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White-out a reminder to keep community conversations going

I view our newspaper as a community-wide conversation that never ends. We rely on what we hear from the community for everything we send out weekly. More than 200 Minnesota newspapers are printing white front pages this week to show what the community would miss if they didn't have that conversation.

Fifteen years ago, predictions were made that newspapers would be wiped out by the internet in a matter of months, but small town weeklies are proving to be just as important as ever because people realize they can't get that same conversation anywhere else.

Here's an example: in my first year at the Staples World, I had a conversation with a local citizen who told me "I don't read the newspaper because I know everything in it before it comes out."

I found that interesting, because I didn't see him at the city council and EDA meetings I had been to, or the school board meetings and community events. He may have been at some of the sporting events, but certainly not all of the games we covered. He wasn't sitting in the living room of the couple I had interviewed about their 60th wedding anniversary, and hadn't been at the fire department training or in the school classrooms where I took photos of what our kids are learning.

But I didn't challenge his statement, I just figured he didn't want to know what he was missing. Later in the conversation, he told me about his Arabian horses and how he wanted to cross them with a percheron, to create a turbo friesian (that's a real thing, I looked it up later). Only he

Small town diet



By Mark Anderson
Editor

didn't know of any percheron horses in the area.

So I asked him "What about the award-winning percherons we did a story on a few weeks ago?"

He hadn't heard about that. The very thing he had been searching for the most was right there in the publication he thought he didn't need. I'm not sure the irony hit him as hard as it hit me.

I have had many microcosms of that conversation since then, when people miss out on what they want to know, even though it was printed in the newspaper the week before. Often I will hear someone say they wish something had been said publicly about a topic, when we had a big story in the newspaper that same month.

This is a very active community, people do amazing things here every week. We aren't able to cover everything, but we do our best to get the stories that we feel are most important to the general public. We also try to keep it a professional publication, meaning we remain as truthful and as objective as we can.

We rely on the community for all of our stories, so the white front page this week represents something that we would like you to help us fill. I mean that literally, you can take that front page, write the stories you would like to see, draw or paste the photos you would like to publish and let us know that this is your front page and you want to engage in the community conversation. Send us a photo of your front page or drop it off at our office. We are always looking for story ideas and the local people are the only source we have.

White-out highlights the importance of local newspapers

This week, more than 200 newspapers across the State of Minnesota will publish no news on their front pages. This "White-out" is taking place during Minnesota Newspaper Week, August 13-19, a part of the Minnesota Newspaper Association's yearlong celebration of its 150th Anniversary. The White-out reminds Minnesotans of the important role that newspapers play, writing the first draft of history and telling the stories of their communities.

"In many communities across the State of Minnesota, the newspaper is the main source of local news," said MNA Executive Director Lisa Hills. "Newspaper journalists across the state attend city council and school board meetings, they cover town festivals and local sports teams, and they arrive on the scene to document history during

natural disasters and other community challenges. We know newspapers play an important role."

Today, 25 daily and 295 non-daily newspapers, from Worthington to Warroad, Bird Island to Baudette, Elbow Lake to Ely and every community in between, belong to the Minnesota Newspaper Association.

"Minnesota Newspaper Week is a statewide initiative that reminds individuals of the importance of a free press," reads Governor Mark Dayton's proclamation. "Freedom of the Press promotes a well-informed constituency, improves public policy, increases responsiveness and accountability, and enhances public confidence in governmental institutions."

Minnesotans agree that newspapers play a vital role in the state. MNA's

member newspapers have a total circulation of more than 2.2 million each week. A 2014 Scarborough readership survey found that 89 percent of Minnesotans accessed a newspaper in print and/or digital format in the past month. Minnesotans of all ages read Minnesota newspapers in print and online. It's no wonder that in a state where many read their local newspaper, the population is also civic-minded and involved in activities like voting in local elections. According to state officials, more than 81 percent of registered Minnesota voters cast ballots in the November 2016 election. That's just under 75 percent of eligible Minnesotans.

"We are proud to support Minnesota's vibrant newspaper industry and look forward to being here for the next 150 years," said Hills.

Supporting free press

By Senator Amy Klobuchar

In Minnesota, we understand the importance of a free press. It's hard to forget in our state - Minnesotans are among the most engaged citizens in the country. Last year we again ranked first in the nation in voter turnout. Minnesotans volunteer at the second highest rate in the country. And we usually look to our local newspapers as the first stop for the information we need.

In my house growing up, it was impossible to forget the importance of a free press. My dad was a journalist.

As a reporter and a columnist, my dad, Jim Klobuchar, covered it all. On the night of the presidential election in 1960, as a young stringer for the Associated Press, he was among the first in the country - if not the first - to call the race for President John F. Kennedy. He was fearless, whether it was reporting from Moscow with a Soviet Intourist guide assigned to him at all times or taking tear gas covering protests outside of a political convention. Digging for the truth was his job. Finding the truth made it all worth it.

From children with cancer to Minnesota veterans, he covered the stories of every day heroes, too. He believed that all stories needed to be told, and that by sharing these stories, we deepen our understanding



Sen. Amy Klobuchar

of one another and become more united as a country.

So, from a very young age, I understood the important role the press has played in our democracy. And today, I understand a free press is as important as ever.

Minnesota reporters have been on the frontlines of major stories since the founding of our first newspaper in 1849. They've covered good times and bad. From enlisting with the Union in the Civil War, as Hastings Democrat publisher Charles P. Adams did in 1861, to tireless investigating and reporting on the abduction of Jacob Wetterling, Minnesota journalists have always been committed to telling our stories.

Over the past few months, we have heard about "alternative facts." We have heard an Administration official suggest

that the press should "keep its mouth shut." And we have even seen efforts to limit journalists' access to elected officials.

None of this is acceptable.

Our founders enshrined freedom of the press in our Constitution for a reason. Thomas Jefferson said that our first objective as a nation should be to leave open "all avenues to truth," and that the most effective way of doing that is through "the freedom of the press."

Today, Minnesota reporters continue their dogged pursuit of the truth day after day, story after story. That reporting is on display all across Minnesota, and the Minnesota Newspaper Association has played a big part in supporting Minnesota reporters for 150 years now. From Deborah Howell, who oversaw the Pioneer Press's first Pulitzer Prize, to Mark Kellogg, the first Associated Press reporter to die in the line of duty, reporters all across our state are carrying forward a remarkable legacy.

I'm determined to protect journalists and defend freedom of the press. My dad expects me to. The oath I took to "support and defend the Constitution" demands that I do.

Amy Klobuchar represents Minnesota in the U.S. Senate. She can be reached at <http://klobuchar.senate.gov> or 202-224-3244.

If there were no news reported by newspapers...



Did You Know?

The City of Staples was incorporated in 1889 as the Village of Presto. When Andrew J. Clark founded the newspaper on March 1, 1890, he named it "The Presto Change."

Although the town was named "Presto," the railroad and the post office system referred to it as "Staples," after King Sta-

ples, who established a lumber mill here. His wife was the first postmaster.

Under a new publisher the name of the newspaper was changed to "Staples World" in February, 1892.

The name of the village wasn't officially changed to Staples until a vote on March 12, 1895.

Newspaper marketing: powerful reach with community support

By Melissa Swenson, Publisher
Detroit Lakes Newspapers

A while back, I had a conversation with a local business owner. He told me that no one reads the newspaper anymore, and he would no longer be spending any advertising dollars with us. He also stated that he didn't need us to get his advertising message out with our digital offerings either because he could simply use social media to get his message out much more effectively.

I let him talk, but also attempted to engage him with statistics from unbiased research institutes to prove to him that newspapers still had the power to help him and his business. He wouldn't listen, none of it mattered. To him, newspapers were dead, and we were about to go the way of the dinosaur.

I'll be honest - I may have thought, "What a young whippersnapper - you can't tell this generation anything!" But alas, you can lead a horse to water...you know the saying.

If the "whippersnapper" had lis-

tened to me, I would have told him that newspapers are evolving, not entering extinction. We still provide outstanding local and regional coverage of the areas that we serve. We continue to help grow local business by creating innovative, impactful print ads, and we are still considered the most trustworthy source of advertising information in all of media. In fact, a recent study by MarketingSherpa shows print ads (both newspaper and magazine), outperform social media in the trustworthiness category nearly two to one over any other source. Print ads score at 82 percent, social media marketing at 43 percent.

There is so much more I could write about here - how all marketing vehicles are valuable to your business, how different marketing vehicles fit different types of businesses - I just don't have the space (or probably your attention span) to do so. The point is this: We are changing to serve your needs. We aren't just print advertising and print journalism; we have a strong digital presence that can partner with your business

to provide the best of both worlds. Plus, when you spend your advertising dollars with us, you support a local business, with local employees, who spend those dollars at local businesses. You support a business that provides local news and event coverage of the communities that we serve ...all of which brings in more potential customers to your business.

One last note on the whippersnapper: About two months after he told me he no longer needed newspaper, he called me up again - this time to tell me that he was expanding his business, and he couldn't do it without us. He needed the support of the local newspaper to make sure his expansion would be successful. He needed us to write the articles necessary to fill people in on what he was trying to do with the expansion. Everyone reads the paper, he said; if you don't publish the articles, I may as well not even bother trying.

This is a true story. Support your local newspaper. We are an integral part of a successful business community. Just ask the whippersnapper.

Did You Know?

How many city council meetings does the Staples World staff attend? How many school board meetings?

How many photos are published in a year? how many obituaries? births?

Norah Anderson, our summer intern, took a quick look at 2016 and came up with these statistics:

- Stories were written about 117 government meetings, including 22 for Staples City Council, 13 for Motley City Council, 22 for Staples-Motley School Board, 10 for Staples Economic Development Authority and 49 for Todd and Wadena county boards. These included work sessions and special meetings.

- Over 1,150 photos taken by Staples World staff were published. Many more were taken that we didn't have room to publish. All Staples World photos are available for sale at <http://staplesworld.dotphoto.com>.

- Over 670 photos were submitted for publication by you, our readers. Thank you for letting us share your stories!

- More than 1,150 advertisements were published. Thank you for allowing us to help you promote your business, your products and services.

- 173 obituaries were published. We were privileged to tell brief versions of the stories of these valuable lives. Many genealogy researchers visit our office to search through our archives for dates, places of burial and extended family members.

- 397 births were announced in our pages. We are proud to help you share your good news. This is a favorite part of the tour when Scouts or classes visit the newspaper. They love to look up their birth announcements in our archives.

- 215 garage sales were advertised on our classified pages. Glad we could help you clean those closets and make room in the garage for your car.

- In 2016 we printed over 96,000 copies of the newspaper and over 504,000 copies of the Square Shooter shopper.

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Looking at downtown from street level

Members of the comprehensive plan group paused to look at the area between the Batcher Building (right) and Tower Pizza. The group discussed possibilities to use the space for outdoor seating or a mini-park. Above; left, Tad Erickson, Tricia Jasmer, Melissa Radermacher, Chad Coauette, Ashley Kaisershot, John Wolak, Ryan Wright and Bob Jackson; not pictured, Tara Karels. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

A pedestrian view of downtown Staples

By Mark Anderson
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Six houses would be affected by the request. Thomas Springer was at the Aug. 8 city council meeting and said it was not possible for the alley to run through the block, as it is developed past the first three houses.

The Springers obtained petition signatures from four of the other homeowners, but Larry and Sharon Stingley did not sign and they were at the Aug. 8 council meeting to explain why.

Larry Stingley said they use the alley to get around to their back yard so they can clean out leaves, brush and garden materials.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the city is See **COUNCIL** on page 4a

Chance to be active over Railroad Days

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Staples Railroad Days, Aug. 24-27, will again offer chances for residents and visitors to be active, participate, support local organizations or sit back and watch the many varied activities.

