

Staples plans wastewater treatment plant hearing

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

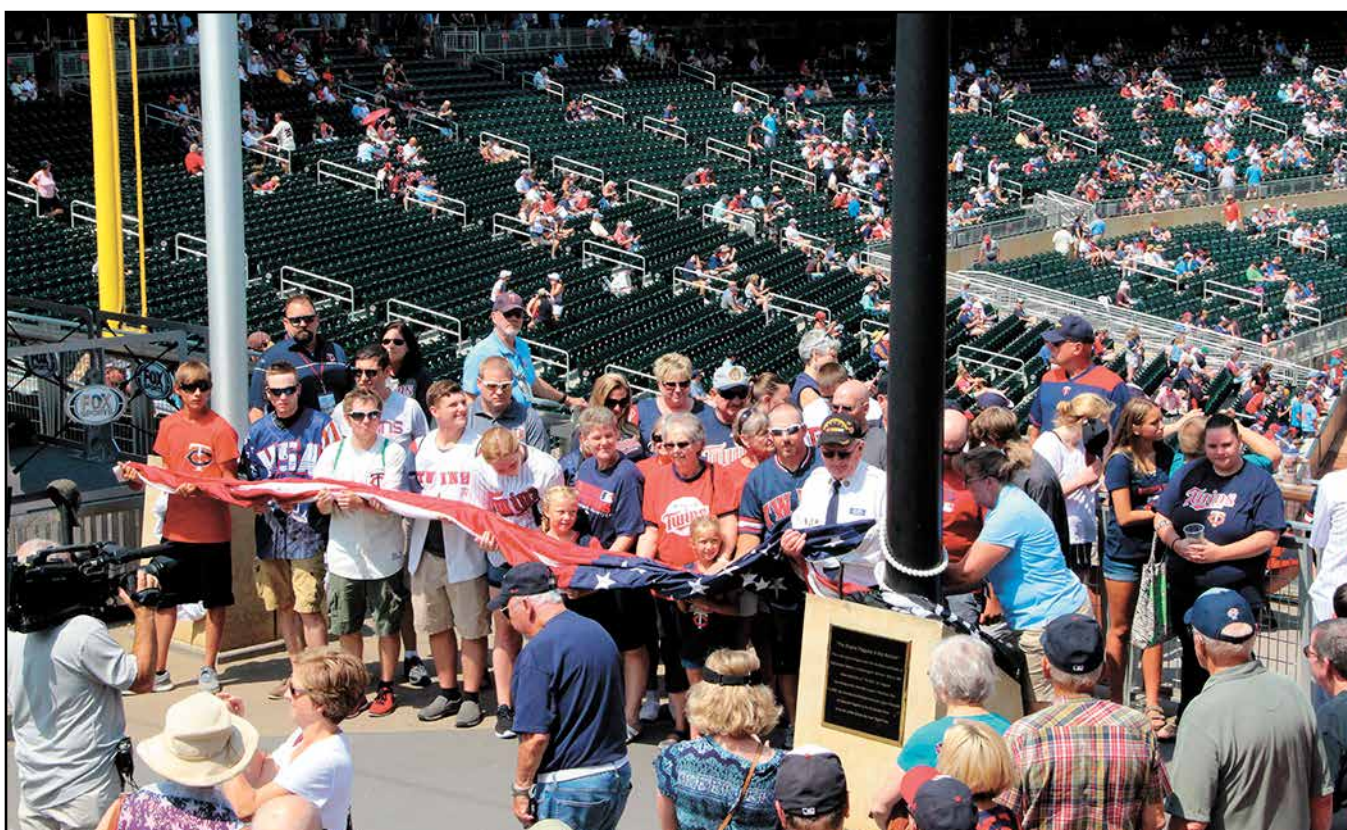
The Staples City Council will hold a public hearing to present plans for a new wastewater treatment plant for the city. The hearing will be held at the next council meeting, Tuesday, July 24, at 7 p.m. at Staples City Hall. The estimated cost of the project is \$8.46 million.

According to the Public Works Commission minutes, the plan was scored by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and received a high score that should allow the city to qualify for funding opportunities.

At their July 10 council meeting, the council approved park use agreements with Staples Softball League and Staples Amateur Baseball Association.

The council approved school resource officer agreements with Central Lakes College and Staples-Motley School District.

The council changed the time for their Tuesday, Aug. 14 meeting to 8:01 p.m. due to the primary election that day.



Representing Staples at Target Field

Before the Minnesota Twins game on July 11, Huck Holst of Staples was honored with raising the American flag during the National Anthem, surrounded by family and friends. Pictured, Holst's grandchildren hold the flag before the ceremony with family behind him and friends from Staples watching. Two buses drove from Staples to the game, one mostly made of the Holst family, including Huck's siblings, and another organized by Faith Lutheran Church and Community Education. In all, 113 tickets were sold between the two buses, and more Staples area residents traveled to the game on their own. The Twins beat the Kansas City Royals 8-5 in the game that followed. See more photos on page 10a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

The Ag & Energy Center ... 50 years old

Partnerships are key to Ag Center



1976 Field Day at the Ag Center drew record crowd

Over 2,000 people attended the 1976 Field Day at the Ag Center, arriving in buses, planes and all those cars. It is said that day had "... more impact on irrigation in Minnesota than any other one event that's ever happened." (Submitted photo)

EDITOR'S NOTE: To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Ag & Energy Center DelRay Lecy is writing a history, recording the people and events that created it. He'll show how it has evolved and changed to meet the challenges of the times. This is the third article in an occasional series leading to its release at the Ag & Energy Center's Field Day Aug. 24. The first article appeared in the Staples World April 5, 2018, and the second one was published in the May 31, 2018, issue.

By DelRay Lecy

In the first two articles, we briefly discussed the beginnings of the Ag Center, the people involved in making it happen, connections to CMIC (Central Minnesota Irrigators Corporation), and a little about the crops irrigated.

The 1970s were a time of discovery for the center. The University had established research plots on site. Fred Bergsrud, Mel Wiens and Hal Werner were on the scene with both research and irriga-

tion education. Others who came to the center included Jim Sutherland, Dennis Smith, Laraine Myers, Gene Ulring, John Martell, Bert Winger, Don Eikmeier and this writer.

Center staff were

engaged and comfortable with steady irrigation growth and the education that went along with it. Edible beans were expanding, blueberries were being researched, potatoes were being tested, and tradi-

tional crops were on site. A rhythm had surfaced.

Then came 1976 ... Wayne Haglin had finished his time as director and Tom Kajer was the new guy. The rain did not come but, on field day, the people did. Over 2,000 people attended the 1976 field day, arriving in several buses, a few planes, and many, many cars. Hal Werner said it best: "...that field day had more impact on irrigation in Minnesota than any other one event that's ever happened." People still talk about what that day was like.

The 1980s were a time of challenge. The 80s opened with a Head Smut quarantine of the center which led to major research efforts and varieties resistant to the disease. The center was first thought to be the problem, which was inaccurate, but it turned out to be the location of the solution. The ethanol plant also came to the center through a federal grant.

Changes in the funding for the college resulted in the need for the center to be self-supporting. The "Farm Crisis" affected the center as well. Low prices and high costs made financing a public entity difficult. The director position went from a few day assignment for this writer

See **AG CENTER** on page 9a

Hello, Readers,

Every once in a while, the human race achieves something truly remarkable, and Moon Day, July 20, celebrates the occasion when we first left footsteps upon our nearest neighbour. It's probably best to gloss quietly over how long it is since the last visitors landed there (much too long, in my humble opinion), but that's no reason to skip on the celebrations. After all, there'll never be a better excuse to launch firework rockets over your neighborhood and dress up in a tinfoil suit with a fishbowl on your head. Alternatively, you might prefer to drag a telescope out into the garden or maybe sit in a circle howling like wolves as the moon rises.

Be careful who you invite to your Moon Day party, though, as there's bound to be one guest who insists the party is not really happening and that you are faking the hot dogs and beer in a film studio somewhere in Nevada.

July 20 is also Space Exploration Day. It is about more than just the moon landings though and is intended to pay homage to the incredible achievements of the past and fire up enthusiasm for the benefits of space exploration efforts.

Public Notices

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Obituary

Bruce Lee



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Highway 210 near Staples closes July 23

Motorists who travel Hwy. 210 west of Staples will encounter a detour and delays as the Hwy. 210 bridge spanning Moran Creek, just east of Co. Rd. 9, is closed beginning Monday, July 23.

Motorists should follow the signed detour along Hwy. 10 and Co. Rd. 9, or plan their own alternate routes.

All lanes of Hwy. 210 west of Staples will open by Aug. 25.

The closure and detour are needed while crews replace the Hwy. 210 bridge spanning Moran Brook. When complete, the project will result in a new bridge with wider shoulders and improved guardrail. The project will preserve an important water crossing and improve safety.

For more information on this project, or to view and print the detour map, visit mndot.gov/d3/2018/h210/.

For more information on this and other MnDOT projects in Todd and Wadena counties, visit www.mndot.gov/d3, or follow on Twitter @MnDOTCentral.

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Pickles, pickles and more pickles

Ten dill-loving contestants spent four minutes at the Pillager Fair vying to see who could eat the most pickles within that time frame. With six pickles left in his jar when the timer went off, Robert McGraw of Hillman (second from left) was declared the winner. Others pictured include, from left, Kaylee Schlag, Tiffany Gosse, Annabella Schlag, all of Hillman. Other contestants (not pictured) included Kennedy Goble and Jessica Cole, Baxter; Mary Nieman, Pierz; Ezra Hopman, Pillager; Brooklyn Bohne, Baxter; and Timothy Hillstrom, Crystal. See more photos from the Pillager Fair on page 1b. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Domestic incidents, mental health issues on police report

The Staples Police report contained many instances of domestic disputes, suicidal subjects and orders for protection. The report included incidents from the past four weeks.

On June 19, Staples Police were requested to assist the Wadena County Sheriff's Department with attempting to locate a suspect involved in a domestic assault. Police checked two locations in the city of Staples, but did not locate the suspect. Police were advised to arrest the suspect for domestic assault if located.

On June 21, Staples Police served an order for protection civil paper.

On June 21, Staples Police received a report of a suicidal subject on Ravilla Street NE. Police made contact with the subject and transported him to Lakewood Health System emergency room. Police were assisted by the MN State Patrol, Todd County Sheriff's Office and Wadena County Sheriff's Office.

