

FRAZEE-VERGAS FORUM

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

TIME TO SMILE AT FHS PROM

Ariana Doll had Mark Jarszewski had a secret handshake during grand march on Saturday night at Frazee High School. Doll and Jarszewski were just one of several dozen couples who walked through the bright lights and balloons during the grand march ceremony as part of the school's annual prom ceremony. For more pictures and information about prom, check out page 4.

Photo by Chad Koerner



Photo by Robert Williams

Above: Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission assistant director Joe Czapiewski (plaid) and executive director Renee Mattson (right of Czapiewski) review plans for Wannigan Park during Wednesday's site visit in Frazee. Below: Members from Wednesday's Wannigan Park Project meeting survey portions of the park from the covered bridge on the property Wednesday, May 4.

City, county, state officials discuss future of Wannigan Park

Parks and Trails Commission assess project for future funding

By Robert Williams
Editor

A large group of city, county and state officials, along with supporters of the Wannigan Regional Park Project (WRPP) met in Frazee on Wednesday, May 4. They met with Renee Mattson, executive director of the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC) and assistant director Joe Czapiewski to discuss current plans and ongoing efforts for developing the park.



The WRPP board had previously submitted a designation application in 2019 to the GMRPTC, but did not receive a high enough rating for potential acceptance and possible funding. The application was resubmitted in 2020 and received a high rating from the commission, which means the park project is now eligible to become a part of the GMRPTC system, according to Czapiewski.

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Nundahl benefit set for Sunday in Frazee

Benefit to be held at Frazee Event Center

By Robert Williams
Editor

A benefit for Cally Nundahl will be held at the Frazee Event Center Sunday, May 15 from 3-7 p.m. Nundahl was diagnosed with adenocarcinoma cervi-

cal cancer in October, which has been complicated by other medical conditions.

According to a GoFundMe set up in her name, Nundahl had her first surgery to remove cancerous tumors in November, prior to finding out the cancer had since spread.

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Photo by Robert Williams

The veteran's memorial park in Vergas will officially be dedicated in a ceremony to be held Saturday, June 11.

Vergas veteran's memorial park dedication June 11

Fundraising efforts continue as project enters another phase

By Robert Williams
Editor

A dedication for the new veteran's memorial park in

Vergas is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, beginning at 11 a.m.

According to organizer Lyle Krieg, the park continues to be an ongoing process with more donations still

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VETERANS PARK DEDICATION

coming in and more welcome. The project is entering its second phase of placing granite memorial pillars, benches and other landscaping enhancements to the area soon. 'We have eight benches that are spoken for and two pillars that are full of names right now,' said Krieg. 'The support has been just outstanding.' The site has room for eight more pillars and more memorial benches, according to Krieg. The project will not be completed at the time of dedication as it is an ongoing process. Donations to memorialize

a veteran or family member are still available and will be after the dedication. As that date nears, recently purchased donations may not be installed on the site at the time of the dedication, but will be added as soon as possible. Future additions to the site include plans for an archway at the entrance to the memorial. For the group of six project organizers, the past three years have been a worthwhile pursuit that will culminate at the June dedication, but the project and dedications will continue long into the future. 'We started in January of 2019 and were always talk-

ing back and forth before moving into more organized meetings with minutes and an agenda,' said Krieg. 'There's a lot of thought that went into it. It's been fun and an ongoing thought process. I've met some outstanding people, veterans and their family members.' Veterans and family members are invited to have their name memorialized, not just those living in or native to Vergas. Donations can be made in three different ways. Money can be donated to the flag fund to help replace worn flags. There are nine flags at the memorial. A recent order for replacements ran

approximately \$100, according to Krieg, so donations will be needed for future replacements. Any dollar amount is welcome. Names engraved to remember a loved one, or someone who served in the armed forces on one of the granite pillars, can be had for a donation of \$150. One of the engraved granite park bench memorials can be had for a donation of \$5,000. The dedication in June will be another phase of the project and a continuance of the fundraising to continue enhancing what is already on the site. 'We hope to spike some

interest after the dedication and hopefully, maybe by fall, we could put another pillar up,' Krieg said. 'We have more room.' Donations can be made by check payable to WCI (note Vergas Veterans Memorial on memo line) and mailed to: West Central Initiative, P.O. Box 318, Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0318. Online donations can be made at: www.wcif.org/give/funds/vcf.html, or a transfer of assets, stocks, real estate, life insurance value, IRA Funds, or other funds. West Central Initiative has been utilized to ensure funds donated are tax de-

ductible. The June 11 dedication will include food donated by Ditterich Family Farms and will be served beginning at 11 a.m., until the dedication, which is scheduled for 1 p.m. Raffle drawings and a silent auction are to follow at 1:30 p.m. Raffle prizes include: guns, cash, \$100 gift cards, meat bundles, restaurant gift cards and more. Raffle tickets are available from any Vergas Lions Club member. Updates on the project, the dedication and fundraising can also be found on Facebook.com/groups/vergasveterans

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FOCUSING ON WANNIGAN PARK

'Now that the master plan is completed, it has come to us, and we're going through an extensive evaluation of it, which includes an independent evaluation team that is looking through it and comparing it to our criteria scoring system,' he said. 'We also do our staff review, which includes today's site visit we're going through today. We're still in the middle of that process and looking forward to learning more before the commission makes a final decision.' Both GMRPTC representatives went through a lengthy list of questions regarding maintenance, operations and funding for the project in a meeting that lasted just under an hour. Regarding maintenance and operations, the park will be run by the Frazee Community Development Corporation (FCDC), but the city will have membership on the FCDC and the finance committee, providing oversight of the maintenance and operations budget. The city's involvement is imperative in the event that there is a shift of operation back to the city at some point, which could be assigned to another non-profit, or the economic and development authority as a fallback to make any shift in operation as seamless as possible, according to Lorusung. That connection was something Czapiewski and Mattson stressed as a key element to their purpose in garnering more information. Former mayor Fred Daggett cited the event center as a previous successful team effort between the FCDC and city. The FCDC was formed in 1999 with a goal to build the event center. Another key question was for the group to explain how it would work should something go awry, like an off-year or expenses that are larger than expected. 'I think the city would have to come up and step behind them with our resources and things we have to do since we are basically a partner in this whole situation once it's acquired,' said Frazee mayor Ken Miosek. 'The city is looking at some of these areas and things to stand behind them with a mechanism we can put in place to take care of it.' Keeping surplus funds available for an issue of that nature is also a priority of the FCDC. 'It's my goal as president of the FCDC that as we do our fundraising and budgeting every year that we set a cushion aside,' said Denise Anderson. 'I think it's important that we have that rainy day fund.' While the park is still in the funding application stage, to get past that point, both Mattson and Czapiewski stressed the need for forward thinking. 'We're here to ask some tough questions,' Czapiewski said. 'Our role in it is to be good stewards of the dollars that the voters of Minnesota have given to legacy to give to you and other parks and trails if you're part of the system. You need to make sure that when you have

those hiccups that things can continue on. That investment that our legacy group or other groups that you may approach for funding, those things need to be stewarded and still able to be there for the citizens of Minnesota to enjoy. That's why we're interested in post-operation things.' Steps to ownership and profitability The land has yet to be purchased. It is still owned by Greg Ness and held in a trust until the acquisition monies are obtained. 'It's been just a huge gift for him to do that for us,' said Anderson. The FCDC will eventually purchase the land and it will accrue to the city. In addition, the Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota has agreed to help with the acquisition, in the event there is an urgent need before the money can be accumulated for the purchase, according to National Park Service outdoor recreation planner Holly Larson. Beyond the purchase, profitability and being able to maintain the property over time, are a major concern for the GMRPTC. One benefit Frazee has is an already profitable camping history, to go with projections of reaching \$100,000 in first year profits from camping at Wannigan. Two examples of camping profits in town are an 18-site campground which earns \$35,000 annually and a primitive 4-site campground that earns over \$3,000. 'Campsites in the area definitely do get used,' said city administrator Jordn Roberts. 'I think Wannigan will be beneficial for that and I do see it being profitable with the demand that we have.' There are currently 49 total campsites planned for WRPP when the build-out is complete, reservable up to two weeks per stay. It is not going to be a seasonal campground. 'The operations revenue from camping is going to self-sustain the park,' said FCDC member Polly Andersen. 'Starting from year one, revenue from campground reservations will completely offset expenses with a cushion.' Potential expansion for more camping is further down the road to meet demand. 'We did include space in the concept plan for additional camping for both RVs and tents that would be developed later in phase II or III if there was demand for more spaces,' said Larson. A preliminary budget for phase I of the project was shared at the meeting, from land acquisition to roadwork, water, electric and sewer; the building of RV sites and campground areas, archaeological studies, design and engineering costs and more to the tune of nearly \$5 million. 'Does this get you to the place you feel you've got decent profitability or a chance of profitability, including purchasing equipment to maintain the property?' Czapiewski asked. 'We absolutely believe that,' said Andersen. 'This is for discussion purposes today; it's not a final financial application, but we've



Frazee Community Development Corporation president Denise Anderson points out portions of the park's topography during Wednesday's Wannigan site visit. Photo by Robert Williams

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“ Our city has been very committed to expanding outdoor recreation opportunities as a means of not only redefining our local economy, but the future of our city as a whole. ”

