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Family, friends say 'goodbye' to Peter

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Not a day goes by that Delaine Achermann of Leader doesn't think about her husband, Peter, who disappeared July 24, 2009. Nine agonizing years of wondering what happened to the man who stole her heart when she was just 16.

Reminders of him are everywhere at Hungry Meadows Farm, where the Achermanns raised their 11 children and cared for at least 20 foster kids over the years.

Peter's favorite books are scattered around the house, as are various newspaper clippings chronicling his achievements. There's the one which tells of his decision to attend college in Brainerd when he was 65 years old. He carried 21 credits, Delaine recalled, adding that his classes included geography, psychology and history. "He loved learning," she said.

He especially loved history, said Franz Achermann, one of Peter and Delaine's six sons. "He lived so much of it," Franz went on, noting that his dad had been born and raised in Switzerland and was just a child during WWII when he experienced the trauma of evacuation.

Peter wrote about his life stories in a detailed memoir entitled, "The Journey of a Lifetime." The autobiography includes stories of his early years in Switzerland, his aspirations as a young man to become a farmer and his decision in 1948, to immigrate to the United States. He recounts with joy his marriage to Delaine, and the subsequent births of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She can still picture him writing at their kitchen table, Delaine shared in an earlier interview, filling up numerous yellow notepads with his life stories. They were written mainly in German, his native language. It was a project that began in the 1980s and was published in 2011, two years after he'd gone missing. Peter's brother, Henry, translated it into English and his niece, Rebecca Achermann, helped put the book together.

The final chapter of Peter's memoir is entitled "My Death and Funeral Wishes." Although she cannot help fulfill her husband's hopes regarding his death, she will finally be able to give him the funeral he so eloquently described in the final pages of his book.

"It will make me feel like I've done what I'm expected to do," Delaine said of the funeral planned for Aug. 11 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Motley, with a celebration of Peter's life to follow at the Achermann farm.

In his memoir, Peter says he would like "a plain funeral without spending a lot of money; a funeral without fanfare or false pretense. A plain coffin carried by sons and daughters, a simple celebration and a grave shoveled by family and neighbors. Afterwards there should be a plain meal to show the gratitude for the helpers, friends and family. If it is in the summer there should be a keg of beer. If it is in the

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Still waiting

The Achermann family of Leader is still waiting for information regarding Peter Achermann, who disappeared without a trace nine years ago on July 24, 2009. Pictured, from left, is Peter's son, Franz; his grandson, Dexter; and his wife, Delaine, holding the family's cat, Opie. At right is a poster which hangs on the kitchen refrigerator at the Achermann home, a reminder that a $20,000 award is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the disappearance of Peter, if the disappearance is the result of foul play. Peter was declared deceased on July 24, 2013. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Hello, Readers,

Saturday, Aug. 4, is Disc Golf Day. Disc golf is one of the fastest growing sports in the world. An estimated 8-12 million players have played disc golf, with over two million estimated to be regular players. According to the PDGA course directory at the end of 2015, there were over 5,500 disc golf courses in 40 countries with new courses being developed and installed on a regular basis. Disc golf is played much like traditional golf. Instead of a ball and clubs, however, players use a flying disc or Frisbee®. The sport was formalized in the 1970's, and shares with traditional golf the object of completing each hole in the fewest strokes (or, in the case of disc golf, fewest throws). We are fortunate in our area to have two disc golf courses - one at Dower Lake Recreation Area and one at Pine Grove Park. Come on out and play a round!

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Filing for local offices open July 31-Aug. 14

The filing period for local elections is July 31 through Aug. 14. City, school, township and hospital district seats will be up for election locally. Elections will be part of the general election Nov. 6.

Prospective candidates for mayor and council member in the City of Staples or the City of Motley must file with the city clerk. Candidates for the Staples-Motley School Board must file at the district office. Those seeking positions on the United District Hospital Board file with the city clerk or township clerk where they reside. Township candidates file with their township clerk.

The Staples-Motley School District has three seats up for election. Those seats are currently held by Brad Anderson, Mary Freeman and Bruce Lund. The term is four years.

The City of Staples has three council positions and the mayor up for election. The mayor's term is two years and is currently Chris Etzler. The council seats are four year terms and are currently held by Brian Fisher, Roy Miles and Ron Murray.

The City of Motley will have three council positions and the mayor on the Nov. 6 ballot. The mayor's term is two years and is currently Al Yoder. Two council seats, those held now by Jace Carlson and Amy Hutchison, are for four-year terms. Pat O'Regan was appointed to fill an unexpired term due to the resignation of a former council member. That seat is open for a two-year term.

The United District Hospital Board, which governs Lakewood Health System, has six seats open for four-year terms. Those along with the person who currently serves in that area are Motley Township - Frances Kokett, Becker Township - Judy Bjerga, Moran Township - Sally Grove, Byron Township - Bev Hoemberg, City of Staples - Mary Theurer and Thomastown Township - Paul Wicht.

Report shows need for new wastewater plant

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

A new $8.46 million wastewater treatment plant will be the most economical option for the City of Staples in the long term, according to a presentation at the July 24 Staples City Council meeting. The city is hoping to get at least $6 million in grants to help pay for the project.

Paul Saffert, environmental engineer for Bolton & Menk, presented results of a study on the city's wastewater system and offered a recommendation for building new instead of trying to fix the old plant. "Each piece is beyond its useful life," said Saffert.

The wastewater facility was constructed in 1965 and expanded in 1991. The report said the system can treat current flows, but the facility requires significant upgrades.

Some of the major issues Saffert pointed to are cracks in the concrete of the trickling filter and pumps and piping that need to be replaced. He

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Gathering at the famous scene

It took a lot of people to achieve the status of getting a barn quilt on the 2019 national calendar. Some of those involved gathered on July 27 to celebrate the achievement. The photo for the calendar was taken by Lisa Jenkins, second from right, and submitted to the calendar contest by Lisa Kajer, far right. Also in the photo, barn owners Kathy and Max Sibbert, who requested the "American Star" quilt that was painted by Judy Halverson, standing with her husband Art, who used to live on the farm. Also pictured is Mary Sperley, representing the Staples Motley Arts Council, and Mary Noska, a Staples Motley Arts Council member who also has a quilt on the barn quilts trail and who worked with Kajer to establish the trail. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

SEDA discusses city's role in school project

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

At the July 24 Staples Economic Development Authority meeting, much of the discussion was about how the city could support the school's upcoming building project, how it relates to the Staples Community Center's future, and the economic impact of the school to the community.

"The school is the number one factor when it comes to economic development," said City Administrator Jerel Nelsen. "If you don't have a strong school district, economic problems are going to come."

Nelsen said there have been discussions with the school to add a community center component to the school building project, but the city will wait until the school makes a decision before making their own community center decisions. He told the SEDA board that it could be a different model in which the school builds the facility and the city leases space to run their programs.

The school has chosen their preferred site, to build one K-12 school at the current elementary school site, but still is working on what will go with it.

"It was a big decision," Nelsen said about the site plan. "The general public is frustrated but there are still 102 balls in the air, and then throw in the commu-

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Barn quilt photo is in national calendar

The "American Star" barn quilt won a spot on a 2019 national calender of barn quilts. It is the only quilt from Minnesota in the calendar.

Judy Halverson made the barn quilt for Max and Kathy Sibbert, who own the barn. Judy's husband Art moved to the farm in 1942 and lived there for many years. The barn was built in 1937 but part of it caved in from heavy snow in February of 1975, so the front of the barn was refaced and is smaller.

The Sibberts chose the American Star pattern and Judy made it with the help of funds from a Five Wings Arts Council grant to Barn Quilts of Central MN. The Staples Motley Arts Council provided a 25 percent match needed to secure the Five Wings grant. Todd Wadena Electric mounted the quilt on the barn. Lisa Jenkins of J&J Solutions took the photo that was intered into the competition by Lisa Kajer, progenitors of Barn Quilts of Central MN.

The barn quilt can be viewed at 21736 Highway 210, west of Staples. Barn Quilts of Central MN now has 77 quilts up on the trail, with seven more to add this year, for a total of 84.

Barn quilt trail maps are available at the Staples Depot. The Barn Quilts 2019 Calendar is available on Amazon or from Suzi Parron, the calendar developer and author of many barn quilt books.

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Question remains: What happened to Peter?

Funeral planned for Aug. 11

winter there should be a hot alcoholic beverage."

There is some comfort to the family in having finally received a death certificate for Peter, but it has been disheartening as well. Delaine notes that the court determined death for her husband is July 24, 2013, but both his place of birth and place of death are listed as "Unknown."

It's as if he was never born and never died, Delaine said.

She went on to explain that Peter was born May 21, 1927, at about the time Charles Lindbergh was flying into France. Everyone was so excited about the American pilot that they forgot to register Peter's birth. And now, with no clues as to what happened to Peter that fateful day in 2009, details of his death cannot be accurately documented either.

Now 83, Delaine is a year older than Peter was when he disappeared nine years ago, on the day before their granddaughter Simone was to be married.

