) Gillas Stern"

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Wednesday, June 13

7:40 am MMC 75th Anniv.
(Barb Rezac, Wyatt Yager)

8:15 am Hy-Vee Foods
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Thursday, June 14

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