- Mike Sharp, Frazee City Councilman

been very cognizant of what we need to make it successful and being sure that we're funded properly for that.' Connecting with other agencies Between current projects going on in town like the beach project and the highway 87 project, the city and FCDC members have a good connection to how any funds made available from GMRPTC would be managed. The WRPP board has partnered with West Central Initiative to help fundraising efforts and to collect those monies and guide the board through expenditures and reporting. 'I think that takes a lot off the plate of the board and that frees us up to do more development and fundraising,' said Anderson. If the park becomes designated by GMRPTC, the FCDC may need the city to submit the application and be in charge of reporting and managing the contract, which could occur for any major funding applications. When asked if the city was willing to take on that burden, vice mayor Mike Sharp answered in the affirmative. 'This plan is a key component of our comprehensive plan,' said Sharp. 'We know the administrative side of things. We've applied for other grants through the DNR and such. I think we fully understand what we're getting into and we're prepared to meet that.' The city's comprehensive plan was a 2 1/2-year long planning process and the park represents a need residents of Frazee and the region stressed for the future of the city. 'Our city has been very

committed to expanding outdoor recreation opportunities as a means of not only redefining our local economy, but the future of our city as a whole,' said Sharp. Anderson explained further. 'One of the biggest things we heard was the city's residents wanted more recreational activities; they wanted to utilize the river, which the Otter Tail goes right through this property,' she said. 'They wanted more bike trails and they wanted to do something with their town. Wannigan Park is a very important piece of that aspect. The residents and people in the region are very aware of what the plans have been for this for a long, long time and they're looking forward to us getting it done.' Roberts cited the DNR and MnDOT are already putting funds into the town with the two aforementioned projects at the beach and the highway. Any funds available from GMRPTC would go through similar processes, something city officials are already comfortable doing. 'We're working with state entities to improve Frazee, make it better and see it grow,' Roberts said. The city worked with the DNR for a grant of \$250,000 for the Town Lake Beach project. City engineer Kris Carlson noted the 87 project is bringing a 10-foot multi-use trail from highway 10 through town. 'Eighty percent of that funding came from the transportation alternative program; the city is very active in grant administration,' Carlson said. GMRPTC gives out legacy funds for Minnesota, but because it is not a fiscal agent,

the contracts run through the DNR, so the city's familiarity with that process is a benefit. Full project will take years Wednesday's meeting was a big step in making the park a reality, Becker County is joining the city in support of that, although nothing financially yet. Currently, the county is in a support role. 'We're trying to help where we can,' said county commissioner John Okeson. 'We haven't committed anything financial at this time. It will probably come under our parks and rec department to bring it to the county board.' The county is open to assisting, but the FCDC is taking control of the project and finding ways to utilize any help it can get to get the project moving forward. 'The county will take an active role in supporting us,' said Anderson. 'They're open to the concept of helping us and supporting us through the project. That is one of the reasons we started the FCDC, so our board would have the opportunity to do fundraising and apply for grants for the development of the park.' A major public question about the project is when will it begin and that thoroughly rests with securing roughly \$800,000 for the land. 'Our main goal is acquisition of the property and to start our phase I, some of the smaller development that we can do to get the area residents into that park and enjoy the trails and the river,' said Anderson. 'We understand this isn't going to happen in a year or two. We understand this is going to take, before it's finished, probably a decade.' Becker County and the city have already provided some initial funds. Both the city and county contributed \$2,500 each for the land appraisal fee and the city has supported the project with an archaeological survey scheduled to be done by June 30, according to Andersen. Community development coordinator Tom Lorusung and Okeson cited the De-

troit Mountain Recreational Area (DMRA) as an example of how the city of Detroit Lakes and Becker County worked with that project. 'How the county got involved was help improve the road going in there with our sales tax money,' said Okeson. 'That's a possibility that the county would look at; that's where I think our money would be shared.' One of the major differences between the DMRA and Wannigan is that Detroit Mountain is run by a for-profit entity versus a non-profit running Wannigan. Miosek pledged support on behalf of the city. 'If the city didn't want to stand behind them, we wouldn't be at this point either,' Miosek said. 'We have a stake. We're all part of it.' Official work on Wannigan Regional Park will kick off with a preliminary archeological dig at the site from May 10-11. This preliminary survey includes shovel testing as well as researching how the land has been used by settlers over centuries gone by. A report is expected by the end of July. Other area officials attending the meeting and site visit were: Frazee high school superintendent Terry Karger; FCDC secretary and United Community Bank branch manager Ashley Renollet; park supporter Tony Sailer; North Country Trail Association representatives Steph Hogan and Karen Stenberg; former mayor and FCDC vice president Hank Ludtke; Daggett Trucking general manager and FCDC treasurer Erik Anderson; Becker County engineer Jim Olson; Becker County economic development coordinator Guy Fischer; Becker Soil and Water Conservation District county ag inspector Marsha Watland and incoming ag inspector Brandon Gill; Frazee chief of police Tyler Trieglaff; Joe Hernandez of the National Park Service and Patrick Hollister of Partnership for Health, the combined health departments of Becker, Clay, Otter Tail and Wilkin Counties.

Finalists announced for Great American Think-Off

Finalists to weigh personal choice, social responsibility

The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center has announced four finalists from the essay contest portion of the 29th Annual Great American Think-Off. These four finalists will participate in a live debate in New York Mills, on Saturday June 11.

The four finalists are (in alphabetical order): Matthew Anderson of Sunnyvale, Calif.; Hunter Liguore

of Everett, Conn.; Blaine Rada of St. Darien, Ill.; and Ronald Stewart of Coon Rapids, Minn. These four essayists each win \$500 and a weekend trip to New York Mills in June to participate in the live philosophical debate.

During the debate, the finalists will defend their essays, arguing their side of the question, "Which should be more important: personal

choice or social responsibility?"

Liguore and Stewart will assert that personal choice should be more important, while Anderson and Rada will argue that social responsibility should be important.

The debate among the four armchair philosophers is on Saturday, June 11 at 7 p.m. The finalists will be available to meet the pub-

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Photos by Chad Koerner

AJ Gil and Daniel Tschida were the two finalists during last year's annual Great American Think-Off in New York Mills.



Photo by Robert Williams

Frazee-Vergas high school was ranked in the top two-thirds of schools in Minnesota in this year's findings by U.S. News and World Report.

State, national school rankings released

Frazee-Vergas reported 273rd of 414 in Minnesota

By Robert Williams

Frazee-Vergas Secondary was ranked No. 273 in Minnesota and No. 13,061 in the national rankings, according to the annual school

rankings report by U.S. News and World Report.

The rankings are based on the publishers' data from 24,000 public high schools in the country.

Schools are ranked on their proficiency and per-

formance on state-required tests, graduation rate and how well they prepare students for college.

Frazee-Vergas was number 232 in Minnesota in the State Assessment Proficiency Rank, which includes aggregated scores on math, reading and oftentimes science state assessments that students may be required to pass for graduation.

For the State Assessment Performance Rank, FHS was No. 6,863 nationally and No. 163 in the state. The ranking is based on how aggregated scores on state assessments compare with U.S. News' expectations giv-

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FHS students receive more than \$150k

High school hosts annual awards night

Frazee High School students were recognized Tuesday, May 4, in an awards ceremony where more than \$150,000 was given out in the form of scholarships. Education, athletics and other awards were also announced.

Harley Kropuenske, All in All \$2,000

Rylee Turcotte, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 15 \$500

Daniel Putnam, American Legion Post 15 \$500

McKenzie Wake, Buhr/Medina Family Scholarship \$2,500

Nathan Johannsen, Buhr/Medina Family Scholarship \$2,500

Nathan Johannsen, Delores Smith Memorial Scholarship \$350

Nathan Johannsen, Detroit Lakes Noon Rotary \$750

MaKayla Ullrich, Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary \$1,000

Sophie Nelson, Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary \$1,000

Madeline Matejka, Detroit Lakes Noon Rotary

\$750 Payton Wotho, Detroit Lakes Noon Rotary \$750
Braylee Riewer, Donald and Mickey Eveslage Memorial \$500

Harley Kropuenske, Donald and Mickey Eveslage Memorial \$500

Kathryn Wilkowski, Donald and Mickey Eveslage Memorial \$500

Kiley Karger, Essentia Health St. Mary's \$1,000

Rylee Moore, Essentia Health St. Mary's \$1,000

Abigail Johnson, Frazee Area Action Fund \$500

Malena Mahoney, Frazee Area Action Fund \$500

Sylure Lehman, Frazee Area Action Fund \$500

Madeline Matejka, Frazee Area Action Fund \$500

McKenzie Wake, Frazee Area Action Fund \$500

Braylee Riewer, Frazee Knights of Columbus \$500

Braylee Riewer, Frazee Lions Club \$1,000

Nathan Johannsen, Frazee Lions Club \$1,000

McKenzie Wake, Frazee Lions Club \$1,000

Payton Wotho, Frazee Lions Club \$1,000

Rylee Turcotte, Frazee

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Photos by Chad Koenen
Frazee High School students were all smiles as they walked through grand march on Saturday at the school. Among those who participated in grand march were: Nathan Johannsen and Annika Reierson (above), Wil Mickelson and Krysten Halverson (top right), Madison Olson and Kale Ovsak (middle right) and Max Matejka and Faith Hamm (far right).

PROM 2022



Heath Wothe and Autumn Hiemenz (middle above) took a selfie at grand march, while Byron Kropuenske and Maddison Starry (above) stand in front of the balloon arch. Middle left: Derek Zitzow and Olivia Petron strike a pose during Saturday's grand march.

