

# FRAZEE-VERGAS FORUM

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Students in the construction trades class grabbed ladders to begin removing the tin roof on the baseball dugout. Photos by Barbie Porter

## Work begins on Frazee dugouts

*Frazee School students give dugouts a fresh look*

By Barbie Porter  
Editor

The Frazee High School Construction Trades class is wasting no time making their mark on school grounds.

The trades class took their hammers and skills to the dugouts at the Ssg. Greg Riewer Memorial Baseball Field. Instructor Jim Rader said the district had long-term facilities maintenance funds that were allotted for the project, which included removing rotted wood from the roof joists, installing new ones, as well as a new tin roof.



A pry bar and a hammer were used to pull up nails or screws attaching the tin to the roof of the dugouts.

Awhile back the baseball boosters were able to install new bleachers and an announcer's booth. The booth had steel siding, and the dugout project included installing matching

steel siding to the outside walls of the dugout, which are con-

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## Highway 87 to be completed by Oct. 15

*Railroad crossing to close for two weeks in Oct.*

By Barbie Porter  
Editor

The work on State Highway 87 is on schedule to wrap up by Oct. 15. Makala Simon, the project

engineer for the Minnesota Department of Transportation, gave a progress report this past week. She said the bridge crossing Otter Tail River in Frazee has jointing to be done at the bridge approaches. Jointing allows the concrete to expand and contract with the seasons. Exterior painting also needs

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Photo by Barbie Porter

Jose Urbala recently became a U.S. citizen. The Perham resident first entered the country illegally as a 17-year-old boy, before figuring out life would be better if he did things legally.

## From illegal immigrant to U.S. citizen

By Barbie Porter  
Editor

When Jose Urbala crossed the U.S. Mexico border for the first time at the age of 17, he did so with the help of a coyote.

A coyote is not a canine down south. It is what they call a person who is paid to

smuggle migrants into the U.S. Urbala arrived in the land of the free with intentions of working hard and making money.

As is the story of many ill-gotten youthful adven-

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# Hanson announces intent to create residential development

*Vergas City Council discusses water, sewer rates*

By Barbie Porter  
Editor

During a recent land auction, Josh Hanson purchased land along West Lake Drive. During the Tuesday, Sept. 14 council meeting, he announced intention to create a residential development at the 37 acre site.

Hanson said his vision was to have larger lots, about 2½ acres in size, for single family structures, as well as a few lake shore lots along Lawrence Lake.

He said a surveyor would be visiting the site and the platting process would begin.

Hanson also asked if the city would be interested in selling abutting land to him, which he would add to the development.

In September of 2016 the Vergas City Council held a special council meeting to discuss purchasing the 16 acre parcel.

Lammers explained when land is tax-forfeited in a city, the city is approached and given first dibs. The city council at the time opted to purchase the property for \$33,290. Since it has been used as a shop and storage area.

The Otter Tail County

parcel information states about 10 acres is "waste-land" with the remaining being high pasture non production land. The total 2022 assessed value is \$62,500.

**Water tank inspection completed, water and sewer rates discussed**

The council reviewed an inspection of its water tank. The inspection recommended painting inside of the tank between three and five years. The estimated cost for that work was stated to be \$125,000. The exterior of the water tower would need work sometime between six and 11 years with an esti-

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Photo by Barbie Porter

The city of Vergas purchased 310 West Lake street in 2016. Josh Hanson recently purchased the abutting property with intentions of creating a residential development. He asked the city council if they would be interested in selling their land to him for the development as well.



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tures, Urbala learned if he wanted to live the American Dream, he needed to play by the rules. The first step was obtaining a work visa, then a Green Card; then becoming a U.S. citizen.

The Perham resident recently passed his test to become a U.S. citizen and New York Mills native Jamie Teberg couldn't be more proud.

### Road to stability and family began with a good work ethic

Urbala grew up in the farm fields of Mexico plucking tomatoes and beans under the unforgiving sun. While working in the field as a teenager, he examined his parents. They worked hard every day to put food on the table, but getting ahead was not in the cards. Unless he took a drastic measure, Urbala believed he was looking at his future.

Having the same reliable and hard work ethic as his parents, he saw possibilities north of the border. When a get rich scheme presented itself, a 17-year-old Urbala took it and landed in California. As an illegal immigrant, he had no rights; no safety net and lived in the shadows with a constant fear of being discovered and sent back to Mexico.

He said finding work in the U.S. was easy, but the good pay and benefits belonged to those with legal documents, such as a work visa or Green Card.

With time came wisdom and Urbala realized the error of his lifestyle. He returned

to his homeland and took the necessary steps to enter the U.S. legally.

"I returned to California and worked in the fields picking peaches, plums and nectarines," he said. "It was so hot; everyday it was 90-to-100 degrees. We started at 7 a.m. and finished between 3-and-4 p.m."

But work is work, and good pay is a reason to stay. That was until Urbala learned about the vast opportunities manufacturing companies were offering in northern Minnesota.

"It was 2004 and I heard about Minnesota," he recalled. "I heard you work inside, so no more 90-degree days or worrying about rain. I heard they pay well, too."

His first job in the Perham area was picking eggs. As he became more confident with his English, he applied for work at manufacturing companies and is now an employee of Shearers.

He worked hard and found promotions and opportunity available. As his work life flourished, he also found love and welcomed three children into the world.

While Urbala's relationship with Jamie Teberg's daughter couldn't stand the test of time, the 1986 NY Mills High School graduate is thankful his grandsons have such a strong role model for a father.

The son of NY Mills residents Gayle and the late Butch Teberg summed it up, "Things didn't work out



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**Jose Urbala is the father of three boys, two of which live with him (Ryan, 16, and Angel, 14). His children were the inspiration he needed to go from having a Green Card to becoming a U.S. citizen.**

with my daughter, but he is a good person; a good man. My grandsons are lucky to have him as a father."

As Teberg encouraged Urbala to become a citizen, he looked into it and found it would be costly. However, he also knew his Green Card could be revoked or not renewed at any time, for any reason.

In his imagination, Urbala let a scenario play out where he was sent back to Mexico and complications were put upon his sons, two of which live with him. In that moment the daydream shifted to a nightmare. It was then he knew the time had come to take the next

step in his journey. Urbala sought out a lawyer to assist him on his last leg.

"It was expensive and my money ran low," Urbala said, adding he eventually asked the lawyer to lay out a plan of what he needed to do so he could go it alone. "He said that I can't make it by myself; I needed a lawyer. I told him I had no choice, so he helped me over the phone."

In addition to paperwork, Urbala had to take an exam. While he is usually the one helping his sons, this time they helped him. Holding the study guide, they quizzed him daily for months.

"There are 100 questions, but they only ask 14," he said. "But, if you get six in a row right, the questions stop right there."

While Urbala was working hard to ensure his family has the security of never being unnecessarily split up, he kept it a secret from just about everyone.

"I encouraged him to take the citizenship in the past, but when I learned he was doing it, that took me by surprise," Teberg said. "I didn't know he was studying, then suddenly he was going in to take the test. That gives me a huge amount of pride for him. Many come here as

refugees, on work visas or Green Cards and live with that status their whole life."

Teberg added legal entry is good, but those that take the step to join the U.S. as a citizen are "treated different by the government."

"I also see it as a major accomplishment," he continued. "Jose (Urbala) is a one of a kind human being who is an amazing father to my grandsons. He has seen his struggles, but he always succeeds."

After passing the citizenship test, Urbala waited for the lawyer to process the necessary documents. He recalled sitting in an office, waiting to be told he was a citizen.

"At first nothing showed on the screen," he said. "I was so nervous. Then they found what they needed; all checked and passed."

Urbala's smile was so wide it was obvious the tears forming were of joy.

"I tried to get outside without crying," he said, noting he walked passed two guards holding back his tears, but when he saw his cousin and wife waiting in a truck in the parking lot, the levy broke. "I cried and when they saw me, they cried, too. I was so happy I don't have to worry about my family (being split up). I see a better future."

At 49-years-of age, Urbala looks forward to attending the U.S. Citizen ceremony. He said when the invitation arrives, he knows it will be a proud moment for himself and his family.

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to be completed, as well as guard rail installation before the bridge is opened to traffic.

As for the highway work that stretched from Frazee city limits to Menahga, Simon said Evergreen to Menahga is complete. The section from Frazee to Evergreen is still under construction.

"We are still reclaiming and paving," she said, adding the process is going quickly as the paver is following the reclaimers. "We are past County Road 31 with the first lift."

She explained each lift accounts for two inches of thickness of tar.

"Full thickness is 4 inches of tar, so we are doing two lifts," she said.

The asphalt plant is located near the intersection of Highway 31, so the crews are working from town to 31 and then from 31 to Evergreen.

"So far there are no issues and we are looking towards the end of the tunnel," she said.

MnDOT's Project Manager Tom Pace gave an update on the State Highway 87 project going through Frazee in 2022.

In October the railroad crossing along the highway will be closed for about two weeks. The surface will be widened at that time. This work is in prep for the 2022 State Highway 87 project.

