



City officials celebrate hotel groundbreaking

"I am impressed with the people of Staples and their can-do attitude," said Mike Ives at the groundbreaking of the Timberlake Hotel in Staples. The Ives family is building the hotel and naming it after their Timberlake Lodge in Grand Rapids.

Above, from left, are Rick Utech, Todd County Development Corporation; Staples City Council members Doug Case, Kevin Jenkins and Ron Murray; Staples

Mayor Chris Etzler; City Administrator Jerel Nelsen; Mike Ives; council member Mary Theurer; Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher; Staples Motley Chamber of Commerce Director Barb Cline; Staples-Motley School Board member Mary Freeman; and Mary Ives. Also attending were neighboring business people, bank officials and local well-wishers. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Building team in place and ready to start new hotel

Representatives from Hy-Tec Construction and Widseth Smith Nolting Associates of Brainerd took part in the groundbreaking. From left are Ashley Martel and Mike Angland of WSN, Craig Feierabend of Hy-Tec, Mary and Mike Ives, Steve Dettbarn and Mitch Feierabend of Hy-Tec and Kris and Burl Ives. Mitch Feiera-

bend said many local sub-contractors have been hired to work on the hotel. Dettbarn, job superintendent, said they want to get going right away and could have concrete poured by next week. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Seeking local candidates

Filing period open until Aug. 16

Several people have filed for seats in local elections, but still more are needed to fill all the open seats. The filing period is Aug. 2-16.

As of Aug. 9, two current Staples-Motley School Board members have filed for re-election; Chad Longbella and Bryan Winkels. There are three seats open on the school board.

The City of Staples has four council seats and the mayor seat up for election. Three people have filed for the council seats; Charles Tester, Rachel Johnson and Mary Theurer. As of Aug. 9, no others had filed for the council or for mayor.

Two council positions and the mayor's job will be open in the City of Motley. Al Yoder and Amy Hutchinson have filed for mayor. Both are current council members but their seats are not up for election this year. The terms of Steve Johnson and Pat O'Regan are expiring this year and both have filed for reelection.

Candidates for mayor and council member must file with the city clerk. Candidates for school board must file at the school's district office.

Primary Election Results

WADENA COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2
*Jim Hofer..... 129
*Ralph Miller..... 96
Brian Hagen..... 70

WADENA COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4
*Murlyn Kreklau..... 172
*Chuck Horsager..... 164
Ross Beaumont..... 111

CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2
*Bob Kangas 279
*John Warren 96
Ed Nelson 84

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DIST. 7 REPUBLICAN
*David Hughes..... 8,757
Amanda Lynn Hinson..... 6,080

**Will be on the general election ballot Nov. 8*

All results are unofficial until canvassed

Class in crisis intervention

Actors, law enforcement learn about mental illness

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The first step is to take a deep breath.

Hello, Readers,

The first WeFest took place in Detroit Lakes on Aug. 12, 1983, featuring performers Alabama, Merle Haggard, Tammy Wynette, Jerry Lee Lewis and others. The biggest country music and camping festival in the nation, it attracts tens of thousands of country music enthusiasts annually.

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"You can't go wrong with getting someone to breathe," Linda Flanders told a group of 16 area law enforcement officers and first responders during a training at National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) in Staples on Aug. 4.

Flanders, who is from Red Wing, led the four hour training course Crisis Intervention 101, which teach officers how to de-escalate situations where a person is having a mental health crisis.

The unique part of this training is that actors are placed in situations where officers could practice what they were learning.

Mary DuBois of New York Mills and John Ryde-Crane of Duluth each played multiple roles during the four hour training, as did Flanders. "The officers are taking it all in, this is an excellent train-

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Barn destroyed by severe windstorm near Leader

Barney McCoy, Leader area, stands near his barn and 70-ft. cement silo that were destroyed in the early morning hours of Aug. 4, when winds with reported speeds of up to 80 mph ripped through much of Cass and Crow Wing counties. McCoy, 82, said he woke up at 2:30 a.m. that day. "It was whistling so bad and the house was shaking." He's lived in the house since the early 1970s and this is the worst storm he can remember. "I lost the barn, a shed and the roof from another shed flew off and stripped the top of some trees." On a

positive note, McCoy noted that the storm helped solve the problem of a dead tree he had on his property. "I was wondering how I was going to take that down. I guess the wind did it for me." He's also grateful that he held a sale a few months ago at the farm. "I sold a tractor and baler. If they'd still been in the barn, they would have been destroyed." Also pictured is McCoy's dog, Gentry, who was not harmed during the storm. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Old Wadena Rendezvous, Folklife Festival set

This weekend on a scenic bluff overlooking the Crow Wing River, the sights, sounds and smells of a bygone era will once again come to life during the Old Wadena Rendezvous and Folklife Festival.

Held annually for the past 25 years at the Old Wadena County park just north of Staples, the event features a mix of re-enactors staging an authentic gathering of trappers or muzzle-loading "buck skimmers" along with folk music and demonstrations of folk arts, including a blacksmith, wreath making and rope braiding.

This year's entertainment lineup includes one or two first time appearances and several of the favorites from past years. Headlining the Old Wadena stage this year are John Gorka on Saturday and on Sunday both Brian Wicklund and The Barley Jacks along with annual favorites Curtis and

Loretta. As usual, everyone will be under tents in case of inclement weather.

Gorka is one of the top folk and bluegrass singer songwriters in Minnesota. Rolling Stone magazine called him "the preeminent male singer-songwriter of the New Folk Movement." A prolific song writer, he has 13 albums and counting to his credit.

Back after a very favorable reception last year is Margo McCreary and the On-Time Puppet Show. The show is filled with "up to the minute fun for family audiences, puppets, clowning and music..."

Others on the Old Wadena stage Saturday will include Dave Virnala, Leane Flynn and Caitlin Robertson. All feature a mix of original songs along with traditional country and bluegrass favorites.

Each morning will begin with an hour-long concert of traditional Ojibwe flute music from Jake Kaehne, filling the grounds with beautiful background tones.

On Sunday, Curtis and Loretta's first set starts a schedule sure to have something for the entire family. They will sing from their newest album "When There is Good to be Done," a series of stories of Minnesotans who have gone through great challenges. Examples include a survivor of the 35W bridge collapse in Minneapolis and a Mayo Clinic nurse who grew up in a small primitive village in Somalia.

The Barley Jacks, a foursome offering fiddle, guitar, bass and drum, feature both original vocals and a mix of traditional bluegrass, Celtic, R and B and Bebop. According to one critic, "If you can sit there and listen to these guys with-

out smiling and tapping your toe, you better check your pulse."

Closing out Sunday afternoon with another hour of stories and music will be a second set by Curtis and Loretta. Check the Old Wadena website, www.oldwadena-rendezvous.org for more on these performers.

New this year for those coming to the Rendezvous will be free bus rides by the Wadena County Friendly Rider bus service on both Saturday and Sunday. Starting at 10 a.m., anyone in Staples can have a bus pick them up by calling 218-631-5730. In Wadena, pickups will be on the hour at the Humphrey Manor and the Wadena Depot (with ample parking available). Return rides to either Staples or Wadena will be made every half hour starting at 10:30 a.m.

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Thank you for subscribing!