STUDENT AWARDS

Lions Club \$1,000
Rylee Turcotte, Frazee Sportsman Club \$500
Katelyn Schaefer, Frazee-Vergas School Board and Superintendent \$250
Chelsy Hofer, Heart of Lakes Frazee VFW Post #7702 \$500
Madeline Matejka, Heart of Lakes Frazee VFW Post #7702 \$500
Payton Wothe, Heart of Lakes Frazee VFW Post #7702 \$500
Kathryn Wilkowski, KLN Family Brands \$500
Ian Cottrell, Kyle Quittschreiber Memorial Scholarship \$500
Rylee Turcotte, Kyle Quittschreiber Memorial Scholarship \$500
Kirsten St. Germain, Lake Region Electric Trust \$500
George Flynn, Lakeside Lodge 105 Independent Order of Odd Fellows, \$1,000
Jayden Keeping, Lakeside Lodge 105 Independent Order of Odd Fellows, \$1,000
Madeline Matejka, Nicole Ohman Ziegler Memorial \$500
Bryson Smith, North Country Truckers \$1,000
Joshua Meier, North

Country Truckers \$1,000
Braylee Riewer, Perham Rotary Club \$1,250
Malena Mahoney, Royale B and Eleanor Arvig Memorial \$3,000
Daniel Putnam, SJE Foundation \$500
Anna Drewes, Spanky's Stone Hearth \$500
Sophie Nelson, Spanky's Stone Hearth \$500
Braylee Riewer, SSG Greg Riewer AmVets Post 612, \$500
Daniel Putnam, SSG Greg Riewer AmVets Post 612, \$500
Zachary Roforth, SSG Greg Riewer AmVets Post 612, \$500
Annika Reierson, Staff SGT Greg Riewer Memorial \$750
George Flynn, Staff SGT Greg Riewer Memorial \$750
Annika Reierson, Steve Dagggett ~ Class of 1987 \$2,500
Daniel Putnam, Tyler Shipman Memorial Scholarship \$500
Tiffany Lawrence, Tyler Shipman Memorial Scholarship \$500
Joshua Meier, United Community Bank \$500

Makayla Ullrich, United Community Bank \$500
Katelyn Schaefer, Vergas Insurance Agency \$500
Harley Kropuenske, Vergas Lions \$500
Kiley Karger, Vergas Lions \$500
Bryson Smith, Vergas State Bank \$500
Anna Drewes, Vernon and Helen Dagggett Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Annika Reierson, Vernon and Helen Dagggett Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Chelsy Hofer, Vernon and Helen Dagggett Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Daniel Putnam, Vernon and Helen Dagggett Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Ian Cottrell, Vernon and Helen Dagggett Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Katelyn Schaefer, Vernon and Helen Dagggett Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
McKenna Splonskowski, Vernon and Helen Dagggett Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Scott Seim, Vernon and Helen Dagggett Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Sophie Nelson, Vernon and Helen Dagggett Memo-

rial Scholarship \$1,000
Zachary Roforth, Vernon and Helen Dagggett Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Jayden Keeping, Wild Rice Electric Coop \$750
Makayla Ullrich, Wolf Lake VFW Post #8165 \$500
Additional Scholarships
Ian Cottrell - Alexandria Technical College - Workforce Development Scholarship for \$2,500
Harley Kropuenske - North Dakota State University - Presidential Award for \$12,000.
Malena Mahoney - University of Minnesota Morris - Morris Scholars Award: \$24,000 scholarship over 4 years and a \$2,500 stipend.
Madeline Matejka - Rasmussen University - 2022 Imagine America Foundation Scholarship for \$1000.00 and L.A. Amundson Scholarship for \$3000.00
Rylee Moore - University of St. Thomas - St. Thomas Academic Scholarship for \$27,500 annually, St. Thomas Founders Grant for \$5,400 annually, and First Security Bank L.A. Amundson Scholarship for \$3000
Sonhie Nelson - Minneso-

ta State University Mankato - Tyler Shipman Traveling Emmy Award for \$250
Daniel Putnam - North Dakota State University - NDSU Academic Scholarship for \$12,000.
Military Recognition
Air National Guard - Daniel Putnam
Eagle Scout Recognition
Trevor Hockett
AA Degree Recognition - M-State
Brenna Mahoney, Madeline Matejka, Rylee Moore, McKenzie Wake
Silver Honor Graduates (GPA 3.67-3.85)
Chelsy Hofer, Jayden Keeping
Gold Honor Graduates (GPA 3.851-4.0)
George Flynn, Nathan Johannsen, Harley Kropuenske, Malena Mahoney, Madeline Matejka, Daniel Putnam, Annika Reierson, Braylee Riewer, Makayla Ullrich, McKenzie Wake, Payton Wothe.
Hero Cord Recipients for Blood Donation

Harley Kropuenske, Malena Mahoney, Daniel Putnam, Maddie Matejka, Morgan Hanley, Paige Engel
TRIPLE A Award (Arts, Academics, and Athletics)
Nathan Johannsen, Annika Reierson
College Athletes
Nathan Johannsen-Track (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire)
Malena Mahoney - Softball (University of Minnesota Morris)
Rylee Moore-Dance (St. Thomas)
Johnny Parsons-Track (Buena Vista University)
Annika Reierson-Basketball (Mayville State)
Braylee Riewer - Dance (Minnesota State University Moorhead)
Scott Seim-Baseball (Bismarck State)
Frazee Triple Crown Award
Nathan Johannsen, Kiley Karger, Harley Kropuenske, Skyler Lehman, Annika Reierson, Braylee Riewer, McKenzie Wake.

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National EMT Week

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Frazee Rescue Squad



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Frazee Rescue members from left to right: (front row) Shawna King, Tasha Jensen, Tyler Trieglaff, Suz Bristlin, Terri Thunstrom; (back row) Josie Johnson, Matt Johnson, Stacey Hunt, Ken Miosek.

A special...

THANK YOU

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Fraze, Vergas and Wolf Lake Rescue Squads
for their dedication and service
to their communities!

Vergas Fire & Rescue



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Vergas Rescue members from left to right include: (front row) Nate Hoffman, Teri Harthun, Jason Schrupp (retired), Tyler Sazama, Anthony Schillings, Kraig Glawe, Tyler Schmid, Loren Urbach, Byron Zitzow, Matt Holzer; (second row) Kris Thon, Jackie Buermann (inactive), Tom Sharbonno (retired), Alyssa Cariveau, Bobbi Hoffmann, Tina Sharbonno (retired), Theresa Harthun, Seth Hanson, Katie Zitzow (inactive), Jordan Priem (inactive), Butch Zitzow, Derrick Cariveau (inactive); (third row) Torey Sonnenberg, Kevin Zitzow, Dan Doyle (retired), Terry Bennett, Wes Kellogg, Anthony Soland (retired) (back row) Nathan Thon, Kevin Quittschreiber (retired), Justin Helmke (retired), Jeff Zitzow. Not Pictured: Andy Matzke, Dean Haarstick, Kyle Holt, Payton Lautenschlager, Marshall Steen, Logan Dahlgren, Sydney Dahlgren, Mike Heinecke, Michelle Strand, Sam Dahring, Cassandra Woods, Jimmy Krejce, Zepherine Richter, Gary Garza, Bret Albright

Wolf Lake Rescue Squad



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Wolf Lake Rescue members from left to right (front row): Sarah Maninga, Michelle Lake, Carmen Johnson, Amanda Aho and Jamie Johnson; (back row) Dan Keranen, Brad Mylykangas, Scott Makela, Tom Mickelson, Monty Lake, Carter Johnson, Mike Johnson.

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All you need to know about apple trees

Should you want an apple tree to survive, you must: Select an apple tree correct for this growing zone; support it with posts and ties to keep the wind from shaking the soil loose around the roots; protect it from mice and rabbits by using metal screen around the lower trunk; water it religiously; and do not let mowers and weed trimmers get close to it. Failure to do these things is the primary reason apple trees fail to make it.

You can also do all those things, and because you planted it in the shade of some other tree, or in the wrong soil, or it broke due to poor or nonexistent pruning, or you failed to control apple pests, or you let it overbear or bear too soon, you will still be unhappy with what you have. Apple trees are, it is sad to say, nearly as difficult to raise properly as children.

But, you say, you grew up with apple trees and no one did those things, to which I reply: Are those trees still alive? Wild apples are one thing. Sweet, edible apples are another. They are good because they are grafted onto special root stock, and that grafting makes them much more to our liking for taste, but much less hardy.

Back in the old days, apple trees were planted from seed, and those folks valued apples for cooking, or cider, or for other purposes for which being pretty sour really didn't matter. It turns out that apple trees possess somewhat the genetic variation that humans have. All humans have the same two arms, legs, eyes, ears, etc., but are different. The same thing goes for apple trees. You could plant ten thousand apple seeds and get ten thousand apple trees—each of which will bear an apple that is somewhat different from other apples. It is a very rare occurrence for one of those ten thousand trees to produce an apple that everyone agrees is tasty.

But once in a great while a perfect apple happens, due to cross pollination (cross breeding, in other words) with another tree. The University of Minnesota, among others, spends years trying to grow the perfect apple by cross-breeding one tree's flowers with another tree's pollen, and then growing that apple and planting the seed. It's a process that requires enormous patience. It is

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Aw, heck. I like them all.



The Prairie Spy
Alan "Lindy" Lindal

also a process that produces countless dead ends before a Honeycrisp or a Fireside or a Honeygold pops up. These are all apples that will not only survive but will produce well here in Zone 4, where winter nights are prone to freeze less hardy roots to death.

Okay. Here's what I learned last year. First: It turns out that there is a positive side to hot, dry weather, because apple trees are not exposed to the wet conditions that cause all kinds of blights and fungal invasions.

Those diseases? That's why we prune like crazy in the spring, so there's not so much leafy growth that disease has a nice enclosed and damp space to breed inside all protected. And wet. Sure, I had to water last summer, but given the two conditions? I'll water.

Second: That old wife's tale about apples needing a frost before you pick them? Baloney! You know how bananas continue to ripen after you buy them? Apples do, too. Here's the deal: Cut the apple open, and if the seeds are dark, pick it. They'll continue to ripen, even if you refrigerate them. The refrigeration slows down the process, but they'll still ripen. Tree ripening is nice, but not if you intend on having any storage time left in them.

Third: Deer don't eat apples; they eat soy beans, corn, and alfalfa. Why would they eat an apple. But they do eat the leaves. Which kills all growth in that branch. Frankly, I'd prefer they ate the apples.

Last: My favorite apple is the Sweet 16. I've been unfaithful the last few years, thought the Honeycrisp was my favorite. But the Honeycrisp has a genetic weakness that makes it prone to cork spot, a nasty apple rotting disease. Nope, The Sweet 16. For sure.

Well, okay. Maybe the Centennial Crab. And the Connell Red. Maybe a Fireside.

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Question: My daughter just got in a crash recently. Nobody got hurt but it got us talking on how important it is to know what to do after something like this. Can you write about that?

