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Council votes to purchase contested nuisance property

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council took a step towards eliminating a nuisance property that has been a topic of concern in the city for more than five years.

At their July 12 meeting the council voted to purchase the property, which could mean the issue could soon be resolved.

The council did not discuss the purchase or talk about how the purchase came about, instead they unanimously approved their agenda item: "Consider purchase agreement wtih Rudy D. Bjerga for the purchase of the south 100 feet of Lots 7 and 8, Block 11, Searle's First Addition."

Bjerga was the original owner of the property and was selling it to David Blonigan. For years, the city issued nuisance citations to Blonigan for leaving items on the yard. The city passed a garage sale ordinance allowing no yard could be considered a permanent sale.

Last year the city won a court order to clear the property, which they did at the city's expense and the cost was applied to the property's taxes. Earlier this year, it was announced that the city was in the process of another court case regarding the same property, as more items have been placed on the lawn.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the purchase price is $10,000, but there are also delinquent property taxes the city will have to deal with.

Concern for Youth

The council heard a presentation from Steve Commerford, the leader of the Todd-Wadena Community Concern for Youth program. The program is for youth who have broken the law or are at risk of becoming delinquent.

Commerford showed statistics from 2015 that indicated most of the referrals are for school attendance problems (20), but others are for tobacco (six), alcohol (three), marijuana (six) or shoplifting (six). Commerford said he appreciates the city's contribution to the program and pointed out that last year the kids planted a garden and donated 1,000 pounds of food to local food shelves.

In other news, the council

- Approved contract for private development with Staples Townhomes and providing for the issuance of a tax increment revenue note, one of the steps in establishing a tax increment finance district.
- Agreed to consider adding city owned land east of the Staples Veterans Park to the park boundaries.
- Heard from Nelsen that the city's fire protection inspection improved their rating from six to five, which should help lower commercial insurance rates.



Cardinal alumni, fans, gather to celebrate basketball

Eight men's teams and four women's teams competed in the Cardinal Alumni Basketball Tournament July 15 and 16 drawing a crowd of fans and families to Staples Motley High School. Participants ranged in age from 14 to 78. Men's winners were 2010 "The Chosen Ones." Second place was 2002 "Dairy Queen" team. Women's winner was "Early 2000's Ponytail Express." Second place was "2014 Soup-A-Stars" team. In the top photo, from left, are Joe Webster, Nate Grandlund and Kyle Bendson. In the foreground are Josh Winter, left, and Dustin Hjelmeland. In the photo at left, Amber Robben and Ashley Lisson are in the background. In front, from left, are Quinn Uhlman, Kelsie Weite and Michelle Honek Lenz. See stories and more action photos on page 1B. Team photos and rosters will be published in next week's paper. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Why do you support the Relay for Life?

By Angie Niemi, Lisa Carlson and Deanna Ihme



Deanna Ihme, Angie Niemi and Lisa Carlson

The Staples-Motley Relay for Life will be held Friday, July 22, at the Motley Fairgrounds. Activities start at 5 p.m. and the opening ceremony starts at 7 p.m.

The Event Leadership Team has been working hard since January of this year to plan a great family event for our communities. We have been meeting each month to make plans and finalize the details. We have been focusing on how to make Relay an event both Staples and Motley can support and be proud of.

We get asked a lot why is the Relay in Motley? The Relay has spent many years in Staples and most of those years there have been many more hands to help organize and set up.

The cost of putting on an event like this can easily get out of control. We have found that what it costs for rentals became too much when many of those things are available to us for free at the fairgrounds. We felt they were too much for us to see come off the top of our hard earned fundraising dollars.

Relay is the same no matter where the location is. We're here for the same reason as we were at the Staples Elementary track. We're here to support cancer survivors and their caregivers, we're here to remember our loved ones lost to this horrible disease and we're here to FIGHT BACK!

The Event Leadership Team asks you to ask yourself what is your why for Relaying? Is your why to be in Staples or Motley? We hope it is not.

We hope your why is to support these two communities and the cancer stories and patients. We hope your why is to be involved in an event that helps the American Cancer Society save lives. We hope your why is to support those in

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Wadena County approves new phone system

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

After years of patching breakdowns and dealing with service outages, Wadena County offices will soon have a new telephone system in line with today's security needs and customer requests.

At the July 12 county board meeting, commissioners approved purchasing the new telephone system. West Central Telephone, Sebeka, was the low bidder at $64,935. The new system includes upgrading existing phone and voicemail systems, installing new phones and digital ports, security improvements, caller ID, and a set-up for a single call to go out to all employees in lockdowns and emergency notifications.

The county has 179 telephone extensions that will be upgraded. The failing phone systems in the highway, public health, and sheriff's departments will be replaced as part of the upgrade.

Also at the July 12 meeting, commissioners authorized BHH Partners, Perham, to design and engineer a freestanding covered walkway link between the new annex and the courthouse as part of the annex construction project. The design and engineering is not a commitment to build the corridor, but is an effort to be ready to build it in the future if the cost is too high to manage during the current annex project.

Soil borings were taken during the week of July 11-15, and the board will hear the results soon. Old timers have told commissioners that the original county courthouse debris was buried on the current site before the current courthouse was built in the 1960s. If the soil borings strike this debris or other debris, then further exploration of the site will be ordered.

The annex will not have a basement, but footings and a foundation must be poured below ground. Thus, an investigation of what lies beneath the surface must be done.

Also at the July 12 meeting, a public hearing was held to consider the new Wadena County Water Plan designed and written by employees of the Wadena County Soil and Water Conservation District. Director Darren Newville and Water Plan Coordinator Ben Underhill presented a summary of the new Water Plan, which will be in effect from 2016 to 2026, after final approval.

The Water Plan is a document that all counties must prepare and submit to the state's Board of Water and Soil Resources (BOWSR) every ten years. It contains

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Hello, Readers,

At 10:56 p.m. EDT, on July 20, 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, 240,000 miles from Earth, speaks these words to more than a billion people listening at home: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Stepping off the lunar landing module Eagle, Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon. The last men to walk on the moon, astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt of the Apollo 17 mission, left the lunar surface on December 14, 1972.

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Obituary
Walter Wetzel

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Enjoying their daily walk

Donna Cyrus (left) and Clarice Wise, both of Staples, enjoyed walking the Legacy Trail in Staples July 18. The women (ages 72 and 85 respectively) said they have been walking approximately two miles a day together for years. "I always feel so much better after a walk," Cyrus said. "My doctor is very happy that I walk, too," Wise added. The women said they are grateful that the Legacy Trail was built a few years ago. "It's wonderful," Wise said. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Chris Halverson is principal at middle school

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Chris Halverson of Baxter has been hired as the principal at Motley-Staples Middle School, a position he assumed July 1.

"I love education and I'm excited for the opportunity to help make a good impact as I work at this new level," Halverson said recently.

Prior to coming on board at the middle school, Halverson was a teacher for the Brainerd School District. "I taught for a total of 15 years, both at the middle school and high school levels," he said. "The last eight years, I taught economics and sociology at Brainerd High School (BHS)."

A native of Brainerd, Halverson graduated from BHS in 1992. It was where he first grew to love the educational system, inspired by a number of teachers over the years.

"My fourth grade teacher at Lowell School always used real-life examples when he taught...showing us how to apply what we learned to our own lives. That's the way I eventually taught," Halverson said.

He didn't immediately go into education, however.

"I went to college to play basketball," Halverson said, adding that he attended Moorhead State University, where he earned a degree in criminal justice and sociology. "I was going to be a cop."

After graduating from MSU, Halverson worked as a juvenile corrections officer. In addition to his regular duties, Halverson would often find himself teaching the young people he was working with. "I started getting comments that I was a good teacher... that maybe I should be doing that for a living."

In 1998, Halverson went back to school, earning a teaching degree at the University of North Dakota in 2000.

He did his student teaching in Brainerd and soon after was hired to teach at Franklin Junior High School in Brainerd. Later, he taught at Forestview Middle School, Baxter.

In 2003, Halverson earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership at Southwest State University. "I love learning and I'm a growth-minded person, both professionally and personally."



New principal at MSMS

Chris Halverson has been hired as the new principal at Motley Staples Middle School, a position he assumed July 1. For the past 15 years, Halverson has taught economics and social studies at both the high school and middle school levels in Brainerd. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Although he loved teaching, Halverson said he felt it was time to pursue the administrative side of education. "I felt like I had done what I could at Brainerd. I wanted the opportunity to work in a smaller district."

As part of his requirements toward an administrative license, Halverson said he had to put in 320 hours of education-related activities, such as attending school board meetings.

"I came to quite a few board meetings here at Staples Motley, which is where I first met Mary Klamm (school superintendent)," Halverson said. "I also heard the community reaction toward the school's realignment process, so that wasn't a surprise to me when I got here."

Halverson said he has been very impressed with the Staples-Motley School District so far. "The administration team is great and I'm looking forward to getting to know the rest of the faculty and staff."

As part of the realignment of grades in the school district, the Motley-Staples Middle School will now be home to grades 4 - 7.

Halverson said he realizes this new format of grades has been a concern for many people, but he's committed to working through it with them. "I also understand that the middle school has gone through four principals in five years. I'm going to have to gain the trust of parents, students and staff, but I'm looking forward to building that."

