

Neals are 2017 Wadena County Farm Family

The 2017 Farm Family of the Year for Wadena County is the Neal Family of Staples/Verndale.

Charles (Chuck) Neal grew up on his family's farm, graduating from Verndale High School. His father, Willard Neal owned a then 200 acre farm. When Chuck and DeeDee (Baker) were married in 1952, they rented the farm located in the Central area. They added more acreage, purchasing the farm in 1955 where they raised their five children, Curtis, Cindy, Gayle, Craig and Chris. All are graduates of Staples.

Following their own paths as they were encouraged to do, the two youngest boys, Craig and Chris, returned home after college and continued the farming legacy. Daughter Cindy (Rogge) also lives on a farm in the neighborhood; Curt joined the Air Force and lives in Las Vegas and Gayle (Friesen) lives in Baudette; all with grown families.

Craig and Chris, who live with their own families in the neighborhood, have expanded the farm to about 1,000 acres of corn, edible beans and wheat, much of which is irrigated. They also operate a 100-head Angus cow/calf operation. They regularly feed out the steers for butcher and heifers and herd replacements.



Home on the farm

The Chuck Neal family was named the Wadena County Farm Family of the year by the University of Minnesota and was awarded their certificate at the Wadena County Fair June 24. In front, from left are Clara, Olivia holding Elena and Anika; DeeDee and Chuck Neal are in the center. In back are Stacey and Craig Neal with children, Caleb, Addison and Colton; Chris and Brandi Neal. (Submitted photo)

ers and herd replacements.

Chuck has worked all facets of the operation throughout the years and now at age 87, regularly checks on the cows and traps gophers. He will also continue to tell you that he "can't" do something until after chores are done. DeeDee has completed the bookkeeping end of the farm business as well as cooking, gardening and mowing the lawn. She also holds her perennial plant sale each year.

Craig manages the crop production and works with the cattle while Chris manages the shop and mechanic work and works with the cattle. Grandson Colton drives tractor and traps gophers while Caleb beds animal pens. Stacey (Craig's wife) runs many errands and is taking over the bookkeeping. Brandi (Chris's wife) does a lot of the gardening and shares its produce. Stacey and Brandi also provide lots of nurture and management to their own families. Chris and Brandi have four younger girls who visit the farm and help Grandma DeeDee.

The entire family is involved in Farm Bureau with Craig as County President and they are members of the Central Minnesota Irrigator's Association.

Chuck and DeeDee were involved in the Mid-Minnesota Cattleman's Association for many years and also the Wadena County Pilot's Association. They are members of the Old Wadena Society.

The official Wadena County award presentation, made by Wadena County Commissioner Chuck Horsager (and neighbor), was made in the new animal staging arena at the Wadena County Fair on June 24, prior to the 4-H auction.

On June 25 Chuck and DeeDee were the center of a surprise anniversary celebration held at Sunnysbrook Park in Wadena. They have been married for 65 years. They have remained living on their home farm the whole time making improvements, raising children and living life. The four children and families attended the celebration along with many neighbors and friends.

The Minnesota Farm Family of the Year recognition program has existed for over 35 years and honors farm families across Minnesota for their contributions to their local communities and the state's agricultural industry.

It is sponsored by the See **NEAL** on page 3a

School budget shows deficit

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

The Staples-Motley School Board approved a 2017-18 budget reflecting a nearly \$500,000 deficit at a special meeting June 29.

Even though Superintendent Mary Klamm noted that she was not confident that the estimated fund balance for June 30, 2017, was totally accurate, a budget needed to be approved by June 30 and sent to the state education department so operating funds could be released.

Board chair Mary Freeman said this was a preliminary budget and revisions could be made. This deficit is currently \$498,898.

Turnover in the business office led to delays in putting together monthly financial reports, reconciling bank statements and preparing for the end of the fiscal year. Klamm said CliftonLarsonAllen, the auditing firm, was able to assist them.

Klamm was also able to purchase some time from the Brainerd School District for Marci Lord, the business manager who resigned late last fall, to come in briefly. Jaime Boesen, the new business

manager, started in mid-July.

One of the main reasons for the deficit was lower enrollment. Another contributing factor was a reduction in Title I funding.

Klamm said budget reductions decision have been made as situations warrant. Some positions will not be replaced, such as retirements in food service and custodial.

Although the district is past the time frame for reducing teacher staff or

programs, the board can still move people as openings arise. A fifth grade teacher will move into the position of QComp and District Assessment Coordinator made possible the the resignation of Cindy Swenson. That teacher will likely not be replaced.

The board directed the principals to prepare a list of more potential reductions and submit it to the business office for consideration at the July 24 meeting.

SEDA brochures, videos part of marketing plan

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority is using a grant to improve the city's image.

At the June 27 SEDA meeting, Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said the SEDA received \$5,000 for branding from the Good Life grant, the regional marketing program

from Region Five that is promoting communities in the area as "The Good Life".

Radermacher said they are using the money for a new SEDA logo, videos, web site improvements and a new SEDA brochure that will be marketed to potential business partners.

For the videos, she said they are contracting with videographers from Cen- See **SEDA** on page 2a

Hello, Readers,

On July 5, 1946, French designer Louis Reard unveils a daring two-piece swimsuit at the Piscine Molitor, a popular swimming pool in Paris. Parisian showgirl Micheline Bernardini modeled the new fashion, which Reard dubbed "bikini," inspired by a news-making U.S. atomic test that took place off the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean earlier that week.

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Obituary

Vivian Dickman



Veterans and music on Independence Day

More than 115 people attended the July 4 paver dedication at the Staples Veterans Park. Pictured, Jack Wilson gives a talk. He said that July 4 is an important day for him, as it was the day he boarded a plane in Saigon, Vietnam, in 1964, on his way back to Min-

nesota. In the background are Veterans Park Board members Penny Nelsen and Huck Holst.

At right, Grace VanAlst and Seth Larson team up to play "America the Beautiful" on their saxophones. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Barn quilt

The last of the barn quilts made for non-profit organizations was recently installed. "Interwoven Star" was placed at the Staples Veteran's Park just in time for the paver dedication celebration

on July 4. Twelve barn quilts for non-profits were made by Staples-Motley High School art students under the guidance of their instructor Jill Schneider. Students can now see their artwork at the Lions building, Staples and Motley Food Shelves, Dower Lake, Pine Grove Park, Staples Community Center, Aldrich City Hall/Community Center, Long Prairie river entrance in Motley, Motley and Staples Veteran's parks.

Some area businesses purchased barn quilts that were also made by art students: Staples True Value, Staples Dairy Queen, Staples World, Ernie's, First International Bank & Trust, Lakewood Health System, and Longbella Drug. A list of all barn quilts in the area can be found at Barn Quilts of Central MN (<https://barnquiltsmn.org/>). A brochure is coming out in August.

For more information contact Lisa Kajer at 218-894-2906. (Submitted photos)



Thank you for subscribing!

Two insurance companies fined for failure to settle claims

Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman announced that, as part of a continuing investigation, his agency has fined two insurance companies for violating state consumer protection laws by refusing to pay auto accident claims for damage caused by drivers they insured.

“When there’s damage from a crash caused by the other driver, you must be treated fairly by that driver’s insurance company,” said Rothman, whose agency regulates the insurance industry. “Getting hit by another car is a terrible experience, but it gets even worse if the at-fault driver’s insurance company tries to stonewall and deny your claim, which is not acceptable.”

When someone files a damage claim with another driver’s insurer, it is known as a third-party claim.

In recent consent orders with the Commerce Department, American Family Mutual Insurance Company was fined \$25,000 and Bristol West Casualty Insurance Company (owned by Farmers Insurance Group) was fined \$20,000. The companies are also required to take corrective actions to ensure that claims are handled in compliance with Minnesota consumer protection laws.

The Commerce Department investigation found significant compliance concerns with 41 of American Family’s third-party claims in 2014-2016 and seven of Bristol West’s third-party claims in 2015-2016. After the Commerce Department intervened, the companies re-opened and re-adjusted the claims.

Under Minnesota law, an insurer or adjuster is not allowed to deny a liability claim because its insured driver has not cooperated, unless an independent evaluation of available evidence indicates there is no liability.

Auto Accident Insurance Tips for Consumers

Rothman offers the following tips for Minnesotans after an auto accident occurs:

- Remain calm. Check for injuries. If possible, move vehicles away from traffic.
- Call 911 so there will be a police report of the accident.
- Exchange information with the other driver. Get name and contact information, license plate number, insurance company name and policy number.
- Get contact information and statements from any witnesses at the scene.
- Take photos or video of the accident scene, including all damage to cars involved in the crash.

• The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) offers the free WreckCheck app. It will allow you to gather the necessary information to file a claim and to e-mail an accident report to yourself or your insurance company.

• Notify your agent or insurance company about the accident as soon as possible. Do this even if you are not at fault. Also notify the other driver’s insurer that you have been involved in a crash with one of its policyholders.

• If you have collision or comprehensive coverage on your auto policy, it may be more convenient and faster to file the claim with your own insurer even if the accident was not your fault. Your insurance company should work with the other driver’s insurer to determine liability and, through subrogation, obtain reimbursement for the claim, including your deductible.

