

Keeping cool in Motley

Josh LaBlanc of Motley was part of a family group that gathered at the Crow Wing River in Motley July 10. In the water with him are cousins who enjoyed swimming in the river on a very hot summer day. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Weather

| This Week's Forecast | | | |
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| | High | Low | Cond. |
| July 21 | 91° | 68° | M. Sunny |
| July 22 | 93 | 65 | Sunny |
| July 23 | 93 | 65 | M. Cloudy |
| July 24 | 93 | 62 | P. Sunny |
| July 25 | 92 | 62 | Sunny |
| July 26 | 93 | 64 | Sunny |
| July 27 | 92 | 63 | M. Sunny |

| Last Year, 2020 | | | |
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| | High | Low | Cond. |
| July 21 | 68° | 62° | Cloudy |
| July 22 | 70 | 52 | M. Cloudy |
| July 23 | 75 | 52 | Sunny |
| July 24 | 88 | 69 | Sunny |
| July 25 | 83 | 71 | Cloudy |
| July 26 | 78 | 71 | Rain |
| July 27 | 78 | 59 | Sunny |

Average Temps:
H = 82° Low = 60°
No rain
52% of the state is now experiencing "severe drought."

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher



Staples-Motley trapshooting team at state

Cardinal trapshooters, front row, Gabe Kroll; row two, from left, Drake Dukowitz, Odin Trif, Ethan Daly, Nate Nyhus, Reid Judd, Ronnie Noska, Abbie Brichachek and coach Bob Koenig; row three, coach

Steve Benson, William Thew, Ryan Larson, Dominic Carlson, Cole Winkels, Keith Rollins, Alex Black and Kris Taylor. (Submitted photo)

Rollins, Carlson, Dukowitz lead Cardinals at state trap

Keith Rollins, Dominick Carlson and Drake Dukowitz placed in the top 100 at the 2021 Minnesota State High School Clay Target League Trap Shooting Championship. More than 6,500 high school athletes representing schools from across the state participated in the event at the Alexandria Shooting Park in Alexandria from June 14-22.

Rollins had a perfect 25 of 25 in the first round, missed just one in each of

the next two rounds and missed four in the final round to place 30th overall. Carlson also was perfect in the first round, but missed a few more in the last two rounds and finished in 44th. Dukowitz had two rounds with just one miss, scoring 24 and ended up in 66th place.

Boys results
Varsity - 30. Keith Rollins 94, 41. Dominick Carlson 93, 66. Drake Dukowitz 91, 120. Cole Winkels 87, 137. William Thew 86, 137. Nate

Nyhus 86, 220 Kristofer Taylor 81, 231. Ryan Larson 80, 269. Reid Judd 75, 290. Ethan Daly 71

Junior varsity - 66. Odin Trif 80, 165 Gabriel Kroll 70,

188. Alex Black 63
Girls results
Junior varsity - 44. Ronnie Noska 57
Novice - 35. Abby Brichacek 44

More apts. for Staples

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Citing a waiting list with 44 potential renters, developers for the Cardinal Pines apartment complex are going forward with plans to build 30 new apartment units at the site on Airport Road on the north side of Staples.

At the July 13 Staples City Council meeting, the council approved extending the tax increment finance (TIF) district to the new apartment addition, and extending it another three years. The original 12 year TIF timeline will now be 15 years and will expire in 2034

A TIF district allows the development company to pay property taxes back into the development of the project. The city will still receive taxes on the lot, but will not receive full tax payment until the TIF district is ended.

Corey Gerads and Mitch Rengel are the developers. Gerads told the council this is the biggest waiting list they have for any of their apartment complexes. He said the most requested units are one and three bedroom apartments, so the new project will have
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Richard Bolduc
Matthew Michels



DNR land sale includes Wadena County parcels

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has state lands for sale in Pine and Wadena counties. The five parcels for sale include rural and recreational properties.

State statute requires the DNR to conduct a public auction when parcels of land are available to sell. This summer's online public auction is in partnership with MinnBid, the Minnesota Department of Administration's Surplus Services online auction website. Bidding on properties requires registering for an account on the MinnBid site. Property will be available for bidding Wed., July 28, through 12 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6.

The Wadena County parcels are:

- Sale 80184 Wadena County, Bullard 2 (40 acres).

Minimum Bid: \$25,500.

- Sale 80185 Wadena County, Leaf River (2.5 acres). Minimum Bid: \$5,000.

- Sale 80186 Wadena County, Meadow 1 (40 acres). Minimum Bid: \$30,000.

- Sale 80189 Wadena County, Red Eye 3 (80 acres). Minimum Bid: \$55,500.

"The DNR is excited to partner with the Department of Administration for the first summer land auction," said Andrea Johnson, DNR land sale coordinator. "The option for full online participation creates a more accessible and efficient way for more people to bid on state land."

The public can visit mndnr.gov/landsale to

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Letter to the Editor

On closing the Motley School

In your article in the July 7 paper, you made statements that I cannot agree with. Your \$100,000 a year in transportation cost is probably accurate but it only takes about nine students going to Pillager to affect the \$100,000. By closing Motley, how many students has the school lost to Pillager?

The Motley School was not facing statutory operation debt. At one of the first meetings on the pairing, the superintendent said that we would have a \$30,000 deficit. When the financial report came out, we had a \$50,000 surplus.

When the newspaper came out, informing the public about the pairing, it was on a Wednesday. One day after the filings for school board closed. How convenient. How did two boards put together a pairing agreement without the public knowing about it?

I fought vigorously to keep a high school in Motley. The year the board agreed to pair with Staples, Seafest had just signed contracts to build in Motley. In a call to the State Department, they informed me that a business of that size would create many jobs in the community and

a growth in population. What was this going to do to student enrollment?

As I drive around the area, I see schools such as Verndale, Upsala, Bertha and Browerville, all with similar population to Motley's.

The big difference is when you drive into the country you see many farms by those towns. By Motley you see many homes.

Staples needed Motley, Motley did not need Staples. Motley's tax base was almost the same as Staples. Motley's debt was about to be paid off in just a few years. Staples was deeply in debt, had a decline in population and in student enrollment.

Ella Topp, a well respected citizen of Motley, wrote in our Centennial Book "Motley became the social center of the area when the high school was built."

Losing it meant just the opposite of this and was one of the reasons I worked, along with Tom Zetah and others, to keep it. Tom and I won the first election by a 60-40 margin and over the next three years, five of the six school board members were replaced. The sixth won by a small margin. We presented the school board with a survey showing that 70-75 percent of the Motley School District did not want to pair with Sta-

ples. As a board member, I stressed to the Staples Board that if the consolidation went through that many students would go to Pillager. They responded "that number would be minimal." Is 200 plus students leaving the school minimal? Now over 350 students open enroll to other schools. At \$10,000 per student in state financial aid, that's \$3.5 million per year lost to our district.

I was one of the school board members when the consolidation was signed. It states that each school would have a K-5th grade elementary. That Motley would have 6th-8th grade middle school and that Staples would have the high school. I'm sure that many corporations have signed legal agreements with other corporations. Do you think that new board members on these corporate boards can just nullify those agreements? I think not.

I could go on and on with how many unethical tactics were used to take this school from Motley, but I have no regret for spending the time I did on keeping a high school in Motley.

And by the way Mark Anderson, it's not Irving Bjerga, it's Ervin Bjerga.

Ervin Bjerga
Motley, Minn

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Memories made at the Pillager Fair



Everyone loves a parade

People of all ages lined main street in Pillager July 10, for the town's annual parade during the Cass County Fair in Pillager. There were a number of floats, fire trucks, horses, vintage cars and tractors, as well as the Pillager Express train as part of the parade.

Lisa Gentry from Pillager took first place at the parade with her ice cream float; second place went to Carl Anderson and friends from Elk River, with their mardi gras float; and third place went to the Pillager Lions float. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Blue ribbon winner

Seventeen-year-old Jacob Borgstrom, riding Ruger, picked up a blue ribbon recently during the horse competition at the Pillager Fair.



