



Agriculture is looking up at the sky, down at the earth

Mixing technology with agriculture at the Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center Field Day Aug. 26, kids at the AgCentric technology trailer look up as a mini-drone launches from the table. With the help of Staples-Motley FFA students, the kids were able to hook up a circuit board to power the plastic drone. Real drone demonstrations showed how agriculture uses the machines to check fields and make farm work more efficient. Meanwhile, the kids at the next table were planting seeds and looking down into the cup of dirt they were bringing home. See more Field Day photos on page 9a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Dragons in our midst

A dragon was one of the entries in the Railroad Days parade on Aug. 27. See more Railroad Days photos on pages 7a, 9a and 10a. See England Prairie Pioneer Days photos on page 7a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

City budget depends on legislature

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen presented the 2017 capital improvement plan to the city council on Aug. 23, but any significant changes to the city budget will depend on whether the Minnesota State Legislature meets in a special session to pass a Local Government Aid (LGA) increase.

Looking farther into the future, plans for a new wastewater plant and a community center addition depends on whether that project is included on a future state bonding bill.

Nelsen said the LGA increase has already been agreed on, but the state

budget was vetoed so if the budget is not passed, the city will get about what they received this year.

Most items on the capital improvement plan are a continuation of equipment replacement and maintenance upkeep, or else dependent on grants. Nelsen said the street overlays and maintenance will be the same as 2017.

The council approved the capital improvement plan as presented.

In other budget news, Nelsen told the council that they will have a zero percent increase in health insurance. "That's a pretty big deal," he said, since some cities are seeing up to a 14 percent increase.

SEDA seeks builders for apartments

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher is looking for developers to build new apartments in Staples to meet some of the needs identified in a recent housing study.

At the Aug. 23 Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) meeting, Radermacher told the board that she is working with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and with developers out of St. Cloud to build market rate housing apartments. The market rate designation would help make the rents a little lower for renters, but they would not be able to use tax increment financing or tax abatements.

"The developers would be taking most of the risk, we would be able to help them out," said Radermacher.

Radermacher said she is also working with the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership to start an affordable housing apartment project.

A third apartment project for high-end housing is just in the beginning stages. Radermacher said there is a need for nice housing that has more amenities, such as a workout facility, outdoor decks or a coffee shop at the center. She said no developers are on board yet.

Board member Tim Rice, who is the Lakewood Health System CEO, said that Lakewood is looking at the need for high-end senior housing, although they are also just in the exploration stage.

Board member Chris Etzler suggested the two plans could work together, with seniors on the ground floor and the top levels for other high-end needs.

Radermacher said she is also starting to look into mixed-use housing, places with housing on the upper floors and retail shops on the ground floor.

Hello, Readers,

Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, labor unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty U.S. states officially celebrated Labor Day.

Public Notices

New Staples city ordinance: **8A**

Obituaries

Mark Cheney
Margaret Henrickson
Millie Howard
Ruth Thiel

Herges takes temporary job with Todd County

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

Lisa Herges may not be staying with Todd County for very long, but while she is here she hopes to be able to implement a review of the basic operations of the county and make some suggestions to the board about possible changes that could be made for a

smoother government.

Herges will be working in a part-time temporary role with the county for about three months. After that time, she will be moving on to Renville County and taking on the role there as county administrator in November. She will start working part-time for Renville County in about a month.

While with Todd County she will work in the human resources department filling the role of human resources director/county coordinator.

"This role has been empty for almost four years," said Herges speaking of the role of administrator specifically and more broadly as the role of

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Stracek and Leidenfrost represent Todd County seniors at State Fair

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

Rita Stracek, Browerville, and Frank Leidenfrost, Staples, are representing Todd County as Outstanding Senior Citizens at the Minnesota State Fair. They were named at the Todd County Fair in July.

The Minnesota Outstanding Senior Citizens will be named at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 1. Winners are chosen for their outstanding commitment to community service since reaching the age of 65.

Frank Leidenfrost

If you live in the Staples area, you are bound to know Frank Leidenfrost.

"I am honored and pleased that they saw fit to honor me. There are a lot of people who are deserving. This is a humbling thing, too. I don't do the things I do for recognition, but sometimes that happens anyway," said Frank.

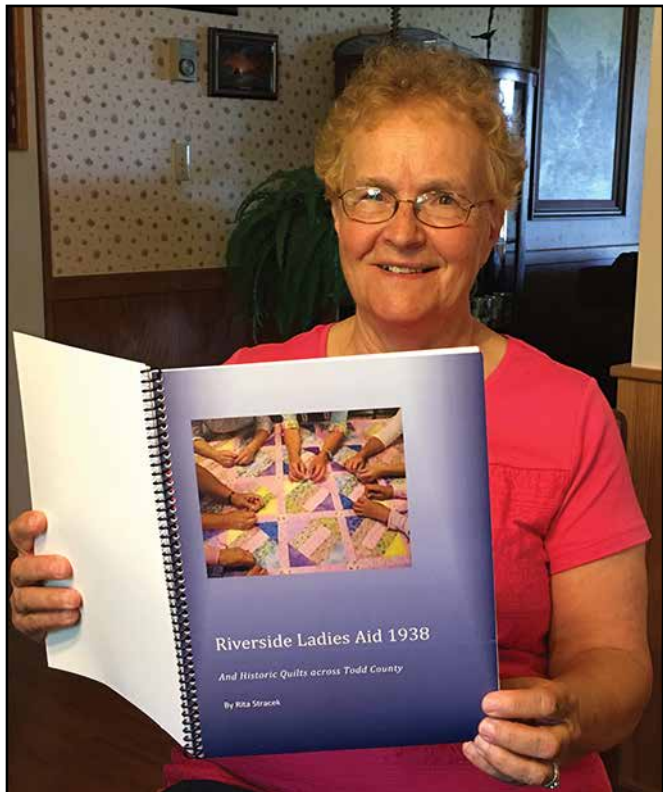
I didn't know him before the interview, but he is the

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Todd County Outstanding Senior Citizens

Frank Leidenfrost, left, of Staples, and Rita Stracek of Browerville are representing Todd County at the Minnesota State Fair as Outstanding Senior Citizens. Leidenfrost holds an award he received for his work with Lions Club International. Stracek holds a book she wrote about the Riverside Ladies Aid group and the quilts they created. (Staples World photos by Karin Nauber)



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More artwork goes up on barn quilt trail

Two more barn quilts were hung for the Central Minnesota Barn Quilt Trail Aug. 19, at Carmel Apple Orchard and the Joe and Judy Marte farm, both near Staples. There are 11 barn quilts now up that can be tracked at barnquiltsmn.org, with another three planned to go up in the future.

Above from left, are; Brady Erickson and Daryl Mattson of Todd Wadena Electric Cooperative, barn quilt organizer Lisa Kajer, FFA representative Zach Strickland and Carmel Apple Orchard owners Mary and Marty Radatz. Mary said she went through quilt patterns with local artist Pam Collins, while Marty chose the colors for the quilt pattern.

At right, Joe Marte, Kerry Lindgren and Molly Lindgren, Staples-Motley FFA join the quilt hanging crew in front of the Mexican Star quilt hung at the Marte farm at 43298 Quartz Rd. near Staples.

Both projects made possible by funding from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation and the work of the Staples-Motley FFA.



Staples Police report

Recent reports received by the Staples Police include:

Aug. 15; Staples Police attempted to locate a fleeing suspect on an ATV. Also responding was the Todd County Sheriff's Dept, Wadena County Sheriff's Dept and Motley Police Dept. Officers set up a perimeter near the intersection of 470th St and Starlight Rd. The suspect who fled was not located after fleeing into a large wooded area. The incident is still under investigation.

Aug. 16; Staples Police responded to a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy 10 and 14th St NE. A vehicle driven by Richard Wentworth of Staples attempted to cross Hwy 10 and struck a vehicle driven by Kyle Johnson of Henning roadside. No injuries were reported. There was major damage done to both vehicles.

Aug. 17; Staples Police received a report that a slide on the Sacred Heart School playground, on the 400 block of 4th St NE, had been damaged.

Aug. 17; Staples Police responded to Lakewood Health Systems Hospital for a domestic assault. After investigating the incident police arrested Marina Ivanchenko, 45, of Duluth, for domestic assault.

Aug. 19; Staples Police took a report of a theft of a motor vehicle from the 1400 block of 8th St. NE. Upon investigation, police arrested Richard Boatman Sr., 50, of Staples and transported him to the Wadena County Jail.

Aug. 19; Staples Police took a report of a missing adult. The man was later located on the Crow Wing River.

Aug. 20; Staples Police located vandalism done to the rock in Odden's Park.

Aug. 21; Staples Police responded to the 1400 block of 3rd St NE for a domestic dispute. Kevin Barthel, 48, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Aug. 22; at 1:41 a.m., Staples Police located three individuals spray painting a large rock in Odden's Park. Police cited all three individuals for damage to property.

Aug. 22; Staples Police received a call of an individual lying on the sidewalk next to Dollar General. Police located and identified the individual who said he was trying to hitchhike to California. Police spoke to the individual and advised him on the complaint.

Aug. 23; Staples Police, along with the fire department responded to the 400 block of 8th St NE for a report of smoke coming from a house. Police arrived and did not locate any smoke in the area. An area of

heavy smoke was then found in the 800 block of 2nd Ave NE. Police arrived and found a resident burning multiple prohibited materials. The fire department put out the fire and police cited the individual for burning prohibited materials.

Aug. 22; around 11:30 p.m., Staples Police observed a chair propped against a wall, on top of a cooler, on the west side of the high school. Police, along with a school employee searched the roof of the high school, but did not locate anyone. This incident is under investigation.

Aug. 23; Staples Police responded to Lakewood Health Systems for a report of a strange acting individual and refusing to leave. Police learned that the subject, Jeffrey Herner, 27, had a warrant out of Todd County for worthless checks. Police arrived and arrested Herner for the warrant and also charged him with fifth degree possession of methamphetamine, possession of hypodermic needles, fourth degree damage to property and theft. Herner was transported to the Todd County Jail.

Aug. 25; Staples Police responded to Lefty's Bar for a report of a theft of a purse. A male suspect on a darker colored BMX bicycle had stolen a purse from outside the bar and had left on the bicycle. The purse contained cash, miscellaneous items, a cell phone, and also a cell phone from another victim. Police were unable to locate the suspect. This incident is under investigation.

