

## Community Service Awards announced

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation has named the recipients of their fifteenth annual Outstanding Community Service Awards.

The recipients will be honored in a celebration at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples, on Oct. 11. Tickets are available at First International Bank & Trust and Unity Bank in Staples and Motley; Markus Hair Design, Motley; Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd., Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Staples True Value and Staples World.

Award recipients are:  
 • Tim Rice - Duane R. Lund Award for Lifetime Achievement.  
 • Steve Benson - Outstanding Citizen.  
 • LaVonne Selleck - Chairman's Award.



Tim Rice

• Staples Area Women's Chorus - Outstanding Organization.

• Staples Ace Hardware - Outstanding Business.

• Sara Oberlander - Outstanding Youth.

These articles about the recipients were written by committee or community members.



Steve Benson

**Duane R. Lund Award for Lifetime Achievement**

**TIM RICE**

Since 1980 Tim Rice has been a leader for the Lakewood Health System and the entire greater Staples Motley Area. Staples Mayor Chris Etzler stated



LaVonne Selleck

that "Tim brought a vision to this community 38 years ago that has created not only one of the top health systems in the state, but in the whole country. The same vision can be seen through the success of many community groups and organizations he has been involved in. Tim's



Sara Oberlander

contribution to the well-being of the Staples Motley communities goes much further than Lakewood."

Tim was born and raised on a farm in Milaca. When asked why he did not stay on the farm, he said his dad valued education very highly. They did not even do chores before

school because dad wanted them to be well rested and prepared to do their best at school. No son was going to take over the farm until they received a college education.

Tim graduated from the Minneapolis Business College in 1974 and also has received his Bachelor of Arts degree and Masters in management degree from St. Scholastica. His first job after college was chief financial officer at Renville County Hospital in Olivia. He became chief executive officer in 1977. His parents moved to Nisswa after retiring and an opportunity came open in Staples in 1980 that would bring him closer to them. He has been here ever since. Tim and Lynn have five children and seven grandchildren. See **AWARDS** on page 9a

**Hello, Readers,**  
 Women's Equality Day commemorates 26th August 1920 when votes to women officially became part of the US constitution. This day marks a turning point in the history of the struggle for equal treatment of women and women's rights. In 1920, the day stood for the result of 72 years of campaigning by a huge civil rights movement for women. Prior to movements like these, even respected thinkers such as Rousseau and Kant believed that woman's inferior status in society was completely logical and reasonable; women were 'beautiful' and 'not fit for serious employment'. Over the last century, great women have proved these views wrong as the world has witnessed just what women are capable of achieving, from the likes of Rosa Parks and Eleanor Roosevelt fighting for civil rights and equality to great scientists such as Marie Curie, Rosalind Franklin and Jane Goodall. The last century has shown more than ever what both women and men are capable of achieving, given the opportunity.

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## Many choices for Railroad Days

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

This year's Railroad Days has filled up to the point that one person will not be able to attend all of the events, and will have to choose between events. Also, city wide garage sales and a book sale at The Depot are being held all days.

The first choice will come Thursday, Aug. 23, when Central Lakes College will host their 50th Anniversary Legacy Dinner starting at 5:30 p.m., at their main campus building. Before that event, Lakewood Health System is hosting a golf tournament. At 7 p.m., Little Red Caboose Variety Show will be at Centennial Auditorium.

CLC will continue their festivities on Friday, Aug. 24, with Field Day, an exploration of the many agricultural experiments going on at the college and at Living Legacy Gardens. The events run from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. with a free lunch at noon.

Holst Acres laser tag and the Twisted Sisters Car Show both start at 4 p.m. Fireworks are scheduled for 9:30 p.m., launching from the

Staples Airport.

Also on Friday, the first performance of Van Gogh and Me will be staged at Centennial Auditorium at 7 p.m. Other performances will be Saturday, Aug. 25, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 26, at 3 p.m.

The Kinship Railroad Days Dash 5K run will start at 8:30 a.m. and the free 1K Jr. Dash for children will start at 9:30 a.m. at the Alliance Church.

The Piecemakers Quilt Club will hold a free quilt show with bed turning on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at United Methodist Church in Staples. Other various sewn items will also be shown and raffle tickets will be sold.

The Staples Motley Area Women of Today will host a classic car show at Staples-Motley Elementary School grounds. Downtown activities will begin in the morning with kids games, pedal pull, bean bag tournament and beer garden.

The Staples Sings contest will start at 2 p.m. on the main stage, at the corner of 2nd Ave NE and 5th Street. The stage will have other performances throughout the day with a community

street dance featuring the band Cherry Gun starting at 8:30 p.m..

The Railroad Days Parade will start at 5 p.m. at Staples-Motley Elementary School, travel south on 4th Street NE, east on 3rd Ave. for one block and back north on 5th Street NE.

On Sunday, Aug. 26, besides the final performance of the play at 3 p.m., the Wayne Renn concert at Lincoln Park starts at 4 p.m., with musical guests Babe Winkelman and the writer of the hit song "Smokin' in the Boys Room."

### RR Days food

People looking for a taste of Staples have several options besides the many restaurants that will be open all weekend.

On Friday, Aug. 24, a pork rib fest at Jon's Family Foods; on Saturday, Aug. 25, the Trinity Lutheran pancake breakfast is from 8-10:30 a.m. at the church and the Chili Cook Off begins at noon downtown. Also downtown, food vendors and the Friends of the Library root beer float stand will be set up. Following the parade on Saturday, Alliance Church will have their annual corn feed.

## What is the answer for Lake Shamaineau?

By Karin Nauber  
 Todd County reporter

What is the answer to the problem that Lake Shamaineau is having with their high water levels?

Representatives from the Lake Shamaineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) met with the Todd County Board of Commissioners during their regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 7, to request a resolution of support for additional environmental information via land surveys, water surveys, environmental reviews, permits and petitions.

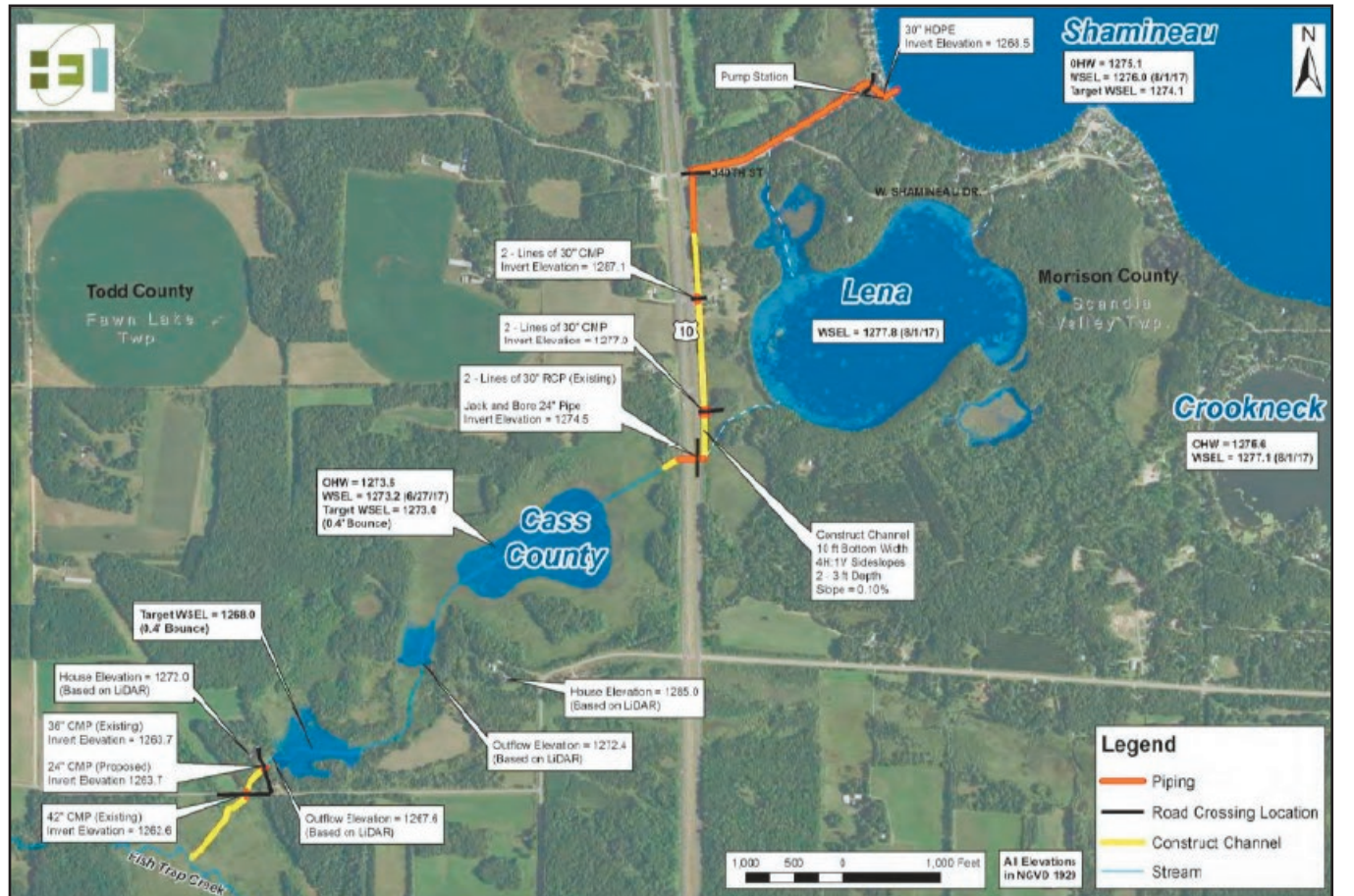
The presenters were Chairman of the LSLID Bob Koll and Vice Chairman Rick Rosar.

So what is the problem on Lake Shamaineau?

It is a 1,600 acre lake that has no natural outlet and the water has been rising for many years. The lake has sustained serious damage by loss of natural shoreline, shoreline buffers, trees, vegetation and wildlife habitat as well as millions of dollars in property damage. Their website has the Feasibility Report and other information, <https://minnesotawaters.org/lakeshamaineau>.

The water was 1.9 feet above the Ordinary High Water Level in July. It was 1.5 feet above the OHWL in June.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources defines the OHWL as the "elevation delineating the



### Lake Shamaineau issue

Lake Shamaineau, at the upper right hand corner of the map, is currently 1.9 feet above the Ordinary High Water Level and appears to continue to rise due to a number of conditions. The lake covers 1,600 acres and has no natural outlet. The Lake Shamaineau Lake Improvement District wants to pump water out of the lake which is predominately in Morrison County, into County Ditch 41 and Fish Trap Creek in Todd County.

At left, one landowner built a rock wall to attempt to keep the water at bay, but the photo shows the water is touching the building beyond the rock wall. (Submitted images)

## City of Staples shows planned improvements

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

The Staples City Council approved their Capital Improvement Plan for 2019-2023, showing planned investments in infrastructure and equipment.

The budget calls for Dower Lake improvements including a storm shelter, dependent on the

city qualifying for grant funding. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the city might receive a Homeland Security/FEMA grant for the storm shelter and an outdoor recreation grant for other improvements.

Other items in the budget included radio equipment for police and firefighters, and the fire

department also has funds saved to purchase a new equipment truck.

Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz told the council they're still deciding if it's more economical to buy squad cars or lease them. The plan calls for purchasing vehicles to replace their leased cars.

Also on the Capital Improvement Plan for 2019 is the construc-

tion of a new wastewater treatment plant. The city has earmarked \$9.2 million over three years for the new facility, estimating that 80 percent will come in grant money and 20 percent local match.

In other news, the council

• Approved Wahoo Valley Chap-

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# Jacobs brings energy to activities director job

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

Mark Jacobs appreciates his opportunities very much. As the new Staples-Motley Activities Director, he has jumped right in and is getting to know the teams and is promoting unity among all the sports and activities. He hosted the football team at his home for a hot dog grill-out, and has plans to host other teams.

The togetherness is part of a plan to bring teams together, and it is not a separate coalition for each team. He is also encouraging athletes to attend other events and activities other than their own. "I want athletes to have everyone else's backs," said Jacobs.

That includes the Fine Arts programs that fall under the activities department. "I love musicals and orchestra concerts. I want to get to know all the kids in the programs," he said.

Jacobs will continue with the Why We Play process already started in the Staples-Motley activities department. That process helps students focus on the bigger picture subjects of what sports has to offer beyond the game, said Jacobs.

"We want to give them what it takes to be successful when they are done with sports," he said. "Giving kids life skills like work ethic, integrity and character ... without those things it would be hard to achieve success. They need that relational component."



## Cardinal activities

Staples-Motley Activities Director Mark Jacobs in his new Cardinals shirt. (Submitted photo)

Jacobs believes those lofty goals are achievable at Staples-Motley because of the established history of the school's sports programs.

"If we all show up and work together as a team, when everyone buys into that, we can get back to the traditions and build on them," he said. "I'm not going to change what's not broken."

When the Staples-Motley activities director job was posted this spring, Jacobs relished the opportunity. "I love this community. I have been passing through my whole life," on his way to his cabin near Perham, said Jacobs.

Once he took the job, he realized "I'm a Cardinal again," as he grew up as a

Coon Rapids Cardinal. He immediately bought Staples-Motley gear when he arrived here in July.

His first impression of the school was the young coaching staff leading most of the sports. After going through some workshops with coaches, Jacobs said "the ceiling is very high for our programs, these coaches are doing great things."

His first big move will be to hire a new girls' basketball coach, which he thought would be completed in September.