In his free time, Halverson enjoys spending time with his wife, Angie (a special education teacher in Brainerd); daughter Madi, 11; and son, Reece, eight.

"We enjoy spending time outdoors as a family...out at the lakes in our family boat," he said. He's also a sports and exercise enthusiast, Halverson went on, adding that you might just see him driving around town on his motorcycle one day.

He looks forward to meeting people at the school's open house in August.



Outstanding Senior Citizens

Rita Stracek, Browerville, and Frank Leidenfrost, Staples, were crowned the Todd County Outstanding Senior Citizens for 2016. They received their crowns during a special part of the Todd County Council on Aging meeting July 15 at the Todd County Fair. They are now eligible to go to the Minnesota State Fair and represent Todd County as they vie for the state crown. Several speakers briefly addressed the large crowd. The speakers included: Teresa Sorenson, Todd County Veterans Services Office, Mike Wisniewski, Todd County Emergency Management Director on the Code Red alert system and John Knopick on the Foster Grandparent Program. See stories on Stracek and Leidenfrost in next week's issue. (Staples World photos by Karin Nauber)

Police respond to domestic issues

On July 17 the Staples Police arrested Chad Garrow, 33, Staples, for domestic assault and disorderly conduct. He was transported to the Wadena County Jail.

On July 16 police received a report of a financial crime at two businesses on 2nd Ave. NE and 2nd Ave. NW.

On July 15 police received a report of a suspicious person looking in and walking around vehicles at Spot Café. Police checked the area and were unable to locate the subject.

On July 14 police responded to the 400 block of 5th St. NE to assist a Todd County Deputy with two individuals who ran on foot. Police cited two juveniles for curfew violation.

On July 13 SPD responded to a verbal domestic on the 300 block of 2nd Street NE. One party was in the process of moving out of the residence and the other party was about to leave for work. No physical altercation occurred.

On July 12 SPD responded to the 100 block of 6th St. SE for a report of damage to property. The reporting party said the door to the business had been damaged by someone attempting to break in. The incident is under investigation.

On July 12 police responded to Lefty's for a report of a hit and run property damage accident. SPD located the party that left and learned he was unaware he had hit any vehicle. Both parties were given an accident exchange form.

On July 12 police received a report of a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order (DANCO) violation. Jason Graf, 43, was arrested for the offense.

On July 11 SPD arrested Ronald Lade, 64, on a Wadena County warrant.

On July 11 police received information regarding a theft from Scott's Southtown. The theft is connected to a 2015 theft case involving David Watson, a former NAPA employee.

On July 12 SPD assisted the State Patrol with a two vehicle accident on Hwy. 10 east of 285th Ave.

On July 11 police responded to a domestic issue in the 400 block of 7th St. NE.

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Lighting the luminaries gives personal perspective on the reason for the relay

our own communities who are fighting right now to save their lives or support those who have lost their loved ones.

We invite you all to come out and join us in doing just that. We have a lot of great things to offer such as the silent auction, with up to 100 items on our auction, all donated or handmade by our teams.

We have food from 5-9 p.m., games and fun activities at each team's campsite. We have a DJ this year who will keep the music going for us.

At 7 p.m. we will have a survivor story, a survivor lap and a caregivers lap for those who choose to participate. We will cheer you on all the way around the track.

Luminaries will be lit at dusk which is always an emotional part of the evening and one that has the most meaning to us. As we walk around lighting the candles in each bag looking at the names of hundreds of people in our communities who have been affected by cancer, it really gives a lot of perspective as to why we are here.

We walk all night to honor and remember those who are fighting or have lost their battle.

The Relay for Life is an event we hope our communities can rally around once again. We're in the rebuilding stages and we want you to join us.

If you're interested in helping us with the planning of the event or you want to have a team next year, please let us know.

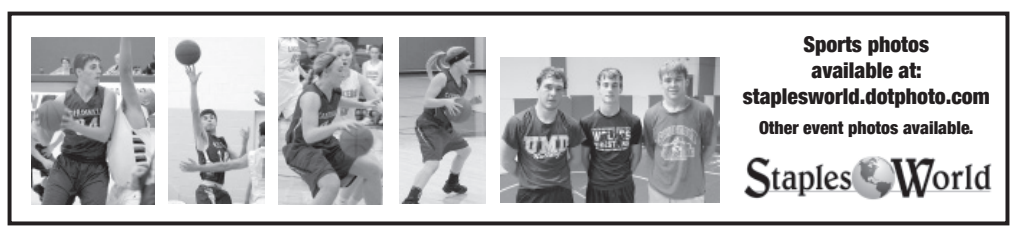
The three of us are all cancer survivors and know the importance of Relay for Life. We have our own why's. What's your why?

Come to the Relay Friday and share your why with one of us.









Police arrest three for drug possession


Holly Marsh


Pat Case


Jeffrey Bedeck

On July 2, Staples Police received an anonymous tip that a female with multiple felony warrants was inside a residence in Staples. A short time later police observed the female getting into a vehicle along with three males.

Police approached the vehicle and could smell marijuana coming from the car. After searching the vehicle police found 110 grams of marijuana, four grams of methamphetamine, two digital scales with meth residue, two hypodermic needles, multiple phones, small individual baggies and other drug paraphernalia items. Police arrested Holly Marsh, 38, of Staples and charged her with 3rd degree possession of a controlled substance, 3rd degree sales, 5th degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of hypodermic needle and drug paraphernalia.

Police also arrested Pat Case, 31, of Staples, charging him with 5th degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of a hypodermic needle and Jeffrey Bedeck, 37, of Melrose and charged him with 5th degree possession of a controlled substance, false name to police and possession of drug paraphernalia. All parties were transported to the Todd County jail.

On June 30, Staples Police assisted the MN State Patrol with a report of a vehicle found overturned on Hwy 10, near the intersection of Todd Cty Rd 83. Police the vehicle was found to be unoccupied. Also responding to the scene was the Staples Fire Dept. and Todd County Sheriff's Dept A. short time later Staples Police received a report of a vehicle theft from 825 4th St NE. Upon further investigation, Police cited Lauri Maloney, 45, of Staples, for falsely reporting a crime. Maloney's vehicle had been found earlier, overturned on Hwy 10, just east of Staples, in the ditch. Maloney had reported the vehicle stolen and later admitted that she had been the driver of the vehicle and had crashed while texting and driving.

Other items reported to the police department included:

June 27; Staples Police received a report of a theft of a purse from a vehicle parked in the 1200 block of Hwy 10. The incident is under investigation.

June 28; Staples Police were called to the Staples High Rise for a trespass complaint. A male subject had been served a trespass notice and still continued to come on to High Rise property. Video surveillance showed the subject on the property several times during the past two weeks. Police located Daniel Olander, 31, and issued him a citation for trespassing.

June 28; Staples Police assisted the MN State Patrol with a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy 10 and Cty Rd 83. A female passenger in one vehicle was transported to the LHS Hospital ER for injuries. There was moderate damage to both vehicles.

June 28; Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 2nd St SE for a report of a burglary. It was reported that a door was forced open but nothing appeared to be missing.

June 29; Staples Police responded to the 300 block of Long Prairie Rd SW for a report of a dog running at large and was acting aggressive. The owners of the dog were notified of the city ordinance and advised if the dog is lose again they will receive a citation.

June 19; Staples Police responded to the beach at Dower Lake for a report of a purse that was stolen out of an unlocked vehicle.

June 29; Staples Police arrested Jason Graf, 43, on a warrant for felony domestic assault-strangulation and domestic assault. Police were assisted by the Todd County Sheriff's Dept.

July 2; Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 7th St. SE for a male cleaning his shotgun on the trunk of his car. Police advised the male to clean the gun inside.

July 2; Staples Police were advised of a female that appeared to be having trouble on the 100 block of 4th St NE. Police made contacted with the female who was heavily intoxicated. The female's husband gave her a ride home.

July 2, Staples Police were advised of someone panhandling for money at Super America. The subject left before police arrived.

July 3; Staples Police conducted a traffic stop on Airport Rd for no license plate light, the driver of the vehicle matched the description of the registered owner who was expired, and had been weaving within the lane of traffic. After an investigation, Michael Corner, 39, of Staples was arrested for 3rd degree DWI.

July 3; Staples Police responded to Ernie's Food Market for a vehicle that hit the store causing minor damage. Police cited William Mount, 38, of Staples for driving after revocation.

July 3; Staples Police responded to the Dower Lake campground for a report of someone setting off fireworks. Upon arrival, it was observed that the fireworks were coming from a residence on the west side of Dower Lake, on Thunderbird Drive. Police were requested by the Todd County Sheriff's Dept, to drive through Thunderbird Drive.

July 5,; Staples Police observed a mobile fire pit with fire burning in it with nobody around. The fire pit was located in an apartment parking lot on the 1000 block of 4th St NE. Police extingguished the fire.

July 5; Staples Police assisted with the removal of a woodchuck from underneath a vehicle at LHS Hospital.

July 5; Staples Police arrested Todd Gabel, 39, for violation of a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order.

