



## Cleared for development

The empty lot on 8th Street NE that had been a house purchased by the City of Staples from the tax forfeit rolls is now one of the properties the city council can approve to sell to Casey's Retail Company. The sale will be considered at the July 25 council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. at Staples City Hall. Pictured in the background, traffic on Highway 10. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## Staples selling lots for convenience store

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

At their July 11 meeting, the Staples City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance to authorize the sale of two lots along Highway 10, which is being offered to a convenience store company. At their upcoming July 25 meeting, the council will consider a purchase agreement with Casey's Retail Company for the two lots.

The lots are near Highway 10, between 7th and 8th Street NE, on the north

side of the highway. One of the lots, on 8th Street NE, is where the city purchased a tax forfeited house and removed it this summer.

For a convenience store to be built, the company will have to purchase several privately owned lots on the block. In addition to the two city lots.

### LGA in legislature

Bradley Peterson of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) attended the July 11 council meeting to give an update on the group's lobbying efforts in the Minnesota Legislature during the 2017 session. He said much of their time was spent working on improving Local Government Aid (LGA) to Minnesota cities. In the end, the legislature passed a \$15 million increase, which the CGMC called a "modest increase." They had been asking for \$45 million as a base increase.

Peterson said the increase will translate to \$37,000 in additional LGA for Staples in 2018.

Peterson said the CGMC also supported funding for bonding bill projects, and ended up pushing for infrastructure projects that

were included in the bill. He suggested that Staples try to take advantage of the public infrastructure grant program that came out of it.

CGMC also pushed for more road project funding for cities. The final legislature bill had \$8 million to share among cities under 5,000 population, of which Staples will get around \$26,000 of that money for roads. Peterson said that amount is "not a lot, but every little bit helps. It is an issue cities across the state are struggling with."

Peterson said our local legislators played roles in the LGA process. Representative John Poston was a co-author of the LGA legislation, while Senator Paul Gazelka, the majority leader of the Minnesota Senate, was supportive of the process and allowed LGA back in after initial bills did not include it. Peterson said Gazelka got the bonding bill and tax bill done early because the 2016 legislature failed in their attempts to pass both.

### In other council news

• City Administrator Jerel Nelsen told the See **COUNCIL** on page 2a

## Centennial celebration held for Pillager Dam

A number of people gathered at the Pillager Dam July 7 to celebrate the hydroelectric station that has been generating electricity since 1917.

The Centennial Celebration, held in conjunction with Husky Days, included a tour of the dam, refreshments and remarks by Chris Rousseau, manager of renewable business operations for Minnesota Power, which owns the hydroelectric station in Pillager.

Rousseau said that the Pillager Dam was originally built by the Cuyuna Range Power Company.

According to information at Minnesota Power's website, "Cuyuna Range Power Co. built Sylvan Dam on the Crow Wing River and began generating electricity there in 1913. As demand for power on the Cuyuna Range increased, the company made plans for a second dam on the Crow Wing about five and a half miles upstream from Sylvan. The Pillager plant went into service in December 1917."

Today Minnesota Power owns and operates 11 hydroelectric stations and is the largest hydroelectric system in Minnesota. Together, the 11 stations produce about 115 megawatts of electricity.

Sue Van Hal, one of the See **PILLAGER DAM** on page 3a



## Sharing memories

A variety of memories were shared during the recent Centennial Celebration of the Pillager Dam. Pictured above, seated, is Ben Mudgett of Pillager, who was a maintenance worker at the hydro plant for 30 years. In back, from left, are Pillager natives Lois (Morgan) Sandberg, Staples, whose father, John "Leonard" Morgan worked at the hydro plant for 36 years; and Larry Hynes, Brainerd, whose father Mel Hynes also worked at the plant for many years. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Railroad Days plans include a few changes

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

Just a month away, Staples Railroad Days will have many of the same events as the last few years, but there will be different locations and different times for some of them, especially the downtown events. The planning committee is still working on events with their next meeting Tuesday, July 25, at 5:30 p.m. at the Twisted

Sisters lower level.

There will be a major change of location on Saturday, Aug. 26, as the

downtown activity will be concentrated into the

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**Hello, Readers,**  
At 10:56 p.m. EDT, July 20, 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, 240,000 miles from Earth, speaks these words to more than a billion people listening at home: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Stepping off the lunar landing module Eagle, Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon. The American effort to send astronauts to the moon has its origins in a famous appeal President John F. Kennedy made to a special joint session of Congress on May 25, 1961: "I believe this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth." At the time, the United States was still trailing the Soviet Union in space developments, and Cold War-era America welcomed Kennedy's bold proposal.

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## Honored senior citizens

Todd County's Outstanding Senior Citizen nominees were honored at the Todd County Fair in Long Prairie July 15. Mary Sperley, left, Staples, was nominated along with Ray and Darlene Eiswald, Bertha. In back is David Rolstad, Eagle Bend, who was named the Outstanding Senior Male. The Outstanding Senior Woman, Carrol Peterson of Eagle Bend, was unavailable for the photo.

Sperley was named the 2016 Outstanding Citizen by the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation. She's an active volunteer with the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, Living Legacy Gardens, Faith Lutheran Church, Retired Educators Association of Minnesota and Motley Historical Society. After being a teacher for nearly 30 years, she's been enjoying her second career at the Staples Public Library for the past 17 years.

The Outstanding Senior Citizen program is established by the Board of the Minnesota State Fair. The Todd County Council on Aging through its senior centers coordinates the event in Todd County. Nominations are made by the seniors at one of the seven centers and can also be made by anyone who is a resident of Todd County. Winners are interviewed to create their application. Applications are scored under a point system related to responsibility and years of experience. All nominees can attend the Minnesota State Fair on the Council on Aging's bus to represent the county. (Submitted photo)



## Keeping the trees watered

Efforts are being made by the City of Staples, as well as a few volunteers along the way, to keep the boulevard trees in town watered. Pictured above recently, Norah Anderson, summer employee at the Staples World, waters the tree out front of the business. Pictured below, Delavan Cole (left) and Steve Gaugert made rounds in Staples July 13, watering trees as needed. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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# Staples parks and trails survey still open

The City of Staples is in the process of updating its comprehensive plan and is looking for input from community members. The Park, trail and open space survey deadline has been extended to July 26.

Survey participants

have the opportunity to provide guidance, knowledge and expertise regarding Staples park, trail, and open space system. The feedback received from this survey will for the foundation of goal and policy development for the

park, trail and open space plan element.

The survey is available through the city's website at Staples.govoffice.com as well as the project's webpage, GOSTaples2035.wordpress.com.



## Rally for Rescue held

The Pets Abandoned Wanting Support (PAWS) "Rally for Rescue" event was held July 16 at Pine Grove Park, Staples. The event draws attention to the need to help abandoned and rescued pets. Area supporters also volunteer as foster pet parents. The get-together and walk provided an informational sharing time - with pets welcome to attend. This year's event included around 30 people. Above: Those participating in the walk included Dr. Connie (Parkers Prairie Veterinary Clinic) with Abbie; Julie Hoffman (Four Legged Lodge, Motley) and Julie and George Deiss with rescue dog, Laney.

Below: The winner of the timeshare week was Arlene Skov. As she was present for the drawing, she also won \$100. Presenting the check are PAWS founder, Dr. Bridget King, Homestead Vet Clinic, Aldrich with Hercules, board member Holly Carlson, Julie Hoffman, Four Legged Lodge, Motley and board member, Cheryl Hayes. One of the upcoming PAWS events includes a cat neutering clinic to be held at the fairgrounds in Motley on Sept. 16. For information call 218-639-PAWS or 218-445-5497.



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## Paving Sixth Street NE

Crews from Ideal Construction were at work July 12, putting new pavement down on Sixth Street NE in Staples. The formerly gravel road is now in the middle of the Pullman Townhomes. Another gravel to tar paving project recently completed was Michigan Ave. NE, from 8th Street to 12th Street NE. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



# Driver, vehicle services limited starting today

The Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services (DPS-DVS) will be limited starting July 20 because of an upgrade and replacement of the vehicle services computer system.

### July 20

- Online vehicle tab renewal is unavailable.
- Vehicle services such as tab renewal, plate replacement and title application are unavailable.
- Driver's license, permit or identification card renewal and application services will be available; however, some offices may have different hours or be closed. Customers should call their local offices for hours and service availability.

### July 21

- Online vehicle tab renewal is unavailable.
- Vehicle services such as tab renewal, plate replacement and title

application are unavailable.

- Driver's license, permit or identification card renewal and application services will be available; however, some offices may have different hours or be closed. Customers should call their local office for hours and service availability.

### July 22

- Online vehicle tab renewal is unavailable.
- Vehicle services such as tab renewal, plate replacement and title application are unavailable.
- Driver's license, permit or identification card renewal and application services are unavailable.
- Most DVS and deputy registrar offices will be closed.

### July 23

- Online vehicle tab renewal is unavailable.
- No services available

at offices. All offices are closed on Sundays.

### July 24

- Online vehicle tab renewal is unavailable.
- Vehicle services such as tab renewal, plate replacement and title application are unavailable.
- Driver's license, permit or identification card renewal and application services will be available; however, some offices may have different hours or be closed. Customers should call their local office for hours and service availability.

### July 25

- All systems are expected to be available and online.
- Customers should call their local office before visiting during these dates for hours and service availability.
- Contact information is available online for each location.

# Police check on child welfare

On July 10, Staples Police received a report of concerns for welfare of children left at a residence in the City of Staples. The complainant also reported that the caretaker there sells prescription pain pills for money.

On July 11, Staples Police received a report of a bear entering garages and looking through garbage cans in the area of Sunrise Drive and Ravilla Street NE. Police, along with a conservation officer, searched the area but did not locate the bear.

On July 12, at 9:30 p.m., Staples Police responded to the 100 block of 7th Street NE for an intoxicated subject passed out in the alley. Police had the subject checked out by Staples

Ambulance and then drove the subject back to his residence.

On July 15, at 3:15 a.m., Staples Police received a report that a male kicked in a door to a residence located on the 300 block of 3rd Street NE. The subject left the scene and police were able to locate him about six blocks away. The subject was identified as Dustin Gerving, 27, who was arrested for burglary, damage to property and possession of small amount of marijuana.

On July 16, Staples Police assisted Minnesota State Patrol with a report of a backseat passenger punching a front seat passenger in a vehicle on Highway 10, west of city limits. SPD located the vehicle in

Staples and began investigating. It was learned the alleged assault had occurred outside of city limits. Police detained the suspect until State Patrol arrived and investigated. As a result of the investigation, Gary Pechan of Little Falls, was arrested for assault. Another subject in the vehicle was arrested on two outstanding Morrison County warrants. Also assisting was the Verndale Police Department.