A reward poster hangs on the kitchen refrigerator, with photos of a smiling Peter sporting his long grey and black beard, wearing the beret style hat he was known for.

Peter had last been seen running errands in Staples on July 24, 2009, and his vehicle, a 1995 Chevrolet Caprice Wagon, was located the following day on a minimum maintenance road off Cass County Road 32 in Becker Township.

Nine years later, the question remains, "What happened to Peter?"

So many of his friends have passed on without ever hearing an answer regarding Peter's disappearance and death, Franz said. His dad's brother, Johannes Achermann, recently died at the age of 92 in Switzerland. Peter had last visited his home country in 2000, the year Delaine retired.



Bittersweet memories

Delaine Achermann (above) looks through the memoir written by her husband, Peter Achermann, prior to his disappearance in 2009. The 329 pg. biography, published in 2011, includes a detailed look of his early years in Switzerland, his decision to immigrate to the United States in 1948; and about his life with Delaine and their 11 children at 'Hungry Meadows Farm' in Leader. Below, Delaine reads an article written about her husband who, at age 65, decided to go back to college. Peter and Delaine would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this past April 13. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



It's left an empty spot, 53-year-old Franz said of the "not knowing." They all handle it differently, he added of the family's response to Peter's disappearance. He never owned a pistol before this happened to his dad, Franz said. He does now. "But I don't live in fear," he added. "Life goes on."

Franz's son, Dexter, was five years old when his grandpa went missing. He remembers all of the people that were out looking for the Achermann patriarch, straining for a sign of the elderly man who walked with a cane. He has memories of joining his dad in the search, trudging through fields and swamp land, climbing into deer stands to get a better view of the terrain below.

Delaine never quit hoping and praying that there would be some sign of her husband…hoping against hope that she'd once again hear his voice. "I've kept the same phone number in case Peter calls," she said.

She'd love to talk with him about all that's transpired since he went missing, including the births of a few new great and great-great grandchildren. Peter would have loved them.

Opie, the family's orange and white tabby cat, adds a few meows as if in agreement with Delaine. He's one of the few animals at Hungry Meadows Farm that was there when Peter was. Opie is temperamental and either likes you or doesn't, Delaine said. He liked Peter.

In fact, she can't think of anyone or anything that didn't like her husband. Peter was a kind, caring person that went out of his way to be a good neighbor.

She wonders if ultimately it was Peter's kindness that led to his mysterious disappearance and most likely his death. "My feeling is, he stopped to help someone and something happened," Delaine said.

Cass County Sheriff Tom Burch was the Chief Deputy at the time of Peter's disappearance. He recalled being a part of those early search efforts, along with a host of others at the sheriff's office… many of whom are still with the department today.

There are no new updates to the case, Sheriff Burch said recently, adding that this remains an open pending investigation.

He encourages the public to come forward with any information they might have and hopes this might give closure to the family and help with their healing process.

Delaine said the family is thankful to all who have supported them these past nine years. They appreciate the efforts of the sheriff's department and other law enforcement, as well as the many volunteers who have helped at some point during the search process. "We also want to thank all of the people who gave money for the reward," Delaine said.

In his memoir, Peter writes that "My hope is that in dying I will be able to have my family around me and that for my loved ones it will be a positive experience."

Although his body will not be present at his funeral, undoubtedly Peter's spirit will be close by, offering comfort to his family and friends as they say their goodbyes.

And at some point during his service, he would probably want to remind people of what he included in his memoir. "My hope is that the main feelings or beliefs of all should be of thankfulness for the good years, forgiveness of past weaknesses and the knowledge of eternal life."

Rest in peace, Peter Achermann.



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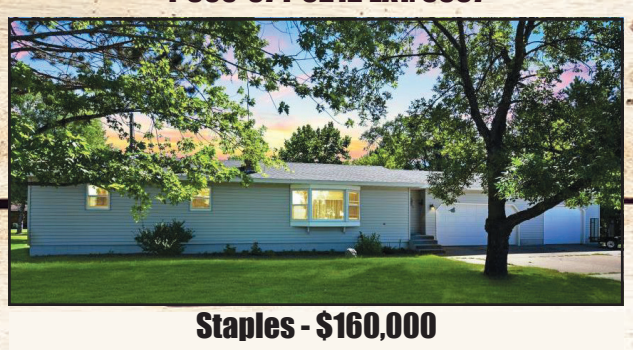

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‘Paint the Town’ program seeks more volunteers

The Paint the Town committee has six houses to paint this year and they’re seeking volunteers to help.

Three paint teams have been organized so far and at least three more are needed.

“We are looking for general volunteers, groups and anyone who can participate this year,” said Melissa Radermacher, executive director of the Staples Economic Development Authority and one of the organizers of the program. “We will combine teams depending on the size of home and number of volunteers and skill level per team.”

Radermacher emphasizes that this is truly a community supported program.

“Over $5,300 in cash and in-kind sponsorships has been raised thanks to our local businesses and community organizations,” she said.

Sponsors so far include MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union, Unity Bank, ACE Hardware, Staples True Value, Jemma’s Salon, Sourcewell, Staples Economic Development Authority, Lakewood Health System, JCI Staples (Jaycees), Stern Rubber, Staples Dairy Queen, Staples Assembly of God Church, El-ko Services, Precision Polishing & Plating and Timberlake Hotel.

Individuals and groups interested in volunteering can contact Radermacher with the estimated number of volunteers by calling 218-894-2550 or emailing mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us.



Summer construction updates

At the July 24 Staples Economic Development Authority meeting, Director Melissa Radermacher gave construction updates on several projects.

The Staples Multi-Family Apartments on Airport Road, pictured above, are being built next to Prairie View Apartments (on the left). They have garage platforms built and the walls of the building are starting to go up now. Radermacher said they hope to complete the apartments in the spring and the city is already getting calls asking how to rent an apartment.

Below, the Staples Eye Clinic and Lakeland Dental Clinic building has a completed roof and crews are now doing interior work. Radermacher said they plan to open in the fall, with the eye clinic moving in first and the dental clinic coming later in the year.

Bottom photo, the newly constructed cul-de-sac on 7th Street NE shows that it will not connect to Highway 10, but will have a sidewalk going to meet the Highway 10 sidewalk. The Casey’s convenience store in the background is nearly complete, Radermacher said they hope to open in September. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





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City hopes grants will help pay for project and limit cost to users

said the aeration basins are not in good shape and don’t meet current standards. Likewise, the aerobic digester tanks are too small, so the city needs to add lime to stabilize the sludge so they can remove it faster. “This system is inefficient and potentially dangerous, as lime can be a very dangerous chemical if not properly stored or handled,” said the report.

The lift station is one component that is still in good condition and Saffert said the plan is to continue to use it. Saffert wasn’t sure if the chemical feed equipment could be saved.

Saffert said they researched alternatives, such as fixing up the old plant or combining services with nearby towns, but both were determined to be too costly for what the city would get out of it.

Saffert said the design should be able to handle the wastewater flows for 40 to 50 years, with mechanical replacements at about 20 years.

The state is requiring new limits for phosphorus and mercury, and the present system is not adequate to address those limits, said Saffert. But because of the new limits, the city is in a better position on the funding list.

For the city to pay for the new plant, they hope to get $6 million in grants, plus user rates going up a little. Without the grants, Saffert estimated the user rates would rise from the current average or $24 per month to around $56 per month. With grants, they hope to cut that amount in half, said Saffert. Possible grants include Rural Development from the USDA, a point source inplementation grant and wastewater infrastructure funding. The city will also look at bonding and higher assessments.

The council approved adopting the plan, submitting it to the Minnesota Polluction Control Agency and applying for related grants. They also approved hiring Bolton & Menk to design the plant for a cost not to exceed $525,000.

In other news the council

- Approved waiving previous special assessments for a house owned by David Horn, who was at the meeting and told the council he recently purchased it and is fixing up the home, built in 1905. Horn will continue with current payments for the assessment.
- Discussed changing regular council meeting time but settled on keeping the current schedule: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

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School project information needs to continue

nity center and what that might look like, there are a lot of decisions before you can say ‘here’s my project.’”

School board member Bruce Lund said the Brainerd school district recently passed a referendum, and did a good job of marketing. Nelsen said WSN engineering firm did a lot of the work, keeping a web site with updated information.

SEDA Board member Doug Case said he would like to see the school project promoted more. “They need to keep the information flowing to the public, keep it positive and make sure the naysayers don’t get a foothold,” said Case.

Mayor Chris Etzler said people can stay informed by reading the newspaper and said the LEAP board was looking at helping promote the school project. SEDA and LEAP Board member Tim Rice said a LEAP planning meeting identified the school project as the number one priority for the community.

Through various comments, the SEDA Board generally agreed that they should support the school building project and help inform the public about it.

