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## THANK YOU, WILFRED

### Korean War veteran honored at Quilts of Valor ceremony



Quilts of Valor recipient Wilfred Sanderson (front) is pictured with (from left) his son, Wayne Sanderson, and Carol Peterson, Joy Jones and Lauren Thooff, who are volunteer members of Pieces for Heroes, a local Quilts of Valor group.

By Jenny Kirk

Wilfred Sanderson has experienced a lot in his 95 years, but the Korean War veteran and father of five sons still gets a little emotional when it comes to being thanked for his military service.

This past Thursday, Pieces for Heroes — a local group affiliated with Quilts of Valor — presented a patriotic quilt and pillowcase to Sanderson at Lakeview Senior Housing in Balaton.



Being thanked for his military service and given a special quilt was an emotional experience for 95-year-old Korean War veteran Wilfred Sanderson on Thursday morning at Lakeview Senior Housing in Balaton. Photos by Jenny Kirk

“Thank you,” Sanderson said after local presenter Carol Peterson draped the quilt over him. “It’s pretty nice. It looks like lot of work went into it.”

Peterson said he was the one who deserves a big thank you. “Our mission is to cover all nominated service members and veterans touched by war or conflict with a comforting quilt, honoring them for their service, sacrifice, honor and loyalty to our country,” Peterson said. “You served in the Korean War and you were nominated by (your son) Wayne, so it’s a privilege for us, Pieces for Heroes, to be here to fulfill that request. We hope this will bring you comfort and just know that somebody cares and thanks you for your service.”

Sgt. Wilfred Sanderson was a combat infantryman in Korea from September 1950 to June 1952. He served with the 5th Regimental Combat Team and received the combat infantry badge.

“Thank you, Wilfred, for your service,” local quilter Lauren Thooff said.

Along with Thooff and Peterson, local quilter Joy Jones was in attendance to present Sanderson with the special quilt.

“It worked out well,” Wilfred’s son, Wayne Sanderson, said. “(The volunteers) were very enthusiastic about presenting it. The quilt is beautiful. I can’t believe they put that together.”

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Local quilting volunteer Carol Peterson respectfully presents Wilfred Sanderson with a Quilts of Valor offering.

### Community Happenings

#### LAKEVIEW SENIOR HOUSING

Community coffee at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27. Everyone is welcome. Senior cards will start again on Tuesday, March 3 at 1:30 p.m.

#### MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Housing

#### AMBULANCE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Balaton Ambulance will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the Fire Department will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3.

#### CITY BALATON

Town Informational Meeting on Solar Garden Project at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Balaton Care Center. Special Council Meeting following town informational meeting on Solar Garden Project.

#### SWMN UKAI KARATE TOURNAMENT

Will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29 at trū Shrimp.

#### JASON GRAY CONCERT

His new tour: “The Singer & the Songs” will be held at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, at the Lake Sarah Baptist Church. Tickets are \$10. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

#### SINGLES DANCE

Beginning Experience Sponsored Singles Dance on Saturday, March 7 at the Pipestone American Legion. Music by Mylan Ray from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Admission \$10.

## School board approves cuts

By Tara Brandl

Tracy Area Headlight Herald

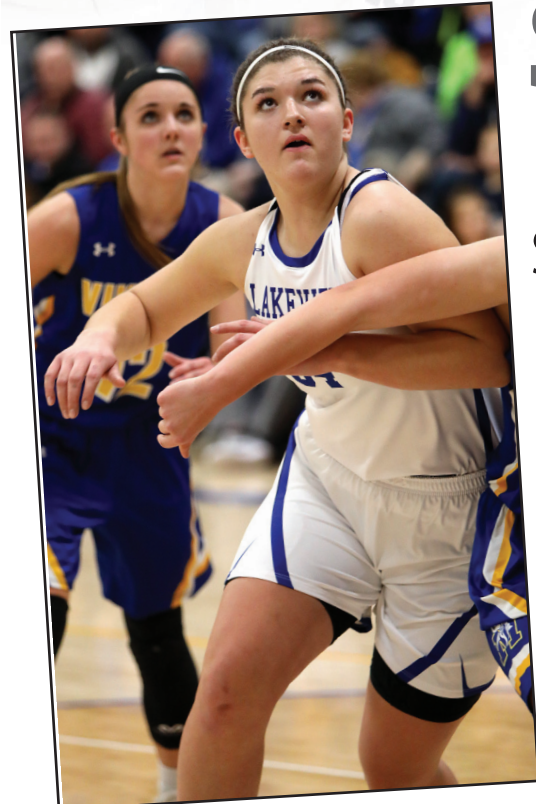
Declining enrollment at Tracy Area Public Schools led the District No. 2904 School Board to approve a Resolution Discontinuing and Reducing Education Programs and Positions.

The resolution approved Monday night included the following programs and positions, or portions thereof, to be discontinued: art education position, elementary education position, coaching position, summer custodial position, summer technology days, full time nurse changed from a four year degree (teacher contract) to a two year degree (hourly) and FFA summer days. The resolution passed 5-0.

More details as to the specifics included in each area will be brought to the March school board meeting.

“The reason all of this came to fruition, as we look at enrollment at the very beginning, we’re decreasing enrollment and we have been over the years so it isn’t a sur-

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## STANDING TALL

### Shelby Gravley’s path to happiness on the basketball court has been paved with plenty of adversity

By Jenny Kirk

Basketball is at the center of 16-year-old Shelby Gravley’s life — a life in which has had its share of adversity. But guided by her inner strength and the unwavering support from others around her, she’s finding her way and making a positive impact both on and off the court.

Gravley is a 6-1 center on the Lakeview High School basketball team, averaging a double-double with 15.7 points and 11 rebounds per game. The Lakers are having a stellar year, finishing the regular season with an 18-7 overall record before defeating Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 55-52 in the opening round of Section

Above: Shelby Gravley, a 6-1 junior, is pictured in the center of several of her Lakeview basketball teammates. At left: Gravley battles for position after a shot in a game against Minnesota in December. Photos courtesy of Karen Berg

3A North competition on Saturday. Gravley contributed 28 points and 22 rebounds in the win.

“I think we’re doing fantastic,” Gravley said. “It’s been really fun. The team is literally my family. It’s something you can’t really explain. You have this sisterhood, but at the same time, the coaches feel like they’re part of our family too. It’s crazy.”

Gravley has family members who love and support her as well, but the teen has grown up the last 12 years without her mom, Diana, who died from complications of a seizure when she was 30 years old.

“She died when I was 4,” Gravley said. “It’s definitely put some challenging situations my way. It was only my two brothers (10-year-old Spencer and

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## Have the right ID when you travel

By Jenny Kirk

Minnesota residents planning to fly in the United States after September of this year will need to have a REAL ID, enhanced driver’s license or a passport. Beginning Oct. 1, Minnesotans will not be able to use their standard driver’s license or ID card to board domestic flights.

Officials warn residents not to wait until the last minute to obtain the travel-appropriate documentation either because it could take longer than anticipated. A Department of Public Safety representative said recently that processing could take as long as 50 days.

“Unfortunately, we are seeing a lot of people have to come back because they don’t have all the documents they need,” Lyon County Auditor/Treasurer E. J. Moberg said. “It’s a substantial list, but if you plan ahead, it’s not terrible. The biggest thing that seems to be tripping people up is when there are name changes — people who have been married multiple times. You have to bring documents in to show all of those name changes, to show the trail.”

While Lyon County is among the top five counties in the state to be REAL ID ready, a recent news release shows that there is a long way to go. Rock County leads the way at nearly 22%, followed by Houston County

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