• Do not have your car repaired until an insurance adjuster has inspected it and the insurer has authorized repairs. While the insurer can recommend a repair shop, you have the right to choose where you want your car repaired.



Brochure to market Staples

The front cover of the Staples Economic Development Authority’s new brochure asks prospective businesses to “grow with us.”

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Paint the Town program is seeking volunteer painters

In other news, the SEDA

- Approved \$1,000 sponsorship of Todd County Development Corporation.
- Heard from City Administrator Jerel Nelsen that Habitat For Humanity is looking for another home project for Staples.
- Heard from Radermacher that the placemaking grant group that was looking at the Batcher Building decided to start with a different project in Brainerd but they do want to work with Staples sometime in the future.
- Heard from Radermacher that the Paint the Town program has six houses to paint and could use more volunteers and teams to paint them.

tral Lakes College to do one minute or 30 second videos about Staples. One of the longer videos would focus on some of the community’s anchor businesses and others will focus on different aspects of the city.

The city web site at staples.govoffice.com has been updated, as has the Staples-Motley Area Chamber of Commerce web site, staplesmotleychamber.org.

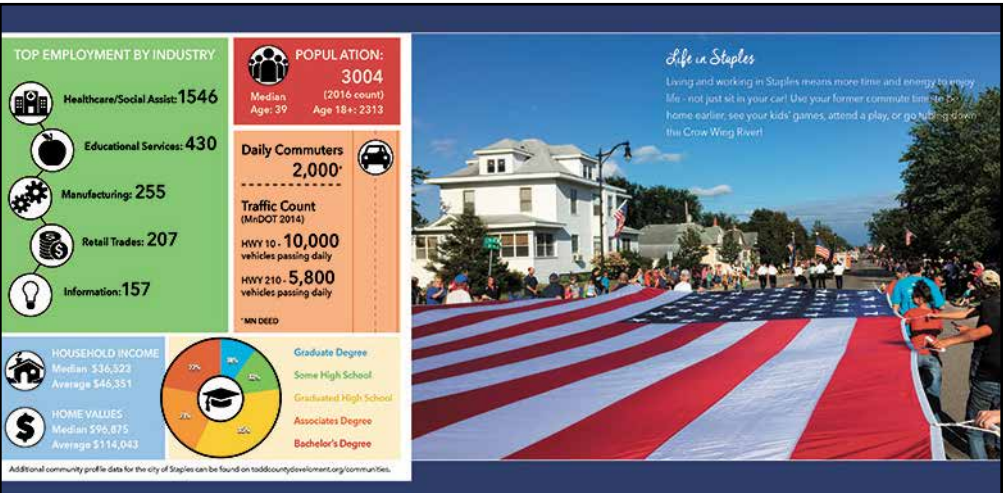
The new brochure is posted on the SEDA’s page, staples.govoffice.com/seda. Radermacher said they will print 500 copies of the brochure to distribute to potential business partners who are interested in Staples.



The sweet smell of fresh cut hay



Sounds of crickets, the occasional sighting of lightning bugs and the sweet smell of fresh cut hay are a few of the senses associated with summer in Minnesota. Carol (left) and Al Lisson of rural Staples were busy baling hay July 2. It was the second cutting of the season, Carol reported, adding that it has been a good summer for hay. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Reasons to look at Staples

The SEDA’s new brochure combines city statistics with cultural information about Staples. (Submitted images)

Installation of electric vehicle charging station signs begins

Motorists traveling north of St. Cloud on Interstate 94 will see new “Electric Vehicle Charging Stations” highway signs along their route to indicate there is a network of public, fast-charging stations for electric vehicles nearby. This is the first of many electric vehicle charging stations signs that motorists will see along I-94 as the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act is implemented.

“MnDOT is excited to be a partner to promote and educate the public about zero emissions and the electric vehicle charging infrastructure,” said Charlie Zelle, Minnesota Department of Transportation commissioner. “We believe that alternate fuels and electric vehicles will be an important part of the future of transportation and can support progress towards the state’s GHG reduction targets”

In 2016, the Federal Highway Administration selected I-94 from Port Huron, Mich., to the Minnesota/North Dakota border as one of 55 designated routes to promote alternative fuels and help drivers find vehicle charging stations nationwide.

This new network spans 35 states and covers 85,000 miles, and was created under the 2016 FAST Act. The alternative fuel corridors will be used to promote electric, hydro-

gen, propane and natural gas vehicles by encouraging development of fueling and charging stations along these routes.

MnDOT, in a partnership with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, submitted an application to designate I-94 as a ‘Zero Emissions Corridor,’ a type of alternative fuel corridor, to promote the electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Since the designation was announced, MnDOT led coordination with state departments of transportation from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and the city of Detroit on a Memorandum of Understanding to re-brand this section of I-94 as the “Great Lakes Zero Emission Corridor.”

“The leading source of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions is transportation-related,” Zelle said. “We can reduce transportation emissions by supporting lower emission vehicles and alternative fuel corridors. By identifying where fueling stations can be found, we can increase the use of electric vehicles and improve air quality and meet the needs of current and future motorists.”

For a complete list of alternative fuel corridors, visit the FHWA website.

119th Annual Cass County Fair - Pillager and 2nd Annual Husky Days

July 6 - 9, 2017 - Pillager Fairgrounds

THURS., JULY 6 Entry Day & Set-up	SATURDAY, JULY 8 Parade*ATV Mud Run*Fireworks
Medallion Hunt July 6, 7, 8 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Food Booth Open 6 p.m. Miss Pillager Contest 6:30 p.m. Family Bingo	8 a.m. Fair Opens 8 a.m. 5K Fun Walk 8 a.m. Lions Pancake Breakfast 8 a.m. Horse Judging begins (break for the parade) 9:30 a.m. Line-up for the Parade 10 a.m. Parade 10 a.m. Food Booth opens 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Exhibitors Open 11 a.m. Horse Show resumes 11 a.m. Carnival Opens 11 a.m. Car and Tractor Show 11 a.m. Alumni Wiffle Ball/Softball Noon Register for Mud Run Noon-midnight Beer Garden Open 12:30 p.m. Stage Contests 1 p.m. Texas Hold'em Tourney 1:30 p.m. The Traveling Art Pub (TAP) 1-5 p.m. Glaucoma/Eye testing and Blood Pressure/Sugar testing 3 p.m. Corn-hole Tourney 4 p.m. Kid's Art, Community Center History Presentation, Art Bldg. 5:30 p.m. Alumni Community Dinner, at the School 7 p.m. UTS Mud Run begins 10 p.m. FIREWORKS by Pyrotechnic Display, Inc. Midnight Fair Closes
FRIDAY, JULY 7 Kid's Day and Dancing 8 a.m. Fair and Food Booth Opens 8 a.m. Exhibit and Horse Judging Ex. building closed for Judging 9 a.m. Exhibits and Horse Judging 10 a.m. 100th Anniversary of the Pillager Dam Celebration 10 a.m. Day Care Tours 11 a.m. Midwest Rides Carnival opens 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Park 1 p.m. Animal Talks Open 1-5 p.m. Free Claucoma/Eye Testing Blood Pressure/Sugar Checks Husky Days Golf Tourney at Madden's 2 p.m. Beer Garden Open 3 p.m.-Midnight Frisbee Golf at School 6 p.m. Family Movie Night at Baptist Church 7 p.m. "Decade 7" Band 8 p.m.-Midnight Fair Closes	10:30 a.m. Church Services at the School 12 noon Meal provided by Kim Gibbs of KC's Saloon: Broasted chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cole slaw roll and drink. \$8 advance ticket/\$9 at the door (150 tickets will be sold). 1 p.m....Motorcycle Ride 3 p.m....Fair closes
SUNDAY JULY 9	

LAMPLIGHTER COMMUNITY THEATRE

ANNUAL MEETING

5:30 p.m., Thurs., July 13
Centennial Auditorium
401 Centennial Lane, Staples

Anyone interested in community theater is welcome to attend!

Agenda items include elections to the board and planning events and productions for the coming year.

Questions? 218-839-0455.

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‘In the sixth month of ‘17...’

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, six milkers milking.’ Pictured above at Solid Rock Dairy Farm in Browerville are, from left, Jordan Tyrrell, Stepan Strilchuk, Ed Kalk, Lee Paskewitz, Laurie Paskewitz and Colton Paskewitz with his cow, Snickers. Solid Rock Dairy Farm is owned by Lee and Laurie Paskewitz, recently named ‘Todd County Farm Family of the Year.’ To see a video performance of their song, visit the Staples World website at www.staplesworld.com; or our Facebook page. The Staples World will be highlighting a variety of area landmarks during the debut of, ‘The Twelve Months of ‘17,’ sung to the tune of ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas.’ Stay tuned to find out what Paul Bunyan delivers each month. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Camp Lejeune veteran toxic exposure claims

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

The Department of Veterans Affairs’ (VA) regulations to establish presumptions for the service connection of eight diseases associated with exposure to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, are effective as of Mar 14, 2017. They will begin processing new compensation claims totaling more than \$2.2 billion from veterans exposed to toxic water at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

“Establishing these presumptions is a demonstration of our commitment to care for those who have served our nation and have been exposed to harm as a result of that service,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Dr. David J. Shulkin. “The Camp Lejeune presumptions will make it easier for those veterans to receive the care and benefits they earned.”