New DWI law went into effect Aug. 1

A new law that goes into effect Aug. 1 means people convicted of driving while intoxicated, regardless of the vehicle they’re driving, will lose their driver’s license and be prohibited from operating motor vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles, motorboats and snowmobiles. The state Legislature passed the law following the death of 8-year-old Alan Geisenkoetter Jr., who died in January after being struck by a snowmobile driven by a man whose driver’s license was revoked after multiple DWI offenses.

Before the law change, people convicted of DWI in a highway-licensed vehicle still could legally operate ATVs, motorboats and snowmobiles. The changes apply to violations that occur on or after Aug. 1.

A person convicted of DWI in a motorboat, or who refuses testing for a motorboat DWI, would have their driver’s license suspended and be prohibited from operating ATVs, motorboats and snowmobiles for one year. Additionally, first-time DWI offenders operating off-road recreational vehicles or motorboats also will be subject to chemical use assessments, conditional release and plate impoundment, the same as a DWI in a highway-licensed vehicle.

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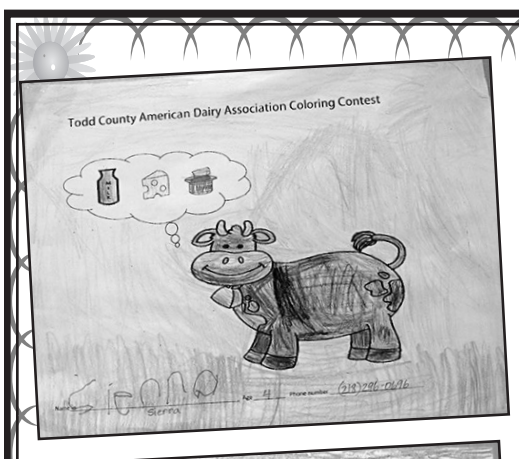
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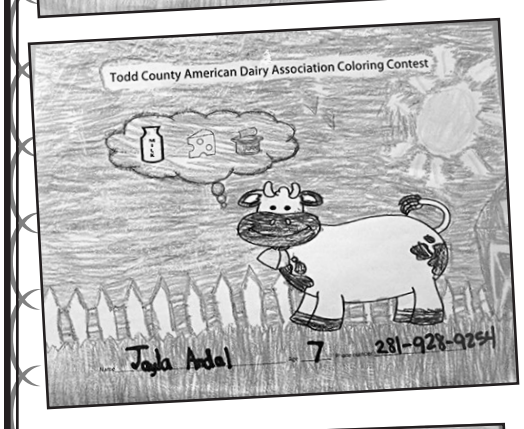
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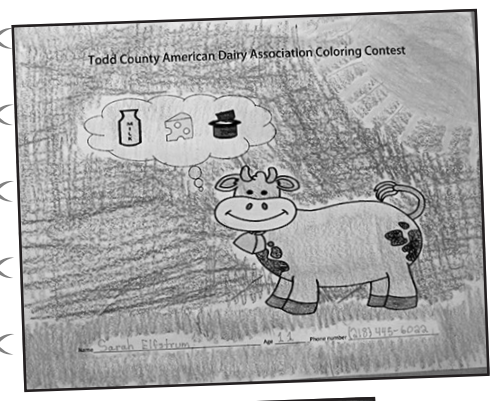
Todd County American Dairy Association

2018 coloring contest winners

Throughout June - *“National Dairy Month”* - the **Todd County ADA** hosted a coloring contest. Entries were displayed at the Dairy Queen in Staples. The winners in each category are posted at the Staples Dairy Queen.









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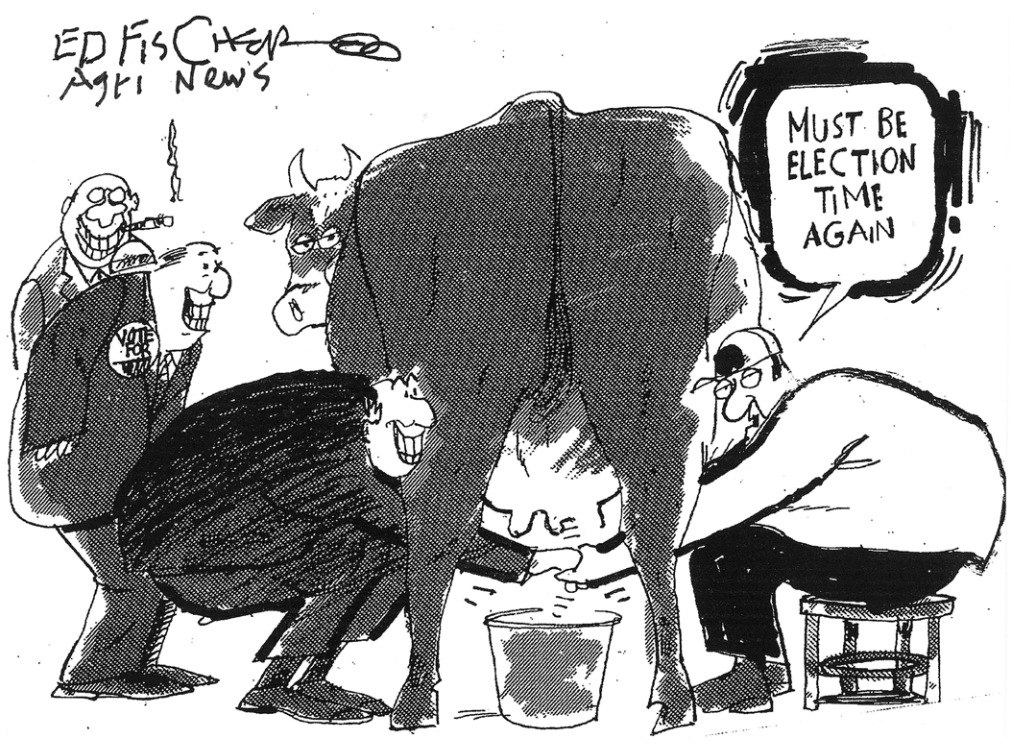
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How to get involved

By Lee H. Hamilton

Back in 1883, Teddy Roosevelt wrote an essay on what it takes to be a true American citizen. He did not mince words. "The people who say that they have not time to attend to politics are simply saying that they are unfit to live in a free community," he wrote. "The first duty of an American citizen, then, is that he shall work in politics."

His essay has been on my mind lately because his sentiment — that living in a representative democracy demands work from all of us — is as timely now as it was then.

The first step to getting involved is easy. Look around your community and ask yourself what needs fixing or what can be done better. This is how a lot of people get started, they see an issue they want to do something about.

Of course, your chances of effecting change grow as you learn. You have to inform yourself, listen carefully as you talk to your neighbors and friends and pay attention to what politicians, commentators and those involved with the issue say.

The same, really, goes for voting. Our system depends on citizens making discriminating choices on politicians and issues. So, you want to educate yourself, which includes talking with people whose opinions differ from yours.

When it comes time to act, you want to join with a like-minded group of believers. There's an old saying that if you want to go fast you go alone, if you want to go far you join together. That's very true in politics.

Next, you have to communicate, with each other, with the media and with your representatives. You have to go to public meetings and speak up. Focus your message so it's clear, concise and specific. Be polite but persistent.

Finally, run for office yourself. If you are so inclined get a circle of friends to support you. Start locally. Develop the issues you're interested in, pick the office that will help you affect them, build support, focus your message and raise money.

All of these are ways of participating and if you want more, search out The New York Times' guide "How to Participate in Politics." The key thing, as President Obama said, is to show up. There are all kinds of ways to have an impact but they start with one thing: Showing up. It's the least we should do.

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Rural farmers markets meet demand for healthy food

By Cody Smith
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Large, hand-painted signs lean against a tent, the buzz of friendly conversation cuts through the humid air and the smell of fresh produce drifts in the breeze. You've found yourself at a farmers market.

Farmers markets are common in urban and rural communities around the nation. In urban areas, they provide an authentic, natural alternative for consumers to connect with those who produce their food.

In rural areas, farmers markets provide these same opportunities, among many others. They serve as a stimulant for local businesses and farmers, an attraction for strangers and locals alike, and, perhaps most importantly, they offer direct, secure access to nutritious food for rural Americans.

Food security, defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as having access to enough food to maintain an active, healthy lifestyle, is an ever-present challenge in rural communities. According to Feeding America, 12.9 percent of Americans were food insecure in 2016 and three-fourths of counties with the highest rates of food insecurity were in rural areas.

There are programs designed to help alleviate food insecurity, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). However, research suggests that rural participation in SNAP is significantly lower for eligible recipients in rural areas than in urban ones. Policies that support SNAP acceptance at more farmers markets are a proven way to make progress.

As we celebrate National Farmers Market Week from Aug. 5 to 11, we praise these events that serve a key role in feeding rural communities nationwide.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic and environmental issues.

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The life (and death) of American farmers

by Dr. Gary Welton

Recent reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate that suicide rates among American farmers are higher than any other occupational group, and five times higher than that of the population as a whole. One is tempted to argue that this reflects the decline of community life in rural America. Farmers historically received mental and emotional support from granges, county fairs and church involvement. According to Robert Putnam, however, such sources of social capital are in decline in America. As a result, rural farm families, more than ever, are forced to rely on their own strength and resources to cope with the pressures of their lives.

