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Ives family to build new hotel in Staples

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

It took many years of planning and discussions with several potential developers, but a new hotel will be built in Staples in conjunction with re-opening the former Town's Edge (and T Maxwell's before that) restaurant in Staples.

The Ives family, led by Mike and Mary Ives, own and operate three hospitality properties in Grand Rapids and Baxter.

"We are looking at an opportunity to revitalize the Town's Edge restaurant and event center in conjunction with the development of an upscale lodging facility in Staples," said Mike Ives in a press release announcing their plans, "because we are impressed with the vitality of this community."

A community meeting will be held Wednesday, June 22, at 5 p.m., at National Joint Powers Alliance (202 12th St. NE), where the Ives family will share their plans and answer questions about the project.

According to their press release, Ives hotels focus on serving both business travelers and family leisure visitors. The Staples Timberlake Hotel will include a pool with a pool party room and an exercise facility. The hotel will feature a breakfast café, guest laundry, small gift store and outdoor patios.

The 52 room hotel will provide extended stay suites, king suites and spa suites in addition to standard rooms.

"Property needed for the development project has been secured," said Ives. "We have Mike Angland, an architect with the Widseth Smith Nolting firm from Baxter, developing the concept drawings. Several local commercial contractors are reviewing the plans preliminary to bidding the construction project within an aggressive timeline."

The plan is to break ground this fall, construct the facility over the winter, and open in the spring of 2017.

The Ives family, including Mike, his wife Mary, their son, Burl and his wife Kris, have been working together in customer service, food and beverage, and event center business since 2000. They specialize in weddings, reunions, education seminars and community events.

"Lodging and events work well together and will bring business from neighboring communities" said Burl Ives, "but a restaurant business requires strong local support. It appears that Staples will welcome another dining facility."

"Operating a lodging facility requires a quality staff dedicated to customer service," according to Kris Ives, who will be recruiting this staff. "We look forward to meeting candidates for these job opportunities early next spring."

"Later this month, our family will provide a community presentation on the development of our new Staples Timberlake Hotel where you can visit and ask questions," said Mary Ives. "Please come to meet us and get a sneak preview of our project goals."



Staples Timberlake Hotel

The public is invited to attend a community meeting Wednesday, June 22, at 5 p.m. to hear about plans the Ives family has to build a new hotel along Hwy. 10 just east of the Staples Dairy Queen. Questions will be welcomed. They also expect to reopen the former Town's Edge (T Maxwell's) restaurant and event center. The meeting will be at National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA - Room #301) at 202 12th St. NE. Anyone interested in more information or to RSVP for the meeting is asked to contact Melissa Radermacher at 218-894-2550 or mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us. (Submitted graphic)

Hello, Readers,

On July 19, 1910, the governor of the U.S. state of Washington proclaimed the nation's first "Father's Day." However, it was not until 1972, 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official, that the day became a nationwide holiday in the United States. The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm– perhaps because, as one florist explained, "fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have." In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day. However, many men continued to disdain the day. As one historian writes, they "scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products - often paid for by the father himself." In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than $1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts. This year enjoy Father's Day on Sunday, June 19.

Wadena County Board approves lot purchase

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

At the June 7 board meeting, Wadena County Commissioners said that the county would purchase a city lot located at 410 1st St SW for $110,000. The lot, which is needed for space in the expansion of the county government's new annex building to be constructed this fall.

The county agreed to purchase the lot at 27 Dayton Ave SE for $75,000 for the same purpose.

Sheriff Mike Carr gave a presentation along with some short videos supporting his request for the county board to fully fund the 2017 salary of the Drug Task Force Agent who has been working in Wadena County for the past two years. NJPA awarded grants to the county to cover the costs of the first two years. Carr collected 44 letters of support from

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Barn Quilt

Members of the Motley Fair Board installed their new barn quilt on a building located on the fairgrounds that faces the stoplight on the corner of Highways 10 and 210 on June 11. Volunteers from Barn Quilts of Central Minnesota purchased materials, designed and painted the block thanks to funds from a grant awarded by the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation to the Staples Motley FFA, so Kerry Lindgren, FFA advisor, also assisted with the installation. They all wanted the quilt up in time for the Motley Fair, which opens this Friday, and for Motley June Fest, which is Saturday and Sunday. See page 4b for a map of the June Fest parade route and see page 4a for an invitation from the chamber to attend June Fest and the fair. (Submitted photos)



Ag Society gets grant for building improvements

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

Delvin Durheim, representing the Todd County Ag Society, informed the Todd County Commissioners at their June 7 meeting that they had received a Legacy grant for upkeep of the building and properties at the fairgrounds.

The grant was for a little over $10,000. Durheim said that they would be adding a second holding tank by the wash rack, replacing an exhaust fan that will run quieter and more efficiently and installing more fans in the show ring to move the air and cool it better.

"We thought about ceiling fans, but didn't know how they'd fare with the hockey pucks," said Durheim.

They will also be doing some modifications to the horse stalls which don't get the use they previously

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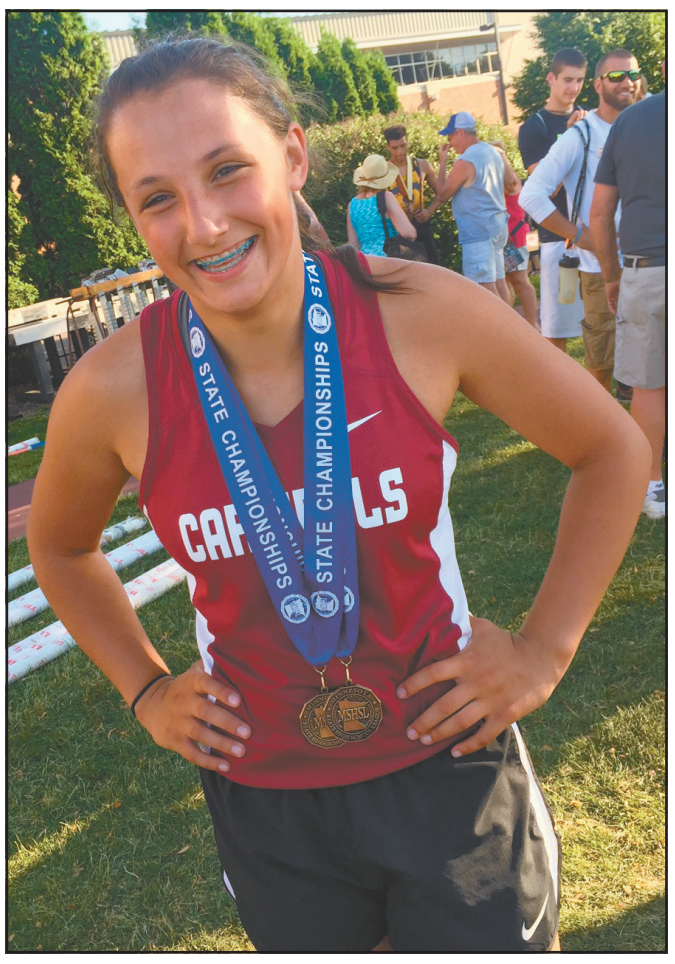
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Cardinals earn state recognition

Andrew Israelson, left, was named Mr. Minnesota Golf, for the top male high school golfer. Israelson was among eight boys nominated by a statewide selection committee of coaches and golf leaders and was chosen the winner in the first year of the award. He received the award at the Windsong Farm Golf Course in Independence on June 11.

Millie Klefsaas, right, earned two gold medals at the state track and field meet June 10-11, winning the 100 meter hurdles in 14.99 and setting a state meet pole vault record at 12 feet. See more in sports, page 1b. (Submitted photos)



Reflections from retiring Motley teachers

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Name and Title: Debbie Blowers, first grade teacher

How Many Years Have You Worked At The Motley School? I've worked at the Motley School for 24 years. My first year here I taught fifth grade, but for the rest of that time I have taught first graders.

What Inspired You To go Into Teaching? I always wanted to be a teacher. When I was growing up in Waseca, my three little sisters and I would play school...I was always the teacher.

Later on, I had a daycare and parents would tell me they thought I would be a good teacher. It was always in the back of my mind, but I didn't go to college until I was 36 years old. My husband, Dick, was diagnosed with MS (Multiple Sclerosis) at that time and I thought it would be wise to get my degree. I went to Bemidji State and was 40 years old when I got my teacher's license. During those years, I would drive up to Bemidji on Sunday night and come back home to Motley every Friday. Our daughter, Sarah, was still in high school at that time. The boys, Denny and Luke, had graduated.

What Are Some Of Your Favorite Memories From Your Time At The Motley School? The year we were named a Blue Ribbon School was very exciting. Suzanne DeYonge (a third grade teacher) and I had the opportunity to fly out to Washington D.C., representing Motley Elementary.

I also enjoyed helping with the Running Start Program every year. The kids are always so excited to read and that has always inspired me. Being able to teach five of my own grandkids was very special.

What Will You Miss The Most About Teaching? I will miss the kids... they are so much fun. I'll also miss my friends like Pat (DiGiovanni). A lot of friendships have been formed over the years.

What Do You Plan To Do With Your Time After Retiring? I am going to do some subbing at Pillager Elementary. And, we live on a farm so there's work to do there. Right now we have 21 baby lambs, 37 sheep; a number of ewes, chickens and a horse. My sister and I also have plans to go to Medora, N.D. We go every year.

Name and Title: Pat DiGiovanni, second grade teacher

How Many Years Have You Worked At The Motley School? Well, I have taught a total of 41 years, all in this area. My first four years I was at Sacred Heart Area School. The rest of the time has included subbing at both Staples and Motley elementary schools, teaching Special Ed. in Motley and Title I. For the past 14 years, I have taught second grade at MES.

What Inspired You To go Into Teaching? I grew up in Staples, attended Sacred Heart Area School and always wanted to be either a teacher or a missionary. I had some wonderful teachers, including Sister Charlotte and Mrs. St. Pierre at Sacred Heart; and Mr. Girtz in high chool. I went on to get my teaching degree at Moorhead State.

What Are Some Of Your Favorite Memories From Your Time At The Motley School? Helping with the various programs, including the Christmas ones. We would also perform plays in our classroom, which were always fun. Our classroom wrote a song the year we were named a Blue Ribbon School. I also had the opportunity to teach some of my grandkids, which I loved.

What Will You Miss The Most About Teaching? I will miss Debbie (Blowers) of course and just being a part of this school. Of course I will miss the kids. They are so funny all the time and I always enjoy kidding around with them.

What Do You Plan To Do With Your Time After Retiring? My husband Roy and I plan to finally do some traveling. We never had time in the past because we always had the dairy cows. I plan to spend more time with the grandkids, too.

Name and Title: Doug Shequen, sixth grade teacher

How Many Years Have You Worked At The Motley School? I have taught here since 1983, after receiving my teaching degree from Bemidji State. When I first started here Bob Koll was the principal. I've taught everything from second to sixth grades.

What Inspired You To go Into Teaching? I've always loved working with young people...they are enjoyable. I had some great teachers and coaches growing up and I would say they inspired me to become a teacher myself.

What Are Some Of Your Favorite Memories From Your Time At The Motley School? I've been able to coach in various capacities and I've enjoyed it all. I've mainly coached junior high kids; but I've also been the head volleyball coach for high school girls and the head baseball coach for high school boys. I've worked with some great kids; and I've been blessed to work with a great staff over the years, including Charles Funk, who was Teacher of the Year; and Pat Held who was a real mentor to me. Dave Barnett was an inspiration, too. I also had the opportunity to have all three of my own kids in class...Krystal, Rebecca and Dylan.

What Will You Miss The Most About Teaching? The students.

What Do You Plan To Do With Your Time After Retiring? I plan to keep working on our farm...we have 40 beef cows, which requires we put up a lot of hay. My wife Jill and I also hope to do some more traveling. We recently took a trip to Hawaii to meet up with our daughter Rebecca who was being deployed. She's in the navy. I hope to spend more time with my grandson, Duncan, too.



He'll miss the students

Sixth grade social studies teacher Doug Shequen said he will miss the students when he retires at the end of the school year. He was hired to teach at the Motley School in 1983, after receiving his teaching degree at Bemidji State University. Since that time, he has taught grades two - six at the Motley School and coached volleyball and baseball. Pictured above from left are, back row: Angela Wenzel, Ethan DiGiovanni, Abby Dukowitz, Hunter Martin, Addison Lorber, Malaya Reem. Middle row: Leah Bestland, Shequen, Brookelyn Huisenga, Kiyrrae Olson. Front row: Dayton Anderson, Gordon Enyart-Martinez, Jadyn Vogel, Jaden Stangle, Amber Deegan. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



End of an era

Longtime Motley Elementary School teachers Pat DiGiovanni (left) and Debbie Blowers are retiring at the end of the school year. GiGiovanni has taught in the Motley Staples area for 41 years; and the past 14 years as a second grade teacher at MES. Blowers taught for a total of 24 years at MES, the majority of that time as a first grade teacher. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)





Time to say, 'Goodbye'

Mary Duberowski (left) and Nancy Nieken are retiring from their positions at the Motley School. Duberowski has worked as a paraprofessional for 17 years. "I have loved having the opportunity to help children learn. I've also loved being a support to teachers," she said. Duberowski said she plans to spend more time with her grandchildren. Nieken has worked for the past nine years at the Motley School's kitchen. "I've enjoyed being with the kids and the awesome staff," she said. After retiring, she and her husband plan to travel to Texas and Illinois, where they have family. "We have two weddings this summer," she added. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Staples PD report drugs found during recent traffic stop

On June 6, Staples Police stopped a vehicle on Hwy 10 for obstructed view and speeding. While at the vehicle, police could smell marijuana. After searching the vehicle, police found a small amount of cocaine, ecstasy, marijuana wax, marijuana, kief and drug paraphernalia. Police arrested Austin Broder, 23, of Botttineau, ND, and charged him with three felonies including; possession of cocaine, ecstasy and marijuana wax.

Also arrested during the traffic stop was Sean Brandt, 27, of Bottineau, he was charged with possession of ecstasy. A third passenger was released from the scene. Both parties were transported to the Todd County Jail.

Other reports into the Staples Police Dept were;

June 6; a citizen reported finding a GPS unit in the alley on the 400 block of 8th St NE. Police located the owner and returned the GPS. Also discovered were other items stolen from the victims truck on the 300 block of 6th St. NE, including sunglasses, change and vehicle registration papers.

June 7; Staples Police received information of juveniles possibly sneaking out of their house and breaking into cars. Police are investigating.

June 9; Staples Police received a report of a bear near Scott's Southtown. Police were unable to locate the bear.

June 10; Staples Police conducted a welfare check of an individual who was reported to be lying on the ground at the Northern Pacific Park. Police made contact with the subject, who stated he was fine and needed no assistance.

June 10; Staples Police responded to the City of Motley to assist with a report of an intoxicated female attempting to pick a fight with her husband. Upon arrival, the female subject had left the scene. Police stayed on scene until the Morrison County Sheriff's Dept. arrived.

June 10; at 11:30 p.m., while doing bike patrol, Staples Police observed two large fireworks that had been fired from the area of the 900 block of 2nd Ave. NE. When police arrived several people were outside of their residences looking for the source of the loud noise. The person(s) who fired the fireworks were not located. Police advised everyone on scene that if it occured again to call law enforcement.

June 11; at 3:07 a.m., Staples Police responded to the 200 block of 6th St. NE to assist with removing a bat from a residence. Police removed the bat and cleared from the scene.

June 11; at 12:18 p.m., Staples Police received a complaint of loud music coming from a residence on the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE. Upon arrival, police determined the music to be at an appropriate level.

June 11; Staples Police responded to the 200 block of 6th St. NE of a report of a suspicious person walking on a roof. Police were unable to locate anyone.

June 12; Staples Police assisted Wadena PD and the MN State Patrol in searching for a green Chrysler New Yorker traveling east at a high rate of speed on Hwy 10 from the Wadena area. It was reported that a male was hitting a female inside the vehicle. Police were unable to locate the vehicle.