This November tree removal will begin. Pace said those property owners where trees will be removed

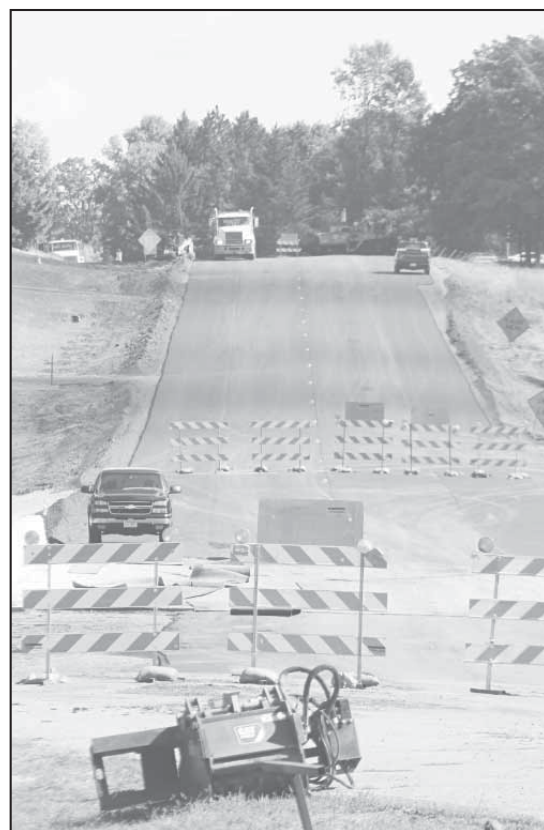


Photo by Barbie Porter

**Work continues on the State Highway 87 bridge over the Otter Tail River in Frazee.**

have been notified. As a reminder the trees will be marked in the near future.

He said the project design is on schedule and will be finished in the next few months before going

through the next steps required by MnDOT. The goal is to bid the project this winter and have an identified contractor by January. Pace said there may be community meetings in the spring,

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mated cost of \$176,000.

To help pay for maintenance projects, the council must keep the water and sewer funds in the black. For a few years the council has seen the enterprise funds go into the red. Because the funds are required to be self sufficient, the council agreed to increase rates until they reach even.

The council agreed to raise water rates from \$3.50 to \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons and keep the base rate of \$28 as is.

The sewer rates were also raised from \$2.50 to \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons with the base rate remaining at \$28.

Both rate changes were approved to take effect as of Jan. 1, 2022.

A portable dehumidifier was purchased for the water plant. While the initial purchase was estimated to be about \$20,000, the Utilities Superintendent Mike DuFrane found one for \$2,000 at a trade show.

The difference is the more expensive one is mounted to the wall whereas the cheaper one is portable. It was noted the cheaper one is also used at the Frazee water tower, and DuFrane opted to purchase that one.

### In other news

- The council discussed adding a platform near the walking trail and floating boardwalk to aid in a landowner accessing the lake front. The previous landowner had granted a trail easement on the property.

- The council and its counsel had previously asked the landowner and the person attending meetings on his behalf to submit any questions they have in writing. It was stated no questions had been received.

- The council also spoke with a landowner on Park View Drive who recently built a house and did landscaping to improve water drainage.

The city engineer, Scott

Kolbinger of KLJ, looked at the finished work and was concerned a heavy rainfall would result in the water draining down the road, through the ditch and over the berm into their yard. He then recommended adding more fill to the last rock check.

- The council approved a proposed budget of \$235,655, which was an increase of 9.7 percent. It was noted the initial proposal can not be increased, only decreased when the final budget is presented for approval.

The initial increases were said to be for IT (technology support) and parks and recreation improvements.

Lammers said the city stands to receive about \$18,625 in COVID-19 relief funds, which was the same as last year. She noted those funds cannot be used on budgeted items, as stipulated by the federal government.



Photo by Barbie Porter

**The dugouts at the baseball diamonds are in the process of receiving a new roof as well as steel siding around the cement structure of the dugout.**

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crete block.

Rader said the students are learning how to do post frame construction, which is what is done to build pole barns. He noted with the concrete blocks as walls it is a bit different, but the process is the same.

Mason Gulke joined the construction trades class because he wanted to take a class that was outside of the norm of textbooks and

sitting in a desk.

Gulke, a baseball player since he was 5-years old, said having the first class project be at the baseball diamond adds an element of fun and pride. While it is great to see them updated, he said knowing this is something future generations will see and use adds to the project.

"Maybe one day I will tell someone, 'yeah, we did

that,'" he said.

Part of the "we" is fellow classmate Zech Skunberg. In his first construction trades class, the senior wants to learn how to build and repair. That way when he becomes a homeowner, he has those skills. He added while he is learning those skills it is rewarding to see they are doing something to improve the school.

# OFFICE HOURS

The Frazee-Vergas Forum Office Hours are as follows:

- Monday 9:00am - 5:00pm**
- Tuesday 9:00am - 5:00pm**
- Wednesday 9:00am - 5:00pm**
- Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm**
- Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm**





Photos by Barbie Porter

The Conservation Corps had a team in Vergas last week to make the DNR fishing pier ADA compliant.

## Conservation Corps installs spindles on Vergas fishing pier

By Barbie Porter  
Editor

The Conservation Corps were in Vergas last week refurbishing the Department of Natural Resources fishing pier.

The group has been teaming up with the DNR all summer to work on fishing piers the DNR provides to communities. Corps member Steven Brown of St. Paul, Minn. said their focus has been retrofitting the piers so they are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"We removed the planks along the sides and are replacing them with spindles," he said. "The space between the dock and the spindle can only be a four inch clearance for safety reasons."

In addition to installing new side railings, the crew



Conservation Corps members Steven Brown (left) and Brad Feyereisen were two men of a 6-member team working on the Vergas fishing pier last week.

examines the posts and deck boards to see if any are rotted and need replacing.

Corps member Brad Feyereisen of River Falls, Wisc. said the Corps was brought aboard to help with the piers as needed. He noted the DNR was doing the bulk

of the docks themselves, but resources were limited. "This is the second one we've worked on," Feyereisen said. "The first one was more difficult because we had to take some posts and boards off. This dock (in Vergas) is in good shape."

The six-member Corps crew were staying in Detroit Lakes and commuted daily to Vergas from Monday until the work was completed towards the end of the week.

Both men joined the Corps for the experience and opportunity to grow their skill sets. Brown said he grew up in California and sought travel and wanted to see a different part of the country.

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Photo by Barbie Porter

The site where the former grocery store in Vergas is fenced off where the building has been demolished, as well as the basement.

## Council approves abatement for new downtown building

By Barbie Porter  
Editor

The Vergas City Council are doing what they can to ensure the new commercial and residential development downtown is a success and not a financial burden to the developers.

Jeff Zitzow and his wife Wendy and Tyler Schmid and his wife Heather created a partnership to purchase the land where the former grocery store was located on the corner of Main Street and First Avenue. They are creating a building that will offer a grocery store, fitness center and three commercial spaces, as well as several apartments.

During the monthly council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14, the develop-

ers informed the council the numbers are not looking profitable for the project. However, tax abatement would help.

"Neither of us have a \$1 million laying around," Zitzow said. "We're borrowing every penny and it is not a wise decision to go into business under water right away."

The council fielded a few questions about the tax abatement. One asked who would cover what taxes are currently being paid.

Vergas City Clerk Julie Lammers explained the current taxes are about \$1,935. Those will still be paid and collected, so there

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Evergreen, is hosting a grilled turkey drive-thru and delivery supper on Saturday, Sept. 25 starting at 4:30 p.m.

# Grilled turkey supper offered in drive-thru, delivery service

By Barbie Porter  
Editor

The time of the year has finally arrived to enjoy a homemade grilled turkey supper with all the fixings and a delicious dessert. The meal even comes with a delivery option.

On Saturday, Sept. 25 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Evergreen will serve charcoal grilled turkey starting at 4:30 p.m. People can have it delivered to their home or stop at the church (13130 County Highway 39) for a drive-thru service.

Event volunteer Gini Thon will take orders for the turkey meal and get the addresses for delivery. She can be contacted at (218) 841-3619. Simply leave a message stating how many meals that should be delivered and the address.

"We did a fundraiser in

the spring with a drive-thru and we offered deliveries," she said. "It worked well."

While Frazee is in the delivery area for certain, Thon explained they have went beyond in all directions with past fundraisers.

"We don't have a certain radius because it's hard, but if they call and get on the list we will see what we can do," she said.

For those who haven't had the pleasure of savoring a charcoal grilled turkey, Thon said the bird is kept juicy with injections of a mixture that includes garlic, lemon and more. The bird is also cooked in a covered pan.

While the main course is cooking to perfection, the mashed potatoes and gravy are prepared, along with the dressing that is made from scratch, vegetable, coleslaw, cranberries, rolls and

pumpkin dessert.

For one heck of a heaping meal, the church crew asks for a free will offering. Thon said the donations will be divided up by the congregation and go to goodwill projects, such as missions, students attending seminary or youth church gatherings. There is also a need for a parsonage upgrade, so all donations will be a blessing. With all funds raised, Thrivent Choice dollars add to the total.

Thon joined the church in 1979 when she married her husband Paul. The drive to Evergreen has always been scenic and as soon as the State Highway 87 opens those traveling to church may feel they have much more room with wider shoulders being installed.

For those wanting to visit the church and go on the Saturday drive, Thon said

from Frazee, take the detour on Main Avenue to bypass the bridge, then she has taken Road 150 to highway 33

and back to highway 87. Although, taking highway 87 all the way through is an option. Thon noted construc-

tion is ongoing and changes depending on where they are working and what project they are completing.

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Sept. 2021

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The 2021 Hornet Hall of Fame class includes (top): The boys basketball team of 1956-1957 and (above, from left): Jenny Bucholz, Mike Thompson and Wade Christianson.