While Jacobs admitted it is a learning curve to come to a new school district, in his 17 years in education he has experienced a lot, from preschool, elementary, middle school and high school, plus coaching football and basketball. While working at a middle school in Robbinsdale, he was responsible for opening a sports program for a whole new district. "Within a month, I had hired 45 coaches and ordered all new uniforms," he said, not to mention scheduling.

At Staples-Motley he will not be coaching, which he said he will miss, but he will teach strength training and fitness classes in the high school.

"You'll get high energy from this office," Jacobs said about his work style. "I'm a grinder, every day."

Jacobs said his personal philosophy is "what can I do for others?"

His sports motto is "hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

Those traits are already producing results for Jacobs in his new job. One day he bought a big box of donuts for the cross country team to eat after their practice at the football field. He was impressed when the whole team tracked grass through the office and sought Jacobs out.

"They said 'no one has ever done that for us before, so we wanted to thank you personally,' and they all shook my hand," said Jacobs.

"This place brings me energy when I walk through the doors," he said. "I'm all in."



## Talented guests for Wayne Renn concert

Just replace the fish with a guitar and you will have an idea of what will be coming up at the Wayne Renn Concert on Sunday, Aug. 26, from 4-7 p.m. at Lincoln Park in Staples. Babe Win-

kelman, the famous fisherman, will put down the rod and reel to play some music with the Wayne Renn Band, right, with Lyla Renn, Nathan Theibert and Wayne Renn. (Submitted photos)

## Famous connections at Wayne Renn concert

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

Fishing legend Babe Winkelman, the guitarist who wrote "Smokin' in the Boys Room," and a drummer who was once Kenny Loggins' roommate will join Wayne Renn on stage for a free outdoor concert on Sunday, Aug. 26, at Lincoln Park in Staples, from 4-7 p.m.

Renn has been giving free concerts for the past several years on the Sunday of Railroad Days, near his studio at the old Lincoln Model School in Staples. Each year features new guests selected from the friends Renn has made while traveling around the country playing music. This year, Renn said he didn't get confirmations from his guest musicians until the last week, but it is now a go.

Babe Winkelman and his brother Dave have had a touring band since they were in high school, said Renn. Although they made it to television for hunting and fishing, they have continued to play music and Dave will be singing some of his original "green" songs from a new CD.

Guitarist Steve Tamasy is another

friend of Renn's. "He has an incredible story," Renn said about writing "Smokin' in the Boys Room," a rock and roll hit from 1973 by Brownsville Station, and remade in 1985 by Motley Crue. Renn said Tamasy was 18 and had just been drafted to go to the Vietnam War when he sold his rights to the song. "He just wanted to see it produced. When he got back, he decided he just wanted to be a normal person, but he still is a great guitarist," said Renn.

Drummer Dan King was roommates with singer Kenny Loggins in the 1970s when they were both working with the same management company. He will also be jamming with Renn for parts of the concert.

Renn's regular drummer, Nathan Theibert, will be there as will Wayne's daughter, Lyla Renn, on bass with her own original songs and special favorites. Lyla's young daughter Brylee might be coaxed to join them on stage again.

The Wayne Renn Concert has been a mixture of country, rock, blues and Americana working class music in the past, and this eclectic lineup will give another concert like no one has seen before.



## Team building cook out

Members of the Staples-Motley football team share hot dogs at a cook out with new activities director Mark Jacobs. (Submitted photo)

## Recount underway in auditor/treasurer race

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

A recount is underway for the second spot in the Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer race, after the Aug. 14, 2018 primary election came down to a difference of two votes. Heather Olson received the most votes with 772, Brian Hagen was next at 392 and current Auditor/Treasurer Judy Taves had 390. The other candidates in the race, Curtis Kreklau had 231 votes and Stacy Smagacz, 223.

The recount will determine which of the two, Hagen or Taves, will be on the ballot to face Olson in the general election Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018.

The recount was scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 8 a.m. after this newspaper went to press. The City of Wadena is handling the recount since the office in question is also in charge of county elections. Once the recount is complete, the election canvassing board will meet to certify the recount. The board met Aug. 21 to determine the

procedure if the recount ends in a tie.

The Wadena County primary for Dist 5 County Commissioner: Jon Kangas received 227 votes, Curtis Ronneberg 166 and Randy Wendhold 81. The top two will be on the Nov. 6, 2018 ballot.

In Morrison County, four people ran for Auditor/Treasurer: Deb Lowe, 1,767, and Chelsey Robinson, 1,506, received the most votes. Tammy Giuliani, 836, and Ross Wamre, 807, will be dropped from the Nov. 6 ballot.

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## Water budget increase okayed

ter of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association to conduct a raffle at Timberlake Lodge for their annual meeting in October.

- Approved bingo and raffle for Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

- Approved road closures and outdoor activities for Railroad Days.

- Approved increase in water budget by \$40,000

to complete water main replacement on Minnesota Ave. SE, from Roosevelt to Cleveland St.

- Heard from Nelsen about sampling electronic devices to convert the council to paperless meetings.

- Heard from Nelsen about conducting a pay equity study for city employees.

# AUGUST 22-26, 2018



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>

Trinity Lutheran Pancake & Sausage Breakfast	8 - 10:30am
Kinship 5k RR Days Dash	8am
Vendor Sale	9am - 4pm
Car Show at Elementary School	9am - 2pm
Hosted by Staples Motley Area Women of Today	
CT Pedal Pulls	10am Registration 11 am Pull
Kids Inflatables & Carnival Games	10am - 3pm
Bean Bag Tournament (Lefty's)	10am - 2pm
Penny Auction	10am - 2pm
Beer Garden	11am 6pm
Chilli Cook Off	Noon
Staples Sings Contest	2pm
Quilt Show	10am - 2pm
Quilt Club at United Methodist Church	
"VanGogh and Me" Play	3pm & 7pm
Centennial Auditorium	
Parade	5pm
Corn Feed	After Parade
at Alliance Church (Free)	
Street Dance	8:30pm - 12:30am
Featuring Cherry Gun FREE Admission	

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>

Farmer's Market (Staples)	11:30am - 2pm
Old Ernie's Parking Lot	
Sisters with Sass	6pm
Timberlake Hotel Café	

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>

Golf Classic Tournament	
LHS Vintage Golf Course	
Variety Show (Little Red Caboose)	7pm
Centennial Auditorium	
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy Dinner	5:30 - 9pm
CLC Main Campus Commons	

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>

Pork Rib Fest - Jon's Foods	11 - 2pm
Field Day	9am - 2:30pm
CLC Living Legacy Gardens	
Holst Acres Laser Tag	4 - 9pm
(Sat 12-4 & 6-9, Sun 12-4)	
Classic Car Show - Twisted Sisters	4 - 8pm
Airport Fireworks	9:30pm



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## EARLY DEADLINES

Due to Labor Day the deadline for the Sept. 6 Staples World is

### Friday, Aug. 31 at 5 p.m.

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# Holst Acres adds family entertainment for all ages



## Entertainment entrepreneurs

From left, Jen Holst, Derek Holst and Tad Carlson are the three main contributors to open Holst Acres, east of Staples on Warner Road (Todd Line Road). The new structure holds the laser tag arena, and the corn maze is behind the fence on the left. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

Not just for fright fans anymore, the Haunted Hollow Halloween location is now a family friendly entertainment center with laser tag, corn maze with games and a “not so scary” Halloween trail. It also has a new name, Holst Acres.

Derek Holst said he has been thinking about the idea for a few years, but it solidified during a trip to the west coast where he visited a similar place. “It was family entertainment for all ages, there were two year olds walking around

and old guys pushing strollers,” Holst remembered. That place had paintball games for entertainment, but the more he researched it, he found laser tag would be a better fit.

“It’s more interactive than paintball and there is no real age limits. We have smaller vests with small laser guns that four year olds can use,” said Holst.

So he got to work building a laser tag arena with two levels and multiple ramps going up and down, several rooms that can be accessed from different directions and hallways to get around the arena.

“People like nice things, so I took the extra time to make a nice course,” said Holst.

A couple of test runs have been conducted to see how the equipment works and Holst already has taken some reservations for birthday parties and one for a big family gathering before Christmas.

The complex will have a grand opening during Railroad Days. There will be food from Too Tall Tavern and visitors will be able to try out laser tag and the corn maze. Railroad Days hours are Friday, Aug. 24, 4-9 p.m., Sat. Aug. 25, 12-4

and 6-9 p.m., Sun., Aug. 26, 12-4 p.m. Holst said he will take some reservations for laser tag groups.

After Railroad Days, the laser tag venue will be open year round on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 6-10 p.m. or by reservation. The corn maze and Halloween trail will be the last weekend in September, plus Fridays in October 4-7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays in October, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The full Haunted Hollow experience will be Saturdays in October, plus special scare nights.

### Specialty games

In laser tag, each contestant is equipped with a vest and an attached laser gun. The guns do not actually shoot lasers, it is more like a TV remote control that activates the opponent’s vest when shot in the right direction. The guns and vests are wirelessly hooked up to a computer that can count the number of hits from each gun.

The laser tag software has many different games to play. The most common is one team with red lights on their vests playing against another team with blue lights. The guns count the number of hits on opponents. When an opponent’s laser vest gets hit, they can’t shoot for three seconds. The program can be changed so everyone is an individual. Some of the wilder games include “Zombie”, in which a small team must get multiple hits on the zombie team before their lives run out, or “Civil War,” in which single shot guns can only fire every 10 seconds. There are other strategy games that involve different teams or require shooting a hidden bonus target.

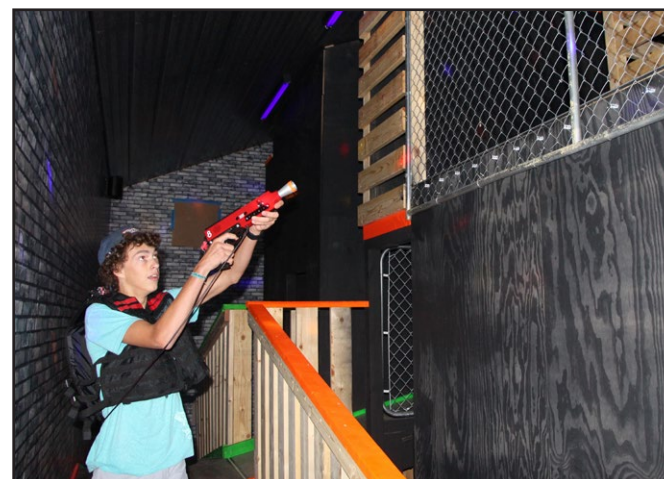
The vests at Holst Acres are harder to hit than at

some laser tag venues. “It’s more concentrated, it takes good aim to get a hit,” said Holst. “That makes it more fun for people to come back and see if they can get better at it.”

The corn maze is another idea Holst got from his west coast trip. He got a professional corn maze designer to plot it out with a pumpkin theme. In various corners and dead ends there are family games and

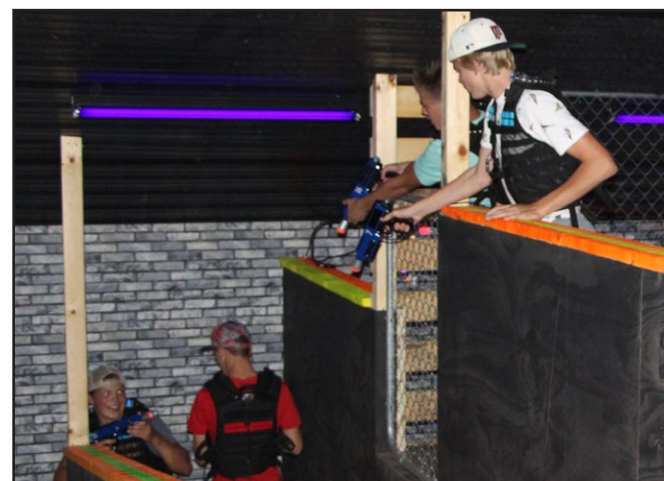
puzzles. Each group gets a game sheet to make sure they find all the game stations in the maze. It is the only corn maze in Minnesota designed by the company Maze Quest.

“It’s good for young and old,” said Holst. He said the Haunted Hollow specialized in teens and adults who wanted to be scared, but Holst Acres is now for all ages and all kinds of interests.



## Multi-level laser tag

Above, Jack Benson sights a hit on the upper level while going down the ramp at the Holst Acres laser tag venue. Below, Cade Schmidt and Owen Bjerga fight back while being blasted from above by Spencer Miller and Finn Erholtz. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



# Staples Police report includes theft, fire

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept.

Aug. 13: Staples Police responded to a report of a theft of items from a building site on the 900 block of Hwy 10. Reported missing was a three foot step ladder, spray foam and caulking from the site.

Aug. 13: Staples Police assisted the Wadena County Sheriff’s Dept with an ATV hit and run accident, on the 11000 block of 261st Ave. The incident is under investigation by the Wadena County Sheriff’s Dept. Also assisting was the Staples Ambulance.

Aug. 15: at 1:25 a.m., Staples Police received a report of suspicious activity of three subjects thought to be juveniles walking on the 600 block of 5th St.NE with flashlights, looking in vehicles. The complainant stated he yelled at the subjects who took off running. Police searched the area but were unable to locate the subjects.

Aug. 16: Staples Police received a report of four teenagers who started a fire in the pine trees off the bike trail near Airport Rd. The fire was extinguished by a passerby. Police are doing extra patrols in the area.

Aug. 17: at 12:21 a.m., Staples Police received a report of intoxicated subjects in a yard on 5th St.

NE. Police made contact with the two subjects and learned one of the subjects was trying to get the other person home. The subjects declined a ride, stating they wanted to walk. The subjects were advised.

Aug. 17: Staples Police received a complaint of a disorderly parent at the Staples-Motley High School during a practice.

