

FRAZEE-VERGAS FORUM

Tuesday, August 2, 2022



THAT MIDWESTERN TURKEY DAYS CELEBRATION

Photo by Robert Williams
From singing the national anthem to kick off Turkey Days during Thursday's opening ceremony, to emcee duties at the Miss Frazee pageants and tossing candy to children during Sunday's parade, local TikTok sensation Amber Schwarzrock had a busy weekend as a key player to this year's festivities.



Photo by Robert Williams
Brothers Kelly Miletto, left, and Shaine Tate showed one of their grandfather Walt Linius' prize Studebakers after over a year of getting it ready. They brought three of Walt's Studebakers that had not been out of the garage in a decade.

Shipman car show is all about family

Proceeds from car show to give area family a service dog

By Robert Williams
Editor

The Tyler Shipman Memorial Car Show is one of the more special events during Turkey

Days and this year's show had familial tangents running up and down Main.

Getting the show back to Frazee's main drag was important and something that did not

happen until the last moment.

"We had a year off for COVID which was kind of weird and we were off of Main last year," Daneele Shipman said. "To get back on Main Street, I

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EDA concerned about Palace Cafe closing

By Robert Williams
Editor

The Palace Cafe was the hot topic at this month's meeting of the Frazee Economic and Development Authority on Tuesday, July 26.

According to word on the street, there are three potential buyers and multiple

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Frazee native Brian Heden was well known for his success as an MMA fighter, but is currently in a battle for his health after a diagnosis of peripheral neuropathy that limits his mobility, along with a host of other negative symptoms.

Fundraiser online for Brian Heden

Former MMA fighter in a personal health battle

By Robert Williams
Editor

Frazee native Brian Heden was frequently fea-

tured at the top of the main event card during his mixed martial arts (MMA) career. He now finds himself in a completely different battle, after being diagnosed with Peripheral Neuropathy.

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the

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Big dreams lead to big stories to tell for local author

'Seraphina the Ballerina' is now available locally

By Kathryn Wilkowski
Reporter

Published May 3 by local author, Dawn Marie Duncan, "Seraphina the Ballerina" is now available in various local bookstores and at multiple signing events moving towards the winter.

"I've always been a writer," Duncan explained. "This is a lifelong artistic endeavor. I love kids, it just made sense to take my own advice and get my books off the ground finally."

"Seraphina the Ballerina" is a story about a kind and beautiful young snake named Seraphina, who has

big dreams of becoming a dancer. Seraphina and her friends join together to create a show that displays her talents. Between imagination, courage, and believing in herself, Seraphina shows her longing desire to become a ballerina to all the creatures in the jungle.

"Seraphina the Ballerina" actually came to me in a dream," said Duncan. "I woke up early in the morning and pretty much sketched the whole story out, as far as the framework goes. And that was about a year ago."

Duncan grew up in Fer-

tile, Minn., before attending the University of North Dakota and majored in English Literature. Post graduation, she moved to Colorado where she changed courses and pursued a career in the recruiting industry. She then owned a couple boutique firms for over 15 years.

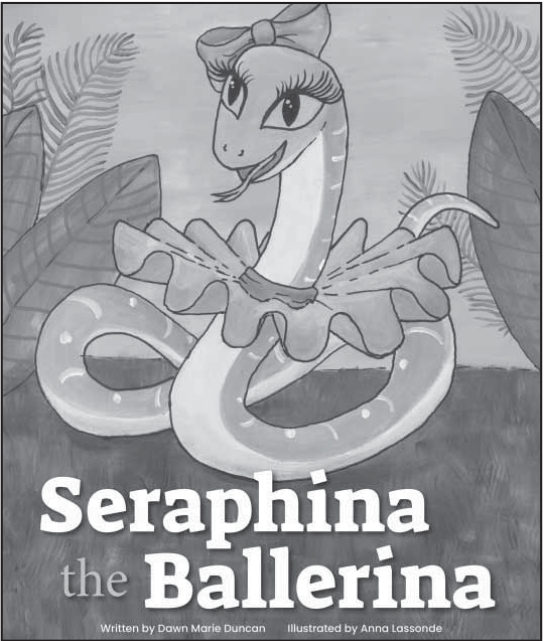
"Even when working in that industry I had a couple columns in various newspapers and wrote here and there for magazines, it was just more career oriented. My creative things were kind of on the backburner," she said.

After working in the recruiting industry for many years, Duncan changed courses yet again and started a publishing company called Yellowbright, Inc. in

Colorado. Originally in the music industry, four years later she had changed the company into a writing and editing firm offering services such as coaching authors, teaching classes in journalism and writing, and also art.

"My whole life I wanted to live a different work life than most people. I never wanted a corporate job. I never wanted the 9 to 5. I love being able to work at home with my dog and being able to do what I want, when I want. And I'm highly productive that way," Duncan explained.

Launching in 2022 with



Contributed photo
"Seraphina the Ballerina," written by Dawn Marie Duncan and illustrated by Anna Lassonde, was published on May 3, 2022 and is available to purchase at local businesses.

Frazee man accused of illegally owning guns

Sellgren charged with felony theft

Chad Lawrence Peterson, 50, of Frazee has been charged with illegal possession of a firearm, a felony, in Becker County District Court.

On Thursday, June 9, special agents of the West Central Task Force and Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

received information that there were guns inside a gun safe belonging to Peterson, according to court records.

Due to a prior felony second-degree drug conviction, Peterson cannot legally have guns or ammunition.

The safe held 13 guns, ammunition and three identification cards be-

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Brando's Detailing brings new life to local vehicles

New business opened this spring in Frazee

By Kathryn Wilkowski
Reporter

Starting with washing his own car, Brandon Nguyen created his very own detailing business from his childhood garage in hopes of a bigger, and brighter future in the business world.

"I thought cleaning cars was a really satisfying process," he said. "I enjoyed doing it, so I thought I could help other people clean their cars as well."

Steadily rolling since launching in the spring, Nguyen has an average of three vehicles a week that keeps him busy enough, yet gives him enough time to spend time with his loved ones and friends.

"It's pretty perfect right now. I still have enough time



Brandon Nguyen started a new car detailing business earlier this spring.

to do stuff myself," he said. "Starting off with some of the materials already, Nguyen purchased upwards of \$1,000 worth of more professional supplies to help his business move along smoothly and more efficiently. However, as his business has grown throughout the summer, he has made back his money in profit and is looking forward to many years in the business."

"I plan on doing this full-time in the summer and fo-

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The Frazee municipal liquor store was boarded up Friday morning after a late night crash closed the business for the duration of the Turkey Days celebration into this week.

Crash closes Frazee liquor store Friday

By Robert Williams
Editor

A one-vehicle crash was reported at the Frazee municipal liquor store on the eve of Turkey Days during overnight hours on Friday, July 29.

City workers were at the

off-sale entrance of the liquor store Friday morning boarding up the building where the vehicle crashed into the store.

According to the report, the crash involved a store employee, Elizabeth Krejci, 46, of Frazee. Krejci was arrested for fourth-degree

driving while impaired and was in custody as of late Friday morning, according to the Becker County Sheriff's Office.

The Frazee city offices are closed on Fridays, but a city official announced on social media at 10 a.m., that the off-sale portion of the munici-

pal liquor store will remain closed until further notice.

The on-sale portion is open and all scheduled Turkey Days events continued as planned.

The city urged customers to be patient as crews work to reopen.

EOT Fair brings out a crowd in Perham



The East Otter Tail County Fair was a buzz with activity from July 21-24 in Perham. The event featured a number of food stands, games, grandstand events and of course more than a handful of rides. One of the more popular rides was the roller coaster for children (above), as well as the slide (below left). Throughout the fair members of local 4-H groups showcased their animals for the right to advance to state (below right).

Photos by Kathryn Wilkowski



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The "Fairy Tale Outlaws" led by driver Cory Overland and team members: Addie Overland, Cody and Victoria Piper, Nick and Hailey Brower, Grand Overland, Brooke Oelfke, Jordan Ketter and Dani Krueger.

Fairy Tale Outlaws take 2022 Road Rally

The 2022 Turkey Days Road Rally, "Neverland Adventures" was a hit with eleven teams entering the competition this year. The Road Rally was filled with clues and challenges related to Disney and Disney Adventures.

The teams started at the Frazee Essentia Clinic where teams showed off their Road Rally spirit with decorated cars, fun costumes,

Turkey Day Buttons old and new, skits, songs, and even a little bribery. All the teams started with a Disney quiz and then they were given a set of clues that sent them out on a road trip of twists, turns, games, water time, and various items to pick up along the way.