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## Phil Lindaman, Kevin Grondahl retiring this fall

council that two long time employees will be retiring this fall. Parks and Rec Director Kevin Grondahl and City Clerk Phil Lindaman have a combined 65 years working for the city and both are planning to retire this year.

- Nelsen said the first lodging tax payments are being made. The city plans to use the money for marketing starting in January of 2018.
- The Dower Lake seasonal camping sites are done and the city is letting grass grow before allowing the first campers to use the sites. The council approved a \$1,609 increase to the construction contract for building the sites.
- Nelsen said he is working with Habitat For Humanity to create another housing project in Staples.
- The council approved a contract with Bolton & Menk to complete a survey and design of a proposed six inch water main loop on Minnesota Ave., from Roosevelt Street SW to 1st Street SW.

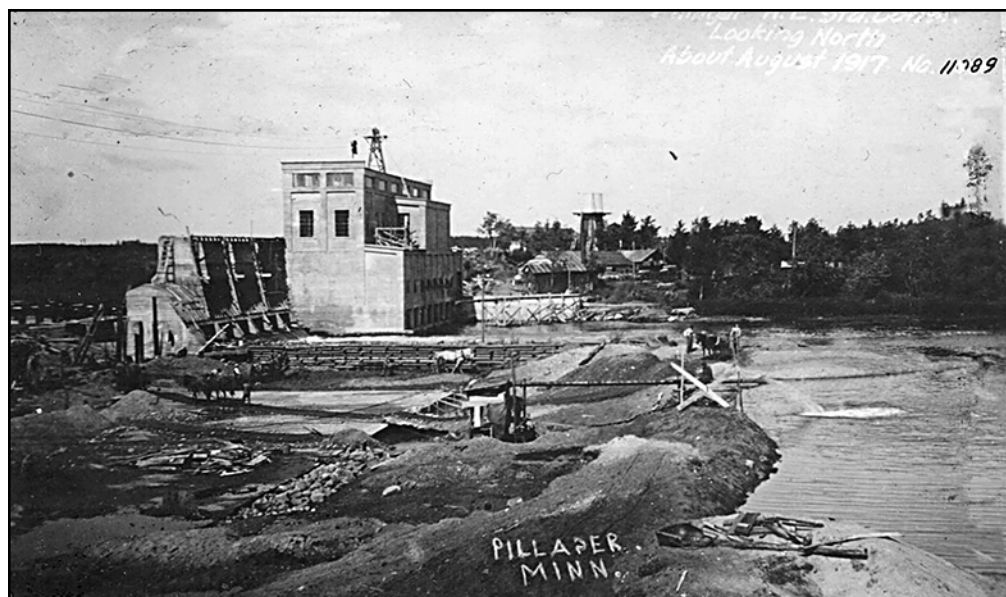
## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

### FREE rides in Staples Tuesday, August 1

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Call 218-631-5730 and schedule your **FREE** ride!

**\*NEW DAILY BUS SERVICE\* from Staples to Brainerd begins August 14 stopping in Pillager, Central Lakes College and Costco.**



## One hundred years ago

These historic photos of the Pillager Dam are dated 1917, taken during the construction of the facility. Minnesota Power, which operates 11 hydro stations, is the largest hydro power producer in the state. A Centennial Celebration of the Pillager Dam was held July 7, in conjunction with Husky Days. (Photos submitted by Minnesota Power)



## Near the old home place

Pillager native Larry Hynes (left) recalled his family's house that was once located near the Pillager Dam, along the Crow Wing River. His dad, the late Mel Hynes, was a long-time operator at the hydro plant. Also pictured are Dawn Mudgett, center; and Larissa Hynes, Larry's daughter. Larissa noted that the Centennial Celebration of the Pillager Dam was held July 7, which was her grandfather Mel Hynes' birthday. "It would have been his 107th birthday today," she said.



## Favorite fishing hole

Lexi Sinotte of Pillager said she often fishes at the Pillager Dam, located along the Crow Wing River. She enjoyed the opportunity to tour the hydro plant during the recent Centennial Celebration.



## Taking the tour

Attendees at the Pillager Dam Centennial Celebration July 7, donned hard hats and took a tour of the hydro plant, led by employees of Minnesota Power. Pictured above looking out at Lake Placid (developed for hydroelectric power generation on the Crow Wing River) are, from left, Tanner Bozell, McGregor; Lois Sandberg, Staples; Larissa Hynes, Brainerd. Pictured below, Minnesota Power employee Chris Rousseau (far right) leads a tour inside the hydro plant.



## Remembering his first job

Ben Mudgett of Pillager (second from left) enjoyed touring the hydro plant in Pillager recently, during the Centennial Celebration of the Pillager Dam. Mudgett worked at the dam from 1965 until his retirement in 1995. He is pictured standing in front of the generator which he painted blue years ago. It was his first job at the dam, he recalled. Also pictured, from left, are his son, Gary Mudgett; daughter-in-law Dawn Mudgett (married to Scott Mudgett) and his son, Tom Mudgett. Ben's sons remember biking to visit their dad and catch a few fish.

# One car rollover on Hwy. 10

Robert Sero, 27, of Staples, was injured in a rollover accident on July 17, around 7:40 p.m.

According to Minnesota State Patrol, Sero's vehicle hit a sign in the center median of Highway 10, east of Staples, but continued down the road. Two miles later, near Highway 83, the vehicle went into the

median again and rolled, coming to rest on its roof in the opposite lane of Highway 10.

Sero was checked out at Lakewood Health System for non-life threatening injuries. The state patrol determined that alcohol was not involved.

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*Dam created fishing, boating, nature area*

event committee members, served as emcee at the celebration. She mentioned that the Pillager Dam is a hidden resource of this area, going on to note that in addition to the electricity, it provides an outlet for fishing and boating enthusiasts.

Just west of the dam sits Lake Placid, which was developed for hydroelectric power generation on the Crow Wing River in Pillager. It's the lake to go to if you like to fish for bass, perch, crappie, walleye and northern pike.

Minnesota Power has also worked with the City of Pillager to provide accessible shorefishing and a public boat launch off at the Pillager Dam. Lexi Sinotte of Pillager, in attendance at the Centennial event, said she spends a lot of time during the summer months at the dam with her fishing pole. "It's a great place for fishing," she said.

When she heard there were going to be tours of the hydro plant, Sinotte said she wanted to participate. "I was really curious to see it up close," she added.

Others at the celebration were anxious to tour the plant as well, especially Ben Mudgett of Pillager.

who worked as a maintenance operator there for 30 years. "I started in 1965 and retired in 1995," Mudgett said, noting that he also took care of the dam at the Sylvan plant.

Prior to getting hired by Minnesota Power, Mudgett had been working at the family farm. He recalled that one day a man named Bill Crocker asked him if he'd want to work at the Pillager Dam. It was a job he held until his retirement and one that he enjoyed very much. He couldn't recall having to deal with too many difficult situations, although he did remember responding to a few power outages over the years.

Lois (Morgan) Sandberg and Larry Hynes also shared memories of earlier days at the Pillager Dam. Both of their fathers worked at the dam in the area of operation.

Larry's dad, Mel Hynes, started working at the dam in 1945. During the time of his employment, the Hynes family lived in one of the on site houses that used to be located not far from the dam. "I remember fishing for a lot of crappies when I was

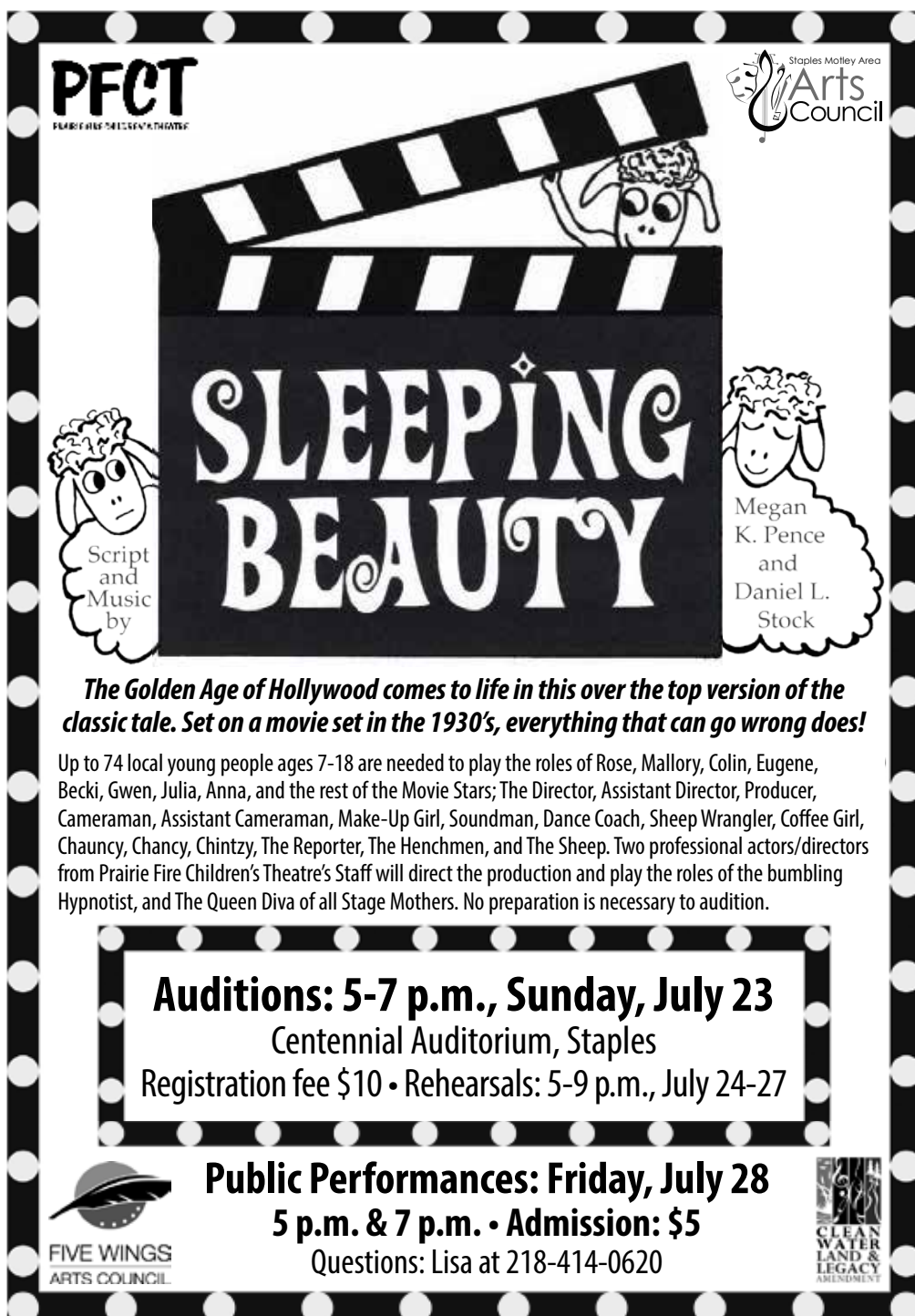
a kid," Larry said. He also remembers the flood that took place in the early 1950s. He's not sure what year his dad retired, but he remembers that it was when they made the hydro plant automatic.