July 7; Staples Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress in the 600 block of 4th St. NE. Police arrived and were unable to locate anything suspicious. Police were later called back to the residence for the same report and the complainant was transported to the hospital.

July 7; Staples Police were called to Giovannis for a male subject sleeping by their back door. The subject was advised to move on.

July 7; Staples Police were called to a residence in the 200 block of Roosevelt St. SW for having a prohibited animals. The owners were advised to move the animals out of the city. The owner complied and moved the animals.

July 7; Police responded to the Family Dollar Store for a report of shoplifting. Police identified the suspect as Daniel Olander and he was issued a citation for theft.

July 8; Staples Police took a theft report of a framing nail gun stolen out of a vehicle parked in the 300 block of 7th St NE.

July 8; Staples Police observed a male individual at Northern Pacific Park. The subject was warned several times to remove his property from the park before escorting him off.

July8; Staples Police received a report of juveniles riding their skateboards on the overpass in a dangerous manner. Police spoke with the juveniles and advised them on riding safely.

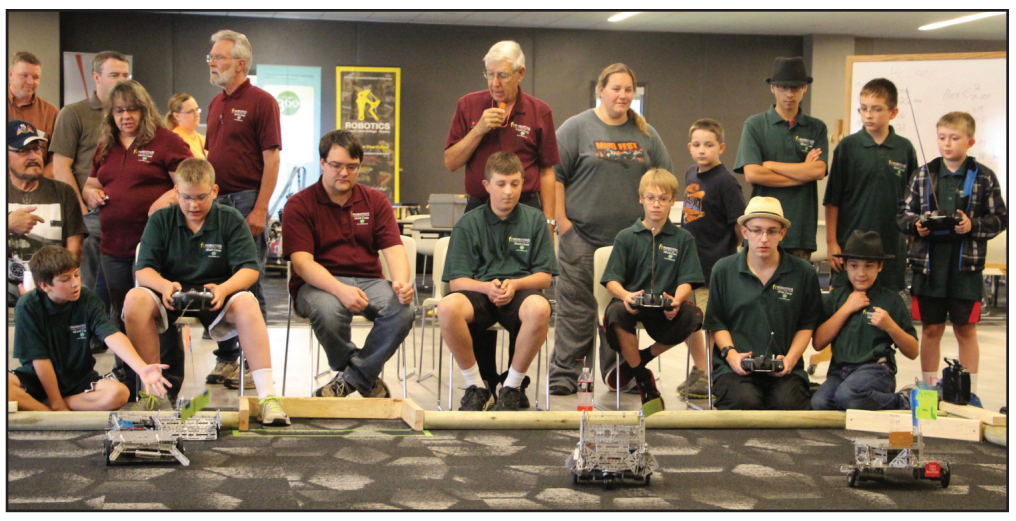
July 9; Staples Police patrolled Dower Lake Campground, after multiple groups were told to shut off the loud music, and their disorderly. conduct

July 9; Staples Police received a report of an intoxicated male sleeping in a flower bed behind Tower Pizza. Police made contact with the male and assisted him in returning to his residence.

July 8; Staples Police conducted a walkthrough of Dower Lake Campground, as police observed multiple campsites with loud noise coming from them. Prior to being able to address the noise issue, the police were called away to respond to another call for service. Police later returned to the campground to follow up.

July 9; Staples Police advised Dower Lake campers of a severe weather warning.

July 10; Staples Police assisted a motorist at the intersection of Hwy 10 and 6th St. NE with straightening the vehicle's ignition key after it had been removed and extremely bent by the drivers girlfriend, who had seen a spider inside of the vehicle.



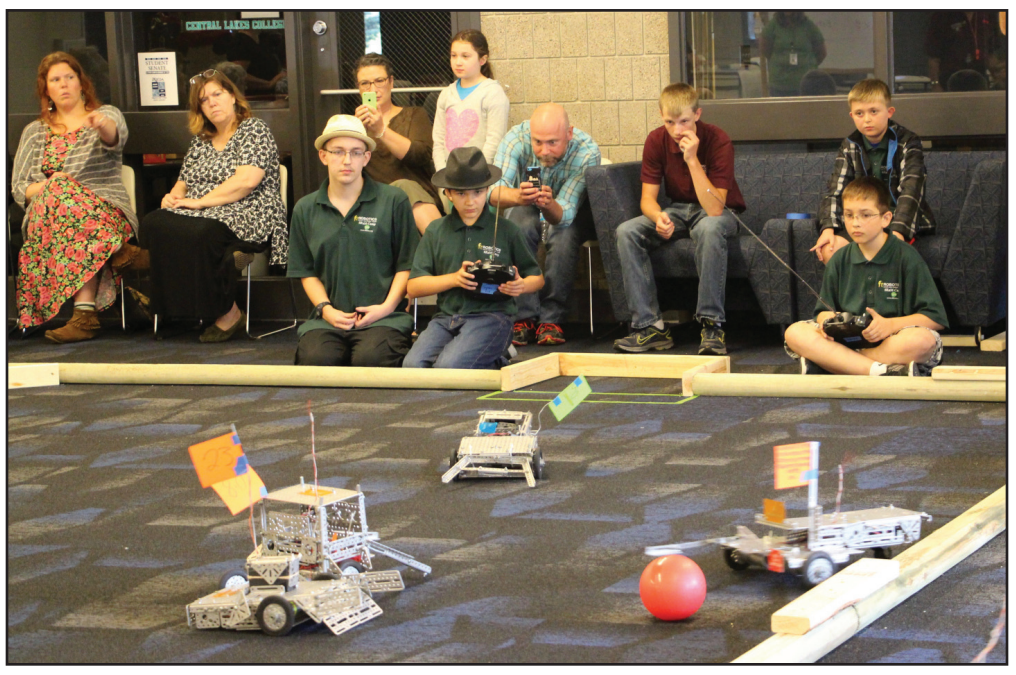
All hands on robots .....

After tying in the soccer competition and in their shootout competition at SEaM Camp, two teams settled their match with an all robot race with the first one to touch the opposite wall and come back declared the winner. Campers and staff included; seated, from left, Jay Dregney, Staples; Kale Danielson, Long Prairie; mentor Christopher Stevens; Thomas Taylor, Breezy Point; Christian Scheler, Staples; Jordan Hofstrand, Deerwood; and Carter Plasek, Park Rapids. Standing, from left, Mentors Betty Street, Greg Scheler and Gary Donner; and campers Ewan Newbold, Pine River; Matthew Hughes, Pillager; and Lucas Taylor, Breezy Point.(Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



From camper, mentor to CLC student

Megan Pachan of Clarissa, left, a mentor at the Summer Engineering and Manufacturing (SEaM) Camp at Central Lakes College in Staples, was a former camper and now a student at CLC. Two other mentors at this year's camp after having been campers in previous years. The camp was held July 11-15. Campers react to their team scoring a goal with their robots. Standing; left, Natalie Zenk (from Illinois and staying with grandparents at Breezy Point for the summer), Jordan Roxberg, Brainerd and Janet Gontarek, Central Lakes College. Seated; Alyson Klomp, East Gull Lake; Nicholas Sharma, Staples; and Briston Domino, Nisswa.



Tense moments in robot competition

Parents and robot fans had a closeup view of the action as Jordan Hofstrand, Deerwood; Carter Plasek, Park Rapids; and Nathan Hughes, Pillager, participated in the soccer competition of SEaM Camp at CLC in Staples. Seated; from right, Lucas Taylor, Breezy Point, and mentor Eric Pachan, Clarissa. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Do we consume too much media daily? You betcha.

By Jeffrey M. McCall

The average American likes his or her smartphone more than friends. Browsing social media sites on a tablet is more important to most people than their careers. Binge-watching streaming television shows is more fulfilling than family interaction.

Indeed, the media world has swarmed over American society. Media consumers are oppressed by a false sense that technical devices and the fantasy-world content they deliver are more essential than engaging other human beings.

The recently released report by Nielsen shows the typical American spends 10 hours and 39 minutes per day absorbing some sort of media. That total is up a full hour from just last year. Keep in mind that this startling total is just an average, so half of all media consumers are spending even more time in the media flood.

Television is still the most-used medium, but smartphone usage and tablets showed the biggest increases. Half of all Americans now have subscription video-on-demand services, such as Netflix or Hulu. Big media corporations dominate not only consumers' time, but their wallets, too. Subscription video, cable packages, Internet service, smartphone apps and etcetera all come at hefty costs.

Media use absorbs more of people's time than work, sleep or human interaction. Spending 10 and a half hours a day with eyes glued to a screen leaves less time for home duties, community responsibilities, child rearing and many other things associated with real humanity.

Most media is absorbed in a sedentary manner, of course, so it is little wonder that too many Americans are not physically fit. Few calories are burned punching a remote control or scrolling on a tablet.

The lost time, expense and negative health effects of excessive media usage are enough cause for national concern, but the broader damage might lie in the socio-emotional side of the matter. People need to consider what drives them to obsessively absorb mediated messages in an ever-increasing amount.

The dazzling technologies no doubt have captured the fascination of consumers who feel compelled to have and use whatever new device, service or app that becomes available. But this sort of technological determinism alone can't explain why so many people seek out and sink into a narcotizing and pretend media universe. Ten and a half hours a day is a lot of time to pass, much of it wasted on mind-numbing electronic images that cordon viewers off from the real world.

