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2024-25 Tuttle Lions Club: Pictured Back (L-R): Norman Bickel, Jewel Mehlhoff, Phyllis Mehlhoff, James Bickel, Travis Albrecht, Jennifer Albrecht, Sandy Mehlhoff, Mark Mehlhoff, Marlene Jasmann, Wade Jasmann, Bobbie Stark. Sitting (L-R) Ed Bickel, Marvin Dehne, Randy Sand, Doreen Holm, Rick Stark.

Not Pictured: Linda Tolley, Tracy Magstadt, Bob Steichen, Carol Steichen, Rick Haygood, Lauren Haygood, Frank Schneider, and Christ Gerr.

Tuttle Lions...50 years...and a Rusty Plunge

Since turning 50 in October, the Tuttle Lions continue to be active with their dinners, trunk or treat, Tuttle Day concessions and more, but in 2024, they decided to take on more and are working to improve the city park. The playground equipment and bathrooms need some attention and the Lions club knew they could help. So, with permission from the city, they will begin their project as most do, with a fundraiser. This fundraiser is certainly a new idea for our area, they are calling it the First Annual Rusty's Plunge. Out on a lake in Kidder County sits a large piece of metal named Rusty. The

Tuttle Lions are selling tickets for the buyer to pick the date that Rusty will completely sink to the bottom. If you pick the right date, your name will go into the drawing for 50% of the money raised from ticket sales. There will only be one winner, but there will be other chances to win prizes for everyone who purchases a ticket. All of those prizes have not yet been determined. The drawing will be at their regular Lions meeting on May 19th and the winners will be notified. You can purchase your ticket from any Tuttle Lions member, at the Town Café in Tuttle, The Steele Ozone, Tuttle

Elevator, and 1st Security. Tickets are on sale now. Ticket sales will close March 15th. The Tuttle Lions directors are President, Doreen Holm, VP Rick Stark, Secretary Randy Sand (for 49 out of the 50 years), and Treasurer Ed Bickel, Tracy Magstadt serves as Tail Twister, and Bobbie Stark is club administrator. The group meets at the Town Café on the 3rd Monday of each month and are always looking for new members with new ideas. If you are interested, talk to a current member or just show up at their meeting. Kidder County is fortunate enough to have 4 clubs and there also are clubs in Medina, Streeter, and Sterling



Rusty is in the ice, ready for a complete submersion when the ice melts. It is tethered so the club can retrieve it and use it again next year.



Truax family awarded KC Soil Conservation District Award

Carrie Truax and her family were awarded the 2024 Achievement Award last month for her dedication and respect for her land. Truax's Prairie Diamond Ranch is a diversified farming operation consisting of beef cattle, dairy, and goats. They utilize a variety of cover crops to provide hay and grazing land and to improve soil health. They have also installed multiple water developments and cross fencing for rotational grazing. Carrie is working to establish several native grass plantings to be used for a future rotational grazing system. They have established thousands of feet of windbreak shelterbelts and are currently in the process of renovating old tree plantings for future protection of the farmstead and cropland.



Carrie Truax

The ND State Soil Conservation Convention was held about a month ago, where Truax was recognized. Kidder County SCD will hold its banquet and Ag night on Feb. 12th at Pifer's in Steele and will also

be celebrating other recipients earning awards for conservation in soil, grazing, and trees. You can read about the other awards in upcoming editions of the Ozone or you can attend the event which is open to the public. You just need to rsvp to KCSD.



Grandkids Aurora, Storm, and Tyr Vanhorne with Carrie

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