The top team this year was "Fairy Tale Outlaws" led by driver Cory Overland. Team members included Ad-

die Overland, Cody and Victoria Piper, Nick and Hailey Brower, Grand Overland,

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cusing on school during the winter. Maybe picking up a few interiors here and there and seeing where that takes me," he said.

Nguyen started off his business with low expectations of what would come. With not much of a history in the detailing process, he thought that most of the clients coming to him would be close friends and family.

"It kind of took off and went over my expectations quickly," Nguyen said. "I slowly started getting more and more customers and it caught me off guard quite a bit. It really helped when I got into helping out J & K Marine detail their boats and pontoons."

With the help of the local communities—Frazee and Vergas, Nguyen has been lucky that the customers he's been receiving have been loyal and helpful to recommend his services to their friends and family.

"A lot of my business is local. Since the town is so small, I tend to know pretty much everyone. Word spreads quickly about businesses and when they are happy with my services, they pass it on," he explained.

Although Nguyen had tried out the detailing business spontaneously, he had prior experience with de-

tailed at his past job—J & K Marine. Reaching out this summer, they had Nguyen helping out by detailing their boats and pontoons.

"It was kind of the start of this entire journey," he said.

Hoping to own his own detailing business with employees and his own shop, Nguyen is getting a head start on his dream by going to school at Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Moorhead for business.

"I want to open a shop around the area that potentially offers more services," he said. "My whole life I just have loved cars and being around them. I love working on them and cleaning them. This is what I want to do."

Nguyen has about a month left of full-time detailing work left before he heads off to college for the fall. For detail work, contact Brandon at (218) 234-7120 or visit his Facebook at facebook.com/brandosdt. To view pricing on detailing work, visit his Facebook or contact him for more information.

Nguyen is available for detail work after college begins, but is limited with time due to school work. For scheduling, contact him to work out a time that will not interfere with both parties.

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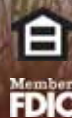
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OTC representatives tour Starry Stonewort infested Lake Koronis

Invasive algae forms in dense mats in lakes

The Otter Tail County Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force and the Otter Tail County Coalition of Lake Associations sponsored a bus tour to Lake Koronis to view the Starry Stonewort infestation.

Representatives from Otter Tail County including watercraft inspectors, county commissioners, and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Specialists listened as a Lake Koronis guide discussed the ecological and economic impacts of starry stonewort on the area.

"We don't need this stuff in our (Otter Tail County) lakes," said Bill Rollie, Otter Tail County Watercraft Inspector.

Starry Stonewort is an invasive algae that forms dense mats on the lake bed, sometimes reaching the surface, choking out native plants, disrupting fish habitat, and interfering with navigation and recreation.

AIS Detectors James Wootton and Kevin Farnum shared the impacts of Starry Stonewort in economic terms.

"We don't want you dealing with what we are dealing with here," Farnum said. "Management is costly



and it's constant." Treatment could cost upward of \$100,000 per year for managing the algae on one lake. The group visited three sites, the Public Water Access where starry stonewort was first discovered in 2015, a private residence, and a marina. Plant racks were thrown to collect samples where tour attendees could examine the algae up close.

"See this-it pops in your hands when you squeeze it," Spencer McGrew, Otter Tail County AIS Specialist said. "This is a key trait in getting a proper ID."

Commissioner Lee Rogness attended the tour and shared his takeaways at the recent board meeting.

"I came away from the tour with an appreciation for our AIS crew. I think we have a good handle on this and good leadership in the field. This is a reminder for us to be vigilant on AIS in our county," he said.



Contributed photos
Guests on a recent tour of Lake Koronis got an upclose look at a Starry Stonewort infestation. Starry Stonewort is an invasive algae that forms dense mats on the lakebed, sometimes reaching the surface, choking out native plants, disrupting fish habitat, and interfering with navigation and recreation.

The tour concluded with McGrew providing updated information from the latest AIS research at the University of Minnesota's Aquatic Invasive Species Research

Center. "Great work is happening at the U of MN and that is where the long-term management solutions will come from for this and other AIS.

We've seen success with algicide treatments of starry stonewort and with copper-based treatments of zebra mussel larva. Our knowledge about their biology im-

proves every day. I wouldn't be doing this work if I didn't think there was light at the end of the tunnel," said McGrew.

State Fair to host 75th annual FFA shows

FFA Legends program to take place September 3

Plans are in place to celebrate the 75th Annual FFA Shows at the Minnesota State Fair. The celebration will take place Labor Day weekend, during the FFA encampment.

The kickoff for 75 years of FFA at Minnesota State Fair program will be held at Judson Avenue, between Swine Barn and Compeer Arena Friday, September 2 at 7 p.m.

The program will include history of FFA at Minnesota State Fair, proclamation and remarks by special guests.

The FFA Legends from 1948 to today program will be held on the Christensen Farms Stage outside CHS Miracle of Birth Center Sat-

urday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. The program includes History of FFA Shows at state fair, recognition of Baldwin award winners, Legacy FFA Show Families, Legacy FFA Chapters, show staff and superintendents and others.

The FFA Supreme Champions and Awards Program will be held in Compeer Arena Monday, September 5 at 10 a.m. The program includes recognition of student exhibits as well as recognition of families that have exhibited in the FFA shows for three generations or more.

Families that qualify for this recognition should email pkoenen@ac242.us by

Monday, Aug. 8. This program will be livestreamed and available for viewing on Minnesota FFA's YouTube channel.

To capture some of the many stories of FFA members and supporters involved with the FFA shows, organizers are inviting people to record an audio message about your personal experience as an FFA member exhibiting livestock, crops, agricultural mechanics, participating in the safe tractor driving contest, creating a landscape booth or other area.

Additionally, organizers want to hear from superintendents or other volunteers on why they chose to support FFA members involved with the state fair. To record a message, call 1-800-437-3009, and enter the Invitation Number of 84216.

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longing to Peterson. Peterson had allegedly dropped off the safe for another person to hold.

A warrant was issued on Saturday, June 16 and bond was set at \$40,000 without conditions or zero with standard conditions of release.

Sellgren charged with felony theft

Abigail Lyn Sellgren, 18, of Frazee has been charged with felony theft in Becker County District Court.

On Friday, April 22, a Detroit Lakes police officer answered an employee theft complaint from Walmart. Sellgren was accused of committing multiple thefts over a period of months while a Walmart employee, according to court records.

According to court records, Sellgren admitted to

the officer she knew what she did was wrong, but couldn't resist the urge to steal.

Walmart determined between the dates of April 9-17 Sellgren also stole approximately \$1,000 in cash from her register and the aforementioned merchandise.

Surveillance video evidence showed her taking merchandise, typically prior to or after her shift, and exiting the store without paying for the merchandise.

Sellgren was scheduled to make her first court appearance in late July.

Five locals injured in DL crash

Five Detroit Lakes residents were injured in a two-vehicle crash on Highway 59 and Becker County Road 6 near Detroit Lakes Monday, July 25.

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According to a report by the State Patrol, Christy Lynn Johnson, 61, was driving a 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan northbound on Highway 59 and attempted to make a left turn onto County Road 6 when she collided with Elizabeth Anne Roerick, 31, driving a 2021 Subaru Legacy southbound on Highway 59.

Roerick was alone in the vehicle. Passengers in the Dodge who suffered non-life-threatening injuries were Braddley Allen Blanchard, 28, Sara Jean Freeman, 38, and Kelly Lynn Vogert, 36.

Both drivers were treated by medical personnel for non-life threatening injuries. Johnson was taken to Essentia Health St. Mary's hospital in Detroit Lakes. Roerick was taken to Essentia Health in Fargo.

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nerves located outside of the brain and spinal cord (peripheral nerves), often causing weakness, numbness and pain, usually in the hands and feet. It can also affect other areas and body functions including digestion, urination and circulation.

A fundraiser has been set up by Brian's father Ernie Heden at www.gofundme.com/252ea6c9 to help Brian with multiple expenses. Users may also search Brian Heden at the gofundme.com homepage to locate the fundraiser.

"Prayers are also welcomed as we pray for his healing daily and also that

nobody else has to endure what he is going through," Ernie said. "Times for him have been really hard the past few years and any donations, and I mean anything, no matter the size will be greatly appreciated more than you will ever know."

The funds raised will be used to help get Brian to and from medical appointments in Fargo, N.D., along with helping to catch up on basic bills, pay for medical prescriptions and basically survive until such a time as his disability gets approved by social security, according to the fundraiser post.