On June 21, Staples Police received a report of a person making suicidal threats on the 500 block of 5th Street NE.

On June 21, Staples Police assisted an elderly man who fell off his bike down a steep embankment. A vulnerable adult report was made to Todd County Health and Human Services.

On June 22, Staples Police received a report of two vehicle jacks stolen out of a garage at a residence on Highway 10.

On June 22, Staples Police assisted the MN State Patrol with a SUV vs semi crash. The driver of the SUV was transported to Lakewood Health Systems with unknown injuries. The SUV was totaled. The driver of the semi did not report any injuries.

On June 22, Staples Police served an Order for Protection civil paper.

On June 26, around 1:30 a.m., Staples Police located a vehicle parked in Pine Grove Park. Police cited the owner of the vehicle, Garrett Schmieg, 19, of rural Staples, for underage possession of alcohol.

On June 26, Staples Police responded to a report of a theft of medications.

On June 26, Staples Police responded to a report of a juvenile issue. The subject was transported by a family member to Lakewood Health System for an evaluation.

On June 27, Staples Police assisted Wadena County Sheriff's Office with serving an Order For Protection and obtaining and revoking a permit to carry card. The OFP and revocation were served without incident. Police stood by until the respondent left the residence.

On June 27, Staples

Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office with a report of a subject shooting a rifle into a field from the road on County Road 21. As police arrived, dispatch received a call from the subject who had just dispatched an injured deer that had been struck by a vehicle.

On June 29, Staples Police received a driving complaint regarding a house being pulled north on Airport Road taking up the entire road. Police learned the house also broke a power pole and pulled down power lines on the 800 block of Kansas Ave. SW. Police spoke with the driver that was pulling the house who stated they would make contact with the City of Staples first thing on July 2.

On June 30 it was reported to police that a heater and a miter saw were stolen from a garage on 2nd Ave. NE.

On July 1, Staples Police spoke with a subject who had concerns about a friend who was in the process of a divorce. Police gave the reporting party information for Hands of Hope and advised them on the process to obtain an order for protection.

On July 3, Staples Police responded to a verbal domestic dispute on the 1400 block of 3rd St NE. On arrival the male subject had left the residence. The female was advised.

On July 3, Staples Police assisted Gold Cross Ambulance with an out of control mental health patient on Highway 10 near Motley. Police assisted with restraining the subject.

On July 4, Staples Police were called to the 300 block of 9th Street NE for a report of a large snapping turtle in the road. Police safely removed the turtle and transported it out to the country.

On July 4, Staples Police responded to a report of a suicide attempt on the 400 block of 2nd Street NE. Staples ambulance transport the subject to the hospital for a mental evaluation.

On July 5, Staples Police responded to 500 Warner Road for a report of a domestic assault. Police arrested Stephan Nelson, 27, for domestic assault, 5th degree assault, and disorderly conduct.

On July 5, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office by responding to Lakewood Health System Hospital to speak with two subjects involved in a domestic dispute.

On July 6, Staples Police received a report from Nyhus Chevrolet of a vehicle on their lot that had a hole drilled into the gas tank.

On July 7, at 12:54 a.m., Staples Police responded to a report of a one vehicle crash near the intersection of Long Prairie Road SW and Front Street SW. It was reported that there was an

unconscious female inside of the vehicle who was not trapped inside. Also responding was the Staples Ambulance and the Staples Fire Department. The incident is under investigation.

On July 7, Staples Police responded to the Staples Railroad Depot for a report of an unruly passenger on the Amtrak train that the conductor wanted removed. Police arrested Crystal Leigh Elinski, 45, from Portland, Ore., for the charges of trespass, obstructing legal process, and disorderly conduct.

On July 8, Staples Police responded to the 300 block of 6th St NE for a domestic dispute. Police advised both subjects involved and one left the property without incident.

On July 9, Staples Police responded to a possible domestic dispute. Upon arrival, police spoke with a female party who stated that she had a male staying with her that she wanted removed. Police then observed a meth smoking device and a baggie of methamphetamine on the kitchen counter. A male identified as Anthony Orsello, 56, of Randall, was arrested for 5th degree possession and transported to the Todd County Jail.

On July 10, Staples Police investigated vulnerable adult crimes.

On July 12, Staples Police received a report of someone possibly shooting a firearm in the area of the 300 block of 7th St SE. It was reported to police that it has occurred four or more times over a two week period and that it happens in between the hours of midnight and 2 a.m.

On July 13, Staples Police located two individuals on the roof of the Batcher building, and both were cited for trespassing.

On July 14, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Roosevelt Street SW for a suspicious motorcyclist asking a juvenile female if she wanted a ride. Police were unable to locate the suspect.

On July 14, Staples Police received a report from Giovanni's Pizza that a subject took an order from the delivery driver without paying for the food. The subject was issued a citation for theft.

On July 14, Staples Police assisted Todd County with a domestic on Thunderbird Drive. Police arrived and separated the individuals involved until a deputy arrived to interview the subjects. Police cleared the scene without incident.

On July 14, Staples Police responded to a call of a fight in the 100 block of 3rd Street NE. Police issued Daniel Noyola, 28, a citation for disorderly conduct.

On July 15, Staples Police assisted MN State Patrol with cattle out on Highway 10 near County Road 9. The cattle were located and moved off the roadway. Police were unable to locate the owner.

On July 15, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office with a domestic dispute. Travis Greenwaldt, 43, was arrested by Todd County Deputies.



Fancy Floyd engages with children

For the first 10 minutes of the Wild Things Zoo Attractions presentation at the Staples Library on July 12, a Moluccan cockatoo named Floyd held the attending children captive with his loud calls and feather ruffling. During the presentation, the children learned the bird is from Australia and can see more colors than the human eye can distinguish. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Watch me wallabies feed

Lakon Hines holds a young wallaby named Bandy, along with stuffed animals and a bottle to represent the number of wallabies a mother could hold in her pouch at one time. Hines volunteered at the Wild Things Zoo Attractions presentation at the Staples Library.



Red fox turns out to be white

The library crowd was amazed when a red fox they were prepared to see turned out to be bright white. The staff from Wild Things Zoo Attractions of Arlington said all red foxes have a white tip of their tail but in northern climates around three percent develop black or white fur. Other animal attractions included Mr. Howl, the owl, and live alligators.

SCORE gathering for business entrepreneurs

Central Minnesota SCORE, Brainerd Branch, invites potential mentors and volunteers to a special event to introduce SCORE services and opportunities.

On Thursday, Aug. 9, a gathering will be held at Gull Dam Brewing in Nisswa from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There will be social time, refreshments and an opportunity to hear more about SCORE and the opportunities available to support entrepreneurs and existing business owners in the Brainerd Lakes Area and beyond. Speakers include area business owners who have benefited from SCORE mentor-

ing.

SCORE mentors and volunteers, both retired and working, are men and women who volunteer their time and share their business knowledge and expertise with those starting a business or leading an existing business, or nonprofit organization.

Brainerd SCORE Branch Manager Dick Jordan has issued a personal invitation to those of you who are at a point in your life where you're ready and able to give back and help others, and in the process have a good time doing it, SCORE can provide you with an excellent opportunity to do just that."

About SCORE: it's a national nonprofit organization of over 12,000 mentors affiliated with the U. S. Small Business Administration. SCORE's mission is to "Foster vibrant small business communities through mentoring and education," and the organization provides a wealth of tools and resources to support mentors and their clients. The Brainerd SCORE Branch is part of the Central Minnesota SCORE Chapter.

Contacts for the August 9 event are: Doreen Jordan, 218-232-5499, email: j3021@crosslake.net; or Dick Jordan 218-251-4413, email: j3021@crosslake.net.

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Todd County commissioners approve change

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

The regular July 3, 2018 meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners was less than one half hour.

The board approved an amendment to their board protocol items to allow personnel actions to be added to the consent agenda.

This will include retirements, resignations, hires, recruitment and promotions. A separate list would be included so that the information is readily available.

As with any items on the consent agenda, a commissioner can request an item to be removed from the consent agenda and moved to a discussion item.

- In other business:**
- Approved a one day Excluded Bingo Permit for the Todd County Council On Aging to hold a bingo event at the Clarissa Ballroom on Oct. 28, 2018.
 - Approved a lease agreement between the Todd County Ag Society and Todd County Board of Commissioners to the Todd County Historical Society for the time period of July 3, 2018, through July 3, 2020, for use of the historical society building at the fairgrounds.
 - Appointed Gary W. Barber to the Sauk River Watershed Board of Managers for a three year term.
 - According to MIS Director Chris Pelzer, “We are recommending that the board enter into a Joint Powers Agreement to create Counties Providing Technology, a new Joint Powers Organization that will allow member counties to cooperate in developing and sharing software and other technology and related services.”
- This has been recommended by offices who are directly affected and end users of the software, as a long-term cost saving measure and method of ensuring that the specialized software programs that the county needs are available

Learn crisis communication essentials

It can take just seconds for a lifetime’s worth of work to be in serious jeopardy. In the age of smartphones and hyper-connectivity, it is important for organizations to have a plan in place for responding to all audiences in the event of a crisis.

Community members in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties are invited to attend “Communicating in a Crisis” presented by Anthony Huey of Reputation Management Associates at Sourcewell, formerly NJPA, on Thursday, Aug. 16.

Huey’s presentation provides guidance on how to relay information to the various public audiences, with special instruction on how to work with media to get vital information out to the public quickly.

“This training is beneficial for anyone, but especially leaders of schools, cities, counties, and other government organizations,” said Paul Drange, Sourcewell director of regional programs. “This is a timely topic our senior leadership team is attuned to. We felt opening this event up to the community would give others a

and updated as the county’s needs change.

Funding will come from the Compliance Fund, Human Resources/Administration, Auditor/Treasurer and Public Works departments.

- Approved MCIT taking possession of a 2005 Chevrolet 1500 truck with 190,000 that was involved in a traffic accident in Eagle Bend on June 7, 2018. MCIT will pay \$7,630.75 for the truck from the Public Works Department. The repair estimate was \$13,235.84.
- The board further approved the purchase of a replacement truck from Ranger Chevrolet for \$27,000-\$29,000. They will use the payment from MCIT toward the purchase price.
- Approved updating the crime reporting system in the sheriff’s department. The Todd County Sheriff’s Office has been mandated by the FBI and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (MN BCA) to transition to a new crime reporting system, the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) prior to Jan. 1, 2021. The cost to upgrade to NIBRS is \$8,000 through Zuercher Technologies. The MN BCA has secured funding for the 2018-2019 federal year to reimburse the county for the costs paid to vendors to upgrade to the NIBRS system.
- Approved signing a letter of appreciation to thank the Todd County Veterans Officer Pete Berscheid and the surrounding counties’ veterans officers for their part in obtaining the full funding from Sourcewell’s Innovation Fund for finding a solution to stabilize the stream bank at the Motley Public Cemetery.

