

Man Sentenced For Failure To Register

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A 51-year-old southeast Nebraska man has been sentenced to 18 months in federal prison for failing to register as a sex offender.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for Nebraska says Roger Price was sentenced in Omaha's federal court on Friday.

Price was previously convicted in Delaware of an offense that required him to register as a sex offender for life.

In October 2012, the U.S. Marshals Service learned that Price had been living in Rulo, Neb., for at least two months and had not registered as a sex offender with the Nebraska State Patrol.

After Price's release from prison, he will undergo 10 years of supervision.

Control Tower At Neb. Airport To Remain Open

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — Federal authorities will keep a control tower in Grand Island open through the end of September thanks to action by Congress.

The control tower at Central Nebraska Regional Airport is one of 149 towers at small airports across the country that will remain open through the end of the federal budget year on September 30.

The Federal Aviation Administration announced in a statement Friday that there is enough money under a bill passed by Congress last month to keep the towers open. The bill gave the FAA authority to shift money from accounts with unspent funds to prevent further furloughs of air traffic controllers.

The towers were slated to close on June 15. The agency says the closures are part of plans to accommodate automatic spending cuts required by Congress.

New Reward Offered In Stolen Explosives Case

WEEPING WATER, Neb. (AP) — Federal authorities are offering new reward money for information leading to an additional arrest in the 2011 theft of explosives in southeast Nebraska.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives says the \$5,000 is not being offered in conjunction with previous reward money that led to the arrest and conviction of two men involved in the removal of the explosives from storage units at the Buckley Powder Company in rural Cass County.

Investigators believe one or more people were involved in the theft, which included 100 pounds of blasting agent.

Authorities say Christopher Bousman helped Travis McQueen get rid of the stolen materials by throwing them into the Missouri and Platte rivers. McQueen was sentenced to 63 months in prison and Bousman was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

Gusinsky Named New Seventh Circuit Judge

PIERRE (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced Friday that he has appointed Robert Gusinsky as a circuit judge in South Dakota's Seventh Judicial Circuit.

Gusinsky, of Rapid City, will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Judge Mary Thorstenson. The Seventh Circuit includes Custer, Fall River, Pennington and Shannon counties.

Gusinsky has been with the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2007. He is currently an Assistant United States Attorney. Before that, he was in private practice in Rapid City. He is a 1996 graduate of the USD School of Law.

Gusinsky was born in Latvia, which was a part of the Soviet Union at the time. He became a U.S. citizen in 1986.

"As an immigrant from a communist country that did not offer its citizens meaningful legal protections, I am especially sensitive to the importance of the rule of law," Gusinsky said.

Authorities ID Man Who Died While Fishing

RAPID CITY (AP) — Authorities have identified a Spearfish man who died while fishing at Pactola Lake in southwestern South Dakota, but they still don't know how he died.

Thirty-nine-year-old Daniel Eatman died Wednesday afternoon. Authorities say he was fishing with a relative when he collapsed and fell into the water. He was pronounced dead en route to a Rapid City hospital.

Officials say preliminary results of an autopsy were inconclusive and more testing is planned.

Security Increased At 3 Western ND Courts

WILLISTON, N.D. (AP) — Officials in Williams County are beefing up security measures at the local courts after three incidents of suspects escaping.

Sheriff Scott Busching and Police Chief Jim Lokken tell The *Williston Herald* that suspects appearing in court on felony charges will now wear shackles in court. Before, only suspects accused of violent offenses wore shackles in court.

The change comes after 21-year-old Matthew Powers ran from the Williston Municipal Court in mid-April and 19-year-old Calum Kinstler ran from Williams County District Court. A third suspect escaped this week in nearby Sidney, Mont., forcing area schools on lock down. All three suspects were eventually captured.

Omaha Officer Shoots Woman Pointing Gun

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Authorities say a 52-year-old woman who was pointing a flare gun has been shot by an Omaha officer.

A police new release says the incident occurred around 8:45 p.m. Thursday in north-central Omaha.

Officers had been dispatched to the home of Madonna Runco. Runco told them her daughter was playing music too loudly in the garage and said the woman, Paula Moen, had a mental illness.

The officers say Moen pulled a knife when they asked her to turn down the music. One of them fired an electronic stun gun at Moen, but it proved ineffective.

The officers say Moen then pointed a flare gun at one of them. One officer fired her handgun, hitting Moen in the chest.

Grain Loading Facility Planned In Neb.

SUPERIOR, Neb. (AP) — A new grain-loading facility will be built near Superior to help Nebraska farmers get their crops to market quickly.

The new project will have a storage capacity of 1.25 million bushels and enough railroad track to handle loading a 120-car train.

The Aurora Cooperative and CHS Inc. announced the project on Thursday. The grain-loading facility is expected to be completed around this time next year.

The new facility will also have a 10,000-ton storage tank for liquid fertilizer and space for a ground piling system for grain.

Aurora Co-op president and CEO George Hohwieler says this project will help farmers in Nebraska and Kansas access global markets.

Neb. Budget Bills Win First Approval

BY GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A proposal to buy a twin-engine airplane from the University of Nebraska Foundation was put on hold Friday, after lawmakers chose to seek more information while pressing ahead with the state budget.

The vote to remove the \$2.2 million airplane from a budget request came during debate on the seventh and final budget bill of the session. The \$7.8 billion spending package includes money for K-12 schools, child services, the university, and requirements of the federal health care law.

Lawmakers spent most of the week debating pieces of the budget and questioning expenses. Various senators took issue with a \$12 million earmark for a nursing college in Lincoln, \$6 million for history-museum renovations, and \$16 million to allow a two-year

tuition freeze at the University of Nebraska.

