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UND forms partnership with Sun Country airlines

By Sydney Mook **Grand Forks Herald**

UND is partnering with a national airliner to help students get on the fast-track to flying a Boeing 737 across the world.

Sun Country Airlines, a Twin Cities-based airline, announced Monday a partnership with UND's John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences to offer commercial aviation students employment prior to graduation through a new program known as the Sun Country Bridge Program.

The program gives students an opportunity to sign with Sun Country while they are still in school, Sun Country spokesperson Jessica Wheeler said. Going straight to a national carrier like Sun Country means students will have the chance to fly international routes shortly after graduation.

Students in UND's aviation program can apply for the program their freshman year, Wheeler said.

"Quality training is a top pri-ority for us," Sun Country Airlines Chief Operating Officer John Spanjers said in a statement.

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MINNESOTA

City Council member faces disorderly conduct charge from meeting

By Tess Williams Grand Forks Herald

ROOSEVELT, Minn. — A Roosevelt City Council member who allegedly threatened a reporter during a public meeting was charged with disorderly conduct Monday, said Roseau County Sheriff Steve Gust.

Arlyn Stewart allegedly stood over reporter Doris Knutson, from Baudette's weekly Northern Light Region newspaper, and berated her during the Oct. 1 meeting after she questioned the council for holding a meeting without public notification. He then immediately adjourned the meeting.

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A view of the American Crystal Sugar factory at Drayton, N.D., on Thursday.

SUGAR WORKER **SHORTAGE**

American Crystal working to fill jobs at Drayton, other factories

By Bonnie Meibers

Drayton, N.D. merican Crystal Sugar is short by more than 30 workers in its Drayton factory and 100 workers across its Red River Valley factories.

Union leaders say these vacancies are due in part to the 2011 lockout.

The Drayton factory has 36 openings, according to Lisa Borgen, vice president of administration for American Crystal Sugar and more than 100 openings throughout the Red River Valley.

"About one third of the company's openings are in Drayton," said Borgen.

To fill vacancies, American Crystal has raised wages for entry-level factory workers in Drayton to about \$18 an hour.

In other factories, this position is paid a little more than \$16 an hour.

Although this has an impact on the company and its employees, Borgen said this shortage of workers will not affect the company's sugar production or consumers.

The new policy of bumping up wages in the Drayton factory started on Oct. 15, Borgen said. Already several people who had applied to one of the other factories in the Red River Valley transferred to Drayton.

"Time will tell, but we think this will help," Borgen said. American Crystal's contract with the union mandates workers be considered for a yearly raise. American Crystal can pay the entry-level workers in Drayton more than

in other factories because of

They used to have a dedicated workforce, but they lost all those people (during the lockout) and have been fighting to get people ever since.

JOHN RISKEY, Bakery, Confectionery Tobacco workers and Grain Millers Union local president

this part of the contract.

The higher wage offered is the "end-of-contract wage," Borgen said. Those hired at the higher wage won't be eligible for a raise until a new contract is negotiated in 2022.

Union leaders say that this shortage is due in part to or exacerbated by the August 2011 lockout, when more than 1,000 workers were locked out of their jobs after the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Union rejected a contract offer.

The company lost about 650 employees before the union approved a new contract.

[«]I didn't think they'd still be paying for the lockout now,"

Bank-issued, FDIC-insured

said local union president John

"They used to have a dedicated workforce, but they lost all those people (during the lockout) and have been fighting to get people ever since.'

Drayton, about 48 miles north of Grand Forks, is different from some of the other ACS factories because it is a more remote location.

Riskey said he was told in a meeting with union workers from the Drayton factory last week that American Crystal has brought in outside contract workers to fill the positions they have open.

\$1,000

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Measure 1 supporters cite questionable practices by ND elected officials

By Tu-Uyen Tran Forum News Service

FARGO — Dina Butcher and Ellen Chaffee have a list they hand out when people ask why

pushes hard in the final hours

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North Dakota's Measure 2 emphasizes that 'only a citizen' of the U.S. is a qualified elector in ND, PAGE A6

convicted bribery.

Measure 1, their anti-corruption constitutional amendment, is needed in a state where few if any politicians have been

"A legislator

swap that would cost (North

Dakota State University) millions," one item on the list said. "A corporation feels free to

make a \$37,000 gift to a state official," another item said. of a session to make a land **MEASURE 1:** Page A6

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MINNESOTA NEWS

Other charges dismissed against man convicted of killing grandparents

WILLMAR, Minn. — Gregory Allen Scheel will not be making road trips to Willmar or Montevideo for court appearances while serving two consecutive life sentences for the murder of his

Prosecutors in Kandiyohi and Chippewa counties have filed motions dismissing the criminal charges he faced in the two counties — fearing that he could possibly escape or because he is already in prison for life. The charges in the two counties are unrelated to the deaths of Wilbert, 90, and Gloria Scheel, 80, on March 21 at their home in Paynesville.

