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Old Wadena Rendezvous has music, crafts, nature

The Old Wadena Rendezvous and Chautauqua will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 10-11, at Old Wadena County Park north of Staples, running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. To spend more time at the demonstrations and to relax at the park, attendees are invited to bring a lawn chair.

The park will be inhabited by the Crow Wing Muzzleloaders encampment, the

re-creation of a camp by early pioneers of this area. Crafts will include leathersmith Cliff Fegert, lace making by Gail Johnson, wheel-thrown pottery by Lowell Bayerkohler and blacksmithing by Mike Hoffmann.

Nature is another theme of the Rendezvous. Two years ago, a massive tornado knocked down many of the trees in the park,

including most of the grove where the Rendezvous has been held. Attendees will be able to see the progress in the park since that storm.

Dick Oehlenschlaeger will be telling naturalist stories and demonstrating the flora, fauna, geology and climate of Wadena County.

Youth attending the event will be invited by Jon Ham-

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Say “Cheese!” for the drone Approximately 300 employees gathered at Sourcewell in Staples July 23, for an annual get-together event. Prior to lunch that day, they posed for a group photo taken by a drone. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Large gathering at Sourcewell’s annual event Meetings, food, tours of the area

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Travelers along 2nd Ave. NE in Staples July 23, might have thought the circus had come to town, with the large white tent set up outside of Sourcewell that day.

A peek inside the big top, however, revealed rows of chairs and other paraphernalia to accommodate around 300 employees who’d arrived there for an annual Sourcewell event.

Kip Hines, Senior Brand Manager at Sourcewell, shared that this event is designed to bring all employees together once a

year...with the opportunity to meet as many people as possible face-to-face. In addition, Hines went on, the group spends time learning what they’ve accomplished over the past years at Sourcewell, along with a foreshadowing of what’s planned for the next fiscal year.

Although employees came from all over the United States, the Staples location is the only Sourcewell facility. Hines explained that they have a multi-state workforce, with most people working remotely by utilizing communication technology and cloud-based

business systems. There most likely would have been even more people there for the event, Hines said, but the Delta airlines cancellations prevented dozens from attending.

In addition to learning more about Sourcewell and connecting with others on the workforce, those in attendance had the opportunity to learn more about the company’s impact on Staples and the surrounding area.

Hines shared via email that they took six buses to

See **SOURCEWELL** on page 10a

Little Red Caboose Show is Aug. 15

The Little Red Caboose Variety Show is back again to kick off the Railroad Days festivities with a showcase of local talent. It will be held on Thursday, Aug. 15, at the Centennial Auditorium in Staples with the show starting at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:15 p.m.

This year’s show boasts newcomers and favorite acts, all local talent.

Newcomers to the show include a foursome of young ladies reprising

a scene from last year’s middle school musical “Cinderella” which includes Sarah Kroll, Lexi Fishman, Maci Mithun and Addison Potter and instrumentalist Brian Sterriker. Returning favorites include music by Katie (Ziegler) Switzer and Mackenzie Wilds, Lauren and Amy Rutten, the Staples Area Mens and Women’s choruses, Gary and Dawn Timbs, Trisha Larson, and The Little Moran River Band.

Serving as emcee for the evening will be Justin Edin.

Proceeds from the show will benefit Lamplighter Community Theatre’s summer Lamp Camp, a performance arts camp featuring singing, dance and drama which gives children and young adults from the age of eight-18 a great learning experience in all three of those areas. The

See **CABOOSE** on page 10a

Dr. Beachy flagged for professional boundaries

Former Lakewood Health System doctor and Staples Motley High School coach Arden Beachy was reprimanded by the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice. Beachy currently works with Family Health-Care in Fargo.

The announcement was made following the July 13, 2024 board meeting. The board did not reveal the nature of the allegations, but placed it under the category of “engaging in any unethical or improper conduct.”

The board sanctioned Dr. Beachy’s license with conditions, including completing coursework in professional boundaries and a \$10,000 civil penalty.

This is not the first time Dr. Beachy has been reprimanded by the board. The Staples World obtained an order from 2004 where Dr.

Beachy was sanctioned for unethical behavior with a patient, including loaning money to the patient and sending inappropriate personal emails to the patient that the board determined were sexual in nature, or could be interpreted by the patient as sexual in nature. As part of that reprimand, Dr. Beachy was required to have a female chaperone during all physical examinations that involve pelvic examinations, and also conduct a survey of female patients to determine their satisfaction with his conduct, plus other conditions. The conditions were met and the board restored an unconditional license in 2007.

The new 2024 directive also refers to a 2019 agreement that the board reached with Dr. Beachy.



LeRoy Rentz and his wife, Bonnie, with LeRoy’s trophy at the Annual Bus Roadeo, 2024.

Rentz 3rd in 2024 Bus Roadeo

LeRoy Rentz, driver for the Wadena County Friendly Rider, placed third in the “37th Annual Bus Roadeo” held July 19 - 20 at Canterbury Park in Shakopee.

This is LeRoy’s 13th Bus Roadeo competition. The Roadeo is an opportunity to meet driving peers from across the state as well as show off bus driving skills. There are 15 criteria in which drivers are critiqued including: pre and post trip, left and right-hand reverse backing, rear dual dimin-

ishing cones, time and more. This year there were 23 competitors in the Small Bus division.

This year ties the highest placing for LeRoy - it’s his third time placing third.

Wadena County Friendly Rider is proud of LeRoy for all of his hard work,” said Randy Jahnke, Wadena County Transit Director. “We want to thank all of our dispatchers and drivers on behalf of Friendly Rider. They continue to keep our communities moving.”

Weather

2024			
This Week’s Forecast			
	High	Low	Cond.
July 31	88	65	Showers
Aug. 1	87	64	P. Sunny
Aug. 2	91	64	Sunny
Aug. 3	84	58	Sunny
Aug. 4	81	60	P. Cloudy
Aug. 5	80	59	Showers
Aug. 6	80	60	P. Cloudy

Last Year, 2023

	High	Low	Cond.
July 31	82°	51	Sunny
Aug. 1	76	64	Cloudy
Aug. 2	88	65	Sunny
Aug. 3	90	67	Sunny
Aug. 4	83	60	M. Sunny
Aug. 5	78	65	M. Cloudy
Aug. 6	77	67	Cloudy

Average Temps:

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Dale Hausmann,

WCCO’s Staples area

Weatherwatcher

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Obituary

Junita Pierce

Pickleball courts now open in Pillager



Playing pickleball at the fair

Following a ribbon cutting ceremony of the new pickleball courts (and skating rink) at the Pillager Fairgrounds July 13, people of all ages enjoyed playing the game throughout the day. The project was sponsored

by the Pillager Area Community Alliance and the Bernick Foundation, with other major donors contributing. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Celebrating the new pickleball court

The Pillager Area Community Alliance held a ribbon cutting ceremony July 13, at the newly constructed pickleball court. Located at the Pillager Fairgrounds, the pickleball court will be used as a skating rink in the winter (a warming house will be brought in at that time). The project was made possible because of the generos-

ity of several donors, including the Bernick Foundation which jump-started things with their \$20,000 donation. Since then, an additional \$80,000 has been received. Pictured, from left: Tom Mahowald, Mike Parrish, Aprile Lack, Wade Mortenson, Kristi Fornshell, Eric Fornshell, Matthew Moen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Theft of fuel in Cass County, arrest made

Cass County Sheriff Bryan Welk reports that on July 22, at 8:21 p.m., the Cass County Sheriff's Office received a report of a theft of fuel from a retailer in Hackensack, valued at

\$259.55. Previously in the evening, there was a theft of fuel from a Backus retailer with a reported value of \$300. Information from the retailers was consistent with an individual

filling barrels or drums in the bed of a Toyota pickup and leaving without paying for the fuel. This information also matched the description of fuel theft reported on June 4, from a Remer retailer, where the pickup was pulling a utility trailer with barrels on it.