Women of Today seeking members

Social event planned for Aug. 30 in Staples, all welcome



Receives award

Liz Koskiniemi (left), a member of the Staples Motley Area Women of Today, was recently awarded with a State Presidential Pin for her volunteer services with the local chapter. The Presidential Pin is awarded to an exclusive number of state members who go above and beyond to make their communities a better place. District Director Barb Zeroth of the Rice Chapter (right) presented the award. (Submitted photo)

Would you like to: meet new people, have a night out for yourself, give back to your community, try new things or enrich your leadership skills?

If you have answered 'yes' to any of these, the Staples Motley Area Women of Today extend to you an invitation to join. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Landmark Inn, 631 3rd Ave. NE in Staples.

Prior to September's meeting, the Staples Motley Area Women of Today chapter will host an "Amazing Race." It will be held Tuesday, Aug. 30, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Landmark Inn. All are welcome to join in the fun which will include racing around Staples and participating in a variety of chal-

lenges.

This local chapter has a diverse membership including many area women business owners, young stay-at-home moms, to professionals who are grandmothers. With Women of Today, there is no age limit, unlike their predecessors, the Jaycees.

The Minnesota Women of Today is celebrating its 67th year as a volunteer organization dedicated to community service, personal growth, leadership training and forming long-lasting friendships. Upon reorganization of the Jaycee Women in 1985, the women created a new organization that same year which became known as the Women of Today. The Minnesota Women of Today has its roots in

Minnesota Mrs. Jaycees, formed in the 1950s.

Members of Women of Today choose their level of involvement; from just attending social events to participating at the national level. Staples Motley Area Women of Today's own Nicky Anderson is currently the United States Women of Today Membership President and on the state staff.

"There is something for everyone," says Janet Kiley, President of the Staples Women of Today chapter. She went on to note that women join for a variety of reasons, including meeting new people, learning leadership skills, becoming involved in their community; and personal growth.

The Staples Motley Area Women of Today have been involved in a number of projects, including bringing the car show back to Railroad Days and partnering with Relay for Life. They have also been involved with golf tournaments, Music in the Park, Traveling Art Pub, wine tasting events and helping with a school playground equipment project. The local chapter also enjoys social events together, including kayak trips on the Crow Wing River.

The Minnesota Women of Today always strive to uphold their creed which states, "May we leave the world a better place because we lived and served within it."

For more information about the Staples Motley Area Women of Today, visit them on facebook; help with the Railroad Days Car Show on Aug. 27; attend a meeting; or contact Janet Kiley at 218-894-4444. For more information about the "Amazing Race," contact Nicky Anderson at 507-381-0786.



'Multiples of Lakewood' group at LHS

The 'Multiples of Lakewood,' facilitated by Dr. Christine Albrecht, is a support group for parents of twins, triplets; and expectant parents of multiples that meets bi-monthly at the main campus of Lakewood Health System in Staples. This group promotes networking and the sharing of ideas to start personal connections; and finding support from others in a similar situation. Pictured above,

the 'Multiples of Lakewood' group held a picnic July 27, at the Lakewood Dinosaur Park in Staples. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 6, 6 p.m.** Free daycare provided during meeting time. For more information, call 218-894-8505. To register for the group, click on the events tab at www.lakewoodhealthsystem.com or call 218-894-8623. (Submitted photo)

Wadena County approves pay raise for human services

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

Following a closed board meeting on July 26 to discuss labor strategy, the Wadena County Board of Commissioners reconvened their open meeting to approve a 2 percent pay raise for all human services non-supervisory and confidential employees, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2016.

The move comes shortly after human services employees voted to decertify the AFSCME Council 65 union that they had approved to represent them in May 2015.

None of the bargaining

units of county employees have agreed to a new contract with the county that would be effective on Jan. 1, 2016. Employees are working under their 2015 contracts while negotiations continue.

Also at the July 26 board meeting, commissioners discussed with Vercon representatives and County Engineer Ryan Odden the scope of work on the remodeling of the human services portion of the county building that human services and the Workforce Center occupy. No decisions were reached on the issue of security.

Odden also discussed the proposed paving of the parking lot at the solid waste transfer station. Commissioner Stearns said that the board had not authorized Odden or Solid Waste Director Mike Hanan to obtain price quotes for the paving work. Odden thought he had authorization since the entire transfer station project had been approved by the board. No resolution was reached at the meeting and the controversy will be on the Aug. 9 agenda.

In other business, the board

• Heard the monthly statistical report of the

human services dept.

• Heard a presentation from NJPA Contract Manager Anna Gruber and Shared Services Specialist Emily Sayer about the advantages of having Sayer manage county contracts with vendors.

• Approved a proposal by human services to ask the State of Minnesota to reallocate five positions for clients from the DAC to Rising Phoenix.

• Approved Public Health Director Cindy Pederson's request to apply for an Initiative Foundation grant.

• Approved Pederson's request to hire a part-time student worker to help with the backlog created when one employee resigned and another retired.

• Approved the MCCC Bylaws and Joint Powers Agreement.

• Heard a request from Joann White for an easement over county property adjacent to her property, but made no decision.

• Were introduced to new Information Technology Specialist employee Brian Kirsch.

• Negotiated the division of payments of closing costs for the two buildings recently purchased by the county with real estate agent Craig Folkestad.

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NJPA to host expansion open house Aug. 16

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The public is invited to learn more about the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) expansion as they host an open house on Tuesday, Aug. 16, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

There will be a short program at 3:45 before tours of the building begin. NJPA is located at 202 12th St. NE in Staples.

NJPA Executive Director Chad Coauette said they have gotten “extremely positive feedback” as they are settling in to the new building.

“Both the staff and visitors have really enjoyed the spaces,” said Coauette, “especially the meeting rooms.”

The meeting rooms are both large and small and all have technology capabilities.

“It’s going as well if not better than planned,” said Coauette.

Employees at NJPA work on national cooperative purchasing contracts, regional school and local

government needs, and increase on-site training and meetings for both large and small groups.

A big part of the design of the new building was to get all the functions to coincide at the same time without getting in the way of each other. That design seems to be working. Coauette said even when large group trainings are going in both upstairs and downstairs rooms, “it is having little impact on the day to day work.”

As training and traffic increases, outdoor parking is still being improved. They have an agreement with Faith Lutheran Church to use a portion of their parking lot on weekdays. NJPA is also planning to build a new parking lot nearby.

The NJPA expansion was made possible by their continued growth. Coauette said NJPA has tripled their staff since 2010, with 90 people working in the building, plus several more who work off-site.

The department experienced 28 percent growth in

the last year, with similar growth in previous years. “All our facets are driven by cooperative purchasing,” said Coauette. Because the contract purchasing department is bringing in money, regional programming for schools, cities and other governmental units in the counties of Todd, Wadena, Cass, Morrison and Crow Wing. “Everything we do is in the name of service,” said Coauette.

The cooperative projects that “we will continue to have growth and fill other positions,” said Coauette.

The growth is not just a factor of more people hearing about the services at NJPA, they are actively looking for areas where their members need help. Coauette said that is where the relationship component is essential. “We are always asking ‘how do we find ways to serve different members?’” he said.

“We have great leaders and innovators and we have great support; we pull off some really cool things,” said Coauette.



Reaching out in times of trouble

Staples Police Officer, Jacob Maros offers a hand, to a character actor Linda Flanders, to help her off a bridge railing. This is in a training scenario, where Flanders is also the instructor for

the course. Character actors helped guide officers to deal with people in crisis situations. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Training important for law enforcement, the first line of communication in a crisis

ing because they are the first line of communication,” said DuBois.

The course covered the basic steps in dealing with distressed people including active listening skills, showing empathy, body language, building rapport, exerting influence and behavior change.