Aug. 17: Staples Police received a property damage complaint. A vehicle had driven into part of a residence pushing the wall in.

Aug. 17: Staples Police observed a male waving a pocket knife aggressively. Police asked the male if everything was okay and he indicated that it was. Police advised the subject if he was going to keep walking he needed to put the knife away. The subject folded it up and kept it in his hand.

Aug. 17: Staples Police took a report of damage to property. Police spoke with the juvenile suspects and the parents, and the juveniles admitted to their actions. A report was forwarded to the county attorney for review.

Aug. 17: Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff’s Dept. with a domestic outside of city limits. The suspect had fled the scene prior to law enforcement’s

arrival. That evening police were advised that the suspect had returned to the residence. When officers arrived, the suspect fled the scene and ran into a swamp. Police set up a perimeter until a K9 unit arrived. The K9 searched the swamp and located the suspect, Dawson Collins, 36, who was arrested for domestic assault, fleeing a peace officer by means other than a motor vehicle and probation violation. Other responding agencies included Verndale Police Dept, Wadena County Sheriff’s Dept. and Morrison County Sheriff’s K9 unit.

Aug. 19: at 1:36 a.m., Staples Police conducted a traffic stop on the 300 block of 2nd Ave. NW for loud music coming from a vehicle. As a result of the stop, Eric Skogen, 30, was arrested for 2nd Degree DWI, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a small amount of marijuana. Police were assisted by the Wadena County Sheriff’s Dept.



## Preparing for laser battle

Equipped for a trial run to test out the laser tag arena at Holst Acres, front row from left, Owen Bjerga, Payton Bjerga, Connor Fox and Finn Erholtz.

Back row from left, Beck Erholtz, Ryan Gerard, Cade Schmidt and Ryan Wick. Not pictured, Jack Benson and Spencer Miller.



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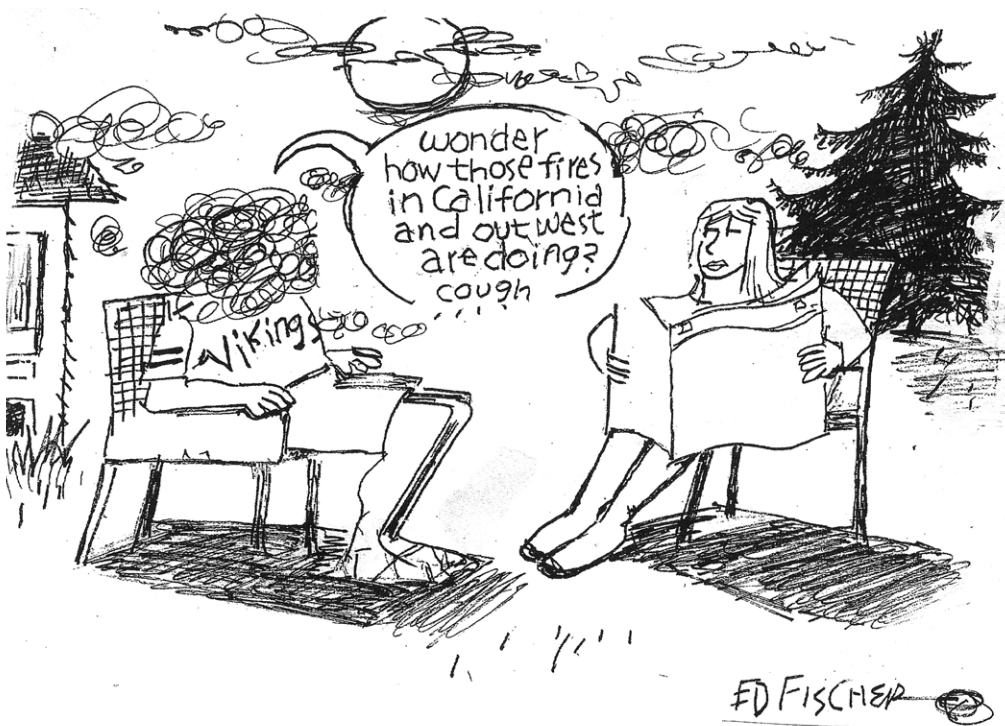


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This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



## The Power of Water

by Dr. Gary S. Smith

They danced. They sang. They shouted and cried for joy. Had their team won the Super Bowl or the Stanley Cup? Had they won a giant Powerball lottery? No, but their lives had been transformed. A well had been dug in their village and now they would have a clean, reliable source of water and not need to spend hours each week hauling water from miles away.

Muslims and Christians embraced. Speeches were given. Gratitude was expressed. People took turns pumping cool, refreshing, clean water and savoring it as it flowed over their arms and feet. The scene was a small village in Malawi, a country ranked among the poorest nations in the world.

I had written about the impact of providing wells to impoverished communities in my book "Suffer the Children." Now as part of a mission trip, I was witnessing the celebration and ecstasy having a well brought first-hand. I struggled in vain to think of a first-world parallel to this event. There was none. The closest one I could imagine was a company bringing hundreds of jobs to a hard-scrabble small town.

The 92-year-old mother of one of our mission team members had donated \$5,000 to pay for drilling the well. It was money incredibly well spent. When 16 development experts were recently asked which poverty interventions are most successful, they ranked providing clean water to rural villages as number one, ahead of sponsoring or deworming children or providing microloans, mosquito nets, wood burning stoves, farm animals or laptops.

Millions of people in developing nations live in villages or rural areas where the only source of water is a polluted river, stream or swamp. Imagine carrying 80 pounds of water in a can on your head or back for five miles once or twice a day, digging in the sand

to obtain water or waiting at a well for several hours for your turn to draw water. While an average American household uses about 100 gallons of water each day, families in the developing world use a mere five gallons a day. Consequently, after hauling water home, the poor have to choose whether to use it for drinking, cooking, bathing, or washing dishes and clothes because they do not have enough water for all these purposes. Worldwide, the indigent spend billions of hours procuring water, time that children could instead use to attend school or play and adults could use to generate much needed income.

Improving water and sanitation especially benefits women. Countless women and girls devote as many as 20 hours per week to collecting water, which also limits their school attendance and often destroys their dreams of becoming physicians, teachers, lawyers or nurses. Demographers predict that one billion women could enter the global workforce in the next 10 years, but the time they will expend searching for safe water will impede their ability to do so. When communities have a clean, easily-accessible water supply, women spend less time caring for sick family members and can earn more money. Because women and girls are often assaulted or raped on their trips to procure water, their lives also become safer.

In the developing world, either the lack of water or contaminated water causes numerous health problems, including the death of almost two million children every year. Impure drinking water, coupled with improper hand washing and inadequate sanitation, causes diarrhea, which alone leads to almost one million deaths per year. Filthy latrines, open sewage and the lack of bathing opportunities make matters worse. Strikingly, more people today own a mobile phone than have a toilet in their home.

Every minute, a child dies as a result of a water-related disease such as roundworm, whipworm or hookworm. These diseases also stunt growth, produce debilitating anemia, diminish children's cognitive potential and lead millions of them to miss many days of school. Among other benefits, access to clean water cuts infant mortality in rural villages in half at a cost of only \$10 per child per year.

More than 80 organizations, Christian and secular, are working to provide clean water and improve sanitation around the world. They drill wells, distribute hygiene kits and construct latrines and hand-washing stations. These organizations also make water filters from basic local materials and teach residents of poor communities to wash their hands, cook with clean utensils and draw water from uncontaminated sources.

Few of us will ever have the opportunity to rescue an individual from a burning building or from drowning, but we can save, or at least significantly enhance, the lives of poor children and adults by paying for wells that supply clean, safe, reliable water for drinking, cooking, bathing and cleaning. Working through numerous organizations including charities like Living Water International, individuals, families, Sunday school classes, congregations and community organizations can fund the digging of wells to transform the lives of the poor. Charity: Water, for example, helps children in the developed world use their birthday parties as a means to raise money to dig wells rather than receive presents. Working together we can make a difference and help fulfill the biblical mandate to care for the least of these.

*Dr. Gary Scott Smith is the retired chair of the history department at Grove City College and is a fellow for faith and politics with The Center for Vision & Values.*

## Medicare for All has Congressional supporters

by Richard Master

Representatives Jayapal (D-WA), Ellison (D-MN) and Dingell (D-MI) recently announced they will be co-chairing the new Congressional Medicare for All Caucus. This caucus will have significant impact. They've already brought on 70 members of Congress as founding members, and if the national conversation around the issue is any indication, they'll keep adding more as time goes on.

A few years back, I started asking questions about why my company's health insurance plans got more and more expensive—increasing by double digit percentages year after year. That question led me down a rabbit hole.

I learned more about how our overly commercialized health care system is designed and how its supply chain complexity masks huge profit centers, like insurance companies and pharmacy benefit managers that add little value while wasting our time and precious dollars, how we have the most expensive system in the world with worse health outcomes, how we are the only country that depends on employers to provide health insurance to a large portion of our population and the only one that relies on for-profit insurers to finance our healthcare system, how we pay twice as much for prescription drugs and how the average doctor will spend tens of thousands of dollars every year dealing with insurance companies.

Then I began to study the way other developed countries were designing their health care systems.

I've been in business for decades and as a CEO it's my job to understand how to create efficient systems that deliver a high-quality product at low costs. It wasn't long before one thing became painfully obvious to me, the only way we can have universal health care at low cost is Medicare for All. Ever since, I've been advocating for it non-stop. I created documentaries about how health insurance and pharmaceutical companies, along with their huge lobbying budgets, are decimating our healthcare system and economy.

I founded the Business Initiative for Health Policy to tell the story of how our small and mid-sized businesses are crying out for relief from our employer-based system. There's no question that our healthcare system is broken, but for a long time it's often felt like I've been screaming into the void.

However, recently things have changed. Public opinion is shifting as healthcare costs continue to rise. More and more candidates are winning elections running on Medicare for All, and now, over 65 members have signed on to the Medicare for All caucus. To an advocate like myself, this is a huge step. Just a few years back, having a caucus of this size behind this issue would have been unthinkable. These high-profile elected officials, including Representative Dingell, who is not

one of the "usual suspects" around Medicare for All, will be able to bring others into the fold and educate themselves and other elected officials.

The members of this caucus are showing that their dedication to universal health care is more than skin deep. They are showing that they are willing to learn about patients, doctors and business owners, like myself, who struggle to keep up with rising costs. They're showing they are willing to fight for patients who are being forced to face both illness and bankruptcy at the same time. Most importantly, they're showing that, more and more, Medicare for All is becoming a platform issue and that it is a politically viable answer to the health care debate.

This is a huge step for supporters of Medicare for All and shows that the discussion around health care has been permanently changed.

*Richard Master is the CEO of MCS Industries, the Founder of the Business Initiative for Health Policy, and the producer of several documentaries about the health care industry.*

## Letters to the Editor

### School board news not misleading

Because of my position on the school board and an ongoing legal issue, I cannot comment fully on last week's letter by a former board member. ("Misleading school board news" letter to the editor, Staples World, Aug. 16, 2018, editorial page)

I can tell you that on several occasions I have fully discussed his resignation, and the circumstances surrounding it with him, and I recommended that he discuss his issues with Dr. Bratlie, which he did.

Also, my reference to

"the elephant in the room" was not a reference to an individual, but to a situation.

Greg Frisk  
Motley, Minn.

### Better than ever

I have tried to spend some time at Legacy Gardens near the Central Lakes College campus, north of Staples, each time I'm home during the summer. It has been a treat to watch the gardens grow, in more ways than one, through the years.

This year, however, I was excited to see the many

changes that have been made to the area in recent months, including updates to some of the signs, a new walking bridge and so many new flowers, plants and veggies.

Everything is clean, green and inviting. The entire site is a real gem for the area. What a fantastic place to take a book and a cup of tea or coffee. It is such a calm and tranquil spot, perfect for reflecting,

relaxing or chatting with a friend.

I hope those who have not already visited Legacy Gardens this summer will take an opportunity to do so, especially while so many of the flowers are still in bloom. My hat's off to the good folks running the show out there these days. Well done.

Eric Neznik  
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## Fabulous Armadillos to present Eagles tribute

*With Collective Unconscious*

The Fabulous Armadillos and Collective Unconscious will perform at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Friday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m., kicking off the Staples Motley Area Arts Council's new season. The two bands come together to recreate the magical songs we all know as the premier band of California Rock in the 70's, the Eagles. You will hear all the hits and relive the sound of your turntable spinning those incredible albums. Hear Take It Easy, Lyin' Eyes, One Of These Nights, Desperado, I Can't Tell You Why, Witchy Woman, Hotel California, Take It To The Limit and so many more.

With their nine piece band, you can sit back and close your eyes and take in the power of the Eagles live with the Fabulous Armadillos and Collective Unconscious Eagles Tribute,

"Takin' It To The Limit." For more information about the bands, visit them on Facebook or at [www.fabulousarmadillos.com](http://www.fabulousarmadillos.com) or [www.collectiveunconscious.net](http://www.collectiveunconscious.net).

For more information about the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, check out their website at [www.staplesmotleyarts.org](http://www.staplesmotleyarts.org).

Tickets for the Tribute to the Eagles show are available online at the arts council's website; or purchase them by cash or check at the Staples World, located at 224 4th St. NE in Staples. For more information call 218-894-1112.

The Fabulous Armadillos and Collective Unconscious concert is being underwritten by Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd.; Unity Bank; Simonson Lumber; Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank; and Don and Dave's Store.



