



OLSON
oil co.
CARD EXPRESS
CONVENIENCE STORE
1425 W Lincoln Ave.
Fergus Falls, MN
218-736-2046

WE SELL PROPANE

Mon.-Thur., 8 a.-8 p.

STORE HOURS:
M-Sat., 6 a.-10 p.
Sun., 7 a.-10 p.



United Country

Aasness Auctioneers
Auctions & Real Estate

218-533-2538 • 218-533-0454

Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 10 a.m. Lawrence & Dorian Banks, 500 acre all land boat in Leech Lake and 150 acre Mille Lacs County, Crystal MN, located electric power site and houses. Auctioneer reserved for minimum bid \$10,000. Deposit required \$10,000. Sunday, July 21, 2013 at 1 p.m. Great Slag, Inc. Property located at 824 1/2 Ave. NE in Fergus Falls and 1000' Underwood, MN or Fish Lake located in Fergus Falls. In Oke's Twp, Casselton. Residential lot with some buildings and lots of trees. Building permits available for both lots. 500 acre private lake shore. Total 2 miles in length and on the west end of Hwy 1 S. Waterfront Rd. See legal with auctioneer, no personal property on the higher lots.

Live & Online Auctions: aasnessauctioneers.com



Jim Aasness



75 Cents

Subscribe today!
Call (218) 739-7015
or (800) 726-1781.



The Daily Journal

www.fergusfallsjournal.com

Friday

July 19, 2013
Vol. 140, No. 169
Fergus Falls, Minn.

Go-Float is international

By Rian Bosse

Daily Journal

They've become popular for the fun they bring to the lakes area, but sales numbers show they're just as popular around the world.

Workers at the Go-Float facility in Fergus Falls loaded a shipment of 24 watercrafts into a shipping truck on Thursday morn-

ing. The boats are en route to the city of Dubai in the Middle East.

International shipments have become more common for the small company after they hit it big with their innovative electric watercraft.

"We've been seeing our export numbers grow and this is really an exciting order for us," said Steve Hendrickson, CEO at Go-

Float, a Hopkins based company with a manufacturing facility in Fergus Falls. "International business has become a nice spot in our story as a company and is becoming a bigger and bigger part of our demand."

Resorts and other water based tourist businesses have shown growing interest in the personal sized crafts since they started

exporting in 2012.

The company sent 30 boats to Dubai, a popular tourist destination in the oil-rich United Arab Emirates, in the last year. Other countries that have received shipments include Columbia, St. Lucia, Croatia, Lithuania, the Netherlands and Russia.

"It's a learning curve.

See **Boats** — Page 3



Rian Bosse/Daily Journal

Workers load a shipment of Go-Float boats en route to Dubai onto a truck at the manufacturing facility in Fergus Falls.

Hampton Inn hotel delayed

Jamestown hotel slows construction start in Fergus Falls

By Heather Rule

Daily Journal

Hotel owners Brian and Vibha Patel still plan to build a Hampton

INSIDE:
M State-
names
Brandon
Colvin head
men's basket-
ball coach,
see Page 10.

Inn in Fergus Falls, even though the project hasn't gotten off the ground yet.

"It's going to be delayed a couple months," Brian Patel said.

Owners of 14 Hampton Inn hotels across the Midwest, the Patels last fall purchased the lots along Western Avenue on the west side of Fergus Falls near Interstate 94. In October, Brian Patel said he hoped construction would begin in March.

Instead, the Patels were

School to bring similar renovation project to voters

By Debbie Irmens

Daily Journal

PELICAN RAPIDS — School leaders are planning to bring a \$21- to \$22-million renovation project to voters in the fall.

The referendum is similar to the one defeated in March. It would add science labs, eight junior high classrooms, a new gym that would include a three-lane walking track, auditorium, wrestling and weight room areas, numerous safety features and a revised parking

focused on building a \$6.5 million Hampton Inn and Suites in Jamestown, N.D. It's a facility which includes 90 rooms ranging from suites to smaller single rooms, according to a story in the Jamestown Sun. That project was just completed.

"We are opening today (Thursday)," Brian Patel said.

They wanted to see how the one in Jamestown worked first before moving on to building in Fergus Falls, which is still the plan, Brian Patel said. However, he added that it will probably be a couple of more months before they have plans ready and obtain a building permit.

Brian Patel said last October that he chose to build a Hampton Inn due to the proximity to Fargo, where he and his wife reside, and the fact that Fergus Falls is a smaller community, which fits with other hotels they own.

The Hampton Inn would be the first new hotel in Fergus Falls since the AmericInn was constructed in 1995.

AREA

lot and school entrance.

The walking track would be a community asset, said board member Dena Johnson, noting it would be open to public use to tie in with city health initiatives.

The plan also calls for moving the sixth grade from Viking Elementary to the junior high school in the future because the elementary school is running out of classroom space, according

See **Area** — Page 3

School to bring similar renovation project to voters

By Debbie Irmens

Daily Journal

PELICAN RAPIDS — School leaders are planning to bring a \$21- to \$22-million renovation project to voters in the fall.