Visiting the rabbits

Vinny Metz of Pillager enjoyed looking at the rabbits, as well as other animals, that were in the barn at the Pillager Fairgrounds. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Counting the candy they collected

Collecting candy thrown from floats was a highlight for these cousins who attended the Pillager Parade July 10. Pictured above, from left, are Sterling Breit-

enfeldt, Fiona Eckel, Silas Eckel (partially hidden), Cove Eckel, Greyson Treb and Roman Treb. The cousins hailed from Eagle Bend and Pillager.



Tending to the horses

Cousins Taylor Kavanaugh and Elise Jensen tended to their horses in the barn at the Pillager Fairgrounds July 10. Both girls competed in a variety of riding events during the fair, and rode their horses in the parade.



Corn hole toss

At left: People of all ages had a fun time tossing bean bags during the recent Pillager Fair, with a number of folks competing at the corn hole toss July 10.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

July 8 - 14

July 13 - The MPD reported receiving numerous complaints regarding a property at the 300 block of Main St. W., Motley. Subsequently, it was determined that the property owners were indeed in violation of numerous public nuisances; and they were advised that they had two weeks to clean up the property or they would be cited for the offenses.

July 10 - The MPD reported that Cole Franzen was located at his residence in Cass County and was

arrested for an HRO violation.

July 9 - The MPD spoke with a property owner at the 400 block of 3rd Ave. S., regarding ordinance violations. The MPD gave her a specific time frame to take care of several public nuisances or she would be cited. The property owner agreed that it was a fair deal.

July 14 - The MCSO received a report of property damage at the 1000 block of 320th St., Cushing.

July 13 - The MCSO received a report of a possible phone scam from a resident at the 2000 block of E. River Rd., Motley.

July 12 - The MCSO arrested Salazar Gerardo, 28, for fourth degree DWI.

July 11 - The MCSO received a report of a vehicle accident at the 31000 block of Azure Rd., Cushing. An accident exchange form was mailed to Lucas Ramsey.

July 11 - The MCSO reported that Scandia Valley Fire and the DNR were paged out for a grass fire at the 1000 block of 320th St., Cushing.

July 9 - The MCSO arrested Andrew Joseph Thapa, 19, for 5th degree drug possession and transported him to the Morrison County Jail. Thapa was the passenger at a traffic stop near Hwy 10 and Azalea Rd. in Motley. The juvenile driver of the vehicle was issued a speeding citation.



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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946
• July 18, 1946 - Wayne Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Stewart of Staples, who is serving with the United States army at the present time, was “signed” with the Brooklyn Dodgers, recently, after Scouts, had watched him pitch a game of baseball in New York against a group of professional players, Wayne winning the game by a 5 to 4 score.
Following his release from the army he will be “farmed out” to a member

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of a smaller league, and within two years, will be playing major league baseball, according to the information received in Staples.
At the present time he is keeping in practice, while still in military service, by doing nothing but batting practice.
• July 18, 1946 - Playing their first game of the season, and with but only one evening of practice, the Staples American Legion senior team completely muffled any plays their opponents might try by winning in the baseball game at Motley Sunday afternoon of last week by a score of 13 to 5.
Dick Stolhanske was on the mound for Staples, and did a fine job at hurling the ball over for the eleven strikeouts during the game. Van Diest, pitcher for Motley, started for that team and John Mikulski of Staples wound up the game. Both men got only 11 strikeouts during the contest.
• July 18, 1946 - A pair of Siamese twin colts were born on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Rich last week. The colts were premature birth and were joined together at the stomach.
Neither of the colts lived. One was of normal size and the other was much smaller. This is a rare oddity and seldom is found in horses.
• July 18, 1946 - New officers of the Staples Rotary club officiated for the first time at the club's regular meeting in July.
New officers were Ralph Martin, president; Norman Haugen, vice president; Ransford Barrus, secretary; and Edward Tapley, treasurer.

50 YEARS Ago - 1971
• July 22, 1971 - The float of Danny and Joey Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Meyer, received the first place award in the costume or float division of the Kiddie Parade, which was held Friday evening in connection with the Krazee Daze promotion in Staples. Danny was attired as Daniel Boone and Joey was the tiger in the cage. They received three Staples Dollars as their winning prize.
• July 22, 1971 - Orville Meyer, Staples, was re-elected to another term as president of the Minnesota Conservation Officers Association at their annual meeting held recently in Brainerd. He was elected to his first term as head of the group in July of 1969.
Meyer has been with the Minnesota Conservation department since August of 1961. He was assigned to Staples in January of 1962.
• July 22, 1971 - A total of \$5,131.59 was deposited in the Staples State Bank as of noon July 20, toward the Cardinal Marching Band trip to the parade of the National Convention of the

Veterans of Foreign Wars in Dallas, Texas, Aug. 17.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996
• July 18, 1996 - Your future will be so bright, you will have to wear shades.
No longer will Staples Motley football players be able to tuck the ball under their arm, snug against that dark maroon jersey, and head off into the darkness toward the goal post. Their opponents this year should be able to see them.
A completely new lighting system has been installed on the Fourth Street high school football field. Everything about the lights, with the exception of the ten 60-foot long poles, is brand new, installed last week.
“There won’t be any more sneak plays,” according to Jim Christopherson, the school’s supervisor of building and grounds.
He and Kurt Wilson, of Northwoods Electric, spent much of the past week atop a 60-foot snorkel boom on an aerial lift, attaching the light standards to the poles.
• July 18, 1996 - Doug Ward, a dairy farmer who lives about three miles north of Browerville, discussed the merit of intensive rotational grazing during a pasture walk at his farm last Thursday. Around 50 people took part in the three-hour pasture tour, one of several being held this summer by the Sustainable Farming Association of Central Minnesota.
• July 18, 1996 - Four members of the Staples Lions Club last Thursday morning painted a garage at the Goldie Mikish residence on Third Street. The four volunteers were Earl Mergens, Larry Huebner, Doug Anderson and Frank Odell, Lions HONIS chairman. Lions volunteers recently completed repainting a house owned by Adeline Sorenson just west of Staples.
• July 18, 1996 - A local golfing family and a pro from one of the prestigious Brainerd courses combined to take first place in the first



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our July 22, 1971 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email your answers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday morning, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week’s paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Lakewood Clinic Pro-Am Golf Tournament held July 12 at Terrace National Golf Course.
Mark Neva, professional at The Pines at Grandview Lodge, playing with the team of Glen and Becky Hasselberg and Joe and Barb Hasselberg, shot a 28 under par 178 combined score in the 18-hole tournament.
10 YEARS Ago - 2011
• July 21, 2011 - Jacque Anderson of Staples took first place (in the age 10 group) during the Kiddie Tractor Pedal Pull at the Pillager Fair. Anderson went the entire 28 feet, considered a ‘full pull.’ She will compete at the state tournament Sept. 10, in Hutchinson and hopes to qualify for nationals. Last year, Anderson placed first at state and seventh at nationals.
• July 21, 2011 - Girl Scouts from area service units held their annual Day Camp June 28 and 29, at Pine Grove Park in Staples.
A total of 38 girls and 15 volunteers participated

in the two-day camp. This year’s day camp theme was, “It’s Your Story, Tell it!”
• July 21, 2011 - This past weekend the Staples Motley Girls 16U Fast Pitch Softball Team placed second in the Northern Lights Double Elimination Qualifier. Other teams in the tournament were Wadena, Moorhead, Pequot Lakes, Dent, Brainerd and Bemidji (last year’s state champions).
On July 16, the girls beat Bemidji 7-6 and then in another very close game on July 17 in the championship game SM lost 6-5. Staples Motley will now play in the State Class C Tournament July 23 and 24 in Sauk Rapids. Team members include MacKenzie Holst, Kyann Nyhus, Claire Uhlman, Nikki Edin, Kyla Schmieg, Kelli Klein, Alexis Bendson, Megan Vetsch, Jasmine McGillivray, Ashley Jenniges, Quinn Uhlman, Kelsey Zetah and Claire Roberts. Team coaches are Darren Holst, Chris Vetsch, Tony Jenniges and Lonna Dumpprope.



Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo, published in the July 15, 1971 edition of the Staples World, featured the presentation of a new portable whirlpool unit, costing \$254.32, to the Staples Municipal Hospital by the Hospital Auxiliary. Pictured, from left, are hospital auxiliary members Mrs. Effie Moon, president; Mrs. Earl Mergens, Mrs. Matt Shea and Mrs. William Mennis; and Gary Kenner, hospital administrator.
Kathy Odden of Staples correctly identified most of the auxiliary members, as well as Kenner, whom she recalled lived at the house in Staples now owned by Al and Barb Erbe. She

also mentioned that the Kenners had children that were close in age to her own.
Sandy Carlson of Staples correctly identified Helen Mennis and Hospital Administrator Gary Kenner. She thought one of the women was Sandy Kenner. Carlson went on to mention that the Kenners were friends of theirs during their time in Staples and that they currently live in Chippewa Falls, Wisc.
Lee Jenkins of Staples correctly identified all.
Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

Staples Police report

On June 28, Staples Police responded to a report of suspicious activity at United Methodist Church. It was reported that over the last couple weeks, juveniles have been going on the roof of the church and defecating.
On June 23, Staples Police received a call of a small racoon in a tree on the 500 block of 4th St SW. The caller was advised to leave the racoon alone and that it would probably leave during the night. The racoon appeared to be healthy.
On June 28, Staples Police received a call of two small racoons under a pile of brush on the 400 block of Dakota Ave. SE. The caller was advised to leave the racoons alone and that they would probably leave during the night. The racoons appeared to be healthy.
On June 28, Staples Police responded to a domestic assault on Wright Ave. NE. The incident is under investigation.
On June 30, Staples Police advised a party who was squatting in a camper to be out by the end of the day or be cited.
On June 30, Staples Police responded to a concern for welfare on the 400 block of 4th St NE. The party was intoxicated and depressed. Police made contact with clergy who assisted.
On June 30, Staples Police responded to Casey’s general store for reports of a counterfeit \$100 bill.
On June 30, Staples Police responded to the Staples Motley High School for reports of a male yelling and using profanity towards kids playing on the tennis court. The subject was advised not to yell and they left the area.
On July 1, Staples Police located two individuals behind the train station, one juvenile was warned for curfew.
On July 2, Staples Police located three juveniles out past curfew in the 100 block of 8th Street NE. Police also identified two other juveniles who ran from police just prior to this incident. Police then spoke to the other two juveniles and also the parents of the two juveniles who ran, and advised them of the situation. Police issued a warning to all five juveniles for curfew violation.
On July 2, Staples Police responded to a report of a break-in on the 1500 block of 4th St. NE. The door to a rental unit was kicked in.
On July 3, Staples Police received information that a subject left Dower Lake Campground very intoxicated. Police located the vehicle at Ernie’s Supermarket and made contact with the subject. Police performed field sobriety tests and determined the driver was not under the influence. No further action taken.
On July 4, Staples Police assisted Lakewood Health System staff in removing a cell phone from a mental health patient that was continually calling 911 from the hospital.
On July 4, Staples Police assisted Wadena County at the Old Wadena Park Pavilion with a group of intoxicated subjects refusing to leave after someone had rented the facility and asked the subjects to leave. Police arrived and learned the subjects had left the area.
On July 4, Staples Police received a report of an unattended campfire on the 900 block of Park Ave. NE. Police observed the subject to be burning large pine branches. Police make contact with a subject at the residence and they were advised to keep the campfire small.
On July 5, Staples Police received a report of a drone flying next to a residence and looking in the windows. Police learned the drone was flying approximately three feet from the residence and the complainant noticed it while working on the yard. The complainant knocked it down and supplied it to the police. No camera was located on the drone. Police searched the area but did not locate the drone operator.
On July 7, Staples Police responded to the Mill Townhomes for reports of a female party who had stabbed herself. Staples ambulance arrived on scene and transported the female to Lakewood Health.
On July 7, Staples Police received a report of harassing communications by text message. Police advised the complainant to block the number.
On July 8, Staples Police received a report of a suicidal subject who was homeless and at Casey’s in Staples approximately one hour before the call. Police searched Staples but did not locate the subject.
On July 8, Staples Police advised a male party who was harassing people outside the high school that he needed to leave. School officials decided to have police trespass the male from the property.
On July 9, Staples Police assisted the Wright County Sheriff’s Office with taking possession of two phones that they were executing search warrants on.
On July 10, Staples Police received a report of a bicycle that was stolen from the 100 block of 6th Street NE. It was believed that the theft occurred the previous day.
On July 11, Staples Police responded to the Dower Lake beach for a report of child abuse.

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Wadena County parcels on DNR public auction

obtain property data sheets, terms and conditions of sale, and instructions for participating in the MinnBid system. Call 651-259-5432, 888-646-6367 or email min.landsale@state.mn.us with questions about a specific property.
The DNR’s annual land sales help the department

optimize its land holdings and meet its responsibility to maximize recreational, conservation, and economic opportunities for the state. Public lands provide support for natural resource-based economies; outdoor recreation opportunities; ecological benefits like clean air and water; and

critical habitat for wildlife and rare plant species.
Selling land allows the DNR to remove land from its portfolio that is no longer meeting primary management objectives. Depending on the type of land sold, revenue from sales may go to the School Trust or provide funds to allow the DNR to

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Minnesota enters drought warning phase

With 52 percent of Minnesota now experiencing severe drought and four percent in extreme drought, the state has entered the drought warning phase. With this designation, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and others are taking additional steps. Current drought information, including details on areas subject to surface water use suspensions, is available on DNR's website.

The warning phase for drought occurs when a significant portion of the state passes thresholds for severe drought conditions at major watersheds. We have reached this threshold. The warning phase for public water suppliers using the Mississippi River is also triggered when stream flows in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area have dropped below designated levels. We expect this threshold to be tripped in the coming days. The thresholds for drought watch and warning conditions are specified in the Minnesota Statewide Drought Plan.

Actions that are triggered in a drought warning include:

- Convening the State Drought Task Force, a panel of state, federal, regional and local experts with water-related responsibilities. The Task Force was last convened in 2012.
- Notifying water appropriators with DNR permits that they should follow water conservation measures, such as reducing landscape irrigation, using more efficient irrigation equipment, and checking for and repairing water leaks. Water appropriation permit holders can contact the local DNR area hydrologist for technical assistance or with any questions.
- Notifying public wa-

ter suppliers that it is time to implement their water-use reduction actions. Residents and landowners should watch for communications from their municipal or public water supplier for details on local water use reduction actions and restrictions.

- Temporarily suspending or modifying some water appropriations in response to low stream flow conditions as necessary. As of July 15, the DNR has suspended water appropriations in 10 watersheds. Suspension of more surface water appropriations is expected, unless there is a dramatic change in the current precipitation pattern.

Under current conditions, it will take at least three to five inches of precipitation spread over a period of about two weeks to significantly alleviate the drought. Soils are more efficiently replenished by multiple rainfall events than by any single heavy rainfall event. Surface water and groundwater respond somewhat differently over time.

Drought is a naturally occurring feature of Minnesota's climate. Some level of moderate and severe drought typically occurs in the state almost every year for at least a few weeks. Most severe drought in Minnesota is short-lived, but drought in Minnesota does occasionally enter the extreme intensity classification.

"DNR is taking the drought seriously. We have a robust plan in place, strong partnerships across the state, and continue to take actions to respond to the current situation," said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. "We understand that people are seeing the impacts of the drought in their daily lives and have concerns about water levels

and availability. While occasional water level fluctuations are natural, normal and beneficial to ecosystems, they can negatively affect tourism and recreation, agriculture, businesses and other activities that are dependent on water. Times of drought remind us all about the importance of water conservation."

Minnesotans are encouraged to learn how much water they are using compared to the average American home and identify ways to reduce water use now and in the future. More than 75 percent of Minnesotans rely on groundwater for their water supply. Reducing use today saves water for the future.