Brian is currently suffering numbness in his legs and

can only walk short distances with the aid of a walker or the use of a wheelchair. He also has diabetes, along with heart palpitations, thyroid issues and pressure on his spinal cord as a result of five bulging discs in his lower back.

As a result, his legs are numb all the time, turn blue and he has no feeling in his feet.

The nerve damage has been diagnosed as incurable and Heden runs the risk of having his legs amputated and could possibly go blind.

Brian is unable to work for at least six months and much of his future rides on determinations and diagnoses made at upcoming medical appointments.

"We will take it one day at a time and be there for him to stay strong while going through all of this," Brian's mother Carla Brown said. "All we can do is pray and keep him strong and the best healthcare to support him through all this."

According to Ernie, a few years ago Brian was a healthy young man. Being in the MMA was hard on him. He also was active in amateur baseball, softball, fishing and spending time with his two sons.



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East Otter Tail County Fairgrounds

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Above: Miss Frazee 2021 Katelyn Mack, left, and 2022 first runner-up Katy Wilkowski, right, celebrate on stage with this year's winner of the Miss Frazee pageant Marcella George at the conclusion of Saturday's ceremony at the high school. Right: Annett Faith Christensen, daughter of Chub and Nancy Christensen, is the 2022 Honorary Miss Frazee. A lifelong fan of the pageant, Anna's dream was to be Miss Frazee and her wish came true in front of a standing ovation at Saturday night's Miss Frazee and Miss Frazee Teen pageant at the high school. Below: Miss Frazee Teen 2021 Annalynn Wallin crowns 2022 Miss Frazee Teen winner Katie Courneya with the aid of fellow contestants Maggie Blaine, left, and Onalea Maijala Saturday night at the high school gymnasium.

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members reported potential sale scenarios, the specifics of those being off the record.

"That's an opportunity for someone who wants to get into the restaurant business," said EDA member Ted Anderson. "Losing that is losing something major in town and you don't really notice it's gone until it's gone."

Regardless of multiple rumors, members of the committee expressed big concerns for the potential loss of the restaurant downtown.

"We can't lose it right now," said chair Hank Ludtke.

The actual building has multiple owners.

EDA member and city councilman Mark Flemmer recently met with the group noting a sale price for the building and the business is currently a fluid number.

Anderson led the discussion reiterating his concerns and the need for the EDA to play a primary role in helping secure the future of the cafe.

"It's something that I think is really important to this board to make sure that it stays going," he said. "I've seen towns that have lost their restaurant and two years later they try to get it going again by a board or a council and it doesn't work because all the people are gone. Now the people are there."

The Palace Cafe is not the only thing for sale in the vicinity. The 2,460 square foot building next door, 109 Main Avenue West, is currently listed for sale for \$125,000.

According to Ludtke, that same building was available last year for half the price.

Anderson summed up Tuesday's meeting by encouraging fellow EDA members to emphasize finding a solution to both the cafe and

housing in town.

"Don't forget the restaurant—that's a 911, I think, and so is housing," he said.

More housing being prioritized

With space available in Frazee, the EDA is prioritizing more ways to try to bring affordable housing to town and making the need an imperative at each meeting going forward.

According to Ludtke, at the Becker County level of EDA, that group is proposing working with a think tank in Detroit Lakes of business and property owners and bankers in collaboration. The group will work together to look at what can be done outside of Detroit Lakes in cities in the county for more housing.

The goal is to involve local banking and private investment to work with the county and other municipalities beside the county seat.

"We need more housing," Ludtke said. "We have jobs; we just have no place for people to live and we have more people that want to come here all the time. That's another reason why we need better internet service too, because we have people working from home and they're not going to come here and buy here if they can't do their jobs from home."

EDA member Heath Peterson and economic development consultant Don Lorusung also discussed the need to find out why developers have not taken advantage of space in Frazee for multi-family development and what needs to be adjusted to make it more attractive for developers.

"I think our focus needs to be on multi-housing," said Peterson.

Ludtke reported a current, regional housing need for 2,500 units within a 20-



Photo by Robert Williams

The potential sale of the Palace Cafe business, that could include the building, has been the talk of the town since its potential closing was announced last week. That area of the block has two potential big sales as the building next door at 109 Main is also on the market.

mile radius of Detroit Lakes from talks with Becker County EDA.

"You'd probably have them filled before the building was done," said Anderson.

MidCo high-speed internet welcome

MidContinent Communications (Midco) is finalizing the franchise agreement to bring high speed internet to Frazee next year.

MidCo Vice president Justin Forde presented the offer to the city council in July seeking permission for his company to construct a state-of-the-art fiber network to provide broadband internet, phone and television access.

The move will certainly affect Arvig Communications, based in Perham, which currently provides broadband-level speeds to town.

Peterson expressed the need for high speed internet access the area, noting that he had a discussion with Arvig and Frazee, despite being only 12 miles away from Arvig headquarters, is not in the company's discussion for any improvements to the internet speed already provided in town.

Multiple members noted the difficulty in attracting new businesses without high speed and also the need for existing businesses to have better options.

"If we're ever going to get any technology businesses in town they're not going to settle for broadband," said Peterson. "It's unfortunate, because it would be nice if we could work with the local (company) that way."

Midco has been installing fiber in Detroit Lakes over the past year and plans to extend those services to Frazee and down Highway 10 in 2023, along with looking at potential services to the surrounding lakes area.

Wannigan Park

Grant funding proposals to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails for Wannigan Park are receiving positive initial reviews. The grant applica-

tion returned a rating in the 90th percentile, according to city administrator Jordin Roberts. The park's application was one of two proposals ranked that high. Out of 100+ submittals, the park's application was ranked in the top 20. Funding is being sought to complete the acquisition of the property.

Business center work to start

Exterior construction on the business center building downtown is scheduled to begin this week and continue Aug. 8-12, when the building is unoccupied. The remodel is scheduled to be done by the end of August or early to mid-September.

Bowman retires from Land and Resource department

Marsha Bowman has retired from Otter Tail County Land and Resource Department after serving as the office manager for 39 years.

Bowman began her career in the Treasurer's Office in 1983 and was hired in 1985 to the newly formed Land and Resource Management department where she continued to work for the remainder of her career.

She has been instrumental in many of the changes within the department including the 2012 development of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Task Force.

"It has been a great ride. I have enjoyed working with my colleagues and building relationships with the public, contractors, and surveyors and all those we serve," said Bowman. "Working for Otter Tail County has been very rewarding. I enjoyed my career—we have a great staff."

Marsha explained the roles of her position, like many managers in Otter Tail County, her roles were very diverse. Though the use of technology has advanced, the mission has stayed the same: help people through



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Marsha Bowman announced her retirement as the office manager of the Otter Tail County Land and Resource department after nearly four decades of employment.

the process and protect the county's natural resources. She served as the secretary to the AIS Task Force and Planning Commission and managed the AIS prevention program until Spencer McGrew was hired in 2016.

Ten years later the program is widely respected across Minnesota.

After a standing ovation from the Board of Commissioners, Lee Rogness, County Commissioner addressed Bowman as, "an anchor in the department with a wealth of knowledge. We have appreciated you," he said.

Bowman plans to spend time relaxing and enjoying gardening and she hopes to travel this winter.

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Brooke Oelfke, Jordan Ketter and Dani Krueger.

This team came with the most unique twist on a road rally theme by dressing up as various Disney characters who were in trouble with the law and riding in a camper titled "Neverland Correctional Transport." They finished in 1 hour 54 minutes and put on 32 miles. They found every item on the course and received high scores in the Rose Lake Beauty and the Beast contest, splash contest, and the Marine Institute contest. They received the top total points at 230.

In second place was the team called "Captain Hook and the Happy Hookers." Team members were Matt and Roxie Riewer, Jan Riewer, Becky Matejka, and Brooklyn Riewer. This team had a record number of Turkey Day pins and scored very high on the trivia contest. They completed the course in 1 hour and 54 minutes and put on 35 miles. They received 226 points total.

Third place went to "The Jolly Roger" team of Jimmy and Jenn Jacobson and Jim and Jill Rader. They dressed as pirates and gave a great send-off performance. They picked

up every item on the trip and had the best performance at Billy's Bar singing "It's a Small World." They finished in 2 hours and 4 minutes and put on 35 miles. They had 217 total points.