Shortly after the report, deputies located the described pickup on State Hwy 371 in Shingobee Township. A traffic stop was initiated and a female, Sapphire Torres, 28, of Duluth, was arrested and transported to the Cass County Detention Center with formal charges pending for one count of possession of burglary or theft of

tools, three counts of theft of motor fuel from retailer, and one count of tampering with a motor vehicle.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office suspects that additional fuel thefts, similar in this report, have occurred in the region and possibly in northern Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin areas and encourages retailers with information to report any theft to their local law enforcement jurisdiction and have them contact the Cass County Sheriff's Office and speak with Investigator Robison for additional information and follow-up.



Pickle-on-a-stick

Following a ribbon-cutting ceremony July 13 at the new pickleball court in Pillager, the first 250 people there received a free pickle-on-a-stick.

Above: Jessica Lumley and her two-year-old daughter Eloise, both of Big Lake, enjoyed eating pickle-on-a-stick at the Pillager Fairgrounds. Jessica said they'd come to the fair to help celebrate her grandmother Marlene Lindeman, Pillager's Citizen of the Year, who rode in the parade that morning.

Lower photo: Irene Barthel, 10, of Motley, picked up three pickles-on-a-stick to share with her family. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Motley area law enforcement

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

July 15 - Motley Police received a report from a city employee that someone stole three metal posts, valued at \$50, from the dog park at 96 Main St. E., Motley. No suspects.

July 12 - Motley Police received a report of a missing dog at the 1200 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley, proceeded to locate the dog and return it to the owner.

July 14 - The MCSO received a call from a resident at the 26000 block of Beaver Rd., Cushing, with a report that someone was lighting fireworks, possibly in his yard. The responding deputy found that the reporting party's neighbor had been lighting fireworks in their own yard.

July 13 - The MCSO received a 911 call regarding a lawn mower on fire in a field across from his neighbor's house at the 3300 block of Telemark Trl., Cushing.

July 21 - Motley Police

observed a vehicle hit a dog on Hwy 10 by the Morrison and Todd County Line in Motley. The vehicle did not stop and continued to go west. Motley Police checked on the dog and it was deceased. He notified the owner.

July 21 - Motley Police arrested Brodey Kropuenske for the Wadena Police Dept. on their probable cause. This took place at the 1100 block of 3rd Ave. S., Motley. Kropuenske was transported to the Staples Police Dept., where an exchange between the Motley and Wadena Police took place.

July 17 - Motley Police received a call regarding a Globe adult bike that had been found parked in the trees at a property near the 100 block of Riverfront Ln., Motley. The caller said they would hold on to the bike for 30 days to see if anyone calls in to say they are missing one.

July 22 - Morrison County deputies responded to a call regarding property damage at the 31000 block of Lakeview Dr., Cushing.



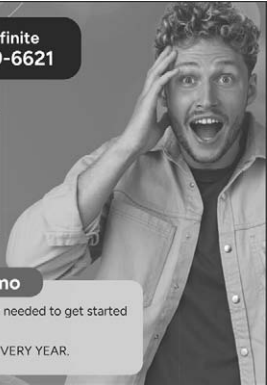
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Riding in style

Sawyer Johnson, riding 'Bounce a Few Dreams', participated in the 55-inch and under costume class at the recent Pillager Fair. He was led by his mother, Brianna Johnson. The Johnsons also were in the Pillager Parade. (Submitted photo)

Staples Police report

July 15, Staples Police were dispatched to the 800 block of 8th Street NE in regards to a possible overdose. Police assisted as the Staples Ambulance loaded the subject to go to the hospital.

July 14, Staples Police responded to a report of a male party passed out in a vehicle at the 700 block of Highway 10. Police arrested David Wagner, 36, for for DWI.

July 17, Staples Police responded to a report of a white German shepard and a brown German shepard that killed three chickens and injured one chicken around the 500 block of 6th Street SE. Police seized the dogs and brought them to the Staples Vet Clinic. The owner of the dogs, Rebecca Conn, was issued a citation for 4th degree damage to property, dog at large and nuisance dog.

July 18, Staples Police responded to the area of Wadena County Road 30 at 190th Street to assist with a report of a person trapped under a loader and caller was unsure if the victim was breathing.

July 19, Staples Police spoke with a subject operating a golf cart after dark. Police advised them on the city ordinance regarding golf carts.

July 20, at 3:58 a.m., Staples Police located two juveniles wearing all black clothing, with black face paint, riding bicycles, out after curfew. Police stopped the subjects, identified them, and warned them for curfew.

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July 20, Staples Police were dispatched to the end of the pier at Dower Lake to assist an elderly male with possible heat stroke. Police administered oxygen and assisted Lakewood Ambulance with gathering patient and family information.

July 21, Staples Police investigated an assault report. Police arrested Christopher Newell, 36, for the incident.

July 21, Staples Police responded to a report of a dispute on the 800 block of 6th Street NE. Upon arrival, the Police learned that a subject left the residence with the reporting party's vehicle, and had left a juvenile at the reporting party's residence. Police were advised that it was believed that the subject would flee from the police and get into a pursuit, if law enforcement were to locate the vehicle. The subject was uncooperative in returning the vehicle. Surrounding agencies were advised of the report and requested to attempt to locate the vehicle. Child protection was also notified regarding the incident.

75 YEARS Ago - 1949

• Aug. 4, 1949 - Dr. V. D. Bredemeir, of Barnesville and Minneapolis, was in Staples Monday making arrangements to open his optometric office in the Sadusky Building on Fourth Street in Staples.

Dr. Bredemeier is a graduate of the Northern Illinois College of Optometry of Chicago, and has been practicing in Minneapolis for some time. Before entering college he spent four years in the United States Navy during World War I.

Dr. Bredemeier is married, and he and his wife plan to live in Staples as soon as a home can be secured. He plans to open his office here in September.

Compiled by
Dan Timbs

• Aug. 4, 1949 - A young man, Harry Matison, 36, of Milaca, lies in critical condition at the Staples Municipal hospital as a result of one of the most disastrous fires in the history of the city of Staples which occurred at nine o'clock Wednesday morning, Aug. 3. The bulk oil station of the Pure Oil Company, owned and operated by Robert Batcher, was completely destroyed by fire before the blaze could be brought under control, and not before the services of the fire departments at Motley and Verndale had been called into action by the Staples department.

• Aug. 4, 1949 - Mrs. Oscar Lund, who is employed at the Staples Coffee Shop, sustained a painful injury to her left hand Sunday afternoon when her hand became entangled in an electric mixer.

Just how the accident happened is not known. But her left hand, and the ring finger of that hand was caught in the mixer in such a way that part of the mixer had been taken to the hospital, where it was cut away, along with the ring on her finger.

It is not known yet whether the finger can be saved or not.

• Aug. 4, 1949 - Louis Knosalla, owner of the Staples Sign Company, has started the erection of a new business building in Staples on the north side of Second Avenue between the Tyrrell Implement Company and the Overby Implement company buildings.