Answer: The first and most important thing to do after you've been involved in a crash is to get to a safe place. Worry less about "preserving the scene" for law enforcement and more about protecting yourself and your car from further damage, especially if you're on a highway or interstate. For the latter, this could mean driving (if possible) to the nearest off-ramp or underpass. If your car isn't drivable, stay inside it, but move to the passenger's side, so that there's more



Ask a Trooper
Sgt. Jesse Grabow

room between you and traffic.

Once you're safe, call 911. Even if the crash seems minor, you'll need a police report for your insurance company. Once first responders are on the way, you can start talking to the other driver. Be courteous — you've both been through

a traumatic situation — but don't talk fault. Instead, exchange information.

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- License plate number
- Driver's license number
- Insurance company name
- Insurance policy number

Then take pictures, both of the damage itself and of the accident scene (but again, try to do so safely). Once you've done that, first responders should be there, and then you can start filling out a crash report.

Once you have a report number, you can call your insurance company. And if you can, see a medical professional. You may feel okay

right after the crash, but injuries can show up after the adrenaline wears off.

The best way to deal with a crash is to make sure it never happens in the first place. So be sure to put your away distractions when you drive, find a sober ride if you've been drinking, obey all speed limits, and wear your seatbelt.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Troop, Jesse Grabow — Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 16 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The importance of public safety

To the Editor,

In recent weeks, Senate Republicans have passed a number of bills that focus on the issues legislators have been hearing about in their districts.

One concern I hear about frequently is public safety and supporting law enforcement.

Folks in our northern communities see what's going on in the cities—a drastic increase in violent crimes coupled with anti-police rhetoric makes people who visit metro areas feel unsafe. The cities used to be a vibrant place that folks would look forward to visiting when necessary, and now, it's no longer a destination, but a place to avoid.

I'm proud to say we passed a comprehensive public safety bill that will stop this violent crime from bleeding further into greater Minnesota. There are three main objectives of this bill: provide support for law enforcement recruitment and retention, toughen penalties for criminal activity, and increase transparency and accountability in judicial and prosecu-

torial actions.

Despite showing up to work every day and putting their lives on the line for doing so, law enforcement officers have been faced with a shocking amount of anti-police rhetoric throughout the past few years. This bill focuses on providing them support.

First, we are creating an advertising campaign that elevates the law enforcement profession. Second, we are funding the award-winning Pathways to Policing Program, which supports non-traditional candidates for law enforcement.

We are also focusing on retaining the brave folks that have stayed in this honorable field of work. We are providing one-time bonuses to all licensed police officers, plus an additional incentive payment to officers considering retirement, so we can incentivize their continued service and they can train the next class of officers. These are the bravest members of our communities—they are the ones we call when we need help, and they show up without question. They deserve our

gratitude and continued support.

We're also cracking down on crime so we can keep violence from spreading further into our communities. Specifically, we're increasing penalties for repeat offenders, carjackers, and violent crimes involving firearms. Additionally, our bill also provides much-needed support for the Violent Crime Enforcement Team. These folks target gun and drug crimes across the state, and are oftentimes put in the most dangerous situations, and they deserve support as they carry out this important work.

Our state has seen a shocking trend of violent criminals being re-released into our communities after committing crimes. That's why we're cracking down on repeat offenders and the judges that sentence them. Many prosecutors and judges go easy on criminals when it comes to sentencing, and that simply isn't right—in fact, it's emboldening criminals to continue their dangerous actions once released.

Our bill sends a clear message: violent criminals

shouldn't be receiving light sentences, and judges need to be transparent in their sentencing process.

Our State finds itself at a tipping point. Police are feeling a great deal of stress when they show up to work every day. They are constantly worried that if they do what's necessary to keep folks safe, they will receive public backlash for doing so. Yet they still do their best—they still come when called.

The real problem that needs to be addressed is the judges and prosecutors that go easy on sentencing, issuing lenient sentences to criminals when their crimes are more serious. Our bill adds transparency to the sentencing process and elevates law enforcement. The anger towards the police is terribly misguided, and the bottom line is that our police deserve our support, and their actions demand gratitude.

Our bill strikes a balance between these two issues, while prioritizing the safety of all Minnesotans.

Sen. Paul Utke
Senate District 02

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Regional fishing reports available for opener

Area lakes ice-out dates are normal this year

Anglers looking for local information before the Saturday, May 14, fishing opener for walleye, bass, northern pike and trout in lakes can gain local knowledge by looking at regional fishing reports from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The regional fishing reports include details about waters throughout each region and can be found on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/Fishing/Outlooks.html).

Ice-out dates for area lakes look to be in the normal range of mid to late April. This will result in most species completing spawning activity within the normal chronology. That is, fishing locations and techniques should be predictable with better odds on small to medium-sized lakes with darker water where water temperature may be higher.

Walleye should remain shallow and be found around traditional Spottail Shiner runs. As such, most bait shops in northern Minnesota should be stocked with this popular bait. Traditional walleye lakes in the Detroit Lakes area continue to have strong walleye populations. Some of these lakes include: Sallie, Detroit, Melissa, White Earth and Island.

Northern pike are always active during the first month of the fishing season. Anglers are reminded of the statewide zone regulations for northern pike. In the North Central Zone, the bag



Photo by Chris Haughton

The Minnesota walleye fishing opener is set for Saturday morning across the state.

limit is 10, all pike from 22 to 28 inches must be released, and no more than two pike over 26 inches long can be kept.

Black crappie and bluegill fishing is always good in the Detroit Lakes area. Popular lakes such as Sallie, Melissa and Detroit have black crappie populations with good numbers of harvestable fish. While less abundant, trophy black crappie can be found in Big Floyd, Tamarack, Shell and several other less popular small lakes within the White Earth Indian Reservation boundary. Anglers should note new sunfish regulations on Turtle (Becker County), Sarah (Polk

County), and Island (Becker County) lakes where the sunfish daily limit is now 10. A new sunfish regulation on Sand Lake (Becker County) is also in effect where the daily sunfish limit is five.

The catch and release angling season for largemouth and smallmouth bass also begins on the May 14 opener, while the harvest season opens May 23. Largemouth bass are common across area lakes, while good smallmouth bass populations can be found in Big Cormorant, Island, White Earth and Strawberry lakes.

Muskellunge were introduced into Detroit and Many Point lakes. A trophy

fishery has developed in Detroit Lake and has become very popular among muskie anglers. The muskie population in Many Point Lake is excellent though not yet known as a destination for trophy-sized fish as stocking was only initiated in 2006. The muskie angling season begins the first Saturday in June.

Rainbow trout can be found in two lakes in the Detroit Lakes area, the most prominent of which is Bad Medicine Lake. Catchable-sized fish are stocked both

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GREAT AMERICAN THINK-OFF

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lic at the Great American Think-Off Kick-Off event the evening of Friday, June 10 at the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center during a philosophers and artists reception from 6-8 p.m. In addition to honoring the Think-Off finalists, the reception will also feature regional visual artists whose work will be on display in the Gallery's Annual Adult Regional Show. The reception is preceded by a Historical Walking Tour of downtown New York Mills, hosted by the Otter Tail County Historical Society, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Born and raised in Chicagoland, finalist Matthew Anderson grew up on a steady diet of youth sports, piano lessons and Goosebumps books. He studied creative writing at the University of Illinois before beginning a decade-plus long career in tech. He cycles everywhere—rain or shine (or snow). If he is not on his bike, he enjoys playing Gaelic handball, an obscure sport passed down to him by his father. He cheers on Chicago sports teams even when he knows they'll likely lose. He lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with his fiancée.

Finalist Hunter Liguore is the award-winning author of *Whole World Inside Nan's Soup* (2022 Paterson Prize for Books for Young Readers Winner, 2022 Anna Dewdney Read). Her writing explores interconnectedness with all people, reciprocal relationships with the natural world, and kindness for all, without exception. Hunter holds an MFA in Writing, with related degree work in History. She is a Professor of Writing at Lesley University, Cambridge, Mass.

Finalist Blaine Rada is an accomplished training professional with over 30 years of experience in the mortgage industry; his focus is on helping organizations rise above the

competition. As a member of the National Speakers Association, Blaine has achieved its highest earned designation, the Certified Speaking Professional (CSP). Rada is a member of Mensa (the high IQ society), but isn't nearly as smart as that sounds, just ask the people who know him best. He recently became an author, writing about his 500-mile walk across Spain.

Finalist Ron Stewart is an information security professional at Optum and has worked in information technology jobs for over twenty years. He has been married to his wife, Shannon, for 28 years, and is the proud father to three college-aged daughters: Tierney, Amissa and Galyna. Rounding out his family is a rescue pup, Tanzen. Stewart's interests include movies, storm chasing, softball, and theatre. He lives in Coon Rapids, Minn.

The public is invited to attend the live debate in New York Mills, on Saturday, June 11 at 7 p.m., to witness these four armchair philosophers engage in lively civil discourse. Tickets to attend the live debate are \$12 in advance, or \$15 at the door; students just \$5.

The debate is held in the NY Mills High School Auditorium. All audience members get to vote in the contest to help decide who will hold the title of America's Greatest Thinker for 2022. A reception honoring the finalists and open to all will be held at the Cultural Center immediately following the debate.

COVID safety guidelines continue to be followed at all Cultural Center events. Ticket prices will be refunded if unable to attend due to illness.

For more information or to buy tickets please call the Cultural Center at (218) 385-3339, visit the Center's website at kulcher.org, or get tickets online at thinkoff2022.bpt.me/.

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GOP endorses Rasmusson in District 9

On Saturday, April 23, Jordan Rasmusson (R-Fergus Falls) earned the Republican endorsement for State Senate District 9. He won the endorsement on the first ballot after receiving the support of over 64 percent of local party delegates.

"First of all, I want to thank my family, especially my wife Emma, for their support," Rasmusson said. "I also want to thank all of the delegates and alternates who attended the convention and participated in the process. Now as the party's endorsed candidate I can begin the real work of ensuring this seat stays in Republican hands

this fall. We must all work together to defeat the Democrats and get our state on the right track."