## Hornet Hall of Fame class of 2021 to be inducted Sept. 25

Frazee High School will be celebrating the 2021 Hall of Fame inductees on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Frazee Event Center.

The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. with a social, followed by a meal at 5:45 p.m. The ceremony will start at 6:30 p.m. In addition to the 2021 inductees, the 2020 class will also be recognized.

The 2020 class included: Kenny Ketter, Jack Dretsch, Tim Courneya,

Patty Neiman-Berg and Larry Mollins.

The 2021 class includes the 1956-57 men's basketball team as well as individuals Wade Christensen, Frank Hesby, Mike Thompson and Jennie Bucholz.

### 1956-57 boys basketball team

For more than 60 years, the 1957 boys basketball team still holds the best overall record in Frazee history at 19 wins and

only three losses. This was achieved even as one of the smaller schools in District 23, facing teams such as Moorhead, Fergus Falls and Detroit Lakes.

During the regular season, they finished with a record of 17-2, with one of the losses to the District 21 champion, Elbow Lake. They earned a number three seed, the highest ever for a small school. Additionally, they had a winning streak of 11 straight

games and became only the second small school in history to reach the district finals. They lost to undefeated Fergus Falls, who placed third at state.

The team had a winning percentage of 89.5 percent. Since this team regularly found itself with huge leads, starters were often pulled early, which led to

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## Kindergarten class pictures



Photo by Barbie Porter  
Frazee Vergas Elementary kindergartners in Jill Ollman's classroom are (front, from left): Marissa Dretsch, Lilly Heisler, Hudson Dahlin, Jackson Burton, Greyson Blauert, Leah Branville, Ashton Schultz, (row 2) Mikko Zick, Ramsey Clairmont, Blair Noffsinger, Otto Hanson, Luella Malone, Andrew Peluso, Peyton Grant, Breccan Breun, (Row 3) Teacher Mrs. Jill Ollmann, Jaylen Thompson, Noah Firstshoot, Elena Carrier, Sebastian Schwarzrock, Adam Perrine, Max Hoard, Izabella Weets and Isaiah Dahring.

Michelle Oswald's class includes: (front, from left) Eden Hoverson, Kari Anne Henrickson, Jasper Perala, Kella Ware, Harmonie Nolan, Aria Aho, Amelia Conklin, (row 2) Ben Buhr, Colton Sayer, Davey Jopp, Emery Clairmont, Riggyn Dahring, Jerome Bergstrom, (row 3) Aurora Spieker, AJ Hedlund, Ryder Wirth, Eloise Willette, Beck Olson, Bryson Totland, Alex Goodman and Jackson Bladow.



Frazee Vergas Elementary kindergartners were all smiles in Heidi Graham's classroom as they started the second week of school.



Photo by Barbie Porter

Students enjoy breakfast before school at Frazee Elementary. The opening day enrollment numbers at the elementary totaled 445 students.

## Frazee-Vergas Schools opens with enrollment of 858

### Board approves \$5.7 million bond

By Barbie Porter  
Editor

The Frazee-Vergas School District started the school year with 858 students.

The elementary, which houses grades K-6, posted an opening day enrollment of 445 students. The high school, which teaches grades 7-12, had 413 students.

During the monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 13, the board reviewed the enrollment numbers and class sizes for each grade. At the elementary level the fifth and sixth graders have the most students, each with 69. The grade with the least students enrolled was first with 58.

At the elementary, data reported to the board showed only the current year. However, at the high school the data included enrollment numbers in Sept. 2020 of 428 students, in May 2021 it was down to 409 and for Sept. 2021, it was at 413 pupils.

At the high school, the grade with the most students were the sophomores with 81 students. The grade with the smallest number of students were the juniors, 62.

Pre-school numbers were also reported to the board, with 32 enrolled.

Frazee Superintendent Terry Karger said the enrollment is continuing to decline and suspects the projected end of the year enrollment will be about 840 students.

### Bond for school improvements approved

The board approved a \$5.7 million general obligation facilities and maintenance tax abatement bond. The funds will allow the district to renovate the parking lot at the elementary and create a new parking lots at the high school and early childhood family education.

At the high school a new parking lot will be added for students and events off North River Drive that will allow for 100 parking spots. Behind the high school the parking lot will be reconfigured to have a parent drop off loop as well as a bus drop off section. Staff parking will also be available along Second Street NW.

The elementary parking lot will utilize green space in front of the building. There will be a new parent drop off lane near the main entrance as well as parking inside of the drop off loop. A bus loading zone will allow buses to no longer be

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"Being in the Conservation Corps has also helped me improve my organizational skills and leadership skills," Brown said. "And, I've become more confident and comfortable speaking to the public."

Feyereisen went to college for conservation and environmental planning. Joining the Corps was an opportunity to boost his resume and increase the chances of landing a field specialist job. Both added, being part of the Corps also helps pay for college tuition.

"I've also become certified in using a chainsaw," he said. "And, built a lot of friendships. I enjoy

that."

While making DNR piers ADA compliant was a job the crew took on, their actual position with the Corps has more to do with water trail maintenance. While rivers have been lower than normal, Brown said they have been able to travel downstream on many river water trails and make sure they are clear of debris.

When summer turns to fall and heads to the cooler months, the Corps members may be found clearing debris from hiking trails.

For more information about joining the Conservation Corps, visit [www.conservationcorps.org](http://www.conservationcorps.org).

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would be no impact to the city budget. The abatement would only pertain to new taxes associated with the new structure that is to be built.

Lammers explained the landowners actually pay the full tax, and when the county pays the city its share, the city will refund the abatement amount to the property owner. The city would start collecting the "new" tax after the designated time period approved with an abatement lapses. The length of time discussed has been 5 years.

Zitzow said he didn't

foresee renting the commercial spaces out as a concern, but the apartment rentals had him "holding his breath."

To give Zitzow and his business partners a little breathing room, the council approved abating \$45,000 or 5 years of tax abatement. The same as the EDA/HRA recommended.

The building owners may also seek a variance to negate the parking requirements in the city ordinance. If a variance is applied for the council would need to have a public hearing before deciding.



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stacked along Hickory Avenue. The loading zone will be in the current parking area, where staff parking will still be utilized.

The ECFE wing will have its own parking spots and pick-up and drop off area.

Another piece of the project will include removing the current track and football field complex and constructing a new one, near where the current one is located. The bond also includes improved ventilation systems at the high school and learning spaces at the elementary.

The project bids were collected last week, and the board was told they received four bond bids with Baird of Milwaukee, Wisc. providing the lowest bid with a "sub 1 percent interest rate."

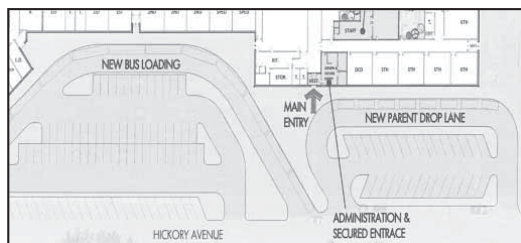
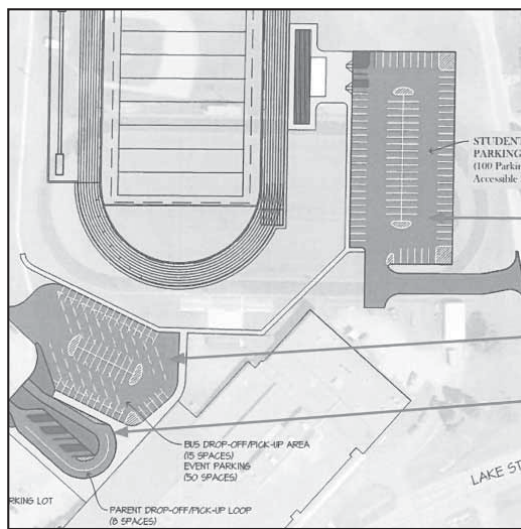
The board was told that equates to \$165,000 less overall in the point of principal of the cost of the bond over its life.

### Board member resigns

Matt Bauer resigned from his position as board member. He would've concluded his third term on the board this November, bringing about 11 years of service.

"When I started I had a full head of hair," he joked.

Fellow board member Thaddeus Helmers recalled when he joined the board he looked to Bauer for mentorship, and appreciated the experience he brought to the table as well, as how transparent Bauer was when it came to making decisions that were best for students and the school.



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The board approved bond will reconstruct the parking lot at the elementary (as shown above), as well as add a parking lot at the high school (below).

"We will miss you a lot and hope you find what you're chasing," Helmers said.

"I'll let you know when the championship comes," Bauer replied.

Bauer resigned from the board and as head softball coaching of the Hornet varsity team as he accepted a head coach position with a college in Missouri. He

was gifted the task of building the program from the ground up for Moberly Area Community College, a Division II school.

Bauer said the transition has been tough, as working beside many talented leaders in the district has been a "labor of love."

"I've been very blessed," he said.



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A check was presented to Hospice from organizers of Ole's Ride. Pictured are (from left) Erin Hagen (HRRV), Jessica Sonnenberg, Krissy Barten and Lisa Lofgren (HRRV).

## 12th annual Ole's Ride raises \$25,200 for HRRV

Ole's Ride was held Aug. 21, and raised \$25,200 to benefit Hospice of the Red River Valley. In 11 years, Ole's Ride has raised \$177,725 to help provide hospice care to patients and families in Vergas and the surrounding area.