Mr. Knosalla purchased the lot from Mr. Tyrrell. His building is being constructed of cement, cinder and composition blocks, and the work of laying these is being done by Alvin Logering, with the assistance of Ray Farber. When completed the building will be one of the most modern in Staples and will house the Staples Sign Company of which Mr. Knosalla is the owner.

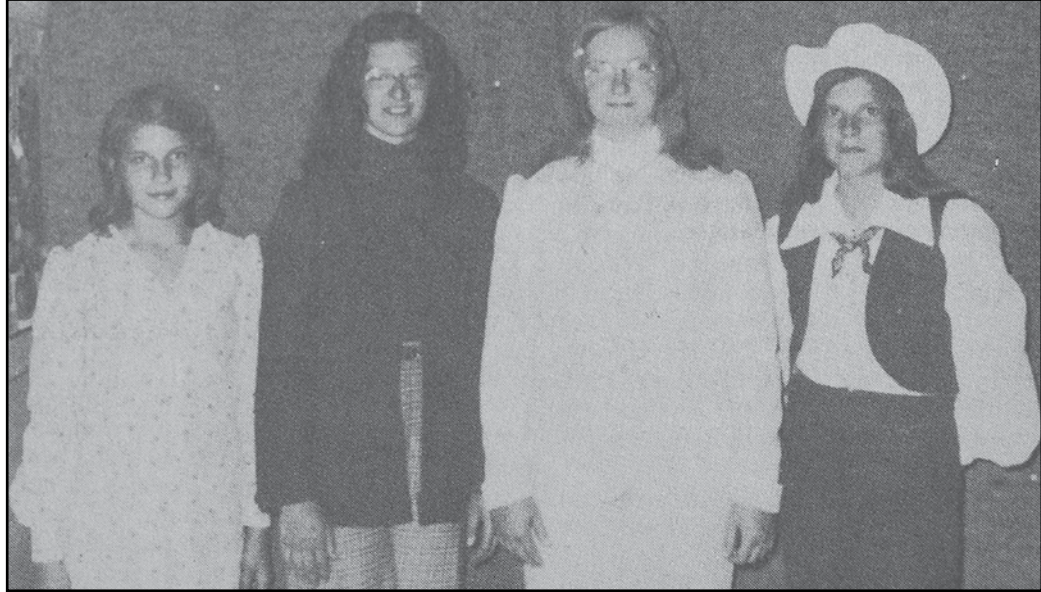
50 YEARS Ago - 1974

• Aug. 1, 1974 - Lefty's Bar captured the championship of the Staples Slow Pitch Softball League with their 4-1 victory over Ten-Hi Liquors of Motley in a play-off game Thursday evening.

Lefty's Bar and Ten-Hi Liquors finished the regular schedule of league play with identical records of 14 wins and 4 losses, resulting in the payoff game.

• Aug. 1, 1974 - An 81-hour emergency medical technician training course is in progress in Staples, under the direction of the Minnesota Department of Health, emergency medical services division. The class is being coordinated by Richard Lindsoe, United District Hospital emergency technician and ambulance foreman.

Instructors in the class are Dr. W. I. Mennis, medical coordinator; Drs. T. J. Lelwica, V. J. Thompson, J. H. Muus, R. I. Weber and V. D. Bredemeier; Vern Guthnecht, CRNA; Karen Noet-



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1974. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where

you're from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

berg, Randy Peterson, Todd Spychalla, Randy Noska, Curt Miller, Mike Fleisher, Ron Denning, Tim Ringler, Larry Austad.

10 YEARS Ago - 2014

• July 31, 2014 - Gene Mattila, former coach at Staples Motley High School, will be inducted into the Minnesota Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame on Aug. 5, at Champlin Park High School.

• July 31, 2014 - Brothers Matthew Olsen and Christopher Olsen are back in Staples rehearsing the lead roles of brothers Lee and

Austin in Sam Shepard's play "True West."

Lamplighter Community Theatre, Staples, and Madhatters Community Theatre, Wadena, are collaborating on the production to be staged at Centennial Auditorium in Staples.

Another twist is that the brothers are being directed by their father Kevin Olsen. The co-director is Don Hoffmann who directed Kevin and Matthew in "A Walk in the Woods," another collaboration of the two community theater groups two years ago.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the July 8, 1999 edition of the Staples World featured cast members in the Lamplighter Community Theatre's production of "Peter Pan in Neverland." From left are pirates Smee (played by Paul Anderson) and Captain Hook (played by Bob Shaffer) rehearsing the "Teapot" song as they celebrate the capture of the lost children. The show was performed July 22 - 25, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples.

Bruce Paskewitz of rural Staples correctly identified both, and remembered the name of the play, to boot. Eva Joy Lund, Staples, also recognized Anderson and Shaffer, as well as their character names, and that it was a Lamplighter Community Theatre production. She noted that she'd done the costumes and props for the show. Ken and Julie Peterson of Staples correctly identified both as well. Jeanne Rohr, Staples, correctly identified them, and shared that she played in the pit orchestra for the show and her son, Jason, was on stage and helped with sets.

Kathy Shaffer of Staples, Bob's wife, shared that, "These snakey characters are Hook and Smee from a Lamplighter Summer Theater performance PETER PAN IN NEVERLAND at the Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Captain Hook on the right is played by Bob Shaffer. Paul Anderson is his comrade in crime Smee. Bob said that Greg Robinson the Industrial Tech H.S. teacher made his hook." Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Anderson, but thought Shaffer was Mike Gold. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



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Quote of the week

“In the end, it’s not the years
in your life that count.
It’s the life in your years.”
— Abraham Lincoln

A lot happening in Staples

By Ron Murray
Staples Mayor

It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

As I write this letter, there are some new businesses that have started in town.

Witches Brew in the former Timbers restaurant and a thrift shop, Twisted Thrift on the corner of 2nd Ave. and 5th Street NE. Also a new ready mix plant out on highway 10, C and K ready-mix. I appreciate these people stepping out and investing in our community by starting a new business. These will hopefully be successful and will add to our community.

The central Minnesota barn quilt tour of which we have some very active Staples people who are involved, was featured in the Initiative foundation magazine with a nice article recognizing it. Congratulations.

Since I last wrote to you our community has had a Memorial Day service and a 4th of July program to honor our country and those who served. Nice work by all the volunteers and the speakers. We have the best veteran’s park and excellent programs. There is an opportunity to keep up to date on latest with the vets newsletter.

Another jewel of our community is the Living Legacy Gardens out by CLC ag area and the school bus garages. What a beautiful place to visit and relax. There are volunteer opportunities out there to help with up keep on Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Just stop out one day and we will put you to work.

Our streets are getting a fresh coat of paint which will freshen up the town and make it safer with crosswalks and such being better identified.

I hope everyone who visits downtown has noticed the beautiful new flower pots on our sidewalks. Wow. They are so beautiful. They have a reservoir that holds water so are self-watering and have been just so vibrant. I believe that they are a great assets to our town streets and appearance. These were obtained through a grant from the Blandin foundation. We also have a new playground equipment section at Wilson Park up on park road. Thank you to volunteers from Church of Christ who painted the old fire engine there.

We got out and patched some rough spots on the streets. Please let I or our

staff know if there are other ones we may have missed. We do have a plan to overlay another bunch of streets again later this summer / fall. The 2nd street project, phase one is well under way and will look so good once done. The remainder of that street, 4th street and the south side are all slated for the next projects in the next couple of years.