Unfortunately, the economic pressures in farming have mounted over the last few years. Corn prices fell 44 percent from 2013 to 2017. Soybean prices fell 33 percent. According to the USDA, net farm income fell more than 40 percent during these five years.

I attended a farm acreage auction in Indiana in 2016, just as an observer. I was shocked at the winning bid in excess of $7500 per acre. Knowing the falling prices of grain, I could not imagine how this acreage, at this price, could provide a living wage. I had the privilege of discussing the bidding afterwards with the auctioneer. He reported that the price was in line with local norms but that this pricing was not sustainable, given the falling prices of corn and beans.

According to the 2016 Purdue Farmland Value Survey, top quality Indiana farmland was selling at $8508 per acre and renting at $257 per acre. Hence, investors, seeking to diversify their holdings by purchasing farmland, often considered the best American investment during the first decade of this century, could expect a three percent gross return on investment. This gross return, of course, will net much less after paying the real estate taxes that support the local roads and schools.

When I lived in Kansas some years back, I encountered the new label of "agribusiness." Instead of speaking of farming, our local friends were instead involved in agribusiness. Indeed, in modern times, those in agribusiness must have skills in finance, in addition to farming, botany, chemistry, meteorology and mechanics, not to mention knowledge of local, state and federal laws. Hence, I support this use of this label.

The economics of agribusiness are often beyond one's control: the price of corn and beans, the decisions of local dairy companies, rainfall, late freezes, etc., all create pressure on the farmer over details that she cannot control. Heavy and frequent rains where I live, for example, have made it very difficult to harvest hay both this year and last.

Given their lack of control over these many aspects of their lives, many in agribusiness have found that in order to stay in business, they must supplement their income with other employment. This is not necessarily new. Most successful and struggling agribusiness people have, for years, worked other jobs to supplement their bank account. Some have taken part-time work, such as school bus driving, to maximize their field time to harvest hay in the summer. Others work full-time factory jobs, choosing to work third shift to maximize their agribusiness time during daylight hours. Of course, taking on part-time gigs to supplement one's income is not unique to agribusiness. I have taken on many additional summer opportunities myself, including consulting, testing services and writing.

Agribusiness in America is a huge part of America's economic strength. The federal government has developed various, controversial support programs to stabilize agribusiness during downturns in the agribusiness economy. A better approach, however, is for the federal government to facilitate the trade and exporting of farm products. Recent talk about trade tariffs are very concerning, as such tariffs risk putting our struggling economic agribusiness people into bankruptcy. The proper role of the federal government is to ensure that they are facilitating trade so that those in agribusiness can continue to feed America and the world. Indeed, agribusiness has been one of America's great economic strengths. We cannot risk losing it.

The suicides among the agribusiness community are very concerning. These rural Americans need community support and reasonable economic opportunities. I, for one, will gladly share my country road with the local farmers who help to feed America, and the world.

Dr. Gary L. Welton is assistant dean for institutional assessment, professor of psychology at Grove City College, and a contributor to The Center for Vision & Values. He is a recipient of a major research grant from the Templeton Foundation to investigate positive youth development.

Letter to the Editor

Still waiting for cleanup

The article, "Sidewalks and Trees," (City Corner, Staples World, July 26, 2018, editorial page) certainly got my attention and in no time, pen in hand, I'm on a roll.

The attention grabber was property owners are responsible for maintaining their lawns, boulevard and whatever, weeds and grass higher than 7" must be cut or upon inspection considered a nuisance and owners notified. Really?

I've lived in the hood for years and grass and weeds inspection seems so trivial compared to the city-wide slums.

A city's pride is accomplished and maintained by our city officials and their so-called "due-process." Once this is accomplished, then the wheels start to turn for shacks, garbage infested areas, hoarders turning homes into dumpsters and mobile homes sitting empty, all a piece of crap.

Eventually, all can be cleaned up and become welcoming family neighborhoods. It's been 25 years and, so far, due-process hasn't kicked in yet. Apparently, our city officials don't get out much, but our city administrator stated; do your part to help improve the appearance of our community.

For our sake, please practice what you preach, Jerel, along with council members. Clean up our town, it's long past due!

Arlene Ludovissie
Staples, Minn.

P. S. Forget the inspections, just do it.

General Election Policies - 2018

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Travelers to Oz

Approximately 300 people attended the Prairie Fire Children's Theatre (PFCT) production of "The Wizard of Oz," held at Centennial Auditorium in Staples July 27. The show was directed by PFCT staff members Audra Giachino and Tess Chadwick; and featured the talents of 56 young actors ranging in age from seven - 17. Pictured above, back row from left: Lilly Niemi, Glinda the Good Witch; Nick Tabatt, The Wizard; Maria Jose Stumbo, The Yellow Brick Road; Caden Mrazek, The Green Guard. In front, Starr Hofstedt, The Yellow Brick Road. Below, from left: Tess Chadwick, The Scarecrow; Maya Crandall, Dorothy; Bella Hines, Toto; Trenton Plopper, The Tin Man; Connor Judd, The Lion. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Nathan's Old Time Band bringing polkas/waltzes

Accordion player Nathan Neuman and his Old Time Band will perform at the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m.

Expect an entertaining evening of polkas and waltzes, featuring a variety of American and European folk tunes and party favorites. The St. Cloud area band features front man Neuman on concertina and accordion; and Anders Benoit on drums.

Now in his early 20's, Neuman has been performing since his early teen years and since that time has developed his reputation as being St. Cloud's polka resource. His performing experiences include dance halls, church festivals, private parties, restaurants and nursing homes.

Neuman said he is looking forward to performing at Music in the Park in Staples. "We'll be playing fun old polkas and waltzes for people to sing along with and dance to."

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 12. 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. Go north on 6th St. at the junction of Hwys 10 and 210 and go six blocks. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to Faith Lutheran Church.

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



Concertina player

Nathan Neuman of Nathan's Old Time Band will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. (Submitted photo)

Firearm safety classes offered for ages 11-plus

Firearm safety classes will be offered in Motley and Staples beginning Monday, Aug. 6. A field day will be held Saturday, Aug. 11, in Staples.

This MN DNR certified program is open to youth ages 11 and older. Students must attend all firearms safety classes and field day instruction to receive their certificate.

Firearm safety classes and the field day experience allows students to learn and demonstrate commonly accepted principles of safety in hunting and the handling of firearms. It includes live fire on a rifle range. The Firearms Safety Certificate becomes valid at age 12.

To purchase a hunting license in Minnesota, DNR Firearms Certification is required of anyone born after Dec. 31, 1979. A student must be born before Nov. 11, 2006, because they must be 12 years old before the last day of the hunting season.

Students must pre-register for the classes, with a maximum of 24 students in each session. Register online at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us and follow the Community Education link. Registration includes both classroom AND field day.

Online classes are available in combination with the field day. Youth can complete the 12 hour online course at www.huntercourse.com. After completing this course, attending a local field day is required. Register online with SM Community Ed for field day only.

Additional information is included below:

Staples

- Instructor: Mark Holper
- Phone: 651-353-7631
- Email: mjholper1@gmail.com
- Dates: Aug. 6 - 10. Parent requested to stay Mon., Aug. 6, for 15 minutes.
- Time: 6 - 9 p.m.
- Location: Staples Community Center
- Cost: Free

Staples

- Instructors: Darlys and Jon Hamberg
- Phone: 218-894-2255
- Dates: Sept. 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27
- Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
- Location: Staples Sportsmen's Club (McGivern Park)
- Cost: Free.

Motley

- Instructor: Bob Koenig
- Phone: 218-352-6390
- Dates: Sept. 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27
- Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
- Location: Motley City Hall
- Cost: Free

Field Day

- Instructors: Mark Holper
- Phone: 651-353-7631
- Date: Aug. 11
- Time: 9 a.m. - noon, traditional class students only
- Location: Staples Sportsmen's Club (McGivern Park)
- Cost: Free.

Field Day

- Instructors: Darlys and Jon Hamberg; Bob Koenig
- Phone: 218-894-2255 or 218-352-6390
- Date: Sept. 29
- Time: 9 a.m., online students; noon, traditional class students.
- Location: Staples Sportsmen's Club (McGivern Park)
- Cost: Free.

Mark Your Calendar

August 8

Community Picnic Night Wed., Aug. 8, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Converse Park in Motley. Hosted by Motley Free Methodist Church. Picnic supper, games. For info., 218-352-6888.

August 9

Free Outdoor Movie Night Thurs., Aug. 9, at dusk, Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S. Free popcorn/lemonade. All welcome.

August 13

Celiac Disease Support Group Mtg Mon., Aug. 13, 6 p.m., Wadena Alliance Church, 1428 S. Jefferson St., Wadena. Informational meeting to help people with celiac disease learn more about the disease: what to eat, how to cook and bake using gluten-free flours and ingredients. Bring a gluten-free dish to share. For info., 218-631-2170.