The event is held in memory of Richard "Ole" Barten, who lost his battle to cancer in February 2011. Hospice of the Red River Valley cared for Ole during his last months, and the family holds this event to give back to an organization that cares for so many families in the area.

"We are so very grateful to our community and all

the generous people who participate, donate and volunteer," Kris Barten, Ole's wife and event organizer, said. "Without every person involved and the generosity of the Vergas community, this event would not be possible."

The event started on Friday night with a bike show where riders pre-registered. The ride kicked off from Billy's Corner Bar and Grill in Vergas and concluded with a silent auction and music by Matt Aakre and Dirty Little Secret. Prior to the start of the ride, Ole's brother, Tom Barten, sang the national anthem. There were 146 registered bikes,

and more than 260 people who participated, including registered motorcyclists, riders, road guards and volunteers, in the 140-mile ride through Minnesota lakes country.

"It's touching to see so many individuals and businesses come together to honor Ole's memory, and support Hospice of the Red River Valley. We are grateful to everyone who helped make the 12th annual Ole's Ride a success," said Erin Hagen, development officer with Hospice of the Red River Valley.

For more information on Ole's story visit: <http://bit.ly/OlesRide>.

## HALL OF FAME

significant playing time for younger teammates. It paid off, as a year later, the younger group won the inaugural Heart O'Lakes Conference Championship. This 1956-57 team set lofty goals and attained them. Their efforts reflect great credit upon themselves, their school, and their community.

### Frank Hesby

Frank Hesby's second home was known to be Frazee High School. He and his wife, Linda, moved to Frazee in 1969. He was a teacher and assistant football coach at that time. In 1971, he became the head football coach and held that position until 1993 when he retired from coaching.

During his football coaching career, his teams earned four conference titles and he coached the 1990 football team to a section title giving them a berth in the state semifinals which was held in the Metrodome at that time. He coached numerous college athletes that went on to have great careers and become Hall of Famers themselves.

In 1993, Hesby became the athletic director at Frazee schools and held that position along with his teaching position until 2000, when he retired from Frazee High School. Hesby was a coach that really cared about his players as students, good citizens and athletes. He coached his players to be respectful off the field and truly wanted all of them to enjoy playing the game of football.

Hesby helped at all events, cheering on students in sports, music, drama, dance and was known to keep clock, referee and sweep the floors in preparation of any event. He was a cornerstone to Frazee athletics for more than 30 years and the current football press box is built in his honor.

### Jenny Bucholz

Graduating in 1991, Jenny Bucholz had participated in choir, FFA, cross country, track, and cheerleading.

She earned a total of nine conference titles competing in the 300 low meter hurdles, 100 low meter hurdles, high jump and long jump.

She earned five region titles in the high jump and 100 meter hurdles, while also earning runner-up honors in the 100 and 300 hundred hurdles over a span of several years. Notably during her high school career, she earned three state championship medals in the high jump where she currently holds the school record at 5'9".

Jenny moved on to college where she competed in track and field for North Dakota State College of Sciences. She was the National Outdoor High Jump Champion during the 1992 and 1993 seasons. She also earned runner-up honors at the Indoor High Jump Championships in 1993.

During her college career, she won first place in all but three outdoor meets over a span of two years. Bucholz graduated from college with a degree in liberal arts and was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame for NDSCS for competing in track and field. She has three children and currently runs HOL Nutrition in local communities.

### Mike Thompson

Mike Thompson graduated from Frazee High School in 1992, where he was a three-sport athlete, senior class officer and active in student council. Thompson lettered 10 times and earned six All-Conference awards in football (2), basketball (2) and baseball (2).

He excelled in football playing linebacker, place kicker, punter and averaging over 4 yards per carry as the full back. Mike was an instrumental player on the 10-3 state qualifying football team in 1990.

As a junior, Thompson led the Hornets basketball team in scoring averaging 15.8 points per game and led the HOL Conference in rebounds with 224. This was a remarkable achievement

given that he was the shortest player elected to the All-Conference team.

As a senior, Thompson was elected Most Valuable Player (MVP) in the HOL Conference. Thompson averaged 17.8 points per game and set a school record for making 18 free throws in a row during his senior basketball season. Thompson also helped his team set the school's best basketball season record of 19-3 during the 1991-1992 season. Thompson ended his basketball career as the third top scorer, second in rebounding, third in steals and fifth in assists.

Thompson had a batting average of .414 his junior year, led the Hornets in home runs, and helped his team get to 1991 state tournament. During his senior year, Thompson had a batting average of .417 and was named to the All Star Park Region Team, All Section 8A baseball team, and All Tournament team. Thompson also received the Bobby Kertscher Outstanding

Christian Athlete Award.

He graduated from Bemidji State in 1997 with a degree in criminal justice.

### Wade Christianson

Having been an active member of the Frazee High School Class of 1980, Wade Christianson was a four-sport athlete earning 10 letters while competing in football, wrestling, track and baseball. Outside of sports, Christianson was involved in student council, choir, school plays, Young Life, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Sacred Heart Catholic Church's youth group.

Christianson was inducted into the National Honor Society his senior year. Some of his biggest accomplishments came in wrestling. He had a record of 104 wins, 20 losses and 4 ties, and in 1980, he was the second athlete in Frazee history to win an individual state championship.

Christianson went on to wrestle for Concordia College Moorhead, where he

was elected captain his senior year.

His biggest battle in life did not come on the wrestling mat. In 1991, Christianson was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and had a Peripheral Stem Cell Transplant. He attributes his faith in God, his positive mental attitude and his competitive spirit in winning his fight against cancer. Christianson has

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been in remission for 28 years.

Christianson is married to his wife, Salli, and they live in Duluth, Minn. where he works for GPM Inc. as their vice president of eliminator sales. Christianson has worked for GPM since 1986. They have two sons, Andrew (Catherine) and Adam (Kaylee), and they have been blessed with four grandchildren.

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## Summer fun in Otter Tail County

So it seems summer must come to an end, but she's not going out the door quietly. Activities abound to the extent that each weekend, you have to choose from many places to go which one to attend. Fairs. Shows. Dances. Fishing. Celebrations. Finn Fest. Demo derbies. So many choices. Some date confusion. Screwed up times and still haven't seen Larry and Eric play.

Polka Daze in Ottortail City won Friday night, and even though it has been going on for a day and a half already, we managed to get in a couple of hours of polkas, two-steps, and waltzes. We joined a large group of people inside a large "circus" tent, half of which was dance floor, and half of which was chairs, to which one moved when exhaustion threatened.

And threaten it did. We realized quite quickly that this older crowd with their campers and fifth-wheels evidently followed these bands across the state; and did it enough that they were in good enough physical condition to never miss a dance. Dancing the polka is fun, but when it comes to out and out aerobic exercise, a full-bore polka is it. As you watch the dancers, some of them have learned how to "fake" it. Their steps are minute; their feet never leave the floor; they could do this all night long.

And then there is the other end of the polka spectrum. Their feet are barely on the floor. They apparently have rock solid inner ears, and no dizziness ever. Spin me around like that, and you better have a bucket handy.

Being there with these hard-core event followers seemed at first like being instantly transported to a foreign country. They all knew when to wave their cowboy hats in the air and shout song lines; when to respond



**The Prairie Spy**  
Alan "Lindy" Linda

to the singer's questions; when to holler yahoo at their lung's limits. Fun.

The weekend before this was the Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion in Rollag, which is west of everything, from us here, almost to the flat wheat lands of North Dakota. Arriving at this event? Automobiles lined up for entrance as far as the eye could see, down the highway in both directions.

And the parking. I doubt that there were less than 5,000 cars parked, up hill, down hill, in valleys, row by row, almost endless. The event? Sure. But I took pictures of the rolling hills of Rollag to send. To heck with hundreds of acres of steam machines. Well, not really.

Because, really, how great is it to walk downwind of hundreds of coal and wood fired steam machines belching great clouds of fine smelling smoke?

And then there is the decision making involved at Rollag. Take a few years off me, and I would have just wandered from ice cream stand to ice cream stand, past the souvenir stands, past the train loading depot, through the railroad roundhouse, the blacksmith shop, the flour grinding mill, the Pabst engine—which is at the top of my list—past the water wheel, the engine shed, the millwork shop, the Osgood steam shovel.

And summer isn't over. There's still the fair at Wadena.

If summer lasted forever, we'd perish of exhaustion.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Maybe God already tried to save you several times

To the Editor,

In the recent Fargo, N.D. protests against a COVID mask mandate (and/or vaccine mandate), a sign could be seen in the crowd of protesters which said: "Faith Not Fear." It immediately made me think of a modern-day parable I heard years ago. I have no idea to whom it should be credited, but I don't think they'll mind if I share it anyway. It went something like this:

One spring, after a winter of very heavy snowfall, a city near a river was in imminent danger of devastating flooding.

Newscasters and weather forecasters issued a warning for evacuation over every TV channel and radio station. Many people believed them and left their homes for higher ground.

But one man said, "I'm not leaving my house. I'm not afraid. I have faith that God will protect me from any flooding."

The next day, the flood waters were splashing up against the foundation of the man's house. A driver in a National Guard humvee stopped and said, "Get in. I'll take you to safety."

Again the man said, "I'm not leaving. I have faith, not fear. God will save me."

A few hours later, as the floodwaters continued to rise up to his windowsills, a guy in boat comes by and says, "Get in! I'll take you to safety!"