Real life is apparently so boring that many Americans would rather sink into a false existence of online video games, get vicarious excitement from bizarre action characters or waste time with vacuous viral videos of cute animals or stupid teen stunts.

Studies show that high media users are more likely to be depressed and frustrated. It is little wonder. Even a normal day-to-day existence looks insignificant compared to supercharged, yet false, existence of a media-saturated universe.

Of course, the great media buffet offers plenty of enlightening and useful content, and what a person watches matters. The dismal ratings of public affairs and educational programming suggest such content is not filling much of the 10 and a half media hours each day.

Sensible proportion has escaped the media consumers of this era. Keeping up with friends and family on social media is great, but spending three hours a day with it is not. Watching an NFL game on TV is relaxing, but watching five games every fall weekend is not sensible. Streaming a movie is a nice way to spend a Saturday evening, but binge-watching three movies in a row is an attempt to escape the world. The old sage who encouraged moderation in all things would be astounded at the excesses in today's media environment.

The media now own too many Americans. Instead of technology and mediated content helping to enrich a society, it now appears the onslaught of devices and content remove people from each other, causing them to be less grounded.

This dehumanization should concern all of us.

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State police association calls Governor Dayton's conclusion 'presumptive'

Statement from Dennis Flaherty, Exec. Dir., on behalf of the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association.

In regard to recent events:

First of all, and most importantly, our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by the recent tragic events in Falcon Heights, Dallas and Baton Rouge. The families and friends, the faith communities that provide much needed support to those affected - they all need our prayers and support. The nation needs consoling at this time.

Governor Dayton's extraordinarily presumptive conclusion that the tragic incident in Falcon Heights was motivated by race is the height of political malfeasance that could lead to a miscarriage of justice, if not more violence. There is an active investigation under way. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is beyond reproach in its conduct. Until the facts are completely understood and assembled, our elected officials must instill confidence and reassurance while rejecting incendiary terms that could provoke more violence. Invoking racism without foundation of fact is incendiary.

Now is the time to pull people together, to heal as one Minnesota. The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers stand by civil rights for everyone, as well as due process. Whether you wear a badge or look to one for its service, we're all entitled to due process that will inform conclusions based on the facts of the case. Unfortunately, in his comments, the Governor appears to be taking justice into his own hands.

Minnesota has among the best trained, best educated police officers in the country. The investigative arms of all levels of government in Minnesota will come to a conclusion that delivers justice. We trust Minnesota's judicial system to get this right. Jumping to conclusions before the facts are assembled erodes public trust in public servants, elected or appointed. Jumping to conclusions exacerbates public distrust even further. Now is the time for calm heads to prevail.

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association was founded in 1922 and is the largest association representing rank and file officers in Minnesota. Its membership consists of municipal police officers, county deputy sheriffs and police officers employed by the State of Minnesota.



Letters to the Editor

Support appreciated

On behalf of myself and the officers of the Staples Police Department, we would like to say thank you for the outpouring of support shown to our department in recent weeks. Whether it is a thank you on the street, food brought to the PD or a sign in your yard, it does not go unnoticed.

This is a difficult time for everyone, and we appreciate the support shown to us by members of our incredible community.

We are hopeful that all people can come together and stop any further tragedies from occurring. Any loss of life is tragic, and we strive to do work every day for peaceful outcomes.

We put on our uniforms and go to work each day, wanting to go home safe to our families at the end of our shifts. We do this because of the love and duty we have to serve this community.

Thank you for your support in these trying times.

Chief Melissa Birkholtz
Staples Police Department

Live music

We would like to publicly thank the Staples Host Lions Club for their ongoing financial support of live music in Staples.

We had the privilege of performing at the Northern Pacific Park last Sunday to a crowd of over 200 people. Staples is a wonderful community and its support for live music was evident not only by the turnout, but by the warm response they gave us.

Thank you to all who work hard to keep this event going, and again to the Staples Lions Club. We totally enjoyed presenting our show to a very receptive audience and hope to return next summer.

Paul Nye, guitar
Jeff Menten, fiddle
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Alan Godage & Sundown to perform at 'Music in the Park'



Classic country band
Alan Godage & Sundown will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 24, at 7 p.m. The series is made possible with a gift from the Staples Host Lions Club. (Submitted photo)

Classic country band Alan Godage & Sundown will perform at the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 24, at 7 p.m.

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

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

Over the years, Godage has performed throughout the United States and recorded several albums, including, "An Inside Look," recorded in Nashville, which features his original music. Godage has performed on cable television programs; and has opened shows for Bobby Bare, Jack Greene, Tanya Tucker, Bill Anderson, Jim Ed Brown and Johnny Rodriguez. The Sundown Band has backed the great Stonewall Jackson, Jean Shepard and Leona Williams. Godage has also appeared on two Grand Ole Opry sanctioned shows along with Little Jimmy Dickens, Hank Thompson, Johnny Paycheck, Del Reeves and Faron Young.

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

"A number of things set us apart from a lot of the other bands that are out there," Godage said. "You won't see my band perform in tennis shoes and tank tops or jeans with holes in the knees. As professional entertainers I feel we have an obligation to clean up and look presentable when we're performing." He went on to say that, "We have made a commitment to providing the finest live classic country music that we can give you. If you're a classic country music fan I really think you will enjoy what we have to offer."

The Music in the Park Concerts are held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and will run through August 14. 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.

Mark Your Calendar

July 23

The Lakes Area Music Festival Concert Sat., July 23, 7 p.m., at Motley United Methodist Church. The program will feature the organization's artistic directors; with music of Chopin, Debussy, Mendelssohn, Prokofiev. Free.

July 29

The Jumpin' Jehosafats Concert Fri., July 29, 6 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church. Free will offering, refreshments following the concert.

July 30

Northern Lights Gospel Quartet Concert Sat., July 30, 5 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church. Outdoor concert (bring a lawn chair), in case of rain, it will be moved inside the church. Free. Refreshments following.

July 31

The Hartley Family Bluegrass & Gospel Concert Sun., July 31, 6 p.m., Motley Free Methodist Church. Free will offering.

August 2

The Hartley Family Bluegrass Concert Tues., Aug. 2, 7 p.m., Central Methodist Church, six miles north of Hwy 10 on Cty Rd. 26.

Minnesota author to be at Wadena Historical Society

The Wadena County Historical Society will host a book signing for writer Colin Mustful on Thursday, July 28, from noon to 1 p.m. as part of a new 'Minnesota Voices' program series.

Author and historian Colin Mustful has written three novels that depict the people and places of Minnesota's complicated frontier history. The author's newest novel, "Ceding Contempt", follows artist Frank Blackwell Mayer as he witnesses the signing of the Treaty of the Traverse des Sioux, a watershed moment in Minnesota history.

'Minnesota Voices' is a collaborative program between the Wadena County Historical Society and An Open Book, an independent bookstore in Wadena that features book signings and interviews with Minnesota writers.

The July 28 program will be held at the Wadena County Historical Society, 603 Jefferson Street North. Bring a lunch or just come for coffee.



Lamp Camp in full swing

Lamp Camp, sponsored by Lamplighter Community Theatre, began July 11 and will conclude with a free public performance Friday, July 22, 7 p.m., at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. During the two-week session, campers (ages eight - 18) explored the music and different perspectives of Beauty and The Beast, Goldilocks and The Three Bears, Peter Pan and more. Pictured above, front row from left are Brynn Bestland, Zachary McIlravy, Michaela Gold, Danielle Gold, campers. Back row: Sam Fujii, music director; Justin Edin, artistic and drama director; Emmajean Erickson, Meghan VanAlst, campers; Roseanne Reed, dance instructor; Nikki Edin, assistant director. Pictured in lower photo, front row: Sivert Klefsaas, Toni Brings, Macy Judd, Sophie Roberts, Brynn Williams, Samantha Svendsen, Brooke Jackson, campers. Middle: Rebekah Midbo, Mel Litts, Rachell Fisher, Delaney Larson, Sara Oberlander, Alex McIlravy, Elena Grove. Back: Nikki Edin, Justin Edin, directors; Elijah Sams, Andrew Bates, Coleman Klimek, Cade Bestland, campers; Sam Fujii, music director. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



CLC offering ten new 'Live Online' classes

Have you ever wanted to take a college class in real time, from the comfort of home? Now you can.

Coming this fall, Central Lakes College is debuting Live Online, which allows students to live stream class from any location, while interacting in real time with their instructor and classmates. Students can also replay a recording of a class session at any time later.

Live Online is a step forward in how CLC delivers classes, said Martha Kuehn, Dean of Liberal Arts.

"It combines the best of online and face to face classes," she said.

With classes being recorded for later viewing, students can catch a missed class, review a lecture, or view the class at a more convenient time.

This innovative method of education allows more flexibility as students balance jobs and family with their courses. Students can tune into class while on break at work, or high school students may take a college class without leaving their high school campus.

It's a more advanced option than the typical online class for many students, Kuehn said.