### 'Takin' It To The Limit' Eagles tribute show

The Fabulous Armadillos and Collective Unconscious will be coming together at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Friday, Sept. 14, to perform their Eagles Tribute show, 'Takin' It To The Limit. Pictured, from left, are band members Rich Wiiteman, vocals and percus-

ion; Greg Armstrong, keys; Paul Diethelm, guitar; Jeff Engholm, guitar, vocals and keys; Nathan Nesje, guitar and vocals; Bill Scherer, guitar and vocals; Mike Zeleny, bass; Jay O'Donnell, drums; and Muggsy Lauer, guitar and vocals. (Submitted photo)



### 'Van Gogh and Me'

Lamplighter Community Theatre (LCT) will present 'Van Gogh and Me' during Railroad Days in Staples. Performances will be held at Centennial Auditorium on Friday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 25, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 26, 3 p.m. Pictured, from left are Macy Judd, Tamber Edin and Justin Edin, playing the roles of Adeline, Louise and Arthur Ravoux, respectively. Tickets for the show, which is directed by Matthew R. Olsen, are available online at [www.lctstaples.com](http://www.lctstaples.com) and at the door. (Submitted photo)

### Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Conduct public hearing for assessment of delinquent utility accounts
- Consider approval of Resolution 1731, Wadena County, and Resolution 1732, Todd County; adopting assessments for nonpayment of utility accounts
- Video presentation of Comprehensive Plan by Sourcewell
- Consider Conditional Use Permit for 904 Park Ave.
- Consider purchase of 208 Cleveland for demoli-

tion

- Consider approval of Resolution 1733, support for Community Concern for Youth
- Preliminary discussion of 2019 budget
- Committee reports: Planning and Zoning; then Parks and Recreation - consider recommendation to purchase bandshell for one dollar from ISD 2170
- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report

### Mark Your Calendar

September 6 18

**WADENA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH IMMUNIZATIONS CLINIC**  
Thurs., Sept. 6, 3 - 5 p.m. and Tues., Sept. 18, 10 a.m. - noon, at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Walk-ins welcome. For info., 218-631-7629.

### EARLY DEADLINES

Due to Labor Day observance the deadline for the

Sept. 6 edition of the Staples World is **Friday, Aug. 31 at 5 p.m.**

**Beat the Heat**

## SPECIALS

### Sat. Aug. 25

**DURING RAILROAD DAYS**

- FREE CHILI starts noon
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## Power to the parent: be hip to HIPS

Todd County CAD will be offering a mobile HIPS display at various events this Summer and Fall. "HIPS" is short for "Hidden in Plain Sight".

A Hidden in Plain Sight display provides parents and other caregivers with clues from a teen's bedroom to help them determine whether their child might be experimenting with or using drugs or alcohol. Room décor, hidden compartments and items to conceal use are located throughout the room.

Todd County CAD will have the only known mobile HIPS display in the state, using its CAD trailer to transport and display the teen bedroom around the county. The mobile display will be available at Railroad Days in Staples and Communities Connect in Staples on Oct. 18.

Todd County CAD will also collaborate with professionals in intervention, treatment and recovery, who will be available during the display times. Touring the display is free of

charge and open to adults only. Children's activities will be provided.

If your group is interested in having the CAD trailer at a Todd County event, or if you have any

questions on the mobile HIPS display, contact Connie Burns, Todd County Health Education Coordinator at 320-732.2221 or [connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us](mailto:connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us). CAD's Mission: CAD

strives to prevent the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by youth in Todd County. CAD's Vision: A culture that inspires youth to be alcohol, tobacco and drug free.

## Class of '67 veterans bench to be dedicated at Veterans Park

The Staples High School Class of 1967, has purchased a granite bench to be placed in the Staples All Veterans Park and dedicated on Friday, Aug. 24, at noon.

The names of the 21 class members who served in the military are engraved on the bench and

include: Jerome Cleveland, Wayne Elliot, Terry Farber, John Hanson, Glen Hasselberg, Dennis Hoemberg, Kevin Jenkins, Roger Jensen, Curtis Johnson, Eugene Johnson, James Nichols, Kevin Ohlmschenk, Jim Smithlin, Bruce Steinhagen, Melvin Chapin,

Michael Doyle, Ralph Hokenson, Stephen Goepferd, Clifford Judd, Richard Peter and Rodney Quiring.

A photo of Roger Jensen, the only Staples veteran to die in action in Vietnam, is also feature on the bench.

## Digital Daze tips

*Taking control of technology*

This digital tip is a continuation of the Digital Daze forum hosted by Staples Motley Beyond Poverty. The tips are provided by speaker Erin Walsh.

- FACT: 54 percent of children feel that their parents check their devices too often. (AVG Technologies, 2015).

- TIP: We all multitask and our jobs often require that we are connected. But be sure to carve out time everyday to communicate to your child "You are more important than my device!" Consider screen free meals as a time to connect.

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## More fun programs at the library

Above, Dave's Big Fun Show Aug. 2, which was funded by the Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage fund was a huge hit for many families at the Staples Public Library.

At right, monthly Storytime Aug. 8 was fun animal stories and crafts. This program is provided by the Staples Friends of the Library. Roland Stone, Chloe Mick, Owen Trout and Edward Trout hold the animal puppets they made. The next Reading Roundhouse Storytime will be Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 10:30 a.m. Registration is required by calling 218-894-1401. (Submitted photos)



## Summer music series closes

The Jessica Vines band out of Moorhead closed the 'Music in the Park' series in Staples Aug. 12, offering a mix of covers from the Beatles to Stevie Wonder, as well as originals of front singer Vines. Pictured above, from left, are Conor Lee, guitar; Vines; Matthew Tinjum, drums; Evan Geiger, bass; and Staples native Andrew Nelson on keys. In lower photo, Nelson (far right) is greeted after the concert by his former piano teacher Mike Blessing of Staples. He started taking lessons from Blessing when he was in the fourth grade, Nelson said. He went on to share that in addition to playing with Vines on occasion, he is employed full-time with the Johnny Holm Band. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



## Hello World

**BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:**

Born to Brandi Smith and Jared Koczur of Motley, a baby boy, O'Ryin Michael weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on August 9, 2018.

Born to Brianna and Shane Kern of Browerville, a baby boy, Adrian Michael weighing 10 pounds, three ounces on August 14, 2018.

Born to Amber and Jacob McCarty of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Addison Lace weighing seven pounds, one ounce on August 17, 2018.

## Senior Schedule

**September, 2018 Staples Senior Schedule**

**Birthday and Anniversary Party** Tues., Sept 11, 11:00 a.m. for members celebrating in August and September.

**Senior 500 card club** meets at 12:00 noon on first and third Thurs. and third and fourth Monday at the Staples Community Center.

## Obituaries

### Charles Killian

Charles E. Killian, 73, of Staples passed away August 18, 2018 at the Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples.

Services will be held Friday, August 24, at 11 a.m. at Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples with Pastor Daryl Jacobson officiating. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. until the time of services.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel of Staples.

Charles was born November 26, 1944 in Staples to Carl and Margaret (Towner) Killian. He attended school through 10th grade and then traveled around the United States working odd jobs with his father. He worked for Sorenson Plumbing in Staples and was an ironworker on the Iron Range for Local 563. Charles started driving truck in the late 1960s. He purchased his own truck in 1977 and continued trucking until his retirement in 2008. Charles married Diane Killian on April 22, 1963; they were divorced in 1982. He married Luana "Loni" Killian on August 24, 1996. Charles enjoyed hunting, fishing, going to the cabin and traveling. He especially loved spending time with all of his grandchildren.



Charles is survived by one daughter, Sandi (Kevin) Robben; one son, Lonny (Neila) Killian; seven grandchildren, Sheena (Bill) Otto, Brandon Breitenfeldt, Andrew (Jordan) Robben, Brady (Kaitlin) Killian, Kali (Collin) Shequen, Amber Shequen, Avery Killian; two brothers, Elmer Killian, Keith Geer; brother-in-law, John Eckstrom; son-in-law, Harold Shequen; best friend, Rudy Bjerga, Jr.; fishing buddy, John Wales; dogs, Stubby, Noonie; nephews, Yad and Shawn Killian; and many more nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Loni; step-daughter, Desiree Shequen; daughter-in-law, Lisa Killian; two brothers; two sisters and father-in-law, Roy Eckstrom.

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### Darlene Collison

Darlene Collison, 79, of Motley, passed away August 18, 2018, at the Harmony House in Motley.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Motley Free Methodist Church, with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Poplar Cemetery near Leader.

Arrangements are by Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Darlene was born April 20, 1939 in Minneapolis to Harold and Hazel (Moshier) Wimperis. She was united in marriage to Russell Collison on June 25, 1993 in Reno, NV. Darlene loved gardening, flowers, animals, sewing and crocheting.



She is survived by her husband, Russell; one daughter, Denise Shearer; two grandsons, Cory (Naomi) and Ryan; one great-grandson, Riley and one brother, Donnie Wimperis.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Ricky Lay.

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### James Albie

James Isaac Albie, 69, of Merrifield died August 13, 2018, with his family by his side following a courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held Aug. 20, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brainerd.

Burial was at the Lakewood Cemetery in Crosby. Military honors were provided by the Myrin-James American Legion Post #443 of Ironton.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

Jim was born on January 17, 1949 in Crosby to Richard and Irma (Tallvitie) Albie. He graduated from Crosby-Ironton High School in 1967 and was a U.S. Marine Corp veteran serving during the Vietnam era. He retired from Potlatch Corp., Brainerd, after 29-1/2 years of service. Jim was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brainerd.

Jim is survived by his significant other, June McComas of Merrifield;

one son, Jamie (Jill) Albie of Staples; one daughter, Tricia (Craig) Warner of Brainerd; his mother and step-father, Irma (Albie) and Clem Gagnon of Ironton; one sister, Jean (John) Albie-Rock of Kinnickinnic, WI; three grandchildren, Kayla Warner, Krista Warner and Sophie Albie and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his father, Richard Albie and one brother, Ralph Albie.

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## Kopka family to share their story at Veterans Appreciation event Sept. 22

Heinrich (Henry) Kopka of Staples was just six years old when his family abandoned their home in East Prussia because the Russian armies were close by and would arrive shortly.

It was the winter of 1945; and Henry's parents, Gustav, Sr. and Marie Kopka, along with their five children, ages one - 14, knew their only hope was to leave and search for safety and a better life.

A detailed account of the Kopka family's flight from East Prussia includes stories of their narrowly escaping artillery fire and crossing a bridge just prior to its being blown up, as well as their having to travel by foot at night, finding shelter in abandoned buildings on occasion.

The Kopkas spent time at a refugee camp in Danzig for awhile, later traveling by freight train toward their destination of Ha-

nover, which was bombed prior to their arrival. They stayed in the woods for awhile and when it was finally deemed safe, continued their journey.

According to the account, the Kopkas ultimately arrived in Kirkdorf in late 1945. They stayed there until the end of 1951 when they went to the refugee camp in Hamburg-Bergedorf for preparation to immigrate to the United States. On Jan. 17, 1952, they boarded the ship The General Stewart with 1,350 other people representing several nationalities, sailing from Bremerhaven to New York, arriving on Jan. 27.

Eventually, the Kopka family makes their way to Minnesota, by way of train. They were "adopted" by a Lutheran Church congregation in Pequot Lakes, under the leadership of Pastor Severson.

The written account states that "In summary, the Kopka family were displaced people since they abandoned their East Prussia farm on January 1945 until they arrived in their adopted home of Pequot Lakes thanks to the efforts of allies and resettlement organizations after World War II. Without these people, their lives would have been drastically different."

The Kopkas story will be told at a 'Welcome Home Veterans' event at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples Sept. 22, during the worship service portion of the event at 5:30 p.m. It will be told by Gustav, Sr. and Marie Kopka's grandchildren Becky, John and Nathan.

The telling of the story will follow the 'Walk of Honor,' during which veterans will be escorted into the sanctuary by a family member and seated in the front rows. The Kopka

story will confirm for the veterans that there were good things that happened because of their service.

Veterans from all service branches from WWII to recent campaigns are invited to the 'Welcome Home Veterans' event on Sept. 22, during which they will be given medals as a token of appreciation for their service to the country. Following the service, a potluck meal will be served and a 'mail call' program will take place.

**Veteran applications**  
Veteran applications for the 'Welcome Home' event are available at both Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, and at the Staples World. They need to be returned to the church by Sept. 7. For more information, call 218-894-1546 or email faithlutheran Staples@gmail.com.