June 12; Staples Police located a suspicious vehicle parked at Ortons. Police spoke to an occupant of the vehicle and recognized an individual the officer believed had a warrant. Police confirmed the warrant and arrested the subject.









Last day of teaching

Janet Anderson, left, with Staples Elementary Principal Kathy Johnson on the last day of school May 27, Anderson's last day of teaching. (Submitted photo)

Janet Anderson appreciates being part of education

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Her classroom is all packed up and moved to Motley, but Janet Anderson won't be moving with it. She is retiring after 14 years of teaching fifth grade at Staples Elementary School and 17 years as a teacher in the school district.

"It is really different cleaning out the room this time, I love the students and staff here, it is a big change," said Anderson.

She said it is a privilege to have taught in the district. "I will miss every day being together with the students," she said. "Students are like family, you build relationships with them and their families and it becomes meaningful. That is the highlight of my career," she said.

Anderson began teaching in the Twin Cities, but took time off to raise her children. She and her husband Paul moved to Staples and Janet continued as a full time mother. But she was always involved in her kids' classrooms and was one of the main drivers in starting the Parent Teacher Connection at the elementary school.

She is proud that the PTC is still going strong and has been instrumental in making field trips possible and building the new school playground. "It gets parents into the schools, which the kids love," she said.

She did that and taught half a year in Staples before moving to Motley. She enjoyed that in part because some of her kids were at the middle school at that time. But she came back to Staples and settled on fifth grade. "I love this grade, they are building on skills," she said.

Anderson has realized how crucial teamwork is in teaching and said she worked well with Paul Mithun, her fellow fifth grade teacher and also with a few different teachers who filled the third section of fifth grade at the school. "All the teams were very strong," she said

Anderson sees the promise of teamwork as boding well for the new school realignment when all district grades will be in the same building. "The new teams that are forming are doing great work, it is a healthy change," she said.

Through her teaching career, Anderson found that "education is like fashion in the way that trends come back, sometimes with a different name," she said.

One change is the desire and ability to bring more technology into the classroom, especially at the elementary level. Anderson said an effective trend is toward grouping students with similar learning needs. One thing that stays the same is that "kids love to learn," she said.

Anderson was able to see how her teaching is a part of the full education spectrum, through her four children who benefited from the Staples Motley district. She said they all earned masters degrees but she is also proud that they continued with music, including three sons who still write and perform. "The music here is at a college level," she said.

"We didn't know what Staples Motley was all about," she said. "We found it is well balanced with music, athletics, arts and academics. The kids were involved with everything, and they have taken it with them."

Anderson said she is not worried about finding something to do after retirement. She plans to be a substitute teacher for a while and will take time to visit her children and grandchildren who are out of state.

"I will find things in the community I can help with, I want to use my time wisely," she said. One example is a Bible Study Fellowship group she is participating in.

"It is said that educators are one of the most content fields, I agree with that," said Anderson. "Teachers spend so much time with their class, I appreciate everyone who came into my class, and am very thankful for each one."

Thoele retiring after 41 years at school business office

By Mark Anderson
News Editor



Bonnie Thoele

After 41 years working in the Staples and Staples Motley school district's business office, Bonnie Thoele has a unique first-hand view of what goes on behind the scenes.

"It is a great place to work," said Thoele. She said for many years we had people who were in a similar age category, so we followed each other's lives, celebrated when their children got married or when they had new grandchildren. "We became like a family."

Thoele also said the school district looks out for their employees, which was a change from her prior work in the private sector. "If people were let go, it was because their position was cut," and they were able to keep working until the end of the school year, she said. "People felt more secure here."

The business office also kept Thoele on her toes to keep up with changing job duties and learning new state regulations. "I enjoyed the work, the changes and variety. It's not the same thing day after day," she said. "Questions come up every day that make it interesting."

"It made it easy to go to work," said Thoele.

So when Thoele announced she was retiring after 41 years, the question people kept asking was "what are we going to do without you?", she said.

To start with, she wrote a step by step job description, but said some things only come up once a year and "You have to be doing it to remember every step," she said.

Thoele is still available to come in an help. Her replacement, Megan Martin, "keeps a list and calls me when it gets too long," said Thoele.

Thoele also has trust in the system. "Megan will do just fine, give her time. It took me 41 years to learn all of it," said Thoele.

She also realizes the business office will continue changing. When Thoele began working at the school, they used hand ledgers for a lot of things. "All the work was checked and double-checked by hand," she said. "There was no computer to check for your work." The first computers we used were punch card computers.

She said Bob Rego was the business manager then, at a time when the superintendent was more of a public figure and the business manager made the economic decisions for the school. She said Rego worked long hours, but was thourough and a good teacher.

Her title when she retired was; payroll/human resources/risk management, but she said she has done just about everything in the business office. She started out working in accounts receivable and later in accounts payable. She filled in as payroll clerk, went to school for one year to become qualified to do purchase orders, took over grant reporting, resource management and human resources duties.

Even though she is still in the same department of the school district, Thoele is now in her fifth location with the business office. She started in the old rooms behind the gymnasium, moving to a temporary building, to the college, to the Freshwater building and then back to the high school.

Thoele was one of the people who piloted the Skyward system, along with a few other Minnesota schools. They spent six months doing double the work, entering data into their existing system and also into Skyward, which is now an international company.

Thoele also worked for several entities that ran their finances through the school, including the vocational system, Freshwater Education District and ESCU, which later became NJPA. She also worked through the pairing / merger with Motley, which meant keeping a separate set of books for Motley.

The business office has to know all the state rules and regulations, the reasons for those rules, because it's not uncommon for people to ask "'why are they doing this,' or 'why do we have to do it this way?'" she said. When people who don't work in the business office asks those questions, Thoele can only tell them "the state says we have to do it."

Thoele doesn't have specific retirement plans, except "number one, take a vacation," she said. Her schedule and her husband's schedule never meshed too well, so it was hard to take a long trip, but it may just work now.

As far as staying busy, Thoele said "I have a long list of projects that I may or may not get to." She plans to do some volunteering in the community but hasn't made any commitments yet. "Now is the time to relax and unwind," she said, "I can find things to do if I want to."

Looking back at 41 years in the school district's business office, Thoele said it was the people in the school who made it worthwhile. "I can't begin to remember all the people who came through, a lot of staff have come and gone," she said.

Walk-in access program will allow new hunting sites in Todd County

A three-year federal grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture has funded Minnesota DNR's Walk-In Access (WIA) program in existing counties and will allow expansion into new counties including Todd County.

The WIA program goal is to provide new hunting opportunities on private land that is already enrolled in existing conservation programs such as CRP, RIM Easements, etc. The WIA program is entirely voluntary for landowners and was started in 2011 in 31 southwestern Minnesota counties. Enrollments have reached 22,800 acres on 200 sites as of July 31, 2015.

The WIA program targets parcels of 40 acres or more that are enrolled in a conservation program, or other land that has natural cover. Small inclusions of crop or hay land may be present and some funds are available for habitat improvement projects. There must be access to a public road.

Todd Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is contracted to enroll landowners into the WIA. The program compensates landowners by the acre to provide public hunting access. WIA agreements are entirely voluntary and include an opt-out clause.

Properties enrolled in the WIA program are open to public hunting only, and can be hunted from September 1 to May 31, with no landowner contacts necessary. A WIA validation is required to hunt WIA parcels. Enrolled acres are walk-in traffic only. No vehicles are allowed on enrolled land by hunters. DNR conservation officers enforce trespass issues and hunting violations on WIA land.

Maps of currently enrolled WIA sites and more information on the program can be found at www.mndnr.gov/walkin.

Todd County landowners interested in learning more about enrolling in the WIA program can contact Matt Danzl, Todd SWCD, 320-732-2644 or Sabin Adams, Pheasants Forever, 320-732-6618 #3.

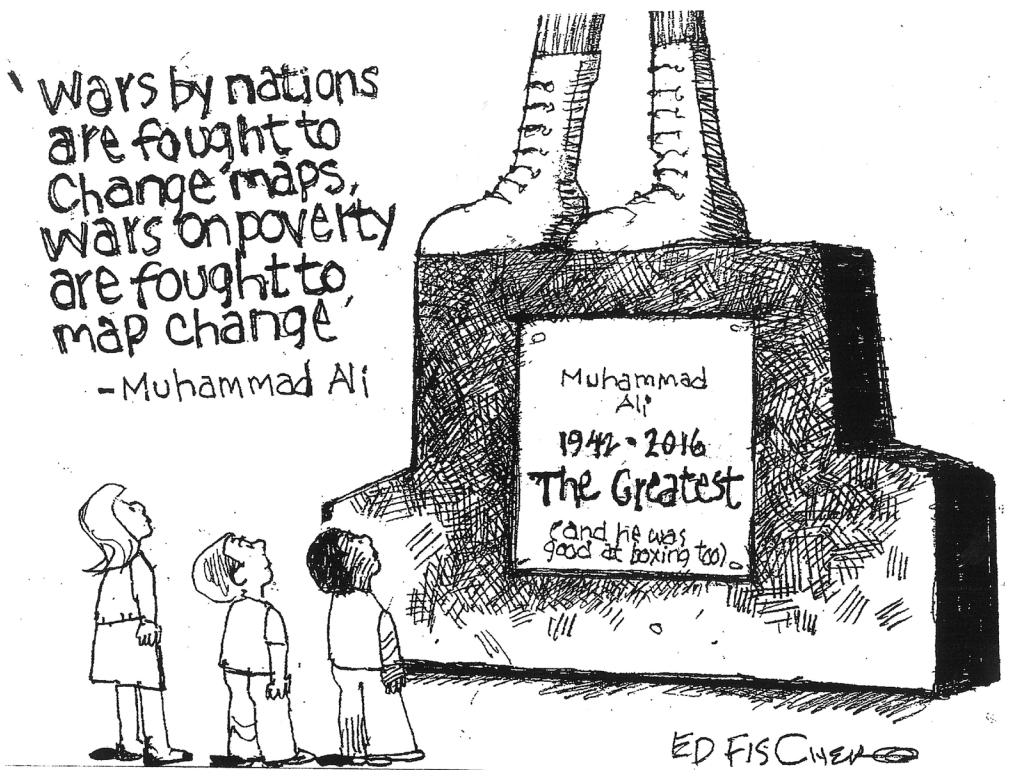
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June Fest and Fair bringing fun to Motley

Fun things are happening in Motley on June 16-19.

Fifteen to twenty people have been meeting since February planning June Fest hoping to enhance the Motley Fair experience this year. This group of determined retiree's, business people, representatives of various Motley organizations wanting to create a destination every June for families, Motley School alumni, music lovers, to visit our small town and to put this event on their vacation schedule each year.

Saturday, June 18, at 10 a.m. will kick off with a parade of great floats, classic cars, tractors, bands, emergency vehicles and a lot of fun things for everyone. The parade route will follow a long 3rd and 4th Streets starting near the south area of the industrial park.

The Wings Competition teams will be preparing their delicious wings for sampling from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Music on stage after the parade will feature; Rampage, the U.S. Army band, Tami & the Bachelor, along with a Motley Sings contest providing enough contestants register.

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Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce



By Barb Cline
Executive Director

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Vendors will be located in various areas of the downtown including a beer garden and Farmers Market. The Motley Fire Department will be serving brats, Ten-Hi will have hamburgers, Grandpa's Kettle Corn, a long with other food will be available.

October Son will be providing the music for the street dance in downtown, sponsored by Ten-Hi. Fireworks will start around 10 p.m. they will be shooting them from north of the Motley School. The grandstands at the Motley Fairgrounds is a suggested good place to watch them.

Gospel music's favorite families, the Schimpps and the Timbs, will be featured in concert Sunday, June 19 at 1:30 p.m. at the Veteran's Park. In case of inclement weather the concert will be moved inside to the Motley School.

In honor of June being Dairy Month, an ice cream social will be held after the concert in Veteran's Park.

We encourage everyone to try and attend the many events planned June 16-19. Help support two communities coming together under the umbrella of the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce.

The shooting in Orlando is an attack on all of us

There is much that we do not yet know about the casual slaughter of at least 50 people in Sunday morning's mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando.

Why did the shooter, a 29-year-old American citizen, choose that day? Did he act alone? Did ISIS motivate him to turn murderer - and if so, how did they do it?

And: Could he have been stopped?

These questions will tug at us as we try to sleep and haunt us in the days ahead as the mourning over so unfathomably many dead breaks our hearts over and over.

But there are things we do know. Hard things, perhaps, to say at time when our understanding of the facts is still so fluid. But things worth saying.

These were gay people who were killed. Who were targeted. Whatever else it was, this was a hate crime targeted at a particular minority population, one that has been targeted before. Whose history in America has been marked by marginalization and demonization.

So we must ask: When will it stop being acceptable to demonize homosexuality by those who view it as sinful, or unnatural? Too often these views come from the pulpit and the podium, when the better message is one of love and acceptance.

Another thing we know already is that Sunday's slaughter was made easier because the killer carried an assault rifle capable of firing bursts of bullets at inhuman speeds. It's the same style rifle, especially designed as it is for mass murder, that was once restricted under federal law, at least until Congress shamefully allowed the assault rifle ban to expire in 2004.

This weapon has become notorious in our blood-soaked modern history of mass shootings and ought to be treated as the totem of death that it is. In a freakish sort of resume, it has been used in Newtown, where 20 tiny children (and six adults) were slaughtered; in the movie theater in Aurora; and in the ISIS-inspired killing in San Bernardino.

On June 10 America showed the world its very best face. In a formerly segregated city, tens of thousands of people of all races, creeds, colors and classes came together in a tremendously moving outpouring of love and brotherhood to honor the passing of Muhammad Ali.

Then as most of America was sleeping, one of our own took his mission of death into a dance club and tore holes through hearts of more than 50 families.

These two tear-filled scenes - the wet-eyed throngs in Louisville and the terror-stricken wailing of survivors in Orlando - serve as avatars of the best and worst of America.

Now we must move forward through a blizzard of grief. Let us strive toward the example set in Louisville and away from the hate and death in Orlando.

This editorial originally appeared in the Dallas, Tex., Morning News on June 12.



Father's Day present worth unwrapping

By Rob Okun

Millions of men will wake up Sunday to handmade cards, neckties, and, maybe, a new electronic gadget. It's Father's Day 2016, a time to acknowledge dear old Dad. But beyond this increasingly commercialized day of purchasing manly presents lies a deeper, more important question: where is fatherhood in the U.S. going today?

Answers can be found in the "State of America's Fathers," a new report advocating increasing both the visibility and value of dads caring for children. Using never-before analyzed data and rolling out an ambitious set of policy recommendations, the report advocates a host of improved policies and programs for parents - particularly for the most vulnerable fathers and families.

In addition, the report can influence policymakers to throw their support behind a fatherhood revolution, transforming how fathers are viewed in families.

The State of America's Fathers links increased support for fathers as caregivers to a comprehensive strategy to advance equality and social justice and to improve overall family well being. The report's comprehensive approach begins with a focus on diversity and equality, offering a wide spectrum of ideas to achieve work-life balance.

Fathers in the United States are certainly more involved in their children's lives than in previous generations; deepening their commitment to gender equality and healthy child development - as well as promoting economic strength nationally - will mean helping to insure a funded, effective fatherhood movement in the years ahead.

Some are calling what is happening a "fatherhood revolution."

More fathers and father figures are doing - and are expected to do - more of the childcare and housework than in previous generations.

Harnessed effectively, the report suggests that a movement of involved fathers "has the power to advance gender equality, improve childhood development outcomes, and raise the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) by several hundred billion dollars."

How? By championing women to work outside the home at the same rate as do men. Despite achievements to date, the report concludes that the U.S. is not doing enough to support or advance the movement - in part because until now there has never before been a clear or accurate national picture of the state of U.S. fatherhood.

The report reveals that the fatherhood revolution is a highly unequal one. A tale of two fathers cuts across socioeconomic lines.