Aug. 26; Staples Police received a call of someone shooting bottle rockets in front of cars. Officers responded and identified the individual shooting the bottle rockets. The person was verbally warned not to do it again.

Aug. 27; Staples Police responded to the 800 block of Hwy 10 for a report of threats. After investigation Police arrested Anthony Guenther, 27, of Staples and charged him with fifth degree assault and disorderly conduct.

Aug. 28; Staples Police stopped to speak to an individual who was acting suspicious on the 500 block of 2nd Ave NE. After investigation, Chad Richer, 30, was arrested for second degree sale of a controlled substance, third degree possession of a controlled substance, fifth degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of burglary tools. Kathleen Olson, 29, was also arrested for fifth degree possession of a controlled substance. Both individuals were transported to the Todd County Jail.

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Volunteers help and educate others

kind of man - the kind of person - who anyone would be happy to call a friend. He has a light, jovial spirit and an endearing way of making you feel welcome and cared for.

He and his wife Amy both taught at the Staples-Motley High School beginning in 1966, when they moved to Staples.

"I grew up in Little Falls and Amy grew up in Menahga, so Staples was like a half-way point to our hometowns for both of us," he said.

Frank taught physical education and driver's education and an "occasional health class."

Amy started out teaching physical education and later went into business education.

Frank also coached the school's football team for several years.

"This has been a good community. It's been good to us so we give back when we can," said Frank.

Some of the ways that he gives back is through the Lions Club. He explained that there are actually two Lions Clubs in town and that both he and Amy have been very active in them since 1969, when Frank first joined.

Their service to the Lions Clubs has included each being district governors at some point as they were both involved with the organization at the district level as well as locally.

With 76 clubs in the district, it was a busy position.

"We did a lot of traveling. But there were fun parts to it, also," he said with a broad smile.

For example, when he was installed as district governor, the convention that year was in England, so he and Amy made the trip overseas.

When Amy was installed as district governor, the convention was in Australia.

"We wouldn't have had those opportunities had we not been involved with the Lions," said Frank.

He continues to be involved with the Lions and the Lions Club International Foundation.

Amy is involved with the Minnesota Diabetes Foundation through the Lions.

In addition to his service to the Lions Club, Frank, along with Amy help stock shelves at the area food shelf.

"We don't go on distribution days. We don't want people to feel we are judging anyone. We are glad we can do something," he said.

He and Amy have also been volunteer drivers when needed for Meals on Wheels for the past two to three years.

Frank serves on the board at the Staples High Rise, an income based housing facility in Staples.

He and Amy both help out at their church by serving as ushers.

Frank additionally just finished a six year term of serving on the Moorhead State Alumni Board.

"Outside of that, that's about all we do," said Frank with a smile.

"We're sometimes busier than we want to be, but we enjoy what we're doing. It's a good community and we've made good friends," added Frank.

Amy quipped, "And it beats getting up in the morning and wondering what we are going to do!"

One of the many recognitions that Frank has received over the years is the Melvin Jones Fellow award in 1993 for dedicated humanitarian services. This was from the Lions

Clubs International Foundation.

He can add to that the Outstanding Senior Citizen for Todd County title to his distinguished record.

Rita Stracek

"Since we are all blessed with special talents or gifts, I try to use them in a way to help other people and our community. Volunteering is a way of giving back to our community for all that has been given to us," said Rita Stracek, who was surprised and felt very grateful for the honor.

"I am happy I can be involved," she said.

She expressed her gratefulness to her husband Gary who was also selected as an outstanding senior citizen for Browerville along with Rita.

"One good thing about doing all this volunteer work is that you meet a lot of good people while doing it," commented Gary Stracek.

She is also thankful to her family who have supported her in doing all the volunteer work she has done over the years.

One volunteer job that she is especially proud of is her work with the Todd County Historical Society Grants Committee.

"I have written and been able to secure grants for the society and museum through Legacy Funding, Todd-Wadena Electric Co-op and Minnesota Power," she said.

Some of the things purchased with the grant funds include a new Microfilm reader to scan and read the microfilm of the five county newspapers from 1876-2012; a video camera to record oral histories.

Other grants helped pay for a new projector, computers and printers for the Todd County Museum.

"These grant awards enable visitors or persons contacting the great staff at the museum to either research for genealogy or county history and serve as a legacy for future generations," she said.

They're presently working on installing a new security system from grant money from Minnesota Power.

"I enjoy researching and helping coordinate bus trips - always something educational and fun - for the Todd County Historical Society," said Stracek.

A trip is planned in September which will include points of interest along the Mississippi River in both Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Todd County History Day was another project Stracek has helped with the last six years. It was held in various locations throughout the county showing different aspects of our county's history.

"It's a joint effort by the six historical societies of Todd County and the Great River Regional Library in Eagle Bend/Staples," she said.

Past themes have included: the Hewitt School and Preserving Historic Buildings; Century Farms; Creameries; the Civil War and the involvement of Todd County; Country Schools and Historical Quilts across Todd County including the Riverside Ladies Aid 1938.

"Each event offered Todd County residents an opportunity to learn about our history. As chairperson for the group in 2015, I researched information about the women who comprised the 46 members of the Riverside Ladies Aid 1938 by contacting relatives or people who knew about these women to tell about

their lives in the challenging days following the Depression," she said.

"Thanks to the persons who rescued those beautiful blocks and assembled them into the beautiful quilt we have today displayed in the Todd County Museum in Long Prairie," Stracek added.

She wrote a book about these early settler women which included pictures and stories and is available to read at the Todd County Museum.

That History Day was held at the Browerville Community Center and included displays of historic quilts from the six historical societies/museums with a story of each. A program was presented where people learned the history of the quilts, some over 100 years old and stories from the Riverside Ladies Aid 1938 relatives or friends who told about these women who so bravely lived through a challenging time period.

In the past year, Stracek and her husband have been trying to assist the Clarissa Community Museum organization in helping them reach their goal of adding on to the Clarissa Senior Center for their museum.

The original museum was condemned and torn down in 2014 and the artifacts are in storage until a new one can be built.

"It's so important for a community to share this history whether it's older residents or school children, so they can value the people who settled the area. Area residents are encouraged to support this cause so this history treasure can be shared in the future," she said.

In addition to her work with the museums, she also finds great reward in working with the women of St. Mary's Mission Group at St. Joseph's in Clarissa to make quilts for the missions both locally for people in need or in the larger St. Cloud Diocese or even worldwide.

"We are so fortunate to give back to our community to help people in need," said Stracek.

She also coordinates the Angel Tree Project at Christ the King Parish in Browerville.

"Each year, about a month before Christmas, I receive a list of items needed by less fortunate children and adults in our area. They are listed on an angel, placed on a Christmas tree for parishioners to take and purchase that gift. Last year we were able to help 52 persons have a better Christmas celebration from these gifts," she said.

Stracek also co-chairs the Christ the King Parish Life Committee in which they plan social events to give people an opportunity to visit and share time with one another.

Presently, she also shares her time and talents by serving on the Lakewood Health System Patient Advisory Committee where suggestions are given on how to better serve Lakewood patients.

"From 2007 to 2013 I served on the Todd-Wadena Electric 'Operation Roundup' Board where we discuss and determine which non-profits, schools, etc. in the Todd-Wadena Electric Co-op area receives grants from this fund to pursue their goals," she said.

"I used the opportunity to educate and lead the youth of our county by serving as an adult 4-H leader for 25 years. I was grateful for growing up in a 4-H family, helping our six children with their projects in 4-H and assisting county youth," she said.

While serving as a leader, she had the opportunity to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. through the State 4-H Food and Nutrition Committee.

Rita is now working on a genealogy for Gary and her family so their children can have that as a legacy.

"I am very grateful for my husband Gary and our beautiful family that have given me the opportunity to use my gifts," she said.

"What would our world be like without volunteers," asked Stracek.

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New high school staff

New staff at Staples-Motley High School for the 2016-17 school year include, from left, Dawn Paurus, science 8; Joy Rippentrop, CHS; Becky Tem-

plin, paraprofessional; Jon Crust, band; and Caleb Horn, choir. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



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Job is coordinator/human resources director

directing human resources. In addition to reviewing the day-to-day operations of the county, Herges also expects she will deal with any issues that arise. "Having that office empty can create issues, too. My goal is to leave things in an improved state," she said. Herges believes in continuous improvement because "nothing is ever perfect and never will be perfect and can just keep improving."

What is her immediate observation of the county? "There is a great group of employees who care about the community. I can say the same thing about the board. That's a huge thing for a county," she said. "There are a lot of long-term staff here who know the history of the county which is very important," she added. The county board has also been very vocal and encouraging of Herges to have her tell them her suggestions.

Herges is still working part-time at Mille Lacs County where she has served for the last 13 years. "I started out there as a part-time support person and then I began taking on more duties," she said. In 2008 she took the role of personnel director/assistant county administrator. "That was when Mille Lacs County first moved to an administrator structure," she said. Acting as a backup administrator was a part of her role. "Last year I served as an interim administrator for six months. That experience made me realize how much I enjoyed the administrator role over the human resources role," she said. Her personal view is that the top leadership needs to go through occasional changes because it can benefit the entity as well as the individual. She follows her own advice on constantly changing and improving, too. "I started playing piano a couple of years ago. When I was a child, I always

wanted to learn to play, but financially I was not able to. A couple of years ago I found a fabulous instructor at St. Cloud State," she said. Herges went out and found a used, old and extremely heavy piano which took two of her boys along with several others to get into her house. "I enjoy playing. I'm not

New district staff

The Staples-Motley School District has two new district-wide staff starting this school year, Carrin DeLong is District Nurse and Kevin Roline, Community Education Director. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



New elementary school staff

There will be several new faces at Staples-Motley Elementary School when the 2016-17 school year begins, including, front, from left, Mary Kempton, kindergarten; Cathy Evans, STEAM; Kim Berggren, paraprofessional; and

Jill Severin, special ed. Back, Jeremiah Piepkorn, special ed; Cory Asfeld, phy ed; Roseanne Rivers, School Readiness; and Hallie Bergeson, school social worker. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



New middle school staff

New staff at Motley-Staples Middle school this year include; front, from left, Sarah Newkirk, Grade 4; Robin Rothstein, special ed. and Jon Crust, band.