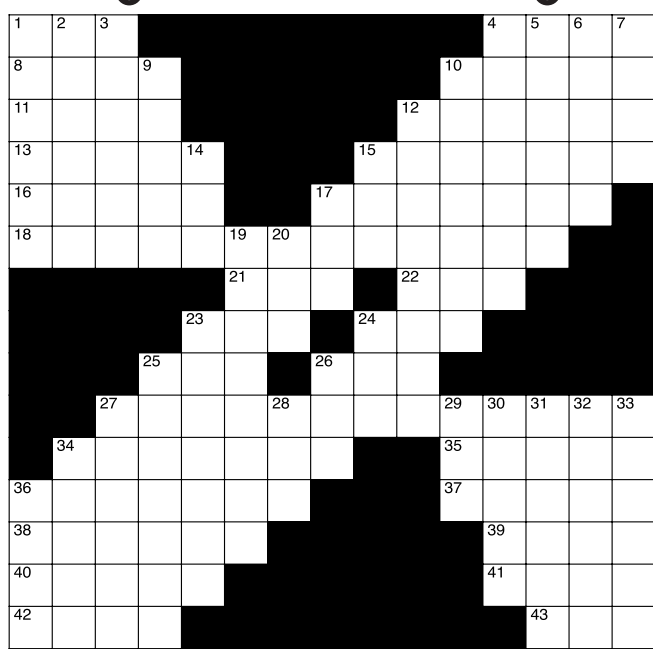


### Helped by veterans

The late Gustav, Sr. and Marie Kopka, parents of Staples resident Heinrich (Henry) Kopka, escaped East Prussia during WWII, eventually immigrating to the United States in 1952. Their incredible story of sacrifice, survival and belief will be told by their grandchildren at the 'Welcome Home Veterans' event at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples Sept. 22. It's a story that will remind veterans that good things happened because of their service. (Submitted photo)

## Crossword Puzzle

Week 34

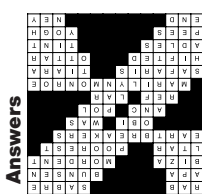


**CLUES ACROSS**  
1. Political action committee  
4. Where sauces cook  
8. Type of horse  
10. Heavy sword (Brit.)  
11. \_\_\_ Nui, Easter Island  
12. A type of burner  
13. Spanish island  
15. Rapid alteration of a musical note  
16. Where priests work  
17. Most impoverished  
18. Tom Petty's band  
21. Luke's mentor  
22. No longer is

23. Mandela's party  
24. Legislator (abbr.)  
25. A type of "zebra"  
26. The common gibbon  
27. American icon  
34. Hunting expeditions  
35. What a princess wears  
36. Switched gears  
37. Protege to Freya (Norse myth.)  
38. Serves  
39. Darken  
40. Fencing swords  
41. Middle English letter  
42. Go slowly  
43. A type of flute

7. Posted  
9. Infamous Ukraine village  
10. Bizarre  
12. One who loves to read  
14. The products of human creativity  
15. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand  
17. Famed Chinese American architect  
19. These can be used to burn trash  
20. Corpuscle count (abbr.)  
23. Pokes holes in  
24. Peter's last name  
25. Offered as a prize  
26. French river  
27. Young woman  
28. A pot has one  
29. Of the ears  
30. Full of parasites  
31. Dole out incrementally  
32. Citrus fruit  
33. Hearty  
34. External form  
36. Turn violently

**CLUES DOWN**  
1. One who is rejected  
2. Suitable for crops  
3. Per \_\_, each  
4. Indulges  
5. Preoccupy  
6. NIN frontman  
Reznor



## Staples Area Church Directory

<p><b>Staples</b> <b>Staples Alliance</b> 1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891 Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School.....11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY AWANA.....6:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>Assembly of God</b> 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081 Pastor Roy Miles Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m. Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY Wednesday times are for Sept.-May Nightlight (Kids Program)....4:00pm-5:30pm Youth Group.....5:30pm-7:00pm</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Congregational Church, UCC</b> 204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571 Worship.....9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service</p> <p><b>Faith Lutheran</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Sacred Heart Church</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Seventh Day Adventist</b> 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship.....10:45 am Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Thomastown Covenant</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran</b> 1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m. Sunday School &amp; Bible Class.....10:15 a.m.</p>	<p><b>United Methodist</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Aldrich</b> <b>Congregational, United Church of Christ</b> One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831 Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. Communion.....1st Sunday of Month</p> <p><b>Balsamund Lutheran</b> 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Cushing</b> <b>Bethany Lutheran</b> 25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 www.bethanylutherancushing.com. Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Lincoln Evangelical Free</b> 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 &amp; Prayer.....4:30 p.m. Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Cushing Baptist</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Leader</b> <b>Swan Valley Lutheran</b> Leader.....218-397-2470 Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Maple Hill Lutheran</b> Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River) Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Leaf River Township</b> <b>The Old Country Church</b> Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690 ..Open by arrangement</p>	<p><b>Motley</b> <b>Motley Free Methodist</b> 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466.....218-352-6888 Pastor Jim Johnson Sunday Worship.....9:00 &amp; 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.</p> <p><b>St. John's Lutheran</b> 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.</p> <p><b>St. Michael</b> 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.</p> <p><b>United Methodist</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Oylen</b> <b>Oylen Alliance</b> Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Pillager</b> <b>First Lutheran Church</b> 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN 218-746-3775 Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Casino Assembly of God</b> Pastor Dan Johnson N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104. Phone.....218-746-3839 Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Worship.....10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>First Baptist</b> 903 River Street South, Pillager Pastor Jake Anderson 218-746-3768 curious@fbcpillager.com Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m. Connection Point.....9:30 a.m. (serving coffee and donuts)</p>	<p><b>Hewitt</b> <b>Church of the Nazarene</b> 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Pastor Wayne Hoeffert Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m. WEDNESDAY Prayer.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)</b> 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Verndale</b> <b>Verndale Alliance</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Family Life Church</b> 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 &amp; Fellowship.....9:30 a.m. Worship Service.....10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY 6:00 p.m.....Meal 6:30 p.m.....Groups</p> <p><b>Hope Chapel Alliance</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)</b> 17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Verndale United Methodist</b> 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Central United Methodist</b> 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.</p>
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## The Declaration

Pastor Carl Larson, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

"Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'" John 6:66-69

When I was teaching American History at Northern State University, I would make it a point to share with my students an article in a history magazines about what happened to the 56 men that signed the Declaration of Independence. In the article, the author stated that the conviction to the idea of liberty by the 56 resulted in untold sufferings for themselves and their families.

Author Kenneth Dodge wrote, of the 56 men that signed the Declaration of Independence

- five were captured and tortured by the British
- 12 had their homes pillaged and burned
- two lost their sons to the Revolutionary Army and another two had their sons captured by the British Army
- and nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships incurred in the Revolutionary War.

According to Kenneth Dodge, one of the signers, Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy trader, had all of his ships sunk which eventually forced him to sell his home and all his properties, leaving him impoverished. Signee Thomas Nelson, a plantation owner from Virginia, had his home taken by British

General Cornwallis prior to the Battle of Yorktown. As the Battle of Yorktown came to a close and the British could see their impending defeat, General Cornwallis ordered that Nelson's home be burnt to the ground, which left Nelson and his family with nothing.

New Jersey signee, John Hart had to flee for his life from his home leaving his wife and his 13 children to fend for themselves. For over a month Hart moved from place to place, hiding out in barns, under bridges, in caves, trying to elude the British soldiers that were hunting him. Eventually, Hart made it back to his home, only to find that his wife had died and his children were taken by the British soldiers. Hart died within a month, while searching for his children.

This is only a partial account of the story about the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence, but it's a story that highlights the high price of commitment. In a way so it is for all those who follow Jesus for there is a 'Cost to Discipleship.' But just as the 56 signees commitment to liberty led to a magnificent legacy of change in the world, so too our commitment to Christ Jesus leads to a change, a transformative change in you and me that is witnessed by others through our investment of love that comes from Christ.

In Peter's confession from the 6th chapter of John we are reminded of that transformational commitment that calls us to follow Christ even though there is a cost of following. "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."

*The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:*

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# Todd County Commissioners Minutes

## TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 17, 2018

### MINUTES

#### Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 17th day of July, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Kneisl. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Neumann.

#### Approval of Agenda

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented.

#### Consent Agenda

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion and resolution were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for July 3, 2018 as presented.

To approve the Human Resources Report for Personnel Actions dated July 17, 2018 as on file.

#### Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker,

the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 49253 through 49377 in the amount of \$68,468.59.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 514050 through 514139 in the amount of \$162,426.49 and warrants number 703057 through 703135 in the amount of \$66,057.52.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the renewal of the annual contribution by allocating \$7,500 to the Initiative Foundation for the 2019 budget year.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

#### TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM COUNTY DITCH FUND TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND

WHEREAS, The County Ditch Authority has approved to have the hours worked by the County Ditch Inspector charged back to that ditch, and;

WHEREAS, the calculations have been made for the County Ditch Inspec-

tor's time for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 per attached copy;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve the transfer of \$5,705 from the Fund 40-County Ditch Fund to the Fund 01-General Revenue Fund per the attached list.

#### Ditch Inspector

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement to replace a Private Crossing on CD21 from Gary Reinhold - parcel 20-0025200, Reynolds Twp, Section 22.

#### Public Works

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

#### Final Payment Authorization - 2017 CSAH 1 Bridge Construction Contract

WHEREAS, the contract with Structural Specialties Inc. for the 2017 CSAH 1 Bridge Construction Contract known as SAP 077-601-021 located at the Long Prairie River crossing on Todd County State Aid Highway 1, has in all things been completed, and;

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled in 2017 and completed in 2018 with the value of the total work certified being \$599,151.15, and;

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$566,125.09 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed, and;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$33,026.06 still remains to be paid to Structural Specialties, Inc.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners does here accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Todd and authorize final payment as specified.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority roll-call vote with Commissioner Becker against: To approve the attached WSN Agreement to create a RFP for the Expo Building Mold Remediation Project and approve execution of said RFP.

#### Planning & Zoning

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the CUP request by Linda Dvorak to establish a temporary hardship dwelling on parcel #08-0022700 with conditions established by the Planning Commission.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the CUP request by Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman to establish a temporary hardship dwelling on parcel #13-0009000 with conditions established by the Planning Commission.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the CUP request by Brian Thorson to establish a temporary hardship dwelling on parcel #05-0004100 with conditions established by

the Planning Commission.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the CUP to Knife River to operate a temporary hot mix plant on PIN 12-4002000 with conditions specified by the Planning Commission.

#### Administration

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hiring of an Administrative Assistant.

#### Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported that the Mobile Home Property Taxes have been prepared and mailed.

#### Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

#### Interim Coordinator's Report

The Interim Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress.

#### Adjourn

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the meeting was adjourned for the month of July 2018.

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
AMERICAN COMM. INC	\$3,750.00
DIAMOND MOWERS INC.	4,236.38
FORCE AMERICA	2,356.59
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	2,037.71
NOW MICRO INC	8,248.69
ROLYAN BUOYS	2,690.20
STAPLES WORLD	3,731.44
WIDSETH SMITH	
NOLTING INC	5,120.00
117 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	36,297.58
TOTAL	\$68,468.59

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
#14524	\$2,424.60
#14813	2,059.80

#14000	2,791.20
#15336	2,791.20
CENTRAL MN MENTAL HEALTH CTR	2,940.00
#15490	3,787.80
#14593	5,215.94
#15447	2,187.60
HEARTLAND GIRLS RANCH	6,854.10
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS	6,810.17
KINDRED FAMILY FOCUS	5,694.00
#15511	6,615.90
LITTLE SAND GROUP HOME	6,718.50
LP KIDS - LP/GE SCHOOLS	2,761.91
#10746	2,223.30
MID MINNESOTA DRUG TESTING INC	3,375.00
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR IN	24,135.00
NORTHWOOD CHLD. SERVICES	9,104.39
PAKLONSKY/CHERYL	2,446.00
#15286	3,744.60
STEP	6,351.12
WEST CENTRAL REG. JUVENILE CTR	3,479.17
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	47,915.19
Total	\$162,426.49

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
KARVONEN FUNERAL HOME - WADENA	3,500.00
RURAL MN CEP INC	11,768.54
TODD COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	2,216.00
TODD COUNTY AUD./TREASURER	15,096.10
75 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	33,476.88
TOTAL	66,057.52

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held July 17, 2018 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on August 7, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal:

Randy Neumann,  
Todd County Board  
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County  
Auditor-Treasurer

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## Public Notices

**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, September 6, 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. **Richard Beckley's "Beckley's Diamond Bay First Addition" Preliminary Plat:** BEG AT A PT 33 FT W & 20 FT S OF NE COR OF GOV'T LOT 1, THENCE S 208.97 FT, SW 400.31 FT, NW 253.46, NE 448.19 FT TO BEG in Kandota Township

Site Address: NA. PIN: 14-0012000

Request to review a proposed preliminary plat to establish one lot.

2. **Derek Holst:** LOT-2 BLOCK-2 HOLST ACRES in Villard Township

Site Address: 29075 Todd Line Road. PIN: 25-0061000

Request to amend existing CUP granted for haunted woods and house to include additional activities and expand the hours of operation.

3. **Matthew Harvey Rewitzer:** N2 NW4 & NW4 NE4 in Burleene Township  
Site Address: 15709 County 14. PID: 05-0008700

Request to change the zoning district of this 120 acres from R10 zoning to AF2 zoning to allow siting of a feedlot on the property.

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

Todd County Planning Commission  
Michael Wiener,  
Chairperson-

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### (ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

**TODD COUNTY 2018 BRIDGE PROJECT**  
Closing date:  
September 18, 2018

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., September 18, 2018 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction project:

SAP 077-599-061

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/>

Loren Fellbaum,  
Todd County Public Works  
Director/Engineer

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### NOTICE LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES INVITATION FOR BIDS

The LSS Senior Nutrition Program hereby solicits sealed bids for meals in Clarissa. Any interested bidder may obtain more information by calling (218) 233-7521 or writing to the LSS Senior Nutrition Program, Suite #401C, 715 North 11th St., Moorhead, MN 56560. All proposals for furnishing said meals should be marked as a bid on the envelope and must be received at the above address, no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2018 at which time and place all bidding shall be considered closed and all bids received shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The right is reserved by the LSS Senior Nutrition Program to accept or reject any or all bids, and to waive any formalities in any bid received or procedure set forth herein and to make the award in the best interest of the project.

The LSS Senior Nutrition Program shall have a period of 30 days after said opening to accept or reject said proposed bid.

Dated this 16th day of August, 2018.

LSS Senior Nutrition Program  
Kristin Schurrer,  
Senior Director -  
Nutrition Services

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### MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING FRESHWATER ED. DISTRICT #6004 July 25, 2018 STAPLES, MN

**CALLED TO ORDER** at 5:35 p.m. by V. Hinojos, Chair

Board present: V. Hinojos, WDC; S. Veronen, Verndale; P. Benning, Browerville; C. Funk, Sebeka; R. VanDenheuvel, BH; C. Wolf, LPGE; Supt: D. Fjeldheim, Sebeka; Directors, J. Nesland, L. Murdock; Admin. Recorder, S. Thiel; others, K. Barse.