The Rookie/Newbie Award went to "Team Hercules." Team members were Polly Anderson, Amelia Damlo, Paul Damlo and Anna Potvin. They had the fastest time at 1 hour and 52 minutes and put on 35 miles.

Final Placings and total points

- 1st Place - Fairy Tale Outlaws - 230
- 2nd Place - Captain Hook and the Happy Hookers - 226
- 3rd Place - The Jolly Roger - 217
- 4th Place - Tink's Fairy Crew - 210
- 5th Place (tie) - Dreams Come True with Linda's Crew - 202
- 6th Place (tie) - Tom's Tinkers and his Peters and Tinks and Tanks - 200
- 7th Place - Dinkerbells - 173
- 8th Place - "The Beatles" - 157
- 9th Place - "Team Hercules" - 155
- 10th Place - "The Three Stooges" - 133

ANNUAL SHIPMAN CAR SHOW

was kind of concerned to see how things were going to progress. It was really exciting for me to see the same amount of people come out and to see all of Turkey Days back on Main and seeing all the people supporting us and to support the rest of Frazee today—a great turnout."

For Daneele, Tyler's mom, the event is an emotional reunion that she and her team have turned into a philanthropic good time that certainly has a bitter-sweet edge to it.

"It's super special," she said. "Losing a child, there is nothing that can explain that or fix it or help it, but for us, you have to make a choice. You're either going to move forward with positivity or not. For me, especially, I decided I wanted to move forward and use that horrible experience to make a change in somebody else's life, hopefully, in a positive way. That's what this car show is to us. Making Tyler's life a legacy instead of a tragedy."

Part of that legacy now includes a family in need who were the quiet benefactors of this year's show.

"Not everybody knew what was going on because the family didn't want to be the center of attention, but the end result of today was we presented a check for \$1,500 to a family who had an 11-year-old girl with congenital heart disorder and PTSD who wanted a service dog," said Daneele. "That is what everybody did today without even knowing it."

While car owners loved talking about their vehicles and visitors enjoyed checking them out, the show is more than it appears at face value.

"There is much more going on here than everybody knows," Daneele said. "They're having a fun day, but really, it's not just a car show."

Grandpa Walt's Studebakers

Brothers Kelly Miletto and Shaine Tate brought a pair of unique Studebakers and by doing so were keeping a family tradition going as the cars were part of a lot owned by their grandfather Walt Linius, of Rochert, who passed away in 2021.

Some of Walt's many hobbies were woodworking and fixing up Studebakers and those efforts could be seen combined in a baby blue truck that garnered a lot of attention from car enthusiasts at the show.

"The cross member for the going project since Arden found it in Huntsville, Alabama, over a decade ago.

"Grandpa was a hobby guy and he ran dozers his entire life; he was always working," said Shaine.

During the handling of Walt's estate, the grandkids wanted to know what was going to happen to the cars. They managed to acquire all but one.

"They sold them to us and five out of the six stayed in the family and this was the last one he ever restored," said Kelly.

One of their sisters had a third Studebaker in the show as well.

The brothers even had a part in helping Walt with this final project.

"Shaine and I, about 20 years ago, put the paint job on the cab and the fenders," said Kelly.

Unlike many of the cars being shown, the truck is less made of original parts but chalk full of originality and personalization.

"He kind of created it," said Kelly. "The shark is modeled after the P-40 fighter jets from World War II in honor of one of his best friend's dad that died in the war."

The Shipman show is one of the only places the Studebaker's have been shown recently. Walt brought them to town until he could no longer do it.

"They haven't been outside in over 10 years," Shaine said. "We pulled these out of the shed last May and it took us all this time to get 'em going."

Niemi's classics win awards

Arden and Linda Niemi of Felton had a pair of red-blooded American classics that quickly caught the eye of fans and the judges, winning awards for both Arden's 1956 Chevrolet Bel Aire and Linda's 1964 Ford Galaxie 500.

Linda sports an all original 390 motor, 4-speed manual transmission, factory style interior and the Galaxie is painted in inferno red metallic that sparkled in Saturday's sunshine.

"That one does real well; people really like it," Arden said. "She's pretty proud of her little car."

Across the street, Arden was parked with his Bel Aire, a car with a personal meaning.

"I love the tri-fives and the only reason I picked the '56 was because my dad had one," he said. "I've always liked the style a little bit better in the '56 and there are more '55's and '57's on the road."

The car has been an ongoing project since Arden found it in Huntsville, Alabama, over a decade ago.



Photo by Robert Williams
Above: Arden Niemi of Felton shows off his 1956 Chevrolet Bel Aire, a 13-year project that brings back memories of the one his father drove. Below: Not much for words, Linda Niemi let her 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 do the talking and brought home an award in the muscle car category at the Tyler Shipman Memorial Car Show in Frazee Saturday, July 30.

"All I cared about was a solid body and frame - it's been under construction for 13 years," he said.

The interior really stood out on the Chevy in an ivory white leather that sparkled in the sun like Linda's inferno red. The interior work was done by Jody Nelson of Mister Stitch Upholstery in Hawley.

"I told him I wanted the wow factor; he did a wonderful job on it," said Arden.

The Niemi's attend car shows regularly and why not with the pair of lookers they pull up in. They were making their second appearance in Frazee and like to stick to gatherings like the Shipman when they show off their rides.

"We like going to small town shows like this," said Arden. "They do a real nice job here."

Fawley's Fieros

It would not be the Shipman Show without a Fiero in the mix and there were plenty on hand Saturday, including a pair owned by Jason and Shannon Fawley of Owatonna. The Fawleys run a local show of their own, the Cornerstone Owatonna Car Show, annually on the third Saturday in September.

The Fawley's got front row spots in front of Seip Drug to show off Shannon's 1988 black Fiero Formula and Jason's 1987 Fiero GT in bright green was hard to miss. Both cars were award



winners in their respective Fiero categories.

"We actually had a silver one to begin with, it was a four-cylinder, kind of a base model to get us started," said Shannon.

That first Fiero was around when Jason was part of the original build team for the Tyler Shipman car.

Jason's GT is a V-8 conversion that Shannon found while perusing Craigslist.

"I was just googling Fieros and I saw this bright green thing pop off the page," she said. "I saw it and I immediately called my husband and we bought it on sight."

The '88 Formula became hers and she is just fine with that.

"That was the last year

and basically the best of them," she said. "It's got better suspension and a few little changes, plus the Formula package. It's mostly original and only had 70,000 miles on it when we got it."

The couple left their pride and joy, a '72 Buick Skylark in metallic blue back in Owatonna, to showcase their Fieros in a show they helped to start. Like Daneele Shipman, the Fawleys believe the show has a sense of something bigger than just a collection of great looking cars.

"The family took the show over; we just come now and help," said Jason.

Lovers of unique vehicles certainly enjoy being around their compatriots

and Jason was first to mention a few local Fieros coming up for sale and what keeps the car popular but almost a dirty, little secret for owners.

"It was the only mid-engine car that was mass produced until the new Corvette in America," he said. "These are still kind of undergrounders. The '80s are coming around in popularity and these are starting to pick up."

There is also a younger generation sometimes learning about Fieros on sight.

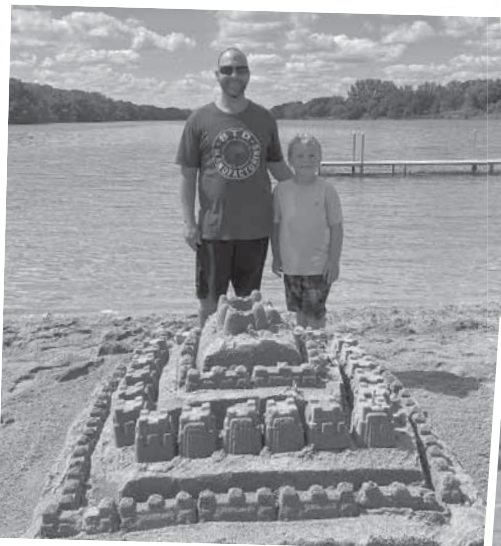
Frazee provides an easy way for enthusiasts like the Fawleys to help explain the unique, little Fiero as does the show—it remains the favorite car of Tyler Shipman.

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Photos by Robert Williams and Kathryn Wilkowski
Above: Members of the Frazee-Vergas high school Kaotic Robotics team toss candy to kids lined along Main Avenue during the Turkey Days parade Sunday, July 31. Right: Members of Northern Lights Dance Academy danced their way through Frazee streets during Sunday's parade at the conclusion of the festival.