"My dad worked there for 36 years," Lois said, adding that her dad, John 'Leonard' Morgan, retired in 1961.

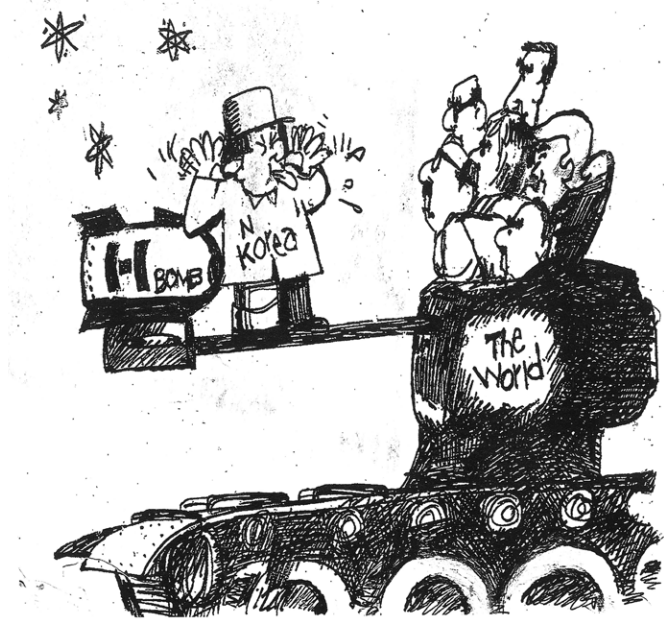
She remembers going to spend time with her dad at the dam, especially when he had the night shift. "Before WWII, they weren't as tight on rules," Lois said, going on to say she and her dad would play cards during the slow times and share a lunch that had been packed in the lunch pail.

They saw a lot of wildlife, Lois said. She recalled seeing a beaver at the river's edge and hearing it slap its tail against the water. One morning they saw a large buck attempting to swim across the widest part of the river. "We were afraid he wasn't going to make it and we cheered when he did," she said. "Oh yes, I spent a lot of time at this dam. I have a lot of wonderful memories."

**Staples World**  
*photos by*  
**Dawn Timbs**



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## Ten reasons to observe Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week

Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week is a time to recognize and celebrate the dedicated and caring individuals in our communities who work tirelessly to make our neighborhoods safer and more vibrant places to live and raise families. These professionals are on duty each and every day to assist juvenile and adult clients in becoming better citizens with productive lives. Todd-Wadena Community Corrections currently supervises 586 people on probation or supervised release and 78 youth on juvenile diversion. Here are 10 ways community corrections is valuable to our nation and local communities:

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7. Community corrections professionals offer choices and enforce consequences.
6. Community corrections professionals are caring people.
5. Community corrections professionals promote community protection through proactive, problem-solving work practices plus interventions aimed at changing criminal and/or delinquent behavior.
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3. Community corrections professionals provide core services such as investigations, community supervision, cognitive-behavioral education, immediate response to violations and treatment services; all which provide optimum public protection.
2. Community corrections professionals work 24/7 to help make America and our communities safe.
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Join Todd-Wadena Community Corrections in honoring these public servants during the week of July 16 - 22 for Pretrial, Probation, Parole and Supervision Week.

For additional information about the services and programming provided by Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, please contact Kathy Langer, Director, at 320-732-6165, [kathy.langer@co.todd.mn.us](mailto:kathy.langer@co.todd.mn.us).

## Letter to the Editor

### Alumni basketball

Colton Thompson, Craig Wolhowe and Staples-Motley Basketball Boosters - thanks for hosting the second annual Alumni Basketball games.

They were great to watch and it brought in more teams and people than last year.

Keep them coming. We really enjoyed watching them.

Russell and Deb Jordan  
Staples, Minn.

# Ironies of war and armistice: Thoughts from demilitarized zone

By Dr. David S. Hogsette

This past summer I was invited to teach literary interpretation and academic writing at a small Reformed-Christian seminary outside of Seoul, South Korea. At the close of two intense weeks of instruction, which consisted of six hours of lectures and discussion each day, I was ready to decompress. My hosts recommended that I visit the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), a most ironic name due to the heavy presence of military personnel and equipment along the contested border. I fondly remember watching episodes of the sardonic TV series M\*A\*S\*H with my family as a child, and I was keen to visit this historic site. Due to North Korea's recent ICBM saber rattling and tyrannical imprisonment, even murder, of American visitors to that dark land of communist oppression, I was understandably nervous about even traveling to South Korea for this teaching gig, let alone venturing to within four kilometers (2.5 miles) of the very heart of darkness. Trusting that my South Korean hosts would not knowingly imperil my life, I agreed to the tour.

Boarding a large, modern tour bus with comfortable seats, air conditioning, and on-board television, the sad irony was inescapable: For a small fee of only \$55, which amounts to approximately \$30 less than the average North Korean monthly salary, I enjoyed an entertaining and educational diversion, complete with amenities, food, and refreshments, the type of experience that a vast majority of North Koreans will never, ever know in their entire lifetimes. Tragic. I remind my students that ideas have consequences, and the persistent tyranny of communism, in the name of "the people," in North Korea and elsewhere serves as just one of many examples.

As we approached the DMZ, concrete barricades and barbed-wire fences along the highways and bridges disturbed the pastoral vistas of rice paddy farms along the base of beautiful hills and mountains. We soon approached the civilian checkpoint, and two young, stern South Korean soldiers boarded the bus, checking each person's passport. We were instructed to remove hats and glasses, and we were warned to put our cell phones away and to not take any pictures. There was the requisite knucklehead (every tour has one) who kept snapping pictures until the very last possible moment, frantically stuffing his phone into his backpack as a helmeted soldier entered the bus.

Both soldiers looked so young. Because they were. Men in South Korea are required to serve two years in the military. They generally start college at the

age of 19, finish one year of education, and then serve two years in the military before returning to college. Apparently, it is easier to get into college right out of high school, so most Korean men apply to college first before starting their military service. The mandatory military service reminded me of South Korea's precarious national security. North Korea remains a true existential threat, because, technically, North and South Korea are still at war. This reality is most intensely felt in a zone that is supposed to be demilitarized.

Our first touring stop was Dora Observatory, built by the South Korean Ministry of Defense in 1986. The observatory is the nearest point to North Korea one can visit on the South Korean side, and from this vantage point, one can see the two villages that remain in the DMZ. Daesong-dong is on the South Korean side, and Kijong-dong is on the North Korean side. Both villages pre-date the DMZ, and they were allowed to remain once the DMZ was established after the 1953 cease-fire agreement. The people living in Daesong-dong are considered South Korean citizens, and they can vote in South Korean elections, but they are not required to pay taxes or serve in the military.

Kijong-dong, also known as Peace Village, is actually a propaganda village. True to form, the North Korean government claims it is a collective farming village, but the buildings do not have glass windows, there does not appear to be any interior rooms, and building lights turn off and on at regularly scheduled times. The day I visited the observatory was rainy and cloudy, so I could not see the villages clearly. However, I could see the huge flagpoles resulting from a flagpole arms race during the 1980s. Daesong-dong built a flagpole roughly 98 meters high (323 feet) and displayed an enormous South Korean flag. Not to be outdone, the North Korean government erected a flagpole 160 meters tall (525 feet) and displayed an even larger North Korean flag. I could not help but wonder how many North Korean families could have been fed with the money wasted on this meaningless display of flag superiority.

The most unnerving aspect of the Dora Observatory were the loudspeaker broadcasts. For decades, the North Korean government has broadcast propaganda news, invitations for South Koreans to "liberate" themselves and to defect to the north to live in "freedom" with their comrades in the fight against "capitalist oppression," and patriotic opera, reminiscent of that produced in China during the Cultural Revolution. In response, the South Korean government broadcasts contemporary news, information

about world events, and K-pop dance music. There was a short reprieve of the broadcasts during the 1990s and early 2000s while economic exchange blossomed between the two countries. However, when the South Koreans realized that their good intentions at trade and helping the North Korean people with good paying industry jobs were being used by the North Korean military to develop its nuclear weapons program, South Korea stopped the trade, canceled the manufacturing jobs, and started broadcasting again. It is hard to explain, but hearing the high-volume broadcasts was chilling, as I was reminded of propaganda brainwashing characteristic of communist regimes around the globe. The classic strategies of the cold war are alive and well at the DMZ.

From Dora Observatory, we traveled to the site of Tunnel 3. Throughout the 1970s, North Korea dug a series of tunnels underneath the DMZ. To date, four such tunnels have been found and sealed. The North Korean military planned to dig tunnels underneath and across the DMZ, toward Seoul, with the purpose of providing soldiers and small artillery direct access for a surprise attack to conquer South Korea. These tunnels are a direct violation of the 1953 armistice. During the presentation explaining the North Korean plans and intentions, one young college student mumbled "alleged" just audibly enough to be annoying, as if there really were any doubt about who dug these tunnels and for what purpose. The tunnels decline to the north, allowing for debris and water to be removed and for digging to continue in a southerly direction. Moreover, North Korea admitted to creating the tunnels, claiming they were simply digging for coal. Curiously, they just so happened to be digging for coal underneath and across the DMZ, heading toward South Korea, in the direction of Seoul, in areas where there is no coal. To substantiate their claim, they conveniently spread charcoal on the floor of the tunnels and powdered the walls with charcoal dust. How convincing. There is no doubt: Ever since the 1953 armistice, North Korea has been planning its invasion and destruction of the southern territories, with near complete impunity. Should we believe their aspirations are any different today?

The incomplete Tunnel 3 is approximately one mile long (1,635 meters), 435 meters of which extend across the DMZ into South Korean territory, and is 73 meters (240 feet) below ground. As I walked through the tunnel, hunched over for most of the 300 plus meters that are open for visitors, I was both impressed and horrified by the tenacity and determination of the North Korean efforts to invade and destroy their southern neighbors. No, not neighbors, enemies, in their mind. The sheer audacity of digging these tunnels 70 meters below the surface, intending to stretch for kilometers and kilometers toward Seoul, overwhelmed my imagination. The determination was, I have to admit, admirable, but these efforts were marred

by desperation. Who would do such a thing?