#### AGENDA

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by Wolf to approve the agenda as presented. VOTE-U/C

#### PRESENTATION

Update of the building project was presented by K. Barse, ORB. APPROVAL OF PAST BOARD MINUTES- MOTION BY Funk, 2ND BY Wolf to approve the 4/25/18 minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

#### OLD BUSINESS

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Benning to accept the 5/9/18 SAC Mtg. Minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve all of the eIQC prequalified general and subcontractor contracts as presented. VOTE-U/C

#### NEW BUSINESS SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT:

MOTION BY Benning, seconded by Wolf to approve the shared services agreement between Sourcewell and FED for "Frontline Teacher Recruitment Software". VOTE-U/C

ALC/TARGETED SERVICES REPORT:

REVIEWED the recap of July Outreach Meeting held at the Fosston School Dist.

MOTION BY Benning, seconded by VanDenheuvel to authorize the purchase of 1 MDE pre-approved ALC Van of nine (9) passenger + driver, under

a Service Co-op. Bid Contract. VOTE-U/C

#### TECHNOLOGY REPORT:

REVIEWED State Telecomm Aid Payment of \$41,176 for 16/17 SY to the Member Districts.

#### ECFE/SR REPORT:

MOTION BY Funk, seconded by Wolf to approve the successful Initiative Foundation Grant request of \$1,500 for the project "Reading for the Future in Todd County". VOTE-U/C MOTION BY Benning, seconded by VanDenheuvel to accept the donation from Staples Lions Club of \$100 to the RFF Program. VOTE-U/C

REVIEWED ECFE & SR 17/18 Session Enrollments and Program Evaluations.

#### MEMBER SERVICES:

REVIEWED Lease-Levy Certifications history and projected lease levy; Project 20/20 Month End Report & FED Principal Advisory Council Mtg Agenda.

MOTION BY Funk, seconded by Benning to approve two (2) anonymous donations totaling \$5,500 to the Rapatz Scholarship Fund, FED hosts. VOTE: U/C

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by Funk to approve J. Nesland to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) and S. Thiel to act as the IOWA to add and remove names only for FED 6004-61. VOTE: U/C

MOTION BY Funk, seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve the FY19 FED Employee Handbook as presented. VOTE: U/C

#### REPORTS:

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Wolf to officially recognize the revised FY-19 CTE Plan Approval Notification and Grant Award in the Secondary amount of \$206,875.08 and \$32,016.16 for the revised Secondary Reserve Allocation. VOTE: U/C

#### BUSINESS & FINANCE

MOTION BY Benning, seconded by Funk to approve the 4/21/18 -7/23/18 cash reports and payments

of checks numbered 120669 -121030. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve a ten year Building Project Strategic Investment joint powers Agreement with Sourcewell Service Co-op. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Funk, seconded by Wolf to approve the Voc-Rehab Agreement hosted by ISD #2170 for the 18-19SY. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Benning to enter into a service agreement with LCSC beginning 7/1/18 for the purpose of complying with Health & Safety requirements. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Funk to participate in the 18/19 SY police service agreement with the city of Wadena. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by Wolf to approve the agreement with North Risk Partners as the FED Health Ins. Agent of Record, effective 1/1/19. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Benning, seconded by VanDenheuvel to amend the current FED HRA Plan Document as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Funk, seconded by Veronen to approve the FY19 CMERDC Copier Maintenance Agrmt. as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Wolf, seconded by Veronen to amend the current Freshwater Post-Employment HRA Agrmt. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Wolf to acknowledge the superintendents' recommendation to turn over the FED GTC Prog. to the local region V Service Coop., effective 7/1/18, with any program balance remaining as of 6/30/18 will be returned to the participating districts. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Wolf and seconded by Veronen to approve the Todd-Morrison #6004 FY18-22 Facility Lease Agreement with CLC as presented. VOTE- U/C

### PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION BY Wolf, seconded by Veronen to approve the items as follows:

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Renaming C. Grenier, Program Specialist Assessment;

Permission to advertise and hire a .5 ECSE Teacher for the LPGE site, .5 ECSE Teacher for Assessment and B-3, ECSE Para for the LPGE and Sebeka site, SpEd Teacher for the Level IV Prog.; Hiring of P. Gladback, ECSE Teacher, M. Benning, SpEd Prog. Assist., R. Rothstein, SpEd Prog. Specialist, J. Nodde, Occ. Therapist, C. Wieshalla, ECSE Para, C. Collins, SpEd Para, S. Ziegler, SpEd Para, K. Bauck, ECSE Para, K. Snyder, School Psych., J. Rice, SpEd Para.; Resignation of C. Conger, SpEd Para, J. Fundine, SpEd Inst., B. Andrews, SpEd Para.; Increase in hrs. for D. Baune, SpEd Para, Bev Johnson, SpEd Para, A.Eckhoff, Prog. Assist.; increase in days K. Marstein, ECSE Teacher, ALC/TS; increase in hrs. for C. Salathe, Prog. Assist., T. Sweeney, ALC Billing Clerk/Prog. Assist.; Resignation of S. Martinson, ALC Tech Tutor; Lane Change of J. Hendricks, ALC Instr., ECFE/SR: increase in hrs. for B. Faust, FE/SR Instr. AGENCY WIDE: naming E. Weber, SpEd Admin. Director of Programs & Evaluation, with an additional part-time assigned teaching days, ADULT BASIC EDUCATION; resignation of A. Dinkel-VanValkenburg, ABE Prog. Coord; hiring of B. Tollefson, ABE Prog. Coord. VOTE- U/C

MOTION BY Wolf, seconded by Veronen to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. VOTE- U/C

#### Preapproved Publication Summary

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Benning, Clerk  
Freshwater Education  
District

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## Staples Area Women's Chorus

The Staples Area Women's Chorus will receive the Outstanding Organization Award from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation at the celebration Thursday, Oct. 11, at Timbers Restaurant. Seated at the piano is accompanist Kim Berggren. Standing by the piano is Joan Batcher-Rhymers, director.

In the front row, from left, are Diane Stotereau, Judy Young, Vicki Perish, Kate Skogstad, Jeanne Rohr, Diane Hinkle, Leanna Jensen, Judy Wolak and Judy Jenkins.

In the middle row, from left, are Barba Best, Marcia Marsh, Cindy Gold, April Sandhoff, Jeanette Evans, Jody Lunemann, Sharon Freelove, Wendy Hanson, RoAnn Trout, Joyce Anderson, Stephanie Wiegand and Barb Cline.

In the back row, from left, are Gretta Norton, Megan Lindgren, Anne Freelove, Eva Lund, Barb Markus, Christie Berg, Amanda Mithun, Janet Anderson, Mary Beth Brockpahler and Beth Fabian. (Submitted photo)



## Staples Ace Hardware

Staples Ace Hardware will receive the Outstanding Business Award from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation at the celebration Thursday, Oct. 11, at Timbers Restaurant. Seated are Deb Kaiser, left, and Gene Kucera. Standing, from left, are Kendrick Schultz, Jonathan Kubichek, Jason Poynter, Rich Britton, Mad-die Noles (in front), Mike Isenberg, Kenny Salber, Clint Bailey, Hal Swanson and Greg Osmonson. (Submitted photo)

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# Staples Motley Area Community Foundation Awards

dren. Lakewood Health System (LHS) has grown significantly since he came. In 1980 there were just four doctors and today there are over 50 providers. In 1980 Lakewood consisted of the Hospital, Care Center and management of the Mary Rondorf Home. Since his arrival, the additions to LHS include: Home Care/Hospice Agency in 1983, acquired Browerville Clinic in 1985, acquired Eagle Bend clinic in 1987, constructed an attached clinic in 1992, merged with Lakewood Clinic PA to form a private not-for-profit Lakewood Health System, opened the Motley Clinic in 1998, acquired Lakewood Pines in 2000, opened Pillager Clinic in 2003, acquired ownership of the Mary Rondorf Home and renamed Lakewood Manor in 2004, constructed new hospital and clinic in Staples in 2006, expanded the Pillager Clinic in 2009, established the Dermatology Clinic in Sartell in 2010 and purchased a permanent building in 2018. In 2018 the Pillager and Staples Clinic expansions were completed. The Lakewood Health System now has more than 850 employees.

The Duane R. Lund Award is more than about work related achievements. Tim's involvement and leadership are literally too numerous to list for the limitations of this article. Some of them are: treasurer, Faith Lutheran Church; Staples Lions member 29 years; Chamber of Commerce past president three times; Staples Area Men's Chorus 38 years; Staples Youth Basketball Program Director; Chair of LEAP (Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy, Positiveness) since inception; and member of the Staples Economic Development Authority.

When asked why he gets so involved he said, "Staples is my home and we all have an obligation to get involved and focus on our strengths to make our community better. Every day at work I think about the thousands of patients and residents who are coming through the doors and all of the providers and employees and their families and I realize they are depending on me to do the best job I can and I do not want to let them down. To me this award is not my life achievement but what all of us at LHS have accomplished together."

### Outstanding Citizen STEVE BENSON

Lee and Judy Jenkins nominated Steve for the Outstanding Citizen Award saying he is a "real asset" to the community. Among other things, he has been faithful in helping Sacred Heart Area School with technology and he volunteers time to work with young people.

Steve and his wife Julie moved to Staples from St. Paul in 1997. Before that time he was an engineer

for Northwest Airlines. When their daughter Katie started kindergarten at Sacred Heart, he began helping with the school's computers and he has continued as volunteer technology coordinator ever since - even though his children have long since graduated. Since they have a good connection with Lakewood Health System (where his wife is a physician), he is able to upgrade the school's technology and repurpose Lakewood's computers every few years. Steve reports that the school has also benefited from Central Lakes College's computer hardware, too.

Other individuals and organizations have benefitted from Steve's willingness to share his technology expertise. For example, he helped set up the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation's original web site.

When his children, Katie and Jack, became active in the 4-H shooting sports program, Steve became an adult volunteer coaching rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting. He also petitioned the school to join the Minnesota High School Clay Target League in 2012. Together with Bob Koenig, he voluntarily coaches the Staples-Motley High School Trap and Skeet teams.

Steve is also a member of the Staples Sportsman's Club, which donates the clay targets and range time for the local high school trap teams. He was also instrumental in fundraising to modernize the trap range. Students who are receiving their firearms safety training will see him at the range during their training there.

Community members who aren't around youth programs will still likely see how Steve makes the area a better place to live. For example, he is a member of the Staples Host Lions Club, Sacred Heart Church and School volunteer and on the board for the Vintage Golf Course.

### Chairman's Award LAVONNE SELLECK

Our group found it was easy to pick a volunteer after working with LaVonne Selleck on many different projects.

She is quiet in her work and her weeding often is done during her daily walks through the downtown area. She volunteers at Living Legacy Gardens where she does two hours of weeding on Tuesday mornings from May to October.

On Tuesday afternoon she can be found volunteering at the public library. Wednesday she may be found at her church joining the quilting group. If there is a church dinner she often is at the beverage station making sure there is coffee or lemonade ready for the diners. If there is a program at Centennial Auditorium, LaVonne is the one responsible for ticket takers and ushers.

She helps set up treats for intermissions. She puts in time at the Food Shelf. LaVonne is also available to go and sit with someone who needs to be at a clinic appointment.

LaVonne is one of those people who just can't sit still. Things to do and learn. She is an adoptive parent and lifelong teacher to those she is around. LaVonne provides endless care for our community's public spaces. Look out, weeds of the week!

She is a farm girl applying practical uses and ways of doing things every day. She is grateful for the days provided so she can share her abilities. LaVonne treasures her family and her heritage just as we treasure the gifts she shares with us.

LaVonne was nominated by Living Legacy Garden volunteers and Staples Public Library staff.

### Outstanding Organization STAPLES AREA WOMEN'S CHORUS

The Staples Area Women's Chorus was organized in 1977 by Linda Thompson.

Directors over the years include Thompson, Ruth Blum, Dale Knudson, Charlene McKinnis, Mike Blessing, Steve Hoemberg, Rob Freelove and Joan Batcher Rhymers, the current director.

Accompanists include Virginia Hegre, Jerdis Cerney, Donna Miller, Sandy Paskewitz, Andrew Stoneking, Becky Nelson and Kim Berggren, the current accompanist.

Each director has brought new challenges and skills to the organization. Under Mike Blessing, our longest term director of over 23 years, the women performed a variety show each year with the Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC).

In 2011, in order to be able to apply for grants, the group became a 501c3 non-profit. That opened the door for bigger and more expensive concerts.

Their mission statement is "The Staples Area Women's Chorus is dedicated to the study and performance of music, the attainment of excellence in the art of women's choral music, the promotion of sociability and good fellowship among its members, cooperation with other music organizations, public appearances, providing music to the community as well as entertainment and education through music."

Some accomplishments include:

- Toured in England with the SAMC and the Staples-Motley High School (SMHS) band, choir and orchestra. They sang in some wonderful cathedrals, one in York.
- Collaborate with SAMC and the SMHS to do a major work every other year.
- Perform a concert with the Colle Voca girls choir each year.
- Participate in Festival

of Lights for the hospice program through Lakewood Health System.

- Sung in local care centers.
- Present a concert to benefit the Food Shelf each year.

For several years the organization was asked by area high school directors to develop a festival for their young women, similar to the "Real Men Sing" festival held by the SAMC. The late Barb Cline had a passion for sharing her love of song with young women and developed a plan for the festival.

Director Rob Freelove caught her vision and in January 2014 the first "Her Voice Her Song" was launched. This festival allows student musicians to experience a large group concert. Up to 15 area high schools have participated as well college choirs.