At one end, society increasingly encourages upper middle- and upper-income fathers to be highly engaged with their children - with many Fortune 500 companies offering the paid parental leave to back this up.

On the other end, low-income dads have the least access to paid leave in the country: Ninety-five percent of low-wage workers do not have the option of taking paid family leave through their employers' policies for the birth of a child, or to care for a seriously ill family member.

One aspect which unites across lines is the inability for parents to find work-life balance: the majority of parents (59 percent) who work full time, and 74 percent of those who work overtime feel that they do not spend enough time with their children.

The State of America's Fathers also found that today children in the U.S. are more likely than ever to live outside of traditional, two-parent, heterosexual households. Coupled with three other factors - the decline of marriage, increased cohabitation, and divorce no longer being as highly stigmatized - means that the "traditional" family is no longer in the majority. As many as half of all children in the U.S. now spend some portion of their childhood years living in single-parent households.

Over the last three decades fathers in the U.S. have increased the time they spend with their children during the workday by nearly a third - to 65 percent. Both men and women are more interested in sharing childcare responsibilities than ever - and only a minority of men - less than half (40 percent) agree that "men should earn money and women should take care of the home and the family."

In addition, despite a pervasive stigma of nonresident fathers as absent fathers - or worse, "deadbeat dads" - research also shows that most nonresident fathers are consistently very active in the lives of their children.

The report concludes that both women and men will benefit from policies and efforts that encourage fathers to realize their roles as fully engaged, fully equal caregivers.

Nevertheless, among high-income nations the U.S. is alone in guaranteeing no paid leave to new parents. In addition, 40 percent of workers are ineligible for the 12 weeks of unpaid leave offered under the Family and Medical Leave Act.

The report also says that extreme rates of incarceration and high child support demands on low-income fathers underscore a need to reframe the conversation on economically marginalized nonresident fathers' contributions to their children's lives.

"What our report and our new data show is this: women and men want the policies and the support so that all parents can be full-on, fully engaged, fully equal caregivers," said Gary Barker, International Director and founder of Promundo. "…Implementing paid leave is far less costly than often thought; and when implemented alongside income support to low-income fathers and parents, these policies pay for themselves in increased productivity and happier, healthier families. What are we waiting for?"

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Katterhagen farm to host 'Breakfast on the Farm'

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

The Dale and Marie Katterhagen farm in rural Browerville has been a place known to sixth grade students for many years now. The Katterhagens have hosted the Todd County Envirofest at their farm for many years.

This year will be the first year that the Katterhagens will be the host farm, for Breakfast on the Farm, a program through the U of M Extension Todd County Livestock Advisory Board to help raise awareness of farming and livestock in Todd County.

This year's eighth annual event will be held Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m.-2 p..m.

For most people, this is a day of fun, education and eating, but for the volunteers and others who are involved in getting the program set up each year, it is a lot more.

A whole lot of planning and work go into making Breakfast on the Farm go flawlessly each year.

From transportation to the event - which this year will include three charter buses and two Rainbow Rider buses - to the games, food and petting zoo, it takes a lot of time to make this a great day for everyone.

June 8, a group of dedicated volunteers and Todd County staff met at the the Katterhagen farm to discuss education booths, where things will be set up, who will be cooking, serving and well, just all of the things that are needed in preparing for a huge event like this.

The food, parking, farm equipment displays, are all part of the planning and finding things of interest for young and old and everyone in between.

The volunteers aren't looking for recognition, they just want the day to be a good, educational experience for everyone who attends.

Several of the volunteers who were at this planning session included: Brenda Miller, U of M Extension-Todd County Extension Educator-Livestock Production Systems; Kevin Ehnes, Todd County Livestock Advisory Extension Member; Derek Zigan, Volunteer; Jeff Rinde, Todd County Livestock Advisory Extension Member; Elisha Graves, Central Minnesota Credit Union, Jerome Koehn, Volunteer and Amy Ebnet, Volunteer. Earlier in the day, Les Levine and Candy Christianson from Thunder Lodge were on hand to discuss meal plans.

While the name remains "Breakfast on the Farm," the cuisine has changed over the years to a more traditional lunchtime meal of hamburgers, chips and milk.

Dale Katterhagen is the fourth generation of farmers on the land homesteaded by his great-grandparents in 1879.

The first and second generations raised dairy cattle, hogs and chickens. Dale's parents did the same, but added more hogs.

When Dale and his wife took over the farm in 1977, they milked cows until 2006. In fact, Dale has a sign made and posted by the door of the barn which states the date and approximate time that they did their last milking.

They had also raised Holstein steers and continue today maintaining a herd of about 400.

The Katterhagens have two grown sons, Matthew and Luke, who are both married and have given them five grandchildren, Kylie, Nicole, Mitchell, Avery and Beatrice.

Dale has been a part of the Todd Soil and Water Conservation Board for a number of years. He and his family have focused on being good stewards of the land, being excellent caretakers of their animals and producing a safe, high quality product for the consumer.

The steers they raise are purchased from a nearby larger dairy farm when they are about two months old. The Katterhagens raise them to finish weight.

In 1992 they added a monoslope shed barn to house the steers.

Health of their cattle is important to the family and they believe it helps the steers maintain a steady growth.

The Katterhagens farm 1,000 acres of land and grow corn, hay and soybeans. All the corn and hay they raise is fed back to their animals. The manure is used as a natural fertilizer.

Both Dale and Marie are involved in the community. Both have served on various boards and volunteer at their church, Relay for Life, Browerville Days and Project Heal.

Marie is a registered nurse and works at CentraCare Health - Long Prairie.

She has made several surgical mission trips to Guatemala and completed her fifth such visit this year.

The Katterhagens wouldn't have had it any other way than living on the farm and raising their family.

"Working on our dairy farm has been a great place to raise our family. Some of my best conversations with my children happened while we were milking cows, side-by-side, together," said Dale.

While in the barn discussing the Breakfast on the Farm event, Dale talked about the barn which was built in the later 1800s. He said that the barn was probably built better than the original house which was a shanty.

"They needed a place to live and a place to earn a living. They built their place to earn a living first," said Dale.

He said the first homes built were just shanties to get homesteaded. The Katterhagen farm still has several of the original buildings.

The Katterhagens cleaned up the barn and kept it usable after they stopped milking, but it took Dale about two years to get started on the project which included refinishing the hayloft into a place of beauty.

For safety reasons, people are asked to park at the one of the following locations and ride the free shuttle buses to the farm:

- Motzko Fields: 25002 County 16, Browerville
- Oberg Farm: 24760 County 14, Browerville (intersection of County 5, County 14, and County 16).



Preparing for 'Breakfast on the Farm'



Dale Katterhagen regaled the volunteers with stories about the architechture of the barn which was built in the later 1800s and follows European design. The space will hold information booths and activities during the Todd County "Breakfast on the Farm" Saturday, June 25, which the Dale and Marie Katterhagen, pictured right, are hosting. Volunteers and others include: Brenda Miller, University of Minnesota Extension-Todd County Extension Educator-Livestock Production Systems; Kevin Ehnes, Todd County Livestock Advisory Extension Member; Derek Zigan, Volunteer; Jeff Rinde, Todd County Livestock Advisory Extension Member; Elisha Graves, Central Minnesota Credit Union, Jerome Koehn, Volunteer and Amy Ebnet, Volunteer.

(Staples World photos by Karin Nauber)

Mark Your Calendar

June 23

Wadena Whirlaways Square Dance Thurs., June 236, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena Fairgrounds. Jim Lizakowski, caller; Rita Lizakowski, cuer. For info., 218-894-1542.

Volunteers sought to paint houses

Four houses in Staples have been selected to be painted as part of the "Paint the Town" initiative. The committee is looking for volunteers to form paint teams to adopt a house.

A paint team and paint volunteer meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m., Thursday, June 23, at Staples City Hall in the council chamber.

Anyone interested in being on a paint team or forming their own paint team to adopt a home should attend this meeting.

For more information or to RSVP contact Melissa Radermacher at 218-296-2254 or mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us. RSVP by June 20.

School board agenda

The Staples Motley School Board will meet Monday, June 20, at 7 p.m. at the Motley media center.

Tentative agenda items include:

- School/community forum - Amanda Olson regarding an extended field trip to Italy and Greece in June 2017.
- Finance items including approval of the 2016-17 budget and list of committed funds and awarding the dairy bid.
- Accept a retirement request from Connie Hoffert, high school receptionist and activities director secretary.
- Accept resignations from Laura Schoonover, district nurse; and Tammy Johnson, head speech coach.
- Approve contracts for Mary Kempton, kindergarten teacher; and for Sue Bettis, Motley food service.
- Grant permission to post for a kindergarten teacher in anticipation of enrollment numbers and for paraprofessionals to fill retirement vacancies.

Motley Free Methodist Church's VBS June 20-24

Vacation Bible School will be held at Motley Free Methodist Church Monday, June 20 - Friday, June 24, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. each day.

For more information, call 218-352-6888, or online at www.motleyfreemethodistchurch.com/vbs.html.

Free nitrate water testing

The Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will offer a free nitrate water-testing clinic at the Wadena County Fair from 2-6 p.m. Thursday, May 23, and Friday, May 24.

Nitrates are the most common contaminants in Minnesota's groundwater, and in some areas of the state a significant number of wells have high nitrate levels. With that in mind, experts recommend that private well owners who get their drinking water from wells should test their water regularly.

To participate in the testing, homeowners are asked to bring at least one-half cup of water in preferably a clean plastic or clean glass container. To get a good sample, allow the tap to run five to ten minutes before filling the container.

Homeowners with distillation units, reverse osmosis or other nitrate removal systems should take two water samples - one before and one after the treatment process. This will determine if the system is working.

Homeowners with just a water softener need to take one sample, either before or after the water passes through the water softener.

Samples should be taken no more than 24 hours before the testing and must be kept refrigerated prior to testing. To ensure accurate results, homeowners should mark the container with their name, phone number and a well identification number if more than one well is sampled.

Homeowners who wish to remain anonymous should choose an easily recognized "code number" to identify their sample. It is not necessary to provide information about the well or well location.

Samples will be analyzed on the spot - the process usually takes less than five minutes - and results will be given directly to the homeowner. If the nitrate level in a sample is elevated, clinic staff can refer the homeowner to certified labs that will retest the water.

For questions about the clinic or how to take a water sample contact the Wadena SWCD at 218-631-3195 x4.

Library programs

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs.

Tween/Teen Book Club - June 21

The "Between the Pages" Tween/Teen Book Club for ages 10 to 15 will meet at the Staples Public Library on Tuesday, June 21, 4-5- p.m. If you love to read, join the group for a fun hour of book chat and delicious snacks. Registration is required.

Teen/Adult Book Club - June 23

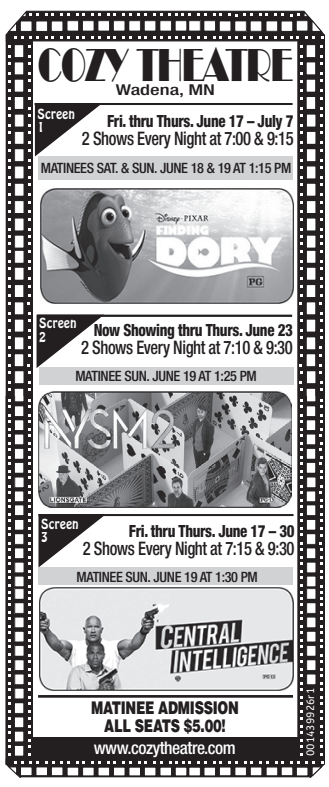
The Staples Book Club for adults and teens will meet at the Staples Public Library on Thursday, June 23, 6-7 p.m. Read the book and join the fun discussion.

For more information contact the library at 218-894-1401.

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St NE Staples. The hours are Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue. 2-8 p.m., Weds. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 2-8 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.









Todd County Historical Society report

The Todd County Historical Society met June 6 at the museum. President Gary Stracek called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

May minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

De Eberle's museum report:

• During May school tours for 78 students from throughout the county were conducted. Those who helped were Marilyn Gibson, Shirley Lano, Sid and Nancy Kjeldahl, Annette Skiftun and Sue Moller.

• As July 4 is a Monday, the next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds to arrange the country school display. Pizza provided.

• Charlie Reichert and his boys will clean the building at the fairgrounds and set up the old telephone booth which was just acquired.

• Lorna Hunter suggested a speaker for the annual meeting. The topic would be outhouses. Meeting date needs to be decided.

A motion was made to have the board decide which security system to install.

John Kroll has collected $500: $200 from the Hats Off Coffee group and $100 each from Doris Peterson, the museum and an anonymous donor. The money will be used to have five birds mounted.

Delvin Durheim, representing the County Fair Board, asked if we would like to extend our lease of the fairgrounds building for another ten years. Motion to approve carried.

A few seats are available for the July 12 trip to the Discovery Center (formerly Ironworld) in Chisolm. Iron mining in Minnesota has a very rich and interesting history, from immigrant labor, on through the boom and bust cycles of mining the ore - all of which is graphically portrayed at the center. For information, call Eberle at the museum at 732-4426.

Rich Eltgroth was the winner of the $25 cash drawing for submitting his memories for the Todd County School Project. Rich lives in Sauk Centre. He attended Todd County School District #5 for eight years, graduating from eighth grade in 1954.

District #5 was on the Clarence and Genevieve Selenski farm about two miles east of West Union. Rich writes about the time there was a skunk living in the woodshed and the teacher asked a student to bring his rifle to school. Chicken bones were used to lure the skunk into the open. Christmas pageants were always a production, with the library used as a dressing room and sheets pulled across the front of the school room for a stage.

Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital included:

Born to Theresa Goltz and Aaron Boyer of Staples, a baby girl, Chloe Ann weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on June 5, 2016.

Born to Kristine and Adam Felton of Brainerd, a baby boy, Carsyn James weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on June 6, 2016.

Born to Mike and Julia Zinter of Long Prairie, a baby boy, Zachary Michael weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on June 6, 2016.

Born to Randy and Kelsie Olson of Randall, a baby boy, Odin Otto weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on June 6, 2016.

Born to Jackie Knapp and Jeremy Martin of Backus, a baby boy, Orion Ray weighing six pounds, 11 ounces on June 7, 2016.

Born to Curtis and Ruby Aho of Menahga, a baby girl, Aria Rose weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on June 8, 2016.

Born to Jada and Natasha Burt of Hill City, a baby boy, Micah William weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on June 9, 2016.

Born to Kineshia Larkin and Marshall Rahn of Little Falls, a baby boy, Wyatt Dean weighing eight pounds, four ounces on June 9, 2016.

Born to Ben and Morgan Kepner of Pine River, a baby boy, Jaxon Edward weighing seven pounds on June 10, 2016.

Born to Tasha Koering and Eugene Evenson of Fort Ripley, a baby boy, Izen Alexander weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on June 10, 2016.

Dairy Month coloring contest now open

The Todd County American Dairy Association is accepting entries for their coloring contest in observance of June as Dairy Month.

Children ages 0-12 years can pick up a farm coloring page until June 30 from participating businesses. They are encouraged to be creative in coloring the farm, thenreturn it to the Staples Dairy Queen for an opportunity to win a medium size Dairy Queen cake.

Age categories are; 0-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-12 years. One entry per person will be accepted.

Participating Staples businesses include; Staples Dairy Queen, Spot Cafe, Staples Ace Hardware, Staples Auto Sales, New Tech Computers, First International Bank and Trust, Jon's Family Foods, Staples Vet Clinic, MidCentral Federal Savings Bank, Olson Custom Farm Services, MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union, Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd., Unity Bank and the Staples World.

Obituaries



Shirley Shake

Shirley "Margie" Marjorie Shake, 93, of Motley, passed away peacefully June 13, 2016 at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 18, 2016 at Swan Valley Lutheran Church in Leader with Pastor Dave Stevens officiating. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, June 17 at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples and one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Swan Valley Cemetery in Leader.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Shirley was born May 6, 1923, in Minneapolis to Ray and Cora Bacon. She grew up in Minneapolis. After her parents passed away, she moved to the Staples area and graduated from Staples High School. Shirley married Woodrow Wilson Shake in Minneapolis. They operated a dairy farm for many years. Shirley worked at Madden's Resort for 45 years and was on the Lakewood Health System Hospital Board for 40 years. She was a longtime member of the Swan Valley Lutheran Church. She enjoyed both flower and vegetable gardening, reading and especially treasured spending time with her family.