The 34-year-old Scheel pleaded guilty to two counts of first degree murder in Stearns County for their deaths and was sentenced on Oct. 4 to serve consecutive life sentences, or a minimum of 60 years.

After the sentencing, and before he was scheduled to return to court in Kandiyohi County on a felony theft charge, County Attorney Shane Baker filed a motion

to dismiss it. In part, he cited the concern about allowing Scheel to be transported from prison to court appearances in Willmar.

Scheel was accused of stealing a go-kart valued at \$1,500 from a man in Kandiyohi County.

Minnesota figures show more than 300 roadway deaths so far this year

More than 300 people have died on Minnesota roads so far this year, an increase over 2017 figures by Oct. 22, preliminary numbers released Monday by the state said.

The Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety reported 302 deaths, which includes 195 vehicle occupants and 58 motorcyclists. Last year, traffic deaths in the state did not reach 300 until

Twenty-nine pedestrian deaths have been reported, matching 2017 figures to date, the DPS said.

Ninety-three people have died this year as a result of alcohol-related crashes.

So far, 33 fatalities have been reported in October, making it the fifth most-deadliest month in the

- Forum News Service

Measure 2 emphasizes that 'only a citizen' of the US is a qualified elector in ND

By Austin Howard Forum News Service

FARGO - Measure 2 is presented by a sponsoring committee of 37 members includcandidate Gary Emineth as the state law. chairman.

The measure aims to change the language of a Article II, Sec-United States, who has attained the age of eighteen years and shall be a qualified elector." to North Dakota resident, shall be a qualified elector."

language, the measure will also where it says, "Only a qualified elector may vote in any general, tive, district, county, township,

for a statewide, district, or political subdivision ballot measure."

This change would have no fiscal impact on the state and wouldn't change any election ing North Dakota GOP Senate administrative procedures in

"The plain reading of the proposed amendment indicates that 'Only a" citizen of the Unittion 1 from "Every citizen of the ed States may vote in the elections listed in Section 3. Based on that reading and because it does who is a North Dakota resident, not change the current election administrative procedures "Only a citizen of the United in state law, my office did not States, who has attained the age find anything in the proposed of eighteen years and who is a amendment that would cause a fiscal impact for an agency of the state, district or political In addition to the change in subdivision," said North Dakota anguage, the measure will also Secretary of State Al Jaeger in a add a third section to Article II response with the fiscal analysis of the measure.

Opposition has argued that the special, or primary election for a measure promotes "unneeded federal, statewide, state legisla- verbiage" in the constitution that already explains a qualified voter city, or school district office, or is already defined as a U.S. citizen.

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Some opponents also

Butcher said any rule a

North Dakota commission

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The union workers at the factory aren't allowed to work more than seven days in a row or overtime, Riskey said.

"They would have to pay them double time because that would put the union guys into overtime," Riskey said.

But the company worries about workers getting "worn out," Borgen said, as more accidents happen when people are tired.

"Whenever you can't fill a shift, someone is having to work overtime or fill two people's jobs," Borgen said. "It takes a real toll on people who are working in the plants."

And, Borgen said, the company would rather fill those vacancies with its own people, but to complete the work that needed to be done, ACS had to hire local contractors.

Workforce Center Manager for Job Service North Dakota Dustin Hillebrand said that it is not surprising that the factories would be experiencing these kinds of shortages.

At 2.6 percent, North Dakota has an extremely low unemployment rate lower than the national rate, which is about 4 percent.

"While it's great that our unemployment is so low, it also puts quite a strain on employers to try and fill these positions when so many are already employed,"

Hillebrand said. For example, Grand Forks County has 0.47 people for every open job in the county.

"(This many vacancies) means maybe turning down work for the employer or longer shifts for the employee," Hillebrand

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MEASURE 1

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"Powerful legislators accept free trips to foreign countries, paid by lobbying associations and corporations." The list went on.

These might seem questionable, but there are no laws or ethics guidelines to prevent them according to Butcher, the Measure 1 committee chairwoman, and Chaffee, the vice ics commission to write chairwoman.

Butcher, a Republican, them.

served in Gov. Ed Schafer's administration. Chaffee ran for lieutenant gover-

nor as a Democrat in 2012. Measure 1 would require all groups seeking to influence elections or state government to disclose donors if they spent North Dakota. more than \$200; not all groups must now do so. The measure would forbid lobbyists from giving gifts to public officials. And it would create an ethethics rules and enforce ual traveling to Bismarck

ness interests, such as the energy industry and the Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber, the North Dakota Catholic Conference and the American Civil Liberties Union of

Opponents include busi-

Their main objection is the disclosure requirement that they say is so vague that it would restrict or discourage political engagement. The ACLU worried an individto testify on a bill might

he spent on his own gas, meals and hotel fees. The church and the Cham- leaving lawmakers to fill ber fretted they might be in the details, including forced to reveal the name any exemptions. of all their members.