Rasmusson noted he is especially focused on advocating for our farmers, small businesses, and protecting our way of life at the Capitol.

Rasmusson is currently completing his first term in the Minnesota House of Representatives. He is running to succeed retiring State Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen (R-Alexandria).

Senate District 9 encompasses Otter Tail, Wilkin, Traverse, Grant, and part of Douglas counties.

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en the proportions of students who are Black, Hispanic and from low-income households.

Of 285 enrolled students, 15.7 percent are minorities and 32 percent are considered economically disadvantaged.

Graduation Rate Rank was a low score for FHS at No. 340 in Minnesota. The rank is made up of the proportion of students entering ninth grade who graduated four academic years later.

According to results from the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment, FHS students performed at or better than the state average in mathematics, reading and science.

The top three schools ranked in Minnesota were all private or charter schools. Orono high school was the top-rated public school.

Detroit Lakes was the top-ranked area school at No. 56 in Minnesota and No. 3,237 nationally.

Lake Park-Audubon (95) and Hawley (98) were also in the top 100 statewide. Other area state rankings were Henning (111), Battle

Lake (145), NY Mills (200), Perham (210), Wadena-Deer Creek (231), Staples-Motley (247), Parkers Prairie (248), Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton (259) and Bertha-Hewitt (275). Schools ranked in the bottom 25th percentile (282-414) were not assigned an individual ranking.

To view the full report visit: www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/minnesota/rankings

Minnesota top 10:

- 1-Math and Science Academy in Woodbury: No. 117 nationally
- 2-Nova Classical Academy Upper School in St. Paul: No. 204 nationally
- 3-Eagle Ridge Academy Charter School in Minnetonka: No. 266 nationally
- 4-Orono High School: No. 370 nationally
- 5-Minnetonka High School: No. 460 nationally
- 6-Wayzata High School: No. 463 nationally
- 7-Edina High School: No. 486 nationally
- 8-Eastview High School: No. 527 nationally
- 9-Eagan High School: No. 706 nationally
- 10-Mahtomedi High School: No. 738 nationally

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in spring and fall. The trout angling season on Bad Medicine Lake is closed during winter, allowing fish stocked in the fall significant time to grow. This management strategy not only provides an abundance of harvestable-sized fish, but anglers also have a reasonable expectation of catching a fish of more memorable size.

Rainbow trout can also be found in Hanson Lake,

located just east of Cotton Lake within the Hubbel Pond Wildlife Management Area. Catchable-sized rainbow trout have been stocked into Hanson Lake in the spring the last three years, providing good angling opportunities in this small lake. The season for stream trout in lakes runs from May 14 to Oct. 31 and requires the purchase of a trout stamp.

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Mystery photo



Above: This week's mystery photo features a former Becker County Dairy Princess. Do you recognize her? Do you have any interesting stories about her? If so call 334-3566 or email design@nymdispatch.com.

Inset: Last week's mystery photo of a young man holding his birthday cake was identified as Bob Mickelson by Helen Mickelson.

A glimpse from the past

5 years ago
Frazee-Vergas Forum
May 11, 2017

Those driving by the Frazee Fire Hall on West Main Avenue may have noticed a new eye-catching display. A few weeks ago the city was gifted an engraved sign that makes it apparent where the fire hall is located, and shows the present fire danger. A new flag pole was also added. The two projects came about because Frazee resident Ryan Tollefson needed a project to earn this Eagle Scout rank. The Vergas Boy Scout member recalled the idea came to him while driving through Detroit Lakes, where he passed the fire hall and noticed it had a fire risk warning sign.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Project manager Tom Pace reviewed the Highway 87 project slated for 2021 and 2022, noting a major change to the rural section. During the monthly Frazee City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 9, Pace explained the rural portion of the highway (from the city limits of Frazee to Evergreen) is being widened due to increasing Amish buggy traffic and several accidents in the past few years. The rural work is slated for 2021.

The North Country Scenic Trail is in the planning stages of winding its way from Frazee to Vergas and on to Maplewood State Park. Matt Davis, a regional trail coordinator, spoke alongside Willis Mattson, a member of the Laurentian Lakes trail chapter, during a public meeting Thursday, May 4. The two explained the plan is to target as many historical and scenic areas



In a circa 1997 photo from the Frazee-Vergas Forum, student Josh Bradbury helps load flood relief supplies collected at Frazee Elementary School. Daggett Truck Line employees Roy Slupe (left) and Gary Negen help load the truck at the elementary.

in the towns and townships the trail could pass through.

25 years ago
Frazee Forum
May 8, 1997

Back after 51 years—brothers Rodney and Roger Hanson of Vergas were the first patrons of the Rocky Bar 51 years ago and garnered the same honors at the Hilltop Lounge this past week, when co-owner Chuck Minge served them up a beverage. The Rocky Bar was the start of the present-day Spanky's Stone Hearth and now the new addition—Hilltop Lounge. Local logs were used to make the huge addition, which adds a whole new dimension to Spanky's. This year's flood, says

Paul Jacobs, has been the "largest single disaster Minnesota has encountered." Jacobs, Frazee, is the Emergency Services' regional program coordinator for Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management. It was 10 p.m. on Friday, April 4 when the Norman County director called to inform him about the impending disaster with the river. Jacobs worked nearly around the clock from his home office that weekend, and left for Ada Monday morning. By that point, the National Guard had been activated and were also arriving in Ada. Flood recovery will be pretty steady for another couple of months, he said.

50 years ago
Frazee Forum
May 11, 1972

A Vergas woman, Mrs. Lavern (Helen) Sonnenberg, was elected president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Ninth District Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Spring convention held from April 29-30 in Moorhead. She served with the Women's Army Corps in 1945-46 as an operating room technician at Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas. She is presently employed at St. Mary's Hospital in Detroit Lakes. Mrs. Sonnenberg (the former Helen Bostrom), has been a member of the VFW Post 7702 Auxiliary for 15 years, and has held several chairmanships and offices, including president.

The Frazee Junior High School Band, Junior High Chorus, Junior High Girls Chorus, Freshman Band and Freshman Chorus will present their annual Spring Concert, "Traveling in the 70's," on Friday, May 12 at 8 p.m. in the Frazee High School auditorium. Included on the program will be several award winning brass and woodwind ensembles who won star rating for superior performances at the New York Mills Invitational Junior High Band Contest in April.

Candidates for the Frazee-Vergas School Board were interviewed by district voters on Monday evening at the high school gym. Nearly 150 people, attended the panel discussions, sponsored by the Frazee Mrs. Jaycees, and many questions were asked of the candidates to get their views on education in the local schools.

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Fishing opener is quickly approaching and walleye are starting to spawn.

Time to get ready for fishing opener

Ready or not here comes the 2022 Minnesota Fishing Opener! With that being said a few local lakes still have ice on them and may cause a few people to change their game plans. Last week they were still catching and milking walleyes at local fisheries hatchery locations in our area. That means walleyes are still in that shallow water preparing to spawn or will be post spawn.

For those that don't know about milking walleyes the fisheries department sets up nets and capture walleyes over night then the next day they sort them by sex and then mix 2-3 males to one female. Since they force the females to release their eggs they are usually a few days earlier than natural spawning times. That means over Mother's Day weekend the natural spawn will be going on most lakes and wrapping up a few days prior to the opener.

On our bigger lakes that are holding on to their ice that will delay their spawn. Males will come to the natural spawning sites first and stay for multiple days where most females come in for shorter period of time and leave the area immediately afterwards. AF-



Chill Fishing Report
Cody Hill

ter the spawn a few males do tend to stay in the area longer incase a female decides to arrive later.

Walleyes need water movement to spawn, either flowing water like a river, culverts, or natural wave action on rocks. When I look at opener for deciding which lakes to go to, I prefer shallower areas of a lake especially with a river inlet. In our area we have some amazing bait shops, and their wisdom is valuable information especially if they have shiners or don't have shiners. I fish a bigger lake very often on opener since its near our cabin and there are two rivers that flow into it and if the bait shops say they have an adequate supply of shiners I fish 3-7 feet of wa-

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Photos by Chad Koenen

Kale Ovsak went 4-7 in a pair of wins over the Hawley Nuggets in Heart O' Lakes Conference action last week.

Hornets sweep Nuggets in HOL Conference action

Frazee to travel to Perham, BHV, DGF this week

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

The Frazee Hornets swept a doubleheader against the Hawley Nuggets in a pair of wild and high scoring games on Thursday. The Hornets defeated the Nuggets by scores of 8-5 and 13-10.

In addition to their Heart 'O Lakes Conference games against Hawley, the Hornets fell to Otter Tail Central in non-conference action by a score of 5-0 last week.

This week the Hornets will travel to Perham for a doubleheader on Tuesday, before hitting the road for a non-conference game against Bertha-Hewitt/Verdale on Thursday. On Friday the road trip will continue as the Hornets will travel to Dilworth-

Glyndon-Felton for a doubleheader.

Monday

Otter Tail Central scored 3 runs on a pair of bases loaded hits in the bottom of the first inning as the Bulldogs came away with a 5-0 win over Frazee on Monday night.

OTC added single runs in the third and fourth inning to add to their lead in Monday's non-conference game in Henning. While the Hornets didn't score in the game they had several chances to get a runner across the plate as Zach Longfors led off the second inning with a double and added a two out double in the top of the fourth inning. He was stranded at second base on both occasions.

Wiley Bachmann took the loss on the mound as he



Mark Jaroszewski went a combined 4-6 in Thursday's doubleheader against Hawley.

gave up 8 hits and 5 earned runs over 4 innings. He also struck out 7 hitters. Mark Jaroszewski pitched the final 2 innings of the game and gave up just 3 hits and struck out 3 hitters.

Longfors led the way offensively as he hit a pair of doubles in the loss.