Scenes from Turkey Days celebration



Above: After an hour-long sand castle competition at Town Lake, Jeremiah and Grayden Prellwitz took home first place with their giant castle against their seven other competitors. Below: The team of Peter Anderson, Mike Seaberg, Tyler Wegner, Luke Hanson and Erik Anderson continued their Turkey Days Water Fight dominance. The quintet has won 10 of the past 11 years.



Above: Turkey Days Grand Marshal Hank Ludtke waves to people lined on Main Avenue during the Sunday parade. Middle above: Audreanna Branden makes a run down Main Avenue during Saturday's Soap Box Derby sponsored by the Frazee Fire Department. Left: Audreanna Branden smiles after revealing herself as part of her sandcastle. She was under a blue bucket and popped out with a syringe full of water to spray and scare the judges of the Turkey Days sandcastle building contest at Town Beach.



Above: Nichole Boyd kicked off the first annual purse bingo by calling out the first annual purse of the night. Left: The Frazee-Vergas Marching Hornets band performs during the Turkey Days parade Sunday, July 31.



Above: Turkey Days Variety Show founder Delaney Matejka, left, smiles along as her cousin Kalena Gray sings "You Are My Sunshine" Friday night at the Frazee-Vergas high school gymnasium. Below: All is fair in love, war and water fights as this contestant of the kids water fights used some extra strategy to gain the upper hand in moving the ball down the line.

Photos by Robert Williams and Kathryn Wilkowski
Above: Area kids perform a song in Spanish from the new Disney film "Encanto" with Frazee-Vergas elementary music teacher Amber Schwarzrock during Friday's Turkey Days Variety Show at the high school. Below: After competing in on-stage questions, various displays of talents, and waving to the audience, Frazee's Jr. King is Reed Tasa, the Jr. Queen is Eden Adams, the Jr. Princess is Kalena Gray, and Frazee's Jr. Prince is Easton Saunders pictured with 2021 Miss Frazee Katelyn Mack and 2021 Miss Frazee Teen Analynn Wallin.



Above: Children and adults awaited prizes, including this T-shirt, that were hurled from the rooftop of Ketter's Meat Market during the festival's Turkey Drop Saturday, July 30, on Main Avenue in Frazee. Left: After competing in on-stage questions, various displays of talents, and waving to the audience, Frazee's Jr. King is Reed Tasa, the Jr. Queen is Eden Adams, the Jr. Princess is Kalena Gray, and Frazee's Jr. Prince is Easton Saunders pictured with 2021 Miss Frazee Katelyn Mack and 2021 Miss Frazee Teen Analynn Wallin.



Above: The Frazee liquor store parking lot was a busy spot Saturday morning as teams duelled for the championship of the Turkey Days bean bag tournament. Left: The defending champion team Tinks and Tanks: Albert Doll, Nancy Wick, Danielle Wick, Jed Szama, Tom Golkowski and driver Darrell Wick pose with some of the competition, Captain Hook and the Happy Hookers: driver Matt Riewer, Roie Riewer, Jan Riewer, Brooklyn Riewer and Becky Matejka, prior to this year's Turkey Days Road Rally Saturday morning. Above left: Cole Thomas' 1947 John Deere tractor was a cool place to play for Levi, Ethan and Noah Kromann, who were visiting from Apple Valley Sunday, July 31. Thomas' tractor was one of the models on display during the Turkey Days Tractor and Farm Equipment show.

Church

Downtown, highway bridge stages set for mid-August

Paving to begin in front of Frazee High School

The Highway 87 project in Frazee is moving right along, according to an update from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

Crews are currently working their way down the hill in Stage 1 (Hwy 10 to CR 10/Juniper Ave), as underground work in this area continues.

Highway 87 is closed in Stage 1. The detour route is Highway 10 and CR 10/Juniper Avenue.

In Stage 3 (in front of the

school), concrete is the star of the show.

Crews are finishing up installing sidewalks, curb and gutter, and paving is scheduled to start.

This section is being done under traffic, so continue to watch for trucks and heavy equipment moving through the work zone, and please be patient and obey flaggers.

As things start to wrap up in Stages 1 and 3, crews will be moving to Stage 2 (Juniper Ave to Birch Ave/CR 29) and Stage 4 (Hwy 10 over-

pass) by the second week of August.

Both of these stages will be done under traffic with lane closures (Stage 4 will utilize an automated signal), and there will be a short-term closure while work is taking place at the railroad crossing.

More information will be released as the start dates for those stages nears.

Frazee Mayor Ken Miosek is serving as Gladen Construction's Community liaison. Contact Miosek with any questions about daily construction impacts or access concerns. He can be reached at (701) 893-5759 or teriken@arvig.net.

FCC crowns new king, queen



Photo by Kathryn Wilkowski

Duwayne "Duke" Turnbull and Patricia "Patty" McVane were named King and Queen during coronation ceremonies at the Frazee Care Center to kick off the week of Turkey Days.

First Wolf Lake Susi Jarvi Charm clue released

The Wolf Lake Festival Susi Jarvi Charm has been hidden in public property in the City of Wolf Lake. The clues will be posted in the

newspaper each week until the charm is found.

The first clue is "The clues have been too easy in the past, so this year we are

trying hard to make it last. The charm you are trying to find is either in front or behind."

Rasmusson honored by Secure Energy Future

Award honors people who have ensured access to affordable, reliable electricity

The Coalition for a Secure Energy Future (The Coalition) is announcing a series of Energy Champion awards to a group of Minnesota legislators. Recipients of the award have championed an all-of-the-above energy strategy for Minnesota to ensure that consumers and businesses have access to affordable and reliable electricity.

"The Coalition is proud to recognize Rep. Jordan Rasmusson as an enthusiastic leader for commonsense energy policies that ensure affordable and resilient power for Minnesota families and businesses," said Luke Hellier, Executive Director of the Coalition. "Rep. Rasmusson has advocated for next generation technologies like

carbon capture which allows the region to continue to harness the benefits of baseload power and grid stability."

The Coalition was founded in 2014 to enhance, preserve, and protect our diverse set of energy resources, including coal-based electricity, to ensure a continued affordable and reliable energy supply for

families and businesses in Minnesota. Learn more at www.secureenergyfuture.org.

"It is an honor to receive this award recognizing my efforts to deliver commonsense solutions to ensure our growing energy needs are met in an efficient, cost-effective manner," Rasmusson said. "This issue is crucial to the long-term

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Parking restrictions in place for WE Fest attendees

The Minnesota Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Minnesota State Patrol, wants to remind WE Fest attendees that no parking is allowed along Highway 59 prior to noon on Monday, Aug. 1. Vehicles arriving before noon on Monday will not be permitted to park on the shoulder and will be subject to removal and penalty by State Patrol.

Vehicles staged along Highway 59 after noon on Monday must be parked on

the shoulder and parking is at the owner's risk. Guests must stay within their vehicles and are not permitted to set up camps, chairs, grills, etc., outside of their vehicles.

The area will be patrolled by the Minnesota State Patrol and WE Fest Security.

For real-time traffic and travel information in Minnesota, visit www.511mn.org or get the free smartphone app at Google Play or the App Store.

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Bethany Lutheran
52943 140th St., Menahga
Church Phone: (218)538-6531
Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

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,

Frazee United Methodist Church
202 2nd St, Frazee
(218) 334-6901
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 in person and online, Childrens Church during the sermon

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Shell Lake
43526 School House Rd, Osage
Pastor Bill Meyer
218-847-8216
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Adult Education
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
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: 11 a.m. Worship

St. Paul's Lutheran, Loon Lake
31385 Co Hwy 4, Vergas
Pastor Bruce Maul
218-342-2379
Sunday: 8:45 Bible Study, 9 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, 10:15 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School

St. John's Lutheran Height of Land
37425 Hwy 56, Frazee
Pastor Bill Knaack
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. Worship, live stream on Facebook
Tuesday: 4:30 p.m. ACS Channel 14 TV
Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

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Vergas United Methodist Church
200 West Main St, Vergas
Pastor Amy Strom
218-334-6901
amyjstrom@gmail.com
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Worship in person

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West OTC soil and water receives noxious weed grant

The West Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District was one of 27 projects to receive grant funds from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA).

MDA awarded \$120,000 in total to combat noxious weeds across the state. The projects are being funded through the 2022 Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant.

The money, awarded to cities, counties, townships, conservation districts, and tribal nations, will be used to purchase equipment and supplies, conduct mapping and outreach activities, and hire private applicators to manage noxious weeds.