The day before the course, the actors learned the things needed so they could respond appropriately when the officers gave them the cues, good or bad.

departments usually can’t afford to send officers to the longer course, although she highly recommends it. She is willing to settle for a goal of getting all rural officers to at least know the basics of dealing with mental stress.

“Threats, control and authority don’t work,” said Flanders. Those techniques tend to escalate a stressful situation. What does work is empathy, talking and simple tricks like asking someone to breathe.

Drugs, assault on Staples Police report

On Aug. 8, Staples Police conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 10 for obstructed view and over the fog line. Police could smell an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. After searching the vehicle, Police cited Mariesha Voss, 21, of Cambridge for possession of a small amount of marijuana in a motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police also cited Zach Bemis, 21, of Cambridge for possession of small amount of marijuana. A third party, Hali Thompson, 26, of Cambridge was found to have marijuana and drug paraphernalia in her possession along with two pills that were identified as controlled substances.

Other reports include;

Aug. 1; Staples Police responded to the LHS Hospital for a report of

an agitated patient. Elijah Sarbaum, 35, of rural Motley, was later arrested for disorderly conduct. Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff’s Dept. with arresting Sarbaum.

Aug. 6; Staples Police assisted Wadena County with a vehicle in the ditch just west of Cty Rd 26 and Hwy 10. Police found that the driver had fallen asleep and put the vehicle into the ditch that was full of cattails. It appeared that the cattails and water slowed the car down and the driver and his vehicle did not appear injured or damaged. Police called for a tow truck for the driver.

Aug. 7; at 2:46 a.m., Staples Police responded to a report of a domestic incident on the 800 block of 4th St. NE. After investigation, Shane Bjerga, 33, of Staples, was arrested

for domestic assault, disorderly conduct and violation of probation. Bjerga was transported and held at the Todd County Detention Center.

Aug. 7; Staples Police were advised of a vehicle swerving on Cty Rd 21 near Hwy 210. Police stopped the vehicle for speeding and obstructed view. The driver stated she was tired. There was a large dog in the front seat. The dog was moved to the back seat and the driver was instructed to pull over and rest before continuing.

Aug. 7, Staples Police responded to an address on Ridge Road south of Motley to assist Morrison County with a domestic assault involving a weapon. Police assisted as officers arrested Adam Hageman, 36, who was brought to the Morrison County jail.



Listening calmly

Officer Kate Petersen of the Pequot Lakes Police Department tries a calming technique on John Ryde-Crane, an actor from Duluth who is playing a suicidal individual contemplating taking a handful of pills. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

EQIP deadline is Aug. 19

August 19 is the last day to sign up for 2017 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding consideration.

Interested in SWCD cost-share in 2017 or 2018? Some sources of SWCD cost share also require a producer to sign up for EQIP now prior to developing a structural plan for your farm, even if construction is not planned until 2018.

EQIP is a voluntary program that provides technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers to plan and implement operational and management practices that improve soil, water, plant, animal, and air resources on agricultural land and private forestland. Some projects that could receive funding include manure storage, feedlot improvements, livestock grazing, soil erosion fixes, nutrient management, cover crops, honeybee/pollinator plots, irrigation, tree plantings, riparian practices, and energy audits.

The applications are due by Aug. 19. The application is not a contract and simply puts landowners in the pool for consideration and eligibility review. If any landowners are thinking of doing a farm or forest improvement proj-

ect through either SWCD or NRCS in 2017 or a structural improvement in 2018, it is critical to submit application to the NRCS by Aug. 19.

Stop in or call the NRCS office in Long Prairie (320-732-6618, ext. 3) or the Todd County SWCD (320-732-2644) for more information.



The technique of quieting the noise

Wadena County Sheriff’s Deputy Tyler Wheeler, left, uses some calming techniques, learned during training, as Mary DuBois, right, of the Madhatters

Community Theatre, Wadena plays a woman claiming to hear drones hovering overhead. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Old Wadena Park is located on the banks of the Crow Wing River.
Driving directions: from Staples, Minn., take Highway 10 east to Aldrich. Go 1.5 miles past Aldrich on 10, turn north on City Rd. 26, County 2, turn east and proceed to 29, turn north on 29 to gravel road leading to the east and the Old Wadena Park sign at the park entrance.

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Entertainment Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

10:30 a.m.....Jake Kaehne/ Traditional Ojibwe flute
11:30 a.m.....Dave Virmala, Leanne Flynn, Caitlin Robertson
2:00 p.m.....Margo McCreary Puppet Show
3:00 p.m.....John Gorka
11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.....Dick Oehlenschlaeger

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

10:30 a.m.... Jake Kaehne/ Traditional Ojibwe flute
11:30 a.m.... Curtis & Loretta
12:15 p.m.... Margo McCreary Puppet Show
1:00 p.m.... Brian Wicklund & the Barley Jacks
3:00 p.m.... Curtis & Loretta
11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.....Dick Oehlenschlaeger

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Placemaking is about empowering community

Talk about placemaking, it's happening all over Staples. If the concept catches on, we could be facing an explosion of new things to do in the community.

As the area is preparing for industry growth, some of the local people are trying to come up with ways to make that growth benefit everyone in the area, and placemaking is one tool that keeps coming up. Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher is talking to artists about developing projects and the Thriving Communities Initiative Quality of Life task force is also discussing ideas.

The simplest definition of placemaking is to improve a public space so that it attracts more people.

A more complete definition of placemaking takes a community as a whole, finds places where people can gather and improves those gathering spaces using private and public entities, artists and the entire community. This process can take into account the area's culture, history, strengths and resources such as people, businesses clubs and organizations. The actual placemaking can involve art, music, food, games, events, education, conversation, spirituality, gender diversity, age diversity and according to the leading progenitor of placemaking, places to sit.

Project for Public Spaces (pps.org) has been working on placemaking for decades, even before it had a name. The first thing they notice when they observe a public space is the places to sit, or more often the lack of them. Through numerous studies, they have found that people will gather together much more often if they have places to sit and face each other for conversations. They also tend to gather more often if there are other people around, just sitting reading or working on their computer.

Another thing PPS is adamant about is to make placemaking open to the public. One of the early heroes of the movement, Jane Jacobs said: "Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody."

With any project, if the public feels they are a participant in the process and their input is being heard, the project will gain more support and be easier to carry out. Even if it is a great project inspired by a brilliant idea, there will always be people who will say "I would have done this (or that) differently." And they would be right.

That is why I am suggesting that Staples hold a placemaking summit, where all interested parties can share their ideas.

If the community is an active participant in the process, they will be more likely to help with upkeep and improvements, and to think of going to their public space when they are looking for something to do.

As PPS says, if the idea is good enough, the enthusiasm and money needed to get the project done should follow without much trouble.

Small town diet



By Mark Anderson
Editor

Letters to the Editor

Lovely garden, needs volunteers

I have had the delightful experience of volunteering at the Legacy Gardens with the children's program this summer. Since I am not a gardener, I have been learning from the master gardeners right along with all the children.

In June each child claimed their own raised garden plot to plant, weed and now to harvest. It is very special to see them experience the joys of their hard work over the summer.

As most of you know, the Legacy Gardens are a beautiful place with the flowers, winding paths, ponds with fish and even a butterfly house. It is a place that is

free for everyone to enjoy.

Because the gardens are free, volunteers are needed to help keep it beautiful and weed free. We all have the opportunity to help weed or whatever needs to be done every Tuesday morning between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. It's easy to feel the joy of a little labor in such a beautiful place. No experience needed!