"With Live Online, students can actually listen to their instructor and interact in real time. The real time communication is a big plus for Live Online. Students can ask questions and get answers immediately, and also listen in on their classmates' questions, answers and discussions," she said.

"Not every student learns best by just reading material, and with Live Online, students can listen, too. The ability to hear an explanation of a concept, and see the instructor's face and gestures, makes for much richer communication," she said.

All that's needed to "attend" class is a computer or mobile device/tablet with a webcam and a microphone and an internet connection.

"We hope that this new class delivery method will enrich our course offerings and allow more students to attend class and be successful at Central Lakes College," Kuehn said.

CLC will be offering ten Live Online classes this fall, and another ten classes during spring semester. Live Online classes will be expanded by fall 2017. Find the complete course listing at www.clcmn.edu/liveonline.

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Auditions: 5 p.m., Sunday, July 24
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Enjoying the music

At least 200 people attended the free concert at Northern Pacific Park in Staples July 17, which featured the music of "Menten, Nye & Max." The concert was part of the Music in the Park series sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council and funded by the Staples Host Lions. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital included:

Born to Sara Haverinen and Mike Ratcliffe of Sebeka, a baby girl, Louize Mae weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on July 8, 2016.

Born to Logan Becker and Alex Jansson of Staples, a baby boy, Jagger Ryan weighing eight pounds on July 8, 2016.

Born to Bren Fletcher and Mike Davis of Brainerd, a baby girl, Rosie Kay weighing seven pounds, four ounces on July 10, 2016.

Born to Richard and Danae Kelm of Baxter, a baby boy, Noah John weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on July 11, 2016.

Born to Tyler and Jenna Biermaier of Browerville, a baby girl, Mia Mae weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on July 11, 2016.

Born to Justin and Meghan Gangestad of Baxter, a baby boy, James John Paul weighing nine pounds, seven ounces on July 12, 2016.

Born to Anna Bird and Nolen O'Dell of Motley, a baby girl, Jessika Nikole weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on July 13, 2016.

Born to Shelby Fairbrother and Wade Reece of Little Falls, a baby boy, Jackson Jay weighing seven pounds, four ounces on July 13, 2016.

Born to David and Rebecca Sigler of Moorhead, a baby boy, Owen Bruce weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on July 14, 2016.

Born to Heidi Cypher of Staples, a baby boy, Shaydon Dean weighing four pounds, 13 ounces on July 15, 2016.

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Born to Leif and Kristy Storbakken of Princeton, a baby boy, Bjorn Erling weighing seven pounds, four ounces on July 9, 2016. Siblings are Sven, Elsa, Nels and Olaf. Grandparents are Darrel and Luann Lind of Ogema, WI and Ron and Sue Storbakken of Staples.

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Born to Logan and Shane Sipe of Wadena, a baby boy, Ezekiel Jesse weighing eight pounds, 15 ounces on July 7, 2016 at Tri-County Health Care in Wadena. Ezekiel has a big brother Ian Michael; grandparents are Aaron and Sarah Honer, Chris and Peggy Gieger and Bill and Vina Sipe.

Born to Danny and Rebekah Berndt of Hewitt a baby boy, Grayson Robert weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on July 8, 2016 at Tri-County Health Care in Wadena. Sister is Chyenne; grandparents are Robert and Lynda Berndt and Joseph and Linda Kern.

Todd County Historical Society July report

The Todd County Historical Society met July 5 at the Todd County Fairgrounds building.

The museum report included:

- We had many positive comments from the 41 people who toured the museum in June.
- The lease on the fairgrounds building has been renewed for two more years.
- We will have articles on sale for the city-wide garage sale.
- Many people stopped by our booth at Breakfast on the Farm.
- A sign-up sheet for fair workers will be passed around.

Forty-two people have signed up for the Chisolm trip.

The Autumn Appreciation Dinner will be at the American Legion Monday, Oct. 17.

Annette Skiftun and Joan Pesta are working on the country school exhibit for the fair. There will be several contests with prizes, exhibits, a TV interview, plus written interviews. Special buttons will be given to the people who attended country schools.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 1 in the museum.

Submitted by Alice Siegle, Secretary

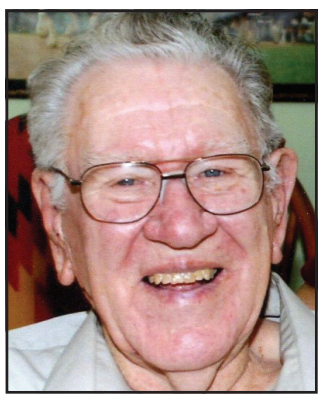
SMHS Class of 2006 reunion

Calling all Cardinals from 2006.

The Staples-Motley Class of 2006 will hold its 10-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 20 in Staples.

For more information, contact class representatives at staplesmotley2006@gmail.com.

Obituary



Walter Wetzel

Walter Wetzel, 89, of Belview and formerly of Olivia and Browerville died July 17, 2016 at Bethesda Pleasantview Nursing Home in Willmar.

Funeral services were held July 20 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Olivia with Rev. Joel Luetke officiating. Burial was at the Olivia Cemetery.

Arrangements were with Dirks-Blem Funeral Service of Olivia.

Walter William Wetzel was born November 14, 1926 at Detroit, Michigan, to Emil and Florence (Galliher) Wetzel. When he was three the family moved to a farm north of Olivia. Walter grew up at Olivia and attended country school. He married Dorothy Rose Hotovec on December 1, 1944. They made their home in Olivia, and later farmed near Browerville for many years, retiring to Belview in 2003. Walter had worked for Trojan and Pfizer for 23 years. Horses were a huge part of his life. He farmed with them for many years, was a member of saddle clubs and enjoyed trail rides and was a founding member of the Renville County Sheriff Posse. He was a member of the Minnesota Draft Horse Club and won several horse pulling contests. He enjoyed deer hunting, playing cards, bingo and welding.

He is survived by four sons, David (Mary) Wetzel of Browerville, Kenny (Elaine) Wetzel of Spicer, Paul (Sharon) Wetzel of Mankato and Lee (Alice) Wetzel of Chesapeake, Virginia; two daughters, Sharon (Leon) King of Belview, Mya Wetzel (and special friend Kathy Mc Leod) of St. Joseph; 12 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two sisters, Adeline Wittman and Amelia Lundh; two infant sons and one daughter, Emily Ann Wetzel Tjaden.

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July birthdays celebrated

The monthly birthday party for the Staples Senior Citizens was held July 12 in the Senior Citizen's room at the Community Center. Celebrating July birthdays included; front, left to right: Lyda Cocking, Nancy Johnson, Harriet Dent and Enid Nelson. Back: Doreen Scott, Joan Doll, Charlotte Stern, Jeanette Olsen. Each received a small decorated cake, a card and the "Happy Birthday" song was sung. A short program and prize drawings were held followed by the meal.

The August birthday/anniversary party will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 9. Everyone is welcome. Sign up is required no later than noon the day before by calling; 218- 894-2556.



Lions Club donations

The Staples Host Lions Club recently made several monetary donations to local organizations. Pictured above, with a $3,000 donation to Staples Motley School District Community Education are, from left, Marci Lord, business manager; Mary Klamm, school superintendent; Kevin Roline, community ed. director; Lion Mike Gedde, 1st vice president. Pictured in center photo with a $500 donation to the City of Staples are, from left, Lion Gedde and Kevin Grondahl, parks and recreation director for the city. Pictured in lower photo, with a $1,000 donation to the Old Wadena Society (OWS) are, from left, Tom Kajer, OWS outgoing president; Lion Gedde; Russ Lee, OWS treasurer; and Tom Crawford, OWS president. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





Resilience quells ACE

ACEs: Adverse Childhood Experiences that harm children's developing brains so profoundly that the effects show up decades later. They cause much of chronic disease, most mental illness and are at the root of most violence.

There are ten ACEs, ranging from history of physical abuse; family members being addicted to alcohol; to losing a parent.

Resiliency

When people hear about ACEs, they often ask about resilience, or capacity to recover quickly from difficulties. People get excited about the notion of resilience, in part because it reminds us that our supportive actions matter.

Here are some tips to becoming more resilient:

- **Get Connected.** Building strong, positive relationships with loved ones and friends can provide needed support in both good times and bad.
- **Make Every Day Meaningful.** Do something that gives you a sense of accomplishment and purpose every day.
- **Learn From Experience**. Think of how you've coped with hardships in the past. Consider the skills and strategies that helped you through rough times.
- **Remain Hopeful**. You can't change the past, but you can always look toward the future. Accepting and even anticipating change makes it easier to adapt and view new challenges with less anxiety.
- **Take Care of Yourself**. Tend to your own needs and feelings. Include physical activity in your daily routine. Get plenty of sleep. Eat a healthy diet. Practice stress management, such as yoga, deep breathing or prayer.
- **Be Proactive**. Don't ignore your problems. Figure out what needs to be done, make a plan, take action. It can take time to recover from a major setback, traumatic event or loss, know that your situation can improve if you work at it.

Todd County's Drug Free Communities grant focuses on keeping children healthy and safe. Resilience plays a huge role in the health and welfare of the next generation. For more information on DFC, contact Connie Burns, Health Education Coordinator at Todd County Health and Human Services: 320-732-2221.