Shirley is survived by four daughters, Betty (Steve) Lorber of Motley, Jo Pollock of Pillager, Emily Tholl of Motley, Denise (Steve) Bickford of Motley, two sons, Steve Shake of Buhl and Larry Shake of Motley; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son, Gary Shake; one daughter, Sherry Jacobs; infant siblings, Phillip Ray and Betty Jean and one sister, MaryAnn Olson-Meyer.

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Marjorie Schmidt

Marjorie Marie Schmidt, 97, passed away June 9, 2016 at the Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena.

Funeral services were held June 15 at the St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena with Rev. Stephen Meltzer presiding.

Interment was in the Greenlawn Cemetery in Verndale.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes of Wadena.

Marjorie was born June 4, 1919 to Frederick and Emily (Steege) Rachow at Sumner, Iowa. She taught many years at one room country schools. She graduated from Bemidji State College with a degree in education and finished her teaching career at the Deer Creek Elementary School.

She was united in marriage to Arthur H. Swenson on January 15, 1949 at Watertown. Art passed away in 1976. She was united in marriage to Paul Schmidt on November 18, 1978 at Wadena. Paul passed away in 1995.

Marjorie enjoyed gardening, dancing, square dancing and crocheting. She moved from her home to Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena in 2010.

She is survived by many nieces, nephews and stepchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands and five sisters, Mildred Crever, Eleanor Hille, Dena Olson, Helen Hall and Renee Jelinek.

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Staples native hired as a SVP at Platinum Bank, Twin Cities

Platinum Bank has hired Pete Odell as a Senior Vice President of Commercial Lending to manage and grow the bank's business loan portfolio.

Odell, a 1989 Staples High School Graduate, brings more than 20 years of experience in business banking, including community bank and large national bank experience. He will focus on building relationships in commercial lending as Platinum expands its Twin Cites banking presence.

Odell's prominence as a consistently ranked top lender in the banking industry represents a strong focus on customer relationships, an approach Platinum Bank holds firmly in its core values. "We were founded on the ideal of working with growth-minded entrepreneurs, and that ideal has translated to loyal customers who leverage our products, services and people through the cycles of business change," says Dave Faust, Executive Vice President. "Pete's approach to lending throughout his career completely matches our bank's style and we're excited to bring him aboard for the future."



Peter Odell

Serving in a relationship-centric banking environment suits Odell, who balances a successful career with a family of four children. "Every morning I get up and I work for them," Odell said.

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50th Wedding Anniversary

Bill and Linda Bates

The nuptials of Bill and Linda Bates took place on June 18, 1966 in Staples. They will start celebrating their 50th anniversary with close friends and family, including their daughters Lori Bates, Lisa Bates-Froiland and Jennifer Doubledee at their home on June 18. The commemoration will continue with an Alaskan cruise in August.

Happy Anniversary, Mom and Dad! We love you!!

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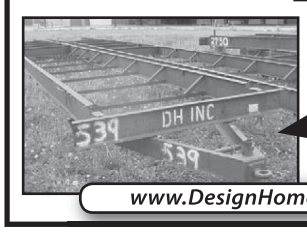
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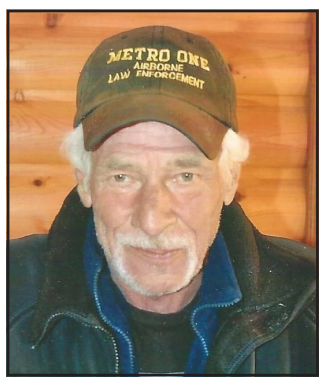


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Richard Hirschey



Richard Charles Hirschey, 70, of Brainerd and formerly of Staples, passed away on June 6, 2016, at his home surrounded by his family.

Services were held June 10 at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley.

Burial will be held Friday, June 24, at 3 p.m. at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls.

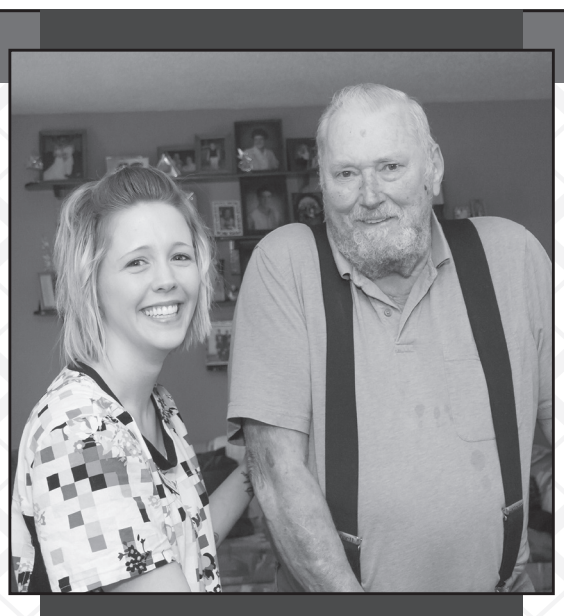
Arrangements were with Kline Funeral Home, Pequot Lakes.

Richard was born May 29, 1946, in Staples to Ralph and Vera Hirschey. He served two tours in Vietnam with the Army. He married JoAnn Videen and they raised two children in Staples. He was a machinist, resort owner and enjoyed horses, fishing and his family.

Richard is survived by one son, Joshua (Nicole); one daughter, Jennifer; five grandchildren: Torry, Rylie, Zander, Langen and Gretta; siblings: Daryl, Jean Nelson (Chet), Carolyn Donnelly, Bev Skjonsby (Don), Donna Baker, Dareld (Jan), Jerry (Claire), Bob (Maggie), Curt (Barb), Clyde; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Jim, Don and Jack.

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Caregiver award at Relay for Life July 22

Area residents have the opportunity to submit the name of a person who has given physical and emotional guardianship to someone on their cancer journey.

From the entries received, one caregiver will be honored for their services at the upcoming Relay for Life event in Motley, where they will be named "Caregiver of the Year."

This year's Relay for Life will be held Friday, July 22, at the Motley Fairgrounds. The family-friendly event will include entertainment, music, silent auction and games. Other event highlights include:

- Opening ceremony, 7 p.m.
- Luminaria ceremony at dusk
- Closing ceremony, the following morning at 5 a.m.

To nominate a caregiver, mail your entry to Lisa Carlson, 31246 Cty 28, Motley, MN, 56466 or email to gcandlc@hotmail. com. In addition to the person's name, include a description of how the care was comforting and special. For more information, call Lisa at 218-296-1273. The deadline for entries is July 8.

More information about the Relay for Life event can be found online at www.relayforlife.org/staplesmotleymn.

Care Center

Thurs. June 16 - 10 a.m. - Bible Study, Pastor Klein; 1 p.m., Dollar Store trip; 4 p.m. Cheers; 6 p.m. Games

Fri., June 17, 1:45 p.m. - Entertainment/Jerry's One-Man Band; 1:45 p.m. Father's Day party

Sat., June 18, 10 a.m. - Bingo/Marge; 1:45 p.m. 7th Day Adventist Singers

Sun., June 19, 7 p.m. - Square dancers practicing

Tues., June 21, 2:15 p.m. - Church, Pastor Romaine; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., June 22, 2 p.m. - Bingo/Marge

Thurs, June 23, 1:45 p.m. - Communion, Daryl Johnson; 6 p.m. Games

Sat., June 25, 10 a.m., - Bingo/Marge

Mon., June 27, 2:30 p.m., - Church, Trinity Lutheran Church

Tues., June 28, 2:15 p.m. - Church, Pastor Jim Johnson; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., June 29, 2 p.m. - Bingo/Trinity Lutheran Church

Thurs., June 30, 4 p.m. - Cheers; 6 p.m. Games



Spring Clean Up celebration

The City of Staples held a picnic at Pinve Grove Park to honor people who participated in the Spring Clean Up initiatives this spring. Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said the various programs had a total 102 participants. The breakdown was 30 kids and 72 adults. "I am really happy with this turnout and look forward to next year," said Radermacher.

There are still more opportunities to get involved in, such as the Paint the Town group that has selected four homes in Staples to paint.

A paint volunteer meeting will be held Wednesday, June 22 at 5 p.m. at Staples City Hall. RSVP to the meeting by Monday, June 20, by contacting Radermacher at 218-296-2254 or email mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Student Achievements

Minnesota State University Moorhead has announced its Dean's List for Spring Semester 2016. To qualify, students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.25 or higher. Local students named include:

- Tressa Aspros, Pillager
- Carly Bell, Pillager
- Tonya Ehlers, Pillager
- Jesslynn Johnson, Pillager
- Kali Klimek, Motley
- Carly Leavell, Motley
- Courtney Lisson, Staples
- Josie Nanik, Staples
- Andrew Nelson, Staples
- Sarah Neururer, Motley
- Zachary Schmitz, Staples.

Emily Danielson Pillager, has been named to the Spring Semester 2016 President's List for academic achievement at St. Cloud Technical & Community College. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 4.0.

Concordia College, Moorhead has announced its Dean's Honor List for the second semester of the 2015 - 16 academic year. To qualify, students must carry a minimum of 12 semester credits and have a grade point average of 3.7 or higher. Local students named include:

- Megan Han, Staples
- Daniel Spandl, Staples
- Brooke Wolhowe, Staples.

Andrew Nelson Staples, has received a $2,000 music department scholarship from Minnesota State University Moorhead. Nelson is the son of Kevin and Julie Nelson, Staples.

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for making a difference!

Congratulations to these 5-Star employees



Left to right: Jim Adams, Debbie Foster, Jon Willgohs, Linda Ness, Cathline Helstrom

Jim Adams, *Maintenance*
Nominated by Danelle Denman, Universal Worker, Senior Housing, "Jim always makes the tenants feel at home, he will help anyone that needs help. I had a tenant come to me and say, 'Jim is so good at his job, he stops and helps any time even if he is super busy. He always has a smile and is pleasant to everyone; we are lucky to have him.' Jim helps make the assisted living tenants feel at home. He keeps the Pines and the Manor working smoothly. Jim is an asset to the Lakewood team."

Debbie Foster, *Administrative Assistant, Home Health/Hospice*
Nominated by Amy Widmark, RN, BSN, Home Health/Hospice Program Manager, "Debbie is an incredible asset to our HHC/Hospice team. She is always finding creative/innovative ways to better serve our patients and staff. The results of her efforts have freed up time and increased productivity for the office. She has helped expedite crucial communications between our home care nurses, office staff, and therapists. Debbie has increased staff morale and our clients are left feeling that they are important, respected, and cared for. Thank you, Debbie, for always going above and beyond in all you do!!"

Jon WIllgohs, *MT (ASCP) Laboratory Services*
Nominated by Megan Schultz, CMA, Phlebotomist, Laboratory, Carol James Radiology/Laboratory, Leanna Jensen MLT (ASCP) Laboratory, "Jon is always diligent, getting things done quickly and efficiently. He has exceeded expectations in the Clinic and Hospital Laboratory. Jon deserves to hear he is a 5-plus Star, he really does everything and more to be a great person and represent Lakewood!"
Comments from co-workers:
• "He made me feel like a valued part of Lakewood."
• "He makes us feel like we can rely on him as a co-worker."
• "Having someone like him on our team, makes it a little better to come to work every day."
• "He is always so bright, I wait for him to say, 'Hey there, How are you today?!' Makes me feel special and like someone cares about how I am doing that day."

Linda Ness, *Receptionist, Motley Clinic*
Nominated by Kristen Ziegler, Patient Accounts, "Linda is the 'go to' person for the Motley clinic. Not only does she perform her expected job duties, but she does so much more. She sits with patients who have questions regarding insurance or prescriptions. She makes phone calls to find programs that assist patients. She maintains the clinic waiting area, shovels snow, bakes treats, takes calls from security on her personal phone, and the list goes on. Patients often comment, 'Linda is why I come to the Motley clinic when I have a question or concern because I know she will take care of it.' Linda is an excellent example of the type of employee Lakewood is proud to call their own."

Cathline Helstrom, *RN, BSN Reflections, Behavior Health Unit*
Nominated by Dr. Shawna Kovach, Program Director of Psychiatric Services, "Cathline has taken a leadership approach in volunteering, assisting, developing and implementing a new Violence in the Workplace Training. She has been instrumental in spearheading this project and assisting in creating a valuable tool that can be used organization-wide. It will give employees the tools and resources needed to de-escalate aggressive situations, and further protect themselves and the patients. This provides for optimal physical safety and emotional stability during times of high anxiety, trauma or crisis situations."

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
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
Sonlight & 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
Pastor Stephen Sveom
Sunday Worship
Summer Service.....9:30 a.m.
Coffee fellowship.....10:30 a.m.
Outdoor Worship .....Mondays, 6:30 p.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
Jeff Scoggins, Pastor
Saturday Worship .....9:30 am.
Sabbath School.....10:45 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 Ciesluk
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

Congregational, UCC
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship,..... 9:30 a.m.
Communion .....1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Pastor Rachel Stout 218-640-5587
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
Senior Pastor: Pastor Dan Crocker
Visitation Pastor: Pastor Jim Brown
Youth & Ministry Coordinator: Stacey Minion
1354 Café Coffee Fellowship.....9:13 a.m.
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group .....6:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.
Praise & Prayer .....4:30 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.
Sunday Bible Study.....6 :00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA .....6:00 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
Rev. Greg Ciesluk
www.motleyumc.org
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
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 Paul Johnson
218-746-3768
Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY
Bible Study/Prayer .....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 2yrs-5th grade.....6:15 p.m.
Adult Classes.....6:15 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146
Hewitt, MN 56453
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale.
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Associate Pastor Fred Hartley IV
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses
.....11-11:45 a.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale.
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Sunday School - Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Praise .....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. .....Boys and Girls Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. ..... C.R.E.W. Youth Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. ..... Adult Bible Studies

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager
218-639-4225
Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.

A prayer for fathers

Fr. Joseph E. Korf, pastor

Sacred Heart Church, Staples and St. Michael Church, Motley

Each year the celebration of Father's Day is an opportunity to honor all fathers and what they mean to us individually as well as collectively. I would like to share with all fathers the following prayer:

"Heavenly Father, You have given us the wonderful gift of a father after Your example. Down through the ages fathers have cared for their children and have given themselves unstintingly for their families. We thank you for our fathers: even though they may not have agreed completely with our outlook and way of life, we know that they are genuinely concerned about us. Keep them well in body and soul and if they have already come to You grant them eternal happiness.

Dear Lord, inspire all fathers to have some of the virtues toward their children that You have toward us. May they watch over their children, show kindness in their failings, illumine their ignorance and encourage them in their just concerns, thus leading them to a true Christian adulthood."

Amen
(author unknown)

May God's blessing be upon all fathers each day throughout this year but especially so on this Father's Day.

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224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

Tower Pizza
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Staples, MN 218-894-3299

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Staples, MN 218-894-3263

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

MORTGAGOR(S): Edwin Osterberg, a married person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for Irwin Mortgage Corporation, an Indiana corporation

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded on December 30, 2013 as Document Number A487712 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded on November 12, 2015 as Document Number A496729 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $55,120.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 29, 2004

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on February 11, 2005 as Document Number 432408 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $47,150.96

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: North 178 feet of East 186 feet of Outlot 1 of Outlots in the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 8, Township 127, Range 32, in the Village of Grey Eagle, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 529 STATE ST E, GREY EAGLE, MN 56336

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Irwin Mortgage Corporation, an Indiana corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 34-0005900

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100013900789111204

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 4, 2016 at 10:00 AM

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to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on February 6, 2017.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: June 2, 2016

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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NOTICE TODD COUNTY HIGHWAY CONCRETE SPAN BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CLOSING DATE: JULY 12, 2016 (ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., July 12, 2016 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction project:

SAP 077-599-060

Concrete Bridge Construction Project located on 331st Avenue in Burnhamville Township

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at **https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/**

Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer

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NOTICE STAPLES-MOTLEY ISD #2170 BID REQUEST FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS

Sealed bids for the **2016-17** school year for dairy products will be accepted until **12:00 p.m. on June 17, 2016,** in the district office of Independent School District #2170 located at 202 Pleasant Avenue NE, Staples, MN 56479 at which time bids will be opened in said office.

Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes with "Bid for Dairy Products" clearly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. Bids should be sent to Independent School District #2170, District Office, 202 Pleasant Avenue NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting the district office at the above address or by calling (218) 894-5400, ext. 3011.

Independent School District #2170 reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, any bid received, and to waive all technicalities.

Roy Digiovanni, Clerk
School Board
Staples-Motley School District, ISD #2170

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NOTICE GERMANIA AND MORAN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

At the Annual Meeting on May 2, 2016, the Germania and Moran Cemetery Association Board increased the price of the cemetery lot rate and added a perpetual care fee.

For more information or questions, contact: 218-639-5635.

Sharon Thiel, Secretary
Cemetery Association

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NOTICE REGION FIVE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF REGION FIVE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: There will be a public hearing on **June 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Region Five Development Commission Offices, 200 1st Street NE, Ste. 2, Staples, MN 56479.

Public comment and review of FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET.

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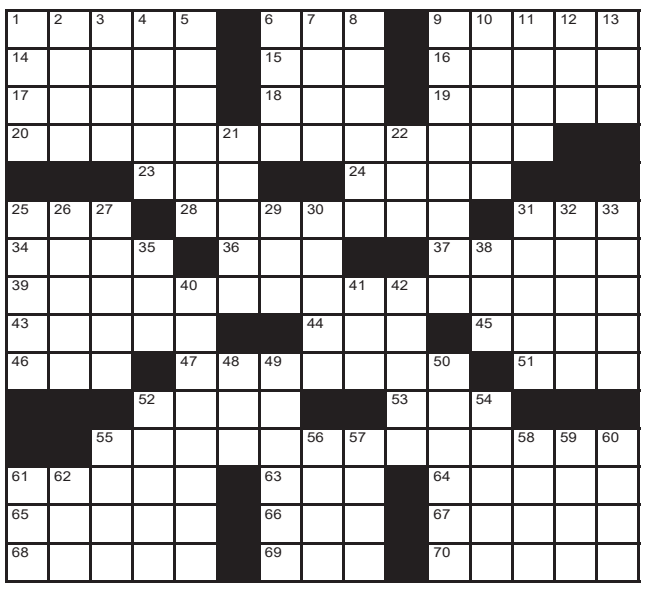
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Week 24



"Gotta' Bounce"

Across
1 Country album?
6 Holiday quaff
9 Dodger Pee Wee
14 Gettysburg victor
15 Way to go?
16 On in years
17 Rousseau work
18 Battering device
19 Unclouded
20 Young person
23 The facts of life?
24 No votes
25 Tax collection grp.
28 Capital of Georgia
31 Pitches
34 Zip
36 Brown, e.g.
37 Network pro, say
39 Take care of at the restaurant
43 Lava forerunner
44 Prefix with natal
45 Ballet attire
46 Iris's place
47 "Good Will Hunting" director
51 Drench
52 Java neighbor
53 Dupes
55 What clocks do once a year
61 Novelist Calvino
63 Past time
64 Gumption
65 Like a shutout
66 Space
67 Mountain ridge
68 Click or clack
69 "Delicious!"
70 Closet wood

Down
1 Iowa State home
2 Office fill-in
3 Hangout
4 Off-the-cuff
5 "Not that again!"
6 Drug cop
7 Moonfish
8 Twins in the sky
9 1982 Stallone flick
10 French females
11 First home
12 Main
13 Goof up
21 Pull out all the stops
22 "___ in cat"
25 "Here I am!"
26 Indemnify
27 Boot camp boss
29 Test tube baby operation, briefly
30 Saone city
31 "___ Dei"
32 Because of
33 Pancake topper
35 Lip
38 Explosive stuff
40 "The Guns of ___"
41 Actor Stephen
42 "Tiny Bubbles" crooner
48 Actress MacGraw
49 Oft day-shift start
50 Airport area
52 In the high 80s
54 Cursed
55 Delhi wrap
56 Like film noir
57 Kind of team
58 Fired
59 Actress Moreno
60 Stags and does
61 Room offerer
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Things to know before you build in Wadena County

Wadena County has been county-wide zoned since 1971 and most people know that building permits are required any time you are planning a construction project, whether it is new construction, moved-on construction, an alteration of an existing structure or the installation or replacement of a septic system.

There is more to the process than coming into the zoning office to get a piece of paper that says the project is approved. There are several things you should be sure of before you build:

• Obtain the appropriate administrative building permit(s) or special use permit (Variance, Conditional Use, Rezoning, Preliminary Plat)

•Find out if application for permit is going to require a compliance inspection on your septic system

•If you are disturbing one acre (43,460 sq. ft.) or more with your building project you are required to obtain a construction storm water permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

•Make sure your project is not in a wetland (check with Soil & Water Conservation District Office, 218-631-3195)

•Make sure your structure will meet all required setbacks measured closest point to closest point and, make sure you know where your property lines are located:

•30 feet to a side yard property line

•50 feet to a rear yard property line

•65 feet from centerline of a township road

•100 feet from centerline of a county road

• 130 feet from centerline of a state or U.S. 2 lane highway

• 200 feet from centerline of a state/interstate 4 lane highway (measured from the center of the nearest 2 lanes)

•**In shoreland** which is 1,000 feet from a lake or 300 feet from a river or stream, setbacks from roads are as follows:

•50 feet from right-of-way of a federal, state, or county highway, and

• 20 feet from right-of-way of a township road, public street or other streets not classified

•75 feet from Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) of a general development lake

•100 feet from OHWL of a recreational development Lake

•150 feet from OHWL of a natural environment lake

•200 feet from OHWL of a remote river

•150 feet from OHWL of a Forested or Transitional River

•100 feet from the OHWL of an agriculture, urban, or tributary

•50 feet from crest of a bluff

Follow the provisions listed on the permit and make sure you can follow through on any special provisions or agreements before you make them and sign your name to them

Contact your local electric company to find out clearance and setback requirements from power lines and equipment

Call Gopher One for a locate on buried cables/wires

Ask Questions. If you follow these simple steps, compliance with the county ordinances and other regulations will be one less headache for you as you move forward with your project.

Side Yard: The area left open from the nearest point of a building/structure to the property lines running perpendicular to the road from which the property is accessed.

Rear Yard: The area left open from the nearest point of any building/structure to the rear property line which runs parallel with the road from which the property is accessed, except when the property does not run parallel with the access road, then the rear yard shall be the areal left open from the nearest point of the rear of the building to any property lines located to the rear of the building.

For information, contact the Wadena County Planning & Zoning/Passport Acceptance Agency, 415 Jefferson St. S., Room 234, Wadena, MN 56482. Email: linda.youngbauer@co.wadena.mn.us, 218-631-7604.



Girls 'rule' in ATV training class

The Minnesota DNR's ATV training class held their first all girls class May 21. Instructors and students pictured above, from left, Krystal Yoder, Jeff Halverson, Abby Brown, Adriana Dickey, Dave Bartylla, Baeli Blanchard, Jim Hoemberg and Autumn Hoemberg. Not pictured, was instructor Troy Holsapple. All the girls passed the class and the instructors said they were impressed with how well they did. The instructors hope more boys will sign up for the class, now that the girls have all passed. (Submitted photo)

How's your septic system doing?

If you have a septic system on your property, you have some responsibility for taking care of it to ensure that it is functional for many years. Here are some things to help:

⚬ Spring and summer are ideal times of the year to have your tank pumped. Waiting until later in the fall or winter doesn't give the bacteria in your tank time to rejuvenate and create the heat that keeps the tank unthawed and this may cause freezing later in the season. It is recommended that a septic tank be pumped to remove solids at least once every three years with regular use. Every two years is even better.

⚬ Make sure water using appliances, faucets and toilets are not leaking. A drippy faucet, over time, can overload your system.

⚬ Don't leave the faucet running while you are brushing teeth or washing dishes.

⚬ Keep all vehicles (including ATV's and snowmobiles) and high-traffic people activities off the system, all year. Compaction contributes to failing systems and freezing.

⚬ Make sure all risers, inspection pipes and manholes have tight covers. Rain and other types of precipitation infiltrating the system through missing or loose covers can also overload your system. Be careful with the lawn mower.

⚬ Keep an eye on your system. If any seeping or ponding occurs, contact an onsite professional.

⚬ If you have an effluent screen in your tank, be sure and remove it annually and flush it out with a garden hose to prevent solids from entering the pump tank.

⚬ Make sure you know where the secondary site for your septic system is and keep it free of buildings and vehicle traffic.

⚬ Keep paint, auto fluids, pesticides, coffee grounds, cigarette butts, wet wipes, diapers and feminine products or any other non-biodegradable items from going down the drain. These things can reap havoc on your septic system.

⚬ Do not use chemicals to "start" or "clean up" your septic tank. The best way to clean up your tank is to call a licensed maintainer (pumper).

Student Recognition



Motley Elementary School

Students of the Month
Maddison Bartle, Kaylee Eckel, Gracie Wolpert, Kyra Wolpert, Jacob Hansen, Bronte Enyart, Brianna Ruikka, Natalie Sarbaum.



Sacred Heart Area School

May Students of the Month
Front row: Marquise Poncelet, Eli Rutten, Kana Reese
Back row: Lauren Rutten, Andy Daniels, Joe Zimmermann, Drake Dukowitz



Staples Elementary School

May Bucket Fillers
Deven Johnson, Carter Thompson, Megan Franzen, Nicki Carter, Jason White, Abby Flaa, Zoey Leslie, Roman Engbretson, Haylee Coil

These area businesses offer their support and congratulations to the overall excellence exemplified by these students.

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Orton's Staples Food Mart
Ron's Auto Repair
Staples Precision Metalcraft
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Long Prairie Sanitary Service

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3M
Brichacek Stone & Granite
PHB Excavating & Septic Pumping
Trident Seafoods Corp.
Japke Decorating, Carpet & Gifts
Giza Plumbing & Heating

Dr. Zachary Bailey, DDS
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Stern Rubber Company
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Design Electronics
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Albie Electric
The Spot Café
SouthSide Mini Mart
Staples ACE Hardware
Motley Hardware
Staples World



Third graders from Staples and Motley Elementary schools and Sacred Heart Area School were busy watching chicks hatch during the last week of school. As part of the Staples Motley Agriculture in the Classroom program, Katie Benson, a junior at SMHS started the program with a $1,000 grant from the National FFA Foundation. The program aims to help students become aware of the agricultural industry and how it impacts their lives. During the last month of school, students monitored an incubator in their classrooms and regulated the temperature and humidity for the eggs to successfully hatch. Once hatched, students learned how to properly handle and care of the chicks.

"This project is a great way to get students interested in agriculture. Hatching chicks in school is the reason I became involved in agriculture and even simple projects like this can help to build a stronger agricultural literacy in the area," says Benson, "which allows us to advance the industry and produce more food in the end."

Eighteen chicks in all hatched as the students enjoyed watching the chicks hatch and being holding them once dried off. Above are students in Sarah Larson's class at Staples Elementary School. (Submitted photo)

Wadena County board sets prices for tax forfeited land sale

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

At the May 24 board meeting, Wadena County Commissioners set the opening prices for the parcels of tax-forfeited land that will be offered for sale on Saturday, July 16, at 9 a.m. at the Courthouse. The prices range from 30 percent to 50 percent of the parcels' accessed values. A list of parcels for sale can be found on the county's website, www.co.wadena.mn.us.

Commissioners approved the splitting of some parcels and the combining of parcels to make the tax-forfeited properties as attractive as possible to potential buyers. Buyers are responsible for checking with the townships and cities where the properties are located to determine whether any liens or assessments are due on the properties.

Also at the May 24 meeting, representatives from Enbridge Energy requested that their permission to survey tax-forfeited properties be renewed. The agreement between Enbridge and the county was signed in 2014 and is set to expire in two years. Commissioners approved the renewal after consulting County Attorney Kyra Ladd.

BHH Partners architect Tony Stoll gave an update on the progress of the courthouse annex design project. Stoll said that through meetings with Ladd and Community Corrections Director Kathy Langer, the floor plan for the annex has been nearly completed. Additional changes could be made depending on where the annex building is to be built: either north of the courthouse, or west of the courthouse on property on Dayton Avenue SW currently occupied by residences.

Stoll has spoken with officials from the City of Wadena on how to resolve the county's parking space problems. Currently, the county is short 29 spaces. With the new building, the county will be short another 11 spaces, for a total of 40. Stoll said the county needs to address the parking issue as soon as possible. According to his conversations with Dean Uselman, Stoll said that the city is "not flexible" on the parking requirements. Commissioner Bill Stearns said that the county should request a variance from the city.

After discussion, the board voted to ask Stoll to design the annex with a flat roof instead of the pitched roof Stoll recommended, because the initial construction costs of a flat roof are cheaper than a pitched metal roof. They also asked Stoll to hold off on issuing Requests for Proposals for soil borings and for lot surveys.

The board held a brief closed meeting to consider purchasing property. After the meeting the board approved a resolution to purchase the property at 21 Dayton Ave. SW for $75,000, with a closing date of July 15, 2016.

Human Services Director Tanya Leskey presented her monthly report to the board. She described the Minnesota Legislature's failure to increase the numbers of mental health beds and the mental health care reimbursements for counties. Human services personnel throughout the state will continue to work with legislators hoping to gain beds and reimbursement increases in the 2017 session.

County human services staff gave a presentation on MNSure state insurance. Four MNSure plans are available for Minnesotans. MnSure differs from other insurance plans in the amount of paperwork required. The program is completely funded by the state and helps customers get the healthcare that they need. Local workers are not able to make certain changes and updates in customers' files. Instead, these changes have to be made at the state level. This has led to delays and frustration for customers and workers. Also, there have been some problems with eligibility for Medical Assistance (MA) and heirs being deprived of their relative's assets after death. People over 55 who take MA are subject to recovery of the government's costs later on, including liens against homes and farms.

Leskey presented requests for two additional staff (a child protection social worker and an information technology specialist) and two changes to staff job classifications in human services. After discussion, the board approved all four requests. All of the personnel requests are within the human services 2016 salary budget, Leskey reported.

In other business:

- Received a presentation from Gina Dahms and Courtney Dobbertin on GIS Pictometry Connect (a program that provides information on buildings and parcels and that is available to county staff including the Planning and Zoning office and the Sheriff's Department).
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Sheriff's Department and the Tri-County Healthcare/Ambulance Services for transporting jail inmates to the hospital and providing free training for jail staff.
- Approved a Jail Medical Services Agreement with MEnD, Waite Park, that will provide cost savings to the sheriff's department while continuing to have medical services available for inmates and reduce prescription medication costs through Thrifty White Drugstore. This vendor is used by many other Minnesota counties. The agreement is effective Aug. 1, 2016.
- Accepted the resignation of full-time Jailer-Dispatcher Aaron Schiller, whose last day was May 13.

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Historical Society approves ten-year lease for museum at the Todd County Fair

did. More room is needed for smaller animals so they will take some of the big stall doors off and replace them with gates for easier access.

He said the Historical Society has agreed to another lease for ten years for the museum at the fair.

"The fair is in July this year instead of August so we need to get this done," said Durheim.

This is the third Legacy grant they have received.