Judy Droubie
Staples, Minn.

Enforce ordinances

Our city officials found the answer of how to deal with the two "astute" businessmen, who proudly let home and yard turn into a continual dumpsite. The

co-ordinator of this operation, Blonigan, never respected the city's ordinances, time and again, and the proud owner, Bjerga, never stepped up and saw to it that "his" property met standards of living, according to the requirements of the city, let alone basic common sense.

The dumpsite had to be cleaned up at least twice, ridiculous, and these so-called businessmen could care less. My advice in getting their attention, no final deal until signatures are on the dotted line, stating taxes, fines, assessments, clean up twice, will be paid.

The situation no longer will fester and turn neighborhoods into the slums, let Blonigan and Bjerga pay up and let it be known, enough from those who don't give a damn about our town. This will be the start for the city officials to dig in and govern Staples for residents who care about their neighborhood and town.

If you agree with opinions stated, please let city officials hear from you.

Arlene Ludovissie,
"Grandma in the Hood"
Staples, Minn.

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Equity and inclusion: getting down to the heart of placemaking

By Project for Public Spaces

"Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody."

Jane Jacobs

Rather than watching passively as private developers or public agencies determine the use and value of a neighborhood's public spaces, placemaking enables citizens to create and maintain their own places, while highlighting unique strengths and addressing specific challenges. While some developments are built around and profit from the idea of exclusivity, placemaking is about increasing "quality of life" and economic opportunity for everyone, not just a privileged few.

We believe that cities and regions can facilitate growth while also maintaining their authentic character and preserving the people, as well as the socio-cultural values, that are already in place.

Nonetheless, the physical, social and cultural landscapes of many local places remains caught between danger, disinvestment and a lack of opportunity, on the one hand, and the Pyrrhic victory of "neighborhood improvement" through gentrification, on the other.

Within communities, accessibility remains a tremendous obstacle for many. Women and children in communities across the globe still struggle to find safe places in which to play, socialize and participate. Many citizens in lower-income neighborhoods still lack access to green space in close proximity to their homes. And the recent acts of protest we have been witnessing in cities throughout the world, as people attempt to claim their right to the city, show us that residents are demanding to be involved in the decisions that impact their communities.

Given the increasing frequency of citizen uprisings, along with ongoing processes of insensitive urban development and gentrification that continue to displace local residents, businesses and communities, it is becoming clear that sustained community engagement is more important than ever.

Of course, there are significant challenges involved in creating equitable places in practice, and equally difficult to measure their success or "equitability."

For example, how do we make public spaces truly inviting for all - what does this entail, and how might it vary from location to location? How exactly do we ensure that a community engagement process is truly inclusive? How do we fund equitable projects? How do we create places that work best for the people who actually use them?

An important part of this equation involves the ways in which communities are empowered to become active agents in the co-creation and continued stewardship of their public spaces. What kinds of training and tools are available for communities so that they can maintain these spaces?

Another piece of the puzzle concerns design, and how it relates to a community's particular needs. How do we make room for diverse activities and spontaneous social interaction so that everyone feels welcome in a public space? Whom do the spaces serve? What sorts of activities will resonate most with its users and what vision do they have for their space?

When neighbors come together to improve their public spaces, results can be tangible and immediate, and this process itself amplifies the sense of belonging and inclusion that is part and parcel of great places.

Placemaking results in real, immediate change - not from a plan that takes years to implement, but from interventions that work from the ground up. Many projects show us that the direct economic benefits that result from placemaking strategies indeed amplify cherished aspects of local culture.

This is the case, for example, with public markets, which can help struggling communities begin to rebuild and reactivate local identity and economic activity.

Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper (LQC) projects can also lead to big change - physical, social and economic - on very small budgets. In Jackson Heights, Queens, New York for example, a campaign called the Jackson Heights Green Alliance shows how citizens can take action toward creating the communities they want, even in the face of overwhelming obstacles.

In 2011, the Jackson Heights neighborhood, which has one of the highest densities of children per acre of green space in New York City (NYC), peti-

tioned the city to close off the street adjacent to local Travers Park to create a summer Playstreet. Soon after, the Playstreet grew into a true town square where all members of this diverse community could come together.

After the success of the Playstreet, residents learned that a local private school opposite the park was looking to sell its school yard. Hoping that the city would acquire the park, the school board approached city council members with a proposal for the city to acquire the lot and create a park that would function as an extension of the overcrowded Travers Park and the Playstreet.

The school entertained offers from a developer until community members organized a fund to support the school's interim operations through individual loans. The land was eventually acquired by NYC parks and today, in 2016, the parcel is an effective expansion of Travers Park, continuing to serve as a much-needed play and recreation area for Jackson Heights residents.

Community-led and LQC projects are taking place in cities all over the world. In Kenya, the Kilimanjaro Initiative worked for the rehabilitation of a soccer field in Silanga, Kibera - a slum area that is home to nearly one million people. With funds raised from the initiative, community members transformed a rocky, unsafe space into a multifunctional gathering place for everyone.

The field is used not only for playing soccer, but it also hosts a number of events and activities. As one participant stated: "The field will become even more of a safe focal point and community space, not only enhancing sporting talents among youth but also fostering community interaction, promoting safety and security and peaceful co-existence."

Isn't this the ultimate goal of our public spaces? We know that just a little effort can accomplish so much.

As practitioners and citizens, how do we move forward in the creation of more equitable places? How can we ensure that the process of designing and creating these places is itself inclusive? First and foremost, we must continue sharing ideas and evolving our practice together while challenging ourselves to develop more effective ways to measure and document success and failures.

These ideas and issues will be at the heart of the Equity and Inclusion session taking place during the Placemaking Leadership Forum in Vancouver, on Friday, Sept. 16. We need your help in shaping the future of this agenda, so join us at Placemaking Week to share your experience and learn from other innovative placemakers from around the world.

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Katie Ziegler closes ‘Music in the Park’

Country singer/songwriter Katie Ziegler will perform at Northern Pacific Park in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. This will end the six-week Concert in the Park series.

A Staples native, Ziegler grew up listening to old-time country music. She was 14 years old when she first started to sing and learn to play guitar. Writing her own music came shortly after.

Since graduating from Staples Motley High School in 2008, Ziegler’s been making a name for herself musically throughout the state. She has been a regional winner at the Colgate Country Showdown; and took first place at a talent contest in Motley, winning a recording session at Bobby Vee’s Rockhouse Studios in St. Joseph. Her debut CD, “The Distance,” featured several of Katie’s original songs.

In 2014, Ziegler’s talent caught the eye of national recording artists Keith Urban, Jennifer Lopez and Harry Connick, Jr., judges on the Fox TV show American Idol. She auditioned for the show in Minneapolis and was one of 25 from that site (out of 3,000) to receive a golden ticket to Hollywood. There were four other audition sites throughout the U.S. with thousands more hoping to sing on the Orpheum stage. Only 200 would make it to Hollywood Week.

Ziegler’s American Idol journey ended during Hollywood Week, but the experience has inspired her to continue pursuing her musical aspirations. Since that time, she has been



Entertainer

Katie Ziegler will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. (Photo by Michelle Wolhowe)

hired on as the lead vocalist of country/rock band ‘Nasty Habit’ out of Alexandria.

She continues to perform as a solo artist as well and is looking forward to sharing her music at the upcoming concert in Staples.

