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What's Happening?

Smokin' Iron Saturday

By Marie Noplos
 Daily Journal

Sunday is Father's Day and there are plenty of cool things to do with dad this weekend.

The Smokin' Iron Truck and Tractor Pull comes back for its 11th year in a row providing dirt flying, engine roaring, excitement pack weekend full fun in Ottertail.

If you don't want to make the trek to Ottertail, at 7 p.m. the best of the best take to the dirt track for the Race of Champions at the I-94 Speedway in Fergus Falls, with many other sporting events including the Pudge Isaiah Anderson Memorial Tournament at DeLagoon and the Running Wild Trail Run at Maplewood State Park, both starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

- Friday**
- Quilts of Valor Sewing Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the WestRidge Mall
 - Marion Otnes: New Works at the Kaddatz, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Kaddatz Galleries
 - FFHS Class of 1983 Reunion, Mabel Murphy's
 - HIT Golf Scramble, Pebble Lake Golf Course and HLA Gym
 - Benefit Dinner for Marc and Becky Shearer, 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Eagles Ship
 - Glendalough fly-fishing class, 6 to 8 p.m. at Glendalough State Park
 - Smokin Iron, 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Ottertail
 - Race of Champions, 7 p.m. at the I-94 Speedway

- Saturday**
- Perham Turtle Fest, all day in Perham
 - Marion Otnes: New Works at the Kaddatz, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kaddatz Galleries
 - City Wide Garage Sales, all day in Henning
 - Pudge Isaiah Anderson Memorial Tournament, 9 a.m. with Homerun Derby at 1 p.m. at DeLagoon Fergus Falls
 - Glendalough fly-fishing class, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Glendalough State Park
 - Running Wild Trail Run, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Willey: Elements in place to make RTC plan work

By Heather Rule
 Daily Journal

Ray Willey, of Historic Kirkbride, LLC, spent nearly an hour Wednesday presenting a plan for the Regional Treatment Center and fielding questions from the Fergus Falls City Council.

At the end of the night, it was Historic Kirkbride's estimated \$41.4 million plan for a hotel, restaurants and apartments that the council chose for redevelopment of the RTC.

"I look forward to moving forward," Willey said, "making all those elements work together."

The estimated \$41.4 million project is broken down into five funding sources, which are also rough estimates: EB-5 loan (which

may be replaced in part with new market tax credit funding), \$23.5 million; HUD loan (apartments), \$5.4 million; state historic rehabilitation tax credit, \$4.5 million; federal historic rehabilitation tax credit, \$4 million; city/state bond funds, \$4 million.

The tax credits are available for the project as a result of the building's historic designation and are non-competitive programs. Unlike the make-it-or-break-it tax credits in Willey's initial proposal to the council, the HUD loan is not competitive with other applications. In addition, the apartment component of the project is the most easily financed and would likely be the first phase completed.

Historic Kirkbride's plan would create roughly 190 new and permanent jobs (not including the temporary construction jobs), according



Journal file photo

The estimated \$41.4 million plan for the Regional Treatment Center includes 120 hotel rooms, multiple restaurants and 60 market-rate apartments.

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The flags are out



Riley Mollerud/Daily Journal

Thanks to the work of the Veterans Walk of Flags volunteers, the flags were flying this morning in Veterans Memorial Park in Fergus Falls in honor of Flag Day. The day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

47-year-old FF resident dies in car accident

By Heather Rule
 Daily Journal

A 47-year-old Fergus Falls man died Thursday after his car struck a tree at Silver Sage Guest Ranch in Clitherall, according to a news release from the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office.

Bradley Chris Torgerson reportedly drove westbound on a gravel road within the ranch when he possibly suffered a medical issue, veered off the roadway and hit a tree just after 3:30 p.m. Vining Rescue personnel administered CPR at the scene.

Torgerson was taken by Ashby Ambulance to intercept with Ringdahl Ambulance, which determined he had died. Ashby Ambulance took Torgerson to Lake Region Hospital for an autopsy.

Torgerson's 15-year-old daughter was a passenger and suffered minor injuries. Both wore seatbelts.

I-94 project near Barnesville begins Monday

AREA IN BRIEF

Motorists on Interstate 94 between Highway 34 in Barnesville and Clay County Road 10 near Downer may encounter delays when a resurfacing project begins June 17, weather permitting.

Traffic will reduce to one lane in each direction during the project.

During the first two weeks, motorists will experience lane closures while crews install temporary crossovers in the median. For the remainder of the

the Battle Lake Review. The city will use the proceeds to fund marketing for the many community improvements and economic developments in the area.

Community members began meeting regularly in 2008 to address business decline, lack of economic diversity, declining school enrollment and a low visitor count at Glendalough State Park. The meetings were outlined in the application sent to the foundation.

Volunteers helped complete a comprehensive economic development plan and worked closely with the city to secure grants for different improvements. One aspect of the plan was the development of the 12-mile bike and pedestrian trail to connect the downtown to Glendalough State Park. The group raised more than \$1.5 million through grants, bonding and philanthropy.

In the letter awarding the grant, Otto Bremer Foundation officials said they were impressed with the plan and community's effort working together with so many initiatives.

project, all traffic will shift to the westbound lanes while crews resurface the eastbound lanes.

The resurfacing project is scheduled to be complete in October, weather permitting.

Battle Lake receives \$25,000 grant

The city of Battle Lake was recently named the recipient of a \$25,000 grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation, according to

Wastewater smell continues in Perham

Officials held an informational public meeting in Perham on Monday night and indicated that the noxious smell from the city's wastewater treatment plant will stay for another summer, according to the Perham Focus.

Rapid industrial growth, an aging treatment facility

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MAILING LABEL

TOMORROW:

HIGH: 77 LOW: 57
SUNRISE TOMORROW: 5:32 a.m.
SUNSET TOMORROW: 9:18 p.m.
YESTERDAY:
HIGH: 77 LOW: 53
PRECIPITATION: 0

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