Now hanging out of his upstairs windows, the man hollers down, "Nope. God will save me from the flood."

Several hours later, the

floodwaters had forced the man to stand on his roof while the water lapped at his feet.

A helicopter spots the man, hovers over him, and the pilot yells down, "This is your last chance to get saved. I'll throw down a ladder rope. Grab hold!"

And, again, the man yells back, "God will save me. I have faith, not fear!"

The man ends up drowning, and when he gets to Heaven he asked God, "I had faith! I wasn't afraid! Why didn't you save me?"

God sadly shakes His head and said, "My dear child, I sent you news reports, a humvee, a boat and a helicopter to save you. What more did you want?"

(I added the "news reports" part. I'm pretty sure the original was written

quite a while before cell phones even existed. Nevertheless, the gist is the same.)

Do I believe that God can and still does offer us "supernatural" miracles? Of course, I do! I also believe that God most often just adds His "super" to human beings' "natural" to help carry out His plan for our welfare. I have faith, not fear, too. I have faith in God's ability to add His "super" to scientists' "natural." And, I'm very glad I got my vaccine before I heard the chopper blades above me.

God's Peace,  
Sherry Blaine  
Fraze

P.S. Feel free to Google "great spiritual leaders who contracted Covid"

# Fraze Police Blotter for Sept. 10-17

By Tyler Trieglaff  
Notes from the Chief

**Friday, Sept. 10**  
10:47 a.m. Assist with a medical.

7:43 p.m. Vehicle with a flat tire on Co. Hwy. 29. Assist with lights.

7:57 p.m. Assist with a vehicle that hit a deer on U.S. Hwy. 10. Vehicle was disabled, provided lights and waited for tow.

8:58 p.m. Assist motorists getting through town due to the bridge being out.

**Saturday, Sept. 11**  
1:20 p.m. Female claimed to be threatened by another female.

12:57 a.m. Assist with a medical on Co. Hwy. 29 that turned into a DWI. Becker County handled the DWI.

**Monday, Sept. 13**  
2:30 a.m. Neighbor reporting lights on in a next-door house. House was secure.

**Tuesday, Sept. 14**  
9:06 p.m. Assist with a medical.

**Wednesday, Sept. 15**  
4:08 p.m. Report of a tree on the fog line on Co. Hwy. 10. Highway department notified.

8:11 p.m. Report of a theft of a motorcycle.

7:04 p.m. Assist motorists getting through town due to the bridge being out.

**Thursday, Sept. 16**  
8:23 a.m. Report of someone under a tarp by S. River Road. Male was sleeping and riding his bike to St. Cloud. All OK.

11:55 a.m. Family dispute between mother and adult daughter. Daughter left prior to LE arriving.

4:51 pm Disturbance between mother and adult daughter. Advice given on how to handle the situation if it arises in the future.

**Friday, Sept. 17**  
8:13 a.m. Report of a male driving his kids to school and impaired. Deputy found male and determined he was under the legal limit Report to be sent to human services.

# Colorado dishes for breakfast and dinner

The state of Colorado may bring about picturesque landscape scenery of the Rocky Mountains, Colorado Plateau or even the plains tucked in the western edge of the state.

Colorado is the 21st most populous U.S. state. In 2020 the population saw almost a 15 percent increase from the 2010 census and recorded 5.8 million people as residents. Denver is the capital and most populous city in Colorado.

When Colorado joined the Union on August 1, 1876, the state's population was about 195,327. U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant signed the proclamation that admitted Colorado as the 38th state.

The state's name, Colorado, is the Spanish adjective that is the color of red sandstone. It's nickname is the



**Now We're Cookin'**  
Barbie Porter

Centennial State, a name it earned by getting statehood one century after the Declaration of Independence was signed.

When visiting a Coloradoan's home, one might be served an eggs Benedict with southwest sauce or Rocky Mountain oysters.

**Eggs Benedict with Southwest Sauce**  
The grocery list will in-

clude red potatoes, sweet red pepper, red onion, tomatoes, cilantro, olive oil, bacon, salt, pepper, butter, all-purpose flour, milk, Colby-Monterey Jack cheese, green chilies, white vinegar and eggs.

For a hearty breakfast for two (or light breakfast for four) take four medium-sized red potatoes and cube them. I fill a glass bowl with water, place the taters in there and microwave them until tender. Drain.

Cook four strips of bacon, with whatever method one prefers.

Grab a large skillet and add a drizzle of olive oil. Add a ½ cup of chopped sweet red pepper, ½ cup of chopped red onion and saute until tender. Add the taters, chopped strips of bacon and a dash of salt and

two dashes of pepper. Saute again until the potatoes are slightly brown.

Grab a saucepan and melt 2 teaspoons of butter, stir in 1 tablespoon of all-purpose flour and ¼ teaspoon of both pepper and salt. Stir until smooth.

Measure ¼ cup of milk (I prefer fat free) and add gradually. Bring to a boil and let it cook for about a minute or until it thickens.

Measure ¼ cup of Colby-Monterey Jack cheese and stir that in along with 1 tablespoon of chopped green chilies. Stir until the cheese is melted.

Then comes the eggs. The trick to providing the perfect Bene egg is placing about three inches of water in a skillet with high sides. Add 1 tablespoon of white vinegar and let it boil. Once

there is a nice roll, break a egg and let it fall into the water. I usually cook two at a time. With a slotted spoon the eggs can be pulled from the boiling water (usually after 4 minutes). So, as the water is doing its job, it is a good time to plate the potato mixture. When the egg whites are cooked, place the poached egg atop the taters, top with sauce and I like to add a little flair with chopped plum tomatoes and minced fresh cilantro.

**Rocky Mountain Oysters**

The grocery list for this recipe calls for calf testicles, beer, eggs, all-purpose flour, cornmeal, salt and pepper, olive oil and hot pepper sauce.

To prep, take about 4-pounds of calf testicles

and split the skin that surrounds each testicle. Remove the skin and slice with a thickness of about ½ inch.

Place in a large pan and cover with beer. Let sit for about two hours.

Grab a shallow bowl and crack two eggs and beat. Add 1 ½ cups of all-purpose flour, ¼ cups of cornmeal, a pinch of salt and pepper and mix together.

Remove testicles from beer and let drain. Dredge well in the flour mix.

Take a deep skillet (or fryer) and heat with oil to 375 degrees. As they fry they transform into Rocky Mountain Oysters. Fry until they rise to the surface and are golden brown.

When done, let set on a paper towel to allow grease to drain, then serve hot with hot pepper sauce.



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## Charleen Schermerhorn, 87

Charleen Jean Schermerhorn, age 87, loving mother and grandmother, passed away quietly, Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at Perham Living.

Charleen was born December 4, 1933 in Valley City, North Dakota, the daughter of Chris and Alma (Kopp) Rein. Charleen grew up in Frazee, she was confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and graduated from Frazee High School.

On August 31, 1952, Charleen married Don Schermerhorn at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Frazee. Together they raised three children. After several moves as a young couple, they returned to Frazee where they made their home on the acreage where she was raised.

Charleen worked for Becker County District Judge Sigwel Wood before embarking on a successful career in real-estate. She worked as a realtor for ERA Northland and Action Real-estate Companies for 23 years. Charleen enjoyed playing bridge with her friends, walking, playing golf and watching birds in the many bird feeders around her quiet, peaceful home place. She volunteered countless hours at the Frazee Care Center and to her church. She was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, serving in many capacities and singing in the choir.

Charleen and Don loved to travel, spend time in Mexico over the winter, hiking in Montana and walking at the PACC. She had a wonderful group of friends: those since 1st grade who traveled together and chatted often, her many lifelong friends from Frazee, her church friends, and her sister Patt. Char-



leen loved to laugh and was known to tell a good joke, enjoyed her pets, and especially loved spending time with her grandchildren. Her positive, generous, grateful personality was an inspiration to many.

She is survived by her children: JoDee (Ken) Yachechak of Kalispell, MT, Christy (Ross) Mickelson of Frazee, and Scot Schermerhorn of Columbia Falls, MT; 4 grandchildren: Holly (Mike) Hagen of Moorhead, MN, Heath (Rachel) Mickelson of Madison, WI, Jessica Schermerhorn of Jackson Hole, WY and Zachary Schermerhorn of Whitefish, MT; 4 great grandchildren: Keilah, Brekken, Taylor and Lauren; sister Patt (Don) Wagner of Dellwood, MN; along with several nieces and nephews.

Charleen was preceded in death by her parents: Chris and Alma Rein; husband, Don Schermerhorn in 2017; sisters: Joyce Stroud and Donna Marcy; son-in-law, John Jasiukiewicz.

Funeral service will be 11:00 AM, Friday, September 17, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Frazee. Visitation will begin at 9:30 AM at the church.

Arrangements with Furey Funeral Home of Frazee. www.FureyFH.com

## Mary Rosenberg, 71

Mary Rosenberg, age 71, of Perham, formerly of Frazee, passed away Sunday, September 12, 2021 at Sanford Health - Broadway in Fargo.

Mary Jane Rosenberg was born January 20, 1950 in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, the daughter of George and Alvina (Christenson) Sahlberg. She grew up in the Detroit Lakes area, attending country school and Detroit Lakes High School. On October 18, 1968, Mary was united in marriage to Kenneth Riebe. To this union three children were born. They made their home in the Frazee area, and Mary worked at Swifts and the Frazee Liquor Store.