The board also held a work session meeting at which time they discussed the following: adding a deputy recorder position, the Lake Shamaineau Lake Improvement high water outlet project and the Expo building at the fairgrounds.

chance to be as prepared as possible for unforeseeable events.”

Attendees can expect to learn the key differences between an emergency response plan and a crisis communications plan, what to include in a crisis communications plan, the 11 audiences to communicate to in a crisis, how to use social media in a crisis and how to best handle interviews following a crisis.

The event is 8 a.m.-noon. Learn more and register by Aug. 14 at sourcewell.co/comm-crisis.

Sourcewell, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance, is a self-supporting government organization partnering with education, government and nonprofits to boost student and community success. Created in 1978 as one of Minnesota’s nine service cooperatives, we offer training and shared services to our central-Minnesota members. Throughout North America, we offer a cooperative purchasing program with over 200 awarded vendors on contract. Sourcewell is driven by service and the ability to strategically reinvest in member communities.



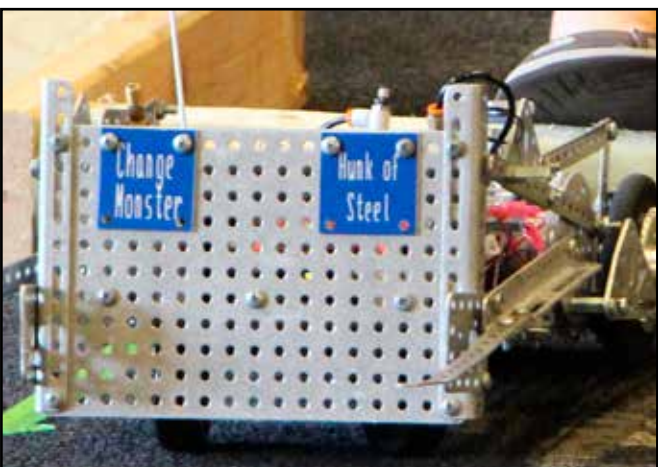
Robot games at SEaM Camp in Staples

A robotics team sends their ‘bots after the ball in action from Summer Engineering and Manufacturing (SEaM) Camp competition at Central Lakes College in Staples on July 13. From left, Hunter Scribner, Jeff Scribner Jr., Brady Louks, John Cyrus, Logan Svoboda and Connor Macheel defend their goal against robot attackers. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Celebrating a victory at robotics camp

One of the robot hockey teams celebrates a game-winning goal in overtime, when each team gets a shot at putting the ball into an open net. From left, Carter Woodward, Carter Plasek, Zander Puckett, Logan Omberg, Andre Recknor and Dalton Fletcher.



SEaM Camp bonuses

Left, Emma Cullett lets the younger generation get a chance to try out her robot between SEaM Camp rounds. Above, campers displayed the name of their robot.



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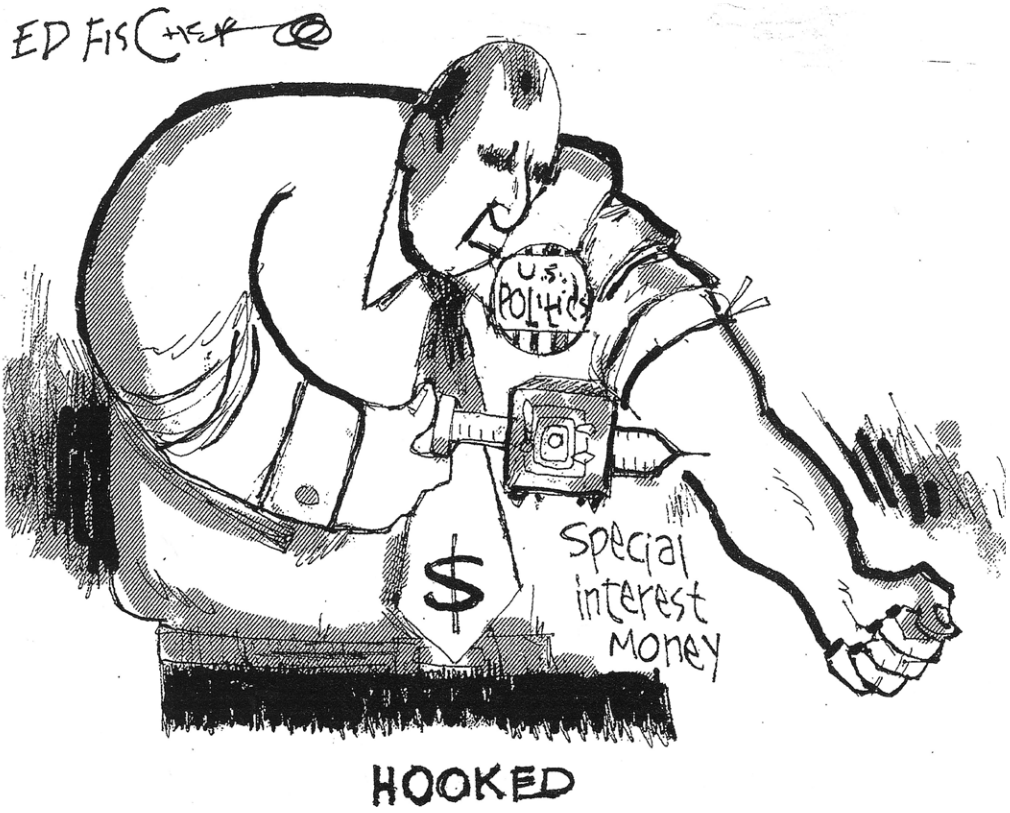


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Lack of integrity matters in leadership

by Dr. Gary Welton

When I finished my graduate study and moved out of Buffalo, N.Y. to take my first full-time professional job at the University of Missouri, I called my telephone company to discontinue my landline service. After being put on hold while the agent checked my account, I was shocked by the words I heard: “We are very sorry to lose your business. You have been a very good customer.”

In fact, all I had done was to pay my bills on time. There is nothing especially noble about meeting one’s basic financial obligations. Isn’t that just the expected normal course of action? Apparently the bar for integrity is set very low. If you simply perform your basic obligations then you are a person of integrity.

I value the reputation I have continued to develop since my departure from Buffalo. The only time I was late with a payment happened following the birth of our first son. It was my fault. It wasn’t justifiable, though one can easily understand how it happened.

I appreciate the trust that my church has placed upon me as I have served as the church treasurer for

about 15 years. During that time I wrote several checks for amounts in excess of \$100,000 when we were constructing our new church building. While I have the trust of my church family, I have also built careful accountability structures into our processes, so that any impropriety would be quickly spotted by my assistants. To quote Ronald Reagan’s use of the Russian proverb, “Trust, but verify.”

The characteristic of integrity was once considered a requirement for leadership. President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, “The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army or in an office.”

What has happened? In 2016, I was faced with a voting choice between two major candidates. I was not convinced of the integrity of either person. The ongoing legal squabbles on both fronts continue to give me cause for concern.

My very first lesson about the role of being a church treasurer came from my dad, who also volunteered in that office for many years. I remember well when he told me,

“The first penny you steal from the church will be the most expensive penny you ever hold.” I suppose it is because of that lesson that I obsess over the pennies as well as the dollars. When I present the annual oral report every winter, I rest confident that the numbers add up correctly, that not even one cent is missing.

I used that same exacting standard when I handled my mother’s accounts and was honored by the faith and confidence of my siblings. When I reported the state of her finances at the time of her death, they thanked me for my integrity.

I cannot effect much change on the lack of integrity in Washington but I can practice moral and ethical decisions as I live my life on a daily basis. Granted, I’ve made my share of mistakes in life and maintain my status only by the grace and mercy of God. May I continue to be a positive role model in my family, my church, my workplace and my community because integrity does matter. It is the supreme quality for leadership.

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.

We can’t rely on public officials to voluntarily surrender information

By Richard Karpel

The commissioners in Guilford County, N.C., voted this year to move all public notices required by state law from local newspapers to the county’s website. Four companies that publish newspapers in the county recently filed suit to have the ordinance - and the statute that enabled it - ruled unconstitutional.

If the lawsuit fails, Guilford will become the first county in the U.S. to completely arrogate to itself the responsibility for publishing its notices. And there is a grave danger that the practice will spread to the rest of the state.

There are many reasons why this is a spectacularly bad idea. Perhaps one of the best is simple human nature: If you give people the ability to hide information that is embarrassing or otherwise inconvenient to reveal, nine times out of ten they will hide it.

Earlier this month, elected officials and government employees in Robeson County, N.C., provided us with a timely illustration of how they hide unpleasant information when presented with the opportunity to do so.

According to the county’s largest newspaper, the names of close relatives of two county commissioners were omitted from a delinquent-tax notice published in a local weekly pa-

per. The Robesonian also reports it was the second straight year the names were excluded from the list, so it’s clear it wasn’t the result of a simple mistake. A public official in the county whose identity has yet to be revealed made it happen.

Perhaps even a better example came to us recently from Michigan, where late last year the state’s environmental agency published a notice about a Nestle Waters proposal to pump more groundwater from public wells for its Ice Mountain bottling plant in the state.

The agency knew it was a controversial matter since earlier attempts by Nestle to use public groundwater met with widespread opposition. Yet the only notice the agency provided about the proposal was posted on its own website.

The notice had been buried on that website for 41 days before a reporter from the Grand Rapids Press discovered it and wrote a story about the proposal. For those 41 days, the notice had attracted zero public attention or comment - not even from an environmental organization that has for many years fought Nestle in court to reduce the amount of water the company can withdraw from Michigan wells.

Within the first three days after the newspaper’s story was published, the agency received 3,000

comments and the public outcry over the proposal forced it to extend the comment period and schedule a public hearing. It eventually received over 80,000 comments.

In retrospect, it’s pretty easy to see why the agency decided not to publish the notice in a local newspaper - an option it had been granted a few years earlier by the state legislature.