The festival has expanded each year. In March of 2018 the mass choir was over 500 voices, so large that the choir was in the stadium seating with the audience seated on the main floor.

Last year, the men's chorus of Grand Rapids invited SAWC to be their guests for a Spring Festival.

As part of their mission, SAWC donates music to the local high school music library, sings in area churches and, sadly, sings at member's funerals.

### Outstanding Business STAPLES ACE HARDWARE

Hal Swanson and Mike Wiebold bought a local Staples hardware store from Dave and Caroline Lester in February 2013. The store that sits along Highway 10 now bears the name "Staples Ace Hardware." Hal is on-site every day, while Mike travels from store to store always keeping his eyes open for new opportunities.

Prior to the hardware store business, Hal worked for 25 years in the beer distributing industry. He started as a truck driver and eventually was running the company.

Hal credits some of his best lessons learned from his boss there, Charlie Sheets. Charlie was an early riser and worked hard. It was there where he witnessed the wisdom in never asking your employees to do something you wouldn't do yourself.

Hal also learned about working hard from his father, who is a farmer. Of course, Hal says working with Mike is the same - Mike never stops working on new projects and has a lot of energy.

Hal is quick to mention that it is the whole team at Ace Hardware that makes it special, everyone works together to make it all happen. Hal has noticed while he is at meetings with other store owners that he never has to be on the phone settling problems like they do. He loves that he has such a great crew he can leave in charge

without worries.

Depending on the season, the store has between 10-12 employees. No matter who he hires, full-time or part-time, Hal tells the new employee that they are going to learn everything - no matter how long they'll be there. Skills you learn in running a hardware store are great skills to take anywhere else.

Over the years, the store has tried dabbling in the rental business, appliances and other areas, but the main attraction is a great selection of hardware and great service. Anyone who enters the store doesn't have to look for long because an employee will be there almost before you take ten steps into the store, ready to help you find just what you need. If they don't have it, they can order it for you. Hal says the Ace motto is "It takes two to say 'No'."

Staples Ace Hardware is always ready and willing to help out in the community. For several years the store has hosted the children's tractor pull during Railroad Days. Their parking lot has also been the destination for fundraiser car washes. Hal has plans to roll-out another community program this fall, so stay tuned.

### Outstanding Youth SARA OBERLANDER

Sara Oberlander's selfless devotion to others defines her character and makes her deserving of the Outstanding Youth award.

From a young age, Sara has been active in several activities. Some of these include Girl Scouts, dance and drama. As Sara got into middle school, she became the president of student council and the MVP and president of choir. She established herself as a leader and someone who is always willing to give a helping hand.

As she entered high school, Sara had many achievements, acting as both vice president and president of the Student Council, being inducted into National Honor Society and being active in drama.

She participated in Prairie Fire Children's Theater, Mad Hatters Community Theatre and Lamp Camp. She volunteered to help with Special Olympics and as a youth service leader and Vacation Bible school leader at Faith Lutheran Church.

She participated in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program, as well as representing Staples-Motley High School (SMHS) as one of four SMHS students selected to take part in Academic World Quest in St. Paul. She was also active in knowledge bowl and Spanish Class, taking a trip with the club to Costa Rica. In 2018 she went to Iceland with the Science classes at SMHS.

All of these things are very impressive and outstanding, but they are not the things that make Sara stand out from other people. When asked what her life goal is, she stated "My whole life, I have wanted to be a nice, kind person." Sara has done this by her treatment of people and what she has done to help others.

One of the outstanding things she started in high school is called the "Random Acts of Kindness Committee." Sara stated that the goal of this committee is to help those who are left out, bullied or are feeling alone. The committee would make baskets and give them to people who needed a friend. She called some of these "sunshine baskets" and would fill them with yellow candy, a happy color, and randomly give them to others. For some students, this may have been the only positive experience they had all day with another student. Sara genuinely cares about people and wants no one to be left out.

Sara is a 2018 graduate of SMHS and is the daughter of Richard and Wanda Oberlander of Staples. She will be attending the Minnesota State University in Moorhead this fall, majoring in political science with a minor in pre-law. Sara aspires to one day be a human rights lawyer. She is definitely a champion for people.

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# School building plans continue in spite of delay

By Brenda Halvorson  
General Manager

Although the school district cannot pursue a professional architect at this time, the board identified other tasks that can move the school building project forward at their Aug. 20 meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Director LeRoy Peterson reported that soil borings at the elementary school site were scheduled for next week.

The board also directed Superintendent Ron Bratlie to research firms and/or individuals who can help the district coordinate a communication plan to help inform district residents on the status of the project.

However, the stumbling block to progress is a difference of opinion regarding a consulting services contract.

The school board hired FJJ (Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, Inc.) in February, 2017,

as consultants to lead the board and district in developing a long range facility plan.

The district and FJJ are disagreeing about payment for services that the board believes were beyond the scope of the original contract and were not authorized. One of FJJ's responses was to ask WSN (Widseth, Smith, Nolting), the architect hired by the school district, to stop work.

"WSN is not going to do any work with us until this is settled," Bratlie said.

Another factor is that after the initial contract was signed, FJJ merged with ICS Consulting, Inc. Board members noted they had no contract with ICS.

"You didn't agree to reassignment (of the contract)," Bratlie said.

The building steering committee met in the morning of Aug. 20 with Michael DeVetter of DeVetter Design Group, an architecture and planning firm

from Minneapolis. DeVetter was there as a consultant and he answered some questions about timelines and how the board could keep the project moving.

DeVetter also advised that the design professionals need to be involved in the discussions with the board and community to help define the goals and respond to questions.

Bratlie reported at the evening meeting that a mediation session with FJJ was scheduled for Oct. 4, but some board members questioned why they needed mediation.

Bratlie said the school district's lawyer believes that mediation will be necessary at some point, "so let's get it over with."

"If we do nothing, will they sue us?" asked Brad Anderson. "We can't move forward with anyone until this is settled."

Bruce Lund said he would like to get the lawyer's perception on whether settling on an

amount in mediation would be more economical than lawyer fees to contest the charges.

"What will it cost us to fight this?" Lund asked.

Chad Longbella said he'd like to meet with the lawyer so, "all six of us can hear the same thing."

Frisk agreed saying "I want to be shown if I did something wrong."

Bratlie will schedule a meeting with the district's attorney.

In other business the board:

- Agreed to hire the Minnesota School Board Association to assist with the superintendent search.

The timeline developed by Lund and Mary Freeman begins in December with posting the position, accepting applications into January and interviewing the end of January. They hope to offer a contract by early March for the job to begin July 1.

- Agreed to seek bids for two cars and one mini-bus with lift that are no longer in service and to seek bids for two detached storage buildings on the former Twin City Optical site along with a storage building on the elementary site and other miscellaneous items.
- Accepted the resigna-

tions of Bea Meech, high school custodian; Jamie Nordick, high school physical education; Melissa Wright, elementary paraprofessional, Morgan Swank, Little Cardinals Academy classroom assistant and Bob Swenson, concessions and ticket manager.

• Approved contracts for Isaac Novak, physical education/health; Jim Opelia, high school special education; and Tina Mitts, child development.

• Approved a medical leave of absence for Sally Flickinger, middle school paraprofessional.

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## LSLID seeking coordinated solution

highest water level that has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence upon the landscape, commonly the point where the natural vegetation changes from predominately aquatic to predominately terrestrial".

Why this affects Todd County so much is because the LSLID would like to pump water out of the lake and pipe it out to County Ditch 41 and Fish Trap Creek in Todd County.

The LSLID hired Houston Engineering to prepare a feasibility report which studied several options for solving the devastating high water problem on Lake Shamineau.

The results of the feasibility report determined the most feasible solution was to install a lake outlet pump that can be controlled by developing an operating plan with Todd County and/or its property owners on Fish Trap Creek and County Ditch 41, as not to contribute to any significant downstream impacts.

Letters of support for the project have been received from Scandia Valley Township in Morrison County as well as Fawn Lake Township in Todd County.

These two townships encompass nearly all the land area beginning at Lake Shamineau to where the water would enter Fish Trap Creek and to where Fish Trap Creek flows into the Long Prairie River, including over two miles on both sides of the Long Prairie River.

Additionally, the LSLID has acquired letters of support from nearly every property owner from where the water would move into Todd County and along the path where it enters Fish Trap Creek.

They have received a letter of support from other Fawn Lake/Todd County property owners and are still in the process of acquiring a couple more.

The LSLID believes they can help these and other Todd County properties

solve some of the issues that currently exist on their land by assisting with improving drainage, water quality, removal of beaver dams, adding culverts and/or with a fee paid for the usage of County Ditch 41.

The LSLID represents that they may even be able to reduce the amount of money Todd County spends on maintenance of these areas.

The property owners they have met with would like additional information on the project, which is not available without additional land surveys and environmental reviews, and would also be needed for the permitting and/or the petitioning process.

Among the first tasks would be to conduct land surveys, water surveys and environmental reviews in Todd County in the areas of Fish Trap Creek and CD 41.

Koll said that LSLID was looking for a win-win situation.

"When I moved to Lake Shamineau in 1970, the lake was six feet lower than it is now," said Koll.

He pointed out that this is all just at a conceptual plan right now.

"We had a public hearing of the landowners on the lake and the overwhelming majority were in favor of paying for this project," added Koll.

"We don't want to drain the lake, we love the water in the lake. We just want to lower it and stabilize it," he said.

Part of the reason they were seeking the resolution of support from Todd County was because Morrison County won't move forward unless Todd County does.

Rosar said, "We need your help, but we want to help the landowners where we can."

Todd County Engineer Loren Fellbaum asked them to briefly describe their plan with the two barriers on the ditch, namely Highway 10 and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe

Railroad crossing. Rosar said they would have to talk with each of them yet.

According to Koll, the engineers have talked with the highway department regarding Highway 10.

"One of the first things we want to do is the environmental reviews and surveys here in Todd County. Without that we don't want to spend money if it won't happen. We are not asking for permission to pump yet. This is basically to get more information and then bring that back to the board," Koll said.

Rosar added that they did not believe they would be required to do a full Environmental Impact Study.

"We're at the conceptual stage, but we have to deal with all these agencies," said Koll.

Chairman Randy Neumann said, "You are addressing us as the county board, not as the ditch authority. Without a petition on Ditch 41, our attorney said 'no' to this."

Rosar said that they needed to secure the money first and then get their permits in place.

"We can't do the reviews and surveys without funds," said Rosar.

"You need to have more information before you come to this board again," said Neumann.

Rosar said, "We need to answer our questions. We are just asking our members and Morrison County to give us money so we can find out these answers or we can't fill out a petition."

"Without approval to go forward from the commissioners, we can't go forward," added Koll.

"If you give us permission to move forward to get more information, then Morrison County would maybe say 'Yes, they can see the need,'" said Koll.

Commissioner Barb Becker said, "We need to hear from Morrison County."

Rosar said, "Morrison County is waiting to hear from you. The resolution just allows us to get more information."

Commissioner David Kircher asked, "Why do we have to sign a resolution (for you to get more information)? I question that."

Rosar replied, "This just says we can get more information. There is no cost to Todd County. Morrison County ultimately needs to hear if you are going to do it or not."

"We will not make a decision without more information," said Kircher.

Neumann asked if CD 41 had the hydraulic capacity to handle the amount of water that would flow through it?

"We believe we can design a plan to do it, but we have to complete additional studies to find out," said Rosar.

Commissioner Rod Erickson said that he concurred with Kircher that there was no need for a resolution.

"We've made it clear we want more information. It is up to you to get it," said Erickson.

"Agreed, but can you communicate with Morrison County to let them know you want more information?" asked Koll.

Kircher said that Interim Coordinator Chris Pelzer would make a call to Morrison County to let them know that Todd County wants more information.

## Bobbe Anderson is Lakewood's 2018 Team Member of the Year

Bobbe Anderson, Licensed Social Worker, was named Lakewood Health System's 2018 Team Member of the Year. The Team Member of the Year is chosen based on votes from Lakewood's administrative team and the Lakewood Board. All nominees have received a STAR award during the voting year.

Anderson was nominated for the above-and-beyond care she provided for a patient and their family during an unexpected illness. "I'm honored to receive this award, know-



Bobbe Anderson

ing there are so many others who are deserving of it," said Anderson. "I was just doing what I could to help someone who needed it during a difficult time."

Anderson has worked at Lakewood since 2015, previously working for Wadena County Human Services. Anderson's role includes case management and working with Lakewood's Medical Home program. She specifically works with pediatric Medical Home patients, adult patients with social needs, discharge planning for hospital patients, and Lakewood's Food Farmacy program.

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## Teaching players about resiliency

Staples-Motley Football Coach Chris Kappler talks to the team as they take a break after a hard practice. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

# Kappler takes over to keep football program running smoothly

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

As a former offensive lineman, new Staples-Motley football coach Chris Kappler knows what it takes to win in the trenches.

"We are stressing the fundamentals, executing steps, hand position, getting off the ball," said Kappler. "The little things lead to big success."

Kappler is in his eighth year as football coach for Staples-Motley. His first year was junior varsity and he moved up to become defensive coach for the past four years, before starting as head coach this year.

Kappler grew up in Ann Arbor, Mich., attending Huron High School. He played football at Gustavus Adolphus College as an offen-

sive lineman and stayed on a fifth year as a graduate assistant coach. He spent one year teaching and coaching at Pillager before settling in at Staples-Motley, where he is also a middle school physical education teacher.

The players are pleased to have someone familiar as the head coach.

"It helps that he was already with us," said Evan Nanik.

"He knows all the players personally," said Cade Schmidt.

"He really knows his stuff," said Jordon Carlson.

"We're excited, he is doing great things," said Scout Strickland.