Mary and Kenneth were divorced, and she married Orlyn Rosenberg in 2002. They lived in Iowa and Mary worked at HyVee Grocery Store until her retirement. She moved back to Frazee to be near her family. Mary enjoyed gardening, sewing, and fishing. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Frances (Jon Flatland) Riebe, Carolyn (John) Andrews, James (Tammy Kingbird) Riebe; grandchildren: Samantha and Anthony Flatland, Aleshaia Heltenes, Mi-



chael Strehlow, Tiffany Strehlow, Shyanne Riebe, James Riebe Jr., Darryl Riebe; great grandchildren: Lilli-Anna, Audrey, Hailey, Jackson Maggie, sisters: Robin (Todd) Thielges, Diana (Carl) Schleintz, Carol (Gordy) Person.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents: George and Alvina Sahlberg; husbands: Kenneth Riebe and Orlyn Rosenberg; sister: Joann Anderson.

Memorial service will be 2:00 PM, Friday, September 17, at the Furey Funeral Home in Frazee. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Arrangements with Furey Funeral Home of Frazee. www.FureyFH.com

## Eldor Huwe, 94

Funeral services will be held for Eldor Huwe age 94, of Detroit Lakes (Formerly of Wolf Lake), MN on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Corliss, rural Perham, MN.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 19, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., with a prayer service at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Lu-

theran Church in Corliss. Visitation will resume one hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

Please visit www.karvonfuneralhome.com to send Eldor's family a message of comfort and support.

Arrangements are provided by Karvonen Funeral and Cremation Service.

## Stanley Lehmann, 65

Stanley Lehmann age 65 of Frazee passed away Sunday September 19th at Sanford Hospital- Broadway in Fargo.

Visitation will be Monday September 27th from

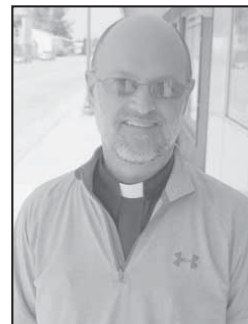
3 to 6:00 PM with a time of sharing with the family at 6:00 PM at the David-Donehower Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes.

Arranges are with Furey Funeral Home of Frazee.

## Speck on the shirt sparks a thought

By Father David Baumgartner

Frazee Sacred Heart Catholic Church



Father Baumgartner

There was a white dot on the cuff of my black shirt. Is it paint? Is it paper dust from the ream I just put into the printer drawer? I blew on it and it did not move. I scraped it with my nail and it did not move. So I stared at it like a scientist preparing to delve into the mysteries of the universe.

What if my black shirt is the world and the white dot is Jesus Christ? Then I am glad that my efforts to remove it were unsuccessful. Then, with full faith, I want to stand out in the world like that. Then, with our eyes fixed on Jesus, we can turn my black shirt white.

What if the black shirt is my soul, and the white dot is the grace of baptism waiting to be actualized? Then I had better dive into the pool of living water, repent and be washed clean. What if the white dot is

me in the midst of people desperate for help? Then I had better get out of this chair and help them. Finding food and shelter is easy compared to the long journey of healing from trauma or depression or a heart broken so completely that trust is not possible.

What if the white dot is a sign that the cuff is about to fray? Then I had better get a new shirt and relegate this one to painting.

## Trieglaff sinks a hole in one



Contributed photo

Janice Trieglaff went to golf at Frazee Golf Course on Sept. 10 and sunk a hole in one! She collected the hole in one on hole number six, which is a par 3.

# Church Directory

### Bethlehem Lutheran, Frazee

210 Maple Ave East, Frazee  
Pastor Edwin Borchardt  
218-334-2866

Wednesday: 7 p.m. Worship  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship, Worship is live on 104.1 WAVE Radio Station, 10:15 a.m. Enduring Faith Hour, 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

### Frazee United Methodist Church

202 2nd St, Frazee  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship

### Gethsemane Lutheran Church

46914 St Hwy 34, Osage  
Pastor Bill Knaack  
218-252-0199

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship

### Harvest Church

806 Frazee Rd, Frazee  
Pastor Ryan Stockstrom  
218-334-3101

www.Harvestfrazee.org  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship

### Immanuel Lutheran

43526 School House Rd, Osage  
Pastor Bill Meyer  
218-847-8216

Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship, Masks required  
Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

### Lakes Area Word Fellowship

151 S 1st Ave., Vergas  
218-847-8216  
Pastor Larry Vosika 218-847-8499  
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Worship  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship

### Lake Region Mennonite

35502 State Hwy 34, Detroit Lakes  
Pastor Jesse Swiers  
218-375-2803

www.LRMCDL.net  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship

### Sacred Heart Catholic Church Frazee

202 West Maple Ave, Frazee  
Msgr. David Baumgartner  
218-334-4221

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mass @ Frazee Care Center  
Thursday: 9 a.m. Mass  
Friday: 9 a.m. Mass  
Saturday: 9 a.m. Mass, 5:30 p.m. Mass  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Mass

### Spruce Grove Apostolic Lutheran

15275 Co Hwy 45, Menahga  
Rev. Dennis Hannu  
218-538-6540  
Wednesday: 8 p.m. Family Bible Study  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship

### St. Paul's Lutheran, Loon Lake

31385 Co Hwy 4, Vergas  
Pastor Del Stohs  
218-342-2379  
Sunday: 8 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, fellowship following each service

### St. Paul's Lutheran, Evergreen

13084 Co Hwy 39, Frazee  
Rev. Thomas Batchelder  
218-334-8125  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship

### St. John's Lutheran

Height of Land  
37425 Hwy 56, Frazee  
Pastor Bill Knaack  
218-847-5064, Cell 218-252-0199  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Monday: 7 p.m. Bible Study

### St. John's Lutheran, Vergas

410 East Scharf Ave (LCMS), Vergas  
Re. Jacob Wagner  
218-342-2791  
stjohnvergas@arvig.net  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Service, on-site (live Sunday) (distancing and masks), Facebook stream (live Sunday), TV on ACS channel 14 (Tuesday 4:30 p.m.)  
Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays during 9 a.m. on-site service and after service at lower level door from 10-11 a.m.

### Vergas United Methodist Church

200 West Main St, Vergas  
Pastor Amy Strom  
218-334-6901  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES August 9, 2021 BOARD OF EDUCATION FRAZEE-VERGAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ISO #23

The Regular Meeting of the School Board of Frazee-Vergas Independent School District #23 was called to order by Chair Thaddeus Helmers, on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., in the High School Media Center. Members in attendance: Tyler Trieglaff, Daneele Shipman, Nathan Matejka, Thaddeus Helmers, Kimberly Antonsen, and Michael Frank. Matt Bauer was absent.

Administrators present: Superintendent Terry Karger and Executive Assistant Stacey Foss.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### Adoption of the Agenda

Antonsen made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Matejka seconded. Motion carried.

#### Communication Reports

- Administrative Reports
- Superintendent Report
- Elementary Kitchen Ventilation Project - work in progress.
- Elementary final punch list walkthrough to be conducted on August 19.

- School / City Land Parcel Project - they hope to have something for us soon.

- Superintendent Karger and Board Chair Helmers had a meet and greet session with the new city manager Jardin Roberts and Mayor Ken Miosek

Board Member Reports

- SB/MSEA Negotiations Meeting Update - Matejka and Antonsen reported that negotiations are still ongoing

- Budget and Facilities Committee - Matejka shared the highlights of the meeting

- Curriculum and Policy Committee - Frank reported that it is a work in progress

- Project Oversight Committee (POC) - Matejka's update: all the sub committees have met and are making good progress

#### Consent Agenda

Motion by Matejka to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Antonsen. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda included the following items:

- Adoption of Minutes from the July 12, 2021, Regular Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Check Summary

- Approved the Resignation of an Elementary Teacher, Kari Barlund, effective immediately

- Approved the Resignation of the Assistant Varsity Football Coach, John Barlund, effective immediately

- Approved Hiring a Head Volleyball Coach, Molly Fairbanks, Step 1 @ 13.5%, \$5,776 per the FEA Master Agreement, Extra Curricular Schedule

- Approved the Resignation of the Assistant Volleyball Coach, Molly Fairbanks, effective immediately

- Approved Hiring an Assistant Volleyball Coach, Kaitlyn Hoekstra, Step 4 @ 10.5%, \$5,219 per the FEA Master Agreement, Extra Curricular Schedule

- Approved Hiring an Elementary Teacher, Trey Heinsius, BA, Step 1 at \$41,404 (per the 2019-2021 FEA Master Agreement)

- Approved Hiring an Elementary Teacher, Miranda Tubridy, BA30, Step 3 at \$47,205 (per the 2019-2021 FEA Master Agreement)

- Approved Hiring a Social Studies Teacher, Erica Ratz, BA, Step 1 at \$41,404 (per the 2019-2021 FEA Master Agreement)

- Approved Hiring a High School Administrative Assistant I, Heidi Moen, Step 4 at \$16,40/hour (per the 2019-2021 MSEA Master Agreement)

- Approved Hiring an Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Trey Heinsius, Step O @ 10.5%,

\$4,347 per the FEA Master Agreement, Extra Curricular Schedule.

- Approved Hiring a High School Media Center Aide, Michelle Sharp, Step 1, \$14.65/hour per the MSEA 2020-2021 salary schedule.