Back, Jeremy Rapp, social studies; Chris Halverson, Principal and Caleb Horn, choir. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Poultry Royalty

Molly Lindgren, Staples and Nathan Weckwerth, Dassel, were crowned the 2016 Poultry Princess and Prince, Aug. 28, at the Minnesota State Fair. Last year's royalty Katie Benson, Staples, at left; and Nathan Vonderharr, Cedar, at right, presented the capes and crowns. The scholarship program of Minnesota 4-H and Gold'n Plump® recognizes the industry knowledge, leadership and skills of Minnesota's up-and-coming poultry experts by awarding two teenagers with poultry ambassador titles and \$1,000 academic scholarships. Below, Lindgren and Benson are joined by the 2014 Poultry Princess Hayley Carlson, Motley. (Submitted photos)



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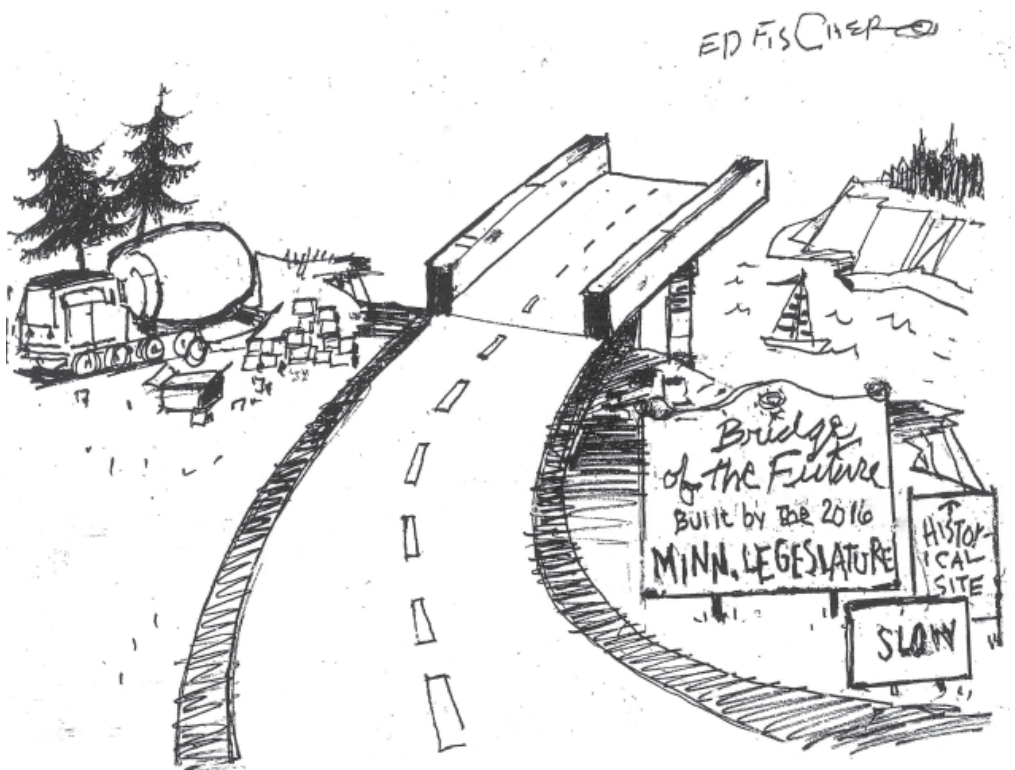
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Dawn Timbs, Ted Feyder & Gary Timbs	Mikko & Friends
7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 3, 2017	7:30 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 18, 2017
Centennial Auditorium, Staples	Centennial Auditorium, Staples
Singer/songwriters unite to offer an evening of folk, country and gospel music	Traditional Irish pub band
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After serving one year as your superintendent, I am more excited than ever about the terrific things that are happening in our communities and district, as well as our future.

I want to thank the communities of Staples and Motley. I have felt and appreciated a spirit of overwhelming support from almost everyone I have met. I am also grateful for the Staples-Motley staff. I am surrounded by such good people who are loyal and dedicated to their school, have a heart for our students and a sound work ethic that shines through each and every day.

This year our “Re-Start” program really begins. This program provides students an opportunity to get to know each other in kindergarten instead of sixth grade. Our teachers at each grade level will be all together to collaborate and plan an equitable, high-quality education for our students. We now have the pieces in place to work toward our 2020-21 vision: **“We are a community united to become the re-**

Staples-Motley Schools



By Mary Klamm
Supt.

gion’s school district of choice.”

In preparation for next week, bus routes for Staples-Motley School District have been set, and your bus driver either will be or will have already contacted you with estimated pickup and drop off times.

As promised, we will have paras riding the elementary shuttle bus from Motley as long as needed. One big adjustment we are excited about is the exchange in Staples will take place at the elementary front (east) parking lot. We have increased the size of the parking lot to accommodate buses. This change will ensure the safest possible exchange.

Parents who drop off and/or pick up their children will do so at the back of the school (west) parking lot. Norby Klimek, our transportation supervisor asked me to remind parents to make sure their address in Skyward is up-to-date. The better information Norby has to create the routes, the more efficient and accurate for students, bus driver and families.

We are looking forward to a great new school year!

It’s a great time to be a Cardinal!

Trump and Clinton show value of a free, independent press

By Gene Policinski

Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton may well be the best things that have happened to a free press in a long time.

“Best” not in terms of ratings, circulation, advertising or such, though some media will see a temporary bump up. And it’s certainly not because the pair are singing the news media’s praises. Far from it.

Trump finds time seemingly every day to slam the “corrupt, dishonest, media.” And Clinton hasn’t had a news conference in... well, several reporters covering her campaign said in recent days they have lost track after about 250 on how many days it’s been since she last sat for one.

Rather, “best” in that each of these polarizing candidates in their own way is providing their fellow Americans on a regular basis a reminder of the value of a free and independent press - perhaps just the concept, if you don’t particularly like the ones you see, hear or read at the moment.

Trump is the most vocal, and has drawn the most critical attention from journalists. No surprise. But he was and is the lesser known of the pair and still a mystifying collection of bluster, bombast, anger and angst, along with appeal to millions of voters. His propensity for drama would have been a lightning rod for news reporters in any era, let alone a time when news moves on the web at the speed of lightning - often prompted by the very verbal bolts Trump throws.

Meanwhile, Clinton’s leading publicists seem to range from Russian hackers to FBI investigators, as she and Democratic party leaders make regular headlines for what they wrote and read in private, now being made public, or the subject of a seemingly endless investigation.

Remember, I said both were good for a “free press.” Yes, there is the regular chant from many on both sides that reporters are biased, that coverage is inaccurate and that facts get twisted between the candidates’ lips and the ears and eyeballs of voters. And Trump’s hiring of a caustic media critic - Steve Bannon of Breitbart News - surely signals more collisions with the press reporting on the GOP campaign.

But even those chanting rely on the facts reported by the press they like - and sometimes even the press they don’t. And there’s now a new industry of fact-checkers and citizen bloggers to call out professional journalists when they get it wrong. Lately, there’s even the odd billionaire who spent a small fortune to bring to heel a website, Gawker.com, that amazingly managed to find the ultimate and unacceptable bottom part of the “news” industry that thrives on smut, innuendo and smarmy chatter.

If this is a campaign season like none before, and at least it is in modern memory, it’s a free and independent press that calls Trump, Clinton, their surrogates and each other to account.

When Clinton wrongly claimed that FBI director James Comey said she had

told the public a consistent and truthful story about classified email on her private server while secretary of state, it was journalists who chased the truth - and she recanted.

When Trump has made any number of claims, from personal wealth to policy positions, it’s a free press that has chased down reports, former statements, court documents - and particularly in Trump’s case - produced the video that we can all watch and judge for ourselves.

Tough for many to admit it, but we’re better off with the free press we have - as imperfect as it certainly is - than with just the political pabulum that campaigns would prefer to dish out, or the carefully crafted and shaped public-image moments each candidate’s teams are trying every day to stage-manage.

Worthy of note is that nearly three-fourths of adults in the last State of the First Amendment report, based on polling commissioned in May by the Newseum Institute’s First Amendment Center, said the press is biased when it reports the news.

We have so much “media” available today, from the rabid guard dogs around each candidate’s party or persona to the mainstream media reporters who still strive for that elusive journalistic holy grail of “objectivity.” Perhaps it’s tougher to cut through the incessant, 24/7 news stream, but many reporters and correspondents still are singing the Founders’ song, about an independent, irreverent, impolite press that asks the tough questions and raises the inconvenient fact.

Here’s a few facts about this year’s presidential race that are facts: For you online aficionados, it’s still the mainstream media that are doing the heavy lifting - checking claims, vetting developments and even providing much of the news that new-age ventures repackage and repeat. And for you mainstream types, it’s time to realize that by the time you show it or report it, we already know about it. What we need from you is more context, clarification and explanation.

There’s one more fact that we all need to keep in mind when thinking of the present and future of a free press. Neither candidate, if elected, is a “friend” to that core constitutional freedom. Each would place limits or remove legal protections for free expression in its most robust form, in the name of fighting terrorists or punishing unwelcome voices. But making those changes means a fight with the constitution, not just those who work in journalism.

At least, after decades of taking it on the collective chin from the economy, vast technological changes and news consumers who gobble the news for free, even as they criticize it, this year’s election season has shown again the value of having a free press every day, serving in our place to see and report the things we need to know.

In 1791, when the First Amendment and the rest of the Bill of Rights was ratified, even the most thoroughly partisan press in our nation’s history didn’t dissuade the Founders from seeing the value of those free voices to the democratic process.

Today, we should see no less value to an immensely better, more varied and more accessible set of voices - including our own through blogs, posts and comments - that collectively constitute “the press.”

Thanks in no small way to Donald and Hillary.

Gene Policinski is chief operating officer of the Newseum Institute and senior vice president of the Institute’s First Amendment Center.



Performers in the 4th Annual Little Red Caboose Variety Show

Letter to the Editor

Another success

On behalf of the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation I would like to thank all the performers, over 65 of them, who helped make our 4th Little Red Caboose Variety Show Aug. 25 at Centennial Auditorium, Staples, our most successful one yet. Thanks, too, to all the folks who took the time to

attend and support the performers. The community support for this show has been fantastic!

