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Golf Club to host Fargo Boys North tournament

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It might be cold, windy and rainy in Fergus Falls Friday and Saturday. But at least, finally, there will be golf.

Representing the latest opening since Superintendent Rick Odden started keeping records in 1979, Pebble Lake Golf Course will open to the public on Saturday afternoon, May 4.



Jurgens

"I don't think we've ever opened in May," Odden said.

In contrast, last year, the course set a record by opening on March 18.

Prior to the public opening, the Fergus Falls boys golf team will host a 16-team tournament Friday afternoon and Saturday morning that was scheduled this weekend at Edgewood Golf Course in Fargo.

Located along the Red River, Edgewood is currently 80 percent under water, according to golf professional Greg McCullough, with the Red expected to crest later this week. The course will not likely be playable until mid to late May, McCullough said.

The PLGC golf board approved the tournament last week.

"The kids in our area



Joel Myhre/Daily Journal

Pebble Lake Golf Course staff member Lance Walvatne installs a cup on the 10th green Wednesday morning. Almost free of snow, the course is scheduled to host a tournament Friday, and open to the public Saturday afternoon.

haven't been able to participate in spring sports due to the weather, and we have an opportunity to provide for all these area kids," club president Wade Jyrkas said.

Fergus Falls boys golf coach Ben Jurgens said he felt the two-day tournament was a great

opportunity to bring visitors to both the golf course and the community. He said his 29-player team has been helping golf course staff prepare the course all week, raking bunkers and picking up trash and brush.

"People will be staying at our hotels, eating at our

restaurants, and they'll get to see the golf course and hopefully come back this summer," Jurgens said.

Odden said both the weather and course conditions on Friday and Saturday will be anything

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LIFE STORY

Changes would affect how lake property owners make improvements

By Rian Bosse
 Daily Journal

Proposed changes to the Shoreline Management Ordinance could change the way lake property owners make improvements to their property, but will help protect lakes from runoff. The county board of commissioners listened to public comment on the issue Monday night.

Standards for impervious surfaces within the ordinance limit coverage apply to 25 percent of lots. With the proposed changes, buildings could not exceed 20 percent of the lot area.

Surface area covered by permeable pavers would still be included in the impervious surface calculation.

However, only half the area covered by installed and maintained permeable pavers would be counted as impervious surface.

The need for limiting building coverage to 20

percent comes from property owners building right up to the 25 percent impervious surface limit in recent years and exceeding it when adding porches and other improvements, according to Land and Resource Director Bill Kalar. The change will help the county better track property improvements in order to protect lakes from runoff.

The board also is considering revisions to the requirements for building permits. Within the changes, a provision requiring a permit for erecting and installing fences taller than three feet in height was included.

The revision comes from past trouble defining what constitutes a vision-impairing fence within the ordinance. According to Kalar, however, the new provision was heavily scrutinized by the public in attendance.

Kalar pointed to the burden it would cause residents in the agricultural community and some local gardeners, forcing them to

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Fox remembered as professional, fun-loving officer

By Heather Rule
 Daily Journal

A real heart for the community. A great family man. Someone who liked to tell jokes. Someone who carried himself in a respectful manner. Just a good guy.

Those were all phrases used by friends and acquaintances to describe former Pelican Rapids Police Chief Scott Fox, who died unexpectedly Friday, April 26, at his home in Pelican Rapids. He was 56 years old.

"Hard to see people like

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Photo provided

Lifelong Pelican Rapids resident Scott Fox died unexpectedly at the age of 56 Friday, April 26.

Lake Region Healthcare offers transportation for cancer patients

For The Journal

Lake Region Healthcare (LRH) Foundation and Quality Toyota have partnered to provide a new option for LRH Cancer Care and Research Center patients who need transportation assistance to treatment appointments.

A new vehicle has been allocated to the program through a donation from Quality Toyota in Fergus Falls, a Toyota Dealer Match Program grant and support from the LRH Foundation. Volunteer drivers are being recruited and trained to provide the service for this free transportation program.

"We are very humbled by this generous donation and pleased to be able to

INSIDE



Play ball

The Otter Tail Central baseball team fell in a double-header to the New York Mills Eagles Tuesday in the first game of the season. For the story, see **Page 11**.

offer this service. If we are

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Playing the blues



Marie Noplos/Daily Journal

Dani Schroder performs a solo selection "Baroque and Blue" during the all-school jazz band concert Monday at the Kennedy Secondary School Auditorium.

DeLagoon Field No. 6 vandalized Monday evening

By Heather Rule
 Daily Journal

Field No. 6 was vandalized Monday evening, causing \$500-\$1,000 worth of damage, according to Fergus Falls police.

An unknown suspect drove a vehicle onto Field

CRIME BEAT

No. 6 at DeLagoon Park and spun out its tires.

The Fergus Falls Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department reported the vandalism Tuesday morning.

MAILING LABEL

TOMORROW:



HIGH: 47 LOW: 29

SUNRISE TOMORROW: 6:08 a.m.
 SUNSET TOMORROW: 8:35 p.m.

YESTERDAY:

HIGH: 63 LOW: 37
 PRECIPITATION: 0.01

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