- Approved the Request for an Extended Leave of Absence from John Barlund, High School Physical Education Teacher

- Approved the Lane Change Requests from Rachel Safar MA to MA15; Julie Wake MA30 to MA45; Melanie Walberg MA15 to MA30

- Approved the Lease Agreement with Harvest Fellowship Church from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for \$305/month

- Approved the Rental Agreement with the City of Frazee for Lake Agassiz Regional Library from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 for \$275/month

- Approved the Reimbursement/ Compensation Schedule for 2021-2022

- Approved the Fee Schedule for 2021-2022

- Approved Awarding the 2021-2022 Dairy Bid to Cass Clay Creamery

- Approved the Executive Summary of Written Plans 2021-2022

- Approved the 2021-2022 Frazee Hornets Employee Handbook

- Approved the 2021-2022 Frazee-Vergas Hornets ParenUS Student Handbook - HS

- Approved the 2021-2022 Frazee-Vergas Hornets ParenUS Student Handbook - EL

- Approved the Activities Handbook and Coaches Handbook

- Approved the Letter of Engagement as Bond Counsel with Dorsey & Whitney LLP

- Approved the School District Enrollment Options Program Applications

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Bell Bank has donated \$30 for Custom Debit Cards for Frazee-Vergas Schools

Motion by Frank to accept the donations, seconded by Trieglaff, motion carried.

#### Business Items - Action Required

- Approved Hiring a Head Dance Coach, Isabella Matejka, Step 1 @ 13.5%, \$5,776 per the FEA Master Agreement, Extra Curricular Schedule

Motion by Antonsen, seconded by Trieglaff, roll call vote: 5 voted in favor, 0 voted against, Matejka abstained, motion carried.

- Approved the 2021-2022 School Opening Plan

Frank made the motion, seconded by Shipman, motion carried.

- Approved the Recommendation from the Budget and Facilities Committee to Sell Parcel 72 to the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for \$41,000

Motion by Matejka to approve, seconded by Trieglaff, motion carried.

- Approved the Recommendation from the Budget and Facilities Committee to Sell a Partial Parcel 70 to the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation for \$2,100

Trieglaff made the motion to approve, seconded by Shipman, motion carried.

#### Meeting & Workshop Schedule

- Welcome Back Meeting for All Staff on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the Frazee Event Center

- First Day of School, Tuesday, September 7, 2021

- Regular Meeting of the School Board on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., High School Media Center

#### Adjournment

Antonsen made the motion to adjourn, Matejka seconded, meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. Clerk: Daneele Shipman

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF BECKER  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE DIVISION

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Court File No. 03-PR-21-1769  
In Re: Estate of  
RALPH W. OLSEN,  
Deceased.

ORDER AND NOTICE OF  
HEARING ON PETITION FOR  
PROBATE  
OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT  
OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice by publication is hereby given that on October 19, 2021, at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the above named decedent dated August 21, 2018, and for the appointment of Shawn P. Kologi whose address is 28279 Yellowhead Trail, Rochert, MN 56578 as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration. That, if proper, and no

objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.  
Dated: September 14, 2021

Referee Susan Solheim  
Judge of the District Court  
SHELLY JEFFERS, Court Administrator

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# Mystery photo



Above: This week's mystery photo features a father and son! Can you identify them? Do you have any fun or enjoyable stories to share about them? Call 334-3566 or email [design@nymdispatch.com](mailto:design@nymdispatch.com).

Inset: Last week's mystery photo was a stumper. hint: his first name is Jeff and was taken from the Frazee Vergas Forum published in 1984.

# A glimpse from the past

## 5 years ago September 22, 2016 Frazee-Vergas Forum

The Vergas Event Center Committee is considering purchasing an electronic sign for the facility, and it received the thumbs up from the Vergas City Council to begin searching for sponsors. An estimate for the 10-by-4 foot sign from J&K Signs was for \$18,800. Six sponsorship panels that measure 1 1/2 by 2 feet in size will be offered for \$2,000 for five years.

A decorative bench was donated to the city of Frazee by the family of Bruce Tjaden. Ruth Ann Harguth and Barbara Stave cared for their brother during his last days on his 12-acre farm, they and their siblings wanted to show appreciation to his friends who got him through the

tough times as he battled cancer so they got help from Jeremy Hall who creates designer benches. The bench features a horse and wagon ride on one side and the other side shows a soaring eagle and deer. The city has yet to decide where the bench will be placed.

## 25 years ago September 19, 1996 Frazee Forum

Eagle Lake Resort has changed hands. After many years of ownership by Joe Riewer, Elkhorn Outfitters Inc. of Craig, Colo., has finalized the purchase of the resort. The resort will be managed by Ron and Pat Dodds, formerly of Garrison, N.D. They are the parents of Dick (Cheryl) Dodds, founders of Elkhorn Outfitters. The Dodds will make their home at Eagle

Lake Resort. They have returned to Minnesota after spending the last 17 years in North Dakota.

Frazee is vying for a new Marvin Windows & Doors facility. Marvin Windows of Warroad announced in early September that it planned to build another facility. Minnesota is one perspective location. The Frazee EDA sent out a promotional packet Tuesday to Marvin Windows.

## 50 years ago September 23, 1971 Frazee Forum

The new Swift & Co. Frazee Plant began operation here on Friday, Sept. 17, with some 1500 turkeys processed that day in the initial trial afternoon run. The new 160 by 300 foot turkey processing plant was originally scheduled

to open Sept. 7, but delays in construction caused the plant to open ten days later. The plant will operate through December this year and from July through December next year, and the volume is expected to increase each year after. The Swift Plant in Frazee is termed one of the most modern and efficient in the nation.

Blacktopping of some 18 blocks of streets in Frazee is nearing completion as a combined project of the Village and Becker County Highway Department.

The Lynn Theatre in Frazee will open for the fall and winter season on October 1. The first attraction playing will be "Patton" followed the next week with "Which Way to the Front" starring Jerry Lewis.

# New dinning option comes to Frazee this Wednesday

## Eating out can help send a veteran to D.C.

By Barbie Porter  
Editor

There is a new opportunity to enjoy a meal on the town in Frazee. On Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 4-7 p.m. Fork On the Road is serving up a variety of unique dishes at United Community Bank that will help pay the way for veterans to take the annual Honor Flight.

The Honor Flight transports and pays all expenses for military veterans to see memorials in Washington, DC.

The food trucks were invited to the banks in Frazee and Perham, and agreed to donate 10 percent of earnings at the event to the Honor Flight fundraiser. The bank has also agreed to match all of the funds that are raised.

Next week is the final week of the fundraising

effort. In addition to the Frazee event on Wednesdays from 4-7 p.m., Perham hosts its fundraiser on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Both events are held at the UCB locations. In Frazee UCB is located at 122 Main Avenue, whereas in Perham, the community-minded bank is located at 301 W. Main Street.

Trevor Semann, UCB marketing coordinator, recalled prior to last year the bank held a Joes for GIs fundraiser for the Honor Flight. When COVID-19 closed indoor banking in 2020, the bank looked for other avenues of fundraising and invited food trucks to town in Perham, while Frazee hosted a to-go meatball dinner.

The food truck option was appealing to Frazee's organizers, Semann said. With limited evening eating options, the bank thought



Photo by Barbie Porter

The United Community Bank has hosted a food truck in Frazee on Wednesday evenings and in Perham on Friday afternoons. The trucks donate 10 percent of the proceeds to Honor Flight, and the bank matches the donation. The truck will be in Frazee from 4-6 p.m. and in Perham from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Wednesday.

a food truck would provide a fun time for residents to enjoy a meal out and about and strengthen community ties.

"Community is our middle name", Semann

said. All funds raised for Honor Flight are gifted to the non-profit organization, which has sent several residents from the communities of Frazee and Vergas.



# Hornets fall to Cowboys 6-0 in overtime battle

## Frazee to take on Crookston on Friday night

By Chad Koenen  
Publisher

Frazee came just one or two plays short of knocking off Breckenridge on Friday night. The Hornets hosted the Cowboys in Frazee's home opener, which featured its new scoreboard, and ultimately fell to Breckenridge by a score of 6-0 in overtime.

After both teams played to a 0-0 tie at the end of regulation, the Cowboys went on offense first and was able to punch it into the end zone for the first score of the game. The Hornets were unable to match that score on their possession and ultimately fell by a score of 6-0.

"I'd love to be in those kind of games every week. They are a nail biter, but at least we are competing," said head coach Russ Hackel.

While the Hornets were

able to move the ball on the ground throughout the game, they had several drives stall deep in Breckenridge territory. Hackel said the Hornets were just a few feet one way or another from breaking a gain that could have resulted in a score, but was pleased by the way the team overcame injuries and played with a tough Breckenridge team.

He especially credited the play of the defense as they were able to keep Breckenridge off the scoreboard despite the Cowboys taking over several drives deep in Frazee territory. The defense held and was able to get the Cowboys to turn the ball over on downs.

"Our defense played a great game," said Hackel. "We had a few young kids that got to play because of injuries. They did a nice job and played well."

Hackel especially credited

the play of Preston Mayfield, Roy Hoehne and Logan Brekke who stepped up and contributed to the close game.

As the team gets ready for this week's contest against Crookston, Hackel said the Hornets have several tough games coming up. He said Crookston is quite similar to the Hornets on offense and it should be a good game.

"It will be a good game for us to go up there and see what we can do against them and hopefully come out of there with a win," he said.

Crookston comes into the game with a record of 0-3 overall as they have lost to Osakis by a score of 27-0, Barnesville 58-0 and Hawley by a score of 41-19. They come into the game averaging 6.3 points per game on offense, while giving up 42 points per game on defense.