"One area in which drought can be very apparent to Minnesotans is the fluctuation of water levels in lakes, rivers and streams," said Katie Smith, director of DNR's Ecological and Water Resources division. "What people may not realize is that DNR and other government agencies only manage a relatively small number of lakes and rivers with water control structures, and these operate under specific management plans. So the vast majority of Minnesota's waters are subject to natural fluctuations."

Lakes, streams, and rivers are dependent on the amount of precipitation an area receives, how much of that moisture is contributed by runoff, how much water is recharged or discharged through groundwater, and how much water evaporates.

More information about drought is available on the DNR website. The website includes a link where anyone can sign up to receive drought-related notifications and information.

Time to end the 10 p.m. siren and invigorate our more meaningful traditions

The Staples City Council offered an extremely tepid defense when asked why the city continues to sound the 10 p.m. siren every night. They were asked after a letter in this newspaper questioned the use of the siren.

The council suggested that the siren does help remind children of the city's 10 p.m. curfew. On the other hand, every kid has a cell phone in their pocket that tells them what time it is.

One council response was that the siren is an old small town tradition, and that many of our traditions

are being lost.

I am a big supporter of small town traditions, but those traditions have to be defended as something meaningful before I support keeping them. Just doing a tradition for the sake of doing a tradition is the definition of a tradition that should be dropped. Traditions need to be constantly refreshed and updated so they continue to be meaningful to the people.

If the 10 p.m. siren signaled us all to go outside and sing our town song together, that would be a tradition worth keeping. Or maybe we would share baklava and chamomile tea at 10 p.m., or whatever we cooked that evening.

The letter in the newspaper suggested it was not the city's role to help raise our children. I completely disagree with that. As a small town, I think everyone has a role in raising our kids, and that's a tradition we absolutely need to keep. We cur-

rently have dozens of traditions that we carry out just for our local children, all of which get updated and refreshed every year. When they lose steam or nobody steps up to refresh them, some get dropped.

The city's top priority is to keep the children safe. The 10 p.m. siren is meant to keep children off the streets and therefore keep them safer at night. On the other hand it also is a daily reminder of Big Brother looking over our shoulder.

Those contrary forces are always pulling at each other. Are we trying to instill fear in our children or help them learn to do the right thing on their own?

I don't mind hearing the 10 p.m. siren, but I think it is time to end it unless someone can make a good case that it is necessary to help our children.

By the way, what is our town song? Any suggestions?

Caring for trees in dry weather

By University of Minnesota Extension

As of July 1 2021, approximately 80% of Minnesota is experiencing at least a moderate drought. Severe drought conditions are prevalent in several western and southern Minnesota counties. Coupled with the month of June 2021 being the second hottest on record in Minnesota, trees are facing difficult conditions to survive and thrive.

Homeowners and woodland owners can ensure that trees survive through dry periods by watering them. However, it is important to be strategic in how much and how often you water trees.

Established trees can better withstand dry periods than newly planted trees. More developed roots on established trees allow them to reach greater

depths for moisture in the soil. If the top nine inches of the soil are dry near established trees, you can use an overhead sprinkler to water them. Be sure to cover the spread of the tree roots when watering.

Newly planted trees and shrubs require more frequent watering than established ones. This is ideally a weekly watering schedule for seedlings that may have been planted in the spring of this year.

Here are a few tips on watering newly planted trees in dry weather.

Understand how moist the soil is around your seedlings. Inspect the soil in an area near the tree by digging down approximately nine inches into the soil. Even in extended dry periods, water may be available in rooting zones this far into the soil.

Remove weeds around

the tree. Weeds compete with the tree for moisture.

Mulch around the tree with wood chips to reduce weeds. Mulching helps to keep soil temperatures low and retain soil moisture.

Ensure that newly planted trees receive 20 gallons of water a week for the first three to five years. When watering, do so in a way that allows the water to penetrate and wet the soil to below the existing root depth. There is no need to water if it's rained more than one inch in the last week. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has a great video with tips on how to water newly-planted trees:

Don't overwater. Frequent watering can create trees with shallow roots. Trees will be less able to survive when you stop watering and the soil dries out.

Supply chain disruptions

From the July 11 Business Pulse Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau

- 19.6 percent of U.S. small businesses reported a decrease in operating revenues in the last week. For responses collected 6/14/20 – 6/20/20, this statistic was 42.5 percent
- 22.8 percent of U.S. small businesses report their business has returned to normal level of operations
- U.S. small businesses are continuing to experi-

ence supply chain disruptions with 38.2 percent reporting domestic supplier delays in the last week. For responses collected 6/28 – 7/4, this statistic was 38.1 percent

- Supply chain disruptions continue to impact U.S. small businesses, with 18.5 percent reporting difficulty locating alternative domestic suppliers in the last week. For responses collected 6/28-7/4, this statistic was 18.7 percent
- 27.9 percent of U.S. construction small businesses

report current operating capacity to be affected by availability of supplies or inputs in the last week

- 53.8 percent of U.S. Accommodation and Food Services small businesses expect to identify and hire new employees in the next six months
- The Overall Sentiment Index, which assesses the overall average effect of the pandemic on businesses, increased to -0.40 from the prior week, indicating a less negative sentiment for responses

Household survey

From the July 5 Household Pulse Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau

- Of adults living in households with children, 8.3 percent were in households where children were unable to attend daycare/another childcare arrangement because of the coronavirus pandemic in the last four weeks
- Of adults living in households with children enrolled in public/private school, 18.6 percent were in households where students received food assistance from school in the last seven days
- 24.5 percent of American adults had an appointment with a doctor, nurse, or other health professional by video or by phone in the last four weeks
- 36.8 percent of adults are planning to take overnight trips or trips to places more than 100 miles away in the next four weeks
- 12.2 percent of American adults expect someone

in their household to experience a loss in employment income in the next four weeks

- 23.5 percent of adults live in households where at least one adult teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic in the last seven days
- 9.7 percent of American adults lived in households where there was either sometimes or often not enough to eat in the previous seven days
- 6.4 percent of adults are not current on their rent or mortgage payment and have slight or no confidence in making their next payment on time
- Of adults living in households not current on rent or mortgage, 35.8 percent report eviction or foreclosure in the next two months is somewhat or very likely
- 27.1 percent of adults live in households where it has been somewhat or very difficult to pay usual household expenses in the last seven days.

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Eric Neznik and Jason Franzen to perform in Staples July 25



Eric Neznik (left) and Jason Franzen will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 25, at 7 p.m. (Staples World archive photo)

Country/rock musicians Eric Neznik and Jason Franzen will be bringing their acoustic sound to the Music in the Park series in Staples Sunday, July 25, at 7 p.m.

Expect to hear a variety of tunes from the '90s, as well as songs Neznik and Franzen sang when they performed together in October Son in the early 2000s. The band played clubs and festivals throughout Minnesota, gaining a large following and a reputation for performing tight-knit

versions of contemporary country and classic rock tunes.

Neznik, who was the lead vocalist and rhythm guitar player for October Son during those years, left the band in 2004, when he moved to Texas to pursue a career in country music.

For the next 20 years, Neznik worked as a full-time musician in the renowned music cities of Austin, Texas; and Nashville, Tenn. During that time he recorded five albums which include a mix of original

and cover songs.

A Staples native, Neznik said he credits his high school music teacher Stan Carlson for being the one to recognize his vocal talent, and to instill in him the confidence he needed to pursue his musical dreams. "He's a leading mentor in my life," Neznik said.

Along the way, Neznik's style was influenced by artists like Alan Jackson, George Strait and Garth Brooks. To have had the opportunity to record in the same studios as several of his musical heroes during his years down south, is something he'll always treasure.

It was a wonderful, rich experience, but Neznik says he's happy to be back in Minnesota (he and his wife Alissa recently took over ownership of Tower Pizza in Staples), and excited for the opportunity to play music with Franzen once again.

"Jason is the best lead guitarist I've played with outside of Nashville," Neznik said of his former bandmate, a Brainerd native who's made his mark on the area music scene. In addition to his work with October Son (the band is still together), Franzen is known for being a part of a very musical family. "His dad, Jack Franzen, plays with Muddy Water; and his half-brother, Chris Dobson

is also a great musician in the Brainerd area," Neznik said.