At our council meeting July 23, we got a chance to meet three new police officers who have joined our force recently. Very good men and come with a mix of experience and all are getting acquainted with our city. Ron Case is retiring after many years of service in our police force for our city. We wish him the best and thank him for his dedicated service.

We adopted an ordinance to adopt a moratorium on cannabis business within city of Staples in response to the MN legislature starting to license cultivators for cannabis. We want to pump the brakes on all of this until we see how it will all shake out. The state is planning on beginning the licensing process next year. Please let me know your thoughts on all of this. I have heard from some citizens on this issue.

Valley View neighborhood continues to grow in the north area of our city. As you drive north towards CLC, and look the east, you will see roof tops of the homes and now a beautiful new home up on the higher area. Very encouraging to see this grow and provide some opportunities for homes in town.

At our meeting July 23 we had our first invocation prior to the meeting by a local pastor.

Time flies and in less than a month we will be celebrating our Railroad Days festival. I encourage all of you to plan to come downtown and enjoy the festivities. Again, a great slate of things is planned and should be excellent for a nice day to enjoy music, food, community, fellowship.

Our city continues to be busy with development. Big projects finishing up and ones starting up.

I encourage you to come and attend our council meetings or watch on YouTube live or go to our website and read the minutes. Councilman Roy Miles and I were visiting after last night’s meeting and both reflected on how blessed we are with what we have here as a city of Staples.

“It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.”

In catch and release fishing, the when and how matter

At an early hour on a Sunday morning several weeks ago, when few other boats were visible on the lake, my attention was grabbed by a shout from a boat about 150 yards away. I had casually kept an eye on this boat, watching its occupants pitch large lures in long casting arcs, lures that landed with large, visible splashes. Musky lures, by all indications, so the odds were good that they now had one on.

With binoculars handy, I trained the 8-power glass on the boat to watch the drama unfold. It wasn’t long before the fish was at the side of their boat, and the angler who was not on the rod positioned himself to net it. Vigorous splashing at boat-side suggested that the fish could be a good one. In short order it was deftly netted, and after a few moments lifted from the water into the boat.

Perhaps because I release most of the fish I catch, just by reflex an internal clock began ticking. Other than a relatively uncommon mortal wound—like damage to a fish’s gills—or total exhaustion from a long fight before being landed, perhaps the biggest threat to a released fish’s survival is too much time out of water. “How long will this fish be in the boat?” I silently wondered.

In a perfect world, a fish that’s going to be released might be unhooked while it’s still in the water, using a pliers or forceps to remove the hook. Not all circumstances may allow this, but minimizing the time a fish is out of the water is a variable that an angler should have the most control over.



Mike Rahn

But, our human egos being what they are, it’s not unusual for an angler to want lasting proof of their accomplishment, all the more likely if it’s an especially good fish.

That was apparently the case here. Once in the boat, and unhooked, the musky was laid on a boat seat. I could see arms being spread wide, an indication that it was being measured for length. I’m sure its girth was measured, too. Then the angler who had caught the fish lifted it, one hand under its belly, the other holding it at the head. The aft part of the fish’s body and its tail hung conspicuously over the hand that was supporting it, evidence that it was, in fact, a good fish. The angler’s mate—perhaps a guide, or just a fishing partner—then stepped back and began photographing the angler as he held the fish, adjusting positions a time or two, no doubt to get the composition and the lighting just right.

Musky anglers, more so than many, are apt to release all of the fish they catch. Not only is it an ingrained ethic—one that attests to the value and relative rarity of such trophies—but today it’s possible to have a “wall hanger” without killing a fish. If the angler wishes, a synthetic resin mount can be constructed by a taxidermy artist, who—with body measurements and photographs—can reproduce a trophy fish right down to its coloration pattern, body contours, and even scale detail.

As I watched the photographic ritual unfold, I began thinking out loud: “Get that fish back into the water!” That thought was repeated several times before the angler who caught it leaned over the side of the boat and lowered it back into the lake. He remained there with his arms extended for minutes, apparently cradling the musky, and—though I could not see

subtle motions at that distance—no doubt moving it back and forth to force oxygen-carrying water over its gills.

After long minutes, the angler let go of the fish and stood up. But rather than resume casting, he continued to look down toward the water where the musky had been released. More minutes passed, then the boat’s trolling motor turned the craft back toward the fish. The angler again reached over the side and down into the water. The musky obviously was not moving away, or returning to the lake’s depths, as expected. The angler remained in this pose holding the fish for what seemed like several more minutes. Finally he stood up, apparently satisfied that the fish would remain stable and swim away under its own power. After a vigorous high-five between the two anglers, the boat and its occupants resumed their search for another fish.

Did that musky ultimately survive being caught and released? Who can be sure? Delayed mortality is a real thing, and does happen to some of the fish we release. That’s not to say that these anglers were unethical in their handling of this fish. Nor did they violate any angling regulation. None the less, based on the extended resuscitation efforts I watched them make—to their credit, by the way—the survival odds for this fish might have been less than ideal.

Which leads to the question: “How can I release a good fish, yet still capture that moment?” What if it’s a real trophy, a potential record-breaker, the dimensions of which might matter even more? What about that taxidermist who will want photos and measurements to craft a realistic and accurate resin replica?

In the Minnesota fishing record books, administered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

(DNR), there is a separate category for caught-and-released fish. This is commendable as an encouragement to release trophy fish. As has been said many times, such fish are too valuable to be caught only once. But a key part of the qualifying rules includes a measuring and photography protocol, which will inevitably result in more time for a fish to be out of the water; perhaps quite a bit more, for some anglers. And, importantly, one of the DNR’s requirements for the catch-and-release record book is that a record fish “must be released in good condition.” Therein lies the rub, and—in some cases—the contradiction.

If you visit the web site of the Minnesota DNR, you will find these guidelines (embellished just a bit) for releasing fish in a manner that gives them the best chance to survive.

- Avoid playing a fish to exhaustion before landing it, by using suitably robust tackle.
- Handle a fish carefully, ideally with wet hands to avoid removing its protective slime coating.
- Use forceps or needle-nose pliers to unhook a fish, especially if it’s hooked deeply.
- Cut the line and leave a hook embedded in the fish if its removal would cause internal injury or bleeding.
- Don’t lift a fish by the eyes, or with a hand inserted in the gill.
- Make every effort to revive a weakened fish—cradling it, moving it gently to pass water over the gills—if it appears unable to maintain an upright position on its own. Do this until it can swim away on its own. If it’s obvious that a fish will die, keep it if regulations allow.
- Unhooking a fish while still in the water is preferred, when possible.
- Don’t keep a fish on a stringer, or in a boat’s live well, if it may be released.

Beware: bad actors are working to steal from veterans

By Kristy Janigo
Minnesota American Legion
10th District Commander
and Ray Kane
Department Service Officer

Thieves are working aggressively to steal from veterans, veteran service organizations, veteran nonprofits and government agencies that work with veterans.

It’s a numbers game. If they get one success out of 100 attempts, that’s worth their efforts. Don’t fall prey to their predator tactics.

A post for a veteran service organization received a text from someone claim-

ing to be a Hennepin County veteran service officer and asking for \$200. Soon, the CVSO learned the same message was sent to another post. This time, the post shared a screenshot (shown).

In another case, people sat in front of a home in their car for a long time, then knocked on the door and sought knowledge of a veteran who was related to the homeowner. They got angry when it was denied. In yet another, a husband-wife duo at a post’s bar late at night kept asking veterans for their middle names, after hearing their

other names. The husband claimed to be an Army veteran. When asked where he took AIT, he said Korea. Clearly, he was a fake.