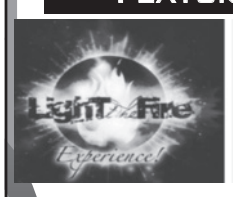
Student Achievements

Hallie Bergeson, Staples, recently graduated from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, with an Advanced Standing, Master's in Social Work degree.


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Making the throw

Lauren Rutten makes a throw to first base in summer rec Big League.



Ground ball

Andrew Salcido gets down for a ground ball during summer rec baseball.



Defensive play

Ashley Robben scoops up a ground ball during summer recreation Big League baseball play. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

In-home VA respite care program

By David Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

AgeOptions is partnering with AmeriCorps to provide in-home respite to support veteran and active military families who care for older adults and adults with disabilities.

Legacy Corps Volunteers

- AgeOptions Legacy Corps members (volunteers) help support veteran and military families across Todd and Wadena counties by allowing family caregivers regular time away from caregiving tasks.

AmeriCorps/Legacy Corps

- AmeriCorps is a federal service program funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service.
- Legacy Corps is a branch of AmeriCorps; it is a national program administered by the University of Maryland that supports family caregivers with respite (substitute) care.
- Legacy Corps is an internationally-recognized, award-winning program.
- Outcomes measures for Legacy Corps show significant benefits for both the member volunteer (civic engagement, employment) and the family caregiver (stress levels).
- For over 10 years Legacy Corps was funded as a general in-home respite program; this year the program begins a new focus on veteran and military families.

Care recipients

- It is for older adults 60+. With a few exceptions of those under 60 who have cognitive related illnesses.
- Veterans or family members of veterans or active military members.

Legacy Corps members (volunteers) will…

- Complete 450 hours of service between Oct. 1, 2016, and Sept. 30, 2017.
- Participate in 20 hours of orientation
- Pass criminal and sex offender background checks
- Provide companionship-level care (no toileting, transfers or medication)

For their service, Legacy members (volunteers) receive the following benefits:

- They receive a $200 living allowance each month
- The education award is approximately $1,500 and can be transferred to a child or grandchild if you are 55 or older.

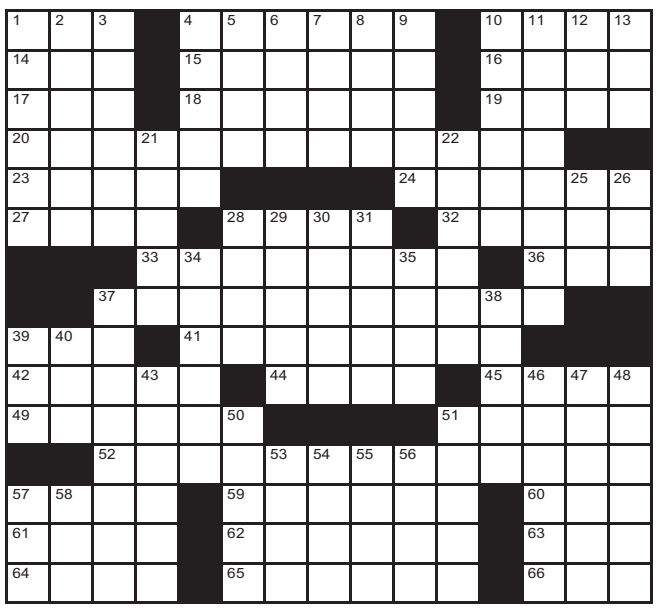
Interested persons in Wadena and Todd counties can contact Joyce Uselman at joyce.uselman@lssmn.org or 218-282-6572

As always, 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.

Crossword Puzzle

Provided by American Profile

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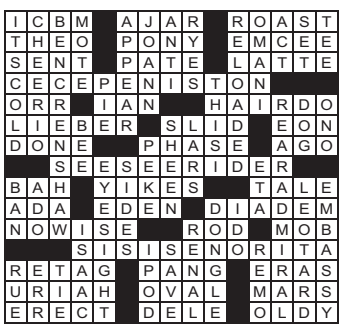


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45 Combines
49 Novelist Ernest
51 Swagger
52 Highest honors
57 Straw in the wind
59 USAF newcomer
60 Russian orbiter
61 Custom
62 Cloverleaf part
63 Draw upon
64 Plenty
65 Repair, as mittens
66 Saigon soup

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1 ___ franca
2 Trims
3 Harley rival
4 Touch base?
5 Java is in it
6 "Take ___!"
7 Author Morrison
8 Cube creator Rubik
9 Checks
10 Whist holding
11 Used again
12 Chicken ___ King
13 Free radio ad
21 Boozehound
22 Shark's back fin
25 Canal locale
26 Ham holder
28 Teeny bit
29 Go on and on
30 Skylit lobbies
31 Money owed
34 Meddlesome
35 Some learning
37 Symphony section
38 Rodeo rope
39 Agreement
40 Queen, maybe
43 Praying figures.
46 Rally, as support
47 Weekend cowboylike
48 Sound investment?
50 Witch's place
51 Was out
53 Prime
54 Stopper
55 ___ Bator
56 "La Bohème" heroine
57 Mouse catcher
58 Farm cry

Last Week's Answers
"Double Headers"



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
Sonlight & Youth .....6:30 p.m.

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

Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples..... 218-894-2571
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
Summer Service.....9:30 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 Scoggins, 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.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

Congregational, UCC
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831
Sunday Worship,..... 9:30 a.m.
Communion .....1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Pastor Rachel Stout 218-640-5587
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School .....8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Rev. Jean M. Megorden
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday Office Closed
Senior Pastor: Pastor Dan Crocker
Visitation Pastor: Pastor Jim Brown
Youth & Ministry Coordinator: Stacey Minion
1354 Café 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 & Prayer .....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.

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. # 218-837-5690
Open by arrangement

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
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 St. 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
Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School .....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
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 Hoffert
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 Classses
.....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 Amos Self 218-371-7189
Childrens' 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.

Cracked water pot

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God

Romans 9:19-21

You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?" [20]But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*, "Why have you made me like this?" [21]Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

An elderly peasant in China had two large pots, each hung at opposite ends of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other was perfect. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived half full, while the intact pot delivered its full volume of water. For two years this went on daily; the bearer delivering only one and a half pots of water to his house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of achieving its full potential, but the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of abject failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream." I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes me to leak all the way back to your house." The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds beside your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them. For two years I have been able to pick those beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you, just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house." Each of us has his own peculiar flaws. But it's our cracks and flaws that make our lives together so interesting and rewarding. We've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in each of them.

-author unknown

Isaiah 64:8

But now, O Lord, You *are* our Father; We *are* the clay, and You our potter; And all we *are* the work of Your hand.

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

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

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Staples, MN 218-894-1775

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Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Longbella Drug Store
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Motley and Pillager

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218-894-1112

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Staples, MN 218-894-3299

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Staples, MN 218-894-3263

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of School Board Member of Independent School District No. 2170 shall begin on **August 2, 2016** and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on **August 16, 2016.**

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy will be available at the School District Office; 202 Pleasant Avenue NE, Staples, MN 56479. The filing fee for this office is $2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and is not registered as a convicted sex offender.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

BY ORDER OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD

Roy DiGiovanni,
School District Clerk
29-30pnc

NOTICE MINNESOTA DNR PROPOSAL

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is seeking comment on a proposal to designate as a trout stream a 0.1 mile section of Hay Creek, and undesignated a 4.9 mile section of Fawn Creek in Wadena County. Designated trout streams are those where conditions are suitable for trout and therefore are subject to special regulations to protect fish populations, water quality and habitat.

The affected portion of Hay Creek lies in Township 134, Range 33, Section 16.

The affected portions of Fawn Creek lies in Township 134; Range 32; Sections 22, 27, 33 and 34.

Written comments can be sent to: Park Rapids Fisheries, 301 S Grove Ave., Park Rapids MN 56470, or by phone at 218-732-4153. Comment will be accepted until October 24, 2016.
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BECKER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The following township offices will be voted for at the State General Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on August 2, 2016 through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016. You may call Mary Fitcher at 218-352-6498 for an appointment, or the office of the clerk will be open Tuesday, August 16, 2016 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. located at 10999 75th Ave. SW, Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a $2.00 filing fee at the time of filing.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 8, 2016.

Township Clerk (4 year regular term)

Township Supervisor Seat 2 (4 year regular term)

Reminder: Becker Township is a mail balloting township. All registered voters will receive their ballot in the mail. Non registered voters should contact the Cass County Treasurer's office to register.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
28-29pnc

TODD COUNTY SOLID WASTE 30433 US 71 BROWERVILLE, MN 56438 PHONE (320) 594-2210 FAX 320-594-3022

FOR SALE BY BID

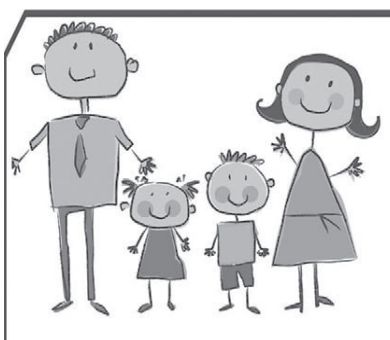
Sealed Bid Auction for 1999 Chevrolet 4x4 Silverado Pickup

Todd County Solid Waste is accepting sealed bids on the following vehicle. The vehicle is parked at the Solid Waste Department, 30433 US 71, Browerville, MN. You may look at the vehicle during regular business hours. The vehicle is presented for sale and will be sold in "as is" condition. Todd County has the right to refuse any or all bids. You may submit a bid in-person at the Solid Waste Department, or by mail. Must be marked **Sealed Bid for Vehicle Purchase**. All bids must be received by 3:00 p.m. on July 29, 2016.