The request to buy the 12-year-old airplane, a Beechcraft Super King Air, was included in the state's proposed budget after the foundation decided to sell it. Gov. Dave Heineman and state agency officials use the plane through a lease agreement.

Lawmakers voted 26-14 Friday on an amendment to a state budget bill that withdrew more than \$2 million for the purchase. In its place, lawmakers authorized an independent study that will explore what type of plane the state should use, and whether buying a new or different plane is more cost-effective.

Some lawmakers questioned whether the plane is necessary or if better deals are available through charter flights, leases or time-share agreements. Others said buying a new plane with a warrantee could be more cost-effective.

"We're the ones who write the check, at

the end of the day," said Sen. Annette Dubas, of Fullerton. "We're the ones who have to go home and explain to our constituents why we did or didn't take a particular action."

The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board predicted in April that the state will collect roughly \$53 million more than anticipated during the next two-year budget period. Sen. Pete Pirsch of Omaha introduced a proposal that would have kept that projected revenue available for a one-time tax rebate. Lawmakers rejected the idea, opting instead to put the money into the state's emergency cash-reserve fund.

Sen. Heath Mello of Omaha, who heads the Appropriations Committee, said the money wasn't guaranteed. Mello said keeping the money in the cash reserve could help the state in the event of a drought-induced economic downturn. It also might be needed to enact the recommendations of a state tax study, he said.

Winter Wheat Production Forecast Down

BY ROXANA HEGEMAN
Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — The winter wheat crop is expected to be far smaller this season compared to last, particularly for hard red varieties used in bread, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported Friday.

In the first government projection on the harvest's anticipated size, the National Agricultural Statistics Service estimated winter wheat production will be down 10 percent to 1.49 billion bushels, due to fewer acres — 32.7 million acres, some 6 percent fewer acres than a year ago — and a 1.8-bushel decrease in average yields, to 45.4 bushels per acre.

The government's forecast comes amid a season marked by drought and late spring freezes in the Midwest's major wheat growing areas, particularly in Kansas — the nation's biggest wheat producing state.

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Dean Stoskopf, who is growing 900 wheat acres near Hoisington in west-central Kansas, expects to have an average or below-normal crop because of all the dry weather.

"We were fortunate enough to get some rains here, where not everybody did, but it is still a wait and see what we are going to end up with," Stoskopf said in a phone interview. His wheat greened up, but Stoskopf is mindful that there is no subsoil moisture to carry the crop to harvest if the weather turns hot and the rains stop.

The wheat heads — where the kernels develop — have just emerged, meaning it will likely be July before Stoskopf can harvest

if all goes well.

"We have a ways to go before we have a wheat crop," he said.

Nationwide production of hard red winter wheat, typically used to make bread, is expected to decline 23 percent to 768 million bushels. But that'll be offset somewhat by soft red winter wheat types — favored for cookies and pastries — which are projected to be up 19 percent at 501 million bushels.

One bushel of wheat yields about 42 pounds of flour — enough to make 73 loaves of bread.

White winter wheat, at 217 million bushels, is down 2 percent from last year, NASS reported. States that will see

declines in production include Washington (116.28 million bushels), Oklahoma (114 million bushels) and Montana (83.6 million bushels).

Kansas, which mostly raises hard red winter wheat, is forecast to harvest 299.7 million bushels, down 22 percent from last year's 382.2 million bushels. It's also below the forecast of 313 million bushels estimated by participants in the Kansas wheat quality tour earlier this month.

Far western Kansas is considered a disaster area, and farmers told tour participants earlier this month that crop insurance agents have already begun writing off acres there. Wheat tour participants examined 570 fields, finding that in south-central Kansas, which got late winter snowstorms and heavy spring rains, the wheat looks good and production there is expected to offset a bit the losses elsewhere in the state.

Despite Late Start, Record Corn Crop Likely

BY DAVID PITT
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The wet start to the corn planting season is expected to reduce the amount each acre produces this year, but farmers are planting so much of the crop that they're still likely to bring in a record amount.

In a report released Friday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated farmers will bring in 14.1 billion bushels of corn this year, a billion bushels more than the previous record of 13.1 billion bushels set in 2009.

The USDA expects farmers to harvest an average of 158 bushels per acre, a 3.4 percent reduction from the 163.6 bushels predicted in February. The downward adjustment, an unusual move this early in the year, is due to delayed planting caused by a cold, wet spring.

"I can't remember them ever adjusting yield this early," said Chad Hart, an agriculture economist at Iowa State University. "Typ-

ically they wait until June."

Lowering the expectation by 5.6 bushels per acre removes about 450 million bushels of corn from the anticipated harvest, he said.

Even with the adjustment, farmers are planting more than 97.3 million acres of corn, the largest acreage since 1936 when 102 million acres were planted. In Arizona, Idaho, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota and Oregon cornfields will occupy more land than ever before.

The increased acreage means that a below-average yield will re-

sult in a record crop. The expected 158 bushels an acre is still about 30 bushels an acre better than last year's average harvest amount per acre because of the severe drought that consumed much of the nation, the corn belt especially.

Farmers have planted just 12 percent of the nation's cornfields, the most recent USDA report said Tuesday. That's about a quarter of what would be planted by this date over the previous five years, and it marks the slowest start in decades in some states.

Numbers have been even worse

in Iowa, the nation's biggest corn-producing state, where only 8 percent of the corn crop is in the ground, down from 62 percent the same time last year. The USDA says it's the slowest planting pace since 1995 in Iowa.

Some farmers may decide to switch their fields from corn to soybeans, which can be planted into early June and still have a good harvest if the Midwest doesn't dry out, said Dan Cekaner, director of grain market analysis at Newedge USA, a commodity brokerage firm in Chicago.

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