I would also like to thank Lisa Jenkins and Jayme Carlson for their unending help in putting together the show. It was not only fun to put together, it was fun to watch as both very new performers and more experienced performers delighted the audience.

Thanks to Kevin Olsen, Chris Etzler, Tom Birchacek and Cody Hanson for all the work behind the curtains to keep the show running.

All proceeds, after expenses, will go back to the Staples and Motley communities through grants from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation.

Finally, a big thank you to our local newspaper, the Staples

World and staff, all the businesses that sold tickets, the Staples Motley Chamber of Commerce and Lakeland Public Television. We couldn’t have done it without the partnership of all these folks!

See you next year!!

Ray Gildow, Variety Show Producer and Chair of the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation

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Mark Your Calendar

September 12

RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF MN (REAM) Mtg Mon., Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m., Staples City Hall. Program features Melissa Rademacher, Staples Economic Development Director.

September 15

STAPLES SENIOR CITIZENS Mtg/EVENING MEAL Thurs., Sept. 15, will NOT have a special speaker, as announced earlier. It will be rescheduled.

Educational Opportunities

September 12, 13

55+DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE Mon., Sept. 12 and Tues., Sept. 13, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. Eight-hr. course. For info., 1-888-234-1294.

MODERN SQUARE DANCING - WADENA WHIRLAWS will be held on Tuesdays, 7 - 9 p.m., beginning Sept. 13, at Lakewood Health System Care Center dining room, 401 Prairie Ave. NE, Staples. First lesson free. Wear casual clothing/comfortable shoes. For info., 218-894-1821 or 218-894-3946.

September 27

55+DRIVER IMPROVEMENT REFRESHER COURSE Tues., Sept. 27, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. For info., 1-888-234-1294.



Fearless Hogwarts students

The Page Turners, Tween/Teen book club met Aug. 23, at the Staples Library for a fun chamber meeting like in the Harry Potter book they had just finished reading. The Fearless Hogwart students have fun with friends at a feast in the Great Hall before embarking on their dangerous quest to find THE SORCERERS STONE! Gathered around the table

are from left; Andrew Bates, CJ Mrazek, Zach Strickland, Max Strickland, Dustin Converse, Samantha Mrazek, Colton Converse and Tahlia Craft. Join the group next month for fun activities and a book chat; Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. Stop at the library and pick up the next book. (Submitted photo)

'Ox Cart Angel' author to speak

Join author Joel Arnold at noon, Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Wadena County Historical Museum to learn more about his book "Ox Cart Angel."

Joel Arnold is the fourth in the Minnesota Voices series, a free noontime program that features book signings and interviews

with Minnesota writers. "Ox Cart Angel" is a novel set in 1862, that follows 13-year old Claire and her father as they set out on a journey from the Dakota Territory to St. Paul, hoping to catch up to a caravan of Metis fur traders.

The Wadena County Museum is currently dis-

playing a traveling exhibit called "Fur Trade in Minnesota," an interactive exhibit from the Minnesota Historical Society.

The museum, located at 603 Jefferson St. N, Wadena is open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For information call; 218 631-9079.

Short call sub teacher training set

Participants with a non-education bachelor's degree from an accredited college may apply for a limited short-call substitute teaching license.

Kris Mickelson will teach the workshop and brings over 25 years of experience in education as a classroom teacher, a substitute teacher and facilitator. She is a former NDSU Academic Coordinator.

Topics Include:

- The substitute teacher's role in the classroom and district.
- Basics of classroom management, in-

struction, and child development.

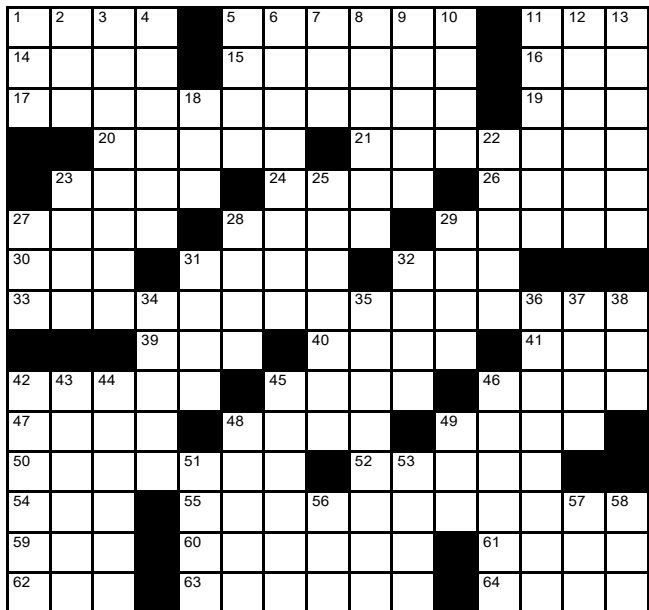
- Effective communication skills.
- Awareness of legal issues relating to students and your obligations.
- Support completing the Minnesota Department of Education application for limited short call substitute licensure.

National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) will host this two-day workshop Sept. 13-14, 2016. The fee includes lunch both days.

To register: www.NJPACoop.org/edregistration.

Crossword Puzzle

Provided by American Profile



"Beat the Heat"

Across
1 Back of the neck
5 French fries brand
11 Dressed (up)
14 Colorful cereal
15 Bulls' Rodman
16 "___ y Plata"
17 Way to beat the heat
#1
19 Eggs
20 Left-hand page
21 Intensifies
23 Not yours
24 Actor Sharif
26 "Here ___, there..."
("Old MacDonald" lyric)
27 Bewitched
28 Hotel visit
29 With 42-Across, way to beat the heat
#2
30 Potato feature
31 Cake section
32 "The Bells" poet
33 Way to beat the

heat #3

39 Clamor
41 Stage signal
42 See 29-Across
45 Blackens
46 Quitter's word
47 Certain something
48 Story
49 Balance parts
50 "That man has my purse!"
52 Critic Roger
54 March word
55 Way to beat the heat #4
59 Record label initials.
60 Genesis locale
61 "Casablanca" heroine
62 GOP hq.
63 Italian spice
64 Nevada county

Down

1 Math degree
2 "Exodus" role
3 Venomous snake
4 Full range
5 Keats creations

6 Started over, in a way

7 Ship's hdg.
8 Tomorrow
9 Kitchen gadget
10 Tennis great Arthur
11 Moolah
12 Like some patches
13 Makes out
18 Charlemagne's domain: Abbr.
22 (or), briefly
23 Request opening
25 Like some vows
27 Mens ___ (criminal intent)
28 Trig figure
29 Fella, in slang
31 ___ de force
32 Pontifical name
34 Bargain-basement
35 Like some garages
36 "Yeah, it shows"
37 Women in habits
38 Understand
42 Dryer's partner
43 Fall
44 Hot and humid
45 Gong
46 Actress Fisher
48 Royal band
49 Delt neighbor
51 Miami basketball team
53 Kind of test
56 Secretive org.
57 "Don't ___!"
58 Noted Warhol subject



Last Week's Answers
"FIREWORK EFFECTS"



Keep going.....

On lookers cheered for their favorite pedal puller during the Railroad Days

competition on Aug. 27. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

RR Days pedal pull results

Results of the Staples Railroad Days pedal pull held Aug. 27 included:

Age 3: first - Camdyn Klebs, Alexandria, 9' 5"; second - Everett Allen, Browerville, 2' 7"; third - Jaya Heier, Little Falls, 2' 5" (do not go to state; just for fun)

Age 4: first - Matthew Jewison, Staples, 5' 3"; second - Cayden Dickman, Staples, 4' 10"; third - Levi Mumm, Staples, 2' 7"

Age 5: first - Jacob Reck, Staples, 8' 6"; second - Jayden Rogers, Staples, 6' 5"; third - Millinda DeWald, Staples, 6'

Age 6: first - Colton Johnson, Sebeka, 36' Full Pull; second - Carsen Sweeney, Staples, 30'; third - An-

drew Black, Staples, 27' 7"

Age 7: first - Joey Ope- lia, Hewitt, 34' 4"; second - Tay Heier, Little Falls, 22' 2"; third - Carson DeWald, Staples, 19' 10"

Age 8: first - Britta Sweeney, Staples, 24' 10"; second place - Daniel Zimmerman, Motley, 19'; third place - Joey Knosalla, Staples, 16' 4"

Age 9: first - Steven Petrich, Staples, 34' 9"; second - Payton Allen, Staples, 22' 7"; third - James Hanson, Ironton, 17' 10"

Age 10: first - Jakob Knosalla, Staples, 19' 1"; second - Vincent Contre- ras, Staples, 16' 10"; third - Keller Anderson, Staples, 16' 2"

Age 11: first - Evan Al- len, Browerville, 18' 4"; second - Topanga Braith, Staples, 15' 6"; third - Ellie Dukowitz, Staples, 8' 4"

A total of 67 children participated in the Pedal Tractor Pull at the Staples Railroad Days. First, second and third place winners have the opportunity to compete at the state tournament on Sept. 10, in Hutchinson.

This year's 'Dr. Pepper helpers' at the event were Hannah Christle and Topanga Braith. Both received CT Pedal Caps for their service. Staples Ace Hardware sponsored CT Pedal Pulls, Bob and Marge, of Motley.

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Staples High School Class of 1966 50th reunion

Staples High School Class of 1966 held their 50th class reunion Aug. 26, at Ted & Gen's in Aldrich. Pictured, front row from left: Stephen Pogreba, Staples; Judy Hittle, Motley; Sharon Messer Meyerring, Coon Rapids; Teresa Mumm Peterson, Lindstrom; Carol Hanson Anderson, Rogers; Karen Wert Herzog, Greybull, Wyo.; Ron Hreha, Staples; Eloise Tyrrell Thorson, Staples; Douglas Johnson, Bemidji; Margaret Adamietz Tepley, Motley. Middle: Linda Coliani Johnson, New Brighton; Renee Larson Olds, Staples; Mary Lubke Wilson, Clearwater; Jani Friedli Joiner, Las Vegas, Nev.; Rick Odden, Staples; Arlee Pavlacky

Dailey, Wadena; Kathryn Lenk Carruth, Savage; Sheila Sumey Rutten, Sauk Centre; Jan Peterson, Staples; Judy Herman Halverson, Staples; Bonnie Chilberg Thoele, Staples; Terry Stevens Boldra, Gentry, Ark.; Joe Ewings, Plymouth; Martin Etzler, Staples; Ralph Judd, Staples. Back: Bill Kennedy, Costa Rica; Pat Cline, Shoreview; Royall Sams, Broken Arrow, Okla.; Sonny Pavlacky, Brainerd; Rodney DeGeest, Everett, Wash.; Mary Foster Vogel, Staples; Terry Hokenson, Minneapolis; Barb Pribbenow Dahl, Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Patricia Pryor of Randall, a baby girl, Faith Trinity weighing seven pounds, five ounces on August 17, 2016.