Public notice laws were enacted in all 50 states by previous generations that understood that some information is so important we can’t rely on public officials to voluntarily surrender it. So they passed laws stating precisely when and where such information must be published and didn’t leave it to the government to do the publishing. Excluding newspapers from that process would be a significant blow to transparency and a threat to the proper functioning of our democracy.

Richard Karpel is the executive director of the Public Notice Resource Center, a nonprofit organization that promotes effective public notice and educates the public about its right to know. PNRC is primarily funded by newspapers and newspaper organizations.

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General Election Policies - 2018

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For the primary election, the Staples World will not accept any letters or advertisements raising new issues after Monday, July 31.

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Canoeing/kayaking class

Bob Schafer will lead a canoeing and kayaking workshop Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11 and 12, at 1 p.m. as one of the free Chautauqua events during the Old Wadena Rendezvous. The canoes will be supplied by Hafeman Boat Works of Bigfork. (Submitted photo)

Free Chautauqua classes offered at Old Wadena

As part of the Old Wadena Rendezvous Aug. 11 and 12 at Old Wadena County Park on the Crow Wing River, the Old Wadena Society is producing hands-on classes and workshops both before and during the Rendezvous.

All classes are at no charge to students/participants during this first pilot project year. Some require pre-registration by calling 218-371-6403.

These Chautauqua events are made possible through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council and with funding from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, Staples Host Lions and local businesses.

Puppet Worlds Come Alive

Margo McCreary, storyteller and puppeteer, will lead a Chautauqua on Sunday through Wednesday, July 29-Aug. 1. The class will meet at Old Wadena Park from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the other days.

Participants will take some time to make hand puppets, but the main part of the Chautauqua will focus on creating a compelling story and telling it through words and, most importantly, movement.

Participants will make their debut as storytelling artists bringing puppets to life at the Rendezvous. Pre-register by calling 218-371-6403.

Traditional American Indian flute

Everyone loves the beautiful sound of the traditional American Indian wooden flute. Jake Kaehne will help students learn to play these beautiful sounds in the traditional pentatonic music of Indian people.

Flutes are provided or students may choose to

purchase a wooden flute of their own at an approximate cost of \$90. The class will meet from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday through Friday, Aug. 7-10 followed with a flute performance at the Rendezvous. Call 218-371-6403 to register.

Paint a mini barn quilt

Beth Kern, Mary Noska and Lisa Kajer will lead participants in the creation of a two ft. by two ft. mini barn quilt in four colors during the two days of the Rendezvous from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. They will lead participants through design, drafting, taping and painting a quilt on a primed two-sided MDO board. Register by calling 218-371-6403. All materials are provided.

Build a birdhouse

Jon Hamberg will lead students in this introduction to carpentry. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days of the Rendezvous all ages are engaged in creating a useful bird house to take home. Pre-registration is not required.

Square Dance

It's fun to watch, even more fun to dance. Join the Wadena Whirlaways on Saturday at the Rendezvous at 1 p.m. Learn the basics of square dancing. All ages welcome.

Canoeing

A canoeing/kayaking workshop will be offered Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. with Bob Schafer, including information on traditional birch bark canoes and hands on canoeing/kayaking with a focus on paddling techniques. Saturday and Sunday there will be displays of birch bark and cedar strip canoes from Hafeman Boat Works from Bigfork. Pre-registration is not required.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, July 24, at 7 p.m. at the Staples

Mark Your Calendar

July 20

MUSIC RECITAL FEATURING VOCALISTS NATHAN THELEN and HANNAH NOYES Fri., July 20, 7 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church. Sandy Paske-witz, accompanist. Free will offering.

July 21

LAKES AREA MUSIC FESTIVAL PRELUDE CONCERT - FREE Sat., July 21, 7 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church.

July 26

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB Mtg Thurs., July 26, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Abe Maier, caller; Donna Stone, cuer. For info., 218-296-1641.

August 2

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, Thurs., Aug. 2, 3 - 5 p.m.; and Tues., Aug. 21, 10 a.m. - noon, Wadena County Public Health, Wadena. Walk ins welcome.

City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Hold public hearing for reassessment on parcel 38-0090200.
- Adopt Resolution 1727 establishing reassessment for parcel 38-0090200.
- Hold public hearing to approve Wastewater Treatment Plant Plan.
- Consider approval of contract with Bolton & Menk for design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$525,000.
- Consider approval of tobacco license for Casey's General Store.
- Consider whether to waive the monetary limits on Municipal Tort Liability established by Minnesota Statutes.
- Consider Resolution 1728 calling public hearing on proposed assessments for the non-payment of delinquent utility bills.
- Consider changing start time for city council regular meetings from 7 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Committee reports from the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Charter Commission.
- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report

Alan Godage & Sundown to perform at Music in the Park

Classic country band Alan Godage & Sundown will perform at the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 22, at 7 p.m.

Expect to hear music from country legends such as Charley Pride, Merle Haggard, George Jones, Conway Twitty and Hank Williams, Sr. In addition, the band has been praised for their performances of country rock; as well as 50's, gospel and old-time music. "Our show is suitable for all ages," Godage said in a press release.

Front man Alan Godage hails from Pierz. A classic country singer/songwriter, Godage grew up listening to country music. "By the time I was eight, I was playing guitar and singing with a band on weekends...At that young age it was clear to me that I wanted to play country music the rest of my life."

Over the years, Godage has performed throughout the United States and recorded several albums, including, "An Inside Look," recorded in Nashville, which features his original music. Godage has performed on cable television programs; and has opened



Classic country band

Alan Godage & Sundown will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 22, at 7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Danny Gadacz, Alan Godage, Rick Jenkins. Eric Gustafson and Kevin Barnes were unavailable for the photo. (Submitted photo)

shows for Bobby Bare, Jack Greene, Tanya Tucker, Bill Anderson, Jim Ed Brown and Johnny Rodriguez. The Sundown Band has backed the great Stonewall Jackson, Jean Shepard and Leona Williams. Godage has also appeared on two Grand Ole Opry sanctioned shows along with Little Jimmy Dickens, Hank Thompson, Johnny Paycheck, Del Reeves and Faron Young.

The Sundown Band includes Rick Jenkins on electric guitar, Dan Gadacz on drums, Eric Gustafson on keyboard and Kevin Barnes on bass, vocals and pedal steel.

"A number of things set us apart from a lot of the other bands that are out there," Godage said. "You won't see my band perform in tennis shoes and tank tops or jeans with holes in the knees. As professional

entertainers I feel we have an obligation to clean up and look presentable when we're performing." He went on to say that, "We have made a commitment to providing the finest live classic country music that we can give you. If you're a classic country music fan I really think you will enjoy what we have to offer."

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.



Bluegrass gospel band

The Hartley family of Arkansas will perform at the Motley Free Methodist Church on Sunday, July 29, 6 p.m.; and at Central Methodist Church on Tuesday, July 31, 7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Tom, Abby, Micah and Deb Hartley. (Submitted photo)

Bluegrass gospel concerts at Motley Free Methodist; Central Methodist

The Hartley Family bluegrass band will be performing at two area churches the week of July 29. These include:

- Motley Free Methodist Church on Sunday, July 29, 6 p.m. The church is located at 33 Wellwood St. E. in Motley.
- Central Methodist Church on Tuesday, July 31, 7 p.m. The church is located on Cty Rd. 26 six miles north of Hwy 10.

Hailing from Arkansas, the band will offer a mix of traditional bluegrass, gospel and original music. Expect to hear a variety of instruments and family vocal harmonies.

The Hartleys have been performing for several years at a variety of venues including bluegrass festivals, churches, state parks, schools and special events. Their goals are to honor God, bring joy to people; and encourage others.

A free will offering will be taken at both concerts.

School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, July 23, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

Agenda items include:

- Mark Anderson from Staples Area Friends of the Trails discussing a Nature Education Arboretum project during the school/community forum.
- Financial items including approving the long term facility maintenance plan; Teachers On Call proposal; Benefit Innovations proposal to manage retiree health, dental, life and vision plans; a resolution to reauthorize a previously authorized board approved referendum authority; the contract for website and online calendar upgrades; the purchase agreement for the Twin City Optical property at \$139,000; the 2018-19 insurance policy agreement with Weizenegger Engel; and the contract with Big Stone Therapies for sports medicine services at \$6,985.
- Curriculum items including approving the parent/student handbooks; the Chromebook handbook; the literacy plan; and

the school meal prices and fee schedule as well as ratifying the teachers master contract.

Personnel items include approving the fall extra curricular and coaching assignments; contracts for Nathan Fischer, middle school special education and Keisha Holst, middle school social worker; accepting the resignation of Kaycia Ellingsen, school readiness; and approving a contract for business manager.

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

Vetsch Farms hosts Dairy Field Day

Vetsch Farms, LLC of Browerville will host the 2018 Todd County Dairy Field Day on Tuesday July 31 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Vetsch Farms, LLC is located at 233623 County 14, Browerville, MN. This is about 11 miles east of Browerville. Watch for signs. Refreshments and ice cream treats will be provided. Sponsors include: Compeer Financial, U of M Extension and the Central MN Dairy Initiative.

Loren and Elizabeth Vetsch started dairy farming in 2008. Their farm has undergone many exciting changes since then. They currently milk 200 Holsteins in a double 8 parallel parlor that was retrofitted into their tiestall barn. The parlor and a freestall barn

addition was completed in Sept. 2017. The freestall barn features 208 stalls, LED lighting, 72" variable speed fans, sand bedding and a maternity/hospital area. The parlor is built with room to expand to a double 12. Future farm goals are to install a manure pit and expand their youngstock facilities.

To promote good herd health practices when visiting farms, please wear clothes that have been washed and not worn in other livestock facilities since washing. Plastic boots will be provided. For more information or any questions please contact Brenda Miller at the Todd County Extension Office: 320-732-4435 or nels4220@umn.edu

Paraprofessional assessment offered

Individuals who are interested in assisting students and teachers in the schools can do so by becoming certified as a paraprofessional. Paraprofessionals may work in a variety of positions in a school district including, but not limited to, instructional assistants, pupil support assistants, special education paraprofessionals, job coaches, lunch room and playground assistants, hall monitors and media center assistants.

In Minnesota, paraprofessionals must meet requirements depending on the role and duties they are assigned. All paraprofessionals must have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Paraprofessionals who assist with instruction can meet additional requirements by taking and passing the ParaPro Assessment. The ParaPro Assessment is a general aptitude test that is required in Minnesota for paraprofessional certification. It also offers school districts an objective assessment of your foundation of knowledge and skills.