Back in Seoul at the conclusion of the tour, I pondered two thoughts over a tasty meal of spicy pork, rice, and kimchi. First, the younger generations in South Korea no longer care about reunification with the north, for two main reasons. These younger South Koreans were born into a world in which there was already a division between the countries. For them, there has always been North and South Korea. They do not deeply feel the hurt of national division, and they do not miss family members trapped in the north as do their elders. Also, they do not wish to pay the higher taxes that would be required for reunification. They would have to pay for the political and economic process of reunification, and they do not want that bill. I can certainly understand such a concern, but must we reduce this humanitarian crisis to a matter of mere money? In the short term, the financial cost may be high, but in the longer term, wouldn't the spiritual and material blessing of human flourishing for both the North and the South be worth the short-term cost?

The second thought I pondered over lunch cheered me up. I chuckled at the great irony of history and the good humor of Providence. For all the harm intended by the North Korean regime in first attacking South Korea in 1950, aligning with the Soviet Union and China to push back the defensive advances of the South, and digging tunnels under the DMZ to stage a surprise attack on Seoul, despite all this evil, the outcome has been a financial boon for South Korea. These failed attempts to colonize the capitalist South in the name of communism have led to increased commercialization and profit along the southern portion of the DMZ. Millions of U.S. dollars (billions of Korean Won) are generated each year by tours just like the one I enjoyed, including all the souvenirs, snacks, food, and drink sold in the tourist shops and cafes.

The dream of reunification may be fading for many in South Korea, but capitalism is thriving. The South Koreans have pulled themselves out of severe poverty since the 1950s by building a world-class powerhouse of an economy. Though the disastrous Korean War may have ended in a military stalemate, the South has clearly and undeniably won the economic war. My prayer is that the people of North Korea will one day be freed from the horrific tyranny of communism, taste the joys and challenges of freedom, and enjoy the prosperity that necessarily ensues when the people are free to pursue happiness as they see fit.

David S. Hogsette is professor of English at Grove City College, where he serves as writing program director. He is the author of a composition textbook titled "Writing That Makes Sense: Critical Thinking in College Composition" and a book on basic Christian apologetics titled "E-mails to a Young Seeker: Exchanges in Mere Christianity."

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## Up close and personal with Remarkable Reptiles

Families had the opportunity to learn about some amazing reptiles July 11 at the Staples Public Library during the Remarkable Reptiles program with James Gerholdt. Michael Jewison, above, was one of the children who got to touch the six foot boa constrictor. Gerholdt, below, also brought turtles, lizards and other snakes.

Join the library staff for their next exciting program, Starlab, on July 26. Call the library for details and to register at 218-894-1401. (Submitted photos)



## Educational Opportunities

### August 7

**PAINT WORKS CLASS** taught by Amanda Olson, Mon., Aug. 7, 6 p.m., at the Staples Community Center. Everything you need is supplied except refreshments, bring a beverage of your choice. Offered by Staples Motley Community Education. Class limited to 15 participants. For info., to register, call 218-894-2497.

## Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, July 25, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider second reading and adoption of ordinance authorizing the sale of Lots 1 and 10, Block 25, Staples Mill (Original Townsite).
- Consider purchase agreement with Casey's Retail Company for the sale of Lots 1 and 10, Block 25, Staples Mill (Original Townsite).
- Consider whether to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota statutes.
- Committee reports including Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report.

## School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, July 24, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

Agenda items include:

- Financial items including approval of financial report, the 2017-18 school meal price and fee schedule, the long term facility maintenance plan and approval to sell miscellaneous items on the Freshwater Education District garage sale in August.
- Curriculum items including approval of the high school, middle school and elementary school student parent handbooks and approval of the 2017-18 literacy plan.
- Personnel items including approval of the fall extra curricular and coaching assignments; accepting resignations of Chris Halverson, middle school principal, Aubrey Fuss, 4th grade teacher and Robert Larson, high school para-professional; accepting the retirement of Linda Beebe, IT support desk; approving contracts for Deb Ferdon, QComp and district curriculum and assessment coordinator, for Jolene Elfstrom, elementary technology/STEAM, and Laurie Trout, 4th grade teacher.
- Policy items including first readings of unpaid meal charges policy and uniform grant guidance policy.

Other items include reports from the principals, superintendent, SMEA and school board committees.

## Downtown Sound to perform at 'Music in the Park' series in Staples

Downtown Sound will perform at the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 23, at 7 p.m.

Based out of Fargo, the cover band plays a variety of pop, rock and country, featuring music from the 1960s on up to today.

Staples native Andrew Nelson plays guitar and keyboards for the band, as well as adding vocals. Other band members include Dylan Boehmer, Dominic Paczkowski, Jessica Vines and Andrew Okland.

"We all met in college," Nelson said, mentioning Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM). A 2013 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, Nelson went on to study Music Industry with an emphasis in Audio Production; and Jazz Studies, with a concentration in piano. He graduated with a double major this past spring.

Nelson credits his high school experiences in band and choir as having had a positive impact on his decision to pursue music. He was president of both groups his senior year at SMHS, Nelson recalled, adding, "I would have to say that my experiences in high school music helped give me the edge on some



## Cover band, offers variety

Downtown Sound will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 23, at 7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Dylan Boehmer, Dominic Paczkowski, Jessica Vines, Andrew Okland, Andrew Nelson. (Submitted photo)

other students at MSUM."

During their two-plus years together as Downtown Sound, the band has enjoyed playing a variety of venues throughout the Midwest. "We are super excited that we were asked to play at this," Nelson said of the summer concert series in Staples. "It will be fun to play a show three blocks away from my childhood home."

The Music in the Park Concerts are held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and will run through August 13. For more information on the Music in the Park series as well as the regular concert series, check out [www.staplesmotleyarts.org](http://www.staplesmotleyarts.org).

Northern Pacific (NP) Park is located at 625 6th St. NE. Go north on 6th St.

at the junction of Hwys 10 and 210 and go six blocks. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to Faith Lutheran Church.

The Music in the Park Series is funded by the Staples Host Lions Club. The Series is organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, with the assistance of the Staples Motley Public Schools and the City of Staples.

## Bazaar/fundraiser for Catherine Judd family

A bazaar/fundraiser for the family of Catherine Judd, Motley, will be held on Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Motley Castle.

Hosted by the Motley Free Methodist Church, the event roster includes lunch, tours of the Motley Castle (located behind the Motley-Staples Middle School) and a variety of items for sale, including craft items, quilts, canned goods, jewelry and cookies.

Two-year-old Catherine was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia on February 15, 2016. She underwent four rounds of chemotherapy at Children's Hospital Minneapolis, then transferred to the University of Minnesota where she had a bone marrow transplant, donated by her sister, Clara.



Catherine Judd

Proceeds from the bazaar will go to the Judd family to help cover medical/living expenses at this time.

## Veteran identification card issued with sign up

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(VETS) Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. [Source: Military-Times | Leo Shane III | March 7, 2017 +]

See your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at [david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us](mailto:david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us).

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## Engagement



### Jordan, Fox

Russell and Deb Jordan of Staples would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashlee, of Austin, Texas to Wes Fox, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, son of Ken and Kelli Fox and Larisa Wood, all of Lawrenceville.

Ashlee is a 2006 graduate of Staples-Motley High School and graduated in 2010 from University of Northwestern, St. Paul. She works as a head barista at Summer Moon Coffee Shop and is a nanny in Austin.

Wes is a 2010 graduate of Lawrenceville High School and a 2017 graduate of Gwinnett Technical College, Ga. He is a welder in Austin.

The couple will be married on September 9, 2017 in Austin.

## Author Paul Lundborg to speak at Todd Cty. Historical Society

The Todd County Historical Society will present Paul Lundborg, author of "Death of a Dream," at the Browerville Community Center Friday, Aug. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Lundborg will tell the story of his ancestors who immigrated from Sweden to west-central Minnesota in 1861. Thirteen family members were killed by Indians during the U.S. Dakota War of 1862, while eight family members fled to safety.

There is no admission charge. Everyone is welcome.

At their June 3 meeting the museum director informed the membership that a grant had been received from Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative to cover the cost of the country school project.

Other points covered included:

- A travel meeting is needed to plan a fall trip.
- The fall dinner will be Oct. 23 at the American Legion.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 7, at the museum.

## Student Achievements

**EMILY ISRAELSON**, Staples, has been named to the Spring 2017 Dean's List at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, S.D. To qualify, students must have a minimum of 12 credit hours with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

**KELSEY DICKINSON**, Motley, has been named to the 2017 Spring Semester President's Honor Roll at the University of Wyoming. To qualify, students must earn a 4.0 grade-point average and be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

**THE COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, DULUTH**, has announced its Spring 2017 Dean's List. To qualify, student must have achieved a 3.75 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale. Local students named include:

- Jessica Murphy, Staples
- Kendra Petersen, Staples
- Tiffany Wierenga, Motley.

**BROOKE JACKSON**, Staples, has been named to the 2017

Spring Semester Honor List at Minnesota State University Mankato. To qualify, students must have a minimum of 12 credit hours with a grade point average of 3.5 - 3.99.

**EMILY JONES**, Pillager, has been named to the 2017 Spring Semester High Honor List at Minnesota State University Mankato. To qualify, students must have a minimum of 12 credit hours with a grade point average of 4.0.

**BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY** has announced its 2017 Spring Semester Dean's List. To qualify, students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 grade point average during the semester. Local students named include:

- Jennifer Barg, Pillager
- Cody Sorenson, Pillager
- Hunter Sorenson, Pillager
- Dominique Koppes, Staples
- Reza Mikhaeil, Staples
- Rebecca Soukup, Staples.



## June/July birthdays celebrated

The Staples Senior Citizens held a combined June/July birthday party July 11 in the Senior Citizens room at the Staples Community Center. Seven members celebrated their birthdays: Arlene Grover, seated at right, celebrated her June birthday. The July celebrants were, pictured seated, left to right, Lyda Cocking and Harriet Dent; standing in back, left to right, Enid Nelson, Helen Riggs, Jeanette Olsen and Mary Ann Riewer. They received a personalized card and a small decorated cake. The Happy Birthday song was sung. There was a short program and drawings for several door prizes, followed by the meal.

The August Birthday/Anniversary will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 8. Reservations are required by calling 894-2556 before noon on Monday, Aug. 7 to register. Everyone is welcome.

## Obituaries

### Donna Thiel

Donna Thiel, 88, of Staples passed away on July 13, 2017 at the Lake-wood Health System Care Center in Staples with her family by her side.

Funeral services were held July 18 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples, with Pastor Robin Collins presiding.

Interment was at Moran-Germania Cemetery, rural Staples.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Wadena.

Donna Adelaide Thiel was born March 13, 1929 to Joseph and Verna Dubbels in Lincoln. She was raised on the family farm and graduated from Motley High School in 1946. She married Robert Thiel on July 30, 1948. She enjoyed a long career as a teacher in many environments, starting at Lone Birch School in rural Staples at age 18. She later taught in Special Education, Head Start and had a long career as a substitute teacher in the Bertha-Hewitt schools.