In other business:

- Gave more information related to the special meeting that was held last week to hire Dan Vogt through NJPA Contracted Services which gives a 50/50 cost share. Vogt was introduced at the meeting. He will be assisting in the Human Resources Department.
- Approved the final payment of $5,711.30 to complete the contract with Marvin Tretter, Inc., for the 2015 Bridge Construction Contract located on 250th St. in Long Prairie Township.
- Todd County and the City of Long Prairie have previously entered into two separate cooperative construction agreements to reconstruct CSAH 40 and CR 86 in the summer of 2016. These agreements specified that these projects would be combined with similar projects in the City of Long Prairie and that the City would hold the construction contract for these projects with the county only participating financially as defined in the cooperative construction agreements.

The City of Long Prairie opened bids for these projects on June 2 and the Long Prairie City Council awarded a contract to RL Larson Excavating of Saint Cloud based on their low bid of $5,388,372.81. The board approved the agreement.

- Acknowledged receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement Petition from Henry Theisen for ditch maintenance on CD 25 located in Sections 24 and 25 of Germania Township.
- Approved a HHA petition (after-the-fact) from Eric Denny for ditch maintenance on CD33 located in Reynolds Township Section 29. This was able to be done because there was no violations detected.
- Approve final plat for Little Sauk Hills Subdivision with conditions. Commissioner Randy Neumann asked who would be enforcing these conditions to make sure it is done.

Planning and Zoning Director Tim Stieber said that his office would be. He added that potential for erosion was what had caused the plat to be denied the first time. They had also originally proposed 20 lots but now three lots were approved.

- Approved the proposed paving project at Battle Point Park at a cost of approximately $6,600. Neumann said that he had solicited some donations and has received $400.

Commissioner Rod Erickson said that the public works department could incorporate the project dollars into their budget and be paid back from the Park and Trails fund over a three year term.

County Engineer Loren Fellbaum said that was a feasible plan, but not a preferred one.

Erickson then suggested they put the $6,600 into the public works budget and not pay it back. Fellbaum asked if the general fund could help out, too.

He said that it was not a budgeted item, but he was not against doing it. He would rather they used part of the coordinator fund as had been previously suggested.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida asked if they would continue to solicit donations? Neumann said they would and then those could be earmarked to go back into the fund.

The action was approved using unused funds from the coordinator's salary.

- Approved the hire of Brittney Just and Sam Larson as a full-time deputies pending the passing of physical exams.
- Approved the hire of Joshua Nice as a full-time deputy pending the passing of a background check, psychological and physical exam.
- Approved the promotion of Samantha Cofell to the position of nursing supervisor.
- Approved the Agreement between the Morrison, Todd and Wadena County Health Board, the delegation counties, for shared staffing to provide public health services.

Neumann asked if there had been any further discussion on creating a regional health board. Health and Human Services Director Jackie Och said there had been limited interest with no discussion at the executive level.

Commissioner David Kircher said he didn't think he would be interested in any such board as it would take the ability to hire and fire away from individual counties.

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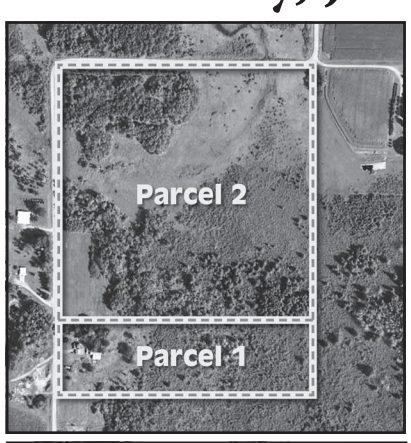
Fees raised for child protection attorneys

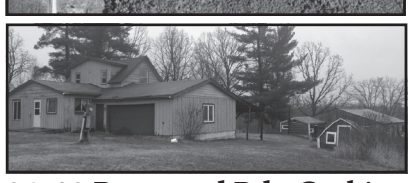
county residents and local officials testifying to the value of the work done by the Drug Task Force Agent in apprehending drug traffickers, recovering illegal drugs, locating stolen firearms and arresting robbers who steal to get money for their drug habits.

In other business:

- Approved an increase in the payments to court-appointed attorneys in child protection cases from a flat fee of $500 to a flat fee of $1,000, plus an additional $1,500 for continuing cases, at the recommendation of Seventh Judicial District Court Judge Sally Ireland Robertson and court administration. The child protection attorney fees have not been raised since 2010, and local attorneys certified in child protection cases had refused to accept any more cases at the $500 rate.
- Approved releasing the county's earnest money for the purchase of the residence at 21 Dayton Ave SW, to the owner when a signed purchase agreement is received.
- Approved a Conditional Use Permit for placing a temporary second home for a family member on an existing homestead located in Sec. 21 of Meadow Township, for Myrtle Pickar.
- Considered several price quotes for the replacement old sewer pipes and repairing the parking lot after the sewer workis completed at the Wensman Building. Accepted the quote from Hanson's Plumbing and Heating for the sewer work and the quote from Howard's Driveway for the asphalt work.
- Learned that Todd Wadena Community Corrections' grant application to NJPA for funding the position for Community Concern for Youth (CCY) has been submitted to the NJPA board for approval. The board approved the hiring of the youth worker for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 contingent upon the grant for $70,235 being funded. Community Corrections Director Kathy Langer will continue to seek funding from communities, schools and other sources to fund the youth worker in the future.The county board could be asked to potentially fund a half-year of the youth worker's salary for the remainder of 2017, since Wadena County's funding was not approved by the state review committee for the Office of Justice Programs, while Todd County's funding was.
- Discussed relocating staff from the auditor-treasurer's office. Voted to move the board meetings to other rooms for the next eight months and give the A-T's office the board room for the election, etc.

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Todd County approves temporary contracted services

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

When you only have two people in a department and both of them are out of the office, it makes it difficult, if not impossible, for that office to continue to provide the services which are expected.

So it is with the Todd County Human Resources Department.

Administrative Assistant Lori Jorgensen is out on medical leave and Human Resources Director Karla Nalezny recently took intermittent leave, so assistance for the department is crucial to the ongoing operation. An insurance question brought up last week solidified the need for qualified help in the department while these employees are absent.

A special meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners was called May 31 to address this need and to approve temporary contracted services to assist the department.

Gary Weiers an associate with David Drown Associates, Inc. of Faribault, attended via conference call. This company will be providing the contracted service.

Commissioner Gary Kneisl commented that Nalezny was having a hard time keeping up with all the work in that department before she went on intermittent leave and now with not being there, they would not be able to keep up at all.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida was doing as many of Jorgensen's duties as she could.

"We need someone up here to help out," said Kneisl.

Commissioner Rod Erickson asked if the contract had been reviewed by the county attorney.

It has not because it has not been prepared by the National Joint Powers Association as of yet. It would be prepared by Anna Gruber at NJPA once the board approved the resolution for the contract.

In an e-mail correspondence with the county from Weiers, some details of the NJPA service called Interim City Management were discussed.

The cost of the service is $100 per hour.

"As discussed on Friday, NJPA and David Drown Associates have a contract for this service which is very beneficial to NJPA members. Upon approval by NJPA, 50 percent of the service fee would be paid by NJPA and 50 percent would be paid by the county. This results in service cost of $50 per hour. This includes any and all expenses," stated the letter.

Dan Vogt will provide the service two to three days per week, starting as early as June 1.

Vogt has extensive management experience and "brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the position…A comprehensive background check is underway and should be completed in about a week or less," continued the letter.

The previous week Commissioner Randy Neumann said that he had employees asking him insurance questions so they went to talk with Gaida.

"We did get it done," said Gaida.

But it wasn't without difficulty, she explained, as this is not her particular area of expertise.

As the resolution was reviewed, Commissioner David Kircher asked why the county was not sure when Nalezny would be returning.

She was on a two week intermittent leave, was the reply.

Chair Barb Becker said that Nalezny planned to be in part-time and that when she is called, she answers her phone.

It was believed that Nalezny intended to return on the first Monday in June.

Becker said that the intention of the contract was that this person would be a helper to Nalezny.

Kircher said that they needed something in her personnel file related to her request for leave. He said they needed a paper trail so they knew how much time off had been taken.

Health and Human Service Director Jackie Och said that intermittent leave can go on for up to three months.

Vogt will begin as soon as Gruber at NJPA can get the contract written.



FFA awarded National Chapter Star Finalist

The Staples Motley FFA Chapter was recognized as a National Chapter Star Finalist, an award designed for chapters that actively implement the mission and strategies of the National FFA organization. Chapters improve their operations using a program of activities that emphasize student, chapter and community development. The Staples Motley Chapter will be competing at the National FFA Convention in October.

Above, left to right: Amy Zimmerman, Student Teacher, Sadie Thompson, Mariana Cassanova, Nathaniel Rodrigues, Molly Lindgren, Taylor Yungbauer, Brenden Thompson, Bekka Paskewitz, Arthur Thew, Mikayla Sauber, Katie Benson, Sarah Daly, Rachel Daly Amy Lochli, Rachel Paskewitz and Kerry Lindgren, FFA Advisor. (Submitted photo)

Staples Motley FFA successful at 2016 state convention

Staples Motley FFA members competed at the 87th Minnesota FFA State Convention held at the University of Minnesota April 24-26. The Staples Motley FFA Chapter had 45 members competing, consisting of 12 teams and four individuals. This year's state convention was very successful for Staples Motley FFA, with two state champions and multiple teams/individuals finishing in the top five.

This year's theme was "Together We." The state officers motivated over 3,600 FFA members on "together we can do amazing things." The convention included multiple workshops on enhancing leadership skills and learn about careers and opportunities in agriculture.

Last January, members had the opportunity to meet the National FFA Officers and returning to state convention was the National Western Region Vice President Sarah Draper who reconnected with Staples Motley members.

"I was surprised she remembered me when she said my name," said Julia Trantina, Staples Motley FFA Reporter. "I appreciated that - she's down to earth. Even though she has an important role she made sure every member felt welcome."

State FFA results for Staples Motley included:

Agricultural Communications Team: 1st overall. The team will compete in national in October:

- Rebekka Paskewitz (1st individual)
- Katie Benson (3rd Individual)
-Molly Lindgren (5th Individual)

Fish and Wildlife Team: 2nd overall:

-Jasiah Paskewitz (Gold Ranking, placed 5th individually)
-Brenden Thompson(Gold Ranking, placed 10th individually)
-Colton Rau and Joe Pugsley (Gold Ranking)

Poultry Team: 2nd overall

-Katie Benson (Gold Ranking, placed 1st individually)
-Molly Lindgren (Gold Ranking placed 5th individually)
-Mikayla Sauber and Kelsie Weite (Gold Ranking)

Novice Parliamentary Procedure Team: 3rd overall:

-Rebekka Paskewitz, [Katie Benson, Mikayla Sauber, Zach Strickland, Rachel Paskewitz and Molly Lindgren (Gold Ranking)

Forestry Team: 8th overall:

-Dominic Nistler and Kyle Eckholm (Gold Ranking)
-Patrick Thompson and Curtis Miles (Silver Ranking)

Meats:

- Lane Blowers, Austin Boyer, Cody Noble and Arthur Thew (Bronze Ranking)

Small Animals:

-Sadie Thompson (Gold Ranking)
-Jody Mack and Taeleigh Marlowe (Silver Ranking)
-Brian Seamann (Bronze Ranking)

Dairy Cattle Evaluation:

-Jenna Trantina and Tiffany Vorbeck (Silver Ranking)
-Rachel Paskewitz and Taylor Yungbauer (Bronze Ranking)

Agricultural Mechanics:

-Mike Youngbauer and Josh Mertens (Silver Ranking)
-Jaxon Olander and Eddie Papenfuss (Bronze Ranking)

Nursery Landscape:

-Alyssa Bartkowitz, Sam Schimpp, Josh Carlson and Libertad Cassonova (Bronze Ranking)

Floriculture:

-Amy Lochli and Haley Payne (Sliver Ranking)
-Rachel Daly and Sarah Daly (Bronze Ranking)

Farm Bureau Discussion:

-Zach Strickland (Placed 1st Individually, Gold Ranking)

Job Interview:

-Katie Benson (Placed 5th individually, Gold Ranking)

Prepared Public Speaking :

- Rebekka Paskewitz (Gold Ranking)

Extemporaneous Speaking:

-Molly Lindgren (Bronze Ranking)

National Chapter Award:

-Staples Motley National Chapter Finalist (Gold Ranking and Competes at National Level)

State Degree Recipient:

-Rebekka Paskewitz

The State Degree is the highest degree that can be given by the state association. The State FFA Degree is given to the top members of a State FFA Association.

State Officer:

- Rebekka Paskewitz - State Reporter 2016 -17.



State champion Ag Communications team

Staples Motley FFA members Rebekka Paskewitz (1st place individual), Katie Benson (3rd place individual) and Molly Lindgren (5th place individual) won the the State FFA Agricultural Communications Career Development Event. The team will compete at the National FFA Convention in October.

Above, left to right: Kerry Lindgren Staples Motley High School Agricultural Food and Natural Resources Instructor/ FFA Advisor, Sarah Draper National FFA Western Region Vice President, Katie Benson, Molly Lindgren, Rebekka Paskewitz and North Central Chapter of NAMA Sponsor.



Doing her part

Staples World employee Kathy Odden is pictured watering the city tree outside of her work place on 4th St. NE in Staples. Although the City of Staples waters the trees on a regular basis, sometimes they need a little extra help when the weather is dry. (Staples World employee Dawn Timbs)

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Staples firefighters will 'never forget'

The "9/11 Never Forget" mobile exhibit passed through Staples escorted by the Staples Firefighters June 8 on its way to Detroit Lakes where the exhibit was open for public viewing. The traveling museum is a tribute reminding citizens of the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

Above: The semi as it passes by the Staples All Veterans Park.

Right: The side of the mobile exhibit displays the United States flag along with the words "Never Forget". This is the second visit to Minnesota for the exhibit. The first was in 2015. The exhibit was part of the Minnesota State Fire Department Association Convention in Detroit Lakes.

The 53-foot tractor-trailer opens into a 1,000 square foot exhibit providing interactive education of artifacts, steel beams from the towers, documentary videos, recordings of first responders, radio transmissions and live tours by FDNY firefighters. Visit tunnel2towers.org. From Minnesota the mobile exhibit will travel to Manitoba.

Below: Staples Firefighters Jef Cichos and Jamie Dolezal roll with the ladder truck. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)







Tax cut approved for state's veterans

The Minnesota House and Senate passed a supplemental budget bill that included a provision exempting military retirement pay from state income tax. This provision was supported and championed by Representative Bob Dettmer (R-Forest Lake), Chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

Rep. Dettmer is a retired Chief Warrant Officer of the U.S. Army Reserves. He was called to active duty shortly after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and began a two year tour of active duty supporting Operation Enduring Freedom at Fort Gordon, Georgia and later Operation Iraqi Freedom. Two of Dettmer's sons, are graduates of West Point, and also serve as officers in the U.S. Army.

Currently, Minnesota is one of only a handful of states that fully tax military veterans' retirement pay. Dettmer hopes that this provision will encourage more veterans to remain in Minnesota after they retire.

There are close to 18,000 veterans living in Minnesota who will see their military pensions exempted from state income tax.

" Minnesota has made a historic leap forward this past legislative session in making veterans retirement benefits tax-exempt," said Dettmer. "We will now join at least 12 other states who don't tax any portion of military retirement benefits. The tax exemption also applies to survivor benefit pay, so the spouse of a deceased military retiree who receives 'survivor benefit pay' would be able to subtract that pay from taxable income. This tax exemption was the result of a nearly 20-year push in the Minnesota legislature, and I am truly grateful to those who were fighting for this exemption long before I was elected."

The supplemental budget bill, which included the veterans' pension exemption, was signed into law by Governor Mark Dayton.



Music in the Park funding

Brenda Halvorson, left, on behalf of the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, accepts a $3,013 check from Staples Host Lions president Tom Danculovich for the summer Music in the Park series that the arts council organizes. Concerts are held at 7 p.m. Sundays at Northern Pacific Park, Staples, for six weeks beginning July 10 and running through Aug. 14. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

'Read Down Your Fines' at Staples Library

Teens and children can eliminate fines accumulated on their library accounts through a "Read Down Your Fines" promotion taking place this month.