People who work as veteran service officers at the federal, state and county levels, as well as veteran service organization are quite familiar with calls from masked numbers seeking knowledge of personnel information, especially DD-214s. Some go so far as to claim being nurses, medical staff or first responders, or they claim to be investigators of medical malpractice or negligence.

The American Legion Department of Minnesota is working with the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office to fight claim sharks and fraudulent attempts at personal information of veterans.

- Be smart. Check the email address or phone number, not merely the name of the sender, to see if it is real. Many scammers claim to be from an organization you know or trust.
- Protect the personal information of your loved ones, fellow veterans and their spouses. Scammers will use personal information they have in order to gain more personal information from you. Don’t be fooled by it.
- Veterans have earned the benefit of representation with no cost to the veteran. Do not pay for VA claims when veteran service organizations and county veteran service officers provide claim services for no charge. Contact The American Legion or your CVSO to take advantage of benefits you have earned. You will have a trusted veteran on your side.

- Resist any pressure to act immediately. You always always have time to think and gain reflection on any topic.

Here is a list of the types of common scammer tactics:

- Spoofing: Disguising an email address, social media profile, sender name, phone number or website to convince you that you are interacting with a trusted source.
- Phishing: Email sent with the intention of deceiving you to act. Example: You see emails from the department commander, telling you to reply, but you realize it isn’t his true email address.
- Smishing: This is phishing via text message. Facebook Messenger is full of this problem. We regularly see it tell us Facebook will cancel our Facebook Page if we don’t act within 24 hours.
- Vishing: This is phishing via phone. The caller usually makes recipients believe they will be fined or miss out on an opportunity.
- Tell Me About Yourself: During a phone call, the scammer may ask you to verify who you are by asking you to confirm your personal information. Sometimes, they act like they are loan officers or some other trusted position.

To report fraud, visit the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office at www.ag.state.mn.us/Consumer/Scams, or call 851-296-3353 (Twin Cities) or 600-657-3787 (outside the Twin Cities).

The VA has a toll-free Veteran Identity Theft Helpline at 855-578-5492. The VA also provides further tips for fraud prevention at this website: www.va.gov/initiatives/protecting-veterans-from-fraud/.

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Family bluegrass and gospel band

The Lindsey Family from Columbia, Ky., will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Olivia, parents Alan and

Tammy with granddaughter, Selah Beth; Susanna, Caleb, Abby, Timothy and Liberty Lindsey. (Submitted photo)

The Lindsey Family will close ‘Music in the Park’ series in Staples

The Lindsey Family bluegrass/gospel band will close the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair.

Hailing from Columbia, Ky., the Lindseys travel and play music throughout the United States and Canada, singing and playing positive-oriented music, mostly in the acoustic tradition. Expect to hear fiddle, guitar, banjo, bass and soulful harmonies from this family group.

The Lindsey Family features Alan and Tammy, along with their children... an ever-changing arrangement of 11 siblings, some with spouses and children of their own who travel with the band.

“Our vision is to share hope and purpose in a

world that has lost its sense of simplicity and family togetherness,” the Lindseys shared at their website, noting much of their music is inspired by their Christian faith. “From having fun and sharing laughs with our audience to feel-good music with a message, most folks enjoy the fact that we’re a family united in a purpose.”

They’ve received positive reviews from audience members and other musicians alike.

JD Crowe, of JD Crowe and the New South says, “They outstaged me!” and Bill McBee, of Pine Mountain Railroad, says, “... their stage presence and performance is amazing, given the relative ages of the members. Their instrumentation is solid and their harmonies are family-tight.

Their personalities shine through and assure audiences that the future of the American family is in good hands.”

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 4. For more information on the Music in the Park series as well as the regular concert series, check out www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

Northern Pacific (NP) Park is located at 625 6th St. NE. At the junction of Hwys 10 and 210, go six blocks north on 6th St. NE. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

The Music in the Park Series is funded by the Staples Host Lions Club and

3M of Staples. The Series is organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, with the assistance of the City of Staples.

Mark Your Calendar

Aug. 1

‘WALK WITH A Doc’ Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System’s main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit <https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota>

Aug. 2

WOMEN’S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

Aug. 4

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS are held every Sunday at 6 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, 33 Wellwood St. E., Motley.

Aug. 5

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

ISD#2170 SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION, Monday, Aug. 5, 6 p.m. at the Staples-Motley School District Office, 905 4th St NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Aug. 6

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STAPLES are held at the Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

OLD TIME DANCE is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

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HELLO WORLD

ONLINE BIRTHS REMOVED AT THE REQUEST OF LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM.

BIRTHS REPORTED AT ASTERA HEALTH HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Born to Maddi and Tanner Horn of Wadena a baby boy, Nixon Scott Horn on July 4, 2024, weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces. Grandparents are Scott and

Lisa Horn; Sue and Larry Sorem and Dennis Johnson.

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OBITUARY

Junita Pierce

Junita Pierce, 87, of Motley passed away July 23, 2024 at Harmony House in Motley. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, July 30, at 11 a.m. at the Free Methodist Church in Motley. (also on live feed on Facebook)

Junita was born December 23, 1936. She was a caring person with a giving spirit. Per Junita's wishes her body was donated to the University of MN Medical School.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Jonny Olson, Associate Pastor
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:
Adult Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2296
Church.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
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
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class...10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich
Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Janet Eckman SMA.....218-837-5831
jre227@yahoo.com
Sunday Worship.....8:30 a.m.

Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
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
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.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
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
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 Catholic Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
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Fr. Aaron Kuhn
MASS:
Fr. Gabriel Walz
Saturday.....4:00 p.m.

St. Michael
280 1st Ave S, Motley.....218-894-2296
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday.....10:30 a.m. (May - Nov.)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (Dec - April)

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen
Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
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, 2nd and 4th Sundays.....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@fbpillager.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
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.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.

Hewitt Community Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
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 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor
Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor
SUNDAY
Youth Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups.....6:30 p.m.

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

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 Community Church
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4952
Sunday Service.....9:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.

St. Frederick Catholic Church
20 Mason Avenue NW
Vermdale.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Saturday.....6:00 p.m.

St. Hubert Catholic Church
Bluegrass.....218-894-2296
info@marysacc.org
Fr. Aaron Kuhn and Fr. Rick Aubol
MASS:
Sunday Service.....10:00 a.m. (Dec. - April)
Saturday.....4:00 p.m. (May - Nov.)

Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 Call first.

Wadena
St. Helen's Episcopal Church
22 Dayton Ave. SW, Wadena, MN
218-631-3928
Sunday Worship.....10:00 a.m.

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Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

Red Light Green Light was one of many favorite games in my childhood neighborhood. The person being “it”, facing away from the players, yells “green light.” All players run toward “it.” The caller then yells “red light” and turns around trying to catch those that fail to stop. If a player fails to stop on red light..they lose. If a player does not go on green light... they can't reach the goal and win. Our journey with The Lord can be similar. First, God is always in control. He desires the best for us and the best from us. To accomplish this God is always directing our path...sometimes indicating Red Light to stop a harmful act or direction. You may be thinking of the Thou Shalt Not command-

ments. It is much more complex than that. As God leads us in our lives giving us course corrections the Stop is sometimes necessary. As full-time ministry was my second career God had me Stop my first career so that I could follow a new direction from God. Stop is also necessary to hear from God ...be still and know that I am God. And, of course, sometimes God gives us Green Light to go a new direction or encouraging us on our existing path. Either way...not heeding God's STOP...we run headlong into dangerous and harmful situations. Not obeying God's GO...we deprive ourselves of the blessings God has in store for us.