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 14. For more information on the Music in the Park series, as well as the regular season 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.

Sen. Gazelka to speak

State Senator Paul Gazelka will speak Tuesday, Aug. 16, 6 p.m. at Twisted Sister’s Restaurant in Staples, located at 119 3rd Ave NE, one block east of Nyhus Chevrolet.

The event is sponsored by Crossroads Conservatives.

Senator Paul Gazelka has served eight years in the state legislature. He serves on the Commerce, Tax, Veterans and State Government Committees. In addition he is a small business owner. Paul and his wife, Maralee, have five children and three grand children.

The evening will be a dinner meeting, with activities to begin as soon as dinners are ordered and



Sen. Paul Gazelka

served. To help with planning, reservations would be appreciated. RSVPs may be directed to Diane Carlson at 218-296-1348. You may also respond by email to dcarlson1899@charter.net.

Council on Aging to meet in Grey Eagle

The Todd County Council on Aging will meet Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 1:30 p.m. at the Grey Eagle Senior Center.

Old business will include the coordinator’s report and an update on the groundbreaking for the Hilltop Regional Kitchen.

New business includes Geritol Frolics, fundraising for the bundled meals program, exercise classes, state fair bus trip.

Those attending are invited to bring something they collect and share a story about their collection.

The public is invited to the meeting.

Blood donors needed

The American Red Cross is urging blood donors to give in the final weeks of summer to help overcome a critical summer blood shortage.

The summer months are among the most challenging times of the year to collect enough blood and platelet donations to meet patient needs. Many regular donors delay giving while they take vacations and participate in summer activities. The need for blood doesn’t take a summer break though.

Donors of all blood types are urgently needed to give now to help ensure blood is available for patients in need.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

- Staples - Wednesday, Aug. 17, noon - 6 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE.
- Bertha - Wednesday, Aug. 17, noon - 6 p.m., Community Center, 127 2nd Ave. NW.

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Pillager Days Aug. 12 - 14

Pillager Days, an all school reunion and city celebration, will be held Friday, Aug. 12 - Sunday, Aug. 14. All are welcome.

Friday, Aug. 12

Friday’s events include an alumni golf tournament at Madden’s Pine Beach West at 4 p.m.; and an all-school picnic by the school’s softball field from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Show up at 6 p.m. for an alumni slow pitch softball game. A street dance on Cedar Street, featuring the music of Brothers Tone, begins at 8 p.m. Concert and dance are free.

Saturday, Aug. 13

The event kicks off at 9 a.m. with a variety of vendors’ products on display in the high school commons. A parade follows at 11 a.m.; and car/truck/tractor display on the north side of the school from noon - 2 p.m.

A number of kids’ activities will be offered on the south side of the school from 1

- 4 p.m.; and a cornhole tournament (bean bag toss) will be held at the fairgrounds from 2 - 4 p.m. Other afternoon events include an ‘open top ride,’ an alumni fast pitch softball game on the varsity softball field at 2:30 p.m.; and a pie social/history demonstration in the school commons from 4 - 5:30 p.m. An alumni buffet meal will follow at 5:30 p.m.; and everyone is invited to attend a pep fest at 6:30 p.m.

A variety of food vendors will be available all day Saturday.

Sunday, Aug. 14

Breakfast at the fairgrounds will be available from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.; and a community worship service will be held on the bleachers of the football field at 10 a.m.

All weekend

Pillager History Displays will be set up in the H.S. commons all weekend; and a Medallion Hunt begins Friday at 4 p.m. Clues will be posted at Door O at the school.

Programs offered at Staples Public Library

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs and activities.

Summer Nature Olympics – August 15

Children ages three to 12 are invited to the Staples Public Library for a program about Nature Olympics presented by St. John’s Outdoor University on Mon., Aug. 15, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

What does it take to win in the wild? Read a story, play games and enjoy some spirited fun. Sponsored by

the Staples Friends of the Library.

Book Bingo and Summer Reading Program Party – August 18

Enjoy a fun family game of book bingo at the Staples Public Library on Thurs., Aug. 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

After book bingo the library will have drawings for the Summer Reading

Program prizes. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

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.

Crossword Puzzle

Provided by American Profile

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“Swimming Holes”

Across

- 1 Fully absorbed
- 5 Beehive, e.g.
- 9 Boxer Roberto
- 14 Exploitative type
- 15 tide
- 16 Old Rodeo maker
- 17 Popular cuisine
- 18 Peace
- 19 French toast
- 20 People with metal detectors
- 23 Actor Tom
- 25 WWII admiral
- 26 “___ Tunes”
- 27 Humble
- 29 Russian mountains
- 30 Ring sport
- 31 Cartesian conclusion
- 34 Think tank, e.g.
- 38 Yearbook sect.
- 39 “Othello” fellow
- 40 Nonsensical
- 41 Skills for, e.g.

- 43 Bordeaux wine
- 44 Pitch to the noggin way to see”
- 47 “___ to go, people
- 48 Vacation area of England
- 51 #2 Bill Withers hit of 1972
- 52 Clapton of rock
- 53 Capri, for one
- 57 Excavation find
- 58 Long (for)
- 59 Intimate
- 60 Jet
- 61 Norton Sound port
- 62 Nuts (over) Down
- 1 Furrow
- 2 Blond shade
- 3 Shooter ammo
- 4 Court of justice
- 5 Apprehensive
- 6 Christmas wish
- 7 100-meter, e.g.
- 8 Fuel grp.
- 9 Cheerless

- 10 In a convenient
- 11 Wears the crown
- 12 Sky-blue
- 13 Cracked
- 21 “Old MacDonald” letters
- 22 “Outta sight!”
- 23 Hue
- 24 Old newspaper sections
- 26 Pool exercise
- 27 Breathing organs
- 28 Novel of the South Seas
- 30 Trick-taking game
- 31 Challenge opener
- 32 Dancer De Mille
- 33 Convene
- 35 Food Network’s Guy
- 36 Flowering shrub
- 37 Putting into effect
- 41 Feeble
- 42 Embellish
- 43 Saw
- 44 Squib
- 45 Stand for something
- 46 Kipling’s wolf pack leader
- 47 Rainbow maker
- 49 Wrapped (up)
- 50 Nirvana, e.g.
- 54 Expanse
- 55 Fall behind
- 56 Period

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Engagement



Johnson, Bartella

Jennifer Johnson and Matthew Bartella of Plymouth would like to announce their upcoming wedding.

Jennifer is the daughter of Karen Johnson and Lyndon (Linda) Johnson of Motley and the granddaughter of Doreen Scott of Motley and Martha Holsapple of Staples.

Matthew is the son of Rick and Shelley Bartella, Pequot Lakes and the grandson of Marv and Judy Koep, Breezy Point.

Jennifer and Matthew are both graduates of Concordia College, Moorhead. Jennifer is employed at Twin Cities Orthopedics in Maple Grove and Matthew is employed at Oracle in Minneapolis.

Their wedding will be held September 24, 2016 in Nisswa.

Obituaries

Clinton Bensen

Clinton Bensen, 93, of Browerville passed away August 5, 2016, at the LHS Care Center, Staples surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 11, 2016, 11:00 a.m., at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples with Pastor Steve Sveom officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be at Moran Riverside Cemetery, Moran Township.

Arrangements are with the Iten Funeral Home.