She will be remembered as a woman who loved flowers, gardening and was an amazing cook and baker. She had a knack for canning, she was a state fair winner in canning at the age of 11. Throughout



her life she loved to sing and shared her gifts as a choir director. Her soprano voice was well known in the community.

She was a lifelong Lutheran where she was a choir director, Sunday school teacher, Ladies' Guild, youth group counselor and a founding Board member of Family of Christ Lutheran School in Baxter.

She is survived by four children, Lynnell Thiel, R. Brad (Susan) Thiel, Lee-Ann (Jeffrey) Thimell and Ryan (Carolyn Petrie) Thiel; one brother, Joe Dubbels and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years; parents; four siblings and one son, Terrence.

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## Summer celebration

At least 200 people attended the Music in the Park event in Staples July 16, which featured musicians Jeff Menten (above left) and Paul Nye. The concert featured a variety of music including Ashoken Farewell, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, Stairway to Heaven; and a special rendition of 'Happy Birthday' in honor of Menten's birthday. In bottom photo, Menten, who teaches private music lessons at Staples-Motley High School, greets Jonah Johnson of Staples, one of his students. Johnson studies cello. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



## Malvin Lilly

Malvin Floyd Lilly, 90, of Wintersville, Ohio died July 9, 2017 at Trinity West.

Per Mal's request no visitation or services were held. Burial was at Union Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were by Dunlope-Shorac Funeral Home, Wintersville.

Malvin was born on August 17, 1926 in Thomas-town Township in Wadena County, Minnesota to George S. and Lettie Ruch Lilly.

Mal graduated from Staples High School, Staples, and Lee & Ritter School of Beauty in St. Paul. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church where he served on the Vestry, Steubenville Masonic Lodge #45, Steubenville Scottish Rite, Jefferson County Museum, Upper Ohio Valley Opera Guild, Old Fort Steuben and Friends of the Grand Theater Restoration Project.

He is survived by nieces Gloria (Frank) Licari, Naomi (Lester) Pollock, Norma Finn, Orletta (Russell) Frederick, Loretta (Robert) Ecker and Karen (Donald) Johnson; nephews Eugene (Dolly) Lilly, George (Linda) Lilly, Bruce Drone, Norman (Shana) Drone,



Michael (Brenda) Lilly and Marvin Pierce and several great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Ethel L. Drone, Elise M. Pierce, Leona R. Gritz and Melissa Gritz; three brothers Jessie, Donald and Glen Lilly; companion and business partner William "Bill" Croskey of the former Town & Country Beauty & Gifts; nephews Stanley Gritz, Almond Drone, Harlen, David and Willard Pierce; and one niece, Lois Self.

Memorial donations may be directed to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Jefferson County Museum, Old Fort Steuben, Grand Theater or Steubenville Masonic Lodge #45.

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### Fundraiser/Bazaar

**Catherine Judd Family**  
**Sat., JULY 22**  
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**Donations: Tim and Jessica Judd, 264A Cleveland Ave. S, Motley, MN 56466**

2-year-old Catherine Judd is currently battling leukemia at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. She is undergoing chemo for the second time, trying to get her body back into remission. Catherine recently experienced remission for 9-1/2 months following a bone marrow transplant from her sister. Catherine is the daughter of Tim and Jessica Judd, Motley and the granddaughter of Alan and Shirley Judd, Browerville and Pastor Jim and Sheri Johnson, Motley.

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 5, 2008; Assigned January 20, 2017 ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$44,998.47 MORTGAGOR(S): Nathan George, a single person

MORTGAGEE: American Heritage National Bank; Assigned to Jason George

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Mortgage: Recorded October 1, 2008; Todd County Recorder; Todd County, MN; Document No. 459390

Assignment: Recorded February 7, 2017; Todd County Recorder; Todd County, MN; Document No. 502805

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that part of Government Lot Two (2) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township One Hundred Twenty-eight (128), Range Thirty-four (34), lying North of the Sauk River which runs through said Lot Two (2), and which lies East of Highway No. 11, also known as the "U" Trail Road.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd

Property Address: 16086 County 11, Osakis, MN 56360

Tax Parcel ID No.: 17-0030801

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$39,050.67

That all preforeclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 10, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office Lobby, 115 3rd Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, to pay the debt secured by said Mortgages, as assigned, and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the Mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns. If the mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Section 580.23, the time to vacate is 11:59 p.m. on that date.

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

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Dated: June 22, 2017

Jason George Assignee of Mortgagee

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PUBLIC NOTICE TODD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 103, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 320-732-4420

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

1) **Daniel and Julie Johnson "Johnson BBL Legacy" Plat - Kenneth D and Judy Frieler owners:**

M J Carroll Subdivision Outlot B (Sec-25 Twp-127 Rng-33)

PIN: 03-0082200

Site Address: NA

Request to review a proposed preliminary plat "Johnson BBL Legacy" to establish one lot.

2) **Land Use Ordinance Proposed Addition:**

Proposed addition to the Todd County Land Use Ordinance to allow full implementation of the state mandated buffer initiative including enforcement by Todd County.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters.

Todd County Planning Commission Michael Wiener, Chairperson 29pnc

NOTICE TODD COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE

Todd County is requesting fully-insured proposals for Group Medical Insurance. All questions regarding the RFP should be directed to Lori Hayes at Gallagher Benefit Services 3600 American Blvd W - Ste 500, Bloomington, MN 55431.

The RFP, submission instructions, all pertinent underwriting and general information can be obtained by contacting Lori Hayes at Gallagher Benefit Services: e-mail lori\_hayes@ajg.com or telephone 952-356-0712.

**Quoting carriers must provide electronic proposals to Lori Hayes by 2:00 p.m. on August 10, 2017. Proposals received after the deadline will be considered late and ineligible for consideration.**

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NOTICE OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE CITY OF STAPLES

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staples City Council gave an ordinance its first reading empowering the City to sell the following City-owned real estate located in the City of Staples, County of Todd, State of Minnesota:

•Lots 1 and 10, Block 25, Staples Mill (Original Townsite).

The real estate is located between US Highway 10 E and Second Avenue NE and Seventh Street NE and Eighth Street NE.

The second and final reading will be considered at the July 25, 2017 Staples City Council meeting.

Dated: July 12, 2017

Phil Lindaman City Clerk 29pnc

NOTICE MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP 2018 LEVY MEETING

Moose Lake Township will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall. The 2018 Township tax levy will be set during this meeting.

Karen Roubel, Clerk 29-30pnc

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT Case Type: # 14 - Other Civil

SUMMONS

City of Staples, Plaintiff

VS.

**Betty Self Drone, Estate of Betty Self Drone, Starr Botzet, a/k/a Star Botzet, Larry C. Botzet, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the Complaint herein, and all unknown heirs or assigns of the above in real estate described in the Complaint herein, Defendant.**

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you, The Plaintiffs Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights, You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the

person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons, You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:

Joseph A. Krueger BROWN & KRUEGER, P.A. 124 Lake Street South Long Prairie, MN 56347

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiffs Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Todd County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

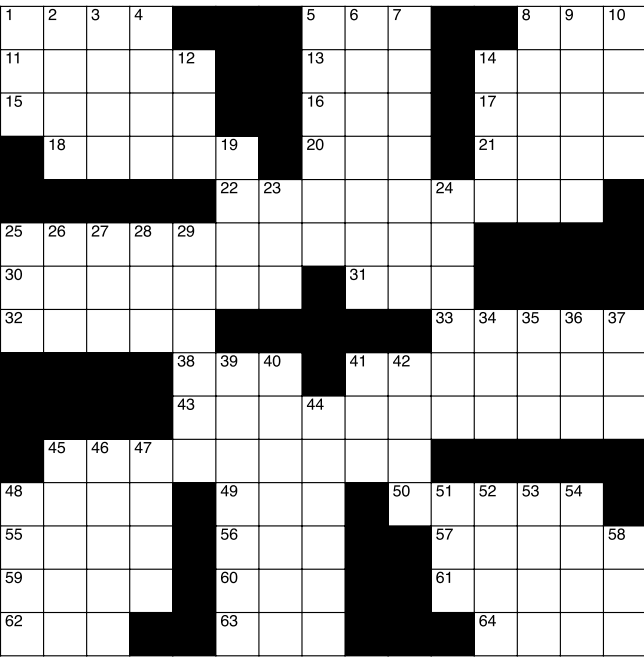
**Lot Ten (10), Block Twenty-five (25), Original Townsite of Staples.**

The object of this action is quiet title to a tax forfeited parcel, pursuant to Minnesota Statute §284.11.

Dated: 5/18/2017

BROWN & KRUEGER, P.A. By Joseph A. Krueger Attorney for Plaintiff 124 Lake Street South Long Prairie, MN 56347 Telephone: (320) 732-6112 Atty. Regn. No. 0328911 28-30pnc

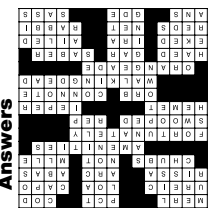
Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Blackbird (Scot.)
  5. Part of (abbr.)
  8. Large fish
  11. Of urea
  13. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano
  14. Organized crime head
  15. Bird genus
  16. Curve
  17. Greek sophist
  18. Thick river fish
  20. Negative
  21. Young woman (French)
  22. Extra features
  25. Luckily
  30. Pounced
  31. Congressman
  32. 92543
  33. Flemish names of Ypres
  38. Spherical body
  41. Imply
  43. Popular zombie TV

- show
45. Drink
  48. Used to have (Scottish)
  49. Former hoopster
  50. California graffiti artist
  55. Managed
  56. Irish military organization
  57. Felt ill
  59. Larkin, Rose, Bench
  60. Used to catch fish
  61. Jewish spiritual leader
  62. Andahuaylas Airport
  63. Google development expert
  64. Cheek

24. Office skill
25. Follicle-stimulating hormone
26. An obligation to repay
27. Read-only memory
28. The lower end
29. Billy knew a girl from here
34. Not the beginning
35. He wrote "The Raven"
36. When you'll get there
37. Celtics legend Auerbach
39. Making fun of
40. Made dim
41. Heston character El
42. Small integers
44. Unarmed combat
45. Made of wood
46. Rex and Sorenson to name two
47. Affixes
48. Wife of Zeus
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. Runnin' \_\_: UNLV nickname
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**Notice of Intent to Establish Cass County Ordinance No. 02 For The Management Of The Public Rights-Of-Way Under Cass County's Jurisdiction**

The Cass County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, August 1, 2017** during the meeting that begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Courthouse, Walker, MN for the 1st reading of: Ordinance For The Management Of The Public Rights-Of-Way Under Cass County's Jurisdiction.

An Ordinance to administer and regulate the public Rights-of-Way in the public interest, and to provide for the issuance and regulation of Rights-of-Way Permits, pursuant to the powers granted under Minnesota Statutes 162.02, 222.37, and 237.16 through 237.163, and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7819.

