



SHOP RAG

Greetings!

I hope this message finds you and yours well. The weather is just about as good as it gets, which helps tremendously. The garages continue to be a place for people to get out of the house, enjoy their hobbies, and socialize at a safe distance.

There is one garage currently available in Building I. Unit 220 a 30'x50' garage (see above). This space is a blank canvas awaiting customization. Pre-buying in future Buildings J or K is also an option that offers a wide range of flexibility.

This month we'll introduce you to a metal artist and share another opportunity to cruise.

Happy Motoring!

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Making Something Out of Nothing

When Leif Lundeen was a little boy he dreamed of being a tow truck driver. His first full-time job out of high school was at Bazey's Towing in North Branch. Some of you may not realize Joe Bazey owned a towing business back in the day. Joe had sold the business just months before Leif started.

In the way the world is small, over the years Joe married Sarah who grew up in Scandia and Leif has done work on Sarah's brother's cars, and Leif and Joe eventually crossed paths.

Three years ago Leif opened up [Scandia Auto](#) and made the bigger dream of shop ownership a reality. Scandia Auto services all makes and models. One of the things customers most appreciate is the Leif's eagerness to help. He answers his phone from 8 AM-9 PM and will go out of his way to get customers or passersby back on the road.

When Leif first opened the shop he had some time on his hands as the new business grew. He also had old parts and a welder, so he began crafting things together. Outside the shop you can see a 350 pound Tyrannosaurus! Some of his favorite pieces have been much smaller, including a caterpillar made from trailer hitch balls that he donated to his church fundraiser.

Then the opportunity came along to purchase a CNC plasma table and a whole new world of possibilities opened up. This machine enables the shop to produce endless varieties of custom signs. They've done lots of personalized signs for garages, fire pit rings, Sasquatch cutouts, and of course being in Scandia they've done Dala horses. The CNC plasma cutter has also made it possible to fabricate vehicle parts such as custom suspension brackets.

One of the most unique creations to come out of Scandia Auto are these custom metal propane fire pits. These vehicles (like all of the products) can be left as raw metal, powder coated, or painted. They are a great conversation piece.

Leif is currently building a monster truck (a real one) and he plans to have it ready by the Fourth of July.

Between Leif's mechanical abilities, creative eye, and cool tools he can create just about anything you can dream up. Visit the shop's [Facebook page](#) for more photos of his work. These items make for great



Cruise the Boulevard?

This week we learned that Back to the Fifties has been canceled. While it wasn't a surprise it was still hard to hear.

We're looking for bright spots wherever we can find them. Coon Rapids is doing Saturday night cruising and it has been quite popular.

It is a four mile lap in a Porky's style loop for those who used to cruise Midway. There are the usual rules: no racing, no burnouts, no speeding and a few new rules which include enforced social distancing, and no groups larger than 10 parked and socializing.

The cruise runs 6-9 PM every Saturday. There are plenty of take out options: McDonald's, Culver's, Arby's, Blvd Bar and Grille, and more, so come hungry and support a local restaurant.

Thanks to the city of Coon Rapids and the Coon Rapids Police Department for allowing people to gather and have some fun during this challenging time.

All types of vehicles are welcome and there has been a wide variety participating.

For details visit their [Facebook page](#).

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