	AB	R	H	BI
Kale Ovsak	3	0	0	0

Wiley Bachmann	3	0	0	0
Mark Jaroszewski	3	0	1	0
Scott Seim	3	0	0	0
Zach Longfors	3	0	2	0
Caden Frank	3	0	1	0
Gage Post	3	0	1	0
Derek Zitzow	3	0	0	0
Tyler Moe	2	0	0	0

HITTING-2B-(2) Longfors

HORNETS SWEEP NUGGETS
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Track teams post personal bests at Detroit Lakes meet

Frazee sets nearly 50 personal bests at second outdoor meet of the season

By Chad Koenen
Publisher

The boys track team posted 22 personal records and the girls took second place as a team at the Detroit Lakes Fredrickson Invite on Thursday. The meet was just the second outdoor meet of the season for the Hornets.

On the boys side, Nathan Johannsen won the 800-meter run with a personal record time of 1:02.79. His time was less than a second away from breaking the school record of 2:01.85 set by Bruce Lemon in 2012. He also fin-

ished in third place in the 110-meter hurdles with a personal best time of 17.21.

Jayden Keeping posted a personal best in both the 400-meter run with a time of 56.13 to finish in third place. He also posted a personal best in the triple jump with a jump of 37'1".

Danny Putnam posted personal bests in both the 1600-meter run and 200-meter dash. In the 1600-meter run he took over a full minute off his time to finish in 6:20.89.

Newcomers Erick Rodelo in the shot put and Gavin Simon in the shot put, discus, 100-meter and 200-meter dashes participated for the first time this year at a varsity meet and put up some solid starting performances.

Other personal bests include:

Hunter Lyman in the discus, 100-meter and 200-meter; Tyden Schaefer in the pole vault and 200-meter; Alex Helmers in the long jump and 400-meter; Jonny Parsons in the triple jump, 110-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles; Brady Borah in the long jump and 3200-meter; Jonah Sharp in the 3200-meter; Ian Cottrell in the shot put; the 4x200-meter relay team of Hunter Lyman, Brady Crabtree,

Brady Borah and Skylure Lehman; 4x400-meter relay team of Nathan Johannsen, Skylure Lehman, Jayden Keeping and Brady Crabtree who all posted the best splits they have ever ran; and the 3200-meter relay team of Brady Borah, Alex Helmers, Skylure Lehman and Jayden Keeping.

The boys took fourth place overall with a team score of 57. Park Rapids won the meet with a score of 166.5, while Fergus Falls took second place with a score of 149. Detroit Lakes was third with 125 points.

Men's results

TRACK TEAM'S PERSONAL BESTS
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Summer Youth **GOLF LESSONS** at the Frazee Golf Course

GOLF COURSE OPENING TUESDAY, MAY 31!

Take golf lessons this summer with instructor, Matthew Brown at the Frazee Golf Course. These lessons will cover the very basics to advanced etiquette, ball striking, short game, and putting.

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MONDAY, JUNE 6
9-11:30am

MONDAY LESSONS
JUNE 13, 20, JULY 11, 18 & 25
Drop Off: 8am | Pick Up Time: 11:30am (lunch served at 11am)
Registration Fee: \$88

TUESDAY LESSONS
JUNE 14, 21, JULY 12, 19 & 26
Drop Off: 8am | Pick Up Time: 11:30am (lunch served at 11am)
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Wednesday, May 11

1st grade Field Trip - Tamarac Refuge - 9-2:15p.m.
5th grade Field Trip - Fischer Farm - 11:30-2:30p.m.
NHS Induction Ceremony - 6:30p.m.

Thursday, May 12

Field trip - Bonanzabille - 8:30-3p.m.
B/G Golf @ Hawley - 8-9a.m., G-1p.m.
B/JH Track @ Park Rapids - 4:30p.m.
B/G Track @ Perham - 4p.m.
JH/JVV Baseb. @ Bertha-Hewitt - 4:30p.m.
JH/JVV Softb. @ NYM - 4:30p.m.

Friday, May 13

JVV Baseb. @ DGF - 4p.m.
JVV Softb. @ DGF - 4p.m.
JH Track @ Pelican Rapids - 4:30p.m.

Saturday, May 14

JH Baseb. @ Brannon-Evansville - 9a.m.
Varsity Softb. vs TBA - 11a.m.

Monday, May 16

G. Golf @ DGF - 9a.m.
B. Golf @ Pernam - 9a.m.
JH/JV Golf @ Hawley - 2p.m.
Trap vs TBA - 5p.m.
Choir Concert - 7p.m.

Tuesday, May 17

JVV Softb. vs Breckenridge - 4p.m.
JH Softb. vs Park Rapids - 4:30p.m.
JH Baseb. vs Park Rapids - 4:30p.m.
JVV Baseb. @ Park Rapids - 4:30p.m.
B. Track @ DGF - 4:30p.m.

TRACK TEAM'S PERSONAL BESTS continued from 9

100 Meters Varsity: 21. Hunter Lyman 13.18, 29. Gavin Simon 13.80
200 Meters Varsity: 18. Hunter Lyman 26.12, 36. Gavin Simon 28.34, 39. Tyden Schaefer 29.43, 43. Danny Putnam 29.73
400 Meters: 3. Jayden Keeping 56.13, 11. Alex Helmers 1:00.86
800 Meters: 1. Nathan Johannsen 2:02.79
1600 Meters: 24. Danny Putnam 6:20.89
3200 Meters: 6. Brady Borah 12:25.75, 8. Jonah Sharp 12:34.14
110m Hurdles: 3. Nathan Johannsen 17.21, 7. Jonathon Parsons 19.42
300m Hurdles: 4. Jonathon Parsons 47.66
4x200 Relay: 5. Hunter Lyman, Brady Crabtree, Skylure Lehman, Brady Borah 1:42.08
4x400 Relay: 3. Nathan Johannsen, Jayden Keeping, Skylure Lehman, Josh Mellama 3:46.54
4x800 Relay: 3. Brady Borah, Jayden Keeping, Skylure Lehman, Alex Helmers 9:50.70
Shot Put: 6. Ian Cottrell 41-01.00, 25. Erick Rodelo 31-03.00, 35. Gavin Simon 27-02.00
Discus: 19. Hunter Lyman 84-09, 24. Ian Cottrell 77-08, 30. Erick Rodelo 67-07, 37. Gavin Simon 60-01
High Jump: 2. Nathan Johannsen 5-08.00, 5. Jonathon Parsons 5-06.00
Pole Vault: 4. Brady Crabtree 10-06.00, 11. Tyden Schaefer 8-00.00
Long Jump: 12. Alex Helmers 17-00.50, 24. Brady Borah 15-03.50
Triple Jump: 5. Jonathon Parsons 38-02.25, 7. Jayden Keeping 37-01.00

Girls track results

Rylee Moore picked up a pair of first place finishes, and Brynn Larson nabbed a third as the Frazee girls track team took second place at the Detroit Lakes meet on Thursday. As a team, the Hornets posted 27 personal records in the meet, including everyone posting either a season or personal record in the 100-meter, 200-meter, 400-meter, 100-meter hurdles and triple jump.
Moore took first place in the triple jump with a jump of 36' 1/2", as well as the 100-meter hurdles with a season record of 16.91. She edged teammate Olivia Petron in the 100-meter hurdles who also posted a season record of 18.24 to finish in fourth place.
Moore also finished in second place in the high jump with a jump of 5'2".
Larson captured first place with a personal record of 1:06.43 in the 400-meter to edge teammates Autumn Hiemenz and Kodian Schermerhorn who both posted season and personal records in the event.
In the 100-meter run, Hailey Selly took second place with a personal record of 13.11. Brynn Larson, Lainey Jacobson, Faith Pihlaja, Morgan Fulmer and Amanda Beck all posted personal records in the event.
Selly also took fourth place in the 200-meter with

a time of 28.45, which was a season record. Jayden Sonnenberg took seventh place in with event with a season record of 28.85, while Elsie Ratz, Schermerhorn and Pihlaja also posted personal records in the event.
Ratz captured second place in the 800-meter with a personal record of 2:39.93, while Mandy Danielson also posted a personal record in the 3200-meter to finish in second place with a time of 14:52.69. Danielson also posted a personal record in the 1600-meter run.
Other personal records include: Mandy Danielson in the shot put and discus; Madelyn Kilde in the shot put and discus; Bailey Larson in the shot put and discus; Kylee St. Germain in the discus; Faith Pihlaja in the long jump; Amanda Beck in the long jump; Hailey Selly in the triple jump and Kaidence Mayfield in the triple jump.
The girls team took second place with a score of 116.5, trailing just Detroit Lakes who finished with a score of 155.
Womens results
100 Meters: 2. Hailey Selly 13.11, 9. Brynn Larson 14.09, 23. Lainey Jacobson 14.96, 47. Faith Pihlaja 16.82, 51. Morgan Fulmer 17.52, 52. Amanda Beck 18.05
200 Meters: 4. Hailey Selly 28.45, 7. Jayden Sonnenberg 28.85, 12. Elsie Ratz 29.08, 17. Kodian Schermerhorn 30.01, 34. Faith Pihlaja 35.46
400 Meters: 1. Brynn Larson 1:06.43, 5. Autumn Hiemenz 1:11.15, 10. Kodian Schermerhorn 1:22.80
800 Meters: 2. Elsie Ratz 2:30.93
1600 Meters: 10. Braylee Riewer 6:24.90, 15. Mandy Danielson 6:45.07
3200 Meters: 2. Mandy Danielson 14:52.69, 3. Bailey Larsen 15:05.90
100m Hurdles: 1. Rylee Moore 16.91, 4. Olivia Petron 18.24
300m Hurdles: 3. Hailey Selly 51.13, 4. Kaidence Mayfield 52.27, 5. Olivia Petron 53.62
4x100 Relay: 5. Olivia Petron, Kodian Schermerhorn, Autumn Hiemenz, Lainey Jacobson 56.60
4x200 Relay: 3. Rylee Moore, Lainey Jacobson, Kaidence Mayfield, Jayden Sonnenberg 1:55.23
4x400 Relay: 2. Kaidence Mayfield, Jayden Sonnenberg, Elsie Ratz, Brynn Larson 4:19.73
4x800 Relay: 4. Autumn Hiemenz, Taylor Perrine, Braylee Riewer, Bailey Larsen 11:33.57
Shot Put: 9. Leslie Moore 26-11.00, 21. Mandy Danielson 23-00.00, 25. Kylee St. Germain 21-09.00, 30. Madelyn Kilde 20-08.00, 37. Bailey Larsen 19-04.00
Discus: 20. Leslie Moore 63-09, 29. Madelyn Kilde 56-06, 32. Kylee St. Germain 53-09, 39. Mandy Danielson 48-05, 40. Braylee Riewer 48-00, 46. Bailey Larsen 37-02
High Jump: 2. Rylee Moore 5-02.00, 4. Brynn Larson 5-00.00, 6. Jayden Sonnenberg 4-08.00
Pole Vault: 6. Elsie Ratz 7-06.00
Long Jump: 8. Olivia Petron 13-07.75, 23. Lainey Jacobson 12-05.00, 24. Kodian Schermerhorn 12-03.50, 32. Faith Pihlaja 10-10.00, 34. Amanda Beck 10-07.50, 35. Morgan Fulmer 9-09.50, 36. Autumn Hiemenz 8-01.50
Triple Jump: 1. Rylee Moore 36-01.50, 5. Hailey Selly 32-06.00, 8. Kaidence Mayfield 31-03.00