Neznik recalled the October Son reunion concert they had in Staples a couple of years ago. That was a lot of fun, Neznik said, adding that it's always a privilege to play with his former bandmates. It will be a scaled down version of the band this time, but Neznik's equally excited about this upcoming show. There's a "rawness" he said of the resulting sound of their acoustic duo, adding that both he and Franzen are looking forward to sharing their music once again in Staples.

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 8. Bring your lawn chair. For more information on the Music in the Park series, check out www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

Northern Pacific (NP) Park is located at 625 6th St. NE. Go north on 6th St. at the junction of Hwy 10 and 210 and go six blocks. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to the Staples Community Center.

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 City of Staples.

'Penny Bingo' for seniors returns July 28, Staples

The Staples Senior Citizens Board is bringing back "Penny Bingo" for all seniors over age 60. The party will be held Wednesday, July 28, at 2 p.m., at the Staples Community Center.

All senior citizens are invited to come and play 10 games of Bingo, have coffee and cookies, and reconnect with friends.

For more information, call Arlene at 218-894-2254.

Jazz band at Wadena Depot

Kathie Brekke and the 42nd Street Jazz Band will perform Sunday, July 25 at 7 p.m. at the Wadena Depot, rain or shine. In addition to jazz, the program will include the appearance of Auntie Kremsaugen, a fabulously funny entertainer from Jasper's Jubilee Theatre in Park Rapids. The concert is scheduled for outdoors, with attendees asked to bring a chair. In case of rain the concert will be held inside the de-

pot. The program is free and open to the public.

The Wadena County Historical Society has hosted concerts by Kathie Brekke and the 42nd Street Jazz Band for many years. Check the website for last year's concert which was recorded live as well as many other programs now available at www.WadenaCountyHistory.org. For more information, email 603wchs@arvig.net.

Mark Your Calendar

July 23

ATTENTION STAPLES SENIORS (60+) Coffee, Cookies and Conversation will be offered at Staples United Methodist Church basement on Friday, July 23, 9 a.m. - noon. For more info., call 218-894-2256 or 218-640-6477.

Friedel, Judd appearing in 'Xanadu' at CLC

Two Staples-Motley graduates are performing in the musical "Xanadu" at Central Lakes College, Macy Judd and Jayden Friedel.

The Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center's 2021 summer sea-

son of music, theatre, and film turns rollicking with "Xanadu", a musical comedy combining 80's fashion and dance with Greek myths. The Brainerd Community Theatre production opens on the Chalberg The-

atre stage on July 28, with performances through the 30th and again Aug. 3-5. All shows are at 6:30 p.m.

"Xanadu" is based on the 1980 film of the same name which starred Olivia Newton-John (which was, in

turn, inspired by the 1947 Rita Hayworth film 'Down to Earth').

The production is directed and choreographed by Amy Borash. Featured in the cast are several performers well-known to area audiences for their work in dozens of productions, including Judd and Friedel who play multiple roles, including sister muses, mythological creatures like Medusa, Cyclops, Aphrodite, Eros and Centaur.

Information on tickets and performances is available online at www.clcperformingarts.com or through the CLC Theatre Box Office at 218-855-8199.



Xanadu performers at CLC

"Xanadu" cast includes, from left, Jacob Hanson, Bri Engels, Macy Judd, Nicole Rothleutner, Rachael Kline, Sharon Carlson and Jayden Friedel. (Photo by

John Erickson of Art Matters Studio)

ELECT FRED HAGE CROW WING POWER BOARD DISTRICT 1A



I'm a current resident of Cass County in Woodrow Township and candidate for Director in 1A.

My main focus will be to restore **Honesty, Integrity, and Transparency** (HIT). These factors, along with fiscal responsibility are the thrust of my campaign.

If elected, I know that I would only be one of nine directors, but my presence and voice will surely be heard and acknowledged. It is my desire to ignite a greater atmosphere of accountability within the current board.

If elected, you can be assured that I will give my best effort to improve all areas of the operation that warrant improvements. Debt service and salary/bonus abuse will have high priority in my efforts to increase membership awareness in these areas.

I will promote a fair and equitable situation for Crow Wing Power and its members. **A vote for Fred Hage will be a move in the right direction for CROW WING POWER!**

I was born in Mpls., MN in 1949 and educated at Bloomington Lincoln and Shattuck/St. Marys in Fairbault. I earned degrees in Business Administration & Management, and Marketing at Southwest State University in Marshall, MN, graduating in June of '71.

After 17 productive years in banking, insurance and real estate in southwest Minnesota, I moved to sunny Arizona for 25 years. I was successful in the building industry as a General Contractor (residential & commercial) throughout the metro Phoenix area. With wife, Karen, we moved back to northern Minnesota in 2013 and live on Woman Lake in beautiful Cass County.

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CLEAN ITEMS AUCTION

The following items will be sold at auction, located in Motley, MN at the Motley Fairgrounds. Follow signs on:

Saturday, July 24, 2021

SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M. LUNCH AND TOILET ON GROUNDS

14 GUNS, VERY NICE -GUNS SELL AT NOON-

Old Henry 17 HMR, new in box, never fired
Browning 270 bolt, 3rd Lap, scope
Savage (250 - 3000) lever action, 320663
300 Savage lever action, 3rd Bushnell scope
Model 99 #891647
Winchester Model 94 30 30
Ruger 10/22 stainless, 3rd Bushnell
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Single shot 20 ga., Victor ejector
Winchester Model 94E 30 30, short barrel
30 06 Model 60 Remington pump, 2nd scope, #398615
Model 12 12 ga. Winchester pump
Remington 870, 5-34 pump
Ithaca 12 ga. 2-34, Model 37 pump
Hard gun cases Ammo, boxes, lg. & small
Gun rack Misc. ammo.

Sporting

2 adult bikes
Coolers
Fishing tackle and poles
Coleman camp stove
Coleman water jug
Insulated boots
Tools, equipment
6x8 2-wheel trailer
Tool cabinet, tool boxes
Bridgport vari speed head
C-clamps

Sporting, More

Kentucky 8.8 rifle kit, new in box
Approx. 25 muskie lures
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Muddy Boss tree stand, new in box
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Large fish net
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Household

2 coffee makers
2 Mexican blankets
Misc bathroom items
Green juice glasses
Box of cups, plates, dishes
Box of cups & plastic containers
BBQ grill
Delonghi oil filled heater, 1500 watt
Pots, Pans, roaster
18 bottle chrome wine rack
Lg. lemonade dispenser
Lawn chairs in bag
2 Electrolux vacuum cleaners w/bug scrubber
Filing cabinets
Round card table

Collectible

Hand painted dishes, display
Sm. child's hamper
Crystal plates & dishes
Old flower design cups & plates
Old cream can
Old china cups and saucers
Jim beam decanter, Koala bear, cowboy
Jim beam DU decanter
Blue lamp shade
DU iron lamp
DU ice bucket
Delft canister
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Black amplifier speaker
2 VCR players
2 lg. wood cabinet speakers
Box of 4 DVD players
Overhead projector
Memory foam
cover, king sz
Oak corner TV
cabinet (cost
\$500 now)
Oak corner hutch
Oak corner shelf, sm.
Right angle drill
Sawsaw, 3/4" hand drill
Mitre saw box, like new
Sm. tile cutter
Elec. hand sander
Elec. hedge trimmer
Misc. pvc & gal. plumbing parts
Full of misc. tubes & hoses
Hedge shears
Misc. electrical wiring parts
Tall wire rack

Furniture

5 pc. bedroom set
3 pc. king size set
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3 pc. king size set
Oak corner TV
cabinet (cost
\$500 now)
Oak corner hutch
Oak corner shelf, sm.
Right angle drill
Sawsaw, 3/4" hand drill
Mitre saw box, like new
Sm. tile cutter
Elec. hand sander
Elec. hedge trimmer
Misc. pvc & gal. plumbing parts
Full of misc. tubes & hoses
Hedge shears
Misc. electrical wiring parts
Tall wire rack