The Parapro Assessment is delivered on a

computer and consists of 90 multiple-choice questions. Approximately two-thirds of the questions focus on basic skills and knowledge and one-third focuses on applying skills in the classroom. All test questions are in English. For more information go to <https://www.ets.org/para-pro>.

Resource Training & Solutions in Sartell is offering a chance to take this test at its location on July 24, and Aug. 9 and 15.

For more information or to register, contact Kate Reichert at Resource Training & Solutions, 137 23rd Street South, Sartell, MN, phone: 320-255-3236 or toll-free 844-335-3276, website: www.resourcetraining.com, email: kreichert@resourcetraining.com.

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Obituary

Bruce Lee

A Memorial Service for Bruce Lee will be held Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 2 p.m. at his home, 1515 3rd St. NE, Staples. Casual; bring your memories.

Bruce Dale Lee, 58, of Staples, passed away October 22, 2017 at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

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Student Achievements

MICHEAL MOXLEY, Staples, recently graduated from The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music.

JESSICA MUDGETT, Pillager, recently graduated from The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth with a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

SHS Class of '55 reunion

The Staples High School Class of 1955 will hold a get-together on Friday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., at BRICKS in Motley.



July birthdays celebrated

Celebrating their birthdays with a cake and card presentation at the Staples Senior Dining Site on July 10 were, left to right: Lyda Cocking, Enid Nelson, Mary Ann Riewer, Jeanette Olsen, Joan Doll, Steve Pogreba and Kay Jessop. (Submitted photo)

VA claims 'Fast Tract' speeds up process

David A. Anderson
Wadena County
Veteran Service Officer

The Agent Orange Fast Track Claims Processing System is dedicated to processing claims for Vietnam veterans who are claiming service connection for any of the following conditions who served in the Republic of Vietnam or in-land waterways between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975.

- Ischemic Heart Disease
- Hairy Cell and other B-Cell Leukemias

- Parkinson's Disease
- Diabetes Type II
- Prostate Cancer
- Multiple Myeloma
- Hodgkin's Disease

The Fast Tract System is exclusively a web-based platform. Veterans can simply log on to the VA web portal and submit their claims documentation, supporting medical evidence from all sources and any other documentation needed to establish and verify their service-connected claim.

VA doctors will have access to the Fast Tract Sys-

tem that will enable them to take the veteran out of the role as middle man between care providers and the VA. VA doctors can fill out the forms and submit them online quickly and easily.

VA rating specialists will be able to log on to the system, identify outstanding information on the way to fully developing a claim (FDC) and give a suggested rating at the end of the automated process.

You can apply for VA disability compensation and pension online through eBenefits at www.ebenefits.va.gov. For disability compensation claims, you can also upload all supporting evidence you may have and make your claim a Fully Developed Claim.

To file a claim for VA disability compensation electronically, go to eBenefits, select Apply for Benefits and then Apply for Disability Compensation.

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Emily and Brandon Lind of Staples, a baby boy, Sawyer Justin Scott weighing 10 pounds, six ounces on July 6, 2018.

Born to Christina and Moses Borntrager of Long Prairie, a baby boy, Mason Paul weighing eight pounds, six ounces on July 6, 2018.

Born to Michelle and Darby Peacock of Brainerd, a baby girl, Kaylee Ann weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on July 6, 2018.

Born to Cayanne and Matthew Ruis of East Gull Lake, a baby boy, Quincy Creed weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on July 9, 2018.

Born to Megan Anderson and Mitchell Schumann of Clarissa, a baby boy, Benjamin Mitchell weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on July 10, 2018.

Born to Emily Turnock and Brandon Jackson of Brainerd, a baby boy, Bentley Allen weighing six pounds, five ounces on July 11, 2018.

Born to Hollyanne Lovin and Jesus Arguijo of Motley, a baby boy, Marcelo Dean weighing seven pounds, two ounces on July 11, 2018.

Born to Allison and Jason Carry of Motley, a baby girl, Avalyn Elizabeth Michelle weighing seven pounds, four ounces on July 12, 2018.



Free outdoor movies in Motley



The United Methodist Church in Motley is hosting free outdoor movies on Thursday evenings beginning at dusk. Above, on July 12, a group of people settle in to watch "The Greatest Showman." In lower photo, cousins MaKenzie Schmitz and Logan Lubitz enjoy some free popcorn and lemonade. Movies will run through Aug 23. The July 19 movie is "Wonder." (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Tips about fun runs

Seven pointers shared by BBB

In the past few years the number of fun runs – themed races such as Color Runs, Foam Runs, Mud Runs and Bubble Runs – offered nationwide have skyrocketed. Though most of these races make good on their promises of offbeat fun and adventure, there have been issues with some of these races, mostly involving last-minute delays, cancellations or refund issues. Better Business Bureau® of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) offers tips to help runners steer clear of obstacles.

"On the surface, most of these events sound like a lot of fun and many races deliver on that promise. However, some have left hopeful racers unhappy," said Susan Adams Loyd, President and CEO of BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota.

If you're thinking about participating in a Fun Run, here are some BBB tips:

• Do your research. Check out the race organizer's track record by accessing their BBB Business Profile. Read customer reviews from runners who have participated in previous races before you register. See if cancellations or postponed races have been an issue.

• Don't be fooled by a well-designed website. Scammers can easily create an official-looking website. Look for misspell-

ings or poor grammar, which is a sign you might be dealing with fraudsters.

• Check the local venue. Contact the park or host venue to confirm that the event is on their calendar. It's also a good idea to contact city officials to ensure that necessary permits have been obtained by the race organizers.

• Pay with a credit card. Charges made on a credit card can be disputed after a purchase, whereas debit or cash transactions are more difficult to dispute.

• Read the Agreement. In many cases, promoters of fun runs disclose on their websites that they don't offer refunds. Be clear on what happens if your race is postponed or canceled.

• Keep documentation of your order. After completing the online registration process, print out and keep a copy of the confirmation for future reference.

• File a complaint. People who have issues with a race should file complaints at bbb.org and through the Minnesota Attorney General's Office in Minnesota or the North Dakota Attorney General's Office.

Just as it's a great idea to stretch out before a race, it's also a great idea to do your research ahead of time to ensure your fun run will deliver the goods.

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MHS Class of '68 holds 50th reunion

The Motley High School Class of 1968 held their 50th class reunion recently, with a gathering at the Eastwood Inn in Motley and supper at The Landing in Cushing. Pictured, back row from left: Mike Kampa, Casper, Wyo.; Rich Rollins, Granite Falls; Robert Thiede, Motley; Oscar Kleman, Cushing; Ronnie Hanson, Motley; Faris Olson, Pen-

sacola, Fla.; Mike Ward, Waipahu, Hawaii. Front row: Candice (Wells) Owens, Tucson, Ariz.; Helen (Cronin) Helseth, Dade City, Fla.; Wendy (Corner) Boser, Brainerd; Lynette (Skeesick) Mathiasen, Waite Park; Gloria (Vasecka) Ward, Waipahu; Pat Hurt, Inver Grove Heights. (Submitted photo)



Melon and music

Attendees at the recent concert at Northern Pacific Park in Staples were treated to watermelon while listening to the music of Bill & Kate Isles and band. Above: Mary Sperley, Staples Motley Area Arts Council board member and David Ness, both of Staples, take a break from cutting watermelons, which were donated by Sperley. Below, Bill & Kate Isles sing an original composition, accompanied by brother and sister musicians Derek and Sarah Birkeland on mandolin and acoustic bass. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Substitute teacher class available

People who want to teach but don't have the full credentials will have an opportunity to become certified as short-call substitute teachers under the Minnesota Limited, Short-Call Substitute program. A 4-year bachelor degree is required to qualify. Resource Training & Solutions in St. Cloud has announced that it has coordinated a two-day program on Aug. 14 and 15 to prepare individuals to apply to become limited, short-call substitute teachers. Under Minnesota law, limited, short-call substitute teacher licenses are granted only if teachers who hold regular teaching licenses are not available or if a district is experiencing a hardship in securing a sufficient number of regularly licensed teachers to meet the district's need for limited, short-call substitute teachers.

The district superintendent may request that a limited, short-call substitute license be granted to an individual who holds a baccalaureate degree from a college or university that is accredited by the regional association for the accreditation of colleges and secondary schools. Licensure is good for two years and must be renewed bi-annually. Training will cover topics such as the substitute teacher's role in the classroom and district, basics of classroom management and instruction, basics of child development, and communication skills. Registration for the training can be made by contacting Deb Thomes at Resource Training & Solutions, 137 23rd Street South, Sartell, MN, phone 320-255-3236 or toll-free 844-335-3276, website www.resourcetraining.com.

New dermatology provider at Lakewood

Terri Wolfe, Certified Physician Assistant (PA-C), is the newest dermatology provider to join the Lakewood Health System team. Originally from Sartell, Wolfe received her undergraduate degree from Gustavus Adolphus College, and her Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from Midwestern University. She is a member of the American Association of Physician Assistants, and the Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants. As a dermatology physician assistant, Wolfe has special interests in skin cancer, sclerotherapy and Botox. Wolfe has four children: Drew, Kevin, Abby and



Luke. She enjoys time on the water and painting. Wolfe sees patients at Lakewood Dermatology in Sartell. To schedule an appointment with her, call 320-252-3376.

Service dogs help vets feel safe at home

When Daniel Sepulveda wakes up in the middle of the night shaking from another nightmare, a service dog from Southeastern Guide Dogs named Max is there to calm him and make him feel safe again. When he sleepwalks, Max's kisses awaken him. Since he was a teenager, Daniel couldn't wait to join the military. But after serving in the U.S. Army as a 15 Tango Helicopter Crew Chief in Afghanistan, he came back to Crystal River, Fla., suffering from anxiety, hyper-vigilance, depression and other symptoms of post-traumatic stress. After nine months in a nerve-racking war zone, Daniel was traumatized by an accident that crushed his right hand under 10,000 pounds of Black Hawk equipment, sending him to Germany as a medical emergency. Back home again, things were different. Daniel suffered chronic pain. He was more comfort-

able sleeping on the floor. Loud noises and alarms even on the TV triggered panic attacks. He startled easily and couldn't relax, even around his two young daughters and wife. The house was full of tension. He spent a lot of time in bed. He needed something to focus on, an anchor to distract him from the flashbacks. Always one to "adapt and overcome," Daniel couldn't shake the PTSD that robbed him of his dream to be a lifer in the Army. A neighbor who is a volunteer puppy raiser for Southeastern Guide Dogs mentioned the organization to Daniel, and his doctor agreed that a service dog was a good idea. Now he has formed an indelible bond with an "amazing, energetic, and playful" black Labrador named Max, a trusted partner and ally. Each day at 5:30 a.m., Max wakes Daniel with military precision. He is

bringing joy, happiness and positivity back into the Sepulvedas' lives. When Daniel leaves the house Max uses the "watch" and "block" commands to keep people from crowding too close. Soccer, fishing, laughter, play and communication are slowly replacing fear and darkness. Max is every day "no fail therapy," says Daniel. There are still obstacles to overcome, but Daniel is no longer trapped in a full-time combat zone. He has a highly trained and responsive battle buddy at his side 24/7. Max is gradually bringing this veteran home. (SOURCE Southeastern Guide Dogs 09/28/2017) See your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.