Zach Longfors connects with a pitch during last week's regular season opener against New York Mills. Photo by Chad Koenen

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PITCHING (ip-h-r-er-bb-k)- Wiley Bachmann 4-8-5-5-2-7, Mark Jaroszewski 2-3-0-0-0-3
Thursday
Frazee swept a double-header against Hawley on Thursday night as the Hornets outscored the Nuggets by a 21-15 margin.
The Hornets opened the day with an 8-5 win after a big 3-run first inning set the tone for the game.
Zach Longfors was hit to lead off the bottom of the first inning, before Scott Seim earned a one out walk. Mark Jaroszewski followed with an RBI single, before Kale Osvak followed with an RBI single of his own to make the game 2-0 in favor of Frazee. A Gage Post fielder's choice brought Jaroszewski around to score to make the game 3-0.
The Hornets added another run in the third inning on a two out RBI single by Caden Frank to make the score 4-0.

Frazee added 2 more runs in the fourth inning, as well as single runs in the fifth and sixth inning to come away with the 8-5 win. The Nuggets cut the lead to 7-4 in the top of the sixth inning with a big 4-run top of the sixth inning, but Frazee answered the call and came away with the win.
The Hornets outhit the Nuggets by a margin of 14-11 with Derek Zitzow having a big game from the plate with 3 hits and an RBI. Jaroszewski also had a multi-hit game as he went 2-3 with 3 runs scored and 2 RBIs.
Scott Seim picked up the win on the mound as he struck out 14 hitters over 5 2/3 innings, while giving up 9 hits.
In the second game of the night, Frazee and Hawley combined for 23 runs, 31 hits and 10 errors as the Hornets outlasted the Nuggets by a score of 13-10.
The big difference in the

game was in the second inning when the Hornets scored 7 runs to take an 8-1 lead. After Wiley Bachmann hit an RBI single to give the lead back to the Hornets, Seim hit a 3-run home run to make the game 5-1 in favor of Frazee.
Frank followed with a 2-run, two out single and Max Rue followed with an RBI single to give the Hornets an 8-1 lead. They added another run in the third inning on a bases loaded walk and a pair of runs in the fifth inning on a 2-run single by Frank to make the score 11-3.
Hawley made a game of it late as they cut the Hornets' lead to 11-8 in the bottom of the sixth inning, but Frazee scored 2 runs in the top of the seventh inning to come away with the win.
Rue, Osvak and Seim all had 3 hits in the win, while Longfors, Jaroszewski and Frank came away with 2 hits apiece.

Longfors secured the win on the mound as he pitched 6 innings and gave up 11 hits and 5 earned runs.

Game one	AB	R	H	BI
Zach Longfors	3	1	1	1
Wiley Bachmann	4	0	1	0
Scott Seim	3	0	1	0
Max Rue	0	2	0	0
Mark Jaroszewski	3	3	2	2
Kale Osvak	2	1	1	1
Gage Post	4	0	1	2
Derek Zitzow	4	0	3	1
Caden Frank	4	0	2	1
George Flynn	3	1	2	0

HITTING-2B- Frank, Flynn, Longfors
PITCHING (ip-h-r-er-bb-k)- Scott Seim 5 2/3-9-4-4-1-14, Gage Post 1 1/3-2-1-1-3-2

Game two	AB	R	H	BI
Zach Longfors	5	2	2	0
Wiley Bachmann	4	2	1	1
Scott Seim	5	1	3	3
Mark Jaroszewski	3	1	2	1
George Flynn	0	2	0	0
Kale Osvak	5	2	3	0
Gage Post	2	1	1	2
Derek Zitzow	3	1	0	0
Caden Frank	5	0	2	4
Max Rue	5	1	3	1

HITTING-2B- Osvak, Jaroszewski, Seim; **HR-** Seim
PITCHING (ip-h-r-er-bb-k)- Zach Longfors 6-11-8-5-0-5, Mark Jaroszewski 1-3-2-2-1-0

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ter but if they say that shiners are tough to find or they haven't started running yet I target that 7-13 feet of water. Reason is the walleyes chase those shiners for a quick meal after exerting all that energy spawning. If shiners are hard to find they are most likely deeper than 4 feet of water so they can not net the minnows yet.
What should a person use on a year like this has been a popular question I have been give. With how cold our water is going to be I strongly suggest slowing down your presentations. Casting a jig up shallow with a fat head or shiner minnow is a hard presentation to pass up. If windier try using a soft plastic to get longer casts and jig it back to the boat. When you are up shallow try your best to get away from the boat, these fish haven't gotten used to seeing things moving above them yet so they can be very spooky.
If you are fishing deeper using a simple lindy rig with a plain hook and a bead for color is a great presenta-

tion for finding schools of fish. They will be schooled up, find one and I doubt it is solo! Spin around and try that spot immediately again and if you catch a second fish trolling start pitching jigs till the school moves.
Usually by this time of the year we have been up shallow fishing crappies already. I have a feeling that the crappies will be starting to stage in that 5-10 foot range getting ready for hitting the shallows to feed and start prepping for spawn.
Crappies prefer calmer water since they make nests, and the male protects the nest. Find shallow flats near bull rushes or cattails and you'll find crappies. Just remember on cold mornings the fish will leave shallower water and go to that 5-10 foot range till it warms back up. Pitching small hair jigs under a bobber down 2-3 feet depending on water column and if in doubt where to start try middle of water column and work from there depending on results.



Contributed photos
Lakes in the area are beginning to wake up and the spring bite is officially on.

Water will be cold so water safety will be very important and making sure you are wearing your life jacket is a great idea. Last weekend at a professional walleye tournament in South Dakota a camera boat hit a pro angler going across the water. Things can change quickly and it's better to be prepared in case of an emergency. Stay safe and please use selective harvest to protect our vulnerable resources.



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alone. Karger put the Hornets on the board when she brought Malena Mahoney across the plate on a fielder's choice. She followed that up with a pair of 2-run singles in both the second and third inning to help lead the charge offensively. As a team, the Hornets finished with 14 hits and were led by Karger, Faith

Hamm, Hallee Olson, Kate Vigen and Anna Drewes who each finished with 2 hits. The lone run for the Wolves came in the third inning. Rhyann Eckert picked up the win on the mound as she gave up just 1 hit and 1 earned run over 5 innings of work.

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	AB	R	H	BI
Malena Mahoney	3	3	1	0
Annika Reinson	1	1	1	1
Kiley Karger	3	2	2	5
Faith Hamm	3	0	2	2
Claire Pausch	3	1	1	1
Hallee Olson	2	2	2	0
Alexis Heaton	1	0	0	0
Ashley Malikowski	2	0	0	0
Rylea Sandberg	1	0	1	0
Kate Vigen	3	2	2	0
Anna Drewes	2	2	2	1

HITTING- 2B- Mahoney, HR- Pausch
PITCHING (IP-HR-ER-BB-K)- Rhyann Eckert 5-1-1-1-7

Walker endorsed by DFL for District 9 senate seat

Cornel Walker has announced the DFL's endorsement of his candidacy for the 2022 elections in Minnesota Senate District 9. Senate district 9 includes Otter Tail, Grant, Wilkin, Traverse and the western portion of Douglas counties.

Walker is running a "Listening Campaign." He's been actively contacting voters who are willing to hire him as their senator. He seeks the opinion and counsel of all residents who expect results from their legislators.



Cornel Walker

"We are in agreement about what Minnesotans deserve, especially those in rural Senate District 9—a living wage and a fair tax system that funds our public safety services, our schools, and our roads, streets, and highways. These and other shared public services work for the benefit of the many and not

the few," said Walker. "We need to feel secure in our homes. We need to feel safe in town, on the farm, or traveling to and from. Our children, and our grandchildren have a right to expect a quality education that gives everyone the opportunity to reach their potential. We deserve access to well-staffed hospitals,

clinics, assisted living, and long-term care facilities." Walker served in the military with three years of active duty as a Captain in the Army JAG Corps at Ft. Knox, Ken. and Ft. Hood, Texas where he began practicing law.

"My background as a trial lawyer and mediator for 40 plus years has equipped me with the skills to hear all sides to bring the parties together," said Walker.

Walker is currently serving his third term on the Otter Tail County DFL Board. His past service as DFL chair of Senate District 9 brought a renewed appreciation for our 2-party system.

"I am grateful to those who have stepped up to run for public office from both parties," he said. "As well as to those officials who have served as election judges."

PUBLIC NOTICE

2022 NOTICE OF FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICES TO BE VOTED FOR AT THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION OTTER TAIL COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.33 that the following federal and state offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The filing period for United States Representative, State Senator, State Representative, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Attorney General, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals, and Judge of the Seventh District Court begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2022, and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day. The place of filing for federal offices is the Office of the Secretary of State, State Office Building, Room 160, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155-1299. The place of filing for state offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the County Auditor of the county in which the candidate resides. Candidates may file in person or by mail if the filing is received during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 204B.09, subdivision 1a, may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidate's absence from the state. This notice is prepared based on current law. Be aware that the Legislature and/or the Governor could make changes that affect some of these processes.

