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CornerStone group purchases former Hostel Hornet building

Bistro, youth rec center coming to Frazee area

By Barbie Porter
Editor

The Baer building on the corner of Lake Street and Main Avenue in Frazee will soon be under new ownership.

A purchase agreement for the former pub dubbed the Hostel Hornet, was signed recently, giving ownership to the non-profit CornerStone group with an expected closing date in July.

Karen Pifher divulged the plan is to keep the apartments above the facility and the rest of the building would have a healthy food bistro, coffee shop and youth

gathering place or rec center.

Pifher said the plan is to have the bistro open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day, except Sunday morning, when the opening time will be pushed back.

"We will also be closed Wednesday evening," she said.

The initial plan has the rec center open from 3-8 p.m. daily.

While the purchase agreement is signed and the apartments in the building

NEW REC CENTER COMES TO FRAZEE
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The CornerStone Frazee Community and Youth Project board members include (from left) Heather Ware Nelson, Ta Fett, Amy Kilde, Karen Pifher, Caleb Monson, Denise Fredrickson, Cally Nundahl, Ryan Stockstrom and Ken Miosek. Not pictured: Karen Helton.

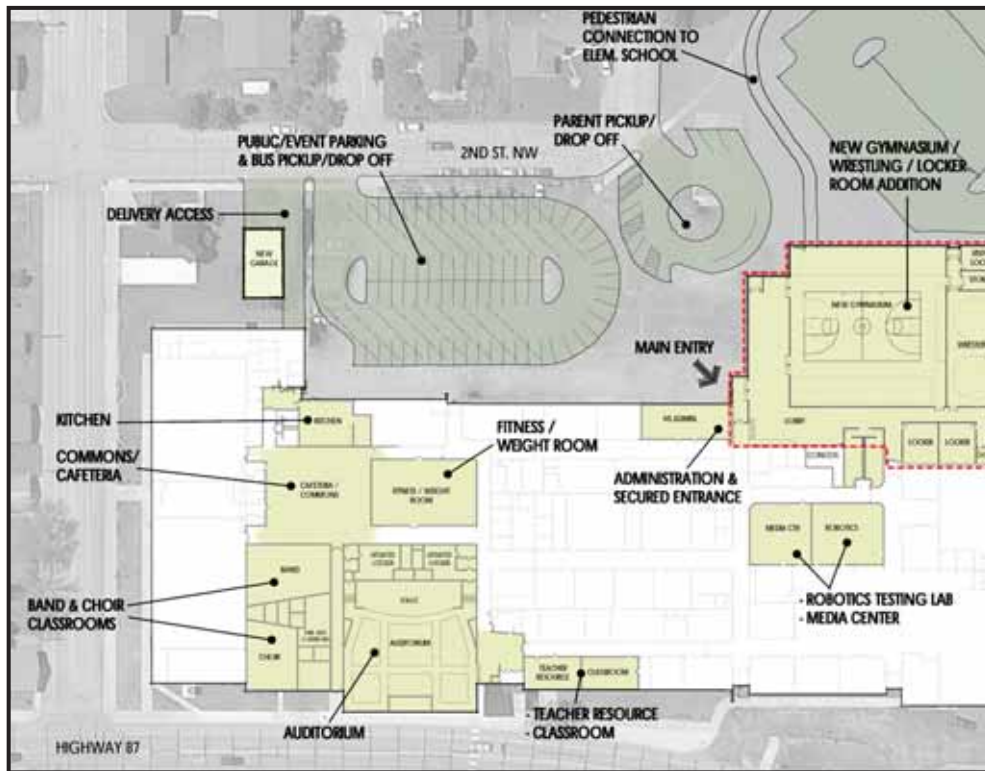
FHS would see extensive changes if bond passes

Frazee-Vergas voters head to the polls May 14

This is the third article taking an in-depth look at what the district would gain if the bond sought by the Frazee-Vergas School District were to pass in May. This article focuses on the proposed improvements at Frazee High School.

By Barbie Porter
Editor

On Tuesday, May 14, the Frazee-Vergas School District is proposing a building bond not to exceed \$25.6 million. The bond would be for 20 years and the work at Frazee High School would include relocating student parking, secured entrances, a new football/track facility, as well as a new gym and auditorium, a classroom for robotics and improved spaces for the weight room, band and choir.



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The Frazee High School would have several changes if the proposed bond passes in May.

Secured entrances

The main entrance would be moved from the State Highway 87 location to the side of the building that abuts Second Street Northwest.

The entrance would provide visitors a secured room to access the building and get out of the elements. The administrative offices would be located next to the entrance and

provide office staff a clear view of those requesting

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Planning commission to recommend Vergas Council head to court

By Barbie Porter
Editor

The Vergas Planning Commission agreed to recommend the city council head to court to address a nuisance property.

During the monthly commission meeting on Wednesday,

April 24, residents shared concerns regarding a property along South Pelican Avenue.

Pictures were presented to the commission showing

PROPERTY CONCERNS RAISED
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Caleb Monson has worked in Las Vegas to help victims of human trafficking and educate those who purchase people. He is also running a marathon to raise funds to help those being trafficked.

Monson faces modern-day slavery head-on

Frazee man learns how to identify victims of human trafficking

By Barbie Porter
Editor

There is an underworld in every city where people are bought and sold like merchandise on a shelf.

Frazee resident Caleb Monson went to an epicenter for lurid transactions. In Las Vegas, Nev., he walked onto the street with cards in hand. They weren't playing

FACING MODERN-DAY SLAVERY
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Truck catches fire, Vergas residents help NYM man

By Jim Arno,
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Editors

Randy Rosentreter was hauling grain on a route he'd driven many times before, but what happened on Wednesday, April 24, he hopes was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The 65-year-old Vergas dairy farmer had turned onto U.S. Highway 10 and picked up speed as he headed eastbound in his 1997

Chevy C-Series, which had a full load. It was about 8:30 a.m.

"I was by Luce," said Rosentreter. "I definitely felt the hit; the impact blew the back window out of the cab."

A 2002 Chevy Silverado driven by 24-year-old Andrew Perala of New York Mills had rear ended Rosen-



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The red 2002 Chevy Silverado driven by Andrew Perala was charred from a red to ash gray by a vehicle fire.

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