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M.K. Burris faces new charge

Aiding offender is a felony

By Heather Rule
 Daily Journal

One of the suspects in the Scott Burris murder case faces an additional charge, felony aiding an offender, in Otter Tail County.

Michael Kyle Burris, 24, appeared in court Monday for a case in connection with the death of his cousin. Assistant Otter Tail County Attorney Michelle Eliden filed an amended criminal com-

plaint in the case, which adds the additional felony charge of aiding an offender. Michael Kyle Burris is already charged with felony second-degree murder. The amended complaint contains information that Michael Kyle Burris provided.

"He helped hide evidence," Eliden said.

Michael Kyle Burris and his father, Michael Alan Burris, 65,



M.K. Burris

formerly of Fergus Falls, were arrested Aug. 12 in Mesa, Ariz., for the murder of Scott Burris, who died from a single gunshot wound last year.

The Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office started its investigation in the case May 24, 2012 when an abandoned vehicle with blood inside was found north of Elizabeth. Thirty-three-year-old Scott Burris was listed as a missing person until he was found June 15, 2012 in the Otter Tail River west of Orwell Dam.

According to the criminal complaints, an inmate in the Otter

Tail County Jail told authorities that around March 2012, Michael Kyle Burris said he and his dad killed his cousin because of a drug debt in which Scott Burris reportedly owed his uncle about \$20,000.

Initially, both men chose to fight extradition in Maricopa County Superior Court in Arizona. Michael Kyle Burris waived extradition at an Oct. 11 hearing. Michael Alan Burris is still fighting extradition and remains in the Maricopa County Jail. He's also

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Otters fall

The Otter boys dropped a game to Brainerd Tuesday 82-75. See **Page 11**.

Twins caravan a fan favorite



Rian Bosse/Daily Journal

Minnesota Twins great Dan Gladden gives an autographed baseball to Liam Moir during a stop on the Twins Winter Caravan at PioneerCare in Fergus Falls. Gladden greeted and answered questions from area fans with fellow former Twin Tom Brunansky, mascot T.C. Bear and current players Brian Dozier and Glen Perkins.

Blizzard warning posted in Minnesota

Area schools close due to whiteout conditions

AP and Journal reports

CHANHASSEN — A blizzard warning prompted the Fergus Falls and surrounding area school districts to close Wednesday.

The National Weather Service is expecting widespread blowing snow will create near zero visibility on roadways Wednesday.

Winds are expected to reach 28 miles per hour this afternoon, with wind chills approaching 40 below zero.

Fergus Falls, Barnesville, Pelican Rapids, Perham and Rothsay are among the school districts canceling classes.

Other districts are delaying the start of school by an hour or two.

Hillcrest Lutheran Academy in Fergus Falls also canceled classes.

The deep freeze continues with high temperatures not moving above zero in some areas of the state.

Overnight lows could drop to 30 below, without the wind chill.

Composer Sam Hazo arrives in Fergus Falls to prep for 'Arrows'

By Chris Reinos/Daily Journal

Sam Hazo has been working with students for almost 30 years. In that time, he has learned a few things about young musicians.

They tend to play music as sterile and perfectly as possible in the presence of the composer. So Hazo, who has more than 50 published pieces, set out to immediately calm the members of the Fergus Falls High School wind ensemble Tuesday when he first worked with them.

"You always have to play it as if you wrote it," Hazo said.

The wind ensemble will have to play Hazo's piece "Arrows" as if they wrote it during Thursday's

If you go

What: Band concert featuring "Arrows," by Sam Hazo, honoring Jim Iverson
 When: 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday
 Where: Kennedy Secondary School Auditorium
 Cost: \$6 for adults and \$4 for students

world premiere performance of the piece, when Hazo will also direct the group.

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Chris Reinos/Daily Journal

Composer Sam Hazo spent the first of three days with the Fergus Falls High School wind ensemble Tuesday in preparation for the group's performance of Hazo's piece "Arrows." The piece is dedicated to former band director Jim Iverson.

Developer will present plan next month

By Heather Rule/Daily Journal

With a few absences in council chambers for the Fergus Falls City Council meeting Tuesday, an update on the Regional Treatment Center project, along with a scheduled closed meeting, were postponed until next month.

An update on the RTC and a closed meeting to consider an offer/counteroffer of the sale of the RTC to Historic Properties Inc. were both on the agenda. Instead, Mayor Hal Leland read a letter from RTC adviser Kent Mattson, who was absent from the meeting.

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TOMORROW:



HIGH: -3 LOW: -5

SUNRISE TOMORROW: 7:57 a.m.
 SUNSET TOMORROW: 5:16 p.m.

YESTERDAY:

HIGH: 3 LOW: -24
 PRECIPITATION: .01

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