Copies of the referenced ordinance may be viewed during regular business hours at Cass County Administrator's Office or on the Cass County website: <http://www.co.cass.mn.us/ordinances>. To submit written comments or obtain additional information contact the Cass County Highway Department at (218) 547-7368.

/s/ Joshua D. Stevenson, Cass County Administrator

**AUCTION**

As I am selling my home, I will sell the following items at the Motley Fairgrounds, Motley, MN (shelter if rain) on:

**Saturday, July 22, 2017**

**SALE TIME: 10:00 a.m. RESTROOMS AVAILABLE LUNCH ON GROUNDS**

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2-wheel tilt trailer, 5'x8'

**1967 Chrysler Newport**  
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**AlumaCraft 14' boat**  
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**12' alum. Crestliner boat**  
w/trailer, 5-12 hp Johnson motor, 2 oars  
MinnKota 28 lbs./65 weedless five speed trolling motor  
Toro snowblower, 521  
Agri Feb 38" lawn sweep  
ATV snow plow

**SPORTING/ GARAGE/ MORE**

50 cal. Optima black powder rifle, synthetic stock  
5 plastic duck decoys  
2 sets golf clubs  
8 ft. firewood rack  
Roll over creepers (2)  
Window  
Buckets of soap  
Cover for septic  
Spikes for tents  
New mooring snubber kit, 20 ft.  
Floor heater  
2 metal cabinets  
Fixit magazines & books  
Long crow bars

Live trap  
Twine bale  
Sander  
Vice grip  
Panel carriers (2)  
Wire (odds)  
Work table  
Oil  
Many flower pots  
Wooden stand  
Marble - examples  
Chimes (need fixing)  
Mallard ducks  
Push mower

Lawn cart  
New solar light  
Leaf picker-upper  
3 pickers  
Storage trunks (3)  
Gas cans (5)  
3 chargers  
Water basin  
Many flower pots  
Wooden stand  
Marble - examples  
Chimes (need fixing)  
Mallard ducks  
Push mower

Large cable  
100 ft. hose  
Hose  
Racks  
Aves  
Weed sprayer  
Lighting items  
Work bench  
Bird stuff  
Folding chairs  
Picnic table  
Sprinklers  
Leaf scoop

Wooden eagle statue  
Wooden owl statue  
Big plastic shell  
**HORSE & DOG ITEMS**  
Saddle, bridles, 2 pads  
Horse brushes, shoe picks  
Horse feeder, blanket  
Hat holders (2), racks  
Plastic dog house, like new  
Fold up dog house  
Plastic dog pool  
Off the floor dog bed  
Pet carriers, 1 sm., 1 lg. for inside vehicle  
Water dishes

**FURNITURE/ HOUSEHOLD/ MORE**

China hutch  
Long hutch  
Flat burner stove  
Table & chairs (5 odd)  
1/2 moon hutch  
1/2 moon table  
Humidifier  
Brass lamp  
Old TVs, 1 lg., 1 sm.

Love seat  
Hide-a-bed  
Swivel table  
Exercise walker  
Air conditioner  
White china hutch  
2 bar stools with backs  
Speakers Lg. round oak table w/leaf (old)  
TV stands (trays)

Bed frames w/head & foot boards (2)  
Futon  
Mirror w/dresser  
Old desk  
Deck sets w/ table & chairs  
Deck design light  
Dresser  
3 bar stools  
4-drawer dresser  
Recliner  
Old Lincoln Church pew, 12"  
Heavy cabinet  
Card tables, folding chairs

2 deck sets  
Old roll top desk  
Needle point boxes  
Fake flowers, fake fruit  
Many wicker baskets  
3 sm. Christmas trees  
Fake poinsettia plants  
COMPUTER ITEMS/ OFFICE ITEMS  
Gateway computer  
Speaker  
Envelopes, trays

**OLDER ITEMS**

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Toy truck  
Wood rocker  
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Horse harness, horse shoes  
Wooden baby crib  
Baby doll w/bassinnet  
Christmas statues that light  
**DISHES**  
Bowls, ceramic bowl, lg. bowl

Salt-&pepper shakers  
Glass vases  
Silverware tray  
Plastic water bottles  
Rotisserie, sm.  
Canning stuff, lg. pressure cooker  
Rice cooker  
Cookie sheets, cookie maker  
**KNICK KNACKS**  
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Bird house (indoor)  
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## Timberlake project ready to install

CLC students Nicholas McCullough, Corbin Hendrickson, John Raboin and Ryan Hamann look over the parts of the sign they created for the Timberlake Hotel in Staples. (Submitted photo)

Below is the sign installed on the west wall of the hotel. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

# CLC partners with hotel for sign project

The new hotel in Staples can be recognized from afar, thanks to a massive sign crafted by Central Lakes College welding students.

The metal lettering, standing a total of 27-feet by 14-feet, can be found on Timberlake Hotel, Staples.

CLC partnered with Hy-Tec Construction to make the sign. CLC Welding students used a CAD software to create a 3D model of the hotel's logo. That 3D model was used to create a CNC cutting program, which the plasma table used to cut the parts. The CLC students cut the parts and de-burred them.

Hy-Tec Construction engineered and installed a mounting system for the letters and the parts were powder coated by Gull Lake Sandblasting & Powdercoat-

ing. Finally, they were brought to Staples, where Hy-Tec installed them on the building.

"The Staples community is a part of our Staples campus, so when the idea was presented to have welding students participate in the project, we didn't need to think about it," said David Otto, CLC Welding instructor.

"We were excited to do it and it is another project that students can learn a great deal from, starting with the basic fabrication of the project, all the way to the collaboration of all the different players involved with the construction. The cool part for the students involved is every time they drive through Staples they can say 'I helped build that sign' and they can take a little pride in the work."



## Todd County 4-H awards

### Non-livestock exhibits

Judging of the 4-H Non-Livestock Exhibits was held on July 11, at the Todd County Fairgrounds. Judges for the various project areas were: Barb Peterson, Staples; Jeff Walker, Villard; Trudy Maninga, Ponsford; Kris Huebsch, New York Mills; Jennifer Johnson, St. Cloud; Chris Trout, Motley; Kirstin Koch, Morris; Donna Geiser, New York Mills; Dan Oelke, Otsego; Erv Berglund, Fridley; and Jody Koubsky, Alexandria. The Clothing Projects and Fashion Revue were judged before the fair on June 29. Also judged that day was Food Review. Evaluating those projects were: Cindy Bigger of Alexandria and Donna Geiser of New York Mills.

The Champion for Aerospace was AJ Nienow, A-1 4-H Club.

### General Livestock

Judging of the 4-H General Livestock Show was held on Friday afternoon, July 14, at the Todd County Fairgrounds. Judging the quality 4-H sheep, swine and beef was Jay Thissen of Sartell.

Parker Gjerstad, Independent 4-H'er, was named the Overall Champion Sheep Exhibitor. Parker received these honors with his market lamb, which also received Champion Market Lamb honors.

Overall Reserve Champion Sheep Exhibitor was also Parker Gjerstad with his breeding ewe, which was also the Champion Ewe Lamb.

Alexis Woeste, Golden Gophers, exhibited the Reserve Champion Ewe Lamb, a Purebred Yearling Ewe. Exhibiting the Reserve Champion Market Lamb was also Alexis Woeste.

Parker Gjerstad, Independent 4-H'er, was awarded Champion of the Sheep Showmanship honors-Grades 9-13.

Judge Thissen selected four sheep to represent Todd County at the 2017 Minnesota State Fair. 4-H'ers selected to represent Todd County were: Parker Gjerstad, Independent 4-H'er; Alexis Woeste, Golden Gophers; Katrina Buntjer, Golden Gophers; and Maria Buntjer, Golden Gophers.

### Poultry Show

On July 13, Judge Doug Benning of St. Cloud, judged the 4-H Poultry Show at the Todd County Fair.

Exhibiting the Champion Poultry Exhibit was Laura Sauer, Golden Gophers, a Market Pen of Turkeys, and Danielle Prather, Lone Star, received the Reserve Champion Poultry Ribbon, with her market pen of ducks.

Zachary Lenz, Lone Star, was awarded Reserve Champion Poultry Showman-Grades 3-5 of the Poultry Showmanship.

The following four 4-H'ers were selected to

represent Todd County at the Minnesota State Fair with their Poultry Exhibits: Laura Sauer, Golden Gophers, market pen of turkeys; Danielle Prather, Lone Star, market pen of Ducks; Hannah Hulinsky, Burtrum Boosters, market pen of chickens; and Joseph Sauer, Golden Gophers, breeding pen of chickens.

### Rabbit Show

Kolt Carstensen, Lone Star, exhibited the Champion 4-H Rabbit at the Todd County Fair on July 13, a small breed senior doe. Kaitlyn Bristlin, Lone Star, exhibited the Reserve Champion Rabbit, a large breed senior doe.

Haylie Wielenberg, Wykeham Willing Workers, was named the Champion Rabbit Show Person-Grades 3-5, and Reserve Champion Rabbit Show Person-Grades 3-5 honors went to Gauge Carstensen, Lone Star 4-H Club. Kaitlyn Bristlin, Lone Star, received the Reserve Champion Rabbit Show Person-Grades 6-8 honors. Shawn Trantina, A-1, took home the Champion Rabbit Show Person Ribbon-Grades 9-13 and Julia Trantina, A-1, was named the Reserve Champion Rabbit Show Person-Grades 9-13.

Judge Emma Hanson of Delano, Minnesota, selected four rabbits to represent Todd County at the Minnesota state fair. 4-H'ers selected to exhibit their rabbits at the State Fair were: Kolt Carstensen, Lone Star-Senior Doe, Small Breeds; Kaitlyn Bristlin, Lone Star-Senior Doe, Large Breeds; Julia Trantina, A-1-Senior Doe, Small Breeds; and Danielle Prather, Lone Star-Senior Buck, Small Breeds.

### Goat Show

The 4-H Goat Show was held July 13, at the Todd County Fair. Judge Mary Nelson of Winthrop judged the high quality goats.

Katrina Buntjer, Golden Gophers, was named the Champion Goat Exhibitor with her yearling meat doe, which was also the Champion Meat Breeding Doe. Reserve Champion Goat exhibitors were Blake Lenz, Lone Star, exhibiting a five year old milking doe, which was also the Champion Dairy Goat Exhibit and Jason Trantina, A-1, showing a market goat which was also Reserve Champion Market Goat. The Reserve Champion Dairy Goat honors went to Jenna Kunerth, Independent 4-H'er. Shyanne Hemmingson, Wykeham Willing Workers, received the Reserve Champion Meat Breeding Doe Ribbon. The Champion Market Goat Exhibitor was Katrina Buntjer, Golden Gophers.