The presumption of service connection applies to active-duty, reserve and National Guard members who served at Camp Lejeune for a minimum of 30 days (cumulative) between Aug. 1, 1953, and Dec. 31, 1987, and are diagnosed with any of the following conditions:

- Adult leukemia
- Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes
- Bladder cancer
- Kidney cancer
- Liver cancer
- Multiple myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma
- Parkinson’s disease

The area included in this presumption is all of Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River, including satellite camps and housing areas.

This presumption complements the health care already provided for 15 illnesses or conditions as part of the Honoring America’s Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012 (<https://veterans.house.gov/HR1627>).

The Camp Lejeune Act requires VA to provide health care to Veterans who served at Camp Lejeune, and to reimburse family members or pay providers for medical expenses for those who resided there for not fewer than 30 days between Aug. 1, 1953 and Dec. 31, 1987. [Source: VA News Release | March 14, 2017 ++]

See your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.



Swimming in the river

Brothers Tyler, 14 (left) and Vinnie Osborne, 11, of Motley cooled off in the Crow Wing River near Motley June 30. In addition to offering respite from the summer heat, the rivers and lakes of Central Minnesota provide recreation outlets for fishermen, boaters and swimmers alike. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Staples financial report reflects pension changes

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council approved their annual audit for 2016 at the June 27 meeting.

Chuck Mayer of Mayer, Porter and Nelson said the city is in good financial position and the “fund balance is a little bit better than it was last year.”

However, there was one change reported in the audit, having to do with the PERA (Public Employees Retirement Association) pension calculations. New laws require government to report their share of future pension payments.

This year’s audit report stated that in Staples, the “governmental activities” net position decreased by \$46,266 before transfers in from the light fund and water fund ... The decrease in net position before transfers is attributed primarily to PERA pension expense.”

Mayer said small changes in calculating

the pension can make big changes in the total amount, since it takes into account all future years of each employee’s pension.

Mayer said the audit is a “clean opinion” except for the Fire Relief Association’s pension plan. He said the city does not need the report because it won’t affect their bond rating and the Fire Relief Association doesn’t have a reason to pay for the report.

In other news, the council

- Approved bids for 2017 electric distribution improvements to the lowest bidder, T-Ray Construction of Blaine for \$122,739. The price was below the engineer’s estimate so Public Works Director Doug Bendorf said they might expand their electrical projects and dig conduit to

McKechnie Tooling, even though they won’t use it right away.

- Approved \$5,000 construction administration contract with SEH for airport hangar pavement project.

- Approved sale of two tax forfeited properties in Todd County portion of the city.

- Approved resource officer agreements with Central Lakes College and Staples-Motley School District.

- Approved Community Center rental agreement, with a 1.5 percent rate increase from 2017-18 to 2018-19.

- Nelsen said the Staples Planning and Zoning Commission will start looking at examples of rental housing codes.

- Set Charter Commission meeting for July 12.



Official award

Charles and DeeDee Neal of rural Staples were presented the 2017 Farm Family of the Year certificate at the Wadena County Fair with Wadena County Commissioner Chuck Horsager making the presentation. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

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Program set for August

University of Minnesota Extension; the University’s Colleges of Veterinary Medicine and Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences; and the University’s Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station.

The 2017 Farm Family Recognition program will take place on Thursday, Aug. 3 at the Farmfest event - an outdoor agricultural exposition - located on Minnesota Highway 67 between the cities of Redwood Falls and Morton. Directions/map and information are available at www.farmfest.com.



Lottery winner

Rick Odden, Staples, brought home a big check after winning \$31,000 in a Northstar Cash jackpot. (Submitted photo)

Persistence pays off for Staples man

Rick Odden’s persistence paid off on a \$1 ticket purchase in a big way after the same set of numbers he has been playing for a number of years were drawn on June 22 to win a \$31,000 Northstar Cash jackpot.

The Staples resident picks his own set of numbers using family birthdays. He didn’t even need his ticket for him to know he was the winner. “I knew I won when I checked the winning numbers over the phone,” he said. “All my numbers were there.”

Odden said he still plans to play the same set of numbers. “I’d like to hit a really big jackpot someday.”

Odden claimed his prize at Lottery headquarters in Roseville on June 28. Staples Express LLC, located at 129 2nd Ave. N.E. in Staples sold the winning ticket. The business will receive a \$310 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

Lottery players have won more than \$6.5 billion. More than \$2.7 billion in lottery proceeds have helped our state - more than \$1.1 billion has helped preserve, restore and protect Minnesota’s environment in each of the 87 counties and almost \$1.5 billion has helped fund state programs including education, public safety and health and human services.

AUCTION

The following personal items will be sold at auction at the Motley Fairgrounds, in Motley, MN (shelter if rain) on:

Saturday, July 8, 2017

SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M.	RESTROOMS ON SITE	LUNCH AVAILABLE
As the Gripp's have sold their home the following will be sold at auction - many nice items!		
FURNITURE/ REFRIGERATOR HOUSEHOLD/ MORE 6 ft. futon, dark cloth, reversible 6 ft. two piece desk Frigidare Gallery refrig., 18 cu. ft. 3 pc. dark oak Mission style BR set, King 7 ft. dot recliner leather couch 3 ft. wood storage box 34" x 45" picture w/ frame, nice Patio furniture set 8 pcs., metal w/ tile top & mesh - like new Kenmore 4-burner BBQ grill Fireplace tools & coal bucket Lorex wireless security camera system Remote Sharp Line A.C. on wheels Rubbermaid mop bucket TV coax cable kit 6 & 8 ft. folding tables	LARGER YARD ITEMS Metal shelving, cabinets, benches, etc. Many more misc. items 6.75 Craftsman self-propelled push mower Echo backpack blower ECHO SRM-210 gas weed trimmer 7 hp electric lawn trimmer Yardworks 42" lawn thresher Polar trailer 30"x45 ft. lawn dump 4 ft. vinyl sled 2 Craftsman air staplers (like new) 1/2 hp Sears-Craftsman bench grinder Portable air tank 110 or 220 V 2 hp Krude air compressor Champion 163 cc trash pump & hoses Various drills 2 milk house heaters Misc. carpenter & mechanic's tools Many long handled tools Misc. nuts, bolts and fasteners Many more items too numerous to mention!	SHOP/ TOOLS Keller alum. fold-up ladder, 22 ft. 3/8 & 1/2 air tools and misc. air tools Briggs & Stratton 1-1/2 hp. Model 55. Craftsman recip. saw 2 Craftsman air staplers (like new) 1/2 hp Sears-Craftsman bench grinder Portable air tank 110 or 220 V 2 hp Krude air compressor Champion 163 cc trash pump & hoses Various drills 2 milk house heaters Misc. carpenter & mechanic's tools Many long handled tools Misc. nuts, bolts and fasteners Many more items too numerous to mention!

Andy and Joyce Gripp, 1-763-670-8566

Selling home, moving out of state - the following will be sold at auction:

HOUSEHOLD/ MORE 2 black leather swivel chairs 2 matching dressers, dark 2 upright vacuums Plant stand & pots Allen enamel older wood & fuel oil stoves Heavy wood coat rack Kid's antique walker Antique power track AMF pedal tractor	GARAGE/ SHOP/ TOOLS 35" John Deere snow blower 14 hp Jacobson rider (Model 53301) 2 wheelbarrows 1968 100hp Johnson for parts Misc. fence & fence posts 2-wheel 5'x8' trailer with 15" tires MTD 5hp 22" snow blower 5 hp garden tiller, Craftsman 11, chain drive 4,000 BTU Remington room heater 2 gas weed eaters Good fertilizer spreader	Nice 2'x8' work bench, steel on wheels Hand tire changer 2-wheel lawn cart Misc. car parts, creeper Propane mosquito magnet Shallow well pump with tank 60 gal. Sanborn 155 psi max. upright air compressor, 3.7 hp, 220 v Steel welding bench, 3'x3' Misc. log chains & binders 15' fiberglass kayak Engine stands Many more misc.	Highbill jack Misc. gas tanks Antique tools Steel welding bench, 3'x3' Creeper 6" bench grinder
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Robert Huff, 1-218-821-6097

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Don't Miss Your Chance

to nominate an individual, business or organization for the 2017

Community Awards

HURRY The deadline is July 15!

Our website has forms that can be completed online, then printed.

www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org

Forms are also available at Motley City Hall and Markus Hair Design in Motley and at Staples City Hall, Staples World, Staples Public Library, Mayer, Porter & Nelson, LTD, and the Staples-Motley High School principal's office in Staples.

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for making a difference!

Congratulations to these 5-Star employees

Left to right: Dustin Peterson, Robin Weishair, Jackie Lahr, Hope Middendorf, Sid Greenwaldt

Dustin Peterson RN, Reflections BHU
Nominated anonymously, "Dustin goes above and beyond with ensuring that the patient's needs are addressed. He treats patients as if they are his own family, and adjusts his approach to meet the patient where they are at in their reality; which is imperative when caring for our cognitively impaired patient population. Dustin is an excellent role model for new and old staff, demonstrated through his patient-centered approach, reliability, work ethic, and dedication to the Reflections unit."