Be active

Active events start with the Lakewood Health System golf tournament on Thursday. On Saturday, people can attend a free Zumba class downtown at

8 a.m. or run in the Railroad Days Dash 5k at 8:30 a.m., starting at the Staples Alliance Church. The kids dash follows, around 9:30 a.m.

Participate

Classic car owners are invited to participate in the Twisted Sister's Car Show on Friday and the Railroad Days Car Show Saturday.

There will be many kids games downtown on Saturday, and the CT Pedal Pull begins at 10 a.m.

Lefty's Bean Bag Tournament will be Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m.

Attend

All the above events invite audiences to watch, but there are several events specifically designed for people who want to take in a good show.

Fireworks will begin around 9:30 p.m. Friday at the Staples Airport.

People interested in local foods and agriculture can attend the CLC Ag Center Field Day on Friday, and there will be tours of Barry's Cherries hydroponic farm on Saturday.

On Saturday, around 275 bicyclists will pedal into town as part of the Bike Across Minnesota (BAM) ride.

The annual Chili Cook Off will start at 1:30 p.m. Saturday to assuage the bicyclists.

The LA Pig Races will be at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The annual Railroad Days Parade will begin at 5 p.m. and will travel along

2nd Ave. NE. There will also be a corn feed at the Alliance Church after the parade.

Music fans will have three days of listening options, and one chance to participate. The Little Red Caboose Variety Show is Thursday, Stage shows are downtown Saturday, including the Staples Sings competition, and a street dance is Saturday evening. The Wayne Renn show is planned for Sunday. For an in-depth look at the music at the festival, read the Aug. 10 Staples World.

Support

Several of the Railroad Days activities are fundraisers for various organizations.

The Staples Historical Society is bringing back their book sale, which will be held at the Staples Depot for the weekend.

The Living Legacy Gardens Ice Cream Social fundraiser will be Friday from 2-4 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church will host a pancake breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Also all weekend is the Sacred Heart rummage sale. The Congregational Church will hold their annual penny auction on Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Other sales include city wide garage sales all weekend and arts and craft sales downtown on Saturday. The Staples Farmers Market will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Hello, Readers,

Monday, Aug. 21, the continental United States will see its first total solar eclipse in 38 years. The shadow of the moon will cross the country, touching land in Oregon and leaving from South Carolina.

A partial eclipse will be visible in the Staples area beginning at 11:42 a.m. It will peak at 1:03 p.m. when 79.9 percent of the sun will be obscured. The eclipse will be complete at 2:24 p.m.

This eclipse is unprecedented in modern times in that 12.2 million people reside in the path of totality, and 88 million live within a day's driving distance to witness this extraordinary natural phenomenon. The previous time a total solar eclipse was visible across the entire contiguous United States was June 8, 1918. To avoid damage to your eyes, research safety tips for viewing the eclipse.

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Local foods at the CLC orchard

Crystal Halbersma and Kathryn Barrett pruning apple trees for the CLC Ag Center. An apple workshop will be part of the Aug. 25 Field Day, as will local foods tours. (Submitted photos)

Ag Center Field Day to focus on local foods, crop science

Community members are invited to Central Lakes College's Ag & Energy Research Center Field Day from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25 at its Staples campus, 26505 County Road 2. All activities are free and open to the public.

The 2017 Field Day is designed to appeal to five audiences:

- Local Foods/Growing Food: This audience can expect to see some of the latest work in the areas of pears, garden vegetables, apple orcharding, high tunnel use, and several berry species.
- Farmers who grow

agronomic crops to see the work in the area of in-furrow treatments, nitrogen application rates and their affects on plant growth, and several variety trials with representative exhibiting during the day.

- Cover crops, grazing, and combining livestock into crop rotations. This tour will start and end at the Ag & Energy Center as well as see a couple off-site applications of this land use concept.
- Water quality, environmental impacts of farming on coarse sandy soils - take the tour of the Byron site - bus leaves at 10:30 a.m.
- Finally, for those who

want to come and just "see" agriculture, drive some new equipment, bring your children to participate in the children's program where they will be able to ride a tractor, dig and take potatoes, and experience flying a drone. Adults will have much of the same activities to learn about the industry of agriculture.

For all who attend there is a complimentary lunch, the ice cream social, and an opportunity to bring a sample of your tap water to have it tested free for nitrate content.

Senator Paul Gazelka will be joining the luncheon program along with other staff from federal legislators who will be sharing during lunch as well.

- Events include:
 - 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Drone flight demo.
 - 9:30-10:15 a.m. Ag innovation plot. Includes a corn demo, plot testing various in-furrow treatments and nitrogen application rates.
 - 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Byron Tour, including cover crops, ground water quality, land conservations, crop rotations.
 - 10-11:30 a.m. Local foods tour.
 - 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Kid's program. Activities are for kids ages 5-14, and include

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Keeping the fields growing

CLC Ag Center staff from left, Bruce Berg, Lance Perius, Ron Nelson, and Hannah Barrett, in front of one of their corn plots at the college. The Aug. 25 Field Day will include a corn demo, and plot testing. (Submitted photo)



Family encampment

Lonnie Murray and wife, Mary, cradle granddaughter Eva Murray long enough to have a fire roasted dinner. The Murray's encampment included a covered wagon that Lonnie rebuilt from parts from a 100-year-old wagon owned by his family. Many of the necessity items such as moccasins, gloves, hats were made by Lonnie. The Murrays are members of the Crow Wing Muzzleloaders. See more photos on page 14a. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Staples Police deal with alcohol-related issues

Recent reports from the Staples Police include the following:

Aug. 7, Staples Police were dispatched to a possible assault and subject driving intoxicated. Police met with the reporting party and the female subject that was possibly assaulted. The female was intoxicated and would not provide the suspect's name. Police later located the subject as he was walking down the street and advised the subject on the complaint.

Aug. 7, Staples Police received a report of Criminal Sexual Conduct. Police are investigating.

On Aug. 8, Staples Police received a complaint of items taken from a deceased man's property by a family member. Another family member reported the items stolen from the residence.

Aug. 9, Staples Police responded to a property damage accident on the 700 block of 7th St NE. A Long Prairie Sanitation truck struck a parked vehicle. Moderate damage was reported to the parked vehicle and no damage to the garbage truck.

Aug. 10, Staples Police were called to a residence on Wisconsin Ave SE for an assault. After investigating the incident, Martin Doerr, 25, was issued a citation for 5th Degree assault.

Aug. 10, Staples Police responded to the United Methodist Church for a report of two juvenile males who were on the roof urinating onto an air conditioner. Police located the juveniles and notified the parents.

Aug. 10, Staples Police located an unresponsive male lying in the parking lot behind B & B's Bar. After an investigation, Tony Dukowitz, 51, was arrested for domestic, fifth degree assault and dis-

orderly conduct.

Aug. 11, Staples Police received a report of a bicycle that was stolen from the community center bike rack. Police received a description of the bicycle and later located the bike parked in an alley and returned it to the owner.

Aug. 11, Staples Police responded to a residence to verify that the firearms were removed from the house due to a court order. Police assisted in documenting the incident and cleared from the call.

Aug. 12, Staples Police received a damage to property complaint on the 500 block of 2nd St. SW of a covered trailer that had been damaged, possibly by a BB or pellet gun. It was believed that the incident occurred during the later hours of Aug. 11.

Aug. 12, Staples Police responded to a report of an activated beacon from an airplane, near the Staples Airport. The FAA had called and reported the incident to the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. Police, along with the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. patrolled in the area but did not locate anything or anyone needing assistance. No airplanes were observed flying in the area.

Aug. 12, Staples Police responded to the Oak Ridge Trailer Park for a report of lights coming from an unoccupied trailer. Police arrived and cleared the trailer and did not locate anyone inside. Police advised the complainant and cleared from the call.

Aug. 13, Staples Police observed an intoxicated subject that had fallen asleep on a bench on 4th St. NE. The subject was offered a ride home but walked home instead.



Floor covering store opens in Staples

Cale Simkins and his son Allen hold a bear rug Simkins created with a rug binder, pattern and scissors. The new store, Rug Nuggets, is located along Highway 10, between 4th and 5th Street NE. On the chair next to Allen is the binding machine that Simkins purchased and fixed up after finding the family owned company that built the machine. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Rug Nuggets brings Simkins family to Staples

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Cale Simkins hopes his new floor covering store will find a niche in Staples. "I'm having a heck of a lot of fun, building something from nothing," said Simkins.

To celebrate his store opening, Simkins is holding an event on Thursday, Aug. 24, from 5-9 p.m.

He has two artists coming to help him, his cousin Mike Miller and friend Rob Munger. Miller, the grandson of Pat and Donna Miller of Staples, will play guitar during the event. Munger runs an art studio in St. Cloud and will be doing a live painting for the event.

Simkins has been in the flooring business for 15 years, starting with retail and planning, then learning installation. He has also worked in different locations, including North Dakota, Alaska and St. Cloud.

He got the idea to open his own store because his job as a territory representative was taking him away

from his family. He chose Staples because his grandmother lives here and it has always been a recreation spot for Simkins. "I've been fishing, tubing and hunting here all my life, we all enjoy doing outdoor stuff," he said. "I would work all week just to come up here on Saturday, then pack up on Sunday to go back."

He figured it would be easier to just live in Staples and started looking for a way to open the business. When he found the storefront on Highway 10, Simkins, his wife Resebel and son Allen decided to move to Staples. "The smaller town appeals to us," Simkins said. He also likes the location on the highway and enjoys the trains and traffic going past.

"I like being downtown, and getting to know my neighbors," said Simkins. He has been walking around to check out other local businesses. "I enjoy talking to people and like the prospect of developing relationships with other business people," he said.

One business connec-

tion he already made is with a sewing shop that sometimes gets requests to bind carpets.

Simkins said he can get any type of flooring a person wants, but right now he has basic samples of carpets, vinyl, tiles and engineered hardwood at his store. "There's so much stuff, where do you start?" he said about making flooring choices. "I have the things I like the most and can get any order in just a few days."

He also is able to create specialty rugs with images or patterns on them. Simkins said he takes a first quality rug, cuts it to size and binds the edges with a binding machine he has refurbished. Sometimes he adds felt to the backing so it doesn't scratch the floor below it. He then takes a scissors and cuts the pattern or image into the carpet fibers.

Simkins said with more homes putting in hard surface floors, there has been an increase in area rugs and custom rugs. He can also cut the rug to fit any space.



Contested alley

The alley space that the Staples City Council declined to vacate runs between the Stingley property, left, and the Springer property, right. The Springers asked the city to vacate the alley so they could build a double garage on their property. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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One property owner said he uses the alley

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Committee looks for assets, liabilities

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out that Staples has some of the main features of a pedestrian-friendly downtown, including wide sidewalks and well-marked crossings. He said the real test for people is to ask themselves: "Would you let your child walk downtown?"

There was some discussion about the Batcher Building, the largest empty building downtown. Kaisershot said "In the survey, folks were really passionate about the Batcher Building."

John Wolak, Arvig Senior Corporate Relations representative, said he's been involved in plans for the privately owned Batcher Building. He said the group has looked at the possibilities of transforming it into condos, offices, a telecommuting station, store fronts and arts center. He said they are developing scenarios but do not have a buyer yet.

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1. The medallion is located within Staples city limits and is on public property.

2. The medallion is NOT BURIED or inside a building.

3. No one can start searching for the medallion before the first clue is posted on Monday, August 21st at 9:00 a.m. Anyone searching for the medallion prior to the first posting will be disqualified.

4. Destruction of any property is not necessary and will not be allowed.

5. Anyone can participate in the hunt except: Mid-MN Federal Credit Union employees, volunteers and their families.

6. The finder of the medallion wins \$500.00 to be presented on Saturday, August 26th at the Railroad Days Parade.

7. There will be a maximum of five clues. They will be posted daily by 9:00 a.m. on Mid-MN Federal Credit Union's website at www.mmfcu.org OR can be picked up at Mid-MN Federal Credit Union's Staples Branch. Clues will not be given over the phone.