Clinton was born July 23, 1923, in Grand Forks, N.D. to Henry and Esther (Brink) Bensen. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943, serving in India during WW II. He was honorably discharged in 1946. Clinton married Ida Ogorek in 1959. They moved to the Staples area in 1961. He later married Elizabeth (Betty) Dickman. Clinton worked for Northern Pacific/Burlington Northern Railroad for 41 years, before retiring as an engineer in 1983. After his retirement from the railroad, Clinton continued farming for many years on the farm he'd bought in 1974 south of



Staples.

He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, American Legion, VFW and laryngectomy associations.

Clinton is survived by one son, C. Bradley (Gretchen) Bensen of Grand Rapids and one daughter, Barbara (Michael) James of Browerville; step-children Cynthia (William) Hart, Christine Kahle, James Kahle, William Jay, Rebecca (Gary) Nolan, Edward (Mary) Jay; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother and one son, Eric.

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Donald Lenk

Donald James Lenk, Sr. 84, of Staples, passed away August 5, 2016 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Services were held August 10 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

Interment with Military Honors was at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Camp Ripley.

Arrangements were with Brenny Funeral Home, Staples.

Don was born January 29, 1932, in Staples, to Vincent and Mary (Opat) Lenk. He attended country school and Staples High School. In 1952, he married Clara Orr. He enlisted in the U.S. Army serving in the Korean War as a Sergeant and Guard on the DMZ. After his honorable discharge, Don returned to Minnesota, where he and Clara built a dairy farm in Moran Township. They raised seven children there. Don served on the town board for many years. In 1975, Don sold the farm and purchased Wahoo Valley. On February 14, 1988, he married Carol Denny Schmitz and they made their home in Staples. Don drove semi-trailer hauling loads across Minnesota, he and his wife Carol also managed apartment buildings in Shakopee and Wayzata. Don worked as a maintenance supervisor at the Mary Rondorf Home in Staples, for a local potato farm, at CLC in various positions and the ethanol plant in Staples. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing; and spending time with his family, grandchildren



and great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Wadena VFW, the Lions Club and was an AA sponsor. In 2011, he was part of the Freedom Flight to Washington D. C.

He is survived by his wife; four daughters, Carol (Paul) Kert, Barbara (Joe) Hasselberg, Rosemary (Dave) Bruhn and Joanne (Mark) Forsberg; three sons, Donald, Jr. (Debbie), James (Cathy) and Daniel (Tammy); step-children, Ken Schmitz, Roger Schmitz, Craig (Lissa) Schmitz, Sarah (Chad) Mathias; 18 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Ann Trantina; three brothers, Lawrence (Dorene), Edward (Lynn) and Vincent (Mary) and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, John; one granddaughter, Jillian and seven brothers-in-law, Jim Trantina, Kevin Ryder, Lyle Denny, Melvin Denny, Donald Denny, Gordon Denny and Peter Denny.

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Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Stefanie and Kaitlin Ubl of Nisswa, a baby boy, Beau David weighing nine pounds, nine ounces on July 29, 2016.

Born to Vanessa Hoffman and Adam Marjama of Menahga, a baby boy, Aksel Patrick Lee weighing seven pounds, six ounces on July 30, 2016.

Born to Alexis Copa and Matthew Clews of Verndale, a baby boy, Everett Joseph weighing eight pounds on July 31, 2016.

Born to Pedro and Crystal Jauregui of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Sofia weighing seven pounds, four ounces on August 1, 2016.

Born to Dyron and Caitlyn Brewer of Brainerd, a baby girl, Mia Ann weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on August 3, 2016.

Born to Adrian and Kayla Campbell of Sebeka, a baby girl, Evelyn Lee weighing five pounds, seven ounces on August 3, 2016.

Born to Logan and Britta Meyer of Wadena, a baby girl, Ava Jean weighing five pounds, nine ounces on August 4, 2016.

Born to Christopher and Ryah Sharpe of Browerville, a baby girl, Nellie Rose weighing nine pounds, nine ounces on August 4, 2016.

Born to Matt and Chelsey Olander of Staples, a baby boy, Andrew Matthew weighing nine pounds, two ounces on August 4, 2016.

Born to Trisha Bierwerth and Charles Bogdanovich of Clarissa, a baby girl, Cynthia Ann-Marie weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on August 4, 2016.

Born to Michael and Kara Hall of Brainerd, a baby boy, Harvey Marlowe weighing 11 pounds, two ounces on August 5, 2016.

Leveille is newest medical provider

Dr. Lindsay Leveille, family medicine physician, is the newest member of Lakewood Health System's medical provider staff.

Originally from Proctor, Leveille completed her undergraduate work at the College of St. Scholastica; and medical school at the University of Minnesota - Duluth. She did her family medicine residency in Duluth.

As a family practice provider, Leveille has special interests in obstetrics, women's health, pediatrics; and has experience performing cesarean sections. She looks forward to forming relationships with her partners at Lakewood and in the community.

Leveille is engaged to her fiancé Nick; and she



Dr. Lindsay Leveille

has a large family and several large dogs in Duluth. Her favorite interest outside of work is teaching Zumba. She is passionate about exercise and health and plans to start classes in the area as soon as possible.

Stories of days gone by to be published

Jean Koppes, Staples, is one of the cash prize winners for a story she wrote and submitted for inclusion in the newest book from Hometown Memories.

The book "A Living History of Northwestern Minnesota, School Days and Farm Chores," will be available soon.

The hardcover coffee table book will contain tales of bygone years from Minnesotans who actually lived them. It will include over 288 pages and hundreds of old photographs. The Minnesotans who appear in this book are from all walks of life.

Todd Blair, publisher at Hometown Memories, says "We are delighted that over 217 folks shared their memories and pictures for the book. The memories in this book are an extremely valuable part of the re-

gion's history and heritage and we are grateful for the opportunity to save and share them."

Other cash prize winners are Cecilia Merschman, Crookston; M. Lloyd Gran, Erskine; and Connie Riewer, Bagley.

Anyone interested in the book can call toll free at 877-491-8802, or visit the web site at www.hometownmemoriesonline.com.

MMFCU concludes '60 Days of Giving'

Hundreds of children around the area will have an opportunity to receive a new or gently used book thanks to members of the Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union.

In connection with its 60th Anniversary Celebration, the credit union coordinated a '60 Days of Giving' fundraiser. Between May 1 and June 30, MMFCU collected books, visited classrooms and raised funds by selling 'bookworms.'

Collection points were set up at each MMFCU branch location, and members responded by donating over one thousand new and gently used books. All of these books will be distributed to local charities, schools, daycares and libraries around the credit union's service area.

In addition to collecting books, MMFCU also accepted monetary donations and, in turn, matched them dollar for dollar. Over \$2,350 was collected and donated to help support the United Way Imagination Library program, as well as the Great River Regional Library in Staples.

The final piece of the campaign came by way of sending MMFCU staff out into the community to volunteer in schools, daycares and libraries. Through this endeavor, MMFCU employees reached nearly 700 children throughout its service area.



All-State Orchestra

Above, Dr. Droste, is shown with Nick Crist of Motley, right, who was selected as a member of the 2016-17 Minnesota All-State Orchestra. The All-State Orchestra held its annual summer camp the first week of August, concluding with a concert Aug. 6 at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph. This year's orchestra performed "Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo" by Aaron Copland, Overture to "The School for Scandal" by Samuel Barber, "Deep Summer Music" by Libby Larsen, Overture to "Candide" by Leonard Bernstein and "Symphony No. 2, Mvt. 3" by Howard Hanson. They will perform at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis on Feb 18, 2017. This year's orchestra was directed by Dr. Douglas Droste, director of orchestras at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

John Koopmann, orchestra teacher at Staples-Motley also served as the brass section coach for the all-state orchestra. This was Koopman's sixth year as the brass section coach for the orchestra.

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Dated this 3rd day of August, 2016

LSS Senior Nutrition Program
Monica Douglas,
Senior Program Director

NOTICE CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE SOLICITING BIDS FOR EDIBLE BEAN COMBINE

Central Lakes College is soliciting bids for an Edible Bean Combine. Detail specifications may be obtained by contacting Keith Olander at 218-894-5123. Bids will be accepted at the Staples Campus until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2016 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Faxed bids will be accepted provided hard copies are received within 48 hours of the bid time.

All bids must be sealed and marked "BID FOR EDIBLE BEAN COMBINE".

Submit bids to:
Central Lakes College
ATTN: Debbie Sterriker

1830 Airport Rd
Staples, MN 56479
Fax #218-894-5186

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ties in the bidding and to make the award serving the best interest of the college.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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.

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

MORTGAGOR(S): Jonathan W. Gerdes and Pam Gerdes, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$119,047.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 28, 2010

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on February 8, 2010 as Document Number 466724 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$105,139.72

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: That part of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 19, Township 133 North, Range 34 West of the 5th P.M., according to the United States Government Survey thereof, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4; thence East along the South line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 196.17 feet; thence North and parallel with the West line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 457 feet; thence East and parallel with the South line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 552.83 feet to the point of beginning; thence West and parallel with the South line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 552.83 feet; thence South

and parallel with the West line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 457 feet to the South line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4; thence East along the South line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 575.33 feet; thence North and parallel with the West line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 a distance of 220.25 feet; thence Northwesterly approximately 237.82 feet to the point of beginning. Together with an easement for ingress and egress over the South 33 feet of the West 196.17 feet of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 19, Township 133 North, Range 34 West of the 5th P.M., Todd County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 16596 470TH STREET, VERNDALE, MN 56481-3131

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank,

N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 01-0020000

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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: September 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage

and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on March 22, 2017.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELL-

ING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RE-LEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: July 29, 2016

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. *Curt N. Trisko, Esq.* Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (16-0903-FC01)

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Pastor Tony Romaine
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service
Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE, Staples
218-894-1546
Pastor Stephen Sveom
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Summer Service 10:30 a.m.
Coffee fellowship 10:30 a.m.
Outdoor Worship Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Ciesluk
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Congregational, UCC
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Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
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Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
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Rev. Jean M. Megorden
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

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Youth & Ministry Coordinator: Stacey Minion
1354 Cafe Coffee Fellowship 9:13 a.m.
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids' Club 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Praise & Praise 4:30 p.m.

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

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Leader

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

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood Sr. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:00 p.m.

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

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
MASS:
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466
Rev. Greg Ciesluk
www.motleyumc.org
Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
City. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Pastor Hector Merced
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone 218-746-3839
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Skip Hansen
218-746-3768
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group 5:45 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146
Hewitt, MN 56453
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffer
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale.
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Associate Pastor Fred Hartley IV
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11:11-45 a.m.

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Aamos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Sunday School - Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Boys and Girls Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. C.R.E.W. Youth Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Studies

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

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

Run with endurance

Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfector of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. " -Hebrews 12:1-2

Keep on running. Keep on running.
The Olympics are here again. Every four years athletes gather from around the globe to compete at the highest level. But why? Very few will medal; fewer still will actually win. And yet the vast majority, with no real chance of winning, keep on running, swimming, etc. Their victory is in finishing - in being an Olympian.
In the passage above believers are similarly told to "keep on running"; to "finish the race". No athletic

competition this, but life itself, living day by day, enduring whatever trial, hardship and adversity which the enemy, Satan, might put in the way. Keep running - finish the course.

But there is a difference between this race and what we see in the Olympics. That is the matter of victory. Most Olympians know that they WILL NOT win. The Christian HAS WON already.

Not that we have done anything ourselves to overcome our enemies. Rather, Jesus Christ, He has won the victory for us. His holy sinless life, His sacrificial suffering and death, His victorious resurrection - all these were done to give us the victory and the victor's crown of life. By God's grace, through faith in Jesus that victory is ours. That is God's promise to us as tells us here.

Keep on running. Keep on running.
Go, God, be the glory in Jesus' Name.
Amen.

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Brian Wicklund & the Barley Jacks

Brian Wicklund & the Barley Jacks will be performing at 1 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 14, at the Old Wadena Rendezvous and Folklife Festival. Other entertainers include John Gorka, Curtis and Loretta, Dave Virnala, Caitlin Robertson, Leane Flynn, Jake Kaehne and the Margo McCreary Puppet Show. (Submitted photo)

RENDEZVOUS continued from page 1a

Dick Oehlenschlager will give nature and history tours

Wadena County native Dick Oehlenschlager, an assistant curator at the Minnesota Science Museum in St. Paul, will be offering guided tours with interesting information about the biology of Wadena County at three different times each day.

There will be opportunities for kids to participate in making a birdhouse to take home, playing games from the 1800s with the Crow Wing Muzzleloaders members, and run after candy from their Candy Cannon.

Admission for adults is good for both days. Kids 12 and under are free. There will be a maximum admission for family. The Rendezvous and Folk Festival is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Old Wadena Park is situated on the banks of the Crow Wing River. The park is north and west of Staples and north and east of the city of Wadena.

Directions: From Staples, take either the new overpass road (County Road 21) from Highway 10 north; or take 4th Street north and turn left at Warner Road. At the Central Lakes College corner, turn left on Wadena County Road 2. Go west two miles to County Road 29. Turn right and go 2.5 miles. Turn right on 140th St. (gravel road). Go ½ mile to park entrance.

From Wadena, go east on U.S. 10 to Aldrich. Continue past Aldrich and turn left on Wadena County Road 26. At County Road 2, go right approximately three miles. At County Road 29, turn left. Go 2.5 miles to 140th St. Turn right on 140th St, ½ mile to park entrance.

Motley area law enforcement reports

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

Aug. 3 - The MPD assisted the Staples Police Department with a juvenile who was out of control.

Aug. 2 - The MPD assisted the MCSO and Scandia Valley first response team with a four-year-old girl who had been pulled from under the water at Lake Shamineau.

Aug. 1 - The MPD responded to a call from the Motley Motel. Caller stated that there was a lot of yelling going on between apartments one and two, occupied by a mother and daughter, respectively.

Aug. 1 - The MPD received a call from an employee at the BP Station in Motley regarding suspicious activity. Caller states she found a blue zip-up pouch in the store's bathroom during the overnight shift. The pouch contained four checkbooks belonging to different people from Albert Lea, Edina, and Brooklyn, N.Y.

July 30 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to a juvenile boy. At the traffic stop, the officer detected an odor of marijuana but did not find anything during a vehicle search. The officer called the boy's mother to inform her of the situation. She thanked him for calling and stated she had already been informed by her son.

July 30 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Yolanda Beltran, 45; Kristi Obrien, 49; Robert Olsen, 37; Zachary Woltjer, 23; Derek Lewis, 30.

July 29 - The MPD received a call from a Motley resident regarding a bear that tried to gain access to the trunk of his car which contained some bird seed. The vehicle was damaged by the bear.

July 28 - The MPD arrested John Mullen, 60, for fifth degree assault. He was arrested at a residence on River Front Ln. in Motley, on a felony Hennepin County warrant.