Frazee on the other hand is averaging 14.3 points per game on offense, while giving up 22 points per game on defense.



Photos by Chad Koenen  
Above: George Flynn tackles a Breckenridge ball carrier during Friday's game against the Cowboys.



Above left: Mark Jaroszewski tackles a Breckenridge player during Friday's game against the Cowboys. Above right: Preston Mayfield and Gage Post converge on a tackle during last week's game against Breckenridge.



# Johannsen finishes in fourth place at LPGE meet

## Riewer leads the girls team to eighth place finish

By Chad Koenen  
Publisher

Nathan Johannsen continued his strong senior season on the course as he finished in fourth place overall

at the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle cross country meet last Monday afternoon.

There were 176 competitors on the boys side with Johannsen finishing with

a time of 17:37.40. Eighth grader Jonah Sharp was the next Hornet to cross the finish line in 62nd place with a time of 21:01, while Keeping Jayden finished in 69th place with a time of 21:23.20. Cael Pausch finished in 70th place with a time of 21:27.50, Brady Borah finished in 135th place with a time of 24:03.60 and Daniel

Winn was the final Hornet to cross the finish line with a time of 31:33.60.

As a team the Hornets finished in 11th place with 278 points. West Central Area won the meet with 36 points. There were 14 teams that finished with a complete team.

Braylee Riewer led the charge for the girls team as

the senior finished in 16th place overall with a time of 23:10.20. Bailey Larsen was right on her tail as the junior took 35th place with a time of 24:29.60. Alexis Mack took 58th place with a time of 26:47, Claire Pausch took 61st place with a time of 27:30.10 and MacKenzie Wake finished in 81st place with a time of 31:48.10.

The girls team took eighth place out of 10 teams and finished with a score of 198 points. West Central Area won the meet with 54 points and the Hornets finished in front of Wheaton High School and host Long Prairie-Grey Eagle.

This week the Hornets will travel to Bagley for a meet on Tuesday.

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**Tuesday, Sept. 21**

Cross country at Bagley 4 p.m.  
Swimming at Moorhead 5 p.m.  
Volleyball at B-H 5 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 23**

JH football at OTC 4:30 p.m.  
Volleyball at Barnesville 6 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 24**

Football at Crookston

**Saturday, Sept. 25**

Swimming at Fergus Falls 11 a.m.

**Monday, Sept. 27**

JV Football vs. OTC 5 p.m.  
C-squad volleyball vs. multiple teams 5 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 28**

JH football vs. WDC 4:30 p.m.  
Volleyball vs. Breckenridge 5 p.m.  
Swimming at Detroit Lakes 5 p.m.



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## Hornets drop a pair to Ada-Borup, DGF

*Frazee to return home Sept. 28 against Breckenridge*

By Chad Koenen  
Publisher

The Frazee Hornets dropped a pair of games last week to Ada-Borup West and Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton. Both games were by the scores of 3-0.

The two losses dropped the Hornets to 2-5 overall and 0-1 in the Heart O' Lakes Conference.

This week the Hornets will host Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal on Monday, before hitting the road to take on Bertha-Hewitt in non-conference action on Tuesday and Barnesville in HOL action on Thursday.

The Hornets will return home on Sept. 28 when they host Breckenridge.

### Monday

Frazee fell to perennial powerhouse Ada-Borup West last Monday night by a score of 3-0. The Hornets dropped the first game by a score of 25-12 and the second game by a score of 25-10. They were able to fight back a bit in the third game as they dropped the third and final game by a score of just 25-15.

The Hornets were led offensively by Elsie Ratz who finished with 5 kills. Riyan Eckert and Tiffany Lawrence each chipped in with 3 kills.

Annika Reiersen was kept busy throughout the night as she finished with 18 digs.

### Thursday

The Hornets opened HOL action on Thursday night as they made the trek west to DGF.

Head coach Molly Fairbanks said it was an exciting night of volleyball. She said the Hornets played well



Above: Kiley Karger returns a serve during a recent game in Frazee. Below right: Tiffany Lawrence returns a shot to her teammates during a recent game in Frazee. The Hornets are 2-5 on the season and will return home next week against Breckenridge. Below left: Annika Reiersen has remained busy on the defensive end of the court for the Hornets so far this season.

and really battled against a tough DGF Rebel team.

In the first game the Hornets pushed the Rebels to the limits as Frazee fell by a score of 26-24. It was back and forth in the second game as well as the Hornets fell by a score of just 25-22, before dropping the third game by a score of 25-18.

Serving was one of the keys to success on Thursday night as Hailey Selly finished with 4 aces and Reiersen finished with 3. Selly also led the team in kills with 7 and Eckert finished with 4. Reiersen did her part in keeping the Rebels off the scoreboard as she finished with a team high 14 digs.



## DNR proposing minor angling regulation changes

Fisheries staff with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will hold a meeting to gather public input on minor regulation changes proposed for Mink-Somers, Sugar and Crawford lakes in Wright County.

The meeting will take place 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at the Corinna Township Hall, 9801 Ireland Ave. NW, Annandale.

The proposal for Mink-Somers (sunfish and crappie) and Sugar (crappie) lakes would replace the current reduced possession limit for sunfish with a reduced daily limit, which will allow an angler to take a daily limit from

these lakes multiple days in a row until reaching the statewide possession limit (20 sunfish, 10 crappie). The change will create consistency with the newly implemented Quality Sunfish Initiative regulations and is not expected to have additional biological impacts.

On Crawford Lake, the proposal would eliminate special regulations that in 1998 set stricter possession limits for sunfish, crappie, walleye and yellow perch. The goal of the changes is to simplify regulations on the lake by adopting the more generous statewide limits. The proposal also would replace the special catch-

and-release regulation for largemouth bass caught on Crawford with a protected slot of 14 to 20 inches, with one largemouth over 20 inches allowed in a possession limit of six.

As an alternative to attending the public meeting, comments can be submitted by calling the DNR fisheries office at 320-223-7867, by emailing joe.stewig@state.mn.us (link sends email) or by sending written comments to DNR Fisheries, 1035 South Benton Drive, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379. Comments will be accepted through Oct. 31. Meeting information is also available on the DNR website.

## Wildfire-related burning restrictions are lifted

Recent rain and a return of near-normal temperatures and higher evening humidity have greatly reduced the chance of wildfires or open burning causing a wildfire in Cook and Lake counties. In response, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is removing burning restrictions in those counties, effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. Cook and Lake counties are the last two Minnesota counties under DNR-mandated burning restrictions.

These changes reflect reduced wildfire risk in these counties and across the state. However, fall is traditionally a dry time in Minnesota; fires can start easily in dry grass and leaves. Minnesotans are encour-

aged to stay alert and keep current with the statewide fire conditions and burning restrictions.

Forrest Boe, Director of DNR's Forestry Division, praised Minnesotans and wildfire response agencies saying, "Minnesotans' efforts in following burning restrictions, combined with firefighters' rapid and sustained suppression response, has helped Minnesota through this unprecedented wildfire season with limited property losses and no injuries. Thank you, and let's keep it up through the fall."

The DNR will continue to monitor conditions and will reinstate county-specific burning restrictions if necessary. Of upmost importance is protecting

the health and safety of the public and firefighters.

This lifting of the last remaining state burning restrictions aligns with recent changes made by the U.S. Forest Service for the Chippewa National Forest and Superior National Forest, including the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, as well as actions taken by tribal governments.

An Area of Closure around the Greenwood Fire remains in place and is not affected by the decision to lift burning restrictions. Under current fire operations, the incident management team for the Greenwood Fire needs to be aware of all personnel entering the area to ensure firefighter and public safety.



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IN DISTRICT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
524.3-502#10, 524.3-801#8  
Court File No. 03-PR-21-1715

In Re: Estate of JEFFERY L. JASPERSON, Deceased.  
ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:  
Notice by publication is hereby given that on October 13, 2021, at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship and for the appointment of MELISSA M. JASPERSON, whose address is 14869 Ridge Dr., Detroit Lakes, MN 56501, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative

will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: September 3, 2021  
Susan Solheim  
Judge of the District Court  
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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF BECKER  
DISTRICT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
Court File No.: 03-PR-21-1781

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of James W. Anderson, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 13, 2021 at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 913 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's Will dated August 8, 2017, and for the appointment of Mary Beth Buffington, whose address is Mary Beth Buffington as personal representative of the Decedent's estate in a supervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate,

including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT  
Dated: September 14, 2021  
Referee Susan Solheim  
of District Court  
Carmen F. Bertram  
Deputy Court Administrator  
The hearing will be held remotely via zoom. If you wish to participate contact Court Administration for the remote hearing information prior to the hearing date.  
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COUNTY OF BECKER  
DISTRICT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No.: 03-PR-21-1780  
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT

In Re: Estate of Elaine B. Anderson, Decedent.

Marty Beth Buffington ("Petitioner") has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent.

It is Ordered that on October 13, 2021, at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 913 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, on the petition.

The petition represents that the Decedent died intestate more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court determine the descent of such property, and assign the property to the persons entitled.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or

raised, the petition will be granted. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

Publishing this Notice and Order in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 524.1-401(3).  
Delivering this Notice and Order by electronic means other than facsimile as permitted under Minn. Stat. § 524.1-401(e).

BY THE COURT  
Dated: 9/13/2021  
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Referee of District Court  
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