Goat Showmanship Ribbons were awarded to, Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Showman, Grades 6-8 Jenna Kunerth, Independent 4-H'er; Champion Dairy Goat Showman, Grades 9-13-Josiah Cole, Independent 4-H'er; Reserve

Champion Dairy Goat Showman, Grades 9-13-Hailey Schleiter, Independent 4-H'er; Reserve Champion Market Goat Showman, Grades 3-5-Gauge Carstensen, Lone Star, Reserve Champion Market Goat Showman, Grades 6-8-Shyanne Hemmingson, Wykeham Willing Workers, Vickie Kettelwell of Brainerd selected four 4-H Horse Project Members, Reserve Champion Market Goat Showman, Grades 9-13 - Josiah Cole, Independent 4-H'er.

The five 4-H'ers and their dairy goats selected to represent Todd County at the Minnesota State Fair were: Blake Lenz, Lone Star, five Years Old and Older Doe; Jenna Kunerth, Independent 4-H'er, five Years Old and Older Doe; Hailey Schleiter, Independent 4-H'er, Yearling Not In Milk; Brian Kunerth, Independent 4-H'er, Three or Four Year Old Doe; and Josh Schleiter, Independent 4-H'er, dry yearling.

### Horse Show

Vickie Kettelwell of Brainerd selected four 4-H Horse Project Members on Wednesday, July 12, at the Todd County 4-H Horse Show to represent Todd County at the 2017 Minnesota State Horse Show to be held September 15-18.

Kirstin Sudbeck, Independent 4-H'er and Shayla Marthaler, West Union Country Kids, were chosen in the Pleasure Classes. In the Game Classes Tate Twardowski, Golden Gophers and Noelle Host, Independent 4-H'er, won the honors. Eliza Gould, Golden Gophers, will be participating at the State Show in the Training Program-Step 6.

Overall Grand Champion Horse Exhibitor in Performance of the 2017 4-H Horse Show was Kirstin Sudbeck, Independent 4-H'er and Shayla Marthaler, West Union Country Kids, received the Overall Reserve Champion Performance honors of the show.

Overall Grand Champion Horse Exhibitor in Games of the 2017 4-H Horse Show was Tate Twardowski, Golden Gophers. Kirstin Sudbeck, Independent 4-H'er, received the Overall Reserve Champion Games honors of the show.

### Dairy Show

Jasiah Paskewitz exhibited the Grand Champion Dairy Animal at the 2017 Todd County 4-H Dairy Show on July 14. Paskewitz won these honors with his four year old holstein cow. Paskewitz was also named Champion Holstein Exhibitor with that animal.

The Reserve Champion Dairy Animal, a two year old holstein, was also exhibited by Paskewitz. Paskewitz two year old animal was also named the Reserve Champion Holstein Exhibit.

Other breed champion exhibitors included: Guernsey-Lucas Deyle, A-1; Jersey-Hailey Wielenberg, Wykeham Willing Workers; milking shorthorn-Sara Carstensen, Lone Star; and crossbred-Jasiah Paskewitz, A-1.

Reserve Breed Champion honors went to: Guernsey-Lucas Deyle, A-1; Jersey-Hailey Wielenberg, Wykeham Willing Workers; milking shorthorn-William Harrington, Lone Star; and crossbred-Jasiah Paskewitz, A-1.

Brian Kunerth, Wykeham Willing Workers, exhibited the Junior Champion Dairy Animal of the show.

Dairy Showmanship awards were presented to: Reserve Champion-Kaelyn Holmquist, Wykeham Willing Workers; Grades 6-8-Champion-Alexis Tweeter, A-1; Grades 9-13-Champion-Rebekka Gjerstad, A-1; and Reserve Champion-Parker Gjerstad, Independent 4-H'er.

Neal Grotsun of Cold Spring judged the 2017 Todd County 4-H Dairy Show. Judge Grotsun selected the following eight 4-H'ers to represent Todd County at the Minnesota State Fair: Brian Kunerth, Independent 4-H'er; Jenna Kunerth, Independent 4-H'er; Jasiah Paskewitz, A-1; Jesson Gould, Golden Gophers; Parker Gjerstad, Independent 4-H'er; Hailey Wielenberg, Wykeham Willing Workers; Lucas Deyle, A-1; and Alexis Tweeter, A-1.

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## Alumni men's champions

The "1996 Ghosts of the Past," comprised with players from the '80s and '90s, won the mens division of the Staples Alumni Basketball Tournament in an overtime thriller against the "Class of 2003 Slightly Below Average" team.

Front row from left, Trevor Peterson, Erik Kelly, Daryn Lecy, Jeff Joerger, Ryan Beachy, Cy Bestland and Blaine Joerger; back row, Loren Brownell, Dan Otteson, Derek Hasselberg, Chris Heier, Jamie Nichols, John Riewer and Kevin Coughlin. (Submitted photo)



## Alumni women's champions

From left, Bobbi Jo Mathe, Kaitlin Spar, Brooke Wolhowe, Jasmine McGilvray, Emily Israelson and Grace Wolhowe, members of the 2013-15 alumni team "Your Worst Nightmare," who beat the mid 2000 team "Ponytail Express" in the women's championship game of the Staples Alumni Basketball Tournament. The final game was a one point victory decided by a free throw. (Submitted photo)



## Alumni hoops action

The second year of the Staples Alumni Basketball Tournament brought more players and fans, resulting in a lot of competitive action. "There was a ton of quality basketball," said tournament organizer Colton Thompson. "We will be doing it again in 2018." (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



## Of light shows minor and major

As wondrous as Nature is, some of its processes become so familiar that we begin to take them for granted. Some species of birds migrate thousands of miles from where they're born to where they spend the winter. Worm-like caterpillars transform miraculously into the most strikingly beautiful butterflies. Carbon heated to

more than 2,000 degrees and compressed under 350 tons of pressure yields diamonds.

These and many other natural wonders can lose their luster the more we're exposed to them. Butterflies can be an everyday sight in summer. Warblers leave us every autumn, but return punctually every spring. Diamonds are seen on the ring fingers of millions, and in the display cases of jewelry stores everywhere. "Familiarity breeds contempt," they say; or at least indifference. Then there are rarer events that seem mysterious almost to the point of wizardry. One of these, mysterious to me, anyway, is the ability of tiny insects

to generate light that's as real as the light generated by electrical current in your home, or by the batteries in the flashlight you carry in your glove compartment.

A week or so ago I shared details of a fishing adventure along a river that winds its way through the forests and farmland of North Central Minnesota. That outing was cut short by thunder and lightning, as my fishing partner and I grudgingly conceded respect for a force of Nature that can be as deadly as it is dramatic.

Not one to give up easily, several days later I was back on the banks of that river, this time by myself, waiting for dusk

and emerging insects to come to life and turn the fish on. This is a river you wade in hip boots or chest-high waders, or – at best – paddle in a kayak or canoe when the water is deep enough. Not wanting to prematurely disturb the fish and hurt my chances, I held back and waited – not-so-patiently – for dusk to deepen almost to the point of darkness. The hot, muggy evening seemed perfect for triggering a horde of hatching insects, which in turn should trigger an eating binge by the fish.

It wasn't to be. No blizzard of hatching insects turned the river into a boiling cauldron of hun-

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**Nature generates its own light phenomena**  
gry fish, rising to pluck hapless bugs from its surface. With few fish rising to the surface to betray their whereabouts, I "fished the water" with various lures in the places I might be if I were a fish. Places like beneath the protective lip of the concrete bridge that carries the county road over the river; or behind a rock in midstream that breaks the force of the current; or where a log jutting out from the bank creates a narrow conveyor that would funnel drifting food to a finned predator waiting below.  
No dice. It was 10:30, and with a 90 minute drive home ahead of me – and work the next morning – I was about to pack it in. That's when I noticed the tiny flashes of light in the streamside vegetation. It had been awhile since I'd seen this light, but I knew at once it was fireflies, those winged beetles that are also known as "lightning bugs."  
Most were across the stream, but some were on my side, winking on and off behind me. If I were a youngster I would have gone looking for an empty glass jar and tried to capture some. Now, I just watched in fascination as their short bursts of light flashed on and off.  
Fireflies and some other

creatures – most of them in the oceans – share the quality known as bioluminescence. In fireflies the purpose is believed to be for attracting a mate, to deter predators, and to attract prey. The light is produced in their body by the combination of oxygen, adenosine triphosphate (ATP), a chemical called luciferin, and an enzyme called luciferase. Those familiar with the Old Testament will immediately recognize the root word Lucifer – the angel that fell from grace to become the devil – in both luciferin and luciferase. While most allusions to Lucifer are negative, its Latin meaning is actually "light bringing." Lucifer, after all, was a favorite before his fall.  
In ocean depths where little sunlight penetrates, many creatures are bioluminescent, basically generating their own light. Some may remember a description in the book and in the movie Apollo 13. Astronaut James Lovell, commander of Apollo 13, recalled an earlier experience as an aircraft carrier pilot, when his instruments went dead, and accurately finding his carrier and landing on its deck seemed unlikely. But luck – or divine intervention – was with him, and bioluminescent algae churned up by the carrier's propellers left a trail in the water that he was not only able to follow, but generated enough glow that he could position his aircraft properly for an imperfect but survivable landing.  
I lingered awhile appreciating the light show, then headed back to my vehicle, stripped off clammy waders, vest, and other gear, and began the long drive home. After turning east at Wadena, I began to see far in the distance the flashes of light from a large thunderstorm cell; later I learned it was over Lake Mille Lacs. In the last 45 minutes to home I witnessed a light show that was equal to the fireworks of the 4th of July, just one day before. The lightning alternated between spidery, branching ropes of brilliance, and unseen flashes that illuminated the edges of the cloud banks in glowing silhouette. The spectacle both made it easier to stay awake, and more difficult to focus on the highway ahead.  
Taken together, these were stirring and wondrous counterpoints to one another; almost microscopic points of cold light generated by tiny lightning bugs, followed by the intensity and visual drama of atmospheric energy that only lightning can deliver. Perhaps both the rare and the common can fill us with wonder.

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## Reminder on medical marijuana, VA policy

Millions of Americans suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. Minnesota is the latest state to offer medical marijuana as a possible treatment option. The Minnesota Health Department's Office of Medical Cannabis opened enrollment to people diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder on July 1, and the state's eight clinics will open their doors to those new patients in August. This will create questions in the Veteran population. VA policy remains unchanged. Key points for Veterans include:

- Federal law prohibits VA physicians from prescribing medical marijuana and from completing forms/paperwork necessary for patients to enroll in state marijuana programs. Federal law classifies marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance and federal employees

must comply with federal law, despite state laws allowing marijuana use.

- VA is aware that some veterans who reside in states with marijuana programs and who receive care in VA, do indeed participate in marijuana programs. Given the differences between state and federal laws regarding marijuana, a veteran's decision to participate in a state marijuana program is a personal one and not one dictated administratively by VA.