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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
420 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....10:45 am.
Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.
Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School.....9:15 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
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
.....9:15-10:15 a.m.
Aldrich
Congregational, United Church of Christ
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st Sunday of Month
Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp 701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages.....9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.
Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....5:30-7:30 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday.....7:00 p.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.
United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.org
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Verndale
Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
.....11-11:45 a.m.
Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes.....9:00 a.m.
Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Coffee & 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.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
City Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Pillager
First Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
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.
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Phone.....218-746-3839
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.
Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690
Open by arrangement
Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....11:00 a.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.

“Minister’s Ulcers”

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

Nearly every businessman complains of at least one ulcer. Think how many ulcers the poor businessman would have if he worked under the same circumstances as the average minister.
Just suppose, Mr. Businessman, that you were the overseer of 100 workers. Suppose only about 50 percent of them ever showed up for work at a given time and only 25 percent could be relied upon.
Suppose that every time a simple flash of lightening appeared in the sky, large numbers of workers pulled the covers over their heads and failed to report for duty.
Suppose your workers only worked when they felt like it and yet you must be very sweet and never fire one of them. To get them back to work you must beg them, plead with them, pat them on the back and use every means under the sun to persuade them without offending them.
And suppose you were in competition with a notorious rascal, the devil, who had no scruples and is far more clever than you are and uses such attractive things such as fishing rods, guns, soft pillows, television and a thousand other things to attract your customers.
“HOW MANY ULCERS WOULD YOU HAVE?”
—copied, Christian Victory, from Footsteps of the Flock, 1971
What is SUNDAY to you?
DUNday, the day to make out checks to your creditors, write letters and take care of other family business?
RUNday, the day for a quick trip to Uncle Ben's, for running to and fro but accomplishing nothing?
GUNday, the day for the skeet meet, for hunting or for fishing?
SUNday, the day for getting a suntan at the lake, for a backyard barbecue, for gardening or picnicking?
FUNday, the day for amusement and recreation?
Or is it really THE LORD'S DAY, the day for spiritual refreshment and service?
2 Timothy 3:1-7 (NKJV)
¹ But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:
² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,
⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!
⁶ For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,
⁷ always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Deadlines for all classified ads, including garage sale ads

is 5 p.m. MONDAY to be published in

Thursday's Staples World

and

5p.m. Wednesday for the Staples Square Shooter.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Staples, MN 218-894-3299

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



NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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: July 24, 2014
2. Mortgagors: David Holmberg, Karen Holmberg, Husband and Wife, and Derek Holmberg, a Single Person.
3. Mortgagees: First International Bank and Trust.
4. Recording Information: Recorded on July 29, 2014, as Document Number 490508, in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.
5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: N/A

The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW ¼ SE ¼) and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW ¼ SE ¼), Section Twenty-eight (28), Township One Hundred Thirty-two (132) North, Range Thirty-two (32) West of the Fifth P.M., EXCEPT

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the SW ¼ of SE ¼, Section 28, Township 132, Range 32; thence North along the West line of said SW ¼ of SE ¼ a distance of 1,000 feet; thence East and parallel with the South line of said SW ¼ of SE ¼ a distance of 350 feet; thence South and parallel with the West line of said SW ¼ of SE ¼ a distance of 1,000 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with an easement for ingress and egress over and across the South 2 rods of the SW ¼ of SE ¼, Section 28, Township 132, Range 32.

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrrens) ☐

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 31102 400th St., Cushing, MN 56443.

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage: [check one] [] is a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.

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

The transaction agent's mortgage identification number, if stated on the Mortgage, is N/A.

[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 First International Bank & Trust.

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, First International Bank & Trust at 111 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 56479

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

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

12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$130,000.00

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: \$124,805.74.

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 9, 2018, 10:00 a.m., at the Todd County Sheriff's Office, 115 3rd St S, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's

personal representatives or assigns is 12 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 August 9, 2019.

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

Date: June 11, 2018

Name of Mortgagor or Mortgage Assignee: First International Bank & Trust 111 4th St. NE Staples, MN 56479

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagor or Mortgage Assignee: Kasey D. McNary (MN #0390937) SERKLAND LAW FIRM 10 Roberts Street PO Box 6017 Fargo, ND 58108-6017 (701) 232-8957

BECKER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The following township offices will be voted for at the State General Election to be held Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. You may call Mary Fitcher @ 218-352-6498 for an appointment or the office of the clerk will be open Tuesday, August 14, 2018 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. located at 10999 75th Ave. SW, Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing.

Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file in person with the Clerk within seven days prior to departure by giving written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other filing requirements.

Township Supervisor Seat 1 - four (4) year term

Township Supervisor Seat 3 - four (4) year term

Township Treasurer - four (4) year term

Mary Fitcher, Clerk Becker Township 28-29pnc

VILLARD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF FILING

Villard Township will hold their Township Officer Election in conjunction with the November 6, 2018 Election Day.

Villard Township will open filings for the following positions:

Two Supervisors: Supervisor A - 4 year term

Supervisor B - 4 year term

Treasurer - 4 year term

Clerk - 2 year term

Filing on these positions will begin on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 through Tuesday, August 14, 2018. Filing will close at 5 p.m. on August 14, 2018. Anyone filing on August 14 will need to come to the Villard Town Hall in Philbrook to file.

Contact the Clerk for Candidate filing at 218-640-6115 or Connie Mosack at 218-414-0323.

Mary Trantina Koenig, Clerk, Villard Township 29pnc

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

1. **Aaron A Miller:** W 1,201.58 ft. of NE4 NW4 in Germania Township

Site Address: Not Applicable. PIN: 09-0001800

Conditional Use Permit request to establish a sawmill.

2. **Francis Hall:** S 528 ft. of W 330 ft. of E 363 ft. of SW4 NE4 in Bartlett Township

Site Address: 20820 464th Ave. PIN: 01-0026900

Conditional Use Permit request to establish a temporary family housing.

3. **Ammon Hershberger:** SE4 of SE4 of Section 24 in Leslie Township

Site Address: NA. PIN: 15-0028400

Conditional Use Permit request to establish a schoolhouse, Pine View School, (24' x 50') and support buildings including a horse shed (24' x 16').

4. **Big Swan Lake Resort:** Gov't Lot 40 Block 1 Commons Area in Burnhamville Township

Site Address: 29338 ERA Circle & 29455 ERA Trail. PIN: 06-0102300

Request to amend conditions placed on CUP.

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

Todd County Planning Commission Michael Wiener, Chairperson 29pnc

CITY OF STAPLES, MINNESOTA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING STAPLES WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PLAN AMENDMENT 2

The City of Staples will hold a public hearing on July 24 at 7:05 p.m. at City Hall, 122 6th St. NE to present and accept comments on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan Amendment 2. The Facility Plan Amendment, prepared by Bolton & Menk Inc., addresses existing facility conditions, treatment requirements, and options for repair and replacement. A copy of the draft plan is found on the City's website //staples.govoffice.com.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide comments. You may submit written comments, which must be received by July 23, 2018 to Paul Saffert (763-433-2851 x2264) at Bolton & Menk, 7533 Sunwood Drive NW, Suite 206, Ramsey MN 55303-5119. E-mail comments to paulsa@bolton-menk.com..

Diane Archer, City Clerk

July 19, 2018 29pnc

NOTICE VILLARD TOWNSHIP PRIMARY ELECTION AND AUGUST TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Villard Township, County of Todd, State of Minnesota, that the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at the Villard Town Hall in Philbrook. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Villard Township August regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 13, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Villard Town Hall because of the Primary Election held on August 14, 2018.

Mary Trantina Koenig, Clerk, Villard Township ss29

NOTICE ELECTION OF UNITED HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given, that the Regular Election of the United Hospital District, Staples, Minnesota, will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 to elect members to serve on the District Board of Directors.

Any person desiring to be a candidate for member of the District Board shall file with the clerk of the city or the township in which he resides, an application to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for election as a member representing such city or township that is included in the Hospital District.

Filing opens Tuesday, July 31, 2018 and closes Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

Members will be elected as follows: The election of one member of District Board for a term expiring December 31st, 2022 representing and from each of the following cities and townships:

City of Staples
Becker Township
Byron Township
Moran Township
Motley Township
Thomastown Township

By Order of the District Board of Directors
United Hospital District
Staples, Minnesota

Lana Hansen, District Clerk 28-29pnc

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170 STAPLES-MOTLEY STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2170 shall begin on **July 31, 2018** and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on **August 14, 2018**.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available at the School District Office: 202 Pleasant Avenue NE, Staples, MN 56479. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same (primary or next ensuing) general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

Greg Frisk, School District Clerk 29-30pnc

AERIAL SPRAYING NOTICE

Notice of Aerial spraying to take place at: **Dry Sand Wildlife Management Area in Cass County.**

Herbicide labeled for aquatic use will be used to control hybrid cattail. The purpose of this treatment is to improve waterfowl habitat.

Aerial spraying to occur between July 19 - August 15, 2018.

All affected public access points will be posted at time of treatment.

Comments or questions can be directed to:

**DNR BRAINERD AREA WILDLIFE OFFICE
1601 Minnesota Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401
218-203-4302**

29pnc

BYRON TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The following township offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

Candidates may call (218) 839-8611 to make an appointment to file at the Office of the Township Clerk, 7831 80th ST SW, Staples, MN 56479, or may file between the hours of 1:00-5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2018 at clerks address. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay \$2.00 filing fee at time of filing.

Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file in person with the Clerk within seven days prior to departure by giving written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other filing requirements.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 6, 2018:

Township Clerk (4-year regular term)

Township Treasurer (2-year term special election)

Township Supervisor Seat 3 (4-year regular term)

Becki Rassler, Clerk Byron Township 28-29pnc

MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF FILING

Filing for Township Offices begins **July 31, 2018 until 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2018.**

The following offices will be voted for at the state general election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 or by mail ballot.

Candidates must file at the Office of the Moose Lake Clerk, 5335 51st Ave. SW, Pine River MN 56474.

Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay a \$2.00 filing fee at the time of filing.

Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file in person with the Clerk within seven days prior to departure by giving written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other filing requirements.

Filings for the following offices will be accepted during the filing period:

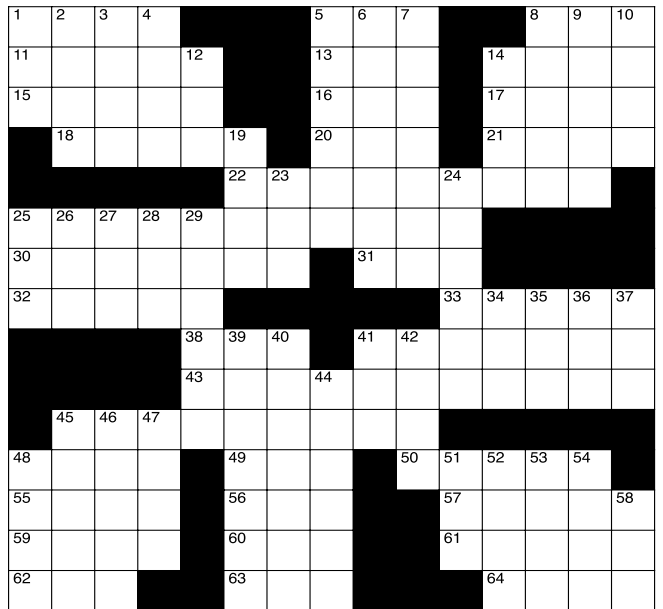
•**Township Supervisor Seat 1, 3 year term**

•**Township Clerk, 3 year term**

Karen Roubal, Clerk, Moose Lake Township 29-30pnc

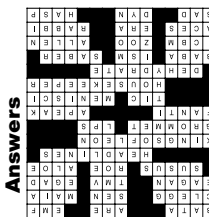


Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Guinean seaport
5. They __
8. Electromotive force
11. "McVicar" director
13. Monetary unit
14. Mother of Hermes
15. Broadway actress
- Daisy
16. Tobacco mosaic virus
17. Expression of surprise
18. African financial intermediaries
20. Fully ripe egg
21. Soothes the skin
22. Editors write them
25. Nashville-based rockers
30. Surgical tube
31. Lasting records
32. Member of Ghanese tribe
33. Being in a vertical position
38. Spasmodic contrac-



CLUES DOWN

1. Academic degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, stocky lizard
4. Romanian river
5. Stellar
6. A way to change
7. Surround completely
8. A Philly footballer
9. Dinosaur shuang__aurus
10. Slowly disappear
12. Large antelope
14. Not nice

41. Cartilage disks
43. Domestic help
45. A way of drying out
48. Small sponge cake (abbr.)
49. Distinctive practice or philosophy
50. Sword
55. Type of missile (abbr.)
56. Home to various animals
57. American comedian
- Tim
59. Scores perfectly
60. A major division of geological time
61. Spiritual leader
62. Unhappy
63. Unit of force (abbr.)
64. Door part

19. Piece of footwear
23. Newt
24. Seriously mentally ill
25. Kilogram force (abbr.)
26. Terrorist group
27. Negative
28. Time zone
29. A blacksmith's workshop
34. Baked dessert
35. A way to perceive uniquely
36. Breeze through
37. Dry white wine drink
39. Treated with iodine
40. Not thorough
41. Famous museum
42. Supplements with difficulty
44. Polynesian language
45. Bangladesh capital (var. sp.)
46. __ and flowed
47. Excessively theatrical actors
48. Prejudice
51. Swiss river
52. Nonsense (slang)
53. "Luther" actor
54. Resist authority (slang)
58. Pinch

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Spiriva 18mcg	90	\$130.00
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With his image up on the big screen atop the Twins stadium, Huck Holst raises the flag during the National Anthem. To qualify for this honor, Holst's son Derek checked the Twins web site every day in February to find the narrow window of time when submissions are accepted. Huck's wife Marilyn wrote the narrative for the application and the nominations were closed soon after. The Twins contacted the family soon after with possible dates and they picked July 11, which turned out to be a good day to get more than 100 well-wishers to the stadium. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Eyes on the flag

After raising the flag, Holst stands at attention as the camera sends his image to the Target Field screen.



Grateful gathering

Before the flag raising ceremony, family and friends surrounded Holst and congratulated him on the honor.



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The Pillager Fair was *THE* place to be



Reminiscing

John and Avis Lee of Pillager, ages 91 and soon-to-be 90, respectively, enjoyed reading up on historical memorabilia of their hometown that was on display during the Pillager Fair. Historical information included news and photos from the school, churches, businesses and longtime residents like the Lees.



Wild Things Zoo animals

The Wild Things Zoo Attractions out of Arlington had a variety of animals at last weekend's Pillager Fair. Above, looking at the baby rhea birds are, from left, Isaiah Jares, Pequot Lakes; Elizabeth Prescott, Brainerd; Jessica Cole, Baxter; Barb Cole, Little Falls; Jamie Cole, Baxter. Below, feeding the antelope she named Nigal, is Sabina Moe, 10, of Staples.



Blue ribbon rider

Alec Jensen, 18, of Pillager, took home at least one blue ribbon while competing with his quarter horse Alex at the recent Pillager Fair. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Medallion winners



The Bock family from Pillager was \$500 richer on July 14, after finding the medallion at the Pillager Fair. Pictured above, from left, are Christopher, Sherry, Audrey, Morgan (front) and Alan. Although the entire family searched, it was Audrey, 13, who ultimately found the medallion beneath a fence post at the fairgrounds (pictured at left). She plans to put her share of the winnings into savings, Audrey said.



Hoola hoops groove

A number of young people participated in the hula hoops contest at the Pillager Fair last weekend. Pictured above, from left, are Mariah Ramsey, 16, and Alyssa Christmann, 13, both of Pillager. Christmann took first place in her age group.



Longest beard winner

John Gentry of Harvard, Ill., was the winner of the 'Longest Beard' contest at the Pillager Fair. He is pictured with the Pillager royalty, from left, Emma Hopman, Maddison Hensch (crowned Miss Pillager during the fair) and Jenna Gilbertson. In lower photo, 12-year-old Ben Abear picked up the award in the young people's category.



Taking a break

Pictured above at the fair July 14, Jay and Angie Rardin of Nisswa, along with their granddaughters Avery and Elle Petersen of Otsego, enjoyed a snack and a comfortable bench in the shade.



Bounce fun

The bounce games were popular with young people attending the Pillager Fair this past weekend. At left, Tristan Loucks of Pillager had a fun time going down the slide. In addition, the fair board had numerous contests with prizes offered to both children and adults.



Keeping cool

Matthew Jewison, six, of Staples (at left) enjoyed a snow cone at the Pillager Fair. Not only did it taste good, but it helped against the intense heat July 14. The temperature reached nearly 90 degrees that day, along with reports of high level dew points and humidity.

Motley City Council shares their 'wish lists'

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

A community fire ring, events center and recreational activities for children were just a few of the dreams shared by members of the Motley City Council July 16, during the council forum portion of their regular meeting.

Mayor Al Yoder had previously asked the council to write down a wish list for the City of Motley...a few items that they would like to see changed or added at some point.

Council member Amy Hutchison shared that she has boys who love to fish. She would love to see a dock put in somewhere along the river where young people could fish. Hutchison also mentioned having a community fire ring at one of the parks...a place for residents to gather to make s'mores and roast hot dogs.

She also wondered if the city would be interested in investing in a projector to host outdoor movie nights. Council member Steve Johnson mentioned that this is already taking place at the United Methodist Church in

town.

Mayor Yoder's wish list included having a prescription medicine drop-off site in Motley (something the council approved earlier during their meeting) and creating a river beach for people to gather at. The mayor would also like to see the city go back to having more two-way stops in town than four-way.

Council member Pat O'Regan would like to see more recreational activities available to children during both summer and winter seasons. He also wondered about the possibility of being able to offer help to the elderly or others physically unable to do repairs at their home.

Doing something with Industrial Park was on the 'wish list' of both O'Regan and council member Steve Johnson. Johnson wondered about putting a sign along the highway letting people know that Industrial Park is available for development.

His dream, council member Jace Carlson said, would be to see a community center or event center in Motley. He would also like to see a history center or some

sort of space available for the historical society.

The council will continue to write down their dreams and wishes for the city and share them at a future date.

In other matters the council:

- ACCEPTED the water tower lease agreement.

- HEARD from Sherry Frisk regarding plans for a 'Trunk or Treat' event to be held on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the middle school parking lot. The council expressed their support of this event which will be hosted by volunteers from area churches, organizations, etc.

- HEARD from Chelsey Robinson of Little Falls, a candidate in the primary election for Morrison County Auditor-Treasurer. She currently works for Morrison County as an Account Specialist-Deputy Treasurer. The primary election will be held Tuesday, Aug. 14.

- APPROVED a resolution appointing the following election judges for the 2018 primary and general elections: Head election judge, Chris Rosvold; Election judges, Sherry Frisk, Bob

Jenkins, Gayle Quinn and Judy Thorsett.

- DISCUSSED a Request for Satisfaction of Mortgage from Jeremy Buss, in regard to the former El-Ray property loan to DJR Real Estate Holdings. The council subsequently approved a settlement with Buss in the amount of \$30,000 plus attorney fees.

- APPROVED policy updates for the Motley Police Department.

- LEARNED that the MPD had a total of 133 calls in June.

- APPROVED a motion to discontinue having a cell phone for the MPD squad vehicle. Interim Police Chief Jason Borash said he prefers to have calls go through the sheriff's office dispatch. Eliminating the cell phone will also save the department \$800 a year.

- APPROVED a motion to send out initial letters to residents on the weed list and second letters to residents on the nuisance list, except for those who have been making an effort to address the issues since receiving the first letter.