From Monday, June 20, through Saturday, June 25, holders of minor cards at Great River Regional Library (GRRL) can spend time in the library reading to reduce their library fines. The program will be offered at all 32 GRRL locations in Central Minnesota, including the Staples Public Library.

It's not uncommon for young people to accumulate fines because they return items after their due date. But late returns are not always entirely the fault of the children themselves. For example, they may not be able to get a ride to the library, or family members may use a child's card to borrow items that are not returned promptly.

In any case, the library believes that children need to be encouraged to return to the library and to take full advantage of library services, especially during the summer when they are not developing their reading skills in school.

For each 15 minutes of reading at the library during the week of June 20-25, one dollar will be waived from fines on the accounts of minors ages 16 and under. The opportunity to read down fines applies only to fines for late return of materials. It does not apply to charges for lost or damaged materials.

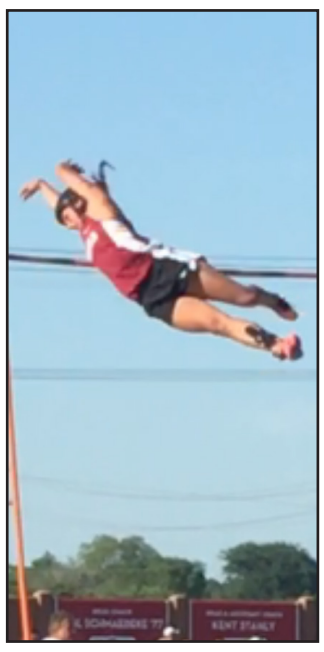
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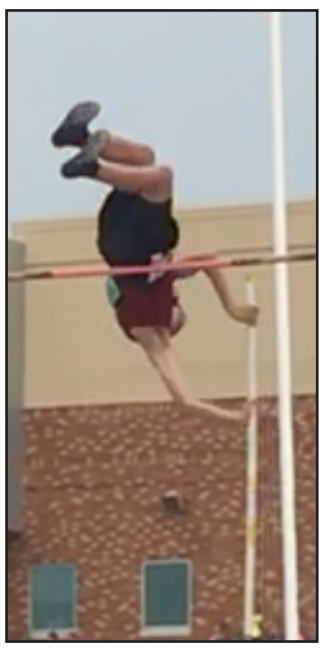
The initial "Read Down Your Fines" took place in 2013, following a successful fundraising appeal. The promotion continues to be supported by fundraising, which ensures that the loss of fines does not have a negative effect on library budgets.

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St NE Staples: the hours are: Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue. 2-8 p.m., Weds. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 2-8 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

GRRL provides library services at 32 public libraries in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright counties. It provides Central Minnesota residents with nearly one million books, CDs and DVDs, 250 public computers, programming and information services.







High flying Cardinals

Staples Motley pole vaulters Millie Klefsaas (left) and Max Giza (right) reached dazzling heights at the state track and field meet. (Submitted photos)

Klefsaas wins two titles, sets state pole vault record

Giza clears 13 feet, 9 inches

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Motley track and field team had a smashing state meet as Millie Klefsaas set the girls state meet pole vault record at 12 feet even and also won the 100 hurdles to come home with two state titles.

For the boys team, Max Giza cleared 13 feet, 9 inches in the pole vault, the best effort of his career to finish seventh.

"It was amazing to win a state championship, and winning two was nothing I ever dreamed of," said Klefsaas, "it was awesome."

Klefsaas started the state meet by posting the second fastest 100 hurdles time in the preliminaries, 14.94. "I hit a hurdle in the prelims, I knew I could go faster," she said.

That same day Giza came into the competition as the 10th seeded pole vaulter. He had a couple of misses in the first four heights but cleared 13 feet and 13'3" on his first attempt at each, after coming in with a career best of 12'9". He had two misses at 13'9" before clearing it on his final attempt, one of the top vaults in Cardinal team history. It was enough to place seventh in a very competitive field.

Giza's performance gave Klefsaas a little inspiration. "He doesn't usually show a lot of emotion so after he cleared 13'9", he was really happy and walking around with a big smile. That was nice to see," said Klefsaas.

Klefsaas did not qualify for the finals in the 300 hurdles, setting the stage to compete in the 100 hurdles and pole vault on the final day. She passed at the first three heights in the pole vault so she could concentrate on the hurdles. With the second fastest seed time, Klefsaas said she was a little worried before the race, especially since it was a hot, windy day compared to the cool preliminaries when many hurdlers ran their best time.

Klefsaas stuck to her strategy: "I try to beat everyone to the first hurdle and let them try to catch me."

She did that and kept going strong. "I didn't hit any hurdles and didn't notice anyone around, I was waiting for someone to catch me but it didn't happen this time," she said.

Klefsaas finished with a time of 14.99, winning the race by one-fourth of a second, a comparatively big margin in a 100 meter race. "It was probably my best race of the year, considering the headwind and the heat," she said.

With one state title, Klefsaas got to work on the pole vault. Her first three rounds went well, with only one miss at 10'6". But at 11 feet, she started out with two misses and was in danger of finishing third. "I kept hitting the bar on the way up, maybe it was the heat and the pole was bending more, I don't know, I was super nervous," she said.

But the coaches had an idea and convinced her to switch to the pole Giza had used the day before. "I cleared it with Max's pole and stuck with it," said Klefsaas.

She also cleared 11'3" on her first try and when no other competitor cleared that, she had the state title and could set the bar at whatever height she wanted. Knowing the state meet record was 11'7", Klefsaas had them place the bar a half inch higher than that. She set the new state record on her second try and then moved the bar to 12 feet. "In practice we have set the bungee at 13 feet and I hit it at that height, so I knew I was close," she said. Again she set the state record on her second try, before missing at 12'3".

"It was crazy, it all happened so quickly," said Klefsaas. "It took me a day to comprehend what happened, that I set the record."

State golf rained out

The state golf meet had rain issues on the first day of competition June 14.

Staples Motley golfers Hailey Koenig and Olivia Klefsaas teed off in the morning and nearly completed 18 holes, but were called off the course due to rain and lightning.

The boys golfers, who were scheduled to tee off in the afternoon, were delayed and barely started before the final rain-out. Cardinal golfer Andrew Israelson is in the boys field.

The state meet continued on June 15, after the Staples World went to press.

Father's Day golf tournament open to public

The Vintage golf course at Staples will host their annual Father's Day Tournament, Sunday, June 19. Registration at 8:15 a.m., play starts at 9 a.m. Entry fee includes lunch and prizes for winning teams.

The tournament will be played according to best ball rules. Players do not have to have a USGA handicap and all skills levels are welcome.

"The Father's Day Tournament is a very family friendly event where all ages are encouraged to play," said Jef Cichos, a Vintage board member. "This tournament is simply about having fun playing golf and celebrating Father's Day."

The Vintage is a Joel Goldstrand designed 18-hole golf course and is located along the Crow Wing River just north of Staples. The course is open to the public.

The Vintage golf course opened originally in 1929 , as a nine-hole, shareholder-owned course named Terrace Golf Course. The course has come full circle in 2016, as it celebrates its third year of being owned and operated by local shareholders.

A listing of upcoming events can be found at www.vintagegolfclub.com and on their facebook page.

For more information on this tournament or other events , call The Vintage at 218-894-9907 or vintageatstaples@gmail.com.



Walleye opener

Ray Gildow caught this nice 27.5 inch walleye on opening day at Leech Lake. (Submitted photo)

Ladies golf league begins

The ladies golf league at The Vintage golf course began June 6, with 13 ladies forming teams for a fun scramble event.

Dinner was served after play in the clubhouse. Prizes were awarded to the team with the least string used to help lower their team's score, which went to; Beth Gedde, Mary Fitcher, and Tami Brisson. The team of Judy Jenkins, Ana Marie Miller, and Bonnie Odell won the prize for using up all of their string.

Any ladies interested in joining the league can call The Vintage clubhouse at 218- 894-9907 or Jody Hagenson at 218- 894-2213 for more information. The league plays weekly, is non-competitive and is for all golfing abilities. Ladies receive lessons from Jody at 4:30 p.m. and tee off between 5-5:30 p.m. Mondays in June, July and August.

Make way for . . . goslings?

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn
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Recently one morning as I drove a curving blacktop road behind my community's biggest shopping mall, I was surprised to see the glow of red brake lights ahead. Cars in my lane and the oncoming lane were slowing, for what reason I couldn't tell, as there's not a stop light or stop sign on this road that separates the mall from our community's arboretum just to the north. As my car slowed under the pressure of my foot on the brake pedal, I could see the cause of the stoppage. A parade of Canada geese was entering this busy traffic corridor, the first several of which were about halfway across and visible over the fender of the car just ahead of me.

As the parade progressed, its makeup of adults and young suggested a combined family, one set of parents ushering their seven or eight offspring ahead, followed within several feet by two smaller adults with a trio of young. The adults had all the characteristic markings of Canada geese, while the goslings – though already as big as a full-grown mallard – were still in that nondescript, fuzzy-plumed state where they could almost pass for a young ostrich.

The cars remained stationary, not a horn sounded to alarm or hurry them along, and when the last of the adults had crossed over the far shoulder of the road, the flow of traffic resumed. The destination for this combined pair of families was a pond to the north of the road. To the south of the road is the expansive manicured lawn of the shopping mall. Geese, as anyone who has played on a golf course where they are present will tell you, love grass. People who have to walk where geese have been feeding soon discover that "eyes downward" is the best way to avoid having to scrape the bottom of their shoes; or worse, their bare feet.

The episode reminded me of the children's book that was a favorite with my two youngsters, Make Way for Ducklings, by Robert McCloskey. It was inspired by an actual event, the stars of which in this 1940s tale were a family of mallards, the "mom" having chosen for her nest site an island in a pond in Boston Public Garden. The book became so famous that it was named the "official book" of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (never knew they had such things), and a statue of the hen and chicks was erected in that park. This even had an impact on international relations, when First Lady Barbara Bush – wife of then-President George Bush – presented a duplicate of the sculpture to the wife of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev for a park in Moscow.

The award-winning Make Way for Ducklings recounted a similar road-crossing experience near that Boston park, with busy vehicle traffic being stopped by a vigilant policeman – Officer Michael – to let the hen and chicks pass unharmed. Some things, like young families of wild creatures, seem to always touch the human heart-strings.

Now, in mid-June, is a time when the young of so many wild creatures are in evidence; in backyards, in public places and in their more appropriate wild habitats. At our family's spartan-but-homey lake cabin, there are a hen and ducklings that bring to mind those that starred in the Boston-based book. Just a few days ago, they were startled in a big way when our young chocolate Labrador appeared over the crest of the hill that leads down to our beach, and charged headlong down the incline toward the water.

The hen squawked furiously, and the ducklings scattered in an explosion of splashing, justifiably fearful of this apparent threat hurtling down on them. Had they only known that Bella was interested only in the tennis ball that had landed out on the lake's calm surface with a splash, they might have reserved their fright and flight for a more serious threat. But wild creatures are programmed for survival, and fright and flight are the natural response in many, if not most, cases.

A hen mallard will exhibit some pretty laudable protective behavior when it has a reasonable chance of success. If a gull, for instance, attempts to abduct and eat one of her ducklings, a hen may put up a fierce battle and drive the intruder away. Against a creature as seemingly-fearsome as a 70-pound canine, if Bella actually had been a threat, the best strategy is to make a ruckus, perhaps a tentative rush or two, but rely on beating a hasty retreat.

The young of Canada geese have an advantage not enjoyed by mallard ducklings, or the young of other duck species. Canada geese mate for life, and both parents take part in the process of feeding and protecting them. If you've ever been near enough to young geese to be seen as a threat to them, you know how aggressive mom and pop Canada geese can be.

For all of her protective instincts and valiant protective behavior, a hen mallard has to go it alone without the help of a mate. Unlike the drake in the book Make Way for Ducklings, mallards mate and then the males go off on their own, typically gathering in groups on wetlands or lakes to molt and begin replacing their feathers; something mama will do after her young are grown. The hen mallard is an archetype for the successful single-parent family.

There is already a great deal of baby and adolescent bird life evident now in mid-June. This is a critical month for the survival of ruffed grouse and ringneck pheasant chicks. A wet, cold month can spell disaster for them, a double whammy that drains them of body heat and suppresses the population of much-needed insects as a protein source. So far this June has been pretty favorable, and with each passing day survived, the long-term prospects improve for the immature game bird and the songbird alike.

Fishing opener... What happened?

By Ray Gildow

The week before the walleye opener I was driving to our family cabin on Leech Lake and passed through Walker. The temperature gauge on my truck read 91 degrees. Wow, I thought, what an opener this was going to be. Finally, some real nice weather with a good bite. I should have known better.

The walleye opener is almost always Mother Nature's way of pulling tricks on anglers. But 28 degrees with a 30 mile per hour wind? Well, that's what greeted us on the day of the opener and I was wondering if my fishing partners were even going to step outside and brave the elements for the family tradition of fishing the walleye opener. But we did and fishing was, well, let's just say "uneven".

We fish the southeast end of Leech Lake on the opener and where the water is deeper, colder and more unpredictable than the north side of the lake. That turned out to be the case again this year. While the water temperatures a few days earlier were in the mid-fifties that cold Arctic blast dropped them down to 48 degrees where we were fishing and the waves on the south end of the lake were big, nasty and very cold. We had to hide behind Bear Island and Battle Point just to keep from freezing our body parts. It wasn't until midafternoon that the howling waves started to slow down and make it possible to start moving around the lake.

There were distinct feeding periods on the opener. We managed to find some real nice size fish but most were too big to keep because they were over 20 inches long. Anglers who were patient on Partridge Point had a major feeding period around three in the afternoon and for about two hours fishing was really good.

The north end was also good in spurts with Big Hardwood, Little Hardwood, the Mounds and Goose Island producing good numbers of fish. It seems that the general feeling from anglers on the north end of Leech Lake was that the opener was very good while many anglers working the south end found fishing more disappointing.

With water temperatures in the low 50's it was surprising to see that walleye were being caught out on the Annex. This is an area of rocks about three miles from the eastern shore. One report had 45 boats fishing there Saturday afternoon. One of my friends counted 31 boats on the Annex atfter dark fishing with lighted bobbers. Another friend saw the same phenomenon Saturday night on Big Hardwood at the northern end of Sucker Bay.

For those of us who have fished the lake for decades this is almost unheard of. Historically hardly anyone fishes Leech Lake at night with bobbers. So what is going on?

My guess is that these are Mille Lacs Lake anglers who have finally decided to move north until the big lake allows folks to keep fish. Without a doubt there were more boats on Leech Lake than there has been for many, many years.

Good to see the boats are back.

Ray Gildow, Staples, is the author of "Legends & Legacies, A History of the Nisswa Guides' League" and is owner of Gildow Guide Service. More information can be found at raygildow.com.

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101 Card of Thanks

The family of Jerry Motl wishes to thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtful expressions of sympathy during the recent passing of Jerry. The Care Center staff, doctors, nurses, friends at the High Rise, the ladies who served lunch at Faith Lutheran, Iten and Heid Funeral Home in Browerville and Pastor Steve, friends and neighbors, you were all wonderful. 24p

Thank You to the Staples Police, First Responders and Lakewood Health-Medical staff on behalf of the Richard Curtis family.
Deb and Doug Maros 24p

103 Lost and Found

FOUND: Black Lab 10 mi. S. Staples. 320-594-7173. Howard Carry. 24x

107 Notices

HANDGUN PERMIT CLASS. New, Renewal, Multi-State, Call Paul Lund, certified instructor, 218-330-0651. 22c

SEWER GAS
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Freshwater Education District is seeking 2 Full-Time EBD Teachers for our Level IV Site. Our level IV site hosts students grades K-12, so placement will depend on prior experience. Position includes: Working in a small structured environment, using a variety of positive behavior strategies in a team format. MN Licensure in EBD and experience working with students with behavior needs is required.