August 15

National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees Mtg Wed., Aug. 15, at The Skillet restaurant, 123 Washington Ave NE, Brainerd. Lunch at noon. Guest speaker, Lu Barfknecht, specialist in federal health insurance programs and Medicare, at 12:30 p.m. For more info., 218-828-4277.

School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet for a work session Monday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

Agenda items include a discussion on the superintendent search including timeline and profile as well as other board discussion.

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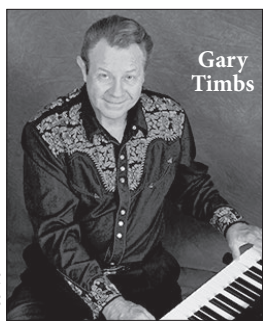
Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

Born to Jordan and Clayton Hageman of Motley, a baby girl, Evelyn Grace weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on July 21, 2018.

Born to Renee and Anthony Paskewitz of Staples, twin girls, Ava Jane weighing four pounds, 15 ounces and Ruby Anne weighing five pounds, 14 ounces on July 25, 2018.

Born to Rachel and Ricky Sawyer of Pine River, a baby boy, Finnegan Stephen weighing eight pounds, four ounces on July 26, 2018.

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Listening to Little Moran River Band





Close to 300 people set up lawn chairs at Northern Pacific Park in Staples July 29, and enjoyed a variety of music performed by the Little Moran River Band including classic rock and roll, country and blues. Pictured at top, performing the Linda Rondstadt song, "It's So Easy to Fall in Love," are Mike Blessing, keyboard; Deb Otteson, lead vocals; Ray Gildow, drums, Rick Brichacek, bass guitar; Phil Solem, electric guitar. At bottom left, brothers Jackson and Caleb Vangsness of Staples dance as the band plays a Beatles tune. Pictured in lower right, Otteson (right) is joined by her friend Alice Becker from Germany on the song, "It's My Party and I'll Cry if I Want To." Becker had lived with Otteson and her family 25 years ago when she was a foreign exchange student in Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Obituaries

Peter Achermann



Peter Achermann was born on May 21, 1927, to Heinrich and Berta Achermann in Neuhausen am/Rheinfall, Switzerland. Peter was baptized, confirmed and served as an alter boy at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Neuhausen, Switzerland.

Peter was a faithful member of St. Michael Catholic Church, Motley, where there will be a Christian funeral on August 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. officiated by Gabriel Walz. A celebration of Peter's life will be held at the Achermann farm following the service.

Peter immigrated to the United States of America in 1949. He worked a succession of jobs as a hired hand in the commercial farming industry. Peter purchased and worked on a farm in Bell River and Millerville, Minnesota. On April 13, 1953, Peter married Delaine Voigt at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Bell River.

Peter and Delaine traveled across the United States six years as Peter worked on the oil pipeline. In 1960 they purchased the "farm" near Leader.

On July 24, 2009, Peter disappeared. After extensive searches by county and state authorities, family, friends, neighbors and the community, Peter was never found. Peter was declared deceased on July 24, 2013.

Peter is survived by the love of his life, Delaine; four sons, John, Franz and Jorg, all of Leader and Michael (Marsha) of Darby, Montana; four daughters, Vanessa (Gary) Aslagson of Elk River, Michelle DeJarlais of Leader, Desiree (Todd) Lancaster of Park Rapids and Renee Achermann of Bellingham Washington; 22 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Henry of Mountain View, CA, many nieces, nephews and several foster children.

Peter is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Johannes, one sister, Verena (Vreni); two sons, Peter Andrew and Joseph Edward; one daughter, Denise Ann and one grandson, Dylan Johnson.

A reward of up to $20,000 is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the disappearance of Peter, if the disappearance is the result of foul play.

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Patricia Johnson



Patricia Ann Johnson, 76, of Onamia, passed away July 29, 2018, at Lakeside Assisted Living in Onamia.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Sat., August 4 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Motley. Visitation is one hour prior to services at the church.

Arrangements are by Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Interment will take place at 1:30 p.m., Sat., August 4 at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Wahkon, MN.

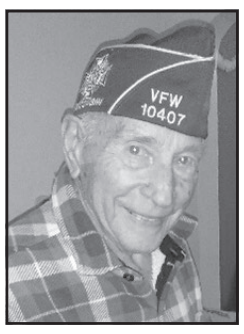
Patricia was born July 19, 1942, in Brainerd, to Roy and DeLores (Brown) Larson. She was raised and educated in Motley and graduated from Motley High School before continuing her education and becoming a licensed cosmetologist. During the 1970s, she owned and operated Patsy's Magic Mirror in Isle. Later, she shared her talents by teaching at Lakes and Pines Vocational School, Maxim's and St. Cloud Beauty School. Patricia loved music and was a gifted singer and songwriter which led her to enjoy her time as a radio announcer at WJJY. She organized talent shows and beauty contests. She was an avid collector of rocks, Native American art and loved to fish.

Patsy is survived by three sons, Anthony (Lee-Ann Mundell) Larson, of Pahrump, NV, Joseph Schweich and Russel Schweich, both of Isle and one daughter, Jamie (Bryan) Williams, of St. Paul; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; siblings, Beverly Zabrowski, of Hopkins, Sandy (Gary) Winkle, of Ham Lake, Daryl Larson, of Motley and Dee Larson, of Motley; Beverly Hahn, Barbara Dahl, Bonnie (Wayne) Witkop and Jerry Pribbenow.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Mark; one brother, Ronald Larson and two sisters, Sharon Huffman and Barbara Cline.

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Louis Motzko



Louis Thomas Motzko, 97, of Fremont, Wisconsin and Staples, Minnesota, died peacefully of natural causes on the evening of July 17, 2018, at home, with family, in Fremont, Wisconsin.

Louis was born on June 16, 1921 to Peter and Francis (Buhl) Motzko, on a small rural farm in Browerville Minnesota. The youngest of nine children, Louis excelled in grammar school and the outdoor life that was a part of the early 20th Century in America. During the Great Depression Years, Louis joined the U.S. Government's Civilian Conservation Corps, the CCCs, working on construction crews across the Northern United States. At the outbreak of World War II, Louis enlisted in the U.S. Army in November of 1942. He was assigned to the newly formed 10th Armored Division, training for combat at Fort Benning, Georgia, before being shipped overseas by Troop Ship to land in France at the port of Cherbourg, joining General George Patton's Third Army, and was one of the first to arrive at Bastogne, Belgium. They held the line for 10 days against insurmountable enemy odds during what has become known as "The Battle of the Bulge". Staff Sergeant Louis Motzko stayed on in Paris, France at the end of the war as the Chief Railroad Inspector, returning to the United States and his Minnesota home in June 1947. He secured employment in St. Paul and met his soon to be wife, Olive May Gilbertson, on a blind date. Louis and Olive had four children, two born on the East Side of St. Paul in a cottage without plumbing, moving to Vadnais Heights in 1957. Louis worked at the Whirlpool Corporation for 30 years, retiring in 1981 to work residential construction for another 10 years before Louis and Olive relocated to his hometown of origin near Staples, Minnesota where he lived until 2016. After his wife Olive's passing in 2014, Louis lived with his grandson Matthew Metcalf at their Staples home, moving in 2016 to live with his daughter Linda and her husband Michael Kiecker, in Fremont, Wisconsin.

A proud member of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 10407 and a devoted member of St. John's East Bloomfield Lutheran Church, Louis is remembered for his passion for people, love for family, devotion to Christ.

Louis is survived by, daughter, Linda Kiecker and husband Mike, adopted daughter, Susie Bevers (Fremont, WI); sons, Roger and wife Cecelia (Eagle River, AK); Wayne and wife Sheila (Vadnais Heights, MN); Glenn and wife Sue (Verndale, MN); grandchildren, Jennifer; Jessica; Joshua; Matthew; Justin; Jeremiah; Walker; Leah; Trevor; Alexis and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Peter and Francis (Buhl) Motzko, sisters Mary and Agnes, brothers Steven, Tony, John, Vincent, Raymond and Edward, wife Olive of 64 years, and great-grandson Everett.

A caring and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Louis will be remembered by everyone he knew as an honest, hard-working, talented man whose disposition and quiet wisdom was a model to all who knew him.