Noxious weeds are plants

that have the potential or are known to be harmful to human or animal health, the environment, public roads, crops, livestock, or other property. There are currently 48 plants on Minnesota's Noxious Weed List.

Grant projects were awarded up to \$5,000 to be spent in one year to support local activity. West OTC SWCD was one of 17 projects to receive the full \$5,000, specifically for road right-of-way noxious weed control.

The MDA has awarded over \$1 million since 2017 to local municipalities and tribal nations for projects that focus on noxious weeds throughout the state.

M State partners with Arizona State University

Offers students a simplified transfer pathway

Minnesota State Community and Technical College is pleased to announce a new alliance with Arizona State University to provide students a seamless transfer experience with the MyPath2ASU™ program.

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MyPath2ASU is a set of customized tools available to transfer students from accredited, U.S. regional institutions. These tools ensure a seamless transfer experience to ASU after earning credits or an associate degree from a community college or university and shortening the time to degree completion.

"This partnership makes it possible for M State students to pursue a bachelor's degree of their choosing at ASU, without complication and with minimal credit loss," said Carrie Brimhall, President of M State. "The collaboration is a great example of schools working together for the benefit of their students."

ASU and M State work to promote educational degree pathways containing ground and online course offerings. These pathways ensure students' courses are applicable toward a degree in their chosen major, minimizing the loss of credits when transferring.

Through the partnership, students will have access

to personalized benefits that help them navigate the transfer experience, to include:

- End-to-end learner navigation through course-by-course guided pathways. There are more than 400 course-by-course guided pathways into immersion and online ASU degree programs.

- Ensured course applicability by assisting students in the selection of courses that apply to their associate degree and ASU bachelor's degree.

- Guaranteed general admission to ASU and admission into MyPath2ASU major choice if all requirements are satisfied; some majors have additional or higher admission requirements.

- Self-service degree progress tracking through My Transfer Guide, minimizing loss of credit.

- A connected experience through personalized ASU communications to prepare academically and build a connection to ASU.

As a member of the Minnesota State system, M State serves more than 8,000 students in credit courses each year in over 80 career and liberal arts programs online and at its campuses in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena. By partnering with communities, the college also provides workforce development services and other responsive training programs.

For more information about M State, visit www.minnesota.edu.

For more information about the MyPath2ASU program, visit ASU's Admissions website at www.admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

Mystery photo



Above: This week's mystery photo features a Frazee High School boys team. We are not sure what team this or when they played for Frazee. Do you know who is pictured above? If so call 334-3566 or email fforum@loretel.net

Left: Ruth Ewanika correctly identified Walter Seitz in last week's mystery photo.

A glimpse from the past

5 years ago
Frazee-Vergas Forum
August 3, 2017

Saturday evening at the Miss Frazee pageant during the 63rd annual Frazee Turkey Days celebration, friends and family of pageant contestants were treated to a show filled with talent, beauty and brains mixed with laughter and tears for an emotional night at Frazee High School. Hailley Jutz was crowned Miss Frazee 2017 and Sophie Nelson was named Miss Frazee's Outstanding Teen 2017.

The former furniture building on Main Avenue may have the first wrecking ball swing toward it in the next three weeks, according to Frazee City Administrator Denise Anderson. During the Frazee Economic Development Authority's monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 25, the group discussed options for filling

the space after the EDA purchases it from Becker County. Anderson added the sale price was not known, but assured the EDA the county representatives she spoke with said the EDA would have first option to purchase the land.

25 years ago
Frazee Forum
July 31, 1997

Pageant veteran Melissa Bunkowske, age 19 of Vergas, was crowned Miss Frazee 1997. Five contestants competed for the honor at Saturday's pageant at Frazee High School auditorium. Jamie Wallace was named first runner-up and Heather Carr earned the second runner-up title.

The Jr. King and Queen pageant will kick off the Wolf Lake Harvest Festival on Friday at 7 p.m., at the Wolf Lake Lions Community hall. Other Friday festivities include the Miss

Wolf Lake Pageant and a street dance with DJ Jimmy Anderson from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The 1926 Frazee School time capsule was opened Sunday, revealing three Frazee newspapers, 10 pennies, a square nail and an information sheet from the school board. The capsule from the 1926 building was saved from the building demolition and opened during the annual Turkey Days turkey luncheon at the fire hall.

50 years ago
Frazee Forum
August 3, 1972

The Red Cross swimming certificates will be sent to the Vergas Bank the first part of September. There will be an announcement when they arrive and students of Mrs. Joan Happel and Jean Bruhn's swimming classes can pick them up at the Bank.

The July 13 meeting of the Rocky Hillside 4-H club was called to order by adult president Vern Moltzan at 8:10 p.m. We said our club and flag pledges. The adult songleaders led us in "This Old Man," "That 4-H Spirit" and "Happy Birthday" to all those who have birthdays in July.

Information on the summer Head Start program will be forwarded soon to the Frazee-Vergas Independent School District so that teachers in the district may become better acquainted with Head Start youngsters who will be enrolling in the system for 1972-73. The Head Start program was conducted in six centers in a three-county area by the sponsoring Mahube Community Council and staff members currently are in the process of completing follow-up work for their reports to the schools involved.

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term health of our state. I will continue working to advance energy initiatives which focus on innovative technology so that we may enjoy affordable, reliable energy instead of top-down government mandates that all too often suffer the opposite results. Whether it is the rising costs of heating and cooling your home, or soaring gas prices, Minnesotans deserve better than what we are experiencing and I look forward to establishing solutions to put us on a better path."

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Rep. Jordan Rasmusson recently visited a long-term facility, the Good Samaritan Society in Battle Lake after accepting the invitation of Casey Ward, administrator.



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Sponsors deliver new truck for robotics conference

Fraze is a member of NMRC group

By Jesse Frost
Special to the Forum

The Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference (NMRC) received a truck for a mobile robotics field and equipment to be deployed across Northern Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota.

Two years ago, thanks to their partners, the NMRC was fortunate to acquire a new trailer for mobile operations that directly supports

students engaging in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities.

This trailer has proven vital to move a wide range of equipment to schools and events around a 35,000 square mile territory.

When adding any services to an organization's capabilities new challenges are bound to emerge. In this instance, as anticipated, there was great demand for the equipment that the trailer brings. However several

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Through sponsor donations, the Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference has acquired an official truck for travel to various robotics events throughout Minnesota and North Dakota.



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Warmer temperatures have pushed fish even deeper in the lake as they search for cooler waters. That means fishermen will need to head out to deeper water to find a bite.

Fish seek cooler waters as temperatures increase



Chill Fishing Report
Cody Hill

The area has recently been the recipient of some extremely warm days and warm nights. As visitors to our area a lot of people have been extremely happy to have their "Summer" arrive but for us fishermen it has brought a lot of struggles as water temperatures have been sky rocketing pushing a lot of fish deeper than they normally are at this time of the year.

We have been having good luck still pulling Lindy Rigs and jiggling in and on the edges of the weeds. Sadly when you are the bait store and the person asks what you need you may need to say YES to everything. We have been seeing the bite change per spot and throughout the day on that same spot so having an assortment available is key.



Our best bite has been on minnows and I've been targeting that 2-3.5 inch minnow with a single hook through the nostril trolling 0.3-0.7 mph with only a bead on the leader.

We have also had best luck finding the edges of the new growth of weeds and targeting that structure first then adjusting accordingly. This presentation resulted in a nice 26 inch walleye being landed in the boat on our

last trip. I'm hearing lots of guys pulling crawlers and I personally am not the biggest fan because as I troll I'm using Livescope to hunt for the fish and I'm seeing HUGE schools of blue gills sitting in 18-24 feet of water and none of my trips have been wanting to target panfish.

Focusing on mid lake and sunken islands has been producing big fish but it's

been irregular. Using your Side Imaging graphs can help you cut a lot of "dead water" and will increase your chances of catching. You might not get many bites, but when you did it was producing picture quality fish. Remember to bring extra hooks because it's easier on the fish to cut the line and replace your plain hook then try to remove your hook and kill the fish.

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Take a look at these wacky cures

Humbug. Charlatan. Quack. Con artist. Trickster. Snake oil salesman. Such are the terms we still use to describe people selling ocean front property in Iowa, and sure fire cancer treatment using weasel nut extract.

Or the cure for Covid being drain cleaner. That's one that deserves mention in this category.

Actually, the cure that lasted the longest in the history of mankind's medical malpractice was bloodletting. In ancient Rome and well into medieval Europe, the barber-surgeon became the go-to person for a variety of reasons.