8. The Finder of the medallion must present the medallion to staff at Mid-MN Federal Credit Union during business hours for verification of the medallion.

9. If the medallion is not turned in by Friday, August 25th at 5:00 p.m., Mid-MN Federal Credit Union reserves the right to terminate the hunt and turn prize money over to charity.

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A proposal for the rebuilding of the Staples Band Shell

Efforts are being made to rebuild the existing band shell, nearly 50 years old, that is located at Northern Pacific Park in Staples. At the Music in the Park event held Aug. 6, Bruce Nelsen of Staples shared the following information about these efforts:

The Staples Band Shell was originally purchased by the Staples School District in approximately 1968. Yes. It is about 50 years old. It has served this community very well for many purposes and for many years. One should be thinking about towing it to the junk yard but it still has wonderful use in it. Currently, it is only used for the Music in the Park series every summer and remains parked in the park over winter.

Current condition of the band shell is shaky at best. Several years ago it was rolled in a wind storm. Much was repaired but some issues were not addressed. The back wall of the shell could well blow out in a strong wind. The frame and bones of the unit are good but the walls and ceiling are deteriorating. The aluminum skin on the outside is separating at the seams.

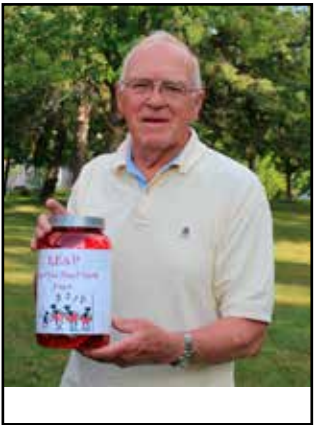


Assessing the situation

Bruce Nelsen of Staples takes a look at the inside of the Staples Band Shell, assessing what work is needed to restore the nearly 50-year-old structure. Nelsen, along with other retired Staples residents, is heading up a band shell rebuilding project. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Donations

Bruce Nelsen of Staples is pictured with the donation jar that has been set up for the purpose of refurbishing the Staples Band Shell, near which he stands. See story with information on how to make a donation.



Tennis courts are gone

Staples Public Works employees worked at Northern Pacific Park in Staples recently, spreading black dirt and reseeding the area behind the band shell, once home to tennis courts. The tennis courts were taken up because they were in poor condition and it would have cost more to repair them, according to Kevin Grondahl, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. Grondahl said he hopes that one day a permanent band shell could be built in that area, similar to one in Detroit Lakes.

The inside currently has white paper stapled to it to cover up the deteriorating structure. Paint is needed throughout. The ceiling needs repair/replacement to prevent water intrusion. Some wiring issues exist which causes problems for performers and their amplifiers.

A group of retired Staples residents are willing and able to tackle a band shell rebuilding project. Volunteer labor is always great but the materials necessary will require dollars. We will be asking the Staples-Motley School Board for permission to do the work. Funds will be sought from local businesses, Todd Wadena Round Up program, Community Foundation and any other interested organizations.

The LEAP organization (nonprofit 501C3) will set up a special account to pay material bills. All labor will be volunteer. We are asking your business to make a donation toward this community project. Estimates of total material cost are approximately \$3,500 to totally rebuild and paint the band shell. Your participation would be greatly appreciated. Donations should be made to LEAP - Band Shell Project. Thank you for considering this.

The extent of the work will depend on revenue and time. The possible work window would begin when the music series ends (it ended Aug. 13) and would most likely end with cold weather. Priority work will be the back wall, both inside and out. Next would be the roof and internal painting; and last would be the front opening door and necessary outside painting. This could take two or more seasons but it would preserve this local treasure for years to come.

Should you choose to donate, or for more information, contact Bruce Nelsen at 218-894-1373 or bbnelsen@charter.net.



Temporary living in comfort

Kathy Dobson, Lakewood VP of Senior Services, and Jason Hoyt, Lakewood Housing Manager, examine the newly created respite rooms at the Lakewood Pines Senior Living Apartments.

An open house for the public to visit the respite rooms will be Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 1-4 p.m. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Respite rooms fill need for temporary stays

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Kathy Dobson has already heard that people would like to use the new respite rooms at Lakewood Pines Senior Living Apartments. The two new rooms were created for people needing a temporary stay between one and 30 days. “We have had favorable feedback, it is definitely a need in this community,” she said. “We have had a lot of calls from people needing help for a weekend or a week.”

Dobson, VP of Senior Services at Lakewood Health System, gave some examples of the types of people who might need one of the two rooms. She said there could be a person who is the caretaker for their spouse, but they have to take a break because of a surgery. Or a daughter who is caretaker for her parent might have to go out of town for a short while. In those cases, Lakewood Pines could house the person left at home and

give them as much care as they need.

“The rates are based on the assistance needed,” said Dobson.

There are also options for the temporary resident to cook their own meals or they can be delivered, or the person could eat with the rest of the residents in the Pines dining area.

Dobson said the Pines residents are also looking forward to getting new people in their residence.

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Activities offered for all ages

Community members are invited to Central Lakes College's Ag & Energy Research Center Field Day from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25 at its Staples campus, 26505 County Road 2. All activities are free and open to the public.

The 2017 Field Day is designed to appeal to five audiences:

- Local Foods/Growing Food: This audience can expect to see some of the latest work in the areas of pears, garden vegetables, apple orcharding, high tunnel use, and several berry species.
- Farmers who grow agronomic crops to see the work in the area of in-furrow treatments, nitrogen application rates and their affects on plant growth, and several variety trials with representative exhibiting during the day.



Staples Variety Show

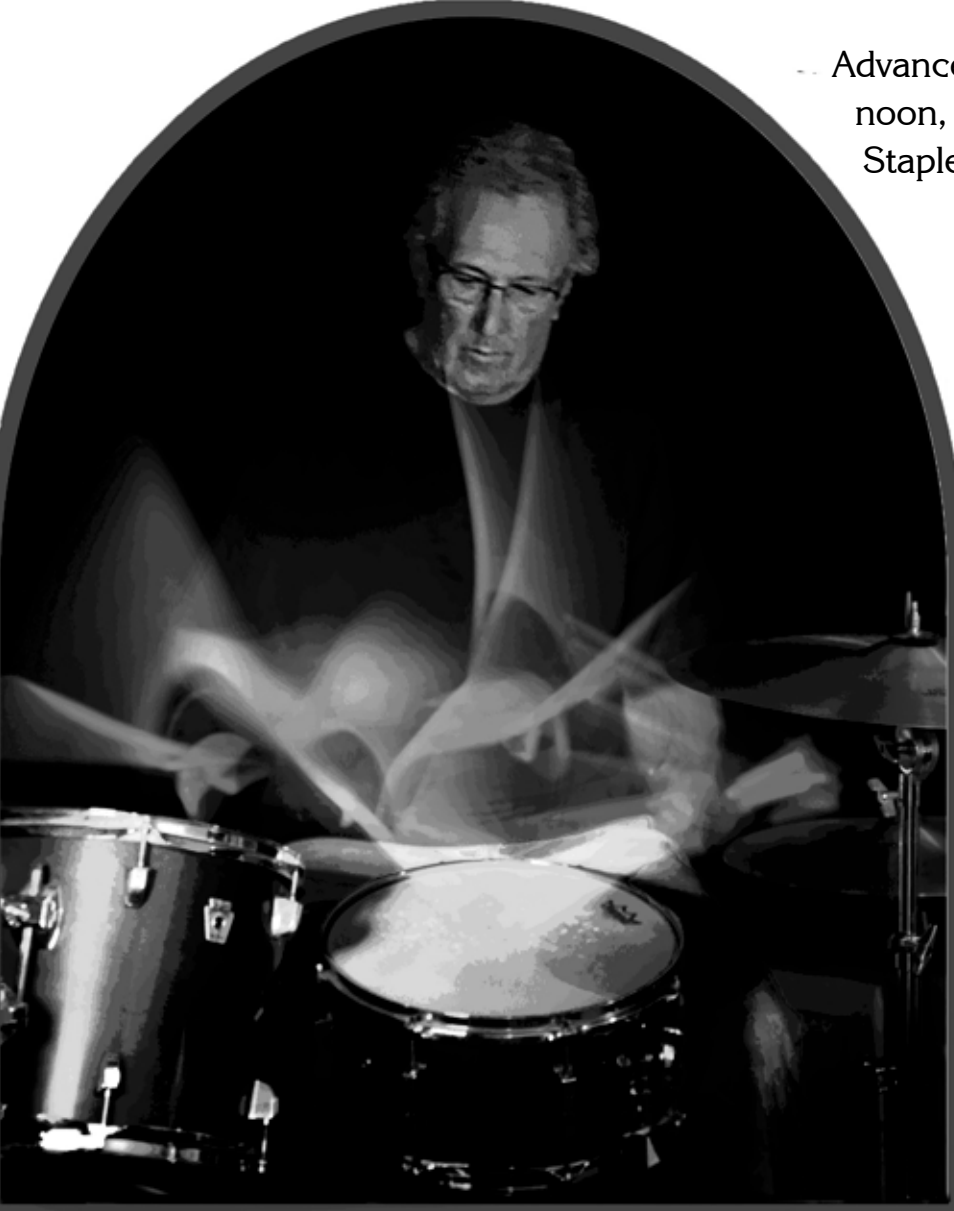
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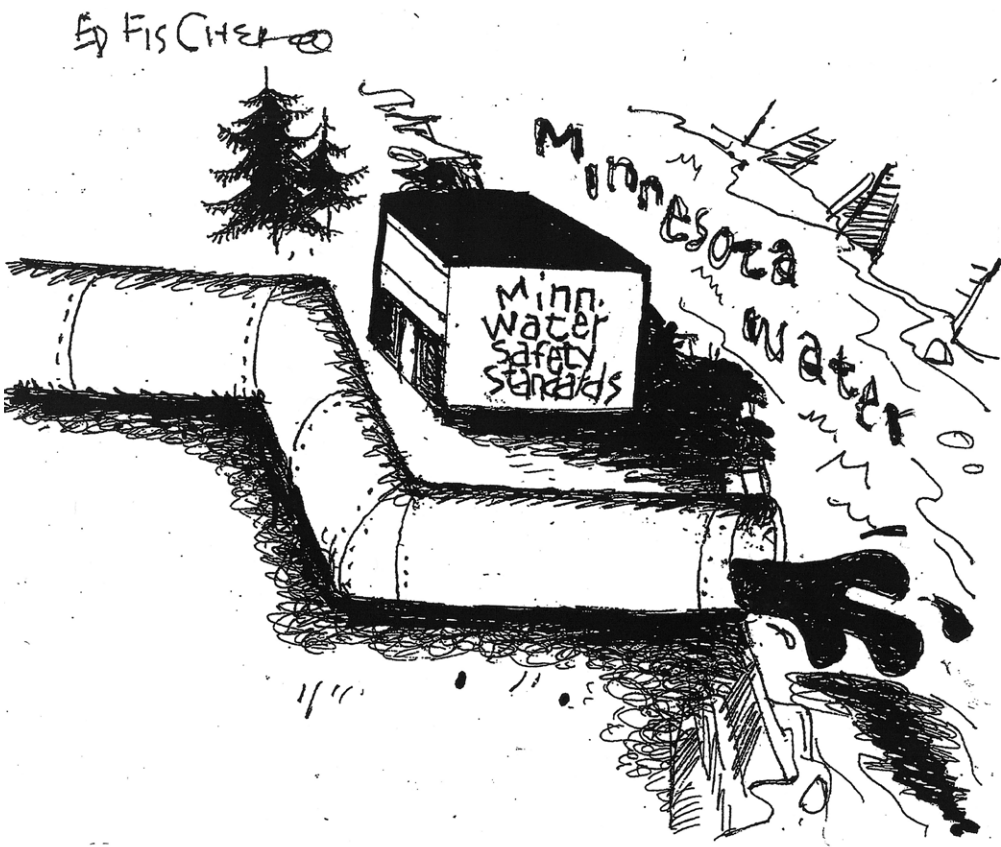
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Fertilizer rule needs voice of farmers

By Harold Wolle
President of the Minnesota
Corn Growers Association

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is requesting input from the farming community on a rule that limits fertilizer application in some areas of the state in an effort to minimize nitrate pollution in the state's groundwater. To effectively achieve this goal, farmers need to voice their questions and concerns in order to help MDA formulate a final rule that works in practice, not only on paper.

