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105-unit apartment project underway

35 units to open by July 2015

By **Chris Reinos**
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Construction on a 35-unit Sunset Ridge apartment building began last month and the building is scheduled to be open by July 1, 2015 at the latest, according to Kristopher Solseth of Prairie Lakes Management, the property managers for the project.

The project is the first of three planned phases for the site on

Pioneer Road. After the first building at 2467 Pioneer Road is completed, two more 35-unit complexes will be constructed.

"Ideally, as one gets done we'll shortly run into the next one," Solseth said.

Plans for the three buildings were announced last year. Brainerd-based Kuepers Architects & Builders are constructing the buildings.

The heavy rainfall the past month has slowed down the process somewhat, Solseth said. But the project is still on its initial schedule.

The apartments will all be market-rate housing, according to Solseth. There will be both one- and two-bedroom apartments ranging from 700 to 960

square feet.

The three buildings will be similar in both appearance and layout. There will be community rooms and exercise areas on the first floor, libraries on the third floor and laundry on the second floor. Each building will also have a picnic and playground area and an elevator.

Solseth said it will likely be more than two years until all three buildings are open and available for rental.

"We're getting applications already," Solseth said about the first building. "People want to make sure they've got their apartment locked up."

Call Prairie Lakes Management at 218-454-0383 for more information on the apartments.



Chris Reinos/Daily Journal

A 35-unit apartment building on Pioneer Road should be open by July 1, 2015 at the latest. The building is the first of three scheduled for construction on the site.

Pure instinct

Man pulls car crash victim out of water

By **Chris Reinos**
 Daily Journal

The thing that struck Don Hovland the most was the quiet.

After seeing the car go off the road, roll over and settle in the water just moments before, he heard nothing as he reached the bottom of the bank.

Then the front tires moved. The horn went off.

"The whole time going through my mind was, 'What am I going to see when I open this door?'" Hovland said.



Hovland

But eventually he did get the door open and managed to pull Quinton Ulschmid back to land.

Quite a start to the morning.

Hovland was traveling into Fergus Falls from Ottertail at about 6:30 a.m. on June 17 when he saw a car traveling the other direction on Highway 1 start veering off the road. It was a surreal scene to Hovland, who had never witnessed this kind of accident before.

After the car left the road and rolled over, Hovland stopped his car about 100 yards away and dashed to the scene. Two other people had also stopped when they saw the accident.

Hovland called 911 and moved toward the car. Moments later, he found himself chin-deep in the cold water, frantically trying to open the driver's side door.

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Heather Rule/Daily Journal

Minnesota Wild winger Matt Cooke holds Aya Alt, 1, of Fergus Falls, as he continues to sign autographs for the line of fans Tuesday afternoon outside the Community Arena for the 2014 Wells Fargo Minnesota Wild Road Tour. Aya posed for a photo with Cooke and was content to stay in his arms.

A Wild time

Pro hockey team visits FF

By **Heather Rule**
 Daily Journal

One-year-old Aya Alt went into the arms of Minnesota Wild winger Matt Cooke so her mom could take a picture.

Afterward, little Aya didn't seem to want to let go of the hockey player.

"She found her boyfriend, I guess," Annie Alt, of Fergus Falls, said, with a laugh. "She won't go to anybody, but she'll go to him."

Cooke, a father of three, held Aya as he continued to greet fans and sign autographs outside the Community Arena Tuesday afternoon. Cooke, along with Wild television color analyst Mike Greenlay, and Wild alum and pre/post

game television analyst Wes Walz, stopped in Fergus Falls on Day 1 of the 2014 Wells Fargo Minnesota Wild Road Tour.

Hockey fans from across the region lined up with jerseys, hockey sticks and other memorabilia for the players to sign.

It's the first Tour for Cooke, who

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Ottertail man gets 12 years in prison for sexual assault

By **Heather Rule**
 Daily Journal

A 29-year-old Ottertail man was sentenced to 12 years in prison Monday for sexually touching three victims under the age of 13 more than a decade ago.

Preston William Kawlewski was

sentenced in Otter Tail County District Court to 12 years each for three felony counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct. The sentences will be served concurrently.

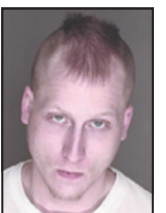
He pleaded guilty to the charges April 4. In exchange for the pleas, two additional felony counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct,

and one felony count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct were dismissed.

According to the criminal complaint, the sexual conduct was reported in April of 2013. The time frame of the sexual contact as outlined in the charges goes from the summer of 2002 through the winter of 2003 in

Otter Tail County when Kawlewski sexually assaulted children under the age of 13.

Kawlewski reportedly instructed a victim to commit a sexual act or someone was going to kill Kawlewski. He also told a victim that he'd kill her if she told anyone, the report says.



Kawlewski

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