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Contact Your Local Election Official
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MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF
CANDIDATE FILING
DATES

A reminder that the following township offices will be voted for at the State General Election to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024. Candidates may file for these offices from July 30, 2024 through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. You may call Ty Peterson, 703-209-2678 for an appointment or the office of the clerk will be open Tuesday, August 13, 2024 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. located at 7969 65th Ave. SW, Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 5, 2024:

- One (1) Township Treasurer - four (4) year term
- One (1) Supervisor - four (4) year term (Seat 1)
- One (1) Supervisor - four (4) year term (Seat 2)
- One (1) Supervisor - two (2) year term (Seat 3) special election to fill appointed seat

Ty Peterson, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township
32-33pnc

STATE OF MINNESOTA
TODD COUNTY
AUDITOR-TREASURER

NOTICE OF
PRIMARY ELECTION
VILLARD TOWNSHIP

To the Electors of the TOWNSHIP of VILLARD, in the County of Todd, State of Minnesota:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That a Primary Election will be held in the Election Precinct AT VILLARD TOWNSHIP (PHILBROOK), 31337 County 28, STAPLES, MN 56479 on Tuesday, the Thirteenth (13th) day of August 2024, at which time the polls will be open from the hours of 7 o'clock a.m. to the hour of eight (8) o'clock p.m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices which will be voted for at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, the Fifth (5th) day of November 2024 to-wit:

FEDERAL OFFICES
United States Senator
United States
Representative District 7

Dated: July 8, 2024
By: Mary Trantina Koenig, Clerk
Villard Township
32pnc

WADENA COUNTY
PLANNING
COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR A
CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 15th day of August, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Wadena County Courthouse to consider the application of **Michael and Pamela Withage**, for a Conditional Use Permit for the property described as follows: NE1/4 of NW1/4 & W1/2 NW1/4 **with exceptions; Section 20, Township 134 North, Range 33 West, Thomastown Township, located in an A-3 General Agriculture District.

The application is an amendment of an existing Conditional Use Permit, which allowed up to 12 intact female dogs and up to 20 dogs for boarding. If approved, the amendment would allow the number of intact female breeding dogs on the property to be increased from 12 to 32 and would remove boarding of dogs for other people from the permit.

More information on this application may be found on the County website cal-

endar at www.co.wadena.mn.us. All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter. Written correspondence must be received by the Wadena County Zoning Office, 415 Jefferson St. S., Room 234, Wadena, MN 56482 before close of business the day of the hearing in order to be accepted and must include the **full name and address of the person sending the correspondence in order to be accepted for presentation to the Planning Commission at the public hearing**. The correspondence may be submitted in person, by U.S. Mail, or by e-mail to the Zoning Office but it **MUST** include the required information.

By: Wadena County
Planning Commission

Dated: July 23, 2024
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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

DATE: **July 2, 2024**
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage.

INFORMATION
REGARDING
MORTGAGE TO BE
FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: **January 29, 2021**

2. Mortgagors: **Barbara A. Preston, a single person**
3. Mortgagees: **Mid-Central National Bank**
4. Recording Information:
Recorded on **February 16, 2021**, as Document Number **523911**, in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: **None**
INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: **29-0008500**
7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises:

Lots 17 and 18, Block 2, Original Townsite of Bertha, Todd County, Minnesota

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: **110 - 1st Ave NE, Bertha, MN 56437**

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage:

X is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.-

The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is

Mid-Central National Bank
520 Jefferson St S
PO Box 152
Wadena, MN 56482

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is **Mid-Central National Bank, Alanna A. Burns.**

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.

12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was **\$54,000.00**.

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: **\$53,379.72**.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Todd County, Minnesota, at public auction on **August 29, 2024, 10:00 a.m.**, at the **Todd County Sheriff's Office, 115 3rd Street S, Long Prairie, MN 56347**.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is **6 months** after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is **11:59 p.m. on March 1, 2025**.

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

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee:
Mid-Central National Bank

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee
Grant K. Skoog
SKOOG LAW
PO Box 623
24 Colfax Ave SW
Wadena, MN 56482 (2 18)
631-1228 MN# 0403246
29-34pnc

CITY OF STAPLES							
Annual Disclosure of Tax Increment Districts For the Year Ended December 31, 2023							
DISTRICT INFORMATION	TIF 5 STAPLES SQUARE	TIF 6 PRAIRIE VIEW	TIF 7 STAPLES TOWNHOMES	TIF 8 HOTEL	TIF 9 CARDINAL PINES	TIF 10 MEDICAL OFFICES	TIF 11 MILL TOWNHOMES
Current net tax capacity	\$5,798	\$14,471	\$54,265	\$109,986	\$79,708	\$10,353	\$52,280
Original net tax capacity	\$9	\$25	\$730	\$10,788	\$370	\$817	\$322
Captured net tax capacity	\$5,789	\$14,446	\$53,535	\$99,198	\$79,338	\$9,536	\$51,958
Principal and interest payments in 2024	\$0	\$37,650	\$55,800	\$123,871	\$92,711	\$10,283	\$54,515
Tax increment received in 2023	\$8,632	\$21,545	\$60,100	\$140,184	\$64,021	\$13,668	\$57,318
Tax increment expended in 2023	\$0	\$21,545	\$58,400	\$139,955	\$60,820	\$13,629	\$57,152
Month and Year of first tax increment receipt	Jun-2005	Jun-2006	May-2018	May-2018	May-2020	May-2020	Jun-2022
Date of required decertification	12/31/2030	12/31/2031	12/31/2043	12/31/2026	12/31/2045	12/31/2028	12/31/2047

Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #18
Mon., June 24, 2024,
6 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Winkels at 6:00 p.m. Members Reese, Winkels, Reeck, Wright, Anderson and Trout were present, comprising a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Tappe, Business Manager Hill, recording secretary Larson, Staples World Managing Editor Anderson, AD/CE Director Lee and Representative Williams of ICS and staff members. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Anderson to adopt the agenda. MC

Chair Winkels welcomed and recognized those in attendance.

School/Community Forum

None
Consent Agenda
•Approve Minutes from the May 20 Board Meeting
•Approve the Fundraiser request from the Student Council
•Approve the Fundraiser request from the Music Department
•Approve the Fundraiser requests from REACH
•Approve lane change requests from:

- a. Heather Wiegand – BA to BA+15
 - b. Dawn Weite – BA to BA+15
 - c. Jennifer Pantzke – MA+30 to MA+45
 - d. Caitlyn Hacker – BA to BA+15
- Accept the resignations of:
- a. Janelle Thompson, Elementary Title I Paraprofessional
 - b. Brittany Mead-Giberson, MS/HS Paraprofessional
 - c. Christine Qual, Elementary Paraprofessional
 - d. Bart Graves, Ag/CTE MS/HS Teacher
 - e. Tressa Cain, Elementary Teacher
- Approve the hire of:
- a. Lisa Koenigs, Middle

School REACH/Student Success Teacher effective 24/25 School year

b. Dan Rowe, Middle/High School Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor effective 24/25 School year

c. Christine Qual, Middle School Academic/Behavioral Interventionist

d. Miranda Anderson, District Office Receptionist/Secretary effective July 8, 2024

•Approve the 2024-2025 MSBA Association Dues and Policy Service Renewal - \$5,312.