Geoff Simon, an energy lobbyist and chairman ics commission, but that's of North Dakotans for actually the norm among Sound Government, which states that have them, opposes Measure 1, said including Minnesota and groups involved in controversial issues, such as abortion, would have to disclose their member-

Chaffee said a constitu-

said

requests could be referred

to Stewart, but he has not

Knutson said several

council members asked

her why she was at the

her to attend after it had

Rollin and Julie Berg-

said they are considering

filing a lawsuit against the

ing violation. They sent a

letter to the city's attor-

ney Oct. 15 and spoke with

messages.

adjourned.

mid-September without ed to quit early because of between council members ogy from both the City concerning Knutson, and Clerk and Councilman the Oct. 1 meeting minutes. Stewart to our reporter, records Doris Knutson. We also ask that the Roosevelt City Council, in writing, assure responded to the Herald's us that they will follow the

Minnesota Open Meeting

Law in the future." The letter also calls for Stewart's resignation if he meeting and who invited is charged with assault. Three of the four council members are up for re-election, but Stewart's man, publishers of the term does not end for two

Northern Light Region, more years. The maximum charge for the misdemeanor charge is 90 days in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine, Gust said.

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He has not responded to over a half-dozen attempts from the Herald for comment or requests for assistance with open records requests. Roosevelt has been without a mayor for over a year, and former city clerk Alyce Siats said Stewart has unofficially stepped into the role.

Gerald Landby, who is running for Roosevelt mayor, said Arlyn approached Knutson "like a grizzly bear would do a bluff charge," according to court documents.

Stewart told deputies he was over 2 feet away from Knutson and alleged meeting, according to court documents.

Knutson said the council held a special meeting in month. She said she decid-

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"We're excited to work

with a school that has long

been known for its out-

standing aviation program.

Having the opportunity to

meet and mentor students

early on in their career sets

the foundation for their

The school announced

similar partnerships with

Delta and United Airlines

earlier this year, but this

agreement is different

because it offers students a

direct plan to be able to fly

a 737 shortly after gradua-

tion, Jeremy Roesler, chief

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long-term success."

public notice. Minnesota the last meeting. state law requires government bodies to post notice of meetings at least three days in advance or publish notice in a newspaper. Attempts must be made to contact any parties who have notified the body they wish to be notified. Knutson said the Northern Light Region had asked to be informed, but she was not contacted about the

meeting.

Siats said she posted her she was interrupting the resignation several months responded to an open ago and planned to finish the part-time city clerk two weeks ago by the Herposition at the end of the

benefit from more expe-

rienced flight instructors,

Elizabeth Bjerke, UND

Aerospace associate dean,

said. She said the addi-

tional 500 or so hours that

the instructors will be

required to complete will

take about a year, which

is about twice as long as

flight instructors typically

more experienced flight

instructors and then Sun

Country will be getting

an experienced person for

themselves, so it's a dou-

ble win," Roesler said.

stay with the program.

Knutson called the

Northern Lights Region's publishers after the meeting and helped file a report with the Roseau County Sheriff's Office. Stewart was charged Monday, Gust

Knutson has been covering the small town for over a year because readers told her about rumors of dysfunction. She said members are short-tem-When she pressed the pered and have screamed council about the legal- at citizens during meetity of the meeting, Siats ings and the council disreswore at her. Siats told gards open meeting laws. city for the open meetthe Herald she "blew her Knutson said the countemper" and said "I'm so cil was unable to produce g**damn sick and tired of this bull****." financial records for the past eight years.

The council has not records request sent over ald asking for copies of

individuals who are UND

alumni, Bjerke said, which

also makes the partner-

Sun Country, United and Delta are a "testament" to

the quality of UND's edu-

director of operations

at Sun Country, said the

notch" curriculum and

the high-quality pilots the

a world-renowned pro-

"UND really does have

Joseph Restifo, senior

cation, Bjerke said.

school produces.

gram," he said.

ship special.

the lawyer last week but said Monday they had not heard a response. "We would prefer to

solve this amicably," they wrote. "We would like to financial records, emails see a formal, written apol-

ation department will number of high-ranking into effect immediately, according to a UND news release. Student interviews will take place on the UND campus through the The partnerships with career counseling offices when there are openings in the Sun Country Bridge Program.

> "This partnership is a big win for us," Paul Lindseth, dean of the Odegard School, said in a statement. "We're thrilled to be able to tell our students about this opportunity and help them secure employment with one of the nation's top airlines."

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The agreement goes Sun Country also has a flight instructor at UND, said. As part of the agreement, eligible students will be required to complete their flight hours at UND. These hours often are accrued when students become paid flight instructors for the school, which means UND's avi-Providing you **BROWSER'S BLACKOUT BINGO NUMBERS FOR** 10/23/18



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