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Photos by Chad Koenen
Hank Kohler (below) will be making a second long canoe trip from the lakes of Otter Tail County as he will be canoeing the to Gulf of Mexico this summer. This trip comes 42 years after his first trip in which he went to the Hudson Bay. Kohler will be leaving from East Leaf Lake in June.

Making a trip of a lifetime—twice

Man with local ties to canoe to the Gulf of Mexico

By Chad Koenen
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When inspiration strikes, a person has two choices—stand pat, or float down the stream. Hank Kohler has never been one to stand pat, so 42 years after making a trip from East Leaf Lake to the Hudson Bay, he is making a second canoe trip, this time from East Leaf Lake to the Gulf of Mexico.

A native of Iowa, the Kohler family has had ties to the Otter Tail County area

for decades. The family owns a cabin on Donalds Lake in Ottertail, and it was on one of his trips back to the area from Iowa that inspiration hit the adventure seeking retired pizza man (he owned a Happy Joe's Pizza franchise in Ames, Iowa). He wanted to make a second trip from Otter Tail County to parts unknown. This time, four decades after making his maiden voyage along the Otter Tail and Red Rivers, he wanted to go south and follow the Mississippi River.

"I had one of these, out of the blue moments, of why



Hank Kohler

not do this," he said. "(The idea was) to start in the same

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Representatives focus on local water quality

OTC has a 'One Watershed, One Plan' philosophy

By Tom Hintgen
Otter Tail County Correspondent

Otter Tail County and area counties have in place the philosophy of "One Watershed, One Plan."

This plan is intended to utilize the existing structures of county government,

soil and water conservation districts and watershed districts while increasing collaboration across county lines.

The challenge comes from the fact that four major watersheds and four minor watersheds are situated in Otter Tail County, a county

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Photo by Chad Koenen

The Henning City Council approved moving forward with a Highway 108 project committee for aesthetics in the downtown area. Highway 108 is scheduled to be replaced in 2024.

Henning council approves 2021 city budgets

Approval came after several special city council meetings

By Chad Koenen
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The Henning City Council approved its 2021 budgets last week. The approval came after several special city council meetings, including one at the Henning Community Center last

month. One of the biggest questions surrounding the budgets last Monday night concerned how the revenue portions of the budget were derived. For example, Henning Mayor Darren Wise said the electric fund showed a large increase in revenue in the electric res-

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Accident reported near Vining on Hwy. 210

Several vehicle accidents reported in the area

By Tom Hintgen
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Injuries were reported in a traffic accident at 5:20 p.m. on March 29 near Vining. Deputies and first responders were called to the scene at the intersection of Highway 210 and Creekside Road. Another accident with injuries, this time involving an ATV, took place two days

previously, on March 27. The location was near Shallow Shores Drive between Dent and Maplewood State Park.

Sheriff deputies said four juvenile females were on the ATV when it rolled one time and landed on its wheels. The injuries to three of the riders were minor.

Authorities said the ATV was traveling at only about

30 miles per hour when the accident took place. The mishap took place on private property, near the roadway.

Home destroyed by fire near Vergas

Sheriff deputies reported that a house near Vergas was destroyed by fire late Monday afternoon, March 29.

Firefighters were called to

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Henning kindergarten registration set for April 20



Photo by Chad Koenen

Kindergarten registration night is set for April 20 at Henning School. The school will be offering both an in person and virtual option.

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Henning School will be hosting kindergarten registration night on Tuesday, April 20. The registration night will be held at 5:30 or 6:30 p.m., both in the Henning School Library and on Google Meet.

Parents of students who will be 5-years-old by Sept. 1 should plan to attend either

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