A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 8580 37th Ave., Fremont, WI 54940. The Lewin Funeral Home, Fremont, WI is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Annual Disclosure of Tax Increment Districts For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

DISTRICT INFORMATION	TIF 5 STAPLES SQUARE	TIF 6 PRAIRIE VIEW	TIF 7 STAPLES TOWNHOMES	TIF 8 HOTEL
Current net tax capacity	$3,187	$14,611	$730	$9,100
Original net tax capacity	$9	$25	$730	$9,100
Captured net tax capacity	$3,178	$14,586	$0	$0
Principal and interest payments in 2017	$5,512	$24,413	$0	$0
Tax Increment received in 2017	$5,512	$24,413	$0	$0
Tax increment expended in 2017	$5,512	$24,413	$0	$0
Month and Year of first tax increment receipt	Jun-2005	Jun-2006	Jun-2018	Jun-2018
Date of required decertification	12/31/2030	12/31/2031	12/31/2043	12/31/2026

To the voters of Todd County, in the State of Minnesota:

Notice is hereby given that a Primary election will be held in **all** the Election Precincts of Todd County on Tuesday the (14th) Fourteenth day of August 2018 at which the polls will be open from the hours of Seven (7) o'clock AM (unless your municipality has published notice stating otherwise) to the hour of Eight (8) o'clock PM for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices listed which are to be voted for at the General Election to be held on Tuesday the Sixth (6th) day of November, 2018 to wit:

FEDERAL OFFICES
United States Representative District 7
United States Senator for term expiring January 3, 2025
United States Senator – Special Election for term expiring January 3, 2021

STATE OFFICES
Governor and Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General

COUNTY OFFICES
County Commissioner District 4

Please contact your Municipal Clerk or the County Auditor's office for polling place, time and location information.

/s/ of file
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
320-732-4414

SAMPLE BALLOT

Official Ballot — **State Partisan Primary Ballot, Todd County, Minnesota, August 14, 2018** — Judge _____ Judge _____

Instructions to Voters:
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this (●)

This ballot card contains a partisan ballot and a nonpartisan ballot. On the partisan ballot you are permitted to vote for candidates of one political party only.

Republican Party

Federal Offices

U.S. Senator — For term expiring January 3, 2025 — Vote for One
- Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente (January 3, 2025)
- Rae Hart Anderson (January 3, 2025)
- Jim Newberger (January 3, 2025)
- Merrill Anderson (January 3, 2025)

U.S. Senator — Special Election for term expiring January 3, 2021 — Vote for One
- Nikolay Nikolayevich Bey (January 3, 2021)
- Bob Anderson (January 3, 2021)
- Karin Housley (January 3, 2021)

U.S. Representative District 7 — Vote for One
- Dave Hughes
- Matt Prosch

State Offices

Governor and Lieutenant Governor — Vote for One Team
- Mathew (Matt) Kruse and Theresa Loeffler
- Jeff Johnson and Donna Bergstrom
- Tim Pawlenty and Michelle Fischbach

Attorney General — Vote for One
- Doug Wardlow
- Robert Lessard
- Sharon Anderson

Continue voting on the nonpartisan ballot.

Do not vote for candidates of more than one party.

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Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

Federal Offices

U.S. Senator — For term expiring January 3, 2025 — Vote for One
- Steve Carlson (January 3, 2025)
- Stephen A. Emery (January 3, 2025)
- Amy Klobuchar (January 3, 2025)
- David Robert Groves (January 3, 2025)
- Leonard J. Richards (January 3, 2025)

U.S. Senator — Special Election for term expiring January 3, 2021 — Vote for One
- Christopher Lovell Seymore Sr. (January 3, 2021)
- Gregg A. Iverson (January 3, 2021)
- Tina Smith (January 3, 2021)
- Nick Leonard (January 3, 2021)
- Richard W. Painter (January 3, 2021)
- Ali Chehem Ali (January 3, 2021)

U.S. Representative District 7 — Vote for One
- Collin C. Peterson

State Offices

Governor and Lieutenant Governor — Vote for One Team
- Erin Murphy and Erin Maye-Quade
- Lori Swanson and Rick Nolan
- Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan
- Tim Holden and James P. Mellin II
- Olé Savior and Chris Edman

Attorney General — Vote for One
- Mike Rothman
- Debra Hilstrom
- Matt Pelikan
- Tom Foley
- Keith Ellison

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Vote front and back of ballot

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State and County Nonpartisan Primary Ballot, Todd County, Minnesota, August 14, 2018

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County Offices

County Commissioner District 4 — Vote for One
- Nikki Deyle
- Robert Henrich
- David G. Kircher

Vote front and back of ballot

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CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT FOR NON-PAYMENT OF UTILITIES

Notice is hereby given that the Staples City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 122 6th St NE to consider and possibly adopt the proposed assessments for non-payment of utilities against the following properties.

Parcel	Proposed Amount
•20-300-0042	$ 161.07
•38-0023800	$ 752.44
•38-0028400	$ 846.91
•38-0028400	$ 410.07
•38-0061400	$1,693.94
•38-0050400	$ 207.89
•38-0048300	$ 69.80
•38-0048800	$ 170.38
•38-0082000	$ 129.45
•38-0080200	$ 295.15
•38-0111610	$ 112.85

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the city clerk's office. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting.

Owners have the right to prepay the entire assessment to the City Clerk without an interest charge within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment. However, if the assessment is not prepaid, the assessment principal will be assessed in one installment plus interest at a rate of 6% per annum, with payment due in 2019 with real estate taxes.

An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or City Clerk of the city within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten days after service upon the Mayor or City Clerk; however, no appeal may be taken as to the amount of any individual assessment, unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the City Clerk prior to or at the assessment hearing.

Diane Archer/City Clerk

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CITY OF STAPLES, MINNESOTA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2019 TO 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The City of Staples will hold a public hearing on August 14, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. at City Hall, 122 6th St NE to present and accept comments on the 2019 to 2023 Capital Improvement Plan. A copy of the draft is available at City Hall, 122 6th St NE.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide comments.

Diane Archer/City Clerk
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Leadership conference held

Left to right: State Sentinel James Mathiowetz, Staples-Motley FFA members: Hailey Owen, Scout Strickland, Olivia Leslie, Ben Olander and Kai Gelle and State Treasurer Adam Kroll. (Submitted photo)

FFA members attend State Leadership Conf.

Nearly 200 Minnesota FFA members gathered for the State Leadership Conference for Chapter Leaders (SLCCL) at Deep Portage Conservation Reserve near Hackensack, June 24-29, to develop leadership skills for their communities and home chapters.

Members attending from the Staples-Motley FFA chapter included: Scout Strickland, Ben Olander, Kai Gelle, Olivia Leslie and Hailey Owen.

The elite leadership conference targets FFA members who've gone above and beyond in their local chapters. These FFA members come from all across the state, representing unique sectors of agriculture and have been recognized as top leaders in their schools.

The conference is modeled after the FFA's Program of Activities which gives an example of activity areas the ideal FFA chapter should participate in. While at this conference, members are able to network with other students and share some of these activity ideas from their own FFA chapters.

A chapter's Program of Activities focuses on growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. During sessions in each of these three areas, members were able to discover more about the role of healthy lifestyles, recruitment, agriculture literacy, fundraising and community service in their FFA chapters.

"State Leadership Conference for Chapter Leaders is a unique experience for Minnesota FFA's members where we are able to focus on how we can positively influence our chapters and our communities," said Minnesota FFA Secretary Laura Church. "This year's theme was "Bringing Home the Gold." Students learn more about service, sharing ideas, creating events to take back to their home chapters and communities.

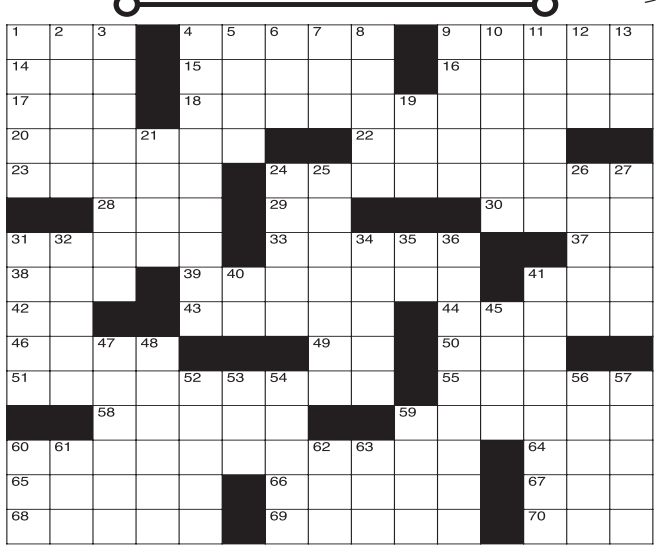
FFA members had the opportunity to connect with different individuals outside of sessions during fun activities like volleyball, canoeing and hiking. Each night, the state officers shared reflections with the campers. The final day wrapped up with chapters sharing ideas.

The State Leadership Conference for Chapter Leaders serves the Minnesota FFA Association by building talented and young individuals. These members often become leaders in multiple organizations and receive high academic marks during their postsecondary education before beginning very successful careers.

This leadership conference was made possible with financial contributions from the CHS Foundation and Northland Ford Dealers as a special project of the Minnesota FFA Foundation.