Household

2 adult bikes
Coolers
Fishing tackle and poles
Coleman camp stove
Coleman water jug
Insulated boots
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Country Bowman Storeware serving set
Mosby Oak swivel chair
Camo pop-up blind
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Bear compound bow w/arrows & case
Bear compound fishing bow
Large fish net
Igloo 12-volt cooler

Household

2 coffee makers
2 Mexican blankets
Misc bathroom items
Green juice glasses
Box of cups, plates, dishes
Box of cups & plastic containers
BBQ grill
Delonghi oil filled heater, 1500 watt
Pots, Pans, roaster
18 bottle chrome wine rack
Lg. lemonade dispenser
Lawn chairs in bag
2 Electrolux vacuum cleaners w/bug scrubber
Filing cabinets
Round card table

Collectible

Hand painted dishes, display
Sm. child's hamper
Crystal plates & dishes
Old flower design cups & plates
Old cream can
Old china cups and saucers
Jim beam decanter, Koala bear, cowboy
Jim beam DU decanter
Blue lamp shade
DU iron lamp
DU ice bucket
Delft canister
Box of old creamers and sugars
Masonic cup & saucer
Several old teapots
Old Winthrop Atkins cranberry box w/orks
Box of stamps and stamping supplies
Boxes of baskets
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Craft Items

Ceramic Cinderella couch to be painted
4 boxes new frames
Table runner
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SHS Class of 1955 getting together

The Staples High School Class of 1955 will hold a get-together Friday, Aug. 20, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at BRICKS in Motley. For more information or questions contact Jerry Germann at 763-244-4686.

Look who's turning 80 years young!

Happy Birthday, Mom, July 25!

Love, your daughters, Dawn, Andrea and Heather



Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Jessica and Aaron Perish of Hillman, a baby boy, Zander Joseph weighing six pounds, six ounces on July 9, 2021.

Born to Haley Uselman and Dazaughn West of Brainerd, a baby girl, LaZara Lee weighing seven pounds, two ounces on July 10, 2021.

Born to Karlee and Matt Smith of Motley, a baby girl, Laylla Elsie weighing eight pounds, three ounces on July 12, 2021.

Born to Kaylee and Derek Pratt of Staples, a baby boy, Arthur John weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on July 13, 2021.

Born to Danielle and Derrick Lenarz of Motley, a baby boy, Wyatt Matthew weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on July 14, 2021.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Baby boy, Hudson Joe Meyer was born on July 5, 2021, to Alison and Jeremy Meyer of Hewitt weighing eight pounds, seven ounces at Tri-County Health Care in Wadena.

Proud siblings are Harrison and Briggs. Proud grandparents are Dale and Julie Meyer, Michael and Bonny Edin and Cathy Edin.

Obituaries

Matthew Michels

Matthew John Michels, 49, of Browerville, passed away July 1, 2021, at Northshore Estates in Duluth.

A Celebration of Life will be held Fri., July 23 at the Clarissa Ballroom, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Matt was born February 21, 1972, to John and Linda (Noska) Michels in Robbinssdale. He was baptized at St. Vincent DePaul in Osseo and received his First Holy Communion and was Confirmed at St. Isidore's in Moran Township.

Matt and his sister, Elizabeth were raised north of Browerville by their grandparents, Elmer and Dolores Noska. He graduated from Staples-Motley High School, where he was active in several sports. He was employed for over 22 years at Precision Metalcraft in Staples. Matt enjoyed fishing, hunting and many outdoor sports along with "Dr. Phil".



Matt is survived by one sister, Elizabeth A. (Paul) Kortie and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Linda; grandparents, Elmer and Dolores Noska and Howard and Kathryn Michels; one uncle, Doug Noska and one aunt, Jean (Michels) Coltiain.

Arrangements are with the Iten Funeral Home - itenfuneralhome.com.

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Richard Bolduc

Richard "Dick" Bolduc, 79, of Motley, passed away July 12, 2021, at his home in Motley.

Visitation will be held Tues., July 20, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Interment will be held Weds., July 21 at the State Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls.

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Student Achievements

JOSIE ERICKSON, Motley, recently graduated with honors from North Dakota State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

GRANT ANDERSON, Pillager, recently graduated from North Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction Management.

MATTHEW CHERNE, Pillager, recently graduated with honors from North Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance.

CHELSEA NANIK, Staples, recently graduated with honors from North Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design.

MEGHAN BECKER, Motley, was recently named to the

Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh for the 2021 Spring Semester. To qualify, students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits and have a grade point average of at least 3.75 out of a possible 4.0.

SAMANTHA THOMAS, Pillager, was recently named to the Dean's List at Bethel University in St. Paul for the 2021 Spring Semester. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

EMILY CUSHING, Staples, has been named to the 2021 Spring Semester Dean's List at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, S.D. To qualify, students must be enrolled full time with a grade-point average of 3.5 or above.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples
Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service) 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (Kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade) After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade) After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples 218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult) 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongregationalstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE, Staples 218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296
Church
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
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 9:30 am.
Sabbath School 10:45 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH 6:30 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 10:30 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
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
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal 5:30 p.m.
Family Night 6:00 p.m.

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

Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July 9 a.m.
July - January 11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
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
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
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.net
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.

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

Pillager
First Lutheran Church
Pastor Mathew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
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 Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
Connection Point 9:30 a.m.

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

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

United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 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 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Sunday School 8:30 a.m..
Worship Service 10:00 a.m..
Prayer Meeting 5 p.m..
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups 6:30-8 p.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malkore
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.

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

"Appointment"

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

As I was at the clinic some weeks ago for an appointment, I was thinking about appointments that all of us will have in our lifetime on this earth. The first one is a very important one. Some show up for this appointment early in life and some at the end of life and some never make it to this vey important appointment. This appointment is with the Lord Jesus Christ, who has the remedy for our problem. What problem you ask? The sin problem.

Romans 3:23
For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
The answer is this next verse.

Romans 6:23
For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
When should I go to this appointment?

2 Corinthians 6:2
For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

As we walk with Jesus there will be personal appointments that He will help you through.
The next appointment, but not the last, is death.

Hebrews 9:27
And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.

None of us know how long we will live. How will you face this appointment? Will it be in fear or will it be a joyful appointment? If you made the first appointment this one will be a celebration.

What appointment is after death? Let's read the following scriptures:

Romans 14:11
For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

Philippians 2:10-11
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Isaiah 45:22-25
"Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth. For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself; the word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath.

So what will Jesus say to you? "Well done faithful servant."? Or will He say, "Go away, I never knew you"? After death it's too late to go to the first appointment.

Joshua 24:14-15
"Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the Gods which your fathers served on the other side of the river and in Egypt. Serve the Lord. And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the Gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the Gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