Born to Anthony and Elizabeth Wagner of Long Prairie, a baby boy, George Ambrose weighing five pounds, five ounces on August 18, 2016.

Born to Jonathan and Adeline Decker of Motley, a baby boy, Ethan Joseph weighing eight pounds, three ounces on August 19, 2016.

Born to Max and Cassandra Simoneau of Staples, a baby boy, Dakota Daniel weighing seven pounds, two ounces on August 19, 2016.

Born to Carolyn Hince and Ryan Conner of Brainerd, a baby girl, Evangeline Charlotte Cheri weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on August 22, 2016.

Born to Nicole Adamietz and Jake Zellgert of Browerville, a baby boy, Lane Lester weighing nine pounds on August 23, 2016.

Born to Corbin and Cherish Sullivan-Velarde of Wadena, a baby boy, Brysen Clem weighing seven pounds, five ounces on August 24, 2016.

Born to Josh and Rachel Peterson of Wadena, a baby boy, Sawyer Michael weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on August 25, 2016.

Born to Katelyn Hanson and Trevor Truax of Sebeka a baby boy, Royce Truax weighing eight pounds on August 25, 2016 at Tri-County Health Care hospital in Wadena. Proud brother is Mayvin.

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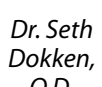
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Obituaries



Mark Cheney

Mark Douglas Cheney, 52 of Madison Lake, died August 27, 2016 in Elysian.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. September 2 at the Janesville United Methodist Church with Rev. Kathy King officiating.

Interment will be at Westford Cemetery in Truman at a later date.

Arrangements are with Dennis Funeral & Cremation Services, Waterville.

Mark was born, June 8, 1964 to Frank and Geraldine (Wildes) Cheney in Fairmont. He attended school in Truman, where he was active in wrestling and football. After graduating in 1982, he attended Jackson Vocational School where he studied auto body repair. He worked at Jerry's Auto Body in Mankato for many years before he opened Chunk's (his nickname) Bait Shop in Elysian, and then opened his own body shop, Chunk's Auto Body in rural Madison Lake. Mark was married to Judy Weintert for several years.

He was an avid hunter and master fisherman. As his health declined, he perfected his cooking and grilling skills, with many family and friends reaping the benefits of his smoked turkeys at holiday time. Family and friends were very precious to him. He enjoyed being a part of his kids' lives and sharing in their achievements.

Mark is survived by his mother, Gerry Cheney of Cambridge; two daughters, Casey (Tracey) Robinson of St. Charles and Ashley Robinson of Mankato; one son, Zach (fiancé Ashley Bresser) Cheney of Elysian; seven grandchildren; one sister, Sandy (Bruce) Paskewitz and family of Browerville; many cousins and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and father.

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Millie Howard

Millie S. Howard, 80, of Staples passed away unexpectedly at her home on August 28, 2016.

A memorial service will be held Friday, September 2 at 1:00 p.m. at the Staples United Methodist Church with Pastor Bob Ford officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the church. A luncheon will follow the service, also at the church.

Arrangements are with the Taylor Funeral and Cremation Care, Staples.

Millie was born in Pennington County on December 9, 1935 to Sam and Anna (Gunderson) Peterson.

She was an active member of the Staples United Methodist Church and will be remembered for her work as a Girl Scout Leader and a Den Mother. Millie spent many hours cooking, sewing for family and especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed going to and having garage sales.

She is survived by two sons, Jerry and Robert Howard, both of Oklee; two daughters, Donna Howard of Chanhassen and Nancy (Mike) Bickford of Coon Rapids; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Lydia Skarsten; one sister-in-law, Eileen Woell; two brothers-in-law, Don Snyder and Dwight (Stella) Howard.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dale; one son, Al; one sister, Gladys Snyder; one brother, Alvin Peterson; three brothers-in-law, Duane (Lavonne) Howard, Bob Skarsten, Melvin Woell; two sisters-in-law, Ila (Clarey) Eliason, Ina (Marvin) Burman.

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Margaret Henrickson

Margaret Hulda (Peterson) Henrickson, of Staples, died August 25, 2016 at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples, on her 91st birthday.

Services for were held August 29, 2016 at the Staples Alliance Church with Chaplain Daryl Jacobson officiating.

Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Margaret was born August 25, 1925 in Kingston to Oscar and Hulda (Luoma) Peterson. She attended school in Kingston and graduated from high school in 1943. She married Bill Henrickson on March 14, 1945 in San Diego, Calif. They lived most of their life in Richfield.

Margaret is survived by two daughters, Diane (Wes) Budke and Denise (Glenn) Gono; two sons, Jerry (Debbie) Henrickson and Gregg (Peggy) Henrickson; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Larson and Marlene Ahlm; one brother, Roger Peterson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three brothers, Alden, Arnold and Wilbert and three sisters, Lorraine, Margie and Estella.

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SHS Class of 1981 reunites at B&B's

Members of the Staples High School Class of 1981 reunited during Railroad Days at B&B's bar in Staples Aug. 27. Pictured above, front row: Butch Cleveland, Staples, who owns the bar, along with his wife Brenda. Row 2: Pam Otteson, Big Lake; Peggy Hess Johnson, St. Cloud; Neil Jennissen, Isanti; Cheri Westin Swenson, Coon Rapids. Row 3: Francis Adamietz, Verndale; Carol Jambor John, Isanti; Lynda Koplin Manselle, Kandiyohi; Ed Odden, Apple Valley; Nancy Miller Johnson, Browerville; Donald Heldman, Staples; Susie Roberts, Sartell; Jayne Germann

Olson, Staples; Darrell Hoemberg, Bertha. Back row: Chuck Martin, Brainerd; Tom Olson, Staples; Arlen Mack, Staples; Dan Meyer, Brainerd; Janet Hoemberg Sanda, Apple Valley; Chad Longbella, Staples. Class members present, but not pictured, included Dale Stoll, Steve Ziegler, Linda McGillivray, Doreen Koppes Nelson, Scott Nelson. On Aug. 26, members of the class met at Roundhouse Brewery in Brainerd, owned by classmates Dan Meyer, Chuck Martin, both 1981 graduates; and Mark Lelwica, 1989 grad. (Staples World photo by Dawn Schimpp Timbs, 1981 SHS grad)

Much Appreciated

The Railroad Day's Gospel Concert by Kayla Bailey and her three piece band from Chicago performed Saturday evening at Centennial Auditorium. We were very blessed by her music and message. We would love to see more of this kind of music come to town.

Thank you, Staples Motley Area Chamber and the Staples Ministerial Association for bringing this great music to town.

Russ and Deb Jordan
Staples, Minn.

Lakewood Health System to offer Midwifery

Starting Thursday, Sept. 29, Susan Corbett, certified nurse midwife, will be seeing patients at Lakewood Health System's Browerville clinic, located at 30535 241st Ave., Browerville.

Corbett will be providing primary and pregnancy care for women, which includes; annual physicals, PAP smears, general health concerns and the treatment of yeast and urinary tract infections.

Originally from Topeka, Kan., Corbett completed her undergraduate work at Graceland University; and received her master's



Susan Corbett

and certification in midwifery from the Midwifery Institute at Philadelphia College. She is a member of the American College of Nurse Midwives and the American Congress of

Obstetrics and Gynecology.

As a certified nurse midwife, Corbett has special interests in high and low risk pregnancies, primary and obstetric care for women ages 10 - 70, bladder support, hormone replacement therapy, depression and all methods of birth control.

To schedule an appointment call 218-894-8381.

Care Center

September birthdays at the Lakewood Health System Care Center are:

Dennis Hall, Sept. 5; Claudia Engdahl, Sept. 8; Beatrice Olson, Sept. 16; Florence Hallstrom, Sept. 17; Fern Blanchard, Sept. 21; Barlaam Cole, Sept. 25.

Care Center activities:

Thurs., Sept. 1: 10 a.m. Bible study, Pastor Crocker; 2 p.m. Birthday Party, Trinity Lutheran

Fri., Sept. 2: 9:45 a.m. Cappuccino time

Sat., Sept. 3: 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge

50th Anniversary

Open House for Lyle and Gail Fleisher Sat., Sept. 17, 2016 1 - 4 p.m. Verndale Community Center

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When someone we love becomes a memory; that memory becomes a treasure.