- VA does not administratively prohibit VA services to those veterans who participate in state marijuana programs. However, in some cases, participation in state marijuana programs may be inconsistent with treatment goals; therefore, VA clinicians may modify treatment plans for the health of the patient.



## Family outing

The Grossman family of Pillager had a great time at the Pillager Fair July 8. Pictured are Travis and Stacy, along with their sons Eli and Garrett. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Randall man injured in ATV accident

One man was injured during an ATV crash in Cushing Township July 16, reports the Morrison County Sheriff's Office.

The incident happened at approximately 12:40 a.m., about four miles north of Randal.

According to the sheriff's office, 47-year-old Damon Salyard of Randall was driving an ATV in the ditch off of Lake Camille Drive. Salyard lost control

of the ATV and it rolled on top of him. He was airlifted by Life Link III out of Brainerd to St. Cloud Hospital with unknown injuries.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in this case which is still under investigation.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the MN State Patrol, Randall Fire and Rescue, Life Link III and Gold Cross Ambulance.

## Two injured in motorcycle accident

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports that on July 16, at approximately 11:46 a.m., they received a report of a motorcycle accident with injuries on 230th St., approximately four miles west of Randall in Parker Township.

According to sheriff's office, a motorcycle driven by 43-year-old Ryan Kellen of Norcross was traveling west on 230th Street. He drove over a hill and had to apply the brakes in order to avoid a collision with other motorcycles in his group. Kellen lost control of the motorcycle and suffered minor cuts and bruises.

Kellen's passenger, 36-year-old Tanya Kellen of Norcross was transported by Life Link III out of Brainerd to the St. Cloud Hospital with a possible head injury. Both parties were not wearing a helmet.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Randall Fire and Rescue, Life Link III and Gold Cross Ambulance.

## Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

July 7 - While responding to a motor vehicle accident with injuries in Scandia Valley Township, MPD Officer Jason Borash struck a black bear that ran out in front of the squad car onto the roadway. The vehicle sustained moderate damage to the front end. A permit for the bear was issued to one of the firefighters at the scene. Officer Borash also notified Conservation Officer Jeff Halverson of the situation.

July 7 - The MPD arrested John Wesley Johnson, 30, following a traffic stop at Hwy 10 and 385th Street, Motley. According to the report, Police Chief Ron Smith stopped Johnson's vehicle after running the plate and noting that the registered owner's driver's license was canceled as inimical to public safety. The driver admitted he was the registered owner and proceeded to hand Chief Smith a copy of a citation he had received in Hubbard County earlier that morning. Johnson said he went to court and was told he could drive home. He later produced a court order dated July 7, 2017, with conditions of release stating he could not drive any motor vehicles. Johnson was arrested and transported to Morrison County Detention. Chief Smith noted it was Johnson's second arrest on the same offense in the same day.

July 12 - The MPD responded to a report that the west dugout at Ernie Converse Park in Motley had been vandalized by juveniles who spray painted on the interior wall. In regard to the incident, the MPD spoke with all of the juveniles involved, as well as their parents. The juveniles will be cleaning the paint off of the wall.

July 6 - 12 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Deborah Thurman, 58; Nicole Colson, 32; John Bass, 65; Paige Lockie, 23; Alec Hoines, 22; Laurie Schleif, 58; Jennifer Lindstrom, 39; Brittany Geditz, 26; Sarah Sparks, 37;; Peyton Kraus, 20.

July 12 - The MCSO responded to a report of a hit and run on a parked vehicle at Campfire Bay Resort in Cushing. The deputy investigated the scene and spoke with several parties who denied any involvement. Attempted to contact other parties who had checked out, but was unsuccessful.

July 12 - The MCSO was contacted by Wright County, requesting that they attempt to locate a vehicle that was loaned to a person who did not return it. The registered owner said she believed the vehicle had been left at the west access of Lake Alexander in Cushing by the person who had borrowed it. Deputy Bill Vanden Avond located the vehicle at that location and notified the registered owner. She stated that there was \$1,000 cash in the trunk and a set of subwoofers and her dog in the vehicle. With the registered owner's permission, the deputy checked the interior of the vehicle and observed that none of those items, including the dog, were in the car. The deputy attempted to locate the individuals who the owner stated might be in possession of the items but was unable to locate.

July 11 - Samantha Snyder called the MCSO to report hitting a deer on Dove Road in Pillager. She stated she was headed back to Kansas and didn't want the deer.

July 10 - The MCSO was flagged down by a female walking along the side of the road near Hwy 10 and Aster Rd., Cushing. She stated she was walking to Staples and needed a ride to the train depot to meet her fiancé when he got off the train. Deputy Austin Scherping transported her to the train depot and then cleared.

July 8 - The MCSO responded to a report of a burglary off of Dollars Drive in Pillager.

July 6 - Larry Hager called the MCSO to report hitting a small bear with his vehicle while driving on 320th St. by 70th Ave. in Cushing. Hager advised that the bear got up and walked back into the woods. There was minimal damage to the vehicle.

## Staples Area Church Directory

### Staples

#### Staples Alliance

1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891  
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson  
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
AWANA.....6:15 p.m.

#### Assembly of God

914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081  
Pastor Roy Miles  
Youth Pastor Julie Boone  
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Soulight & Youth.....6:30 p.m.

#### Church of Christ

27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609  
Pastor Barry Klein  
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org  
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

**Congregational Church, UCC**  
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571  
Pastor Tony Romaine

Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship, refreshments following service

#### Faith Lutheran

430 12th Street, NE., Staples.....218-894-1546  
Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvaag  
Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.  
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

#### Sacred Heart Church

310 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2296  
Church.....  
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf  
Youth and Young Adult Ministry  
Coordinator:  
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text  
MASS:  
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..  
Saturday.....5:00 p.m..  
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

#### Seventh Day Adventist

421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples  
218-894-0033  
Saturday Worship.....10:45 am.  
Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.

#### Thomastown Covenant

15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923  
Pastor Nathan Hillman  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

#### Trinity Lutheran

1000 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2372  
Rev. Robin Collins  
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:15 a.m.

### United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248  
Pastor Greg Leslie  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)  
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)  
.....9:15-10:15 a.m.

### Aldrich

**Congregational, United Church of Christ**  
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich  
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Communion.....1st Sunday of Month

### Balsamlund Lutheran

19550 490th Street, Aldrich  
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)  
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.  
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

### Cushing

**Bethany Lutheran**  
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN  
320-749-2140  
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.  
Rev. Jean M. 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  
Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown  
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle  
SUNDAY

Sunday School for all ages.....9:00 a.m.  
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m.  
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.

### Cushing Baptist

26298 Bear Rd., Cushing  
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org  
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

### Leaf River Township

**The Old Country Church**  
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6  
Info: 218-837-5690 Open by arrangement

### Leader

**Swan Valley Lutheran**  
Leader.....218-397-2470  
Pastor David Stevens  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

### Maple Hill Lutheran

Pastor David Stevens  
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)  
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

### Motley

**Motley Free Methodist**  
33 Wellwood St. E  
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888  
Pastor Jim Johnson  
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group.....5:30-7:30 p.m.

### St. John's Lutheran

497 3rd Ave. S., Motley.....218-352-6399  
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler  
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

### St. Michael

1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296  
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf  
MASS:  
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m..  
Saturday.....7:00 p.m..  
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

### United Methodist

847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466  
Pastor Greg Leslie  
www.motleyumc.org  
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

### Oylen

**Oylen Alliance**  
City, Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen  
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316  
Pastor Neal Malcore  
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

### Pillager

**First Lutheran Church**  
717 River Street S., Pillager, MN  
218-746-3775  
Pastor Hector Merced  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

### Casino Assembly of God

Pastor Dan Johnson  
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.  
Phone.....218-746-3839  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

### First Baptist

903 River Street South, Pillager  
Pastor 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  
218-924-2028  
Pastor Wayne Hoffer  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN  
Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

### Verndale

**Verndale Alliance**  
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481  
218-445-5619  
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley  
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes  
.....11-11:45 a.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  
Prayer.....8:30 a.m.  
Coffee & Fellowship.....8:45 a.m.  
Worship.....9:10 & 11:00 a.m.  
Prayer or Life Groups.....6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
6:00 p.m.....Family fellowship meal  
6:30 p.m.....Ministry Groups/Bible study

### Hope Chapel Alliance

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

### Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)

17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale  
Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

### 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.

## Freedom from Porn

Pastor Nathan Hillman, Thomastown Covenant Church

Part II :

In my last article, I explained why Jesus' words were true when he taught that we have to destroy lustful thoughts before they destroy us. Pornography is at epidemic levels in our society, and it causes so much hurt and sadness. But the truth will set you free. (John 8:32) As a young man, I found freedom in my thought life. And I've had the joy of walking with other young men as they fought and discovered the beauty of a pure mind and heart.

How to get free:

Take it seriously. Unless you really come to believe that porn destroys, you won't have the will to stop it. Go to [fightthenewdrug.org](http://fightthenewdrug.org) for the science behind the hurt. Also, stop excusing and justifying yourself. Porn is wrong and it hurts you and those you love. Only God can justify you and help you – and he will when you cry out to him in prayer. (1 John 1:7-9)

Get radical. Figure out where your on-ramp to porn is (smart phone, tablet, PC, certain places or people), and completely cut those out of your life. Accountability software from X3watch or Covenant Eyes can help you block porn on your device. But the tech savvy can even find ways around

those, and have finally had to severely limit or chuck their devices. Yes, this is hard, but freedom isn't free, right?! I have a friend who smashed his smartphone with a hammer for the sake of freedom.

Find help. Talk regularly and openly with a mature, trusted person of the same gender. You need someone who understands the struggle and will both challenge and encourage you. In any battle, soldiers that fight alone are in serious trouble. This can be the hardest step to take, but it's important that we aren't alone in this fight.

Seek Pleasure. If you're viewing porn, you're not seeking the real pleasures that you were meant for... you're chasing after shadows of the real thing. Humans were made for pleasure, but often look for it in all the wrong places. Realize that there is more and lasting pleasure in loving God and the people in your life than there is in lust (which focuses on a selfish fantasy-world). We all can focus on good things, good people, and a great God.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

– Galatians 5:13

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**Longbella Drug Store**  
"The Prescription Store"  
2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242  
Motley and Pillager

**Ernie's Food Market**  
Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more  
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

**Staples Veterinary Clinic**  
"Complete Animal Care"  
Staples, MN 218-894-1775

**Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank**  
Fully Insured to \$250,000  
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

**Central Building Supply**  
Bob Reeck, Manager  
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

**Staples World**  
Your community newspaper since 1890  
224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN  
218-894-1112

**Tower Pizza**  
Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches  
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

**Staples True Value**  
"Just Ask Rental"  
Open 7 days a week.  
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

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