The current draft of the Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule will limit fall and frozen soil nitrogen application in vulnerable groundwater areas and implement a process for mitigation where high concentrations of nitrates are found in groundwater. The public has until Aug. 25 to submit their comments through the MDA.

In the current version of the rule, vulnerable groundwater areas where nitrogen application is restricted in the fall and on frozen soil are determined by how easily the soil transmits water and if karst or bedrock near the surface is present. The MDA has already identified these areas.

Elevated nitrate levels would be determined through nitrate testing in both public and private drinking wells. Where elevated levels are found, a process to lower nitrate pollution will be implemented on farms, including the use of nitrogen fertilizer best management practices and alternative practices.

For additional background on the rule and instructions to submit your comments by Aug. 25, farmers can visit mncorn.org/nitrogenrule. The Minnesota Corn Growers Association has been involved throughout the process of drafting the rule, and recommends farmers consider a few factors when submitting comments.

If your field is in a vulnerable groundwater area, does that sound reasonable when compared to your own knowledge of the soils and quality of drinking water in the area? If the vulnerable area's groundwater was found to be below the 10 ppm nitrate limit, it is possible that sustainable farming practices are already protecting groundwater, and that should be expressed.

If you live in an area where nitrate concentration in groundwater is above the limit, the experi-

ence and knowledge within the local advisory team for the mitigation process will be vital. Farmers should describe the important role this local team plays and the valuable expertise that resides locally in addressing higher nitrate levels as part of their comments.

Finally, if you are employing precision ag technologies for nitrogen application, make it known in your comments if these practices should be considered in the development of the mitigation strategy. The more options farmers have in the mitigation process, the easier it will be to identify the best solutions in each scenario.

Another version of the draft rule will be released in late fall/early winter with a comment period, followed by the final nitrogen fertilizer rule likely going into effect next fall. At that time, it will be our responsibility as farmers to adhere to its guidelines. By submitting comments today, we are doing our part in crafting a rule that protects our drinking water while maintaining efficient production on our state's farms.

Harold Wolle can be reached at hwolle1227@gmail.com or 507-236-2181.

SMES is ready for year

Hope to see you at open house Thursday, Aug. 31

Unlock the doors, Staples-Motley Elementary is ready for a great new year!

We hope to see all of our families and students joining us at our Open House on Thursday, Aug. 31 from 5-7 p.m.

There are a few changes in our staff; people in some new places, as well as a few new faces. Joining our kindergarten team are Michelle Karr and Jesslyn Martin. Mrs. Elfstun has moved to our STEAM and Technology position and Mrs. Carter is moving from second grade to teach in our Title I program.

We have new Minnesota Reading Corp tutors - Christine, Kaitlyn, Jen and Emily who are very excited to start working with students, helping them build their reading skills. Tonia and Vickie are in the office daily ready to help, to assist families for a smooth start to a school year.

Staples-Motley
Schools



By Kathy Johnson
Staples-Motley
Elementary
Principal

Everyone is excited to meet their new students and families for the 2017-18 school year. The gym will be set up with a variety of programs and opportunities. Stop in to see Chris and Bobby in the cafeteria and enjoy a hot dog and see their smiling faces. Students can drop off school supplies and visit with their new classmates and teachers.

We have moved the computer lab to a new location in the second and third grade wing, so stop in to see the new location.

We welcome all of our families and are very excited to get students back into our halls for a great new school year. We have added new learning opportunities to our Tech Mobile program, that is sure to bring lots of excitement and a curiosity to learning. I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday, Aug. 31. It's a great time to be a Cardinal!

August is National Tree Check Month

It's August, and it's time to check your trees - maple, ash, birch, poplar, willow - to make sure they are healthy, strong and pest-free. We know the damaging effects emerald ash borer and gypsy moth can have on our tress. During National Tree Check Month, another big threat in Minnesota is the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) - a big, black-and-white spotted invasive pest that attacks 12 different types of trees. ALB could totally devastate trees in your community, so we urge you to examine them now.

ALB's preferred host tree is maple, so check those trees first. Look for round exit holes, chew marks in the bark, sawdust-like material on the ground or on tree branches, dead branches and tunneling in cut wood or fallen branches. Also look for adult beetles on trees, walls, outdoor furniture, cars and sidewalks. The

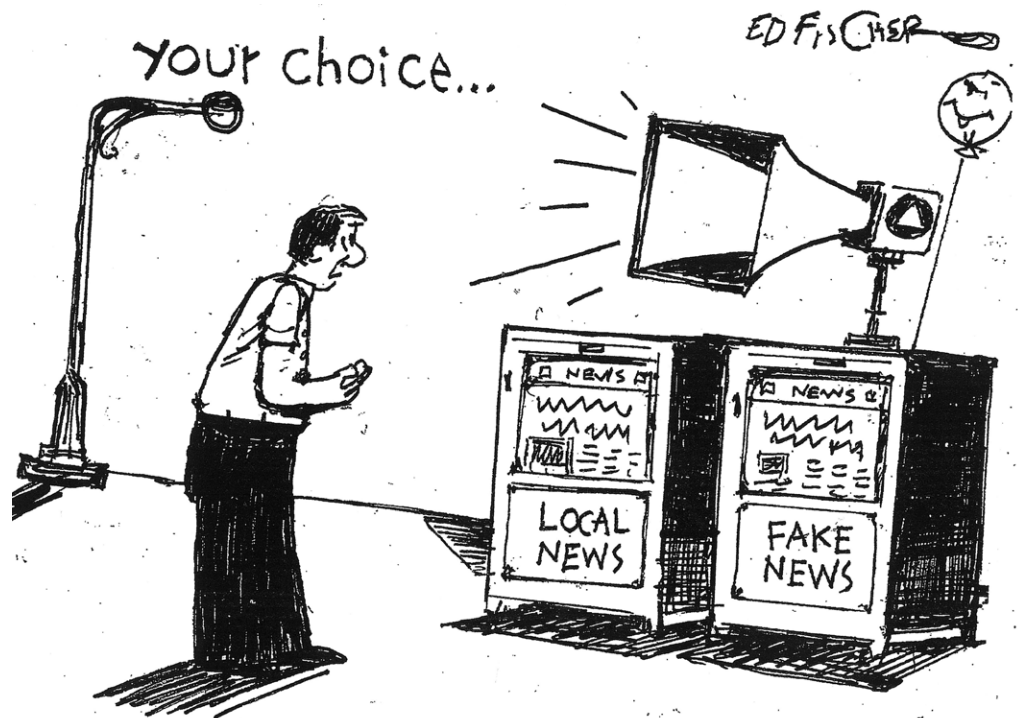
beetle is about one inch to 1.5 inches long, with six legs and a shiny, jet-black body with white spots and two long black-and-white antennae.

The ALB can attack trees anywhere, so Minnesota's hardwood trees are at risk. Once a tree is infested by the beetle, it must be removed to help save nearby trees. Today, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and its partners are eradicating ALB from areas in Massachusetts, Ohio and New York - in total over 178,000 trees have been cut down because of the pest. That's why we want all Minnesotans to check their trees this month. Early detection is the key to protecting our trees.

It only takes one person to spot and report an invasive insect. Diligent residents have helped quarantine a Minneapolis neighborhood for gypsy moth, limiting the insect's

destruction, stopping further wood-boring insects from being widely distributed in the state and identified new emerald ash borer finds leading to better management decisions. Asian longhorned beetles can show up anywhere in the state, but you can help prevent its spread.

Sometimes we take trees for granted; we don't think about how much they contribute to our quality of life. Trees serve as wind breaks, sun shields, they muffle noise and block unsightly views, help conserve energy, water, prevent soil erosion, provide habitat for wildlife and clean the air. For all trees do for us, this month we're asking you to take 10 minutes to check yours. If you see something, report your findings by calling the MN Dept of Agriculture's Arrest the Pest info line at 1-888-545-6684 or report online at www.mda.state.mn.us/arrestthepest.



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England Prairie Pioneer Days are Aug. 25-27

The 38th Annual England Prairie Pioneer Days in Verndale will be held August 25, 26 and 27.

Sponsored by the England Prairie Pioneer Club, the event features exhibits and activities in keeping with their mission, which is "to preserve the history and heritage of the farming industry, particularly as it relates to England Prairie and this general Central Minnesota area."

Pioneer Days kicks off Friday at 3 p.m., with blind tractor race and barrel race. Coronation of the 19th England Prairie Royalty is at 6:45; followed by a concert featuring the Slew-foot Band. Supper will be available from 5 - 7 p.m.

The grounds open at 7:30 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday, with breakfast served each morning until 11 a.m. Lunch and supper will be available as well.

Saturday's events in-

clude thrashing, sawmill and shingle mill demonstrations at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.; antique tractor pull at 11 a.m.; parade at 4 p.m.; and music by Pickin' and Grinnin' at 7 p.m. A 'Kiddie Coin Hunt' will take place at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday's lineup begins with a worship service at 11 a.m., led by Pastor Chuck. This will be followed by a Kiddie Coin Hunt at 11:30 a.m.; parade at 1 p.m.; lawn-mower pull at 1 p.m.; bingo from 2 - 4 p.m.; and threshing, sawmill and shingle mill demonstrations at 1:30 and 3 p.m. Raffle drawings at 4 p.m.

England Prairie is located at 14229 Co., Rd. 1. From Verndale: 1 mi. South and West on Co. Rd. 23, 2 mi. West on Co. Rd. 1.

For more information, call Carl at 320-594-6518 or Marietta at 218-639-4511; or visit online at www.england-prairie.org.

Lakewood invites public to Pillager Clinic open house

The public is invited to an open house for Lakewood Health System's newly expanded and remodeled Pillager clinic on Monday, Aug. 28, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The open house will feature a tour of the expanded clinic, as well as the opportunity to meet staff and providers, including Dr. Kaitlyn Schoeck, the newest member of the Pillager team. Refreshments will be

served.

The Pillager expansion project began in November, 2016; and the expanded clinic space will be officially open for patient visits on August 28. The addition includes 13 new and remodeled exam rooms, a procedure room and more.

The clinic is located at 653 Pillsbury St. N., Pillager.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider purchase agreement with James Franklin for the purchase of the property at 109 8th Street NE.
- Schedule public hearing on Capital Improvement Plan for Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.
- Consider resolution accepting airport maintenance and operation grant contract with MNDOT

from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

- Discuss amending tobacco ordinance to include electronic cigarettes and related products.
- Committee reports including the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report.



2017 Holst family reunion celebrates 40 years

The family of Wilbur and Lillian Holst celebrated their 40th annual Holst Reunion July 14-16, with 111 in attendance missing only 16, due to military service or other previous commitments. That number broke all previous reunion records. Many live right here in Minnesota but some drive from neighboring states and some - from father away - flew. Wilbur and Lillian had eight children; Ken Holst is the only one deceased.