Crossword Puzzle

Week 31

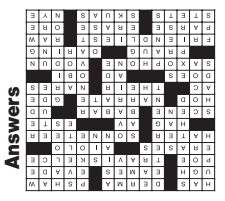


CLUES ACROSS
1. Owns
4. Beef intestine
9. Expression of contempt
14. Expression of horror
15. Famed architecture couple
16. Escape
17. "The Raven" author
18. Chiefs' tight end
20. Removes
22. Pesto dish
23. One who roots against
24. Type of writer
28. Old woman
29. Early multimedia
30. This (Spanish)
31. Part of a play
33. Elephant's name
37. Home of the Flyers
38. Builder's trough
39. Tell
41. Google certification
42. Electric current
43. Belonging to them
44. Nostrils
46. Arranges
49. Commercial
50. Skywalker's mentor __-Wan
51. Single-reed instrument
55. Voodoo
58. World of Warcraft character
59. Paddling
60. Most agreeable
64.Chafed
65. A way to analyze
66. Remove
67. Metal-bearing mineral
68. Remains as is
69. Large predatory seabirds
70. The Science Guy

CLUES DOWN
1. Central Chinese province
2. The marketplace in ancient Greece
3. Covered the sword
4. Cleanser
5. Body parts
6. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
7. Mega-electronvolt
8. One from Asia
9. A superior grade of black tea
10. Thin
11. Circles of light around the head
12. General's assistant (abbr.)
13. Tiny
19. Evildoing
21. __ Connery, 007
24. British sword
25. Type of cyst
26. Musical composition
27. Advises
31. Herring-like fish
32. Chocolate powder
34. Somalian district El __
35. Indicates position
36. Refurbishes
40. Exclamation of surprise
41. Football field
45. Hilly region in India near China
47. Come to an end
48. Most mad
52 Sheets of glass
53. Department of Housing and Urban Development
54. Stares lecherously
56. Consisting of a single element or component
57. Monetary unit of Zambia
59. Bones (Latin)
60. Frames-per-second
61. Tell on
62. Gall
63. Cologne

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Answers







Water balloons flying through the air

For the last day of summer recreation T-Ball, players got to test their hand-eye coordination, and that of their parents, with a water balloon catching contest. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Scammers pose as insurance agents

The Minnesota Commerce Department is warning Minnesotans of an insurance fraud scam involving individuals posing as representatives of Premier Health Plan, which earlier this year discontinued all of its health insurance products in Minnesota and nationwide, including Medicare Advantage plans.

Consumers from across the country are receiving numerous automated calls pretending to sell Premier Health Plan insurance. Some consumers have also received "premium" invoices in the mail or found unauthorized charges on their bank accounts.

As part of the phone scam, consumers who receive an automated call and express interest in buying health insurance are routed to a person who asks for their bank account information.

The fraudulent bills that consumers are receiving in the mail appear to be on Premier Health Plan letterhead, while the unauthorized charges on bank account statements show up as "Premier Heal."

To avoid being the victim of an insurance fraud scam, the Minnesota Commerce Department offers these tips:

- If you receive an automated call, don't say anything and hang up.
- Don't answer calls from an unknown number or pay an invoice from a company you don't have an insurance policy with.
- If you answered a call that you believe was a scam, write the number down and report it to the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP, 1-877-382-4357, or ftc.gov/complaint.
- Never give personal or financial information to someone you don't know over the phone.
- Regularly review your bank account and credit card statements and report unauthorized charges to your financial institution.

If you have been contacted about buying Premier Health Plan insurance or any other suspicious insurance offer, contact the Commerce Department's Consumer Services Center by email at consumer.protection@state.mn.us or by email at 651-539-1600 or 800-657-3602.

Survey of alleged dicamba damage for 2018 growing season

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is again gathering information on plant damage that may have been caused by the use of the herbicide dicamba. The MDA is encouraging anyone with damage in the 2018 growing season to complete a survey or register a formal complaint. The survey will be open until September 15.

Last year, the MDA received 253 complaints related to the use of dicamba in Minnesota. The complaints centered on off-target movement that impacted non-dicamba tolerant soybeans, other sensitive crops and non-crop plants. The University of Minnesota estimates the damaged area totaled 265,000 acres across the state.

In an effort to prevent off-target movement incidents this year, the MDA added additional restrictions to the herbicide's application: a June 20 cutoff date and an 85 degree Fahrenheit temperature cutoff. As of July 23, 2018, the MDA had received 30 reports of alleged dicamba damage. Not all of those reports requested an investigation.

"It is important that we continue to monitor the situation this year and gather as much data as we can," said Assistant Commissioner Susan Stokes. "Last year's survey gave us very valuable information and this year's survey will help the department as we look ahead to the 2019 growing season."

Dicamba is an herbicide used to control broadleaf weeds in dicamba tolerant soybeans, corn and a variety of other food and feed crops, as well as in residential areas. Dicamba belongs to a class of herbicides that are volatile and can drift and/or volatilize from the intended application area if not used according to the label. Off-target movement may cause unintended impacts such as serious damage to non-targeted crops.

If you believe dicamba was used in violation of the label or law and you wish to request an MDA investigation, you will also need to complete the pesticide misuse complaint form or call the Pesticide Misuse Complaint line at 651-201-6333.

You can find more information on dicamba at http://www.mda.state.mn.us/dicamba.

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State success for Babe Ruth team

The Staples-Motley Babe Ruth baseball team played three competitive games at the state tournament. They won one of the three, but showed they can play with the best teams in the state.

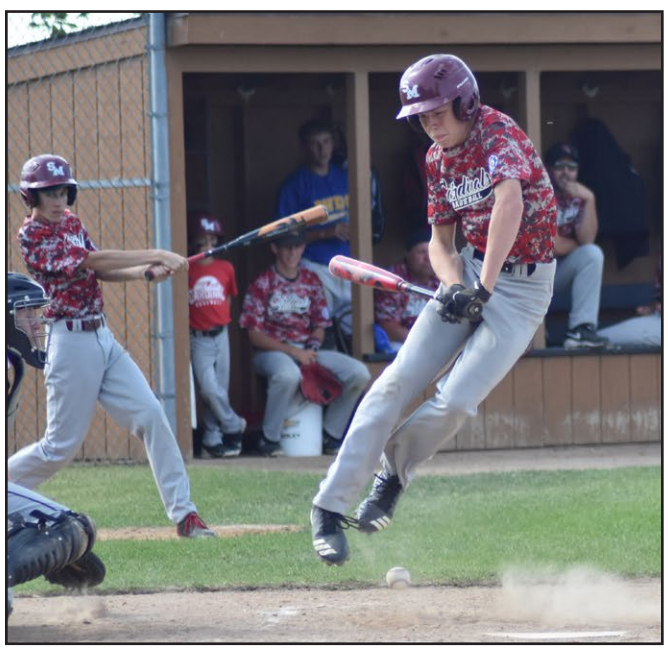
Coach Greg Kossan had the following to say about the tournament:

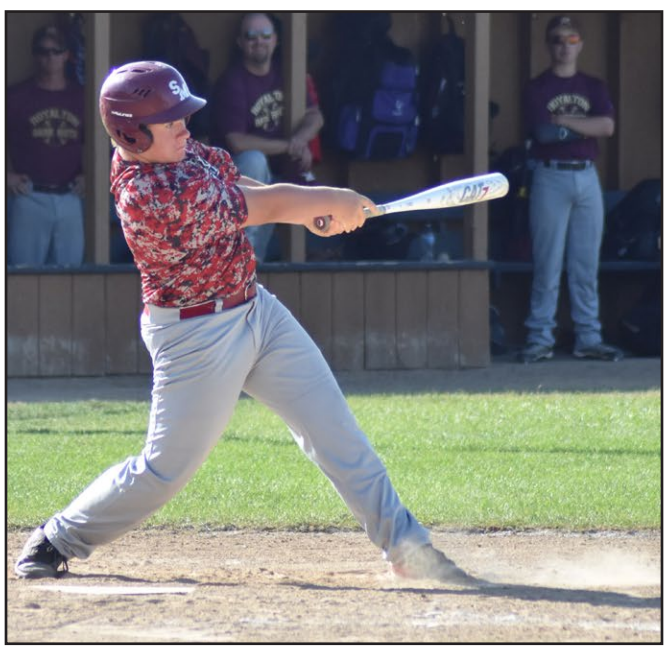
"After disappointing play in the district championship, the team entered the state tournament eager to redeem themselves. They responded by beating a good DGF team 13-0. We had 16 hits along with excellent pitching.

"Our next game was against Royalton. Before the game the Royalton coaches were overheard talking about our aggressive play in the first game. We didn't disappoint them. Royalton may have beat us 7-5 but they left the ball park limping.

"Our final game was against Albany. They have a good program and make it to the state tournament every year. The game was as hard a fought game that I have seen. In the game we were thrown out at home twice. We lost 7-5.

"Before the tournament I asked the team to leave a piece of their heart on the field. They did. We walked away with our heads up."





