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## Crazy Days moves off the streets

Downtown open for traffic during July 24 event

**By Chris Reinos**  
Daily Journal

A decades-old downtown Fergus Falls event is going to look quite different this year.

For the first time many retail owners can remember, downtown streets will not be closed off to traffic during Crazy Days, an annual retail event. This year's Crazy Days is set for 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 24.

Buzz Lundeen has served as the unofficial coordinator for the event for the past several years. After last year's edition, Lundeen started getting requests from some downtown business owners to not close the streets.

These business owners told

Lundeen they feed off automobile traffic and they were being hurt by the tradition of closing the streets. After asking around to other business owners, Lundeen found that to be the consensus and opted to keep the streets open this year.

But Lundeen isn't sure allowing traffic during Crazy Days is the best move.

"The thing about closing the streets is everybody knows something is happening," he said. "Now, with the streets not closed, it might just be business as usual."

The few retail stores that had displays in the streets in previous years will have to move those to the sidewalk. Many of

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the usual suspects, including Lundeen's, Biffley's & Bookmark and Olson Furniture, will still have these outdoor displays.

Biffley's owner Bob Stout will have discounted movies and books on outside tables and will likely have an in-store sale of some kind as well. He also would prefer the streets to be closed off, sharing Lundeen's opinion that it makes Crazy Days more of an attraction that way.

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Journal file photo

This year's Crazy Days will look different from past installments, as the downtown streets will be open to traffic and businesses will set up their displays on sidewalks.

### ON THE ROAD



Chris Reinos/Daily Journal

A new building has given Periwinkle owner Stephanie Ellingson more space and allowed her to bring in more vendors and highlight different products.

## Growth in Ottertail

Owner moved shop into bigger building this year

**By Chris Reinos**  
Daily Journal

Stephanie Ellingson was not looking for a change. But when the opportunity presented itself, she knew she could not say no.

"The whole town is so supportive and they are really excited to have something in this building," Ellingson said.

Ellingson, the owner of clothing, jewelry and decor retailer Periwinkle, moved her business a half-mile down Highway 78 in Ottertail earlier this year. Business has nearly doubled from



Ottertail courtyard soon to be filled with art, Page 5

what she was doing last year in the previous building, she said.

Ellingson just moved the business into Ottertail last year after years in Fergus Falls and Perham. She was approached about moving into a bigger building and was at first apprehensive about the sheer size of the building, with the total property coming in at around 20,000 square feet.

But after touring the property, ideas for how to fill the space started coming fast and furious and have not stopped

since. She has used about 10,000 square feet so far and has plans to rent out some garages on the property.

"It's amazing how fast it does fill up," Ellingson said.

The main entrance to the store is to the women's clothing and jewelry section, items that have been consistently popular at Periwinkle for years. But the additional space has allowed Ellingson to bring in some new items.

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## No bike lanes for Fir Ave.

Council votes down proposal

**By Heather Rule**  
Daily Journal

Fir Avenue from Union to Friberg avenues won't get bike lanes, but parking lane width will be increased so it can continue to act as a shared area for parking, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Fergus Falls City Council's unanimous decision came after an hour of discussion, following talks from the last meeting.

The proposed plan calls for leaving the parking lanes in their current locations but adding to their width.

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## RTC plans waiting on tax credit

Developers should know financial standing next month

**By Heather Rule**  
Daily Journal

Historic Kirkbride has submitted applications to various funding sources for preliminary approval for its proposed \$41.4-million redevelopment project of the Fergus Falls Regional Treatment Center, and it should know where it stands financially sometime in August.



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### TOMORROW:



HIGH: 80 LOW: 58

SUNRISE TOMORROW: 5:56 a.m.  
SUNSET TOMORROW: 9:05 p.m.

### YESTERDAY:

HIGH: 91 LOW: 66  
PRECIPITATION: .4

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