The families come together every July and celebrate for a weekend. Some camp and others come for a day. The past several years the reunion has been held at the residence of Huck and Marilyn Holst, also known as "Holst Acres". Every year the relatives compete against each other for the title of Carpet Ball Champion and Bean Bag Champions. (Submitted photo)

Mark Your Calendar

August 23

MEDICAL HOME PATIENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MTG Wed., Aug. 23, Lakewood Health System, main campus, lower level classrooms, Staples, 2-3 p.m. All Lakewood patients welcome. For info., to RSVP, call 218-894-8311, or email loiswalters@lake-woodhealthsystem.com by Aug. 22.

August 24

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., Aug. 24, 7:30-10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Charlie Huhtala, caller; Donna Stone, cuer. For info., 218-296-1641.

School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

- Agenda items include:
- School/community forum to discuss with parents the technology and internet safety policy.
 - Financial items including approval of financial report and the facility usage fee schedule.
 - Personnel items including approval of contracts for Matt Michel, high school custodial; Nicholas Reed, IT help desk technician; Liz Capistrant and Shari Henrikson, school readiness teachers; Jesslyn Martin, kindergarten; Heather Kadus, middle school STEAM/art; Joshua Mailhot, grade 5; and John Regan, middle school principal; and accept resignations from Sandy Otteson, transportation; and John Regan, high school math.
 - Policy and curriculum items including changing the boy's hockey agreement to include Parkers Prairie; approve revisions to food service payment policy and adopt a policy regarding grant guidance.
- Other items include reports from the principals, superintendent, SMEA and school board committees.

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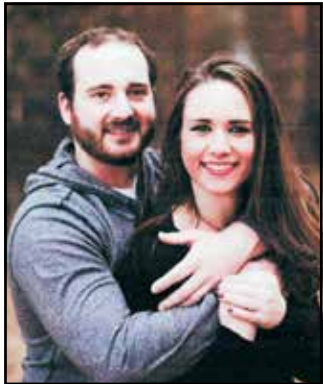
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Engagement



Maybon, Sill

Terry and Bev (Kirk) Maybon of Baxter and Rob and Jill Sill of Wabasha, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children Jaclyn Maybon and Christopher Sill.

Jaclyn and Christopher are both graduates of the University of Wisconsin Stout and are currently employed in the Twin Cities area.

They plan to be married Oct. 7, 2017, at St. Francis Catholic Church in Brainerd.

Jaclyn is the granddaughter of the late John and Ida Kirk of Staples; Nadine Maybon of St. Michael and Bob Maybon of Burtrum. She is also the great niece of the late Mary and Elaine Brauch.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Chelsea and Ryan Leonard of Verndale, a baby boy, Colter Leslie weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on August 4, 2017.

Born to Ashley Borg and Michael Etzler of Baxter, a baby girl, Makanna Marie weighing seven pounds, four ounces on August 5, 2017.

Born to Niki and David Brown of Deer Creek, a baby boy, Levi Richard weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on August 10, 2017.

Born to Ashlee Schaffer and Steven Stavish of Cushing, a baby boy, Jayce David weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on August 10, 2017.

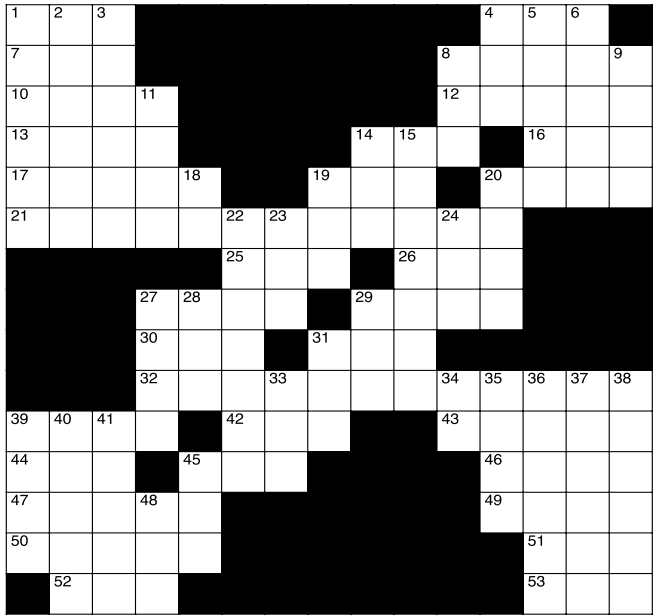
Born to Ashley and Desmond of Brainerd, a baby girl, Chloe Ann weighing seven pounds, four ounces on August 10, 2017.

SHS Class of '55 reunion

The Staples High School Class of 1955 will be holding a summer get-together Friday, Aug. 25, 1-3 p.m., at Countryside Restaurant in Motley. Other classes are welcome.

Crossword Puzzle

Week 33



CLUES ACROSS

1. Austrian river
4. Type of lunar crater
7. Taoism
8. German landscape painter
10. Big players do this
12. Nose cone
13. Islamic republic
14. Press against
16. Where you find corn
17. Battery cell
19. Score
20. Swiss river
21. The Babe's real name
25. Use it to clean
26. Supervises flying
27. Surfboard fin

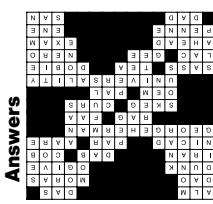
29. Aggressive dogs
30. Makes computers
31. Buddy
32. Existing everywhere
39. Check
42. Comes in bags
43. British hip hop artist
44. Resinous substance
45. Pitcher Dillon
46. Preceded Galba
47. Not behind
49. Students dread this
50. Pasta
51. Northeast and east
52. Begetter
53. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo to name a few

CLUES DOWN

1. Incorporating
2. Piper, _____ actress
3. Principality
4. Famous bounty hunter
5. Chilean seaport
6. Relish
8. Throng
9. One point east of southeast

11. Knot in a tree
14. Revolutionary women (abbr.)
15. Containerfuls
18. Unit of weight
19. Al Bundy's wife
20. Genus of ducks
22. Christian hermit
23. Witch
24. Average accounting return
27. Type of chef
28. Barbie's pal
29. Ford makes this
31. Goes with carrot
33. "Orange is the New Black" character
34. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
35. Unaccompanied
36. Wild goats
37. National capital
38. Freeholders
39. Smack
40. Expressed pleasure
41. Italian opera set
45. Gode Airport
48. Not or

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John Turan

John "Jack" Turan, 77, of Motley died at his home on August 4, 2017 after a brave battle with mesothelioma, diagnosed three months ago.

Memorial Services will be held at the Lincoln Evangelical Free Church, Cushing at 11:00 a.m. **Saturday, Sept. 2** with Pastor Jim Brown officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

John Michael Turan was born October 20, 1939 in Minneapolis to John and Elizabeth (Olson) Turan. He attended Richfield Elementary School and Edison High School in Minneapolis. On May 14, 1961 he married Carol Ziebarth in Minneapolis. John's great love of horses led him to train and show them. He also had a love for working with leather and worked at Carlbom Harness Store in Minneapolis for many years. While living in rural Chaska he continued training horses and also worked as a service manager for Ken-Ray Chevrolet. He attended Fisher Body School and became a body shop manager for the same dealership. When the company closed, the family moved to rural Delano where he continued to have horses and started raising exotic pheasants. He even raised a buffalo calf to maturity. Not likely to be indoors he started driving semi over the road and was always home with the family on weekends.

He moved to Hebron, Nebraska with his family in 1975 to a 16-acre hobby farm (leaving the buffalo behind). He drove truck until 1989. He owned "Jack's Leather Repair" in Hebron, NE in 1987 selling and repairing boots and saddles. He enjoyed restoring old vintage saddles back to their original state. John retired in 2006 selling the business. He and Carol moved back to Minnesota in 2008, where he enjoyed fishing, the great outdoors and especially feeding all the wildlife. His love for animals was unending.

Jack is survived by his wife, Carol; two sons, Timothy (Julie) and Scott (Lisa); three grandchildren, Paige, Cody (Courtney) and Ali (Blake); three great-grandchildren, Braylee, Easton and Kegan; three brothers and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

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Senior Schedule

Staples Senior Schedule for September, 2017

Thursday, Sept. 7, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Free Legal Aid from St. Cloud. Call 894-2553 to make Legal Aid appointment

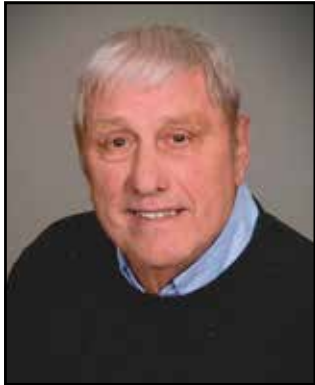
Noon meal and bingo, **Weds., Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27.** Cards - 500, noon, **Thurs., Sept. 7 and Mons., Sept. 18/25**

Board meeting, noon, **Mon., Sept. 11** Birthday/Anniversary party 11:30 a.m., **Tues., Sept. 12**

Whist, 12:15 p.m. **Tues., Sept. 5/19** Evening meals 5:00 p.m. **Thurs., Sept. 14, 21, 28**

To register for meals call 218-894-2556.

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Morris Lundgren

Morris (Morrie) Lundgren, 81, of Staples passed away August 13, 2017 at his home.

A memorial service celebrating Morrie's life will be held Friday, August 18 at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Gathering time for family and friends will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of services at the church.

Morrie was born September 1, 1935, in Vinton, Iowa to Svea (Johnson) and Gustavus (Harold) Lundgren. He married Penny Jackewitz on July 2, 1960, in Bovey. They lived in Mankato and Greenville, Iowa, before moving to Staples in 1964. Morrie and his wife owned and operated the Kentucky Fried Chicken in Staples for 20 years. He was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

Morrie is survived by special friend, Marge Evans of Pillager; three daughters, Lori Lundgren of Glencoe, Alicia (Lee) Truax of Bertha and Allyson (Jens) Zimmermann of Zurich; two sons, Brett (Dawn) Lundgren of Wadena and Trevor (Gwen) Lundgren of Becker; 10 grandchildren, Amber, Simon and Zachary Lundgren, Hunter Truax, Hayden Truax, Holton Traux, Cody Lundgren, Megan Lundgren, Brook Lundgren and Jessa Jacquin; three great grandchildren; three brothers, Nathan (Doreen) Lundgren of Brainerd, Forest (Karen) Lundgren of Red Wing and Phillip Lundgren of Cloquet.

He was preceded in death by his wife and one brother, Elwood Keith Lundgren.

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Steven Dickman

Steven Robert Dickman, 54, of Staples passed away July 21, 2017 at the St. Cloud Veterans Hospice unit after struggling from cancer.

A memorial/interment service will be held Friday, August 25, 1:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples. A reception will follow at the Yvonne Dickman residence, 49430-305th Ave., Staples Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate Steven's life.

Steven was born in 1963 in Staples to Phillip and Yvonne Dickman. He graduated from Staples High School in 1981. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army serving four years and was discharged in April, 1985. In 1990, Steven moved to North Pole, AK where he resided until July 2016.

He is survived by his mother; one daughter, Sasha Dickman and one son, Joshua Dickman both of San Manuel, AZ; four grandchildren, Rianna Estrada, Sadye Lerma, Javier Lerma and Zane Lerma; four brothers, Duane (Deb) Dickman, Staples, Kevin (Ann) Dickman, Colleyville, TX, Carl Dickman, Danbury, WI, Douglas Dickman, Staples and three sisters, Audrey (Barry) Clough, Cambridge, Daria (Brad) Fraley, Bryon Center, MI and Donna (Dale) Doublestein, Wyoming, MI; 12 nieces and nephews; 12 great-nieces and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father and two brothers, Bruce Dickman and Rodney Dickman.

The family is grateful for the condolences, but declines flowers and donations. w33-34p A00006B2017AU17



Lyn Bell

Lyn "Happy" LaRee Bell, 61, passed away August 7, 2017, at the family farm, Motley.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 11 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood Street, Motley. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until time of services at the church.

Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Lyn was born July 3, 1956, in Wadena to Marvin M. and Luella (Barg) (Bell) Knutson. She graduated from Motley High School. Her school years were filled with cheerleading and supporting school athletics. She attended St. Cloud Area Vocational Technical Institute earning a Child Services Technology certificate. Lyn "Happy" the clown beamed when sharing her gift of entertainment with adults and children. She will be remembered for her smile and adoration for her nieces, nephews and all children. An independent person, she enjoyed traveling to warm destinations in her camper.

She is survived by one son, Timothy Scott Seachrist; mother; three sisters, Kay (Leon) Trout, Sue (Steve) Jacobs, Amy (Ron) Dvorak; two brothers, Roy (Tammy) Bell and Les (Janene) Bell; 10 nieces and eight nephews.

She was preceded in death by grandfather, William Barg, grandmother, Theresa Barg; father; sister-in-law, Mary Bell; niece, Tina Bell and nephew, Ty Bell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lyn Bell Family. Tribute flowers and balloons may be sent to the Motley Free Methodist Church.

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William Stewart

William Vernon Stewart, 76, of rural Browerville, died unexpectedly at his home on August 5, 2017.

Funeral services were held August 12, at the Iten Funeral Home in Browerville with Pastor Kali Christensen officiating.

Arrangements were with the Iten Funeral Home.

Bill was born March 18, 1941 in Milton, North Dakota to George A. and Anna (Linda) Stewart. He attended school in Clarissa and Staples. As a young man Bill worked at the Aldrich Cheese Factory and farmed most of his life. He enjoyed feeding birds, watching wildlife, all kinds of music, especially classical and visiting with family and friends.

Bill is survived by three sisters, Kathryn Engle, Ruth (Maurice) LaFontaine, Patricia (Larry) Sandberg and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one sister Beatrice Geir; one nephew, John Engle and one niece, Shari Stojanovich.

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Daniel Lenk

Daniel Lenk, 53, of Motley passed away at his home unexpectedly August 14, 2017 after a short battle with cancer.

A memorial service will be held at 12 noon, Saturday, August 19 at Dan and Tammy's home, 35665 Aztec Road, Motley, officiated by Pat Huss Sheveland. Reception to follow at 2 Tall Tavern," Lincoln. Ride your bikes for Dan. Questions call 218-296-1432.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Daniel was born August 13, 1964 to Donald and Clara (Orr) Lenk in Browerville. He graduated from Staples High School and the Heavy Equipment program at CLC in Staples. After school, Daniel worked as a foreman at CR Manufacturing in the Twin Cities for a number of years before returning to the area and working at Brichacek Stone for 19 years and Trident Seafoods in Motley. Daniel enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, hobby farming, cutting wood and playing in a pool league, but riding motorcycle was his passion. He was a devoted father and grandfather.

Daniel is survived by his fiancé, Tammy Lewis of Motley; three children, Paige Lenk, Mathew Lenk, both of Staples and Colby Lenk of Glencoe; two step-children, Brandon (Alissa) Lewis and Ariel Lewis, all of Pillager; one granddaughter, Libby Mumm; mother, Clara Motl of Staples; four sisters, Carol (Paul) Kert of Staples, Barbara (Joe) Hasselberg of Motley, Rosemary (Dave) Bruhn of Maple Plain and Joanne (Mark) Forsberg of Staples; two brothers, Donald, Jr. (Debbie) Lenk of Junction City, KS and James (Cathy) Lenk of Staples; step-mother, Carol Lenk of Wadena and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Jillian; father, Donald Lenk; step-father, Gerald Motl.

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Bruce Peterson

Bruce Leroy Peterson, 61, of Westminster, CO, and formerly of Staples, died July 5, 2017, at Farmington.

Memorial services will be held Friday, September 29 at 4:00 p.m. at Sunshine Valley Gardens, Piedmont, SD.

Bruce was born August 25, 1955 at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego, CA to Orin Leroy and Gayle (Sommors) Peterson. He grew up in Staples and was a 1973 SHS graduate. He married Dawn Mack on Aug. 3, 1977. They lived in Richmond, VA in 1977 where Bruce worked for Fox Photo for nine years. The family moved to Minnesota where Bruce worked for Fuji Film for 33 years. He enjoyed many activities before and after he retired including hunting, fishing, camping, riding motorcycle, BBQing, cigars and hanging with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Shawn (Melissa) Peterson of Arvada, CO; one granddaughter, Isabella; one brother, Mitch (Wendy) Peterson of Lakeville; other relatives and friends.

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**NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT
215 First Ave. South
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420**

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday August 31, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

1. **Todd Bussman:** LOT-3 BLK-1 Bitz Subdivision (23 & 26-127-33)
Site Address: 10628 Alum Trl PIN: 03-0074900
Variance to reposition and expand on existing retaining wall structures located on lot at 12, 22, 24, and 48 feet from ordinary high water level. Replacement retaining walls will be from 3 feet to 4 feet in height and located within the shore impact zone and in an area with severe steep slopes.

2. **Daniel Shaw and Donna Shaw:** LOT 9 BLK 1 Majestic Oaks First Addition Section 9 Staples Township
Site Address: 49262 Thunderbird Dr PIN: 22-0054600
Variance request to exceed the 18 foot maximum height to 24 feet in height for a proposed 60 foot by 34 feet storage shed located in shoreline zone of Dower Lake.

3. **James and Kimberly Bieniek:** Section 19 of Burnhamville Township
Site Address: 17576 Dogwood Loop PIN: 06-0028100
Variance request to reduce the setback to the ordinary high water level from 100 feet to 94 feet for proposed 24 foot by 26 foot garage.

4. **Judith Schmid:** Lots 12 & 13 Block 1 Slither's Beach
Site Address: 30157 122nd St PIN: 11-0046200
Variance requests required to change foot print of existing boathouse 16 feet by 22 feet partially on an adjoining parcel. To remodel the existing boathouse 4 feet longer (26 feet) and 3 feet narrower (13 feet).

1) Variance to place water oriented accessory structure at 5 feet from OHWL instead of required 50 feet.
2) Variance to construct 338 sq ft water oriented structure instead of 250 sq foot standard.
3) Variance to construct boathouse 1 foot from property line instead of 10 feet standard.

5. **Terry and Camilla Hempleman:** Section 1 of Villard Township Parts of Govt Lots 1 and 2
Site Address: 38594 Northstar Dr PIN: 24-0000101
Variance request to decrease the setback for a new replacement septic system from the OHWM from 75 feet to 34 feet.

6. **Bruce and Nicole Rohde:** Part of NW4 of NW4 of Section 19 of Round Prairie Township
Site Address: 17908 US 71 PIN: 21-0020901
Variance request to decrease the setback of 100 feet from the ROW of US 71 to 70.5 feet to allow addition to existing place of business.

7. **Bonnie Olson and Kenneth Olson:** LOT 1 of Clark's Osakis Beach and Part of Govt Lot 1 Section 7 of Gordon Township
Site Address: 11307 County 10 PIN: 10-0046600 10-0006200
Variance request to decrease the setback from 75 feet to 35 feet from the OHWM to replace the existing 685 sq ft dwelling with a 778 sq foot replacement dwelling.

8. **Robert and Rose-Ann Zinter:** Part of SE4 of Section 32 of Hartford Township
Site Address: 27005 County 5 PIN: 12-0036501
Variance request to decrease the Long Prairie River setback from 150 feet to 119 feet for a 24 foot by 24 foot addition to an existing house.

9. **Paula and Barry Brandt:** Tiemann's Subdivision Govt Lot 3 Lot 1 and N 10 ft of Lot 2
Site Address: 28830 Antelope Trl PIN: 03-0053500
1.) Variance request to

decrease the 100 foot setback to 75 feet to replace an existing cabin with a 26 foot by 33 foot cabin with 2.) Exceed the maximum impervious for non-roofed surfaces 3.) Variance to exceed the 18 foot height limit within the building setback from the OHWM to 25.5 feet.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters.

Todd County
Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair
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**NOTICE
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Project
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RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Sealed proposals for the work described below will be received at the Office of the Clerk/Treasurer, City of Motley, 316 Highway 10 S, Motley, MN 56466 until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 21, 2017 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the construction of approximately:

- 1,400 Lin Ft 6" HDPE Watermain (Directionally Drilled)
- 150 Lin Ft 18" HDPE Casing (Directionally Drilled)
- 600 Pounds Watermain Fittings
- 1 Each Hydrant
- 0.40 AcresTurf Establishment

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Responsible Contractor Certification.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be complete by October 13, 2017.

PLANHOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION: The planholders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download online at www.bolton-menk.com or www.questcdn.com or www.questcdn.com. Any addendums may also be distributed by mail, fax or email.

TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS: Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.boltonmenk.com or www.questcdn.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project # 5221049 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$20. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of project documents is also available for a nonrefundable price of \$50 per set, which includes applicable sales tax and shipping. Please make your check payable to Bolton & Menk, Inc. and send it to 7656 Design Road, Suite 200, Baxter, MN 56425-8676, phone (218) 825-0684, fax (218) 825-0685.

BID SECURITY: A certified check or proposal bond in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of City of Motley shall accompany each bid.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

Dated: August 1, 2017
Lacey Smieja
Clerk/Treasurer

Published:
Finance and Commerce:
August 8, 2017, August 15, 2017
Morrison County Record:
August 6, 2017
Staples World: August 10, 2017, August 17, 2017
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**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC SALE OF
TAX-FORFEITED
LANDS**

**Monday, August 21,
2017
10:00 a.m.**

Todd County
Commissioner
Board Room,
Historical Courthouse
215 1st Avenue So.
Long Prairie, MN 56347

- 65 New tax-forfeited parcels
- 20 Preexisting parcels reviewed by Commissioners

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the parcels described in the List of Tax-Forfeited Land that is contained herein shall be sold to the highest bidder at public sale. The sale will be governed by the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01 and by the resolution of the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorizing such sale. The resolution reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on the List of

Tax-Forfeited Land be classified as nonconservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on List of Tax-Forfeited Land, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01; that the sale will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, August 21, 2017, by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at the Commissioner board room in the Historical Courthouse, for not less than the basic sale price; and that all sales shall be full payment or on the terms set forth on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conditions and terms of the public sale shall be as described in the list of Tax-Forfeited Land contained here-in and approved by the Todd County Board of Commissioners.

Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Todd County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer, Todd County Courthouse, 215 1st Avenue So, Suite 201, Long Prairie, Minnesota, 56347. Telephone: (320) 732-4469, or online at: www.co.todd.mn.us/departments/auditor_treasurer/forfeiture_lands
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**NOTICE OF
MONTHLY MEETING
DATE CHANGE
FOR BYRON
TOWNSHIP**

Please be advised that Byron Township will hold the monthly township meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall to begin on September 21, 2017.