Robin Weishair MLT, Laboratory
Nominated by Michelle Wilds Coder, HIM, "Even before the implementation of EPIC, Robin was my go-to-person for Lab questions. She is extremely professional in her mannerism, and speech. Robin is willing to help me in any way she can, and I just want her to know that it has not gone unnoticed. She truly is a valued Lakewood Team Member!"

Jackie Lahr Representative, Customer Experience
Nominated by Janet Jacobson Data Management Representative, "Lakewood as a whole benefits from the role Jackie plays in Customer Experience. Having a grievance intake person ensures that Lakewood is aware of any trends that may be occurring, which in turn enables us to correct any process issues that may need to be addressed and provide an exceptional experience for our customers. Jackie is amazing!"

Hope Middendorf LPN, Clinic
Nominated by customers, Sev and Sandy Blenkush, "Hope is our 'go to' person when it comes to medical questions and requests. She is dependable, courteous and efficient. Sandy and I have taken some expedition cruises. We are unable to board the ship without papers from a doctor indicating we are in good health. Hope is quick to get the doctor's signature so we can complete our paperwork. Sandy ran out of her prescription medication while we were out of state. We called the clinic and Hope managed to get an emergency supply filled at a local pharmacy. Hope is one of the many outstanding employees at Lakewood Health System. Thank you for everything you do!"

Sid Greenwaldt Manager, Maintenance
Nominated anonymously, "Sid came in on the weekend to make sure that things were being taken care of regarding moving office furniture during our move due to the current construction phase. Sid is a fantastic employee and a wonderful person who is always working smart, working hard, and working very efficiently. Coming in was above and beyond the call of duty even for Sid who is the consummate professional. Sid exemplifies, "The Lakewood Way" and is highly valued for his leadership and the excellent example he makes on a daily basis. When I think of excellence in displaying work ethic, I think of Sid."

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Acquiring additional land could hurt townships

Recently, a series of editorials attacking provisions in the Omnibus Legacy Funding Bill, the House Omnibus Tax Bill and other pending legislation as anti-environment and anti-Legacy Amendment, have appeared in newspapers across the state. At least one media personality has blasted these provisions on radio.

Unfortunately, none of these editorials, nor any member of the media, even acknowledged the concerns of those supporting the unduly maligned efforts intended to protect local government tax base and guard against substantial shifts in tax burdens to the remaining taxpayers.

Most land acquired using Legacy Amendment or similarly dedicated revenues is removed from the tax rolls. Counties and townships, however, must still provide road maintenance, emergency medical, search and rescue, and other public services to the acquired properties.

In fact, in many cases, the local costs are increased because of more people utilizing the state-acquired lands. The result is a shift of tax obligation to the remaining property owners.

Critics point to the Payment-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes (PILT) program as making local governments whole for lost taxes. PILT payments generally do not fully cover the lost taxes, particularly at the township level. Some counties may be compensated slightly above a property's tax obligation in the early years of the six-year cycle for assessing tax values of acquired lands, but by the end of the cycle, things level

off and the value of PILT slips below the property's tax obligation.

There is also no guarantee the Legislature will authorize PILT payments every year, particularly in an amount equal to the lost taxes.

The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) in partnership with the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) has been working on the provisions of the House Omnibus Tax Bill that create a trust account financed by a payment at the time land is acquired using Legacy or similar funds. Counties and towns would receive annual payments in an amount equal to the lost taxes, no more and no less, and the State's General Fund would not be further strained.

Until the issue of dependable compensation holding local governments and their taxpayers harmless for lost taxes is resolved, which the Trust Account approach achieves, alternatives such as no net-gain of state-owned

property, or no net-loss of tax base policies, will continue to be discussed as alternatives for counties and townships.

Opponents of such efforts are quick to argue that those who voted for the Legacy Amendment did not think it would be used to pay property taxes. We would argue they really did not think it would result in increased property taxes.

County and township officers hunt, fish and use public lands. But they also recognize the need for balance and fairness, especially when it comes to having to levy property taxes.

We would ask that supporters of the land acquisitions work with us on solutions that may be mutually beneficial to cover these lost tax funds for the local governmental jurisdictions and so that local taxpayers do not have to pick up the extra burden.

Submitted by Minnesota Association of Townships
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Letters to the Editor

Great Lamp Camp show

I would like to say how much we enjoyed the performance of Lamp Camp's "Through the Looking Glass" this year.

A big thank you to Shei-

la, Justin, Sam, Nicolette and all the other wonderful helpers - also all who supported and worked so hard with Lamp Camp 2017.

The play was wonderful - the kids were great! It was obvious how hard everyone worked to have fun and learn while doing so.

Next year, I would like to see it advertised better - so others in the community might participate or attend the great performance.

It's a great addition to what Staples does.

Sally Grove
Staples, Minn.

Senate health bill slashes Medicaid to cut millionaires' taxes

By Frank Clemente

Despite slight differences, the health-care legislation under consideration in the Senate retains the same sickening goal of its House counterpart: cutting taxes for millionaires, billionaires and big corporations at the expense of working families. These bills are not about ensuring the health of working families, they are designed to increase the wealth of the lucky few.

Twenty-two million people would lose health coverage under the Senate plan, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. The savings would pay for tax cuts of \$570 billion, mostly for high-income individuals and big health care companies. Both the Senate and House bills are meant to replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA, or Obamacare), which extended health coverage to 20 million previously uninsured Americans.

The Senate bill slashes Medicaid by \$772 billion over 10 years. In 2026, 15 million fewer Americans would be covered - mostly people with disabilities, kids from working families and the elderly poor.

Medicaid is central to America's health care system. It pays for half the nation's births and nearly two-thirds of all nursing home care.

The Senate plan also punishes patients by reducing subsidies to help them buy private insurance. For example, the average monthly premium for a 64-old making \$56,800

a year will increase by up to \$13,700 compared to what they will pay under the Affordable Care Act. Such price hikes will put health-care coverage out of reach for seven million. Especially hard hit will be older Americans living in rural areas.

While those who are most vulnerable lose health coverage, the wealthy and corporations reap huge tax savings. Millionaires would get a tax break averaging \$50,000 a year. Each of the 400 richest families in America would receive an average annual tax cut of \$7 million.

Health care corporations share in the tax-cut spoils too. Insurers will get \$145 billion over 10 years - as well as a change in tax rules to let them overpay their top executives at taxpayer expense. Prescription drug companies will get \$26 billion in tax cuts over the next decade.

Health insurers and pharmaceutical firms don't need tax cuts. Profits of the eight biggest health insurance companies jumped by a third over a recent four-year span, to more than \$25 billion. Last year the top ten drug companies had combined earnings of over \$83 billion.

Drug company profits keep getting bigger because drug companies keep price gouging. Over the past 10 years, drug prices have grown eight times faster than the general rate of inflation. Drug companies also stash hundreds of billions of dollars in profits offshore to dodge U.S. taxes.

Rich people never have

to worry about losing their health care. They also benefit from a tax code that favors wealth over work: investment income in the form of dividends and capital gains is taxed at a lower rate than a lot of wage and salary income. The ACA addresses some of that injustice by placing a small tax on investment income for people making over \$250,000 a year, using the revenue to expand health-care coverage to millions of lower-income Americans.

The Senate bill would reverse this advance, handing the wealthy a tax cut of over \$170 billion over 10 years while undermining health care for working families. The Senate plan would also weaken Medicare by repealing an extra payroll tax on employees making over a quarter million dollars a year. This surtax has strengthened the Medicare hospital fund - eliminating it will shorten by two years its ability to pay full benefits. But the wealthy will get a \$59 billion tax cut.

Senators face a fundamental choice. Will they back a plan that imperils the health care of millions of hard-working Americans to give hundreds of billions of dollars in tax cuts to the wealthy and corporations? Or will they reject this assault not only on our nation's health care but on its core values of fairness, compassion and common sense?

Frank Clemente is executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness. This column was submitted by American Forum

Toddlers and titans of industry

By Morris Pearl
Chair of the Patriotic Millionaires and former managing director at BlackRock, Inc.

What do corporate CEOs and impatient 5-year olds have in common? Too much, apparently.

In nearly every aspect of life, our ability to delay short-term gratification for long-term gain is a huge predictor of our success. In the famous Stanford marshmallow experiment, children were made to choose between eating one marshmallow immediately or two marshmallows after waiting 15 minutes, and then tracked over the following decades based on their decision. The children who could wait for two marshmallows were measurably more successful in areas such as SAT scores, body mass index, and educational attainment.

This ability to delay gratification for a better long-term result plays a huge role not only in our own personal success,

but also when it comes to business and government. Long-term thinking is critical when building a successful corporation or a thriving society, and that type of planning and thinking, compounded over 200 years, is a major reason why the United States has the largest, most vibrant economy in the world.

Unfortunately, current incentive structures have created a situation where our business leaders and elected officials act far too often like the child who couldn't wait 15 minutes for a second marshmallow. Asset managers in today's financial industry take part in high-frequency trading where trades work or don't based on differences of a few ten-thousandths of a second, increasing volatility and the risk of a market meltdown. CEO's of public corporations are forced to make decisions they know will damage their company in the long-run just to please investors who are only looking for the earnings in their next quarterly report.