Behavior/Crisis Intervention Assistant
Freshwater Education District is seeking a behavior/crisis intervention assistant for the 2016-2017 school year. The position will be responsible for assisting teams with behavior support and crisis intervention. Qualifications needed: mental health practitioner or related equivalent, experience working with students with behavior needs.

Application deadline: June 27, 2016
Send Letter of Application, Resumé and Three (3) Letters of Reference to:
Lori Murdock, Director of Special Education
Freshwater Special Education, 910 Ash Ave. NE, Wadena, MN 56482. **Phone: 218-631-2281, Ext. 1042**
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309 Miscellaneous

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315 Campers

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401 Automobiles

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501 Miscellaneous

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Responsibilities include maintaining accurate financial accounting for the Freshwater ALC, including ALC billing. Maintain accurate system of student information for MARSS reporting. Provide support regarding MARSS procedures and paperwork to Freshwater member district staff, as well as providing support and oversight to MARSS reporters at the ALC sites.

Minimum of two year accounting or related program or degree. Skill emphasis in applied technology. Two years of clerical or school finance work experience required. Must have the ability to communicate effectively with school district and MDE personnel. Must be competent in Microsoft office, Excel and Google Drive.

Application deadline: 12 noon, June 22, 2016.
Send Letter of Application and Resumé to:
Sharon Parker, Business Manager
Freshwater Education District
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603
Houses for Rent

STAPLES: 2 bdr., with single detached garage. 218-894-2284 days. 16tfc

606
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607
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612
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Submit application to:
District Office, 202 Pleasant Ave. NE, Staples, MN 56479
Application deadline: June 24 **EOE**
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Garage Sales
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GARAGE SALE: Tues., June 14, 1-8 p.m.; Weds., June 15, Thurs., June 16, Fri., June 17, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.-Sat., June 18, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 1518 3rd St. NE, Staples. Dolores Johnson. Cash only. DVD, sets of football cards, jewelry, homemade cards, Christmas decorations, rubber stamps, dishes, a lot of misc. Too much to list! ssw24p

BACK YARD RUMMAGE SALE - 3 FAMILIES: Thurs., June 16, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Jackie Dumpprope's, 500 8th St. NE, Staples. Low, low prices. Variety of clothing: toddler - adult. Many brand name items, plus brand new Home Interior, household items, furniture, pictures, mirrors, baker's rack, books, so much more. ssw24p

GARAGE SALE: 710 Dakota Ave., SW, Staples. Cleveland/ Platzer. **Sat., June 18, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** Everything from windows to household. A lot of misc. ssw24p

SIX FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Fri., June 17, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Furniture, clothing: baby-adult; hunting, toys, household, much misc. 1502 6th St. NE, Staples. ssw24p

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6 GARAGE SALES: All around Horseshoe Lake area, Browerville. **Thurs., June 16, 4-8 p.m., Fri., June 17, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., June 18, 8 a.m.-noon.** You won't want to miss these! ssw24p

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Fri., June 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.-Sat., June 18, 9 a.m.-noon. Full size Captain bed, twin beds, couch, chair, flat screen TVs, snowblower, snowmobile, 14' boat, helmets, Harley parts and clothing, exercise bike. 1 mi. west of Motley, 49839 Spruce Rd., Motley. Early sales welcome, 218-296-0642. ssw24p

RUMMAGE SALE: Thurs., June 16-Sat., June 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 7 mi. south of Motley on Hwy. 10 to Cty. Rd. 203, Stan Bettis. Clothing: men's and ladies'; ladies' shoes sz. 6-7, many household items, dishes, linens, small appliances, barbeque grill, many holiday decorations, rugs, furniture and much more. ssw24p

GARAGE SALE: Sat., June 18-Sun., June 19, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. From Motley north 2.5 mi. on Hwy. 64 to Cty. Rd. 34 - east one mi. to 65th Ave. (signs). Household items, treadmill, telescope, dishes, clothing and much more. w24p

GARAGE SALE: Mainly girl's misc. items, toys, books, clothing, other misc. household. 1509 3rd St. NE, Staples. **Fri., June 17-Sat., June 18, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** w24p

MULTI-FAMILY SALE: 2 mi. east/ Motley on #210, 1 mi. south, Debbie Blowers. **Fri., June 17-Sat., June 18, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.** Teacher resources for home schooling, charts, books, toys, antiques, Legos, tools, baby lambs. w24p

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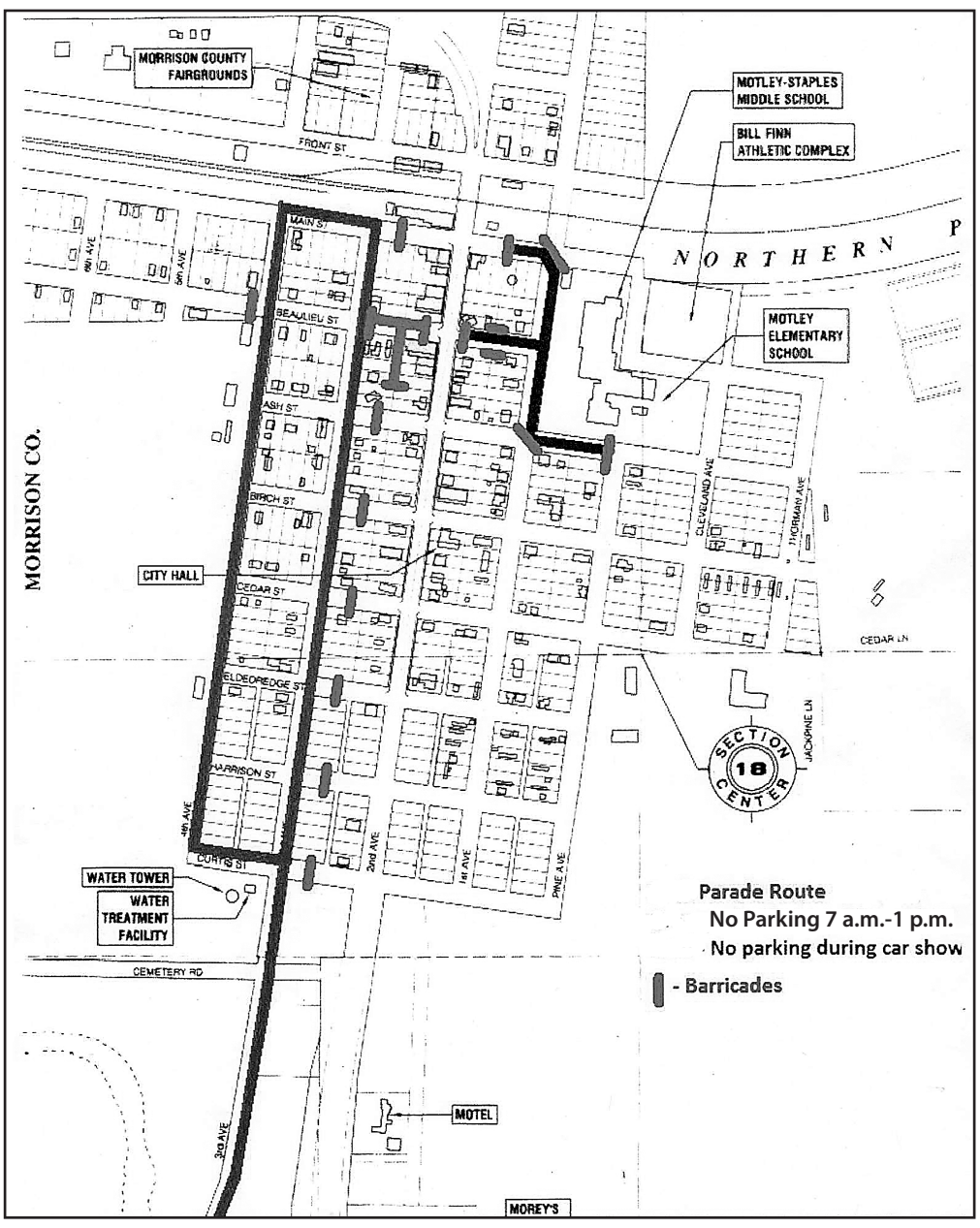
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Pig races coming to Motley June Fest

Dozens of people cheered on the famous LA (Leader Area) Racing Pigs last weekend at the Bear's Den in Leader. Emcee and owner Gary Dauer will be taking his family-friendly show on the road to the Motley Fairgrounds June 18, as part of June Fest. Show times are at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., in the horse arena. Pig races are also held every Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. in Leader, through Labor Day weekend. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Motley June Fest parade route

The City of Motley's June Fest Parade will take place Saturday, June 18, at 10 a.m. The parade route will follow 3rd Ave. So., beginning near the Motley United Methodist Church. It will then continue north for a few blocks, turning west on Main St. for one block and then returning south along 4th Ave. toward Industrial Park. As indicated by the above map, a number of barricades will be in place along the route; and a few areas have been designated 'no parking' zones during select times. **Parade entries are still being accepted. Line-up at 9 a.m.** In addition to the parade, June Fest (sponsored by Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce) has a number of activities on its roster for Saturday, including a Classic Car Show, Wings Competition, pig races, live music, a street dance and fireworks. The event wraps up Sunday, June 19, from 1 - 3 p.m., with a gospel concert and ice cream social at Veterans Park.



At the races

Neil Koppes, Staples, gets ready for the first pig race to begin June 11, in Leader. Koppes is one of several workers who assist at the LA (Leader Area) Pig Races each weekend. (Staples world photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley Police, MCSO reports

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

June 8 - The MPD escorted the rolling 9/11 Memorial Truck through the City of Motley along with the Motley Fire Dept., as far as Staples, where the Staples Fire Dept. was waiting to escort the truck as it continued west on Hwy 10.

June 3 - The MPD assisted Cass County with locating a vulnerable adult missing from a group home on 71st Ave. SW in Motley.

June 2 - Motley Police Chief Ron Smith reports that he observed disorderly conduct of a citizen on a city council member.

June 2 - The MCSO received a call from a woman who reported that her German Shepherd had bitten a neighbor girl. The incident happened at 330th St., Motley. The girl was not injured. The woman said she would like to bring the dog to a veterinarian to have it put down. She also mentioned that the dog was up to date on all of its shots.



New wheels

Nathaniel Rubink was the recipient of a new bicycle at a Motley Elementary student gathering on May 23. The bike was donated to the school and the donor only specified that it be given to a student who does good work at the school. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Scholarship

Jordan Ausland, recent graduate at Pillager Area Charter School, recently received a $1,000 scholarship from the Pillager & Area Lions Club. Pictured at left, from left, are Lion Les Swift, Ausland; and President Lion Doug Allen. (Submitted photo)

MS Middle School Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

Grade 8

Tasha Achermann, Mackenna Bjerga, Jaydon Friedel, Riley Peterson, Rylie Rau, Cael Sams, Kaitlyn Smith, Morgan Swecker, Izabelle VanAlst, Ryan Wick, Emmitt Winkels, Kayla Yoder.

Grade 7

Tabetha Allen, Payton Bjerga, Alex Brings, Hannah DeWald, Abbigail DiGiovanni, Beck Erholtz, Jacob Gebert, Rose Han, Hannah Heschke, Jadyn Kincaid, Alex McIlravy, Tanner Robben, Ava Schneider, Kira Sweeney, Cole Winkels.

Grade 6

Morgan Becker, Drew Berg, Adriana Dickey, Bo Erholtz, Evelyn Gonzalez, Francesca Hanson, Brookelyn Huisenga, Sivert Klefsaas, Allison Knosalla, Ryan Larson, Addison Lorber, Isabelle Mikel, Cassidy Radueg, Malaya Reem, Joshua Schimpp, Klaire Storry, Calob Trantina, Alex Vernon, Jadyn Vogel.

B Honor Roll

Grade 8

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Grade 7

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Grade 6

Leah Bestland, Chandler Braith, Brooke Converse, Amber Deegan, Andria Dolezal, Abby Dukowitz, Elizabeth Dukowitz, Justin Flansburg, Aleeah Halverson, Corey Hansen, Madysen Hull, Austin Johnson, Kaylee Johnson, Bella Lane, Hunter Martin, Grace McLennan, Haile Meech, Kiyrrae Olson, Conner Rossetti, Iain Sams, Amber Sullivan, Anthony Vorbeck, Dalton Wells.

Motley taking steps to construct a well site east of Hwy 10

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

An update on the City of Motley's water treatment plant project; and a look at potential well sites for the city were two items addressed at the regular city council meeting June 13.

Engineer Brian Guldan, with Bolton & Menk, Inc., Mankato, attended the meeting and provided updates on both items.

Regarding the water treatment plant, Guldan noted that the project was under budget $101,323.22. The council proceeded to approve a change order which reflected this savings.

The council also approved a final payment of $104,285.57 to DiMar Construction, for their work on the water treatment plant project. As noted by Guldan, DiMar Construction has provided the required closeout paperwork and completed the punchlist work items. They still have one current warranty item outstanding regarding seeding of the site. The seed has been purchased by DiMar and is being stored on city property with plans to seed in September.

Regarding the potential well sites, Guldan noted that Bolton & Menk, Inc. had developed a summary of potential well sites for the council to review. This information was based on the city's previous research and test well results.

Guldan went on to say the city obtains water primarily from one well. It also has two emergency backup wells. However, if the main well is out, the other two do not have the capacity to provide the city's needs.

Of the potential well site locations considered, Bolton & Menk eventually narrowed the list down to two, a decision based on cost and accessibility.

The total estimated cost for both well sites one and two is the same: $356,500. Guldan noted that the costs for a well and raw watermain work was included in the original overall project cost estimate for the water treatment improvements project.

After some discussion, the council voted to begin formal steps to construct a well on site two, located on the east side of Hwy 10. These steps include a survey site to confirm elevations and setback compliance; developing an easement/purchase agreement with landowners for well and watermain locations; securing MnDOT utility crossing permit; developing well construction plans; constructing the well; developing raw watermain connection plans; and constructing a raw watermain.

In other matters the council:

- APPROVED a request of RSBR Investments LLC to vacate a portion of the 20 ft. alley between Harrison and Curtis Streets on the east side of Hwy 10, contingent on their building a Dollar General Store as stated in their proposal. If they proceed as planned, the city will need a 25 ft. easement to the east of the building (running north and south) to access water and sewer.
- ACCEPTED a resolution supporting the hazard mitigation planning effort and adopting the Morrison County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- APPROVED having the Motley Fire Department enter fire trucks in the Motley June Fest Parade June 18. Prior to their vote, the council expressed concern that they had not received a written request from the fire chief about this matter, nor was he present at the meeting to verbally make a request. They will expect a written request for future parades.
- HEARD monthly report from Police Chief Ron Smith, who noted that the MPD received 120 calls for service during May. He also noted that he was called out from his home seven times.
- APPROVED a motion to have a public hearing regarding a potential street restoration project involving Cimmaron Dr., Postel Dr. and Lil St.
- HEARD from Bruce Brotherton, public works supervisor, that the grand opening celebration for the skate park went very well. Nearly 100 people attended. "Thanks for all of your support," Brotherton told the council.
- APPROVED having Brotherton take home a city vehicle at his discretion, just as the council previously approved Police Chief Smith taking home the second police vehicle.
- APPROVED donating $550 toward Motley Youth Swimming Lessons this summer at the Staples Community Center. In addition to lessons, children will be offered free bus rides to the community center.
- APPROVED a liquor license renewal for Y-Not Liquor.
- APPROVED a 3.2 on-sale liquor license for MC Ag Assn., pending a successful background check.
- DISCUSSED how to go about advertising for the clerk/treasurer position. Former clerk/treasurer Terri Smith's last day was June 10. Council member Al Yoder felt it would be helpful to have someone with expertise look at the job description first before they place an ad in the paper. Council member Amy Hutchison noted that Anna Gruber from National Joint Powers Alliance and David Drown Associates have been working on this. Mayor Nancy Nieken suggested setting a special meeting in the near future to address this situation.
- SET next regular Planning & Zoning Commission meeting for Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 p.m.
- SET the next regular council meeting for Monday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.