King and Queen

Marie and Jack Bristlin of Staples were this year's Royal Couple of England Prairie in the parade during Pioneer Days Aug. 26-28. (Staples World photo by Karin Nauber)



People gathered to watch the threshing demonstration during the 37th Annual Pioneer Days at England Prairie Aug. 27. Below, Phil Skolte of Eagle Bend took first place in the 3,500 weight

class for the antique tractor pull with a pull of 233.93. He is one of the oldest participants still active in the England Prairie pulls. (Staples World photos by Karin Nauber)



Arts and crafts

Above left, Darllys Hamberg, Staples, examined one of the creations shown by Linda Jeske, Browerville, during Pioneer Days at England Prairie Aug. 26-28. An exhibit of art pieces by Pam Collins, Staples, was also on display. Darllys and her husband Jon helped children build their own birdhouses to take home. Right, Don Nauber of Clarissa watched as Al Jeske of Browerville demonstrated his working steam engine replica while youngster Terry Barth of Hewitt "chopped" the wood. The engine actually uses alcohol as fuel to heat the water which creates the steam which makes the engine work. (Staples World photos by Karin Nauber)



Railroad Days 5K Dash top finishers

The top 20 finishers in the Railroad Days 5K Dash for Kinship Partners, held Aug. 27, are;
Top 20 men:
Kenny Miller, Wadena, 16:03; Jeff Thompson, Staples 18:30; Taylor Johnson, Waite Park, 18:43; Paul Gorton, St. Paul, 18:45; Eric Januszewski, Staples 19:17; Shawn Kittridge, St. Cloud 19:31; Michael Gilhoi, Sauk Rapids 19:50; Wesley Delong, Motley 19:55; Andrew Moore, Chicago 21:08; Tyler Johnson, Motley 21:18; Ryan Johnson, Staples, 21:18; Zack Jennissen, Foley 21:27; Derek Dickey, Staples, 22:17; Sam Jennissen, Staples 22:28; TJ Rutten, Staples 22:36; Isaiah Schultz, Staples 22:48; Michael Anderson, Baxter 22:51; Brett Bayerkohler, Buffalo, 23:32; Lynn Jennissen, Foley, 23:35;

Max Giza, Staples 24:25
Top 20 women:
Jessica Miller, Wadena 22:20; Megan Ahlers, Stillwater 22:37; Staci Schultz, Staples 23:30; Deja Anton, Browerville 24:41; Mandie Braith, Staples, 25:21; Shannon Hogan, Park Rapids, 25:38; Aften Robinson, Staples 25:50; Ellen Tabatt, Browerville, 26:01; Megan Collins, Chicago 26:07; Sarah Koopmann, Motley 27:18; Jacque Doll, Staples 27:38; Teresa Schmitz, Baxter 27:54; Katrina Pauling, Lakefield 28:19; Melissa Soule, Staples 28:24; JJ Larson, Staples 29:09; Amy Rutten, Staples 29:11; Jacquelyn Goff, Motley 29:36; Peggy Jensen, Brainerd 29:43; Lisa Giza, Staples 29:44; Marcia Johnson, Howard Lake 29:45
Full results can be found at: railroaddaysdash.com



Going down the road together

The Railroad Days Dash 5K for Kinship Partners had a varied cast of competitors for the Aug. 27 race, with runners, walkers, kids, adults, senior

citizens, dogs and babies all taking part in the event, creating some interesting sights along the course. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Free to run.....

Kids were free to run fast and have fun at the Railroad Days Junior Dash on Aug. 27. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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): Jonathan W. Gerdes and Pam Gerdes, husband and wife
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$119,047.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 28, 2010

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on February 8, 2010 as Document Number 466724 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: \$105,139.72

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 19, Township 133 North, Range 34 West of the 5th P.M., according to the United States Government Survey thereof, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4; thence East along the South line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 196.17 feet; thence North and parallel with the West line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 552.83 feet to the point of beginning; thence West and parallel with the South line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 552.83 feet; thence South and parallel with the West line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of

457 feet to the South line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4; thence East along the South line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 575.33 feet; thence North and parallel with the West line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 220.25 feet; thence Northwesterly approximately 237.82 feet to the point of beginning. Together with an easement for ingress and egress over the South 33 feet of the West 196.17 feet of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 19, Township 133 North, Range 34 West of the 5th P.M., Todd County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 16596 470TH STREET, VERNDALE, MN 56481-3131

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 01-0020000

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 01-0020000

TRANSACT ION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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: September 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota 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 March 22, 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: July 29, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/ Rebecca F Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. *Curt N. Trisko, Esq.* Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (16-0903-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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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.....9:30 a.m.
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
.....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 Bob Ford
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

Balsamund 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.bethanylutheran.cushing.com.
Rev. Jean M. Megarden
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
Pastor Bob Ford
www.motleyumc.org
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cry. 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 School.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

First Baptist

903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Skip Hansen
218-746-3768
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Children's Church.....9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group.....5:45 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. 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 Classes.....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 Life.....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
Children's 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.

“Men, Hear the Cries and Confusion of the Children”

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Think with me about the place of precision and design in the world of our work. Take any occupation. There are skills and boundaries that we are continually working with. They are good. “Putting the hand to the grindstone” is both a responsibility and a privilege that is entrusted to us.

We have all had jobs that weren't the most fun. But, it put food on the table and paid some bills. We've all been there. We likely have also had jobs that we would rather not have had, but we hung in there, not quitting, until we truly were set for the next job. All of that is good. As Dr. Del Tackett in “The Truth Project” says it so well, “we've been created to create.” At the end of the day with a job well done, we find appropriate satisfaction. Work with a purpose (better yet, with a God-purpose) is deeply ingrained in the way God has designed reality.

Purpose comes with recognizing the living truth of Psalm 24:1 (TNIV) which says, “The earth is the Lord's and everything that is in it, the world, and all who live in it.” When ownership is established, then life perspective and purpose can be engaged. I Corinthians 6:19b-20 (TNIV) says, ‘You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.’

In the book, “The Hidden Value of A Man” by Gary Smalley and John Trent, they paint the picture of every man having two swords. The Silver Sword is our “work and projects” sword. It is tragic when a man only is familiar with this sword. The other sword... the gold one... is the sword of our relationships. Men, the examples of our struggles with the gold sword

in our present culture are too numerous to mention among the growing violence and sexual irresponsibility of some men. Literally, “thank God” for you men who understand and have taken up - by choice - both the responsible silver sword of work and the gold sword of relationships. You have a double responsibility both to yourself and those men who are desperately struggling to pick up both swords. We need a new movement of mentors after the model of Adult and Teen Challenge.

Three more Bible camps have been experienced this summer. This included three more sets of children's stories [one girl, weeping] of being on the receiving end of “NOT being valued... even abused.” The stories continue to increase about confusion with the “family ” structures where they are trying to find the meaning of their childhood in. One boy, trying to explain his family in the midst of divorces, remarriages and live-in boyfriends ended mid-sentence with, “Never mind. It's just too confusing.”

Men, culture is trying to clear the way in casting off moral restraint and life boundaries and it is ending up traumatizing our children (recently, agonizingly killing one in our area).

Gentlemen, the above words are to me first. In all of our brokenness, we can go deeper in the One Who both made us and died for us. Jesus has paid for our sin. We can turn our lives over to Him and have a newness and hope that is life-giving in contrast to the Deceiver's well packaged lies.

Rise Up, O Men of God! This country needs a spiritual revival in **men** that will bring a life giving domino effect!

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Central Building Supply

Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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Staples, MN 218-894-1775

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank

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Motley and Pillager

Staples World

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218-894-1112

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Staples, MN 218-894-3299

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Open 7 days a week
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

EARLY DEADLINES

Due to the Labor Day Holiday the deadline for the Sept. 8 Staples World is

Friday, Sept. 2 at 5 p.m.

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Free concert at Lincoln Park



The Wayne Renn Band, along with several guest musicians, performed at Lincoln Park in Staples Aug. 28, during Railroad Days. Pictured above, from left, are Lyla Renn-Martin on bass guitar; Brylee Martin, Wayne Renn's two-year-old granddaughter; John Olson, on drums; Wayne Renn on guitar; and Laura Busch on keyboard. Pictured at left, singer/songwriter Kaylee Tietz, Staples, performs a song that will be featured on an upcoming CD recording of which proceeds will go towards the Alcoholics Anonymous organization. Accompanying her on drums is Ted Alvord of Foley, the organizer of the project. Ted Alvord and his brother Judd Alvord also performed some classic blues tunes at the concert. A crowd of all ages enjoyed the music in the park. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Little Red Caboose Variety Show

The audience at the Little Red Caboose Variety Show Aug. 25 at Centennial Auditorium enjoyed singing, dancing and comedic interpretation from "Sound of Music" to Leslie Gore and everything in between. Above, the Judd children wowed the crowd with "So Long-Farewell" from "Sound of Music. From left are Griffin, Connor, Macy and Ella.

Below, the Little Moran River Band ended the show with a medley of Leslie Gore tunes highlighted by Debbie Otteson's strong voice. With her, from left, are Mike Blessing, Ray Gildow, Rick Brichacek and Phil Solem.

(Staples World photos by Brenda Halvorson)



Drone over the moon

As part of the CLC Ag and Energy Center's field day, the drone demonstration included a fly-by of the moon. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Student run garden

Staples-Motley FFA member Zach Strickland, left, explains the hoop house garden on the CLC campus during the local foods tour on Aug. 26.



Water world

The Staples-Motley swim team's float in the Railroad Days parade featured a mermaid to go with all the swimmers. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Hazelnuts anyone.....

The local foods tour at the CLC Ag and Energy Center field day, Aug. 26 included a stop at the hazelnut grove, where Lois Braun talked about the local

experiments at CLC. Other stops on the tour included the blueberry bush patch. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Cartwheels for education

The Sacred Heart Area School parade entry featured students cartwheeling along the parade route. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Ice cream tour of the garden

People attending the Living Legacy Gardens ice cream social enjoyed their

treats as they toured the garden. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Railroad Days photos available to order at: staplesworld.dotphoto.com Color; B&W; class reunions, more

Staples World





Judge's Choice award

Winners of the Judge's Choice in the Railroad Days Chili Cook-Off was Staples True Value with their chainsaw-stirred chili. Pictured from left are Chad Miller, Chris Etzler, Jayne Olson and Joe Fellman.



People's Choice award

The Staples Rotary team won the People's Choice award for their chili during RR Days. Team members included from left, John Kopp, Jim Vogel, Marv Rothstein, Jerel Nelsen, Al Kolling, Jim Hofer and Bob Hamann.



LAPS takes 'Best Theme'

The railroad themed attire of the Lakes Area Pregnancy Support team was voted number one by the judges. Team members were, from left, Launette Tisdale, Barbara Brown, Michael Sickels and Lisa Boie.



Car show fans come out to take a look

A steady stream of visitors flowed through the Rev Your Engines car show on Aug. 27. Check next week's

Staples world for a list of the trophy winners. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Checking it out

Doug Grossman, Staples gets a closer look at one of the cars at the Aug. 27 car show. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Variety of cars at Twisted Sisters

The Twisted Sisters car show on Aug. 26 drew an interesting mix of cars, trucks and people. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Street s'mores cookout

A new booth concept at Railroad Days. The Staples-Motley volleyball team had people cook their own s'mores. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Here with you
when
minutes
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A photograph of an elderly man with glasses and a cap, smiling and holding a golf club. He is standing outdoors in front of a white building and some trees.