Short-term gains have replaced long-term planning, and nearly everyone has suffered in the process. We need a wholesale change in the way our corporations and economies operate if we want the United States to remain the world's foremost economic power. And nowhere is the business community's lack of foresight more obvious than the opposition of many within it to raising the minimum wage. Their stance on the minimum wage illustrates a reflexive, visceral reaction to the prospect of rising labor costs, with little consideration for the real effect such a change would have on their business.

Say you own a bar in one of the thousands of communities in our nation where most people earn the minimum wage or not much more, and you're faced with a choice between supporting or opposing a minimum wage increase to \$15 an hour. If you focus exclusively on immediate, short-term concerns, you're going to see how your payroll costs

are going to increase, and you're likely going to oppose raising the minimum wage. If, however, you take a long-term, more strategic approach, you'll come to a different conclusion.

You'll have to pay your bartenders more, yes, but that cost will be more than offset by the fact that a huge number of your customers will have just received raises themselves, giving them more money to spend at your bar.

Forty percent of Americans make less than \$15 an hour - if you give a raise to 40 percent of people, especially the 40 percent who may not have had enough money to afford to drink at the bar before, your sales will increase significantly. If you're not convinced, check with the restaurant and bar owners in Seattle who used to complain about their city's minimum wage increase. It might take a while to get a hold of them though, because now that the increase has begun to go into effect, they are all too busy hiring more employees to handle their increased business to spend a lot of time talking.

Business leaders who oppose a higher minimum wage are engaged in short-term, short-sighted thinking that only serves to limit their businesses' potential. There's a reason thousands of small business owners have already come out in favor of a \$15 minimum wage - it's the right financial decision. For the sake of their own enterprises and all of us, it's far past time for business leaders to learn to wait for that second marshmallow. It's time for a \$15 federal minimum wage.

Morris Pearl currently serves as Chair of the Patriotic Millionaires, a group of 200 high-net-worth Americans who are committed to building a more prosperous, stable, and inclusive nation. The group focuses on promoting public policy solutions that encourage political equality; guarantee a sustaining wage for working Americans; and ensure that millionaires, billionaires, and corporations pay their fair share of taxes. <http://patrioticmillionaires.org/>

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‘Caleigh’ to open ‘Music in the Park’ series in Staples



Eclectic band

Caleigh, a Minnesota band, will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 9, at 7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Lenore Siems, Bemidji; Dee Furfaro, Pinewood; and April Larson, Bagley area. The series is made possible with a gift from the Staples Host Lions Club. (Submitted photo)

‘Caleigh’ will kick off the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 9, at 7 p.m. This is the first concert in the series which will run for six Sundays.

Comprised of three musicians (Lenore Siems, Dee Furfaro, April Larson), Caleigh is a Minnesota band whose sound is earthy and eclectic. Expect to hear a fusion of world folk, Celtic, bluegrass, American Old-Time and original compositions.

Caleigh has shared their 20-year musical journey with audiences throughout Minnesota and fans worldwide via the internet.

The band has released five albums on the Lily Label, each graced with the sounds of harp, fiddle, bodhran, banjo, accordion, guitars, mandolin, congas, viola, contra bass, balalika and captivating vocals. According to information at their website, “Caleigh’s music will inspire the imagination of listeners as they travel through a time-honored musical experience.”

Caleigh’s albums have been sold worldwide via iTunes and CD Baby. Through MP3, several of the band’s tunes were selected as number one on the musical charts and their arrangement of St. Pat-

rick’s Day Medley was used as the background music for internet greeting cards. In 2000, several tunes were selected for a Canadian multimedia middle school social studies curriculum resource called Living Histories: Founding of America. In 2013, Caleigh was the featured band for the radio show, “Minnesota Center Stage.”

For more information about this band, visit their website at www.caleigh3@wordpress.com.

The Music in the Park Concerts are held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and will run through August 13. For more information on the Music in the Park series as well as the regular concert series, check out www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

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

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

Three-Day Cooling-Off Law for contracts

One situation in which Minnesota law provides a “cooling-off” period is home solicitation sales. Minnesota’s Home Solicitation Sales Act (Three-Day Cooling-Off Law) applies to the sale, lease, or rental of goods or services primarily for personal or household use and to improvements to real property - if the transaction is worth more than \$25 and occurs in your home or at a place other than the seller’s normal place of business (e.g., motels and convention centers). When a transaction is covered by this law, you have three business days to cancel the contract.

Under the law, you must send a written request to the address provided by the seller. It is a good idea to send cancellation requests by certified mail

through the United States Postal Service and keep a copy of the request for your records. This will give you proof that your request was timely. After the contract is cancelled, the seller must refund your money within 10 days.

If the Three-Day Cooling-Off Law applies to a transaction, the seller is required to give you notice of your right to cancel in three different forms: an oral explanation; a receipt containing certain information about your right to cancel; and two copies of a completed “NOTICE OF CANCELLATION” form. Until all three forms of notice are provided properly, you have a continuing right to cancel the contract that extends beyond three business days. Once the seller provides notice properly,

the three business days right to cancel begins to run.

The Three-Day Cooling-Off Law does not apply when you buy a vehicle. It also does not cover transactions for less than \$25, the sale of insurance or real estate, or sales conducted at a merchant’s normal place of business, like a retail store.

Other contracts which may allow a three-day cooling-off period include certain club memberships, reverse mortgages, residential roofing and siding contracts and agricultural contracts.

Other contracts that have various periods of time to cancel may include life insurance policies (10 days), hearing aids (45 days), extended car warranties, credit services,

and membership travel. Other types of contracts and transactions may also be subject to a “cooling-off” period for cancellation.

Some contracts may also be deemed void or their terms held inapplicable if you have been defrauded.

If you have questions about whether a particular contract or transaction is subject to a “cooling-off” period or cancellation, you may wish to contact a private attorney to discuss your situation.

The Attorney General’s Office has a publica-

tion entitled “Contract Cooling-Off Periods” with more detailed information about cancellation periods. To request a copy of this publication or to file a complaint, you may contact the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office:

Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson
445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400 St. Paul, MN 55101, 651-296-3353 or 800-657-3787

TTY: 651-297-7206 or 800-366-4812, www.ag.state.mn.us.

Highway 27, Highway 71 project in Long Prairie begins July 10

Motorists in Long Prairie will encounter crews, equipment and narrowed travel lanes on Highway 27 and Highway 71 after a project to improve the roadway, sidewalks and other infrastructure begins Monday, July 10.

Motorists should plan their travel and expect the following traffic changes.

- Highway 27 and Highway 71 will remain open, but lanes will be narrow and will close intermittently while crews complete their work. Shoulders will also close as needed.

- Access to all local residences and businesses will be maintained.

- Highway 27 and Riverside Drive will be detoured for about five days in late July while crews repair or replace underground utilities near the Highway 27/Highway 71/Riverside Drive intersection. More information on the detour routes will be issued as details become available.

- Highway 27 and Highway 71 will be reduced to a single lane with flaggers allowing one-way, alternating traffic through the work zone for about one week in September.
- More information on future traffic changes and detour routes will be issued as details become available. For the latest road closure information, visit www.511mn.org or the

project’s website at www.mndot.gov/d3/2017/longprairie/.

The closures and detours are needed as part of a project to resurface Highway 27 between Highway 71 and Ninth Street NE, resurface Highway 71 between Highway 27 and Sixth Avenue S, improve the Highway 71/Todd County Road 38 signal system, repair or replace underground utilities, and reconstruct sidewalks and pedestrian ramps in the city of Long Prairie. When complete, the project will result in a smoother ride, improve safety and traffic flow and improve pedestrian accessibility.

Open house scheduled July 6

A public open house for the project is scheduled Thursday, July 6 from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Long Prairie city hall. Attendees will be able to view a large layout of the project, get project details and get their questions answered from MnDOT staff and others working on the project.

To get more information, including traffic updates and the latest maps, visit www.mndot.gov/d3/2017/longprairie/.

For real-time travel information anywhere in Minnesota visit www.511mn.org or dial 5-1-1.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, July 11, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities update-Bradley Peterson.
- Consider first reading of ordinance authorizing the sale of lots 1 and 10, block 25, Staples Mill (Original Townsite).
- Consider resolution amending the personal protective equipment policy to increase the city contribution for employee safety glasses.
- Consider change order number 2 on the Dower Lake Park Seasonal Camping Project to increase the contract price by \$1,609.80.
- Committee reports including Public Works Commission and Staples Economic Development Authority.

- Open forum.
- City Administrator’s report.

Mosaic Garden Ornament class

Pam Collins is offering a Mosaic Garden Ornament class at Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples, on July 11, 12, 13 and July 17 and 18.

This class is for adults and teens age 14 and older. The only fee for participants is for supplies.

Participants will attend two days of creating sessions on one session for

finishing. Classes will be given at both day time and evening time slots. Students can choose the times that suit them best as long as they get three sessions.

Times and dates

- July 11 - 5:30-9:30 p.m. - create
- July 12 - 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - create

- July 12 - 5:30-9:30 p.m. - create
 - July 13- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - create
 - July 17- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - finish
 - July 18 - 5:30- 8:30 p.m. - finish
- Register by calling Pam at 218-894-3681.

Staples Public library programs

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

1,000 Books before Kindergarten - ongoing

Enjoy a fun program encouraging reading and early literacy skills. For ages birth to kindergarten. Sign up any time during open hours. Sponsored by Staples Coalition.