FEDERAL OFFICES

United States Representative (One District)
Counties: Becker, Big Stone, Brown, Chippewa, Clay, Clearwater, Cottonwood, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kandiyohi, Kirtson, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Marshall, McLeod, Meeker, Morrison, Murray, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Pipestone, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Redwood, Hennepin, Roseau, Sibley, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin, Yellow Medicine

STATE OFFICES LEGISLATIVE OFFICES

State Senator (One office per district)
 9 Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Traverse, Wilkin

State Representative (One office per district)
Districts: 09A Grant, Otter Tail, Traverse, Wilkin
 09B Douglas, Otter Tail

STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
 Secretary of State
 State Auditor
 Attorney General

JUDICIAL OFFICES

Candidates for judicial offices may file either with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State or with the County Auditor in the county where the candidate resides. A Candidate filing for one of the Minnesota Court of Appeals seats that has been designated for one of the congressional districts must be a resident of that congressional district.

Supreme Court
Associate Justice (Two Seats)
 Seat # Incumbent:
 3 (Gordon L. Moore III)
 6 (Natalie E. Hudson)

Court of Appeals (Ten Seats)
 Appellate offices are elected statewide. Where designated, candidates must reside in the congressional district listed for at least one year.

Seat #	Incumbent:
1	(Theodora K. Gallas)
5	(Louise Dove Bjorkman)
7 (5th Congressional District)	(Susan Segal)
8	(Denise D. Reilly)
10 (4th Congressional District)	(Jennifer L. Frisch)
11	(Michelle Ann Larkin)
16	(Peter M. Reyes, Jr.)
17	(Matthew E. Johnson)
Seat #	Incumbent:
16	(Jeffrey M. Bryan)
19	(Francis J. Connelly)

District Court
Seventh Judicial District: (5 Seats):
 Counties: Becker, Benton, Clay, Douglas, Miller, Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Stearns, Todd, Wadena

Seat #	Incumbent:
3	(Daniel A. Benson)
4	(Laura Moehrl)
16	(Michael D. Fritz)
19	(Jonathan Judd)
25	(Nathaniel Walte)

Wayne Stein
 Otter Tail County Auditor-Treasurer
 April 26, 2022

2022 NOTICE OF COUNTY OFFICES TO BE VOTED FOR AT THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION OTTER TAIL COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 204B.33 that the following county offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The filing period for County Commissioners, County Sheriff, County Attorney and Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors, begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2022, and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

Note: The filing office will be closed Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day. The place of filing for county offices is with the Office of the Otter Tail County Auditor-Treasurer, Otter Tail County Government Services Center, 510 Fir Ave W., Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

Candidates may file in person or by mail if the filing is received during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 204B.09, subdivision 1a, may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidate's absence from the state. This notice is prepared based on current law. Be aware that the Legislature and/or the Governor could make changes that affect some of the processes.

COUNTY OFFICES

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
 County Commissioner for District # 1 - Two Year Term
 County Commissioner for District # 2 - Four Year Term
 County Commissioner for District # 3 - Two Year Term
 County Commissioner for District # 4 - Four Year Term
 County Commissioner for District # 5 - Two Year Term

County Sheriff
County Attorney

WEST OTTER TAIL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor for Nomination District # 1
 Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor for Nomination District # 2

EAST OTTER TAIL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor for Nomination District # 2
 Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor for Nomination District # 3

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DNR to host all-terrain vehicle planning sessions

First sessions set for May 17-18, sessions to be recorded

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, at the direction of the Minnesota Legislature, is developing a statewide strategic plan for all-terrain vehicles. The DNR has retained the services of SE Group, a consulting firm that specializes in recreation planning and public lands management, to facilitate the strategic planning process.

Throughout the strategic plan development, the project team will seek input

from people who participate in ATV-based recreation and those who do not to learn more about concerns, needs and opportunities associated with ATV recreation in Minnesota.

The first public engagement opportunity consists of four focus group sessions, each of which will explore certain aspects of ATV trail funding priorities, effects of ATV trails and use on communities, and trail system gaps and opportunities.

Focus group attendees will hear a brief presentation about the strategic planning process and participate in a guided discussion. The four sessions will take place on May 17-18 and recordings of each session will be made available. Visit the project engagement website (link is external) to learn the specific focus of each session and to register.

More about OHV trail planning in general and the ATV strategic plan development process is available on the OHV Planning page of the DNR website.

NUNDAHL BENEFIT IS SATURDAY

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She received radiation and chemotherapy treatments for five months into late March, along with brachytherapy internal radiation into April.

The therapy included multiple trips to the Sanford Roger Maris Cancer Center

in Fargo and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

A free will donation for supper and silent auction items will be available for purchase. Donations can also be sent to United Community Bank. All funds raised will go to address

medical bills and expenses.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF BECKER
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.: 03-PR-22-807
NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT
In Re: Estate of Ralph J. Kerchoff, Decedent.
Mary Kerchoff ("Petitioner") has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent. It is Ordered that on June 22, 2022, at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 913 Lake Avenue, Duluth 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,
Published May 10, May 17, 2022
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).
BY THE COURT
Dated: April 29, 2022
Referee Susan Solheim
District Court
Sarah Schlauderaff
Deputy Court Administrator
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

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VERGAS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Vergas City Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing regarding a parcel lot split, City water and sewer vs septic systems and wells, a City Street and preliminary plan of parcels 82000500024000, 82000500024000 and 82000500034000. Preliminary Plan of Lawrence Lake Acres Section 25, Township 137, Range 41. This will divide the parcels into six parcels (future twenty-eight parcels) between West Lake Street and Glen Street.
All interested parties are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to ask questions and to provide public input and/or comments. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you are invited to submit your comments in writing to the City Clerk-Treasurer prior to the scheduled hearing. Written comments and questions will be addressed at the hearing and a written response will be provided by the City. Non-English-speaking residents and other persons with special needs who plan to attend the hearing are asked to contact City Hall (218) 342-2091 prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made to address any specific requirements.
The Public Hearing on this request will be held by the Vergas Planning Commission at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, attend the meeting via Zoom, meeting id: 267-094-2170 password 56567 or at the Vergas Event Center Council Chambers
Julie Lammers
City Clerk-Treasurer
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Kindergarten and first grade students competed in Team Olympics competitions on a beautiful spring day Friday, May 6 at the football practice fields by the elementary school. The competitions were the first of three consecutive Fridays with second and third graders competing May 13 from noon to 2:30 p.m. and fourth through sixth graders on May 20 from 9-11:45 a.m.

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Frazees Police Report April 29-May 5

By Tyler Trieglaff
 Notes from the Chief
 Notes from the farm...66 is the magic number as I did not hear of any more babies at the time this went to the press. We have 15 left, hopefully, by May 17.
 That will be our sixth week of calving. We normally shoot to be done in nine weeks or three heat cycles.
 Dad just started to work one field last Thursday,

soon it will be time to plant corn. Last year, we planted a cover crop in between our corn rows after the corn was about a foot tall. The field had been sprayed for weeds and then we planted rye, turnips, red clover, and other plant species. This is to help the soil health and also provide some more pasture for the cows after the corn crop is taken off. It's like getting 1.5 crops in a single growing season.
 The cover crop was a mild success due to the lack of rain last summer. The crop did come up in September after some moisture, but the overall crop was not that impressive. The cows did get some extra nibbles and it did save on some hay bales.
 This year I want to try something a little more off the wall. Our corn is planted in 30-inch rows with a plant population per acre around 28,000. Research shows that skipping every other row and planting 60-inch rows can have a positive impact on the soil and crops. The plant population would be doubled in each row, leaving close to the 28,000 plants per acre. The 60-inch rows will allow for more sunlight to contact each plant as well as allow more space for the cover crop.
 The potential losses to

the corn crop are minimal yet the benefit of the extra forages will outweigh any other losses. More nutrients in the soil and more manure to fertilize the ground. How much will we plant in 60-inch rows?
 It may be a few acres or it may be 10-15 acres. It will be interesting to say the least.
 Have a nice week.
Saturday, April 30
 7:38 p.m. Assist with a medical.
Sunday, May 1
 1:39 p.m. Neighbor reporting getting nasty text messages from a neighbor. Officer gave advice to block the number and ignore the messages.
 2:48 p.m. Report of a court order violation and damage to property. Ricky Thomas, Jr., 29, Detroit Lakes arrested and facing charges.
 11:04 p.m. Security alarm on W Maple. Building is secure.
Monday, May 2
 11:08 a.m. Assist school truancy officer.
 3:47 p.m. Assist with a semi getting out of the gas station after delivering fuel.
 5:04 p.m. Officer asked to intervene as neighbors want to find the property pins to mark the property line. Officer talked with all involved

and things were handled civilly.
 6:21 p.m. Assist with a complaint of property damage and burglary on Borah Road.
 7:53 p.m. Report taken of a rental trailer house that had items taken by the former tenant. Obvious signs of intentional damage. Under investigation.
Tuesday, May 3
 5:23 p.m. Assist with looking for a vehicle that stole items from Menards. UTL.
 8:18 p.m. Report of a suspicious person at a house on E Main. Male party lived at the house and was just out for a walk.
Wednesday, May 4
 3:20 p.m. Officer called to the high school to assist with a student who was having a rough day. Student left with mom before officer arrived.
 7:23 p.m. Warrant arrest of Alicia Alaniz, 32, Frazee.
Thursday, May 5
 3:43 p.m. Report of a vehicle on the bike path between Frazee and DL. UTL.
 4:33 p.m. Report of a female laying in front of a car on St Hwy 87. Turned out vehicle was broke down and it was a non-issue.
 4:41 p.m. Vehicle unlock on W Main.

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