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Staples Sings! success

Macy Judd throws her hair and her voice into the wind during the Staples Sings! contest Aug. 27. Judd placed first, with Abby Edin, (below) second in the competition. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





Volleyball starts season at tourney

The Staples-Motley volleyball team picked up a win in the Royals Invite in Pierz, Aug. 26.

The Cardinals lost their first game to Royalton, 12-25, 23-25, split against East Central 19-25, 25-18 and picked up a win with more total points. The team lost to St. Cloud Cathedral 13-25, 11-25.

In the final round, the Cards took Foley to the limit, in the first game 30-28, dropping the second 16-25 and falling short in the third set 11-15.

Cumulative stats:

Mardi Opheim (RH): Digs - 24, Set assists - 6, Kills - 10, Blocks-1

Mackenzie Zetah (MH): ace serves - 6, digs - 22, set assists - 2, kills - 8, blocks - 4

Ashley Vasquez (OH): digs - 2, kills - 7

Chelsea Nanik (LI): ace serves - 2, digs - 52, set assists - 8, kills - 4

Paige Kittelson (OH): ace serves - 5, digs - 6, set assists - 1, kills - 14

Alex Davis (MH): digs - 13, set assists - 5, kills - 9, blocks - 4

Camryn Banaka (S): ace serves - 2, digs - 15, set assists - 26, kills - 4

Tennis team brings trophy back

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team took back the traveling trophy for the Highway 10 tournament Aug. 24, where doubles matches were played in Staples and singles matches were played in Wadena. The team played three competitive matches on Aug. 27, losing to Brainerd, Princeton and Minnewaska.

At the Highway 10 meet, Izabella Edin, Kelsi Peterson and the doubles team of Lexi Johnson/Claire Wolhowe all placed first helping the Cards win the eight team tournament.

“Everyone was excited to win our home tournament, it’s been a while,” said Coach Kayla Janson.

Johnson and Wolhowe won all their matches in straight sets.

“They played very well, They move well on the court and set up the point to close in, then put it away at the net,” said Coach Kayla Janson.

Edin and Peterson also won their titles in straight sets for all three matches.

At number two doubles, Katie Benson and Kelsie Weite came just a few points short of first place, losing the first set of the championship match in a

tiebreaker, 8-6, and dropping the second set 6-4.

“I am pleased with how our team is playing in the start of the season,” said Janson. “The girls are very close. Our team does a lot of team dinners and activities together outside of tennis. It’s really nice to see a team care as much as they do.”

Team results

Highway 10 Invitational
Team scores: Staples-Motley 47, Osakis 44, Rocori 36, Crookston 35, Stewartville 30, Perham 23, Wadena-DC 21, Detroit Lakes 16.

#1 singles - I. Edin, 1st (3-0)

#2 singles - A. Smith, 6th, 1-2

#3 singles - K. Peterson, 1st, 3-0

#4 singles - S. Schimpp, 2nd, 2-1

#1 doubles - L. Johnson/C. Wol-

howe, 1st, 3-0

#2 doubles - K. Benson/K.

Weite, 2nd, 2-1

#3 doubles - B. Williams/H.

Dietman/A. Wilgohs, 3rd, 2-1

Brainerd quad

Staples Motley 1, Brainerd 6

Singles: Edin W 6-0, 6-2; Smith

L 1-6, 0-6; Peterson L 6-1, 6-7 (1-7),

(1-7); Schimpp L 1-6, 1-6

Doubles: Wolhowe/Johnson L

2-6, 1-6; Weite/Williams L 0-6, 1-6;

Willgohs/Dietman L 1-6, 0-6

Staples Motley 2, Princeton 5

Singles: Edin W 6-0, 6-0; Smith

L 1-6, 1-6; Peterson W 6-3, 3-6, (7-5);

Schimpp L 1-6, 1-6

Doubles: Johnson/Wolhowe L

2-6, 3-6; Weite/Williams L 4-6, 2-6;

Willgohs/Dietman L 3-6, 3-6

S-M 3, Minnewaska 4

Singles: Edin W 6-3, 6-1; Smith L

1-6, 2-6; Peterson L 1-6, 2-6; Schimpp

W 6-2, 7-6 (7-2)

Doubles: Johnson/Wolhowe L

6-7 (7-9), 1-6; Weite/Williams W 6-3,

6-4; Willgohs/Dietman 1-6, 2-6



Skill shot

Kelsie Weite returns a shot during the doubles tournament on Aug. 24. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Baseline hit

Katie Benson powers a backhand during the doubles tournament on Aug. 24. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Young runners close to the front

The Staples-Motley cross country teams opened their season at a meet in Menahga on Aug. 19. Both teams finished fourth and both were led by eighth grade runners. Kira Sweeney placed second in the girls race and Emmet Anderson was sixth for the boys.

Team results

Girls varsity

Team scores: United North Central 59, Buffalo 68, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 89, Staples-Motley 94, Park Rapids 98, Detroit Lakes 160, Ottertail Central 164, Wadena-Deer Creek 187, Deer River/Northland 226

2. Kira Sweeney 20:53, 12. Addison Lorber 23:20, 14. Amara Chenoweth 23:35, Taylor Yungbauer 25:25, 44. Mikayla Sauber 26:55, 49. Kaitlyn Smith 27:14, 58. Jorie Ihme 29:00, 69. Madysen Hull 30:05

JV/junior high girls

20. Abby Brown 28:48, 33. Julia Trantina 31:47

Boys varsity

Team scores: Buffalo 53, Detroit Lakes 66, Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop 72, Staples-Motley 171, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 175, Park Rapids 179, United North Central 205,

6. Emmet Anderson 18:22, 27. Ben Bartczak 19:33, 41. Hunter Klimek 20:29, 48. Jack Tyrrell 20:44, 49. Tanner Robben 20:46, 56. Coleman Klimek 21:32, 57. Nicholas Tabatt 21:36, 84. Bentley Christensen 23:46,

93. Brayden Christensen 24:45
JV/junior high boys
8. Cael Sams 21:05, 19. Alex Vernon 22:05, 26. Trenton Plopper 22:54, 27. Isaac Christofersen 22:55, 28. Jacob Schmitz 23:01, 39. Austin Johnson 24:26, 66. Jack Benson 28:32



On pace

Tanner Robben finished in the fifth varsity spot on the Cardinal boys team.

Autumn up north doesn't wait for the calendar

This is the week that turns the page. At least that's how many of us see it. Autumn does not officially begin until September 22, the date when the sun's arc across the sky has slipped southward to a path that will take it across the equator. But that technicality does not necessarily square with the observations and the senses of those who experience the seasonal realities at our latitude well north of that equatorial line.

Some of the seasonal changes have nothing to do with the weather, of course. The most obvious change is the end of summer vacation that comes with the first week of September. Summer vacation is an institution more common to the U.S. education system than elsewhere in the world, a convention that gives our school children – and their teachers – a welcome break from one another.

Summer vacation owes its origins to our agrarian past, when our largely agricultural economy needed the labors of young family members for chores that were vital to the production of crops and cattle. Today's more mechanized agriculture is far less dependent on such sources of labor. But the outstate tourism economy has replaced agriculture in its dependence on the seasonal labor of young people. Barring some exceptional circumstance, K-12 schools almost universally begin classes after Labor Day, as do many colleges and universities.

The world beyond our city and suburban boundaries is already beginning to change noticeably. The temperature contrast between the air above and the lakes, ponds and wetlands is greater and often yields a foggy mist at dawn and dusk. Daytime temperatures may reach into the 70's, maybe even nudge the 80 degree mark, but evening temps are starting to bring out sweatshirts to ward off a chill that many find a welcome contrast to the humidity and persistent heat of summer.

The goslings and ducklings that

were fuzzy and gangling not that many weeks ago are approaching their parents' size, if not their full adult plumage. Unless they're the product of re-nesting after a first clutch of eggs was lost, the young are on the wing, and without full awareness they're now gaining the strength needed for the marathon flight that will take them to points South and the open waters on which their survival depends.

Mourning doves are already concentrating and staging for migration. This is especially true in the rural areas where they feed on farm crops and the seeds of weeds that grow in ditches and uncultivated places. Blue-winged teal used to be the earliest-migrating Minnesota game bird species. But that distinction changed in 2004 when mourning doves were restored to "game" status after a hiatus of nearly 60 years.

Not without controversy, however. There are still many who consider the dove to be a songbird, even though doves are the most hunted bird in the U.S. Admittedly, if your only experience with mourning doves is hearing their mournful call in your backyard, and seeing them scratch for feed in the garden or perch on nearby telephone wires, you might not see credibility in their being classified as a game bird. But in the wild wide open rural places where they're hunted, their speed and elusiveness are remarkable.

Most mourning doves will be departing Minnesota in the first two to three weeks of September. The hunting season for them begins September 1, just a day or two after you read this. Unlike ruffed grouse or pheasants, which live here year-round and can be counted on to inhabit fairly predictable niches throughout the year, mourning doves in season have to be scouted to find the places where they're gathering. One experienced dove hunter looks for concentrations of birds on wire fencelines. You're not allowed to shoot from road rights-of-way, but you'll get an idea where they are, and can observe their flight lines to see where they're feeding. Pass shooting to intercept them on these flights between roosting to feeding areas is the most common strategy.

As my wife and I and our Labrador drove the country road to the fam-

ily cabin on Sunday, we spotted our first maple tree of the year that has taken on full color. The process by which leaves change color in fall is not a mystery. Energy that is used by the leaves to make the green pigment chlorophyll is cut off, and with the end of chlorophyll production, the yellows, reds and oranges show through. Length of daylight, rather than frost, is generally considered the major trigger for this radical change.

What my wife and I found ourselves wondering, is why the process is not more uniform in all members of the same tree species. Invariably there will be one, or several, trees along a forested route that change color before the rest. You wouldn't think that there would be an evolutionary advantage for one tree to stop making food for the year before its neighbors. Yet year after year, in our experience, we can count on a particular tree to take the stage for the fall color pageant before the rest.