•Approve the 2024-2025 MREA Membership renewal - \$2,123.

•Approve the 2024-2025 TCCAP Prenatal to Five – Head Start MOU

•Approve the 2024-2027 Sports Medicine contract with Twin City Orthopedics

•Approve the 2024-2025 Teachers on Call contract

•Approve the 2024-2025 MN Math & Reading Corps Site Agreement

Motion by Wright, seconded by Trout, to approve the consent agenda. MC

Music Tour Presentation

Motion by Wright, seconded by Anderson, to approve the 2025 Music Tour. MC

Donations and In-Kind Contributions

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to approve the Resolution to accept Grants and Donations in the amount of \$10,624.31 and in-kind donations in the amount of \$96. MC

Finance Items

Financial Report presented by Business Manager Hill

a. 23-24 Revised Budget presented by Business Manager Hill

b. 24-25 Proposed Original Budget presented by Business Manager Hill

•General Fund: \$1,016,038.17

•Food Service: \$53,742.82

•Community Service: \$31,370.28

•Construction Fund: \$391,543.34

•Debt Service: \$2,000.00

•Fund 45: \$0.00

•Fund 47 (CLOSED): \$0.00

Motion by Trout, seconded by Anderson, to

approve the May Disbursements. MC

•General Fund: \$2,256,365.97

•Food Service: \$96,737.41

•Community Service Fund: \$85,283.88

•Construction Fund: \$665,261.80

•Debt Service Fund: \$1,207,329.17

•Fund 45: \$6,183.71

•Fund 47 (CLOSED):\$0.00

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Reese, to approve the May receipts. MC

Motion by Reese, seconded by Winkels, to approve the FY 2023-2024 Revised Budget. MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to approve the FY 2024-2025 Proposed Original Budget. MC

Cabinet Presentation - Teaching & Learning

Presentation of the 2023-24 QCOMP Annual Report by Teaching & Learning Coordinator Pantzke

Motion by Anderson seconded by Wright to approve the 2024-2025 Local Literacy Plan. MC

Facilities

Facilities Update from Williams of ICS

Personnel

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Winkels to approve the MOU for the 2024-2025 Superintendent Contract with Shane Tappe. MC

Motion by Wright, seconded by Trout to approve the MOU for the 2024-2025 Administrative Contract with Debbie Ferdon, MS/HS Principal. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wright to approve the MOU for the 2024-2025 Administrative Contract with Ryan Koenigs, Elementary Principal. MC

Policy
(Policy Committee Meeting Minutes 6-10-2024)

Motion by Reese, seconded by Reeck to approve the review of MSBA policies with changes: Policy #714 - Fund Balances; Policy #722 - Public Data Requests and Policy #506 – Student Discipline. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wright to approve the MOU for the 2024-2025 Administrative Contract with Ryan Koenigs, Elementary Principal. MC

Motion by Reese, seconded by Reeck to approve the review of MSBA policies with no or minimal changes: Policy

421 - Gifts to Employees; #516 - Student Medication; Policy #608 - Instructional Services for Special Education; Policy #722f - Public Data Request Form; Policy #806 - Crisis Management; Policy #506f - Notice of Suspension Form. MC

Other

2024-2025 Activities Handbook available for Board review. (No action at this time)

Motion by Trout, seconded by Winkels to approve the 2024 Pay Equity Implementation Report. MC

Motion by Wright, seconded by Anderson to award the Dairy Bid to Ten Finns Creamery for the 2024-25 school year. MC

Motion by Reeck seconded by Trout, to approve sealed bids for miscellaneous items. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wright, to approve the Education Identity & Access Management Resolution identifying the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for Staples-Motley as Shane Tappe, with Trisha Larson as the Iowa Proxy for school year 2024-25. MC

Reports

•School Board
•FED
•Sourcewell - April 18, 2024 Minutes

•Principals - Report from Principal Ferdon

•Activities/Community Ed - Report by AD/CED Lee

•Superintendent - Report by Superintendent Tappe

SMEA - NO Report

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Wright, to move into Closed Session for Superintendent performance review and discussion as permitted by MN Statue, section 13D.05, subdivision 3(a). MC

Motion by Wright, seconded by Trout, to call the Closed Session to order at 7:47 p.m. MC

Motion by Reese, seconded by Trout, to reconvene in Open Session at 8:28 p.m. MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by Wright, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. MC

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Freshwater Education District

MINUTES
FRESHWATER ED.
DISTRICT #6004
June 25, 2024
Wadena, MN

Call to order

Mtg. called to order by Chair Anderson at 5 p.m.

BOARD Present: L. Anderson - Staples-Motley; C. Funk - Sebeka; C. Wolf - Long Prairie-Grey Eagle; B. Tumberg - Wadena-Deer Creek; S. Veronen - Verdale; J. Hillmer - Browerville; R. VanDenheuvel - Bertha-Hewitt; R. Thalmann - Henning; K. Howard - Menahga. Superintendents: S. Vedbraaten-Browerville. FED: E. Weber, Ex. Dir.; J. Wothe, SpEd Dir.; J. Anderson, Finance Mang.; S. Thiel, Admin Assist.

Agenda

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded BY Tumberg to approve the agenda as modified. VOTE- U/C

Old Business

MOTIONED BY Howard, seconded BY Wolf to approve the 4/24/24 minutes as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Funk, seconded BY Veronen to acknowledge receipt and review of the May and June 2024 Supt. Advisory minutes as presented. VOTE- U/C

New Business 24 FY

MOTIONED BY Tumberg, seconded BY Hillmer to approve the March and April 2024 Mileage Claims as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded BY Howard to approve the Tech Service Agrmt. with Verdale ISD #818, effective 5/1/24 -5/30/24 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded BY Funk to approve FY25 Adopted Budget as presented. VOTE- U/C

The following resolution is hereby MOVED BY Tumberg, seconded BY Hillmer: To recognize that the Board

of FED#6004, gratefully accepts the following as identified:

Comfort Dog: Donna Waldahl, Wadena, MN ~ \$50; Stellher Human Services, Bemidji, MN ~ \$1,000; VFW Auxiliary Post 3289, District 9, New York Mills, MN ~ \$200; Anonymous ~ \$50; KLN, Family Brands, Perham, MN ~ \$500; Joann White, Sebeka, MN~ \$100; Mary Spenst, Wadena, MN ~ \$100; Saint Paul & MN Foundation, Saint Paul, MN ~ \$3,000; Initiative Foundation, Little Falls, MN ~ \$1,000.

Spring Fling: Knights of Columbus, Frazee, MN ~ \$50; Frazee Lions Club, Frazee, MN ~ \$250; B.P.O.E - Wadena #2386 Elks Game Fund, Wadena, MN ~ \$500; Arvig, Perham, MN ~ \$250;

VOTE on adoptions of this Resolution was as follows: ABSTENTIONS: None AYE: Wolf, Funk, Tumberg, Veronen, VanDenheuvel, Hillmer, Howard and Anderson. NAY: None ABSENT: None WHEREUPON said Resolutions was declared duly adopted.