Aug. 3 - The MCSO assisted the Motley Fire Department with a two-vehicle accident on Hwy 64 in Motley.



Swing your officer....turn to the right

At the National Night Out event held Aug. 2 children had the opportunity to dance with Staples Police officers Ryan Walwick and Jacob Maros. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



First responders booth at Nat'l Night Out

The Staples Ambulance Dept. had some of their equipment on display at the National Night Out Held Aug. 2. They also offered free blood pressure checks to the attendees. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Friday

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Saturday

Leroy Van Vickle Memorial OPEN TOP RIDE

2:00 p.m.

PILLAGER ON WHEELS PARADE

11:00 parade (Prizes for bikes, wagons, strollers)

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

2:00-4:00

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1:00-4:00

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Sunday

Pancake Breakfast

7:30-9:30 a.m.

Community Worship Service

10:00-11:00 a.m.

AWARDS

11:00-11:30 a.m.

For more information or to register

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☐ Open Top Ride

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Email to PillagerDays@gmail.com

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Tuesday, August 16

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Barn fire caused by lightning

Pat Adams of rural Motley happened to come home from work early on Aug. 4; and when he went to open his barn door, was met by clouds of smoke. Adams called 911 and it wasn't long before the Motley Fire Department and Staples Fire Department were at the scene to put out the fire. It is believed that lightning from the severe thunderstorm struck some wires in the barn. "I

got home around 11 a.m. this morning," Adams said. "One of the firefighters told me that if it had been another half hour or so, the entire barn would have been in flames." Adams said he is grateful for the services of both the Motley and Staples fire departments. "I can't thank them enough for all they do," he said. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Job description and process approved for Motley clerk job

By Brenda Halvorson, General Manager

The Motley City Council approved a new job description for the city clerk/treasurer position and adopted a new process and timeline for filling the job at their Aug. 8 meeting.

The city contracted with David Drown Associates, Inc. (DDA) to assist in the search for a new city clerk/treasurer following the resignation of Terri Smith. Her last work day was June 10.

Because the last job description update was in 1999, the council asked Gary Weiers, their liaison with DDA, to develop a new job description which he presented Aug. 8. The new description more accurately reflects the duties and skills required in the job as it has evolved over the years.

Weiers reviewed the advertisement which will be available on the city's website as well as being distributed through the League of Minnesota Cities, the state clerk's association, county and regional associations. He also noted they send job openings to regional colleges and universities that have public administration programs. The salary range is \$43,409 to \$60,944.

Applications are requested by Aug. 31. Weiers will then screen the applicants and present the top candidates to the council for interviewing. He anticipates they will interview no more than five candidates.

Interviews have been tentatively set for Sept. 29. Weiers recommended that the entire council participate in the interviews. He suggested that candidates meet with department heads in the morning. He asked if the council would like feedback from anyone else before they began their interviews in the afternoon.

Through the discussion the council agreed that someone from their auditing firm should be involved as well as their interim clerk Scott Saehr. The National Joint Powers Alliance representative Anna Gruber and David Drown will also be invited. Others may be added.

Weiers will gather feedback from those participants and give that to council members before they begin their interviews.

This varies from the process approved at a special meeting June 28. At that time the council agreed to form a hiring committee that would make a recommendation to the full council.

Council member Amy Hutchison said

she liked the idea of the entire council conducting the interviews, that they will all hear the same thing at the same time.

The interview day will also include a tour of the city for the candidates and a lunch with council members and department heads.

The council adopted the process as presented and dissolved the previous committee.

Council member Al Yoder asked about having a residency requirement in the job description, such as having to live within 30 minutes of the city.

Weiers said the law does not permit a residency requirement for this position because a clerk is not an emergency responder like a police or fire chief. The law was changed years ago.

He said the council could require attendance at specific events.

"This is not an eight-to-five job," Weiers said. "You can expect them to participate in community events. Community presence is important in this job."

Since the council thought that requirement was in their policies, Weier suggested they revisit and update the policy.

In other business the council:

- Reviewed a proposal from Design Electronics for microphones, speakers and recording equipment for the council chamber. The question arose regarding video recording instead of audio. Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton agreed to follow up with that and other installation questions.

- Approved release of payment of \$35,312.43 to Feldt Plumbing for a 2012 street project. This is the last amount owed minus \$2,800 which the city had to pay to finish the project.

- Approved the list of sites with weeds growing that have not been mowed. Letters will be sent reminding property owners that these have to be maintained. It will also include language about not letting clippings blow into the streets. The next step will be to issue citations.

- Discussed the bond payment and draw down schedule for the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority for a 2014 project.

- Discussed two resident concerns, one regarding a skunk and one regarding an eyesore in his neighborhood.

- Set a budget planning meeting for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Fun at the Motley Rodeo



Holding on tight

A cowboy holds on tight during the saddle bronc event at the Motley Rodeo Aug. 7, held at the Motley Fairgrounds and attended by hundreds of rodeo fans. Other events included steer wrestling,

breakaway roping, calf roping, barrel racing and bull riding. Stock contractor for the two-day event was Triple B Rodeo out of Maynard. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Little cowgirls

People of all ages came out for the Motley Rodeo last weekend, held at the Motley Fairgrounds. Pictured above, from left, are Tessa Jensen and Madison Perius, both of Staples; Lauren Dolezal and Alexa Dolezal, both of Bertha; and Marleigh Jensen and Finlay Jensen, both of Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Girl found face down in Lake Shamineau

A four-year-old girl who was airlifted to Children's Hospital in Minneapolis after being found face down in Lake Shamineau Aug. 2, is expected to make a full recovery.

According to the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, the girl had been playing near the water with other siblings and fell off the end of the dock. The father reported that he heard the other children

yelling and then noticed the four-year-old was face down in the water without a personal flotation device on. The father immediately pulled his daughter out of the water and began CPR. When deputies arrived on the scene, the girl was conscious and alert.

Subsequently, the girl was airlifted to Children's Hospital and according to the family she is expected to make a full recovery.

Tubing accident

A 17-year-old girl was injured while tubing on Lake Shamineau Aug. 5, at approximately 1:28 p.m.

According to the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, the girl was riding in a tube being pulled behind a boat when the tube flipped. The juvenile, who was wearing a floatation device at the time of the accident, was complaining of back pain and subsequently transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

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The sheriff's office reminds residents that you should always ensure that children wear a personal flotation device and have constant adult supervision while they are near or in any body of water.



At the petting zoo

A petting zoo at Scandia Valley's Summerfest was a popular destination for children Aug. 6. Pictured above with a pony are, from left, Graysyn and Sophia Jensen from Hammond, Wisc.; and Kyla Marquart, from the local area. The Jensens were formerly of the Cushing area and their father, Martin Jensen, had been a member of the Scandia Valley Fire Department. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Love that ice cream

A variety of ice cream flavors were served at the fire hall during Summerfest at Scandia Valley Aug. 6. Pictured above, from left, are cousins Elise, Owen and Kai Jensen, whose family has a cabin on Fish Trap Lake. At right, serving a cone, is 13-year-old Max Strickland of Cushing. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Fun and games

A number of children's activities were available during Summerfest in Scandia Valley Aug. 6. Pictured above searching for prizes in a sawdust pool are siblings Eva and Caden Fuchs of St. Cloud. Behind them is their dad, John Fuchs. Their mom, Staples native Tanyele Kajer, was also in attendance. Pictured at right is Dan Crocker, pastor at Lincoln Free Evangelical Church, who helped run this event. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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