I've always contended that fall color is best appreciated when most of the trees are still green, and the few that have turned stand out in the greatest contrast. If we were talking about people we would attribute it to showmanship and ego. For trees and fall-colored shrubs, the logical explanation is that in all creatures there are genetic variations. It's as true of plants as it is of animals. If the variation does not prove to be a disadvantage to survival, the trait will likely be passed on, proving that humans are not the only creatures capable of individuality.

Signs of change are showing up in many places, from the reddening tops of sumac shrubs, to the yellowing of corn stalks and the first leaves on soybeans. Clusters of fiery red berries have replaced the unique canopied cups of the jack-in-the-pulpit on the forest floor. The brilliance of brook trout as they enter their season of spawning has to been seen to be believed. Though it's a scourge to those with autumn allergies, a blooming stand of nodding goldenrod can be as brilliant as it is overlooked by most passers-by.

You can wait until September 22 to say "It's fall." But you will have to ignore the plentiful evidence around us to do so.



Striding together

Jack Tyrrell and Hunter Klimek team up in the cross country race. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Pair of Cardinals

Kaitlyn Smith and Taylor Yungbauer work together during the race. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn



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Vietnam veteran Glenn Pederson builds memorial near Oylen; shares stories of his own experience

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

It's been two years since Glenn Pederson first had the idea to build a Veterans Memorial near his home in Oylen...a place where service men and women from across the ages would be remembered.

"I put some posts in the ground but wasn't quite sure where to go from there," Glenn said recently, adding that for quite some time, the posts were all that he had to show for the memorial. "All of a sudden, a few months ago, I just couldn't sleep. I knew I had to finish it."

With the help of some friends, Glenn's idea became a reality and for the

past two months, the Veterans Memorial is one of the first things travelers along Cty Rd. 7 in Oylen see.

Six flags wave from the top of the memorial. "I've got one for each of the service branches (army, air force, marines, navy); there's a MIA (Missing in Action) flag; and one from the 4th Infantry Division from Vietnam, which I was a part of," Glenn said.

A majestic eagle, designed by a carver from Park Rapids, is perched in the center; and the message, 'God Bless America' stretches the length of the memorial. "My neighbor, Doug Hart, is a welder and he helped me with that," Glenn said.

In addition, two wooden banners hang at each end



Veterans memorial near Oylen

Glenn Pederson of the Oylen area has built a memorial for veterans near his home, just off of Cty Rd. 7 and 244th Street. A Vietnam veteran, Pederson wanted to "do something for my buddies that didn't come back and for the ones (veterans) I didn't know."

of the structure, inscribed with the messages, "Home of the Free Because of the Brave;" and "We don't know them all, but we owe them all."

A Vietnam veteran himself, Glenn said he "wanted to do something for my buddies that didn't come back and for the ones I didn't know."

"Hopefully, when people drive by, it will mean something," Glenn went on, adding that he hopes it will be a place where veterans and non-veterans alike can stop to remember those who have served their country.

Perhaps the memorial will stimulate conversation about past and present wars; and encourage veterans to share their stories... something Glenn had not been able to do for decades.

"This is the first I've talked about it," Glenn said of the 12 months he served in Vietnam over 48 years ago.

"Nobody asked me about it when I got home," he went on, looking out at the pasture once owned by his grandparents, Glenn and Ann Pederson. "Everything went on like nothing ever happened, so I just never said anything."

Until now.

Maybe it was the completion of the veterans memorial that triggered his memories and gave him permission to speak. He's not really sure, Glenn says, but it feels like the right time to give voice to the ghosts from the past he's kept quiet for so long.

"I was drafted in June of 1968," Glenn said. "I was a very young 18 year old...didn't know anything about the war."

Prior to boarding the plane bound for Vietnam (his first airplane ride ever), the Sebeka High School alumnus had spent

his time helping out at the family farm, hanging out with his buddies and fishing in the Crow Wing River.

That all changed in an instant.

Glenn remembers first traveling to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he joined other army recruits for training. From there, he underwent advanced training at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

"After that, they shipped us to Vietnam," Glenn said. "We got in the plane and flew for hours and hours before landing in Cam Ranh Bay...that's where the base camp was."

His first impression was that he didn't see a lot going on.

"The next day, we got in a C-47 (military aircraft) and flew to another base," Glenn recalled, adding they were told that, "tomorrow, you'll go out to where your companies are stationed."

The following morning, Glenn's unit was shipped to the LZ (Landing Zone) Mile High site. "They dropped us off there on top of a mountain."

That's when "everything changed," Glenn said. "There was no more partying, this wasn't gloryland. We were right there with all the fighting. This was a war zone."

He recounted being a part of the Recon Infantry as a foot soldier. As part of an early assignment, Glenn was sent to an area at night to patrol for enemies. "You'd be there all night long and come back in the morning to report what you saw. It was scary there at night," he said, mentioning that on his third night out, illumination rounds were shot.

Shortly after, Glenn's captain asked if he would be willing to work as a gunner, utilizing a Four-deuce mortar. There were some nights he'd shoot 200 - 300 rounds of ammunition, Glenn recalled. Although the situation was still scary, it was better than being a part of the recon unit, Glenn said.

"It was always scary, but we didn't want to show it," Glenn said.

He remembers trudging through rice fields and the

Special thanks go out, Pederson said, to a number of people who helped with the memorial, including Ryan Pederson, Chris Collison, Dennis Wilcox, Keith Robak and the Collison family. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

jungle when his unit was transferred to another area, setting up camp where the enemy was expected to be. "We'd have to put all of our belongings into the helicopter...too big to carry."

When the call came that the enemy had arrived, it was time to get the mortars set up.

"I saw some terrible things," Glenn said, recounting the times he saw someone on his squad injured. "When the helicopter came and picked up your buddy..." Glenn went on, his voice trailing off with the memory. "It would make your soul sick."

He recalled seeing one soldier die after the helicopter he was boarding got stuck in the mud and fell over on him. "It was his last day to be out in the field...he was getting ready to go home."

Glenn was never injured, he said. "I was one of the lucky ones."

They may not have been physical, but Glenn had plenty of scars when he returned from Vietnam.

When he flew into Washington D.C., Glenn remembers the welcome at the airport was not a warm one. "Some people threw rocks at us. That was rough."

Nobody thanked him for serving. "I think that's what hurts the most. Instead, people told me I should have dodged the draft."

It makes him happy that veterans of recent wars are given the respect that they deserve, including applause when they arrive home. "We never had any of that. It was total silence. I've carried that silence with me until today."

Even his family remained silent. They were stoic Norwegians who didn't know how to talk about their feelings, Glenn said of his parents, Elmer and Irene.

He didn't know how to cope with all that he had seen in Vietnam, of all that he was feeling from the war's aftermath. "I went to drinking," Glenn said, adding that he went through a time of deep depression. "I drank for eight or nine years before I went to treat-

ment."

Without the help he received in treatment, Glenn's not sure where he would be today. He learned that there is a higher power he can depend on. He also learned how to deal with the emotions that he'd kept pent up for so long.

"Big, tough guys aren't supposed to cry, but I tell you, I've done plenty of it," Glenn said.

He's in a good place right now, Glenn went on, expressing gratitude for the support of his wife, Brenda; their five children (collectively) and grandchildren.

After several years living in Blaine (where Glenn worked as a bricklayer), the Pedersons moved back to the Oylen area. "I had bought this land from my grandparents with money saved while I was in Vietnam," Glenn said, adding that they built a new house on the property when they retired.

"It's peaceful out here... quiet," Glenn said. "I like to watch the birds and the other wildlife."

He thanks God every day that he made it back from Vietnam alive and that's he's been given the opportunity to give back by building the veterans memorial.

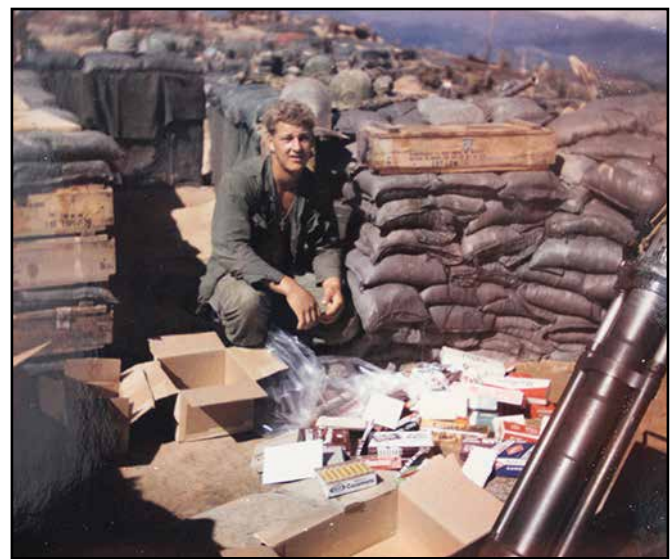
"I want everyone to remember the sacrifice these soldiers made," Glenn said.

It won't bring back the veterans that died at war, but Glenn hopes the memorial will help bring comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

"I met a guy from Spicer who came all the way up here because he heard about this memorial. He had lost his son and was so happy that this was here."

In addition to those who have died, Glenn wants to pay tribute to those veterans who are still with us. "Like my step-daughter, Shannon Farber...she served in Iraq," he shared.

Hopefully, the memorial will be a place where veterans will feel at home...a place where they feel safe enough to share their stories. After nearly five decades, Glenn is ready to join the conversation.



Mail call

Glenn Pederson of Oylen is pictured collecting mail at a Landing Zone (LZ) during the Vietnam War sometime during 1968 or 1969. (Submitted photo)

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Aug. 18 - The MPD responded to a call from a Motley resident who reported that her credit card had been used in St. Paul twice at a Sears store, in the amount of \$200 each time.

Aug. 21 - The MCSO assisted in helping to change a flat tire on a truck parked on Dove Rd. south of Pillager.

Aug. 20 - The MCSO responded to a re-

port of a suspicious vehicle parked at an abandoned property behind BRICKS Travel Plaza in Motley.

Aug. 15 - The MPD received a report of theft at an apartment on Pine Ave. S. in Motley.

Aug. 15 - The MPD received information about a person with multiple felony warrants who was reported as being in the City of Motley. The wanted subject fled on a four-wheeler and later abandoned the four-wheeler near Philbrook and fled on foot. The subject was not located.

Aug. 12 - The MPD received a report of property damage at a residence on 6th Ave. S. in Motley.