Hair cutting was the least of them. Amputations, leeching, boil draining, smallpox, epilepsy, plague—come on it, folks, we're a one-stop solution to all your health issues.

You know that red and white striped pole outside barber shops?? (Which has become an antique now almost everywhere.) They were placed outside the barbershops where bloodletting was performed. The pole actually symbolized the stick that a patient would squeeze to facilitate the bleeding process, and some say that the white twirled around the red represented the tourniquet used to hopefully stop the letting. If there was blue on the pole, that represented the veins. And the red, well.

In 1623 a gentleman named Jacques Ferrand wrote an entire book on bloodletting to cure a broken heart, "particularly if the sufferer was plump and well fed." Incessant laughing? Bleed'em. Melancholy? To the pole. Hemorrhoids? Whoool!

Especially insanity. Due no doubt to humoral imbalances in the blood. A place in London in the seventeenth century was nicknamed "Bedlam" for the behaviors incarcerated there, which were treated with a good vomiting and bleeding.

One practitioner wrote: "Twenty to forty ounces of blood (two and a half pints) may be taken and work wonders in calming people." Yeah. You'd be pretty calm after nearly half your blood was gone. And relatively happy now



The Prairie Spy
Alan "Lindy" Linda

that they've quit draining you.

Famous people over the years owe their demise to bloodletting. Marie Antoinette. Charles the Second. Lord Byron. And George Washington, who came down with a fever after riding in snowy weather. He was having trouble breathing, so his physicians aggressively bled him, fed him vinegar and butter, used laxatives and emetics, and then bled him some more for good measure. It is estimated that they bled five to nine pints of blood from him, after which he died. Likely, he had a cold.

One of the other more famous medical treatments to cure a variety of illnesses was lobotomy. Lobotomy involved somehow drilling a hole in the skull and removing stuff. One of the more lasting sayings to come out of all this drilling holes in peoples' head was: "I need that like I need a hole in my head!"

Skulls from as far back as 10,000 BCE show absolute signs of creating a hole in a person's head to cure a wide range of illnesses; Melancholy, madness, idiocy, and dementia. Removing part of the brain was thought to prevent whatever it was you had from contaminating the rest of the brain.

When it comes to curing mental illnesses, my cousin, who was a medic working in a psychiatric military hospital just after the Korean War, said that the acceptable method of treating someone with what we now know is PTSD by wrapping them up in a cold, wet bed sheet and injecting them with overdoses of insulin, which drove them into an epileptic-like seizure.

That wasn't all that long ago, really.

Doctors still call it "practicing" medicine.

Wise cracks by FPD Police Chief at Frazee Care Center Bingo

By Tyler Trieglaff
Notes from the Chief

Once again, I was asked to be a celebrity guest BINGO caller at the Frazee Care Center. It was a fun afternoon for all I would say, unless you didn't win. Winners were given a choice of several prizes ranging from treats for the residents to local gift cards for nonresidents.

One lady was claiming her second prize of the day and I heard her husband say, "give her the beauty salon card."

Holy moly I thought I would have a domestic right in front of me!

I did ask them nicely if they were going to domesticate that they take it out of town so I would not have to deal with it. All turned out to be ok with the slight ribbing the husband had given to his Mrs.

Later on, the husband did bingo and I heard the son tell mom, maybe there is a hair club for men gift card in there. Have a nice week.

Friday, July 22

10:35 p.m. Business alarm. All ok.

Saturday, July 23

3:44 p.m. Disturbance between two female neighbors. One yelled at the other and called her fat. Other female left prior to officer arriving. Advice given on a restraining order and to not talk with the other.

6:34 p.m. Report of a lost cell phone at the rest area. Phone was located by employee and arrangements made to pick up the phone.

8:43 p.m. Report of a disturbance on W Cedar. Problem child left before officer arrived.

Sunday, July 24

8:41 p.m. Report of a 4-wheeler and a dirt bike riding around in the Red Willow area. Officer saw the vehicles in a garage and talked with the owner and warned about the legality of young kids riding and that dirt bikes are not legal on the street.

10:25 p.m. Complaint at 9:22 p.m. of kids on a mini-bike on E Maple. Officer did not get the message until an hour later. Area was quiet when officer drove through. 10:44 p.m. Business alarm.

Building was secure.

11:46 p.m. Warrant attempt, UTL.

Monday, July 25

4:22 p.m. Report of a loose dog. New homeowner in town warned about leash law.

4:35 p.m. Report that an elderly person sent cash in the mail to "Publishers Clearing House." Officer was able to find the letter before it left on the mail truck. Cash was returned.

Tuesday, July 26

3:38 p.m. Report of suspicious activity on N Lake St. Unfounded.

7:04 p.m. Complaint that a neighbor's dog is causing issues in their yard. Dog owner said the kids let the dog out and she did not realize it.

7:22 p.m. Assist with a medical on US Hwy 10.

8:38 p.m. Assist with a medical.

8:50 p.m. Report of a dog jumping and barking at neighbors on Balsam Ave. Owner given advice to keep the dog under control to avoid further issues.

9:56 p.m. Report of the

theft of a new lawn mower on Balsam Ave.

10:22 p.m. Assist with a medical.

Wednesday, July 27

1:07 p.m. Assist a truck driver getting through construction after unloading equipment.

2:08 p.m. Report of a 911 call on US Hwy 10 with no one on the other line. Phone was tracked to a vehicle near Perham and the driver had the phone in his pocket. No issues, just a pocket dial.

3:30 p.m. Request for extra patrol on 3rd St SW due to more traffic due to construction.

6:40 p.m. Assist with a medical.

Thursday, July 28

2:30 p.m. Your illustrious police chief once again got invited to call BINGO at the Frazee Care Center.

3:40 p.m. Report of a theft from a business. Owner did not want to press charges, but wanted the perpetrator trespassed from the property.

4:18 p.m. Welfare check requested on some kids, all were ok.

Extra speed patrol is on duty to look for speeding drivers

Question: I see so many vehicles driving too fast on the highways. Are you guys doing anything about it?

Answer: You are correct and yes we are. As we've reached the halfway point of July - and summer - it's important to remember that extra speed enforcement is ongoing across the state with help from the Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (DPS-OTS).

Extra speed enforcement began statewide July 1 and runs through July 31 as part of a campaign coordinated by DPS-OTS. Minnesota State Troopers, deputies and police officers are spending additional time stopping speeders to make sure everyone gets home safe.

July 17 - marked the halfway point of the 100 deadliest days to be on the roads. Speed was the largest contributing factor in fatal traffic crashes during the 100 deadliest days last summer (Memorial Day to Labor Day).

During the 100 deadliest days in the past five years



Ask a Trooper
Sgt. Jesse Grabow

(2017-2021), preliminary numbers show that 196 people lost their lives in speed-related crashes.

"We see it every day on just about every road, drivers going too fast," said Mike Hanson, Office of Traffic Safety director. "The warm weather and snow-free roads make it easy to want to drive faster, but it's a dangerous decision. When speeds go up, so does the likelihood of fatal crashes and serious injuries. Going the speed limit and slowing down in construction zones are critical to us all coming home to our loved ones at the end of the day."

While many Minnesotans are driving smart, others are still driving too fast.

In 2021, the Minnesota State Patrol issued 1,249 speeding tickets for speeds of 100 mph or more, compared with 1,080 in 2020 and 533 tickets for those excessive speeds in 2019.

Those speeds are deadly. Preliminary numbers show there were 488 traffic fatalities in 2021 -- the most since 2007 when 510 people died. Preliminary numbers show the 100-day stretch last year accounted for 167 of the 488 traffic fatalities.

Minnesota is joining law enforcement officers from six states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin) on July 27 for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Region 5 high visibility Speed Awareness Day enforcement campaign. In 2020, there were 5,413 fatal injuries in the six-state region with 1,688 (30.8 percent) being speed-related fatalities. This was an 11.5 percent increase from 2019.

Whether it's the interstate, highway, your neighborhood or the communities you travel through,

speeding risks the lives of others. Reducing your speed gives you more vehicle control, more time to respond to any road situations and decreases the severity of impact during a crash. All those add up to making the road safer for everyone.

Speeding is a costly choice, as well. The cost of a speeding citation will vary by county, but traveling 10 mph over the limit typically costs a driver more than \$110 with court fees and double that for going over 20 mph. Those who get cited for going 100 mph or more can lose their license for six months.