Aggressive play at the state tournament

Left, Tanner Robben skips out of the way of an inside pitch. Right, Joe Tyrrell takes a cut at a pitch. (Submitted photos)







Little League third place game action

Tower Pizza faced STEP in the Little League third place game on July 25. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Little League title game

Staples-Motley Summer Recreation held the Little League Championship on July 24, with Motley Dairy Queen facing Staples Ace Hardware. Pictured above and below, scenes from the game. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)









Like Charlie Brown, Minnesota duck hunters want to believe

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently announced the results of its 2018 spring breeding duck survey. It found that overall duck numbers were up 9% from 2017, 14% above the average over the last 10 years, and 12% above the long-term average over the last 50 years.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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Over a 2-week period in May, biologists surveyed key wetland areas via low-level flights with small aircraft, and other areas from the ground, counting ducks, geese and swans. The data was compiled not only by DNR staff, but U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service personnel. The results are posted online at the DNR web site, at https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/recreation/hunting/waterfowl/waterfowl_survey2018.pdf. It should be added that the DNR cautions that a number of variables make these estimates just that, with some margin for error.

These are not "salad years" for Minnesota duck hunters. But good hunting or poor, there is still optimism. There is a certain Charlie Brown-like quality in the most avid. Like Charlie Brown, who each year trusts Lucy not to pull the football away when he tries to kick it – but always does, we expect that the duck hunting season to come will somehow turn out well. That doesn't mean we have to harvest bag limits often, or ever. But we want to see ducks, to know that they are around. Many of us would rather have a day in the marsh when we see 100 ducks and bag two, than see six ducks and bag them all. But there have been too many years of late when the season concludes with duck hunters feeling comradeship with Charlie Brown.

So, when the DNR announces that overall duck numbers counted this spring are 9% above 2017, who can blame us if our hearts skip a beat, and we're not all that disappointed that we've just turned the calendar page to August, that much closer to the duck hunting season?

A lot can happen between May, when those potential breeding ducks were counted, and when they and their offspring could be flying over our decoys in September or October. Heavy rains can flood nests. Skunks and foxes can raid them. Northern pike, eagles and even great blue herons can gobble up ducklings. Temporary wetlands may dry out before a brood is hatched and able to waddle its way to permanent water to complete their maturing.

But good news is still good news. Better to hear that in May there was a measured increase over last year's breeding duck numbers than to hear the reverse. One reason for continued optimism is that much of the state has had significant rainfall from spring through summer. In those places, the temporary wetlands that augment the permanent marshes and shallow waterfowl lakes are a bonus that can contribute to an upward spike in fall duck numbers.

The DNR freely admits that its survey is designed in favor of counting mallards, which are generally the species harvested in greatest numbers during any given Minnesota duck season. Blue-winged teal are almost always among the top three. The 2018 survey estimated mallard breeding numbers to be 18% above the 10-year average, and 30% above the long-term average. Blue-winged teal were estimated at 16% above the 10-year average, but 10% below the long-term average.

The broad category of "other ducks" includes species that commonly nest in the parts of Minnesota where the survey work was done. Among them are wood ducks, ring-necked ducks–"ringbills", canvasbacks, redheads, gadwalls and others. These collectively were counted in numbers 21% below the 2017 estimate but 15% above the long-term average.

As optimistic as duck hunters want to be, there are other numbers that cast a slightly different light on the 2018 survey outcomes. The DNR report included a graph much like the kind that would chart the peaks and valleys of the stock market. This graph of Minnesota's "duck market" has many peaks and valleys. As optimistic as the 2018 figures look, there have been years in which the estimated spring duck breeding population was much higher.

In 2001 or 2002 (the DNR's online graph is not detailed enough to clearly show which), the estimated breeding duck population was just under 1.2 million birds, almost 50% greater than the 800,000 estimated this past May. In 1994 it was roughly 1.1 million birds. In the very early 1990's, and again in 2003 or 2004, again, hard to tell a precise year from the graph, there were about 1 million breeding birds estimated.

The exact years are less relevant than the fact that in four separate years between the early 1990's and 2004, Minnesota breeding ducks were estimated at 1 million or more. There may be good reasons for those high numbers, reasons not explained in this survey. But unless they are in some way unreliable, one fact remains. It has taken numerous down years since then to lower the average and make this year's estimate look good. Substantially lower breeding duck numbers are clustered in the last dozen years or so, a period during which, perhaps not entirely coincidence, the number of Minnesota duck hunters has dropped dramatically.

The 2018 spring breeding duck count announced at 800,000 birds seems like good news compared to years with estimates as low as 450,000. But 14% above a 10-year average may not be a big improvement when that decade included numerous years when hunters were more than a little disappointed.

Charlie Brown would know how many of them felt.

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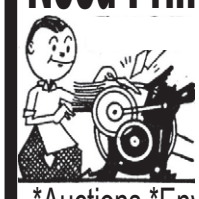
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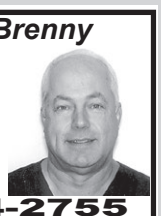
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Mermaids at the Growler's Day parade

Sisters Kyleena Rudlang (left) and Bailey Weiland from Leader participated at the annual Growler's Day parade July 28, dressed up as mermaids. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Fun at the fishing pool

A number of activities were available to children at the recent Growler's Gathering event in Leader. Pictured at the fishing pool, from left, are Ashlyn, Allison and Aiden Winter from Oylen; and Hannah, Willow and Noah Modess of Baxter. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Reminiscing

Garnett (Granby) Noble of Staples and Gay (Granby) Swecker of Motley enjoyed some onion rings at the Growler's Day event in Leader July 28. The sisters grew up five miles northwest of Leader and shared memories of trips to the Leader Creamery when they were children. They said they never dreamed that the tiny community would one day have close to 1,000 visitors at the annual Growler's Gathering, hosted by Gary and Glenda Dauer. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley Police, Morrison County Sheriff's reports

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

July 25 - The MPD issued a citation to Julie Leaks, 61, for not moving over for an emergency vehicle.

July 19 - 23 - The MPD issued 12 speeding citations.

July 2 - The MPD assisted the MCSO and Staples Police in arresting Jesse Roger Gaslin, 28, at the Lincoln Gas & Bait in Cushing. Prior to the arrest, the MPD responded to a call of an unwanted person at the gas station. They proceeded to make contact with the subject who was being disorderly and failed to identify himself as requested. The subject attempted to leave during Interim Police Chief Jason Borash's investigation and after being advised he was not free to go, was under arrest. The subject, Gaslin, then began to fight and wrestle with Interim Chief Borash and was eventually placed into custody. Gaslin was transported to the Morrison County Jail and booked for disorderly conduct and obstruction of justice with force.

July 19 - During a traffic stop near Hwy 10 and Aztec Rd. in Motley, the MPD issued citations to Raquel Eyvonne Henderson, 26, for speeding and driving after suspension. The MPD proceeded to place her under arrest for multiple failures to appear this year, including two in Morrison County. She was transported to the Morrison County Jail.

Meals for older adults at Motley Area Food Shelf

Do you have a friend, family member or neighbor who is age 60 or older who would benefit from nutritious meals?

The Senior Nutrition Program managed by Lutheran Social Services (LSS) will have frozen meals availabe at the Motley Area Food Shelf located at 697 3rd Ave. S, Motley.

Meals will be available the second Thursday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m. Inventory of meals may be limited. Meals are prepared at Hilltop Regional Kitchen in Eagle Bend featuring home-style cooking including the main course, bread, milk and dessert. There is no income requirement. Anyone 60 years or older is eligible.

Meal tickets may be obtain at the Motley City Hall during regular business hours. Suggested donation is $4 per meal, or what you can afford. You may obtain more than one ticket at a time.

Meal tickets must be presented at the Motley Food Shelf (second Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m.) to pick up your meal.

For information call 1-866-974-0291 or visit the website at: www.lssmn.org/nutrition.

This service is funded in part by a contract from the Area Agency on Aging with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act through the Minnesota Board on Aging. Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Way, local communities and other adult contributions.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
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
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday .....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
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Sunday School .....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY .....7:00 p.m.

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
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Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer .....4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group .....6:00 p.m.

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

Leader

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

Maple Hill Lutheran
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Leader .....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.

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Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
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Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group .....5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.org
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 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
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.
(serving coffee and donuts)

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.

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 Classses
.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes.....9:00 a.m.
Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Coffe & Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. .....Meal
6:30 p.m .....Groups

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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

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

"God's Plan, God's Grace"

Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples

"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." Jeremiah 29:11

"Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'" 2 Corinthians 12:8-9

Most people have some troubles in their lives, trials they wish they could be rid of, so we can identify with St. Paul who prayed that God would take away his "thorn in the flesh", whatever it was. We can also identify with the situation facing Jeremiah and the children of Israel when all of their plans seemed to be crushed and destroyed.

But can we, do we, also hear God's promise? He promises that He has a plan for us, for our good. He promises that His grace is enough for us. He calls us to trust in Him, to rely on Him, in the face of every trial which may face in this life - He has a plan. It may not be our plan. And it may involve pain that we don't want to experience. Still He says: "Trust Me. Rely on Me. My grace will see you through."

But how do we know that we can trust God's plan and rely on His grace when life is hard? Because, as Paul says elsewhere, "God has given His Son to die for us. How will He not also with Him give us all that we need?" Romans 8:32

So hold fast to His Word and promise. God's plan for you is good. His grace will see you through.

To God alone be glory. Amen

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