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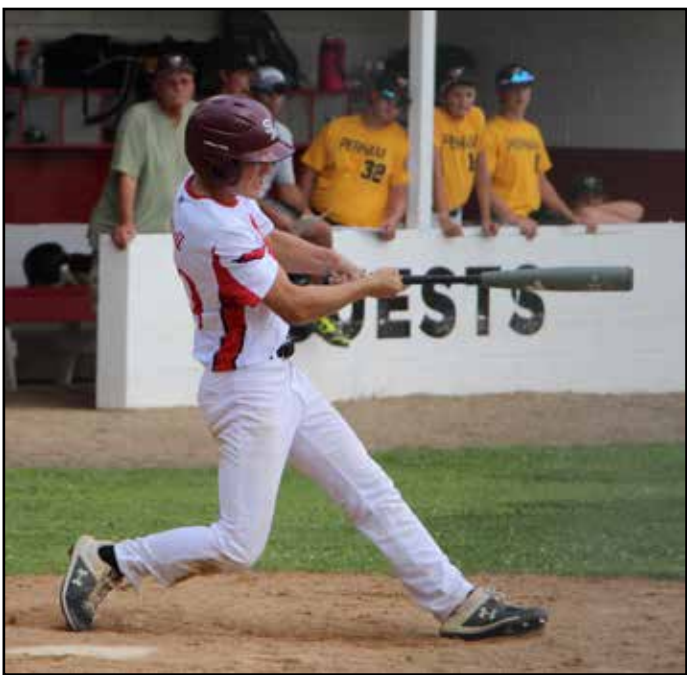
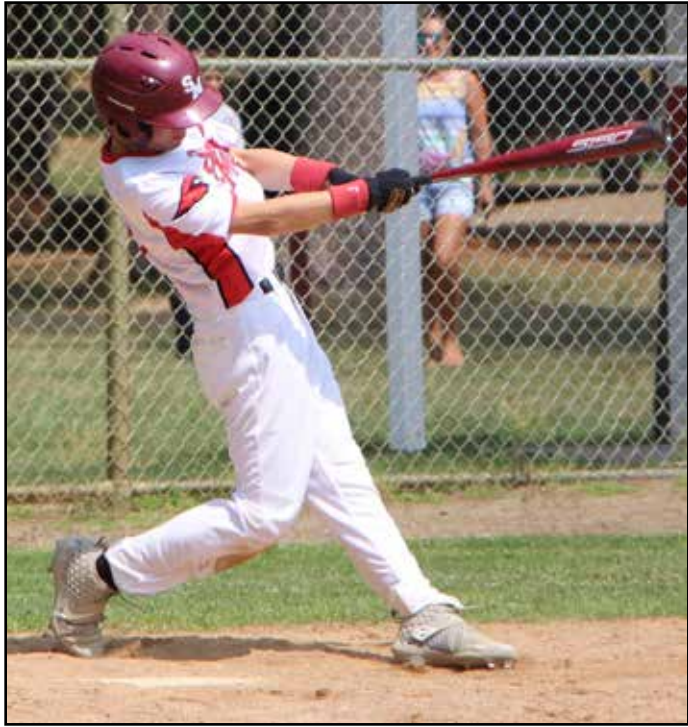
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The Staples-Motley 15-U Babe Ruth team hosted the 2021 Timberline Tournament with eight teams participating July 13-15. In their opening game, Jack Carlson (above left) hit a double to score the winning run, capping a 7-6 comeback win against Perham. Above center, Ben Tyrrell hits a triple. Top right, Justin Phillippi tags a runner out at second after a throw from catcher Carlson. Left, Griffin Bettis throws a pitch; right, Hayden Rychner camps under a fly ball while Andrew Salcido runs over to help.



2021 may expose flaws in federal and state duck management

Fall is not exactly upon us, but a corner was turned with the summer solstice on June 20. And—though some might prefer not to be reminded—the amount of daylight has begun to gradually diminish, day by day. Less astronomically accurate was a measure that my now-retired teacher spouse used to gauge the waning of summer. With the arrival of the 4th of July, she began anticipating the approach of Labor Day, and with it the start of the next school year. “Summer is practically over,” she would declare ruefully. An obvious exaggeration, but even the best teachers have pre-season anxiety.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

Some among us are more autumn-oriented than others. Those who hunt avidly are seldom without some aspect of hunting—and thus the fall of the year—on our minds. It might be summer clay target shooting, or stopping with binoculars at a marsh to scan for hens with broods of ducklings, or making sure that our canine companion doesn’t get too far out of shape from a summer of inactivity. However it may manifest itself, fall is in our subconscious.

Those who hunt waterfowl—ducks and geese—have already begun speculating on what the season ahead will bring. This year may offer added reasons for anxiety, as several circumstances converge in a way we’ve not before seen. Some feel there is real potential for population-level harm, at least in the short term.

One circumstance is weather-driven, and pretty much out of our control. Much of Minnesota, the Dakotas, the Great Plains, and prairie Canada are in drought or near-drought condition. Lake levels are down, shallow ponds dry or nearly so, municipalities implementing lawn-watering restrictions, cattle

ranchers short of forage for their animals. This is already being predicted to translate into a down year for the production of young ducks and geese. Strong fall waterfowl numbers depend on the recruitment of young birds, and this is not shaping up to be that kind of year.

In the “old days” of waterfowl management, a weather year like this one could have been expected to lead to conservative hunting rules. The regulations for the hunting of ducks and geese—primarily season length and harvest limits—are set by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), a federal agency within the Department of the Interior.

In those old days—actually not so long ago—the current year’s nesting success and production of young ducks and geese were taken into account in setting the rules and limits for that year’s hunting season. Actual in-the-field survey work was done to gauge this, and hunters waited eagerly until middle or late summer to find out what the season dates and harvest rules would be.

This changed in 2015, for convenience more than biological reasons. The USFWS announced then that current-year nesting success would not be part of the regulation setting process. To quote from the agency, “Under the process we develop proposed hunting season frameworks for a given year in the fall of the prior year. We then finalize those frameworks a few months later, thereby enabling the state agencies to select and publish their season dates in early summer.” The USFWS also noted that this change would also allow hunters to make their hunting plans earlier.

The USFWS reasoned, or so it said, that in the long term this change would not have a significant impact on waterfowl populations. It certainly took pressure off federal and state wildlife managers, who before the change had to evaluate current year duck and goose nesting success, and expeditiously translate their findings into regulations for that fall’s hunt. But

under the new approach—this year, for example—the USFWS’s proposed season length and harvest parameters were announced last February, long before the ducks and geese returned north to nest and attempt to raise young.

In February the USFWS recommended—based on information from 2020—that Minnesota and other states in our Mississippi Flyway be given the most liberal season length and harvest options that the agency’s management strategy allows. Under its Adaptive Harvest Management scheme, the agency can propose restrictive, moderate, or liberal season frameworks, and liberal was the option they chose. Once again, a choice made long before there was any inkling of what 2021 nesting success would be.

In mid-June the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced some significant changes for the upcoming waterfowl season. Like other changes in recent years, they are intended to provide more opportunities for Minnesota hunters to harvest ducks. Whether this is a good year for such a management strategy is looking more and more like an open question.

The most headline-grabbing of this year’s changes is an experimental teal-only season. From September 4-8 hunters will be allowed to shoot six blue-wing and green-wing teal in combination, daily. Blue-wings are early migrants, and it’s common for some to leave the state before the regular waterfowl season here is in full swing. Cinnamon teal will also be legal targets, but they are uncommon in Minnesota.

Many longtime, experienced duck hunters are understandably concerned that identification of teal on the wing will be a problem, and ducks of the wrong species will be shot. Hens of any species, and young-of-the-year of either sex, are mostly drab tones of brown in early September. This year’s teal season will provide the earliest Minnesota duck hunting in modern times.

Adult drakes of the several Minnesota-nesting

species could still be emerging from their post-breeding feather molt in early September, and wearing the drab “eclipse plumage” that is so unlike the bright courtship plumage they will acquire in late fall or early winter. In other words, not so easy to identify. Some young birds from late-hatched broods may be barely fledged and capable of flight. If this were a banner year for waterfowl production, the “collateral damage” of shooting the wrong birds during the early teal season might be less worrisome. But this is expected to be anything but a banner year.

Also intended to increase duck harvest this year is a change that will allow shooting until sunset from the first day of the season on September 25th, as well as during the early teal season. This reverses a 47-year policy of ending shooting at 4 p.m. for the first two weeks of the season. That policy was adopted nearly a half-century ago to reduce hunting pressure on so-called “local ducks,” chiefly the mallards, teal, wood ducks, and ring-necks that nest within our state’s borders and each year provide much of the early harvest for Minnesota hunters. The policy was based on “Let’s not kill the goose that lays the golden egg” logic.

To support this 2021 change the DNR cites the fact that there are only about half as many Minnesota duck hunters as there were in the 1970s, and claims that there are several times as many breeding ducks, the latter point being one that many longtime waterfowl hunters would argue is not reflected in their experience during the hunting seasons.

So, in summation, we’re in a drought pattern that will likely lead to fewer ducks and geese raised in 2021. Yet federal waterfowl managers declared in February that Minnesota should have a liberal waterfowl hunting season, and the Minnesota DNR announced in June several changes intended to increase the 2021 harvest. Somehow the new duck math just doesn’t seem to add up.

Babe Ruth 13-U

Below, the 13-U Staples Motley Babe Ruth baseball team from a game earlier this season.



**NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
RESOLUTION
DETERMINING
THE NECESSITY
TO ISSUE A
\$200,000 GENERAL
OBLIGATION
CERTIFICATE OF
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SERIES 2021A**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Staples, Minnesota (the "Town"), as follows:

Section 1. Recitals.

A. Minnesota Statutes, Section 366.095 (the "Act"), authorizes the Town to issue certificates of indebtedness (the "Certificates") within existing debt limits to purchase items of capital equipment.

B. The Town proposes to issue Certificates in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to finance a road pavement improvement project.

C. The principal amount of the Certificates exceeds 0.25 percent (%) of the market value of taxable property in the Town.

D. The Act provides that if the amount of the Certificates exceeds 0.25 percent (%) of the market value of taxable property in the

Town, the Certificates shall not be issued for at least 10 days after publication in the official newspaper of this resolution; and if before the end of that time, a petition asking for an election on the issuance of the Certificates signed by voters equal to ten percent (%) of the number of voters at the last regular municipal election is filed with the Clerk, the Certificates shall not be issued until the proposition of their issuance has been approved by a majority of the votes cast on the question at a regular or special election.

Section 2. Determination.

A. The Town determines to issue the Certificates under the Act in an amount of not to exceed \$200,000 for the purpose of financing a road pavement improvement project. At least 10 days shall elapse after publication in the official newspaper of the Town of this resolution before the Certificates may be issued.

B. The Clerk is authorized and directed to publish this resolution in the official newspaper of the Town.

Adopted: July 12, 2021.
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Two-vehicle crash near Ernie's grocery in Staples

The Staples Police Department (SPD) was dispatched to a report of a two vehicle crash at the intersection of Highway 10 and 14th St. NE in Staples the afternoon of July 12. The Staples Ambulance and Staples Fire Department responded to assist.

According to the SPD's report, Vicki Lynn Fousthanisch of Staples, 70, had been south of Hwy 10, attempting to travel north onto 14th St. NE. The other driver

involved, Travis Lee Eisel of Staples, 21, had been north of Hwy 10, attempting to travel south and east on Hwy 10 when the two vehicles collided. Both vehicles involved appeared to have sustained moderate damage, the report said. Neither party was transported to the hospital and it is believed neither vehicle was towed. Eisel was cited for failing to yield. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ICE WINGS, LLP
CASS COUNTY
MPCA APPLICATION**

Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116, that Ice Wings, LLP has made an application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency/ County of Cass for a permit to build a new livestock feedlot greater than 500 animal units.

The existing feedlot is in the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 23 in Poplar Township, in Cass County, Min-

nesota. There are currently two existing barns on this site. The existing farrowing barn is a total confinement barn 180'10" x 252'4" with a 2' below barn concrete manure storage area that pull plugs to the gestation barn. This barn has a capacity of 416 head of swine weighing over 300 pounds or 166.4 animal units. The existing gestation barn is a total confinement barn 122'7" x 573'6" with an 8' below barn concrete manure storage area. This barn has a capacity of 2,080 head of swine weighing over 300 pounds

or 832 animal units. The existing site currently has a total of 998.4 animal units. The proposed expansion will include an additional two barns. Gestation barn two will be a total confinement barn 122'7" x 514' with an 8' below barn concrete manure storage area. This barn will have a capacity of 1,050 head of swine weighing between 55-300 pounds or 315 animal units and 1,092 head of swine weighing over 300 pounds or 436.8 animal units. The total capacity for this barn will be 2,142 head or 751.8 animal

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This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot, as required by Minnesota State Law.

Estimated time frame of construction: October 2021

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Robot competition at SEaM Camp

Action from the Summer Engineering and Manufacturing (SEaM) Camp at Central Lakes College in Staples on July 9. Riley Scherping and Evan Schultz (kneeling) get a close up view while competing in the robot hockey game while Kale Wooden, right, videos the action with his

phone. Mentor Clayton Newbold watches the action from the couch. Besides robot hockey, the campers also competed in a timed obstacle course and held a battle-bot competition. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Obstacle course

Robotics instructor Robbie Lange, left, watches over the obstacle course as Cole Tetlie, center, controls the robot and teammate Michael Ewert, right, spots for Cole to help him through the blind tunnel portion.



Coolbot

Shannon Newbold and Kira McLain make repairs on their sunglasses-wearing robot.



Pre-game huddle

From left, London Zapzalka, Gavin Heisserer, Blake Knudson and Bjorn Paul-

son plan for their next round with mentor Thomas Taylor.



Shootout victory

A robot hockey team celebrates scoring a goal in an overtime shootout to win a match. From left, Marco Stum-

bo, August Vogelgesang, Cooper Hennessey, Tucker Hennessey and their camp mentor Alex DeGeest.

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Staples considers buying tax forfeit lots

a higher number of those sizes.

The projected cost of building the new apartments will be \$4.2 million. The developers said the value of the completed project will be around \$2 million, so the only way to fund that gap is through a TIF district.

Council member John Jewison questioned if the city should be doing more to facilitate home ownership instead of apartments. “Are thy building equity?” Jewison asked of the renters.

Mayor Chris Etzler said even if apartment residents are not all working in Staples, “They are planting their roots here.” He also said a lot of the younger generation is looking for rental housing instead of buying a home.

Council member Mary Theurer said that all the rental housing units built in the past few years were filled in a short time, and there are still businesses having a hard time getting people to move to the area because of lack of housing.

This is phase two of the project. When the apartments were first built, options for expansion were mentioned, with a third phase possible in the future.

The council approved the project unanimously.

Tax forfeit property

The council indicated interest in acquiring two properties that will be included in the Todd County land auction in August. The council agreed that a home at 811 Highway 10 could be combined with a vacant

lot next door to develop a commercial property along the highway. Another property, a 50 foot lot on Dakota Avenue, is a vacant lot were the city had already torn down the house.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the city could buy those lots for the value assigned by Todd County and any city assessments would be paid out of that purchase price. The council agreed to offer to purchase both properties.

The council opted not to make an offer on the empty downtown building formerly housing Ron’s Musical Resale business. Nelsen said they were able to inspect the building but there might be too much damage to salvage the building. “It’s a mess,” said Nelsen, citing water damage to ceiling beams and crumbling bricks on the walls.

Council member Doug Case suggested condemning the building and asking Todd County to tear it down. “It would cost a lot of money to fix it up or tear it down,” said Case, “a lot of things could go the wrong way.”

The council agreed to revisit the building issue next year, predicting that it likely won’t sell in the county auction.

Smart grid

Public Works Director Scott Grabe said the city is getting equipment for smart grid technologies that will help reduce peak electrical demand. During the heat wave in June, Grabe said the city had their highest peak ever, at 5.8 megawatts. Since the

electric supplier charges extra for peak energy, the city paid \$105,000 in demand charges while using \$70,000 in actual usage charges.

Grabe said Staples has been selected for a cybersecurity pilot program by Missouri River Energy that will analyze the city’s vulnerability to infrastructure controls being hacked. The city will pay \$2,000 to enter the program that has a value of \$10,000.

Garbage issues

Council member Doug Case said a couple of homes on the 800 block of Wisconsin Avenue have what looks like piles of garbage in the back, and he saw a cat catch a large rodent at one property.

That prompted a discussion about changing the city’s garbage system. Mayor Chris Etzler said instead of having three separate garbage companies, the city could get bids to provide service for the entire city. He said the charge could be on every utility bill so no home would be without garbage service. He said it also would mean only one garbage truck per week would run on the streets and alleys, instead of the current three per week.

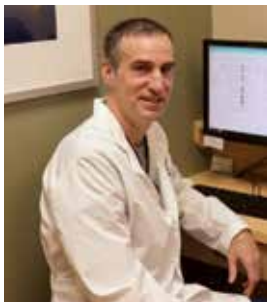
In other news, the council approved the annual audit from Mayer, Porter and Nelson. Chuck Mayer told the council they issued a clean, unmodified opinion, but found one grant receivable that was mistakenly not listed on the financial statements.

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