Look out for everyone's safety—and your bank account—by slowing down.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

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All of Seventh Street (now known as West Hickory Avenue) lying westerly of High Street (now known as Fifth Street Northwest) and being between Blocks 12 and 16 of Frazee's 2nd Addition to the Village of Frazee.

And All of Sixth Street (now known as West Fir Ave.) lying westerly of High Street (now known as Fifth Street Northwest) and being between Blocks 5 and 12 of Frazee's 2nd Addition to the Village of Frazee.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2022
Jordan Roberts, City Administrator

Published August 2, 2022

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Monday, August 8
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF BECKER
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 03-PR-22-1356
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of Diane W. Irving Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 7, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated October 10, 2011, and for the appointment of Daniel B. Irving, whose address is 39536 Miles Road, Waubun, MN 56589-9389 as personal representative of the decedent's estate in 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

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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: July 20, 2022

Referee Susan Solheim of District Court Sarah Schlauderer Deputy Court Administrator
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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.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF BECKER
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 03-PR-22-1433
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of Carolyn Frances Kohler, Decedent.

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 7, 2022 at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 915 Lake Avenue, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, 56501 on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated November 2, 2021, and for the appointment of Susan Erickson and Barbara Wagner whose address are: Susan Erickson: 12357 Townhall Road, Audubon, MN 56511 and Barbara Wagner: 1020 1st Street, Lake Park, MN 56554 as co-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

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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.

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BY THE COURT
Dated: July 28, 2022

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the publication of "Seraphina the Ballerina". Yellowbright Press is a new division of Yellowbright, Inc., that focuses on publishing multiple genres of literature.



Dawn Marie Duncan

In the future, Yellowbright Press will be launching a work of fiction by Duncan, as well as a non-fiction memoir.

"I come from a family of entrepreneurs that always taught me that if I wanted something, I had to do it myself," she said. "So I decided I wanted to go full-on creative."

Since the launching of "Seraphina the Ballerina" and Yellowbright Press, Duncan has been busy with book signings and promotions at multiple book stores across Minnesota and North Dakota as well as freelance work.

"Since my book launched, there's been a flurry of activity," she explained. "It has been very well received and promoted by the many book stores that I've done signings at."

The Detroit Lakes library is hosting an event with Duncan in September where

people can make their own book, have storytime, and dance around.

"People like seeing other people succeed in this town. They're very supportive of entrepreneurship," Duncan said. "The community appreciates when somebody is willing to work hard and give back to the community. This is a very welcoming area for entrepreneurs like me."

Duncan said that Seraphina is a 10-story book series with a line of merchandise. Alongside the two adult books, Duncan hopes to get as many of those books published before the end of the year to kickstart Yellow-

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bright Press.

"I come from a long line of artistic people on my mother's side," she said. "So, my whole life I've just dreamed of doing creative things. That's just who I am."

In the future, Duncan hopes to become a highly recognized and respected author who has a comfortable life. With the hopes of Seraphina being an empire that leads to apps, games, and movies, Duncan has made it her goal to create something that not only she's proud of, but the entire community as well.

To buy "Seraphina the Ballerina" in both hard cover and soft cover, visit Blue-Bird bookstore, Mainstream Boutique, Beautiful Junque, Red Willow in Detroit Lakes and Willow bookstore in Perham.

To meet Dawn Duncan, the Detroit Lakes Library is hosting a storytime and book signing event on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 10:30 a.m. for families.

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There will be opportunities on Friday & Saturday at Loon Park to make donations to help fund future park projects. THANK YOU!

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Thank you to those members that support & sponsor Looney Days and all VACC efforts! We meet the 1st Monday of each month at 5:30pm at Vergas State Bank. Everyone is welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1 - Hairyman Festival
October 22 - Wine Walk
November 13 - Festival of Trees
November 26 - Small Town Christmas

Thank you for attending all of our fun events!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

YOU PICK BOUQUETS All Day • True Blue Flower Co.
LIVE MUSIC & FOOD 5-7pm • Otter Coffee & Ice Cream
Music by Mitch Groethe, Food Truck by Jonny BBQ

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

AREA WIDE RUMMAGE SALES • No charge to participate
YOU PICK BOUQUETS All Day • True Blue Flower Co.
SIWALK CHALK ART 10am - 5pm • Natalie's Serendipity • FREE
Get supplies at Natalie's Serendipity, sponsored by Natalie's Serendipity

PICKLE BALL DEMONSTRATIONS 10-11am • Pickleball Courts • FREE

BRATS & BEANS 11am-2pm • United Methodist Parking Lot

VOICES OF THE PAST CEMETERY TOUR 2-3pm • City Cemetery

KIDS FISHING 3:30-4:30pm • Loon Park • FREE
Bait donated by Wannabee in Vergas, sponsored by TIP

FOOD TRUCKS 4-9pm • Loon Park

WATER SKI SHOW 5-5:30pm • Loon Park • FREE
sponsored by Beach King, J&K Marine & Zitzow Electric

CHURCH OF CASH 6:30-9pm • Loon Park • FREE
sponsored by Vergas State Bank & Long Weekend Sportswear

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

5K RUN / WALK 8am (Registration 7am) • Start / End at Loon Park
Pre-Register at cityofvergas.com

YOU PICK BOUQUETS All Day • True Blue Flower Co.
LIONS BREAKFAST ON A BUN 8-11am • Vergas Event Center
Dine In or Drive Thru

PICKLE BALL DEMONSTRATIONS 10-11am • Pickleball Courts

STREET FAIR 9am-4pm • Main Street

RACING THE WEINERS 9am (Registration 8am) • Baseball Field
sponsored by Forest Edge Gallery

FAMILY GAMES BY PERHAM AREA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
9:30-11am • Baseball Field • FREE
sponsored by Natalie's Serendipity & Tammy Kinsella Graphic Design & Marketing

INFLATABLE GAMES 9:30am-3pm • Baseball Field • FREE
sponsored by Billy's, Ottertail Inflatables, Spanky's & Otter Coffee

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

CLASSIC CAR SHOW 9am - Noon (Registration 8am) • Main Street
sponsored by TEAM Lab, Long Weekend Sportswear & Minnesota Motor Co.

COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE 10am • Baseball Field

YOGA AMONG THE BLOOMS 9:30am • True Blue Flower Co.

GRAND PARADE 2pm Pre-Register at cityofvergas.com,
Grand Marshals - Jerry & Kathy Johnson

WATER FIGHTS Following Parade • Main Street • FREE
sponsored by Vergas Fire Department

TIP BINGO Following Parade • Billy's Corner Bar

LIVE MUSIC • Skal 4-6pm Damien Anderson,
6-8pm Seth Moore, 8-10pm Shelly & Dave

TIP RAFFLE DRAWING 8pm • Billy's Corner Bar

NEW ROBOTICS TRUCK

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teams and volunteers had limited availability of vehicles at their schools that were adequate for hauling something of this size and weight safely and efficiently.

With this new need identified we once again set out to close any gap that may exist between area students and the opportunities they deserve. After careful deliberation we determined the best way forward was for the NMRC to purchase a vehicle that could meet these demands.

As the NMRC laid out their plans to our regional supporters they were pleased at the positive responses we got from them. The group set out to raise more than \$67,000 for this initiative and anticipated that the fundraising efforts would take several months to complete. With their generous support NMRC's goal was achieved within weeks rather than months.

The charitable financial backers for this initiative included the primary lead sponsor Enbridge Energy and our two supporting sponsors the North Country Vocational Cooperative Center and St. Cloud State University's Environmental and Technical Studies Department. We also received in kind contributions from Ross Lewis Sign (Bemidji) for the great artwork which adorns the vehicle. Special counsel and assistance for this project was also provided by Kenny's Goodyear Tire and Auto (Bemidji) and Diamond Buick GMC (Alexandria). Without their assistance the work we do for kids would not be possible.

Nearly 30 students from both Minnesota and North Dakota participated in this two-day educational event.

The truck has also been deployed to the Beltrami County Fairgrounds for an educational showcase at the Beltrami County Ag Association Expo and Breakfast in June. Additionally, it traveled to Minneapolis for supporting educational sessions at the national United National Indian Tribal Youth conference at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

During this event more than 200 youth from all over the country got their hands on robots and explored the many educational components associated with them. It even saw parade action, in its first of many, in Bemidji over the Fourth of July.

Editor's note: The Frazee Kaotic Robotics team is a member of the NMRC.



Lions Looney Egg Hunt clues will be posted starting at 9 am Saturday at info center & on FB and every 2 hours after that.

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