D.I.Y. Fun Activity: Animal home match-up! - June - August

Animals have homes too! Some they make, some we make for them and some they find. Can you guess the animal that lives in each home? Each week we will draw a prize winner and post another animal guessing game. Runs June through August during open hours.

The Page Turners-Tween/Teen Book Club - July 18

Join us for a fun hour of book chat, games and delicious snacks. Our next

meet-up is Tuesday, July 18, 4-5 p.m. For ages 8 to 15. Registration is required.

For more information contact the library at 218-894-1401.

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. The hours are: Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue. 2-8 p.m., Weds. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 2-8 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) provides library services for 32 public libraries in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright counties. It also provides Central Minnesota residents with nearly one million books, CDs and DVDs, 250 public computers, programming and information services.

St. Michael Church offers day camp in August

The Church of St. Michael, Motley, and Sacred Heart Church, Staples, have created a day camp for youth to run Aug. 7-9.

Storytellers, musicians, camp staff, bible teachers, elders and friends will gather children from pre-school (four years old) through fifth grade for the church camp in Motley.

From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. campers will experience Adventures in Art, Saint’s Alive, Praise & Worship, Goofy

Games, Water Slide Kick-ball, Crazy Crafts, A Story Tree, Bible Puppetry, How to Help, Summer Food, and much more

Watch for more at staplesmotleycatholics.weebly.com or call/text 218-414-0081.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Stacy and Scott Pedley of Little Falls, a baby girl, Brielle Lily weighing eight pounds, five ounces on June 24, 2017.

Born to Brittney and Jeffrey Hauer of Clarissa, a baby girl, Novalee Londynn weighing eight pounds, two ounces on June 24, 2017.

Born to Maura Wilds and Brent Boozell of Staples, a baby girl, Paxlee Elaine weighing eight pounds, 14 ounces on June 25, 2017.

Born to Jessica Beier and Andrew Thompson of Wadena, a baby girl, Anzlee Ann weighing eight pounds, two ounces on June 25, 2017.

Born to Brittany Morley of Brainerd, a baby boy, Rykker Michael weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on June 28, 2017.

Obituary



Vivian Dickman

Vivian L. Dickman, 84, of Motley passed away on June 19, 2017, at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

A Celebration of Life was held July 1 at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley.

Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

Vivian was born to Inga (Hanson) and Dale Flansburg on October 24, 1932, in Wing River Township, Wadena County.

She is survived by two sons, Darold (Jody Lee) Hanson of Stanchfield and David Germann of Motley; three daughters, Jean (Ray) Churchill of Merrifield, Joyce (Jim) Brune of Frazee and Joan (Don) Thomas of Brainerd; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; four brothers, Victor Flansburg of Motley, Bob Flansburg of Detroit Lakes, Lloyd (Jackie) Flansburg of Motley and Richard (Pat) Flansburg of Motley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William J. Hanson; one daughter, Judy; two sons, Billy and Dan and sister-in-law, Lavonne Flansburg.

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MnDOT to post human trafficking awareness messages at rest stops

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will begin installing posters in 41 rest areas across the state to educate the traveling public about human trafficking and to encourage them to report suspicious activity. The posters include guidelines on how to recognize signs of human trafficking and potential victims and a toll-free hotline to report any suspicious activity.

Human trafficking often involves travel, including the transport of victims from a base of operations to locations of exploitation.

"According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Twin Cities is one of the 13 U.S. cities with a particularly high rate of child prostitution, and Minnesota has the third highest number of human trafficking cases in the nation," said MnDOT Commissioner Charlie Zelle. "MnDOT's responsibility for maintaining the quality and safety of multiple modes of transportation, including highways, airports, rail lines, transit systems and commercial vehicles, provides unique opportunities to see - and stop - human trafficking activities."

Zelle, on behalf of MnDOT's nearly 5,000 employees, signed a pledge in January 2017 to join Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking and make

fighting human trafficking a MnDOT priority by developing and sharing resources to inform and empower MnDOT employees as well as the traveling public. Nearly 20 million travelers visit Minnesota rest areas each year.

To learn more about MnDOT's human trafficking awareness initiative, request training or download posters, visit MnDOT's website at: mndot.state.mn.us/humantraffickingawareness/index.html.

If you see signs of human trafficking or are a trafficking victim, resources are available to you. For general trafficking information, to connect with a service provider or to report a tip on potential human trafficking activity, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-3737-888. Submit a tip on the NHTRC website at <https://traffickingresourcecenter.org/report-trafficking>.

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center is a national, toll-free hotline available to answer calls in multiple languages from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year. The NHTRC is not a law enforcement or immigration authority and is operated by a nongovernmental organization funded by the Federal government.

Grant helped 50 CLC students

Central Lakes College helped more than 50 students this past school year with emergency funding through the Great Lakes Higher Education Emergency Assistance Grant.

The grant allows the college to assist students with emergency funding for non-academic expenses; rent, utility bills, helps them stay at CLC and helps increase the college's retention rate.

"Often times the reason students can't complete

their degree at CLC is not because the courses are too difficult, it's because emergency circumstances require them to leave college to attend to these troubles," said Nick Heisserer, Director of Enrollment Services. "Our Emergency Grant provided up to \$500 to more than 50 students to help them take care of these emergencies so they could be successful. In fact, our retention rate of these students increased to 88 percent compared to

74 percent or non-grant participants demonstrates the impact this program is making in the lives of our students."

This was the second year CLC helped students with this grant. The total funds awarded this year were; \$21,000, with \$13,000 from Great Lakes and an \$8,000 match from the CLC Foundation. Next year, another \$21,000 will be available to assist students.

Seeking surviving spouses of veterans

Surviving spouses of military veterans may be eligible for a reduction in your Homestead Property Taxes. Governor Dayton recently signed into law a provision allowing certain surviving spouses to apply for an eight-year property tax reduction program, but you must apply no later than August 1, 2017.

Details: Veteran must have passed away after 12/31/2011 and spouse must be receiving the VA monthly benefit called Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC). You must apply at the County Assessor in the county you reside. Documentation of DIC benefit is required.

Free assistance is available from the County Veterans Service Officer.

A complete directory of MN Service Officers is found on-line: macvso.org.

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To request that an obituary, anniversary, or other event be placed word for word, personalized, contain more than one photo, or to run for more than one week, consult our advertising department for display advertising options (rate is \$9.60 /col. inch, Staples World only). The item will be placed in our newspaper with a border around it and must be paid for at the time of placement. Deadline for advertising copy is 5 p.m. Monday.

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The Staples World offers a Special Occasion Display ad, 1 col. X 3" for \$25 (must be paid for at the time of placement; reg. \$28.80). These may include anniversary and birthday congrats and open houses. Regular ad rate is \$9.60 per column inch for any size ad. **Benefit events are considered advertisements.**

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Public Notices

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT Case Type: #14 - Other Civil

SUMMONS

City of Staples,
Plaintiff

VS.

Betty Self Drone, Estate of Betty Self Drone, Starr Botzet, a/k/a a Star Botzet, Larry C. Botzet, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the Complaint herein, and all unknown heirs or assigns of the above in real estate described in the Complaint herein, Defendant.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you, The Plaintiffs Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away, They are official papers that affect your rights, You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons, You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:

Joseph A. Krueger
BROWN & KRUEGER,
P.A. 124 Lake Street South
Long Prairie, MN 56347

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiffs Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY located in Todd County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:
Lot Ten (10), Block Twenty-five (25), Original Townsite of Staples.
The object of this action is quiet title to a tax forfeited parcel, pursuant to Minnesota Statute §284.11.

Dated: 5/18/2017

BROWN & KRUEGER, P.A.
By Joseph A. Krueger
Attorney for Plaintiff
124 Lake Street South
Long Prairie, MN 56347
Telephone: (320) 732-6112
Atty. Regn. No. 0328911
27-29pnc

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD DISTRICT COURT Court File No. 77FA-17-455 SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case Type:
Dissolution without
Child

Notice of Hearing

TINA ELIZABETH CONTRERAS,
210 6TH ST. NE
STAPLES, MN 56479
In re the Marriage
of Tina Elizabeth Contreras and Dannie Kory Contreras

You are notified of the following hearing date:

July 28, 2017
Default Hearing
11:00 a.m.

at the following location:

District Court
Judge Daniel A. Benson
Todd County Dist. Court
Courtroom 1
221 1st Ave. S, Ste 100
Long Prairie, MN 56347
320-732-7800

You are expected to appear fully prepared.