Karen Roubal
Byron Township Clerk
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Staples Staples Alliance 1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891 Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY AWANA.....6:15 p.m. Assembly of God 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081 Pastor Roy Miles Youth Pastor Julie Boone Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY Sunlight & Youth.....6:30 p.m. Church of Christ 27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609 Pastor Barry Klein Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....6:30 p.m. Congregational Church, UCC 204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571 Pastor Tony Romaine Worship.....9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546 Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvaag Emelie Engquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed. Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m. Sacred Heart Church 310 4th St. NE, Staples Church.....218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Joe Korf Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator: Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text MASS: Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m. Saturday.....5:00 p.m. Sunday.....8:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship.....10:45 am. Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m. Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923 Pastor Nathan Hillman Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:15 a.m.	United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248 Pastor Greg Leslie Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship) Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults).....9:15-10:15 a.m. Aldrich Congregational, United Church of Christ One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831 Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Communion.....1st Sunday of Month Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m. Cushing Bethany Lutheran 25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 www.bethanylutherancushing.com. Rev. Jean M. Megorden Lay Pastor Bob Mueller Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday Office Closed Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle SUNDAY Sunday School for all ages.....9:00 a.m. Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m. Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m. Cushing Baptist 26298 Bear Rd., Cushing www.cushingbaptistchurch.org Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Worship.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible study.....7:30 p.m. Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690 Open by arrangement Leader Swan Valley Lutheran Leader.....218-397-2470 Pastor David Stevens Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m. Maple Hill Lutheran Pastor David Stevens Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River) Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.	Motley Motley Free Methodist 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466.....218-352-6888 Pastor Jim Johnson Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.....10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Group.....5:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran 497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399 Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. St. Michael 1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Joe Korf MASS: Tuesday.....6:30 p.m. Wednesday.....8:30 a.m. Saturday.....7:00 p.m. Sunday.....10:30 a.m. United Methodist 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Leslie www.motleyumc.org Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m. Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m. Oylen Oylen Alliance Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Maltore Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m. Pillager First Lutheran Church 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN 218-746-3775 Pastor Hector Merced Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m. Casino Assembly of God Pastor Dan Johnson N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104. Phone.....218-746-3839 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m. First Baptist 903 River Street South, Pillager Pastor Skip Hansen 218-746-3768 Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. Children's Church.....9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Adrenaline Youth Group.....5:45 p.m.	Hewitt Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. 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Be the Right Kind of Happy

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

The dictionary definition of “happy” is “delighted, pleased or glad” in a more recent unabridged dictionary. Interestingly enough, in Webster’s first 1828 dictionary the word “properly” precedes the rest of the definition of “happy.” Uhhmm. Something significant has been dropped over the centuries regarding the true state of being happy.

So, if we recapture the original intent of being happy as requiring guidance for “the pursuit of happiness,” (in being “proper”) we need to stop and ask ourselves: “how did such an important guiding intent of “properness” get dropped?” We are talking about a slippery slope.

I remember in the 70’s and 80’s hearing in seminary one particular professor describe the loss of the “cultural Christian Consensus” in Europe and the United States. (It’s a significant study in history to see how often the United States has followed suit in adopting moral set backs from Europe.) This isn’t about sugar coating any given decade in an embellishing way. But, nonetheless,

we do need to be honest when foundational gains are being lost.

I remember coming across a book (1979 copyright) that was written by a sociologist entitled, Me: The Narcissistic American. It wasn’t written by an intentional Christian perspective, but nonetheless, the evidence of our slippery downward slope of selfishness was being observed and measured. We were losing ground at the level of foundations.

So, how do we care about and re-enter being “properly” happy? Some songs from the past give us guidance. We teach our kids the song “Happy, happy, happy, happy”: happy are the people whose God is the Lord.” The hymn says, “trust and obey, for there’s no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.” Let’s be “delighted, pleased and glad” by following Jesus, who gives us guided “properness” in a truly life-giving way. Remember, He sees the whole picture and we often don’t. Please read Isaiah 55:6-9 for further reflection.

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Fall sports are back



Loony behavior is normal for our state bird

There are a handful of expressions that, though politically incorrect, are sometimes used to describe a person whose mental stability is – shall we say – uncertain. Cuckoo, cracked, batty and several others come to mind. Another that's equally familiar is "loony," a term especially resonant here in Minnesota thanks to the common loon, a waterfowl species that's not only familiar, but our official state bird.

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*Inside the
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The loon's wild, yodel-like call has been described as resembling "maniacal laughter" – the laughter of a maniac – and it echoes over the reaches of Minnesota lakes from soon after ice-out in spring to just before freeze-up in fall, wherever loons are found.

This particular call – though the loon has several – says “wilderness” better than just about any other sound. This is a bit ironic since the waters where loons nest and rear their young sometimes include places where shorelines are almost as built-up as a suburb. Minnesota is home to more common loons – estimated at roughly 12,000 – than all other states except Alaska; so says the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Recently, while chilling-out in

pine-shaded laziness on the hill-top overlooking the lake where the family cabin is located, my wife and I watched 10 loons about 75 yards offshore engaging in their loony behaviors. This gathering had to be composed of several family groups, or the offspring of several pairs, not one family, since loon parents raise only one or two chicks each breeding season.

As a serenade of loon yodeling reverberated from shore to shore, up and down the lake, the actors in this little drama kept our attention with an aquatic ballet. Most impressive was a demonstration called "rushing." It's a territorial display in which a loon raises and holds its body vertical – out of the water – running across its surface for many yards, propelled by rapidly paddling feet, wings folded or half-extended. In an odd way it reminded me of barefoot waterskiing; both seem equally unlikely.

It's easy to understand how a duck, goose, swan – or a less dominant loon – would be intimidated by such an onrushing winged missile. Ornithologists say the behavior is sometimes misinterpreted as a courtship display, rather than territorial dominance. Yet territoriality and mating are linked in their own way, territorial behavior serving a purpose for a dominant bird trying to secure "rights" to mate. It's also seen in the drumming of ruffed grouse in spring, and the combat among deer or among elk during the rut in fall.

One of my duck hunting

friends found out just how territorial and aggressive loons can be when he used a carved wooden loon as a “confidence decoy.” This is a duck hunting tactic in which a likeness of a bird other than a duck or goose – such as a gull, heron or swan – is placed in the vicinity of your duck blind. The idea is to make your deployment of duck decoys seem more natural, giving incoming ducks confidence that your decoys aren’t a trap. In Don’s case the confidence decoy was a wooden loon carved by a friend. But it wasn’t long before Don stopped using the wooden loon, after repeated attacks from real loons resulted in multiple stab wounds on the decoy from their dagger-like bills.

Being a fisherman, I'm aware that I have competition from several species of birds that also fish, including cormorants, kingfishers and loons. Their competition is in part indirect, when they feed on baitfish that are also consumed by game fish species. They also have an opportunity to chow down on the young of game fish, such as young walleye in this lake or small trout eaten by kingfishers on the streams where I fish. But unless there's an obvious imbalance, as has been the case with large cormorant rookeries on some important walleye lakes, Mother Nature seems to average things out.

Loons are very capable fishers. With legs set farther back on their bodies than just about any other bird, their large webbed feet are in the best position to propel them in their underwater

pursuit of prey. Most birds have hollow bones, which makes flight easier by maintaining an optimum wing-to-weight ratio. Loons have solid bones, which makes them heavier and makes it easier to submerge and remain under water during their feeding forays. Some have clocked loons remaining under water for up to three minutes, where they can reach depths up to 180 feet. It's not rare for them to be caught in deep-set nets of commercial fishermen on the Great Lakes.

The downside of this un-bird-like wing-to-weight ratio is that a loon's take-offs from the water are labored, with both wings and paddling feet used to become airborne. If a loon doesn't have sufficient "runway" on the water it can't take off. Occasionally in late fall you hear about a loon that can't seem to take flight and escape a freezing lake or pond due to inadequate open water. This is uncommon, and in some cases may be because the loon is ill, or wounded.

Our little gaggle of loons alternated their rushes with the standard feeding routine, which is interesting in itself. Whereas submarines "up periscope" to find targets above the surface, loons will often dip their heads partway under water in order to spot fish below. Some say the red pigmentation in their eyes is a factor in their underwater vision. True or untrue, they're experts at spotting small fish. When they do, they execute a jackknife dive that creates barely a ripple, their feathers compressed against

their bodies to improve their hydrodynamics, aiding in both submerging and pursuit.

Healthy adult loons have few predators, though eagles are mentioned in birding literature. From my experience watching eagles prey on much smaller waterfowl – ducks, for example – I find it more plausible that eagles would take wounded or unhealthy adults, or immature loons. Immatures are much more vulnerable, and sometimes fall victim to snapping turtles, northern pike or muskies. If a nest is too close to shore, or dropping water levels make access easier, raccoons, skunks or foxes may plunder loon nests.

Minnesota's loon numbers remain stable, the DNR citing human disturbance and water contaminants as perhaps the biggest threats to their abundance. Survival factors may be different elsewhere, most significant probably being extensive loss of suitable habitat. Wikipedia – so useful in many ways, but sometimes misleading – lists “hunting” first among factors that have led to a decline in loon numbers in North America. Loons are a protected species, and quite easily distinguished from geese, swans and even the largest ducks. Hunting is certainly among the least important factors, habitat loss and pollution being much greater threats.

Unlike many birds, which – when out of sight, are out of mind – the loon's unmistakable laughter ensures that we always know when they're around; and behaving normally, too.

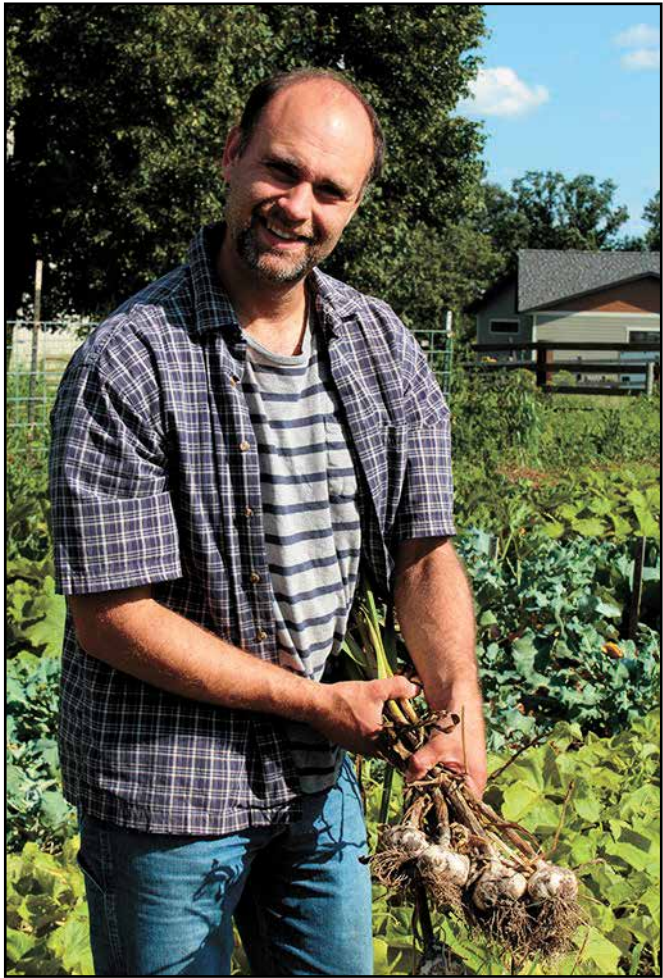


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Russell, Russell, how does your garden grow?

Following the Kleinschmidt Farms, from planting to harvest



Harvesting garlic

Russell Kleinschmidt, rural Staples, holds up garlic that was planted last fall and harvested from his garden Aug. 7. The garlic is then placed on a wire mesh rack where it will stay for a couple of weeks until it is dried. At that point, the stems can be taken off. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Grass-fed beef

Russell Kleinschmidt raises grass-fed Angus beef at his CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farm in rural Staples. He utilizes a management intensive grazing system.



Free-range chickens

Russell Kleinschmidt raises Cornish Cross broilers and Red Rangers chickens at his CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farm. They are pasture raised, free range.

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

This is the third in a series of articles about gardening, as the Staples World follows the work of Russell Kleinschmidt, from planting to harvest.

A lot has changed since the Staples World last caught up with Russell Kleinschmidt at Kleinschmidt Farms in rural Staples last May.

Tomatoes are now in full production, as are a variety of peppers, zucchini and summer squash. He picked his first ears of sweet corn on August 8, Russell said. Those are the sorts of vegetables that members of Kleinschmidt Farms CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) should expect to see in this week's delivery; and perhaps onions and garlic as well.

For those who are not CSA members, a number of fresh, naturally grown vegetables are available at Kleinschmidt Farm's 'Farm Stand,' located five miles south of Staples; and at the Staples Area Farmers Market, which is held Thursdays, 2 - 5:30 p.m., at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

The Farm Stand is open from dawn until dusk, Russell said. In addition to vegetables, Russell harvests pastured chickens (Red Ranger and Cornish Cross) which are available for purchase and can be found in the freezer at the Farm Stand.

Peas and strawberries are done for the year, Russell said. "It was probably the beginning of July for the peas and the end of June for the strawberries," he noted of this year's final harvest for those two items.

He has already harvested two plantings of green beans and a third one, which was planted at the end of June, Russell hopes to harvest at the beginning of September. "It usually takes about 60 days for beans," he said.

Russell noted that as

some of the vegetables have been harvested (such as mustard greens, kale and kohlrabi), he has planted new vegetables in their place, such as carrots and beets. Before he can do that, he must first take out the first plants.

Russell tends to both a raised beds garden and a 30 x 72 ft. high tunnel. He uses natural and holistic farming methods in both. Over 60 varieties of garden produce will be offered at Kleinschmidt Farms throughout the growing season.

The report so far is that things have been going well for the most part at Kleinschmidt Farms. "We've had a few pest and disease problems," Russell said, adding that one or two crops were affected. "Cucumbers have been a struggle," he said.

He also wonders if the brussels sprouts will make it this year, mentioning that he planted them late in the season.

The Ailsa Craig onions in the high tunnel are doing very well, Russell noted. "They get twice as big as the ones planted outside," he said, going on to mention that plants in the high tunnel have a much longer growing season, as well as heat early on.

You know when an onion is ready to be harvested when it tips over, Russell went on to share. Garlic is ready when the tops get brown. "You get a feel for things," Russell said of knowing when to harvest vegetables.

He spends approximately 30 hours a week tending to his gardens, Russell said. That's on top of his full-time job as a conservationist, as well as raising five children with his wife, Jessica. Yes, it's a busy time, but he loves it, Russell says. "I wouldn't do it if I didn't have a passion for it."

Kleinschmidt Farms is located at 44910 County 21 in Staples. For more information, contact Russell at 218-349-5376.



Farm stand's open

The Farm Stand at Kleinschmidt Farms in rural Staples is open each day from dawn until dusk. Russell Kleinschmidt stands near some of the tomatoes that have recently been harvested. The Farm Stand is located five miles south of Staples, at 44910 County 21.



Inside the high tunnel

A variety of vegetables have been growing in the high tunnel at Kleinschmidt Farms since last February and tomatoes are currently in full production. Above, tomatoes grow along the seven-and-a-half ft. trellis in the high tunnel.

Motley Police, Morrison Cty Sheriff's Office

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:

Aug. 9 - The MPD received a call from a Motley resident reporting a telephone scam. The caller had claimed to be from the power company and stated that if the person did not pay a bill within 45 minutes, her power would be disconnected.

Aug. 9 - The MPD received a call from a Motley resident reporting that her

husband's debit card had been used at Grand Casino Mille Lacs, with two checks cashed in the amounts of \$600 and \$400. The incident was reported to the bank and to the casino, which stated it would look at the video to determine who was using the card.

Aug. 5 - The MPD arrested Brent Borders, 53, for Driving After Cancellation - Inimical to Public Safety.

Aug. 5 - The MPD assisted a Motley resident who had set a live trap in order to catch a woodchuck; but instead caught a small red

fox and didn't know what to do with it. The responding officer opened the end of the trap and allowed the fox to escape into the woods.

Aug. 5 - The MPD issued a citation to Mark Beauchamp, 56, for failing to stop for a red light.

Aug. 9 - The MCSO responded to multiple calls in the Cushing and Randall areas reporting a salesman offering cleaning products or vacuums. Eventually a correct license plate num-

ber was given by one of the complainants and it came back to a business out of Blaine.

Aug. 6 - The MCSO received a report of a missing black utility metal trailer that had been stolen from a residence at the 500 block of Pine Ave. S., Motley.

Aug. 4 - The MCSO responded to a call asking for the Motley Fire and Rescue Department to be paged for a possible house fire at the 200 block of 3rd St. SW in Staples.

'Music in the Park' coming to Motley?

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Bob Jenkins of Motley is still hoping to bring 'Music in the Park' to his hometown before the snow flies.

Jenkins spoke with the Motley City Council at their regular meeting Aug. 14, to fill them in on some information he had gleaned since he first made his request at the council's July meeting.

The concerts would be held at Veterans Park, which Jenkins learned is owned by Burlington Northern. The city is just the caretaker of the park, Jenkins said.

Previously, the council had asked Jenkins to receive permission from the Motley American Legion prior to hosting concerts in Veterans Park. Since the park is owned by the railroad, that would not be necessary, Jenkins said.

Frank Vasecka, treasurer of the Motley American Legion, was also on the agenda at the August council meeting. He also mentioned that the legion does not own the park, so it was not up to them to grant permission for park use. It had been his understanding that it was city-owned.

Vasecka proceeded to say that he felt a music event like this would be a "good thing for the city."

Mayor Al Yoder said that the council had previously requested that Jenkins ask permission from the

American Legion out of respect. If the legion didn't have a problem with concerts held at Veterans Park, then the city didn't either, the mayor said.

Jenkins stressed again that he (and other Music in the Park committee members) wanted to be given the same treatment from the city as other organizations. He wondered if the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce had been asked for a list of their volunteers prior to planning the Motley June Fest?

Council member Steve Johnson told Jenkins that he didn't remember asking him for a list of volunteers. He hadn't asked the chamber of commerce for one either, Johnson said.

Jenkins said that according to the League of MN Cities, the city could not require him to follow a different set of rules than any other organization. He went on to say that his attorney said it seemed that someone didn't want him to do something in the city. "Selective enforcement," Jenkins said.

He's already received a \$200 donation from someone in town to go toward the music event, Jenkins said.

Johnson told Jenkins that he thought his ideas were great. However, the city had to be fair to all organizations.

Jenkins said again that he wanted Music in the Park to be given the same treatment as June Fest.

City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smie-

ja reminded Jenkins that the city had previously said he could have this event. Yoder dovetailed that by saying the city is giving Music in the Park the same treatment as June Fest.

The city previously offered 'in kind' services to the chamber's June Fest. Jenkins inquired as to whether Music in the Park could be covered under the city's insurance? Could that be considered an in-kind service?

Mayor Yoder said that Smieja could check on that.

Thursday evening is his day of choice for the concerts at Veterans Park, Jenkins said. He would like to schedule at least five or six concerts each summer and for this year, is hoping to at least book one event.

Jenkins also wondered about a back-up location in the chance of rain. He asked the council if it would be possible to use the front meeting room at city hall.

During the ensuing discussion, it was evident the council did not feel that that was an ideal location for a music event. Mayor Yoder asked if he had checked out the fairgrounds. Jenkins said he had tried that in the past and it had not worked out.

Having an event like Music in the Park would help attract people to Downtown Motley, Jenkins said. He noted that years ago movies used to be shown downtown, but now there was nothing like that to draw visitors.

Motley girl to perform at state fair talent contest

Charter bus planned for Aug. 30

Ten-year-old Heidi Zimmerman of Motley will be competing at the Minnesota State Fair's Amateur Talent Contest on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m. She will be performing a solo dance piece.

Heidi qualified for the competition after taking first place at the recent Todd County Fair, tap-dancing to Dolly Parton's, "9 - 5." This is the same dance routine she will perform at the state fair.

Plans are underway to secure a charter bus from Northwestern Transit Authority in Motley for anyone interested in attending the fair that day and being able to watch Heidi's performance.

If there are enough interested parties, the bus would depart from Motley at 10 a.m. on Aug. 30 and return at approximately 11:30 p.m.

Heidi is the daughter of Dean and Bonnie Zimmerman of Motley.

For more information, or to indicate your interest in riding the bus, call Bonnie at 218-894-3024.



Winning dancer

Heidi Zimmerman, Motley, is pictured with the \$100 check she received after taking first place at the Todd County Fair's talent contest. (Submitted photo)



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Vehicle accidents in Wadena County

On Aug. 11, the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a report of a motor vehicle crash, at the intersection of Cty Rd 23 and Cty Rd 12. The Wadena County Dispatch Center received information of a single vehicle roll over and smoke was coming from the vehicle. Upon the arrival of Wadena County Deputies found a single occupant, Danielle Kopp, 29, of Staples, Who had been traveling northbound on Cty Rd 23 and failed to stop at the intersection of Cty Rd 12 and had entered the north ditch of Cty Rd 12 and rolled her vehicle. Kopp was wearing a seat-

belt and was transported to Lakewood Health Systems Hospital, in Staples with non-life threatening injuries. The cause of the crash is still under investigation by the Wadena County Sheriff's Office, but alcohol is believed to have been a factor. The Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. was assisted at the scene by Sebekka Fire and Rescue, Tri-County Ambulance and K&K Towing.

UTV rollover

On Aug. 13, the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. responded to a UTV (utility task vehicle) crash, in Bulard Township near Wahoo Valley along Cty Rd 7. The UTV was traveling east along Cty Rd 7 when it entered the north ditch and rolled. The 17-year-old driver received a laceration on his chin and other minor injuries. He was transported to Lakewood Health Systems Hospital by a family member. The 19-year-old female passenger sustained injuries to her left hip, leg and ribs. She was transported to LHS Hospital by Staples Ambulance and air lifted to St. Cloud by North Memorial Air Care. Both the driver and the passenger were wearing seatbelts, but not helmets. The Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. was assisted at scene by Staples Ambulance.

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Old Wadena Rendezvous and Folklife Festival



Folk and family performers

Gary and Dawn Timbs with Dawn's parents, Carmen and Gary Schimpp, performed Saturday afternoon rounding out a perfect day at the Old Wadena Rendezvous. The Timbs and Schimpps sang rousing gospel revival with a little bit of country. **(Staples World photos by Janice Winter)**



Grandpa Whistler's fur hat

Kaiden Kessel of North Branch celebrated his fifth birthday Aug. 11. Kaiden was born at Rendezvous time, with grandpa Jim Whistler announcing his birth to a crowd while he was at the Old Wadena Rendezvous. This is the first year Kaiden was able to spend time at the event.



Song interpreter

Dave Virnala, New York Mills, provided songs, musical stories and guitar playing Saturday morning at the Rendezvous. His song about the river flowing included a life message about the Crow Wing River. His repertoire also included 'Home Grown Tomatoes' and 'Oreo Cookie Blues.'

Sound

Jim Opelia, Browerville, ran sound during the two-day Old Wadena Rendezvous last weekend. The event featured a number of music acts. Opelia is also the principal at Sacred Heart Area School in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Folklife favorites

Loretta Simonet and Curtis Teague entertain the crowd with their stringed instruments, stories and songs. Talented and true they compliment each other and the Folklife Festival.



Craftsman

Grant Goltz, kneeling, demonstrated birchbark canoemaking at Saturday's Rendezvous.



Hands on, moccasins off

Midge Johnson of Aitkin demonstrated peeling fat from a rabbit skin as Clayton Fowler and mom, Johanna of Sebeka watched.



Cultural music

Carrying on the music of the traditional Ojibwe flute, Jake Kaehne provided not only the music of the Indian flute but the meaning behind the whimsical, beseeching and sometimes haunting tones of the flute.



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Jump rope making

Children could try their hand at making a jump rope with Ray Baune and his wife. Ticianna Janssen awaits her turn as brother Tristyn cranks the rope maker.



Storytelling and puppetry

Paulino Brener, storyteller and performer with Margo McCreary's Puppet Show told interactive stories for children and adults throughout the two-day Rendezvous event. Margo held a Make-It and Move-It puppet making workshop for the children.