The referendum is similar to the one defeated in March. It would add science labs, eight junior high classrooms, a new gym that would include a three-lane walking track, auditorium, wrestling and weight room areas, numerous safety features and a revised parking

focused on building a \$6.5 million Hampton Inn and Suites in Jamestown, N.D. It's a facility which includes 90 rooms ranging from suites to smaller single rooms, according to a story in the Jamestown Sun. That project was just completed.

"We are opening today (Thursday)," Brian Patel said.

They wanted to see how the one in Jamestown worked first before moving on to building in Fergus Falls, which is still the plan, Brian Patel said. However, he added that it will probably be a couple of more months before they have plans ready and obtain a building permit.

Brian Patel said last October that he chose to build a Hampton Inn due to the proximity to Fargo, where he and his wife reside, and the fact that Fergus Falls is a smaller community, which fits with other hotels they own.

The Hampton Inn would be the first new hotel in Fergus Falls since the AmericInn was constructed in 1995.

AREA

lot and school entrance.

The walking track would be a community asset, said board member Dena Johnson, noting it would be open to public use to tie in with city health initiatives.

The plan also calls for moving the sixth grade from Viking Elementary to the junior high school in the future because the elementary school is running out of classroom space, according

See **Area** — Page 3

MAPLE AVENUE FIRE: DRUG PA



Heather Rule/Daily Journal

As smoke billows out, Fergus Falls firefighters chop away at the roof of a house on West Maple Avenue Thursday afternoon as they tried to contain the fire.

House 'total loss' following afternoon fire in Fergus Falls

By Heather Rule

Daily Journal

A Fergus Falls one-level house is pretty much a total loss after an attic fire Thursday afternoon. Fire Chief Mark Hovland said he couldn't pinpoint exactly, but his assumption is that the fire was electrical.

Brent Oland and his girlfriend Stacey Bengston were outside their residence at 518 West Maple Avenue when they smelled smoke.

"We were cleaning out her car," Oland said.

"First I smelled it. I didn't know where it was coming from."

One arrested, other cited during blaze

By Heather Rule

Daily Journal

One of the residents of a house that caught fire Thursday was arrested after she punched a police officer twice in the face, according to Fergus Falls police.

Stacey Lynn Bengston, 37, was

See **Charges** — Page 3

Then they saw the smoke pouring out of the



Heather Rule/Daily Journal

Two Fergus Falls firefighters spray down the front of the house Thursday afternoon. Crews battled extreme weather temperatures along with battling the house fire.

attic and called 911 at about 3:30 p.m.

"It sure got big quick," Oland said. "It wasn't even that much at first."

The fire was contained to the attic. Most of the damage to the house was

See **House** — Page 3

County fair, motorcycle run, class reunion all this weekend

By Marie Noplos

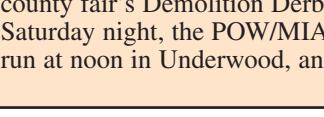
Daily Journal

Summer activities are again in full swing this weekend.

From the West Otter Tail County Fair to Ashby

Appreciation Days to motorcycle runs to class reunions, the

weekend is full of events for



residents to enjoy.

Some highlights include the county fair's Demolition Derby Saturday night, the POW/MIA run at noon in Underwood, and

Stand-up Paddleboarding Day at 10 a.m. at Pebble Lake in Fergus Falls.

Friday

- WOTC Fair, all day, fairgrounds Fergus Falls
- Ashby Appreciation Days, all day in Ashby
- 78th annual Northwest Water Carnival, all day in Detroit Lakes

Saturday

- WOTC Fair, all day, fairgrounds, Fergus Falls
- Ashby Appreciation Days, all day in Ashby
- 78th annual Northwest Water Carnival, all day in Detroit Lakes

See **Events** — Page 3

TOMORROW:



HIGH: 82 LOW: 69

SUNRISE TOMORROW: 5:59 a.m.

SUNSET TOMORROW: 9:02 p.m.

YESTERDAY:

HIGH: 78 LOW: 59

PRECIPITATION: 0

INDEX

Comics 5
Forecasts 2
Lottery 2
Opinions 4
Sports 10
Want ads 6-9

OBITUARIES

In today's Journal, Page 2
• Nevada Anderson, 81, Fergus Falls

• Elizabeth Luetgers, 97, Fergus Falls

• Kathy Tangen, 63, formerly of Fergus Falls

• Geraldine Johnson, 80, Fergus Falls



Olson Funeral Home and Cremation Service

www.olsonfuneralhome.com

CREMATION?
Make your wishes known.
With today's blended families and complex society, it is more important than ever to put your wishes for cremation, or other funeral preferences, in writing to avoid questions or problems in the event of your death. Let us show you how easy it can be to record your final wishes. Call or stop by anytime!

218-736-7586

800-538-8937

711 Pebble Lake Road
Fergus Falls, MN 56537