Kappler will continue to be the defensive coach and Nick Schultz will continue as the offensive coach. Assistants Kermit Klefsaas and Mark Sheie will help

with JV, C squad and specialty positions.

The team is also working on character development. At a recent practice, the team gathered at midfield and talked about resiliency. Kappler asked several players "Who did you see that showed resiliency today?"

The players responded with who they saw and why they liked what their teammate was doing.

Kappler said that is a part of the Why We Play program started by Travis VanOverbeke. Every week they have a different topic, including grit, integrity, selflessness, respect and resiliency. They talk about it before practice and then ask how it played out after practice.

"It's good for the kids See **KAPPLER** on page 3b

# Mixed up lineups still earn two tennis wins

The Staples-Motley/Verndale Tennis team played through misty and gusty conditions in their first tournament at Osakis on Aug. 20. The Cardinals placed second with a record of 2-1, with wins over Yellow Medicine East and Morris, and a loss to the host team. Coach Nick Doll was happy to see Lauren Rutten, Abbie DiGiovanni, and Tiffany Achermann all earn their first varsity wins.

"We have a lot of younger players playing varsity, we're a work in progress," said Haley Cichos, one of the team veterans. Jenna Dvorak added "we'll be really strong in the future."

The team had very different lineups for each match, which could continue through the early part of the season. "We're going to mix them all up this year, our top four are really interchangeable," said Coach Jaque Doll.

The players like it that way. Dvorak said the team is doing a lot more team bonding activities. "It doesn't matter who we play with," she said, "we have fun together but

we are serious in practice."

### Team results

**Staples-Motley 0, Osakis 7**  
Singles: Lauren Rutten L 0-6, 0-6; Rose Han L 0-6, 6-7(1-7); Haley Cichos L 2-6, 0-6; Elizabeth DiGiovanni L 1-6, 1-6

Doubles: Jenna Dvorak/Tasha Achermann L 2-6, 0-6; Abbie DiGiovanni/Tiffany Achermann L 0-6, 1-6; Amy Rollins/Georgia Kruchten L 1-6, 2-6; Alternate match: Torii Nienow & Alison Knosalla L 3-8

**Staples-Motley 5, Morris 2**  
Singles: Han W 7-5, 6-1; Rutten W 6-1, 6-7(3-7), 10-4; Dvorak W 6-4, 6-0; E. DiGiovanni L 2-6, 6-2, 9-11

Doubles: Cichos/Tash. Achermann W 7-5, 7-5; A. DiGiovanni/Tif. Achermann W 3-6, 6-2, 10-5; Grace Allen/Knosalla L 0-6, 6-7(3-7); Alt. Rollins/Kruchten L 6-8

**Staples-Motley 4, Yellow Medicine East 3**  
Singles: Tash. Achermann L 4-6, 4-6; Han W 6-1, 6-0; Rutten W 6-1, 6-1; E. DiGiovanni L 1-6, 2-6

Doubles: Cichos/Dvorak W 7-5, 6-2; A. DiGiovanni/Tif. Achermann W 7-5, 6-3; Nienow/Kruchten L 3-6, 0-6; Alt. Allen W 6-0



Haley Cichos



Tasha Achermann



## Football leadership team

Staples-Motley Football captains, from left, Cade Schmidt, Jordon Carlson, Scout Strickland and Evan Nan-

ik. There will be a fifth captain spot reserved weekly for a player who steps up their leadership role that week.



## CC running seniors

Four seniors on the Staples-Motley cross country teams, from left, Bentley Christensen, Ben Bartczak, Jorie Ihme and Brayden Christensen.

# Cross country teams looking to step up

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

After having 10 runners at the state cross country meet last year (the boys team and three individual girls), the Staples-Motley cross country teams are in position for the rest of the state to take notice again.

The boys team graduated one senior from their top nine and have several younger runners pushing their top seven. "People have been improving all summer. We should start strong going into the season," said Hunter Klimek.

With the extra attention comes added pressure. "We expect a lot more people to come after us this year," said Bentley Christensen.

The team is ranked fifth in the state in the preseason poll by the Minnesota Cross Country Coaches Association, with Emmet Anderson ranked second individually.

But the runners know they still have to put in a lot of work to keep that high ranking. "We are trying not to get too far ahead of ourselves," said Brayden Christensen. "We will just take it one meet at a time," said Bentley.

Senior Ben Bartczak said "People have been seeing us run in the community all summer, they might want to come to the meets to see us in action. Come talk to other people in the

crowd, have fun, have some food and go home."

The Cardinals have one main section rival in West Central Area, with Breckenridge, Melrose and Morris all bringing athletes to challenge them this season.

The girls team also has a lot of potential, with Kira Sweeney coming off two straight all-state performances, and Addison Lorber and Ashley Robben both qualifying for state last year. "We're ready to run," said Sweeney.

Captain Kaitlyn Smith said the team is starting out the season with some hard workouts like they would normally run during the middle of the season. Some of the runners are ready for the increased workload and others are struggling early on. Some of the younger runners are doing well and will be expected to step up to fill varsity positions.

"We're so excited for the younger runners, they're going to be good," said Smith.

The girls team's only senior, Jorie Ihme, said "It's a lot of motivation. With every meet, it will push me. I'll be thinking I will never get to do it again."

The girls have a very tough section with at least four teams fighting for the two spots to get to state as a team, including West Central Area, Eden Valley-Watkins/Kimball, and Albany.



## Excitement in volleyball

Volleyball captains Kiara Storry and Kiera Dumpprope believe the team is looking a lot better this year, and much of it is due to the team's attitude. "We're doing a lot more team bonding things, with everyone grades 8-12," said Storry. Dumpprope agreed, "we get along a lot better," she said. With the early season excitement running up and down the program, when asked what fans can expect to see from the team this year, Storry immediately said "energy", and Dumpprope added "effort." The team has been short on wins the past few seasons, but their enthusiasm could lead to improvement and will make them exciting to watch.



## Swimming seniors

Two seniors will lead the Staples-Motley swim team this year, Leah Crider, left, is in her first year of swimming, while Lili Schneider, right, has been a team leader for years. Coach Amanda Olson said the team has shown a lot of growth both individually and as a team the past two years. "The positivity that these girls possess is incredible and they are just a fun group to be around," said Olson. This year's team will be made up of mostly young swimmers. "They'll be fun to watch progress through the years," said Olson.



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*Team to play fast*

to be recognized by their teammates for the work they put in," said Kappler. "Who showed you something today? I saw you do this ... the little things lead to big success."

The off field lessons are helping with team unity, according to the players, and it is showing up in the locker room and with practices moving quicker.

"We are zooming right through the playbook," said Strickland, "we have a different playbook and a couple of people in new positions."

Nanik said it gives the coaches time to work with individuals on skills.

Schmidt said the team plans to play the same way during the season, with a fast pace.

After losing many of the linemen from last year's team, the Cardinals will have new players protecting their veteran skill positions.

"We will just keep playing our game and playing with confidence," said Kappler. "We will do what we can and not worry about what the other teams are doing."

"The kids did a great job this summer. If we continue to execute, it should pay off during the season," said Kappler.

He said the team has been doing a lot of work in the community, including helping with a church yard sale. "It would be great to see the community support the team in return," said Kappler.

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## Motley working to reduce 2019 levy

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

At a budget meeting lasting nearly three hours Aug. 20, the Motley City Council and the city's department heads looked over the proposed 2019 budget and levy; and determined possible ways to decrease both.

The 2019 proposed total levy, as presented by City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja, is \$414,916. This is a 12.58 percent increase from last year.

Increases in the levy stem from increases in the General Fund, as well as funds that are necessary to make payments on the Beaulieu and 2012A Street Project bonds.

In attendance were Smieja; Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director; Police Chief Jason Borash; and council members Jace Carlson, Pat O'Regan, Amy Hutchison and Steve Johnson. Mayor Al Yoder and Fire Chief Kyle Frisk were unable to be there.

Lowering the proposed levy was a goal voiced by members of the group throughout the evening. Efforts were made to look through the budget line by line, department by department, seeking for ways to cut costs.

By the time they adjourned their meeting, the council and city staff had been able to get down to a \$403,872 levy, which is a 9.58 percent increase from the 2018 levy.

They did this by making budget cuts in the fire department (\$5,500) and administration department (\$975), as well as cutting \$9,769 from the street improvement fund levy which is to be used for future street repairs/projects. Smieja noted that the city will be getting roughly

\$12,000 from the state in 2019 for street improvements that will be placed in this fund.

It was also noted that cuts in the fire department fund were made to more accurately reflect past spending and future anticipated costs.

Increases were made to the police department's budget during the course of the meeting. An increase of \$3,500 was made to better reflect expected prosecution fees, and a \$2,000 increase was made to the transfer fund for a future vehicle purchase. A decrease of \$300 was made to the employment advertising line item in this department, as they plan to advertise for a full-time police officer in 2018, not 2019.

The council and staff discussed what it would take to lower the proposed levy some more. To get down to a 3.89 percent levy increase from 2018, they would need to have a \$32,000 decrease in the levy. So far, they have reduced it by roughly \$11,000, so they would need to cut roughly an additional \$21,000.

If they decided they would like to achieve a zero-percent increase in the levy from 2018, additional cuts of roughly \$35,000 would need to be made.

They will continue this discussion and work on the budget at their next regular council meeting on Monday, Sept. 10.

Smieja reminded them that the preliminary budget has to be set by Sept. 28.



### Getting things ready

The custodial staff at Motley-Staples Middle School (MSMS) has been hard at work preparing for the start of school Sept. 4. Pictured, from left, are Matthew Iaquinto and Tyler Gosch, student summer employees; and Kevin Klein, custodian at MSMS. Klein said

that they have been busy cleaning the school from one end of the building to the other. There were no major projects that needed to be completed this summer. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



### Music on Crookneck Lake

At least 30 boats were anchored at the north end of Crookneck Lake in Motley the afternoon of Aug. 18, enjoying music by the band Super Thieves from the Twin Cities area. JJ Parker, president of the Crookneck Lake Association said the concert was well received and might become an annual event. "We try to do social events here on occasion," Parker said, mentioning a Fourth of July boat parade. He originally thought of having a band perform on a pontoon in the middle of the lake but that proved to be too difficult. In the end, Kevin and Cindy Anderson offered to have Super Thieves perform on their deck which is close to the water (pictured above). Below, boaters enjoy listening to a Creedence Clearwater Revival cover tune. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



### Support for SV First Responders

Scandia Valley First Responders received a \$1,767 check from Lincoln Evangelical Free Church. The church raised the funds from the bluegrass gathering held Aug. 5, in the Scandia Valley Park during Scandia Valley Summerfest. Scandia Valley First Responders are men and women volunteers who give their time and energy in helping people in their community during emergencies; they are self-funded and pay for their

own supplies. A Ditch bag, which each volunteer carries in their car, can run into the thousands of dollars.

Above, from left: Keith Nelson, Patti Zahler, Lisa Anderson, Alyssa Moon, Jake Moon and Tony Brinkman. Not pictured: Herb Bloomquist, Charlie Carlson, Jeff Cueva, Larry Johnson, Megan Kiefer, Keri Kuklok, Jenna Reycraft, Kyle Strickland, BreAnne Tollefson. (Submitted photo)

### Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Aug. 10 - 15 - The MPD issued speeding citations to six individuals.

Aug. 15 - The MPD received a report of several juveniles on top of the roofs of buildings at Ernie Converse Park in Motley. The responding officer located about a dozen juveniles in one of the ball field dugouts, four of whom admitted to being on the roof. The officer advised them to stay off the roofs and treat the park with respect. He then stopped and spoke with the parents of the juveniles on the roof about the incident. He advised them that if these actions continue they will not be allowed to be in the park.

Aug. 15 - The MPD arrested Margaret Elizabeth Raybern, 30, for an outstanding warrant out of another county. Prior to being placed into custody, Raybern resisted arrest with force. The officer reports that a small bag containing a crystal-like substance was located in the squad car after transporting the subject to jail. It field-tested positive for meth. Raybern was then charged with felony 5th degree controlled substance as well.

Aug. 15 - The MPD received a report from the Motley public works director that a black Doberman dog was running loose near Motley Express. The officer was able to get the dog into the back of his squad car and returned the dog to its residence.

Tamara Raybern, 62, was given a citation.

Aug. 13 - The MPD received a complaint of two black dogs running at large near the 200 block of Cedar St. E., Motley. The complainant also mentioned that the dogs owner also has a rooster that he was supposed to have gotten rid of. The rooster has been heard crowing several times in the mornings.

Aug. 12 - The MPD and MCSO responded to a report of a theft of three wooden statues at the 500 block of Hwy 10 S. in Motley. Complainant stated that the incident was recorded by his security camera. The suspect is a male, approximately 30 years old, driving a silver four-door car pulling a boat. The wooden gnome was placed in the boat and the other wood carvings (a butterfly and a mushroom) were put in the car. The approximate value for the items is between \$600 - \$700.

Aug. 10 - The MPD issued a citation to Rachel Hanson, 31, for following too closely behind a police vehicle.

Aug. 12 - The MCSO assisted Cass County and MN State Patrol with a crash on Hwy 64, three miles north of Motley.

Aug. 11 - The MCSO arrested Robert Sean Cobenais, 23, at the 300 block of Gold Ln. in Motley on a warrant out of Beltrami County. Cobenais had assaulted his girlfriend two days earlier in Fargo. He was transported to jail without incident.

Aug. 11 - The MCSO responded to a two-vehicle crash without injuries at the 1000 block of Azalea Rd in Motley.

### EARLY DEADLINES

Due to Labor Day the deadline for the Sept. 6 Staples World is **Friday, Aug. 31 at 5 p.m.**



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