New Business 25 FY

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded BY Wolf to approve the School Nutrition Program between LP-GE School Dist. and FED #6004 as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTIONED BY Veronen, seconded BY Hillmer to approve the agreement between Wadena Cty Public Health and FED #6004 for school health nursing services for the 24/25 SY. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY VanDenheuvel, seconded BY Howard to approve the Payroll AG between Long Prairie-Grey Eagle ISD #2753 and FED #6004, effective 7/1/24-6/30/25, as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Hillmer, seconded BY Funk to approve the AP/AR Service AG between Browerville ISD #787 and FED effective

See **FRESHWATER** on page 9a

Freshwater Education District

FRESHWATER continued from page 9a

tive 7/1/24 - 6/30/25, as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Howard, seconded BY Thalmann to approve to increase the reimbursement of meal expenses to the following: Breakfast - \$10; Lunch - \$15; Dinner - \$20, effective 7/1/24; VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Funk, seconded BY VanDenheuvel to authorize Supt. E. Weber and Admin. Assist. S. Thiel to act as the Iowa for the FED #6004-61. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Thalmann, seconded BY Tumberg to approve the Service AG between SpEd Forms LLC and FED #6004 effective 8/1/024 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Hillmer, seconded BY Howard to approve the ABE AG between Little Falls Dist. #482 and FED #6004 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Tumberg, seconded BY Funk to approve the Service AG between Eluma and FED #6004, effective 7/1/24 as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTIONED BY Wolf, seconded BY Funk to approve the personnel items as follows:

- Resignation effective the end of the 23/24 SY for the following: K. Chenoweth, SpEd Para; K. Ervasti, SpEd Teacher; A. Potvin, Behavior Specialist; B. Piecek, SpEd Para; M. Moyer, SpEd Para; B. Larson, FT Para; K. Smith, SpEd Prog. Specialist/GYO Cord.; E. Potter, School Psych; V. Rowe, SR Para; J. Hock, SR Para; J. Foss, ALC Teacher.
- Increase in Hrs. for the 23/24 SY: J. Pexsa, SpEd RVR Driver; S. Nixon, SPED School Psychologist;
- Hiring for the 24/25 SY: G. Cabello, School Social Worker; S. Moe, School Psych; S. Lenz, SpEd Teacher; C. Jares, SpEd Teacher; K. Aho, ECSE Para; S. Speckien, Remote ECSE Due Process/Paperwork; R. Bowman, SpEd Teacher; F. Pary, SpEd Assesst. Spec.; J. Nelson, School Social Worker; M. Thorp, School Counselor; C. Geisenhof, Todd Cty FACTS Facilitator.
- Decrease in Hrs. 24/25 SY: S. Eckhoff, SpEd Para.
- Increase in Hrs. 24/25 SY: A. Eckhoff, SpEd Prog. Assist., S. Nixon SPED School Psychologist; L. Baumgart, Phy. Impaired; K. Keil, ECSE Teacher, M. Murch, SR Teacher.
- Reassignment 24/25 SY: S. Schwendeman, from Behavior Interventionist to Prog. Specialist; K. Noska, SR Para to ECSE Para; M. May, Todd Cty FACTS to School Social Worker.
- Volunteer Request to Decrease in Days: M. Grondahl, B-5 Referral Intake Specialist; J. Timm, SALC Teacher.
- Permission to Advertise and Hire for the 24/25 SY: PT and FT Teacher at the SALC; PT GYO Coord.
- Approve FY 25/26 Contracts for R. Murdock, Information Tech Mang.; D. Wegscheid, SpEd Finance Specialist; L. Wick, ECSE/

SR Mang.

- Amendment to M. Kaluza, CP Cord. Proj. Contract; VOTE-U/C

Finance Mang. Report: Qtr. 4 Reports will be reviewed at the Aug. Bd Mtg.

SpEd Director Report: Comfort Dog – Fundraising has surpassed the purchase of the therapy dog; Upcoming Trainings - SPED Update - 20 teachers registered; New Para Training - 133 Para registered; New SpEd Teacher Training will be held on 8/13/24.

Ex. Direct. Report: Reviewed Bd Personnel Mtg. Minutes; Facility update: Needing to replace shingles at all the buildings. Working with manufacturer and installer to replace all under warranty; New door installed at the Academy due to student damage. ALC/TS/CR Update: 22 TS Prog. running this summer; Wadena ALC will be updating an electrical panel and looking to replace LED lighting. Reviewed ECSE/SR Spring Enrollment and Parent Evaluations for all program sites.

MOTIONED BY Wolf, seconded BY VanDenheuvel to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m

Pre-approved Publication Summary

Chuck Wolf, Clerk
Freshwater Ed. District #6004

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I forgot....
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SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

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GARAGE SALES

701

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Little country music fan

Two-year-old Edith Miles of Staples tapped her toes to an old Hank Williams song, performed by Eric Neznik and Jason Franzen July 21, at Northern Pacific Park in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Enjoying popcorn in the park

The Staples Host Lions have a popcorn stand set up at Music in the Park Sunday nights in Staples, offering beverages as well as fresh popcorn for sale. Above, Lion Graeme Badger (center) and his daughter Chloe assist a customer. Below, a young girl brings two bags of popcorn to her family, to enjoy while listening to country duo Eric Neznik and Jason Franzen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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Sourcewell employees come from all over the country to learn about the company's local community impact

tour some of the parts of the region that Sourcewell has been able to financially impact and/or support with valuable programming. He went on to note that during the tour they stopped at Dower Lake in Staples to hear from both the fire chief and police chief about the Sourcewell impact to their departments. From there, they stopped at the Verndale Public School where they heard from the superintendent and other leaders about the dozens of Sourcewell-supported programs their school utilizes, as well as its impact. The next stop was Wadena, where they toured Freshwater...a school which Sourcewell leaders invested \$5 million to make happen. They also heard from superintendents at both Freshwater and Wadena-Deer Creek, about the Sourcewell programs they use and their impact on students and staff. Those at the annual gathering also enjoyed visiting together during breaks, with the event food supplied by Chef Mike and Lakes Area Catering.



The scent of barbecue filled the air

Passersby along 12th St. NE in Staples July 23, noticed the mouth-watering scent of barbecue in the air, as lunch was being prepared for Sourcewell employees in town for an annual gathering. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



In between meetings and meals

Following a morning session in the big tent, Sourcewell employees made their way toward the north end of the building for a group photo, which would be taken by a drone. Following that, the employees enjoyed lunch and tours of the area. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Little Red Caboose a community event

other half goes to the Staples Area Men's Chorus and their Real Men Sing choral festival which gives young male singers and their directors a full day of educational experiences with choral clinicians and male singers from all age groups from junior high to high school to college and adult choruses and culminates in a mass chorus concert that evening. Tickets can be purchased at the door or for a \$2 discount, tickets are available in advance at the Staples World office, Hubbard Hardware and Ace Hardware in Staples or on line at staplesmen.yapsody.com. Co-hosts for the Little Red Caboose Variety Show are the Staples Area Men's Chorus and Lamplighter Community Theatre. Sponsors include the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, Lakeland Public Television and the Five Wings Arts Council.

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Music at Old Wadena

berg to build a birdhouse to take home. Dan Kern of Wadena will have his beekeeping display with equipment and a live hive creating a honeycomb. Woodsways Herbs will show the native plants they pick from a lot in Wadena County. Musical performances at the event will include Curtis and Loretta, a folk duo, Boots and Needles, a traditional and rocabilly band, Trad and Tru, a fiddle and banjo duo, and Jake Kaehne with traditional Ojibue flute songs. Food at the Rendezvous will be served by Baby's Frybread. There will also be an artisan sourdough bread demonstration by Julie Mulek of Verndale. For more information, go to oldwadenarendezvous.org.

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