Dated: June 19, 2017

Rhonda Bot,
Todd County Court
Administrator

cc: Dannie Kory Contreras
27pnc

NOTICE THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Thomastown Township will be held at the town hall on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Joy Weyer, Clerk
Thomastown Township
27pnc

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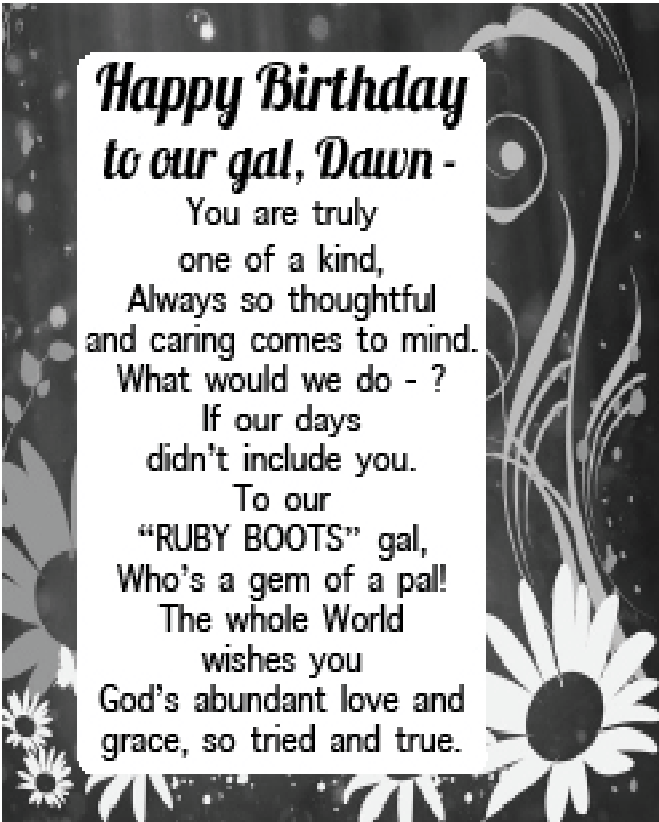
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
Case Type:
Dissolution with Children
Court File No.
77FA-17-483

In Re the Marriage of
Abigail Sarah Wiese,
Petitioner

Kellin Dean Wiese,
Respondent

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO
THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

WARNING: Your spouse has filed a lawsuit against you for dissolution of your marriage. A copy of the paperwork regarding the lawsuit is served on you with this summons. This summons is an official document from the court that affects your rights. Read this summons carefully. If you do not understand it, contact an attorney for legal advice.

1. The Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit against you asking for dissolution of your marriage (divorce). A copy of the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* is attached to this *Summons*. There should also be a copy of *Petitioner's Financial Affidavit* attached.

2. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the Court a written *Answer to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* and your *Financial Affidavit*. You must pay the required filing fee. *Answer* forms and the *Financial Affi-*

davit form are available from the Court Administrator's office. You must serve your *Answer* and *Financial Affidavit* upon Petitioner within thirty (30) days of the date you were served with this *Summons*, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your *Answer* and *Financial Affidavit*, the Court may give your spouse everything he or she is asking for in the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*.

3. This proceeding does not involve real property.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

Under Minnesota law, service of this summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties to the action, unless they are modified by the court or the proceeding is dismissed:

(1) Neither party may dispose of any assets except (a) for the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets, (b) by an agreement of the parties in writing, or (c) for retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.

(2) Neither party may harass the other party.

(3) All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.

(4) Parties to a marriage dissolution proceeding are encouraged to attempt alternative dispute resolution pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration and other processes as set forth in the district court rules.

You may contact the court administrator about resources in your area. If you cannot pay for mediation or alternative dispute resolution, in some counties, assistance may be available to you through a nonprofit provider or a court program. If you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 518B, you are not required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by the court in later proceedings.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

NOTICE OF PAR-
ENT EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Under Minnesota Statutes, section 518.147, in a contested proceeding involving custody or parenting time of a minor child, the parties must begin participation in a parent education program that meets minimum standards promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court within 30 days after the first filing with the court. In some Districts, parenting education may be required in all custody or parenting proceedings. You may contact the District Court Administrator for additional information regarding this requirement and the availability of parent education programs.

Dated: 5/17/2017

Abigail Wiese,
Petitioner
623 5th Street NE
Staples, Minnesota 56479
25-27pnc

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORCLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage.

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 5, 2008; Assigned January 20, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$44,998.47

MORTGAGOR(S): Nathan George, a single person

MORTGAGEE: American Heritage National Bank; Assigned to Jason George

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Mortgage: Recorded October 1, 2008; Todd County Recorder; Todd County, MN; Document No. 459390

Assignment: Recorded February 7, 2017; Todd County Recorder; Todd County, MN; Document No. 502805

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that part of Government Lot Two (2) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township One Hundred Twenty-eight (128), Range Thirty-four (34), lying North of the Sauk River which runs through said Lot Two (2), and which lies East of Highway No. 11, also known as the "U" Trail Road.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd

Property Address: 16086 County 11, Osakis, MN 56360

Tax Parcel ID No.: 17-0030801

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$39,050.67

That all preforeclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 10, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office Lobby, 115 3rd Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, to pay the debt secured by said Mortgages, as assigned, and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the Mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns. If the mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Section 580.23, the time to vacate is 11:59 p.m. on that date.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORT-

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

Dated: June 22, 2017

Jason George
Assignee of Mortgagee

PEMBERTON, SORLIE, RUFER & KERSHNER, P.L.L.P.
By: Marc W. Sugden,
No. 0390267
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
203 22nd Avenue West
Alexandria, MN 56308
Telephone: 320-759-3143
25-30pnc

NOTICE
TODD-WADENA
COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS
MEETING

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, July 10, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. at the Todd County Justice Center, 221 First Ave. S, Suite 200, Long Prairie, MN.

Bernice Desotell
Administrative Assistant
27pnc

CITY OF STAPLES
Summary Financial Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Staples to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at the Staples City Hall 122 6th St NE. Questions about this report should be directed to the City Clerk at (218) 894-2550

Revenue and Expenditures for General Operations
(Governmental Funds)

	Total 2016	Total 2015	Percent Increase or (Decrease)
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$ 854,516	\$ 803,141	6.40%
Special Assessments	138,908	133,539	4.02%
Licenses and Permits	132,519	61,990	113.77%
Intergovernmental Revenues	1,446,057	1,408,889	2.64%
Charges for Services	305,649	311,150	-1.77%
Fines and Forfeits	27,924	26,195	6.60%
Investment Earnings	29,568	33,761	-12.42%
Miscellaneous	348,794	440,491	-20.82%
Total Revenues	\$ 3,283,935	\$ 3,219,156	2.01%
Per Capita	1,119.27	1,092.35	2.46%
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General Government	\$ 417,199	\$ 384,589	8.48%
Public Safety	842,678	793,565	6.19%
Streets and Highways	420,685	466,064	-9.74%
Economic Development	194,119	191,309	1.47%
Culture and Recreation	83,600	74,895	11.62%
Airport	62,728	68,506	-8.43%
Debt Service:			
Principal	478,723	457,069	4.74%
Interest and Other Charges	303,987	352,051	-13.65%
Capital Outlay	437,007	215,112	103.15%
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,240,726	\$ 3,003,160	7.91%
Per Capita	1,104.54	1,019.06	8.39%
Total Long-term Indebtedness	\$ 9,818,946	\$ 9,019,075	8.87%
Per Capita	3,346.61	3,060.43	9.35%
General Fund & Special Revenue Funds Unrestricted			
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 2,070,656	\$ 1,640,638	26.21%
Per Capita	705.75	556.71	26.77%

CITY OF STAPLES
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
December 31, 2016

	Light	Water	Community Center	Sewer	Total
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and investments	\$ 849,590	\$ 481,955	\$ 381,041	\$ 30,755	\$ 1,743,341
Restricted cash	126,925	3,000			129,925
Accounts receivable, net	284,738	46,811	266	47,018	378,833
Due from other funds		45,000			45,000
Receivables from other governmental units			35,338		35,338
Inventories	125,936	21,021			146,957
Total current assets	1,387,189	597,787	416,645	77,773	2,479,394
Net capital assets	3,135,572	5,097,623	191,595	2,734,686	11,159,476
Total assets	4,522,761	5,695,410	608,240	2,812,459	13,638,870
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pension plan deferrals - PERA	207,502	72,001	53,275	65,242	398,020
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 4,730,263	\$ 5,767,411	\$ 661,515	\$ 2,877,701	\$ 14,036,890
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 179,279	\$ 5,442	\$ 2,572	\$ 19,178	\$ 206,471
Accrued interest payable		25,695			25,695
Due to other funds				45,000	45,000
Deposits	126,925	3,000			129,925
Current portion notes payable	123,183	121,000			244,183
Total current liabilities	429,387	155,137	2,572	64,178	651,274
Non-current liabilities:					
Severance/vacation payable	103,861	26,596	20,599	19,860	170,916
Net pension liability	492,794	168,250	134,556	160,632	956,232
Notes payable	1,675,233	1,165,000			2,840,233
Total non-current liabilities	2,271,888	1,359,846	155,155	180,492	3,967,381
Total liabilities	2,701,275	1,514,983	157,727	244,670	4,618,655
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Pension plan deferrals - PERA	74,650	25,517	20,299	24,271	144,737
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	1,337,156	3,811,623	191,595	2,734,686	8,075,060
Restricted for debt service	162,382				162,382
Unrestricted	454,800	415,288	291,894	(125,926)	1,036,056
Total net position	1,954,338	4,226,911	483,489	2,608,760	9,273,498
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$ 4,730,263	\$ 5,767,411	\$ 661,515	\$ 2,877,701	\$ 14,036,890

CITY OF STAPLES
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Light	Water	Community Center	Sewer	Total
REVENUES					
Charges for services	\$ 2,461,668	\$ 501,360	\$ 119,164	\$ 485,314	\$ 3,567,506
Miscellaneous	123,333	33,842			157,175
Total operating revenues	2,585,001	535,202	119,164	485,314	3,724,681
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Personal services	578,410	210,560	163,817	177,257	1,130,044
Professional fees	13,587	5,222	500	13,889	33,198
Utilities	11,456	31,612	40,151	65,748	148,967
Rent	11,379	177			11,556
Purchase of energy	1,429,716				1,429,716
Other services, supplies and repairs	175,411	97,182	51,348	120,892	444,833
Insurance	6,277	2,956	3,163	4,310	16,706
Franchise fee expense	121,548				121,548
Depreciation	122,862	154,690	51,695	115,323	444,570
Total operating expenses	2,470,646	502,399	310,674	497,419	3,781,138
Operating income (loss)	114,355	32,803	(191,510)	(12,105)	(56,457)
NON OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
Property taxes			42,312		42,312
Intergovernmental revenue			104,752		104,752
Interest and investment revenue	6,263	3,285	2,837	186	12,571
Miscellaneous revenue			100		100
Operating grants and contributions	1,939	676	488	603	3,706
Interest expense	(42,551)	(37,944)			(80,495)
Total non operating revenues (expenses)	(34,349)	(33,983)	150,489	789	82,946
Change in net position before transfers and special items	80,006	(1,180)	(41,021)	(11,316)	26,489
Transfers out	(40,000)	(20,000)			(60,000)
Change in net position	40,006	(21,180)	(41,021)	(11,316)	(33,511)
Net position - beginning	1,914,332	4,248,091	524,510	2,620,076	9,307,009
Net position - ending	\$ 1,954,338	\$ 4,226,911	\$ 483,489	\$ 2,608,760	\$ 9,273,498

CITY OF STAPLES
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Light	Water	Community Center	Sewer	Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES					
Receipts from customers	\$ 2,544,372	\$ 528,503	\$ 86,756	\$ 471,240	\$ 3,630,871
Payments to suppliers	(1,702,038)	(134,808)	(97,422)	(196,110)	(2,130,378)
Payments to employees	(544,000)	(197,215)	(155,373)	(167,655)	(1,064,243)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	298,334	196,480	(166,039)	107,475	436,250
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Property taxes and credits			42,312		42,312
State aids			104,752		104,752
Operating transfers (to) other funds	(40,000)	(20,000)			(60,000)
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	(40,000)	(20,000)	147,064	0	87,064
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Principal payments on revenue note	(120,445)	(119,000)			(239,445)
Miscellaneous non operating income	(42,551)	(39,070)	100		(81,621)
Interest payments on revenue note	1,939	676	488	603	3,706
Proceeds from operating grants and contributions				(41,165)	(41,165)
Proceeds of interfund loan				(36,344)	(150,829)
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(82,285)	(24,050)	(8,150)		(114,485)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	(243,342)	(181,444)	(7,562)	(76,906)	(509,254)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Repayment from loan to other fund	6,263	41,165			47,428
Interest received	6,263	3,285	2,837	186	12,571
Net cash provided by investing activities	6,263	44,450	2,837	186	53,736
Net increase (decrease) in cash	21,255	39,486	(23,700)	30,755	67,796
Cash and investments at beginning of year	955,260	445,469	404,741	0	1,805,470
Cash and investments at end of year	\$ 976,515	\$ 484,955	\$ 381,041	\$ 30,755	\$ 1,873,266
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Operating income (loss)	\$ 114,355	\$ 32,803	\$ (191,510)	\$ (12,105)	\$ (56,457)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation	122,862	154,690	51,695	115,323	444,570
Pension related activity	27,693	9,657	6,971	8,608	52,929
Change in assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable	(31,726)	(6,134)	(266)	(13,929)	(52,055)
Due from other governmental units			(32,142)		(32,142)
Inventories	15,961	2,563			18,524
Accounts payable	36,342	(787)	(2,260)	8,584	41,879
Deposits	6,130				6,130
Severance payable	6,717	3,688	1,473	994	12,872
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ 298,334	\$ 196,480	\$ (166,039)	\$ 107,475	\$ 436,250

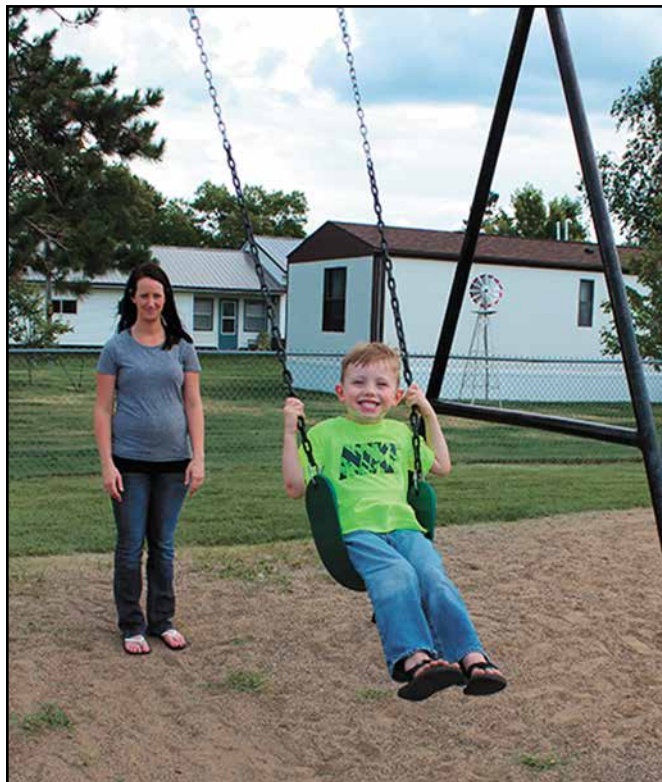
Summertime and the livin' is easy

Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs



In the dugout

Members of the Lumberbats baseball team took a short break between innings July 1 during their home game against the Wolf Lake Wolf Pack at Pine Grove Field in Staples. The Lumberbats defeated the Wolf Pack 7-2. See story and more photos on page 1b.



Just a-swingin'

Sandals, short-sleeves and swingsets seemed to be the recipe for happiness June 30, judging by the smile of four-year-old Lukas Savage of Pequot Lakes, who was having a good time at Ernie Converse Park in Motley, along with his mom, Rylee (Greig) Savage. The Savages' were in town visiting Rylee's grandparents, Lee and Janet Greig.



Outdoor dining

With such a long winter season in Minnesota, people try to take advantage of being outside as much as possible during the summer months, including at meal time. Pictured above during the Fourth of July weekend in Staples are, from left, Carol Jackson, Brooke Jackson and Gary Mertens. The menu that evening included grilled steak, roasted corn on the cob and shrimp.



Fishing at the pier

Dower Lake in Staples boasts of the longest pier in Minnesota, a pier that is popular among fishing enthusiasts during the summer months. Pictured above July 1, are Marc Hiemenz, Little Falls; Alex Van Dyke, St. Cloud; and Shanna Van Dyke, St. Cloud. Hiemenz said he had previously played baseball at the Dower Lake Field (he attended Central Lakes College in Staples, graduating in 1997), but that this was the first time he had fished at the lake. Shanna Van Dyke said that it was the first time she had ever been to Dower, but that it had already become her favorite fishing lake in Minnesota.



Garden's growing nicely

Bonnie Brown of Motley said that working in the garden is one of the things she enjoys most about summer. She is pictured near the patch of corn which was planted at the end of May. "Everything is doing really good so far," she said, mentioning that the potato plants are also growing nicely. Bonnie's husband, Dan Brown, also helps maintain the garden and added nitrogen to the soil after a test revealed it was low in that nutrient.



Relaxing at the lake

Urban and rural dwellers alike seem to gravitate to the lakes of northern Minnesota during the summer months. Pictured above, from left, at Dower Lake in Staples July 1, are Damien Rice, Wadena; Patrick Trettel, Sr. and Patrick Trettel, Jr., both of Staples.



Beats shoveling

The gentle hum of a lawn mower is a sure sign of summer in Minnesota. Pictured above, Dan Brown of Motley finishes mowing his lawn the afternoon of June 30. "It's great to be outside working," he said, adding that he also enjoys gardening and fishing during the summer months. The last time the Staples World caught up with Brown, he was shoveling snow after a cold winter storm. Although the lawn mowing takes a few hours, it sure beats shoveling.



Ice cream treats

Ten-year-old Taylor Beach, left, of Motley; and Aubrie Houchin, eight, of Glencoe, enjoyed eating ice cream treats outside of First International Bank & Trust in Motley June 30. The bank offered these free treats to its customers every Friday during June, 'Dairy Month' in Minnesota.



The Boys of Summer

Baseball players are often referred to as 'The Boys of Summer' as their playing season in North America is primarily during the months of June, July and August. Pictured above, the Greenwaldt brothers of Staples enjoyed watching the Lumberbats 'Boys of Summer' take on the Wolf Lake Wolf Pack at their home baseball game at Pine Grove Field in Staples July 1. From left are Noah, 12; Cole, 14; and Isaac, 12.

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Playground fun

Preschoolers enjoy the playground at Little Cardinals Academy in Motley during the warm summer months. Pictured above, four-year-old Hope Carlson of Staples gets ready to go down the slide.