- LEARNED that the follow-

ing council positions will need to be filled in the next election: Mayor, a two-year term, currently served by Al Yoder; two (2) four-year council member terms, currently served by Jace Carlson and Amy Hutchison; and one (1) two-year council member term, currently served by Pat O'Regan. The filing period for local elections is July 31 - Aug. 14 and those wishing to run for office can fill out the forms and submit the \$2.00 filing fee at city hall.

- APPROVED a motion that City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja attend the MNGFOA Conference (MN Government Finance Officers Association) in Alexandria Sept. 26 - 28.

- HEARD from Mayor Al Yoder who expressed his appreciation for everyone on the council, as well as the city's employees, all of whom he described as "outstanding." Yoder went on to say that he believes the council has been working very well together.

- HEARD from council member Steve Johnson, who stated that he feels Mayor Yoder is doing a great job in that position, keeping things running smoothly.



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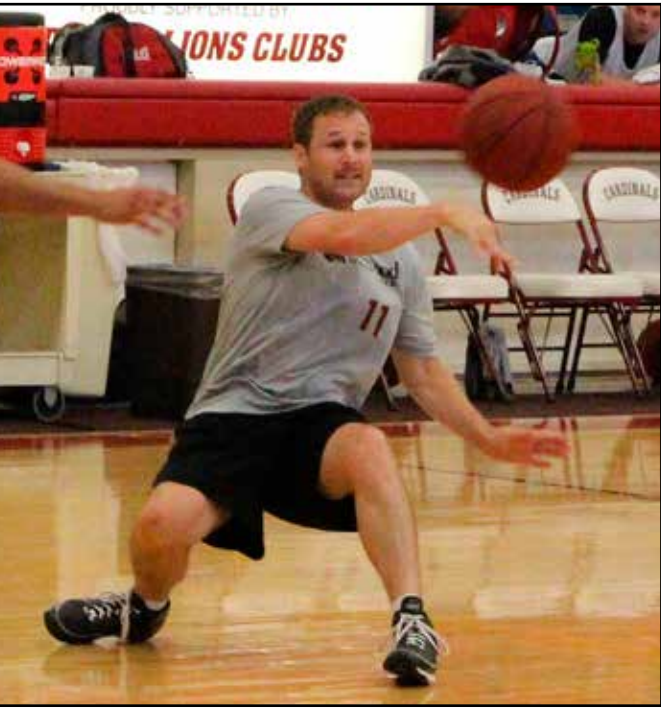
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Alumni hoops still reaching the heights

At the Staples-Motley Alumni Basketball tournament July 13-14, players showed they still can make plays. Pic-

tured above, Eric Kelly clears a rebound over Jose Alba in traffic. Below, Mikayla Wing gets past the defense for a shot.



Alumni champs

Alumni Men's Tournament champions, front row from left, Isaac Fuhrman, Derek Wolhowe and Jordan Riewer; back row, Trevor Wentworth, Jake Zetah and Ryan Halverson.



Alumni champs

Alumni Women's Tournament champions, front row from left, Kaitlin Spar, Kristine Wolhowe, Grace Wolhowe; back row, Bobbi Jo Mathe, Rumor Stokes, Brooke Wolhowe, Arie Stokes.

15U Babe Ruth team advances in playoffs

The Staples-Motley Babe Ruth 15-under baseball team took the longest route possible to get to the championship game of their league tournament, and their second place finish qualified them for the district playoffs, starting Thursday, July 20, at Bemidji.

In their first tournament game against Perham Black, a team they had won against twice by narrow margins. Josh Kossan pitched well, but the Cardinals lost 2-1.

Staples-Motley dropped to the lower bracket, which meant a long hard road to get to the championship, as a single loss would knock them out.

The Cardinals took their frustrations in the next game scoring 20 runs in a win over Frazee. Connor Fox had four hits and scored four runs. Damon Halverson was two for three with a triple, while Cade Schmidt was three for three with a double and Sam Sauber was two for three with a double. Other players with two hits were Hunter Martin and Kossan. Payton Bjerga and Tanner Robben each had one hit. Sauber was the

winning pitcher.

The game against a very good Wadena team, the score was 0-0 in the sixth inning. Kossan reached base on a single and stole second base, Schmidt was intentionally walked and Robben had a base hit, scoring Kossan. Robben and Schmidt pulled off a double steal before Cole Winkels smashed a ball past the defense scoring both runs. Bjerga was the winning pitcher, with a shoutout against one of the best offensive teams in the league. Sauber came in on relief, earning the nickname "Saving Sam."

Game four was the second matchup against Perham Black. Halverson pitched five strong innings and Sauber finished up the 4-3 victory. Halverson's hot bat continued with a double and a single. Schmidt, Winkels and Martin each had hits. Four runs were scored by Bjerga, Joe Tyrrell, Kossan and Fox.

Staples-Motley played Sebekka to move into the championship game. The pitching matchup was Kossan against one of the top pitchers in the league from Sebekka. The Cardinals broke a 0-0 game in

the fourth inning when Kossan and Schmidt both reached base on singles. Winkels came up with another big hit, knocking in both runs. With two outs in the last inning and the tying runner on second, Kossan reached his pitch count max and had to come out. After catching the entire tournament in 90 degree heat, Schmidt was called on to get the final out. Three pitches turned into three strikes and Staples-Motley had a 2-1 victory and a berth in the championship game.

In the final game, the Cardinals were on their seventh game of the tournament, while New York Mills was just on their fourth game. "We soon realized that with the pitch count rules, we used up a lot of our pitchers," said coach Greg Kossan.

Schmidt, Robben and Nate Nyhus shared the mound duties, but couldn't slow down the fresh NYM batters, and the team ended up with a 12-2 loss.

"For us it was good enough to advance to district," said coach Kossan. "Hopefully the boys can keep the mojo going."



Advancing to district playoffs

The Staples-Motley 15U Babe Ruth baseball team that placed second in their league tournament, qualifying for the district playoffs. Front row from left, coach Greg Kossan, Josh Kossan, Cade Schmidt, bat boy Elija "Fuzz" Kos-

san, Tanner Robben, Payton Bjerga, Nate Nyhus; back row, Coach Jeff Halverson, Joe Tyrrell, Hunter Martin, Cole Winkels, Conner Fox, Damon Halverson, Coach Mike Martin, Coach Mike Schmidt. (Submitted photo)

Birds need a bath, one way or another

It happened as I was adjusting a sprinkler during a watering session, in the seemingly endless process of keeping new grass alive. A tiny chipping sparrow flitted in, landing in a chokecherry bush in the middle of my sprinkler pattern. A shower of droplets dripped from the leaves, which were deflecting the stream from the sprinkler as it blasted through the crown of the tall shrub. Early morning light reflected from the drops, giving them the look of tiny glass beads as they fell.

The chipping sparrow is one of the smallest in the seemingly limitless family of sparrows, one of the best reasons to own a bird identification guide. This one perched on a glistening branch, shook his wings and fluffed out his body feathers in a manner more often seen in a bird perched on the rim of a bird bath. Clearly it was taking advantage of this very localized substitute for rainfall. He, or she – you can't tell the difference, since they share the same plumage – repeated the wing shakes and feather fluffing several times, before flying off.

The sparrow wasn't alone in taking advantage of this chance opportunity to shower. Out front on the

deck, near which another in our array of sprinklers was wetting down the new sod, a thin film of water had collected on the cupped cedar boards of a bench. It couldn't have been more than an eighth of an inch deep, nowhere near bird bath-depth. Nevertheless, there stood a flycatcher, mimicking the routine of the sparrow, doing its best to get wet. This small, drab, olive-toned bird is aptly named, as one of the songbirds that's most adept at catching insects, capturing many of them on-the-fly.

Why this apparent preoccupation of birds with bathing? Despite the vast number of urban and suburban backyards in which you'll find a birdbath, it's not exactly intuitive why a bird – other than a duck, goose, or swan, fowl that actually live on water – would get wet on purpose.

There's good reason. Songbirds accumulate grit and grime, just as humans do, and this negatively affects the condition and performance of their feathers. Bathing helps rid them of this grit and grime. It also helps birds rid themselves of parasites, the most common of which are mites and lice. Some of these minute creatures "make a living" by consuming minute amounts of feather or skin. If you catch sight of a blue jay or cardinal with a thinly feathered or balding head, quite probably it's the result of feather mites, which – because of the location – are hard for a bird to remove. Other parasites actually suck blood, vampire-like. If the infestation is great enough, the result

can be anemia, which – especially in young birds – can ultimately cause death. Thus the importance of a bath.

Once the cleansing is over, birds will spend time "preening," which involves applying a fresh coat of protective oil to their feathers with the bird's bill. It makes feathers water-resistant, and further removes mites and lice. The source of this oil is a gland near the base of the bird's tail.

The ultimate producers of these protective oils are waterfowl, which need the oils in order to be buoyant. Ducks, for example, go through the same routine that songbirds do, laboriously applying the oil from this gland to their feathers with their bill. As you can imagine, the feathers surrounding this gland near the tail are more thoroughly coated with the waterproofing oil. Anglers who tie flies for fishing prize these feathers for tying the flies that are intended to float. Their high concentration of waterproofing oil can keep these feathers afloat longer, without the angler having to apply artificial oil or grease for flotation.

In addition to backyard bird baths, songbirds also bathe in puddles that accumulate during a rain event, or when we water our lawns and gardens, as my song bird visitors demonstrated. In a pinch – in the absence of water from these sources – birds will "bathe" in dust, the main benefit being to counteract mites and lice.

Water is also important for – no surprise – con-

sumption. Like humans, birds can't survive without it. They satisfy some of this critical need with water contained in the foods they eat, but most birds consume at least some "wet" water on a daily basis. Dew-laden vegetation is one source, but standing water is important, and a dependable source will draw birds from a distance. From a birdwatching standpoint, in summer a bird bath will probably do more to attract birds than food. Moving water is more easily seen by passing birds, which is why a pool or bird bath with a pump to circulate the water is a definite plus.

The bird-savvy – like the folks at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology (the science of birds) – will tell you that the best bird baths are shallow, resembling the slope of a natural puddle. This is the ideal, so that a feathered visitor can easily stand in just enough water to splash, without soaking their feathers, which can mat them and require more time to dry. This is important because flight is a bird's best defense, and wet feathers do not enhance aerodynamics!

When some members of my parents' generation were growing up, they may have heard the admonition from an adult that "cleanliness is next to godliness." Young people these days are unlikely to hear that advice, if my experience as a parent is any indication. But regular bathing is a benefit as much as a virtue. And it's as true for a bird as it is for us.

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