Vehicle Information:
Year: 1999
Make: Chevrolet
Model: Silverado
Color: Red
Miles: 198,668
VIN: 1GCEK14T2XE211546
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NOTICE OF ELECTION OF UNITED HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given, that the Regular Election of the United Hospital District, Staples, Minnesota, will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 to elect members to serve on the District Board of Directors.

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

Filing opens Tuesday, August 2, 2016 and closes Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

Members will be elected as follows: The election of one member of District Board for a term expiring December 31, 2020 representing from each of the following cities and townships:
Staples Township
Villard Township
City of Motley
Poplar Township
Moose Lake Township
Meadowbrook Township
and, the election of one member of the Hospital District for a team expiring, December 31, 2020 representing a member at large. Persons filing for the position of a member at large can reside in any of the governmental units of the United Hospital District and the entire Hospital District which will vote for a member at large are:
Staples township
Villard Township
City of Staples
Moran Township
Becker Township
City of Motley
Meadowbrook Township
Byron Township
Moose Lake Township
Poplar Township
Motley Township
Thomastown Township

By Order of the District
Board of Directors
United Hospital District
Staples, Minnesota
29-30pnc

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): Vincent P. Decker and Sherry Decker, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Washington Mutual Bank, FA, a Federal Savings Bank

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on February 9, 2007 as Document Number 447246 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $107,250.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 9, 2004

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 27, 2004 as Document Number 429674 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: $88,118.93

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, and the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 30 and the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 20, except for the following described part: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 for a point of beginning; thence in a Westerly direction along the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 a distance of 260 feet; thence in a Southerly direction parallel with the East line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 a distance of 503 feet; thence in an Easterly direction parallel with the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 a distance of 260 feet to the East line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, thence in a Northerly direction along the East line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 a distance of 503 feet to the point of beginning. All in the Township 129 North, Range 34 West. Todd County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 17503 232ND ST, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347-4860

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Washington Mutual Bank, FA, a Federal Savings Bank

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0021600, 20-0023100, and 20-0033100

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: August 18, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

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 twelve (12) 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 August 18, 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 DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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

Dated: June 24, 2016

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
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
(15-1494-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
26-31pnc

CITY OF STAPLES FILING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the filings for the biennial election for the City of Staples will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

Offices to be filled will be the Mayor and four City Council Members. The Mayor shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The three individuals receiving the highest number of votes for City Council Members shall serve for terms of four (4) years and the individual receiving the fourth highest number of votes for City Council Member shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Filings may be made at the Office of the City Clerk at the Staples City Hall. A filing fee of $2.00 is required.

The biennial election for the City of Staples will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

Phil Lindaman,
City Clerk
28-29pnc

POPLAR TOWNSHIP FILING NOTICE

Poplar Township offices will be voted for November 8, 2016 general election.

Candidates may file from August 2, 2016 through August 16, 2016 until 5:00 p.m.

Candidates must file at Poplar Township, complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay $2.00.

Offices to file for are:

Clerk - to fill out term until January, 2019

Supervisor Seat 1 - 4 year term

Supervisor Seat 3 - 4 year term

Treasurer - 4 year term

Hope Johnson, Clerk
Poplar Township
29pnc

TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 215 First Ave. South Long Prairie, MN 56347 320-732-4420

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday July 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

1) **Allen and Judith Schueler:** Bly's Subdivision. Site Address: 19625 Eastwood Dr, Osakis, MN 56360
PIN: 10-0034900
Variance request to reduce the structural setback to side lot line from 10ft to 3ft, structural setback to Osakis Lake from 75ft to 58.5ft, and to increase the maximum allowed impervious above 25 percent total.

2) **Lonny Hutchins:** Site Address: 33007 County 12, Swanville, MN 56382
PIN: 06-0050000
Variance request to reduce the structural setback to the ordinary high water level of Little Swan Lake from 100 feet to 70 feet to accommodate an addition to an existing dwelling.

3) **Gary Allen:** Section 8, Grey Eagle Township. Site Address: 30564 State Highway 28, Grey Eagle, MN 56336
PIN: 11-0065100
Variance request to allow use of the property by 4 RV's exceeding the total number of allowed RV units on a parcel by 2 units and allowing use of the existing compliant holding tank as sewer for all units on the property.

4) **John Martin:** Section 10, Villard Township. Site Address: 31584 Trapper Dr, Staples, MN 56479
PIN: 25-0009000
Variance request to reduce the structural setback from the OHWL of the Crow Wing River from 150ft to 87ft

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters.

Todd County
Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair
29pnc

NOTICE VILLARD TOWNSHIP PRIMARY ELECTION AND AUGUST TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Villard Township, County of Todd, State of Minnesota, that the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at the Villard Town Hall in Philbrook. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The Villard Township August regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Villard Town Hall because of the Primary Election held on August 9, 2016.

Connie Mosack,
Villard Township Clerk
29&31pnc

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES BYRON TOWNSHIP

The following township offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 until Tuesday, August 16, 2016. **The office of the clerk will be open from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2016 for candidates to file.**

Candidates must file at the Office of the Township Clerk, 8991 75th Ave. Sw, Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay $2.00 filing fee at time of filing. Please call to make appointment to file if filing before August 16, 2016 at 218-397-2545.

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

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 8, 2016:

Township Treasurer (4 year regular term)

Township Clerk (2 year special term)

Township Supervisor Seat 1 (4 year regular term)

Township Supervisor Seat 2 (4 year regular term)

Beverly J. Hoemberg,
Byron Township Clerk
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NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The following township offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 until Tuesday, August 16, 2016. Please call the Clerk, Bianca Wyffels, at 218/820-6430, for an appointment; or the office of the clerk, May Township Hall Building, 05834 County Road 34, Pillager, MN will be open from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2016 for candidates to file.

Candidates must file at the office of the township Clerk, May Township Hall Building, 05834 County Road 34, Pillager, MN 56473. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay $2 filing fee at time of filing.

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

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 8, 2016:

Township Treasurer - special term expiring December 31, 2018 (fill vacancy in office)

Township Clerk - 4 year regular term Township Supervisor #1 - 4 year regular term
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Sights of nature, found locally

(#41 Things to Do in Staples, "Complete a nature scavenger hunt.")

A young deer standing at the edge of the woods near the Living Legacy Trail in Staples on June 22. There have also been recent sightings of black bears near Staples. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Little League players love to hit

Summer recreation Little League players took some mighty cuts at the ball during one of their games, whether the pitches came in low or high. Above, Reid Olds knocks a low ball to the outfield. Below, Jason Trantina swings at a high pitch. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Some records we'd rather not break

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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They say that records are made to be broken. In sports that certainly is true. I was a youngster, but old enough to be deep into baseball, when the drama of Roger Maris' pursuit of Babe Ruth's single-season home run record played out. Since that then-epic event, this record has been broken by three other ballplayers in six different seasons, but with considerably less drama than Maris' breaking the record that had been held by "the Bambino" for 34 years.

My son was a track sprinter in high school, and in his junior year his 400 meter relay team broke the school record for that event. In his senior year they broke their own record from the previous year and thoughts of "legacy" probably went through their minds. No doubt through some parents' minds, too. But two years later, when my son was in college, some similarly fast young men broke the record that he and his classmates had held. Such is life…and records.

There are undesirable records, too, both in and out of sports. As this is being written, the week's weather forecast for much of the state includes a heat advisory with "feels like" conditions over the 100 degree mark. The advisory warns even those who are healthy, that exertion under the expected outdoor conditions could put them at risk of heat stroke. Usually such warnings are directed mostly at the old and the young, and possibly those with impaired health. Not this time.

Some think we're becoming too weather-sensitive. Are we becoming alarmists, or wimpy? Perhaps we are more weather-conscious than generations before us. But advances in climatology, and the ability to predict weather with greater precision, give us an opportunity to be safe rather than sorry. It's better to prepare for the worst and be surprised by something less, than the reverse.

A look at recent temperature history is a look into extremes. The year 2015 was the hottest year on average across the globe since precise temperature recording began in 1880, according to NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

But, just like my son's 400 meter relay team, the record-breaking 2015 average global temperature came on the heels of a record-breaking year in 2014, too. What surprised climatologists more, was the margin of 2015 over 2014 was larger than the margin of 2014's record-breaker over 2013 temperatures.

Our northern hemisphere saw the biggest 2015 rise in average temperature of any region on the planet. For the 19th straight year, the average annual temperature of the continental U.S. was hotter than the 20th century average.

Minnesota is warming faster than other Midwestern states. Much of the northern half of our state, following a line from northwest to southeast, has seen average annual temperatures rise two to three degrees over a 20-year period. Several hotspots, including one on the Canadian border and a larger one touching northern Cass and Aitkin counties, saw average annual temperatures rise more than three degrees during this 20-year period.

The week just past also saw record or near-record rainfall across much of Northern Minnesota. Some roads were flooded or washed out. Water treatment plants were threatened; basements flooded, and so on, to greater or lesser degree. When it came to damages, it was much like they say in the real estate business: "location, location, location."

This mega-rain was not just in Minnesota, but across northern Wisconsin, too. U.S. Hwy 2, the thoroughfare that runs from Duluth through the northern Wisconsin counties into the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, was closed at some points. Had the rainfall happened two weeks earlier, my wife and I would have been stranded during our trip to Michigan, since that's the major northern route through the Badger state.

Here at home, I emptied my gauge of more than nine inches of rain between Saturday night and Monday. In several places in Minnesota, 24-hour rainfall records were set. Several days afterward, a trip to the lake cabin revealed a water level which - by my reckoning - is now four to five inches higher. A neighbor who hadn't raised their big water fishing boat saw it float off its lift, and on down the shoreline.

One of the consequences of higher temperatures that climate scientists predict is greater weather instability and more extreme events. Some predict fewer rainfall events, but larger in volume and more severe when they do occur.

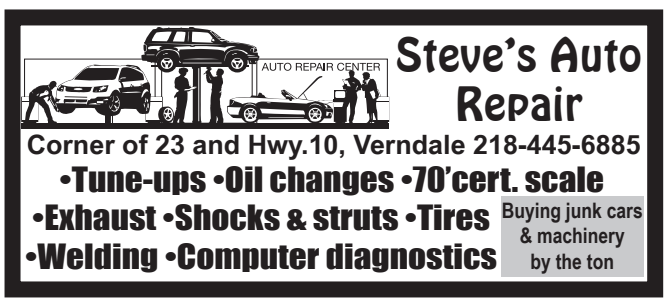
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources climatologists have charted what they call "mega-rain" events dating back to our statehood in 1858. This charting is based on newspaper accounts, diaries, and official climate records that date back to that time.

A mega-rain event was defined as one in which a six-inch average rainfall covered 100 square miles. Ten such events were recorded in the 103 years between 1909 and 2012. Of these ten, five occurred in the year 2000 or later. The fact that half of these mega-rain events happened in just a 12-year period, while the other half occurred over more than 90 years, seems hardly random. But it does line up with some weather forecasting models for a warmer Minnesota.

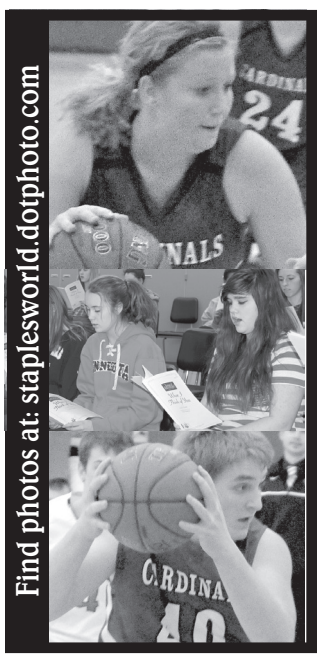
Anyone who has experienced true drought conditions might ask: "What's worse: too much or too little?"

Apart from damage to both private property and public infrastructure, extreme rainfall events can overwhelm the land's ability to absorb it. Soil, organic matter, fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides end up in our streams, rivers, wetlands and lakes. In a lake, for example, a spike in nutrients can boost algae production, and its decomposition can reduce oxygen available to fish and other aquatic life. The pesticides and herbicides that end up in the same places do their own obvious damage.

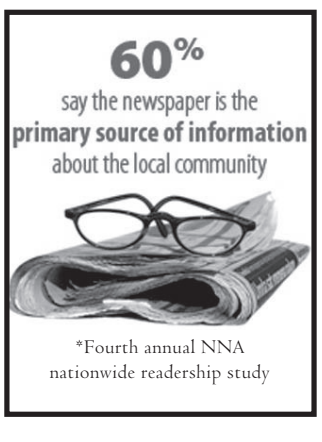
Of late, Minnesota is seeing more than our share of weather phenomena that have us looking into the record books; looking at records we'd rather not break.











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Ahlers bringing pilots for airplane services

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

A new business in Staples hopes to get people from around the region to fly into Staples. Dave Ahlers started Precision Aircraft Service in a hangar at the Staples Airport. His main business is to complete yearly inspections that are required for every airplane.

Ahler's plan is to draw pilots from airports in the surrounding area who don't have a local inspector. He said pilots from airports in Little Falls, Long Prairie, Menahga, Park Rapids and Wadena will need someone qualified to do their yearly inspections and since he prefers to work on smaller planes, he thought Staples would be a perfect place to get it done.

"I've always been around airplanes," he said. When he was young, Ahler's father worked on planes at an airport in Garrison and owned a plane that they kept at a grass airstrip at St. Mathias.

Dave followed in his father's profession and has worked for 15 years at the Brainerd Airport, running the shop for the last eight or nine years.

While Ahlers prefers to work on small planes more, "they were growing more into jets and turbo props, and they were serving the corporate world more," said Ahlers. He enjoyed those things also, but decided to specialize in small planes so he started looking at different options.



Precision Aircraft Service

David Ahlers is working on Terry Stern's airplane at the Staples Airport. Precision Aircraft Service is now open in Staples. He is qualified to do all small airplane repairs and hopes to draw pilots from the region to do their yearly inspections in Staples. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

"I have a lot of friends in aviation, I wanted to keep servicing them," said Ahlers.

One of those friends is Terry Stern, who keeps an airplane at the Staples Airport. Stern told him he was downsizing his airplanes and told him about the space that would be available in Staples. Ahlers thought that it would be a good chance to get into something with low overhead, that would help him keep costs low for customers.

"Terry has always been generous to aviation, he is a generous guy," said Ahlers.

So they worked out a deal for Ahlers to use the hangar in Staples.

Ahlers said the Staples airport has a lot of potential. Lower gas prices and the courtesy car for pilots draw in a lot of people. He would like to connect with other business owners in Staples to give pilots ideas for places to go in town while their planes are getting worked on.

While his main business plan is to do maintenance and full service inspections on planes, "I'm qualified to do everything," he said. He can even do overhauls and engine changes if needed. That comes in handy because when doing inspections, "You usually find something, they are regimented checklists," said Ahlers.

Although he has only been open in Staples for a short time, he has been busy. "I have a decent customer base, if I get them in the door then more will follow," he said. Since airplane traffic slows down in the winter, that time could be telling. "I might offer a deal, maybe to fill some gaps," he said, "but it's encouraging so far."

One of his local contacts is Ken Peterson, who has an arial spraying business at the airport. "I know him well," said Ahlers.

Ahlers also has ideas to make it more than two businesses based at the Staples airport. He has thought about getting one or two planes available to rent, for people who need instruction or can't afford to own a plane. "I want them to have options," he said.

Ahlers said he uses airplanes a lot himself. "The more I can get out, the better," he said. "Planes make everything closer, it takes less time to get there. If you figure that your time is worth something, flying ends up being less expensive." he said.

One long term idea is to start a flight school or other complementary business in Staples. "I would like to see airplanes on the ramp here every day," said Ahlers. "The more we get, the more potential for business for me."

But for now, he has short term plans to add an office to the hangar he is using.

Another local person who was a big help to get the business going was Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen. "He finds the information I need quick, if he doesn't know it already," said Ahlers. "Jerel, Terry and I came together really quick, it has flowed seamlessly from my last employment."

Ahler's wife Sara also owns a business, AW Research Labs, which does water testing in the Brainerd area.

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Wadena County approves ten-year Water Plan

the local SWCD's plans and goals for improving and protecting the quality of surface water, ground water, and habitat in the county. Wadena County's Water Plan is particularly important because so many of the rivers, streams and lakes in the county are impaired.

After the public hearing, the board voted unanimously to approve the new Water Plan and send it to the state for action.

In other business, the board

- Approved a Resolution accepting a grant from the state to help pay for reconstruction of bridge 80539 on CSAH 26 over the Leaf River. The project will cost $1.2 million.
- Approved a method of funding the new annex construction from current county monies.
- Approved a Low Income Septic Replacement grant for a county resident.
- Approved a plan to rebuild the landing at White Dog county park.
- Considered the newest job description for the Human Resources and IT Director
- Considered a request for a county work environment scan, and asked for more information about the $14,000 project before voting on it.

Benefits of a Forest Stewardship Plan

Whether you use your forested land for recreation, hunting, wildlife viewing, or other enjoyment, it is important to have a forestry plan in place. As of 2013, over 91,000 approved plans covering approximately 24 million acres of private forest land have been put into place in the United States.

There are many agencies and organizations who offer Forest Stewardship Programs and can assist you with creating a forest stewardship plan. A forest stewardship plan may be provided by a DNR forester, consulting firm, industry forester, environmental organization or a soil and water conservation district forester. According to Kelly Condiff with the Cass Soil and Water Conservation District, "Your plan can be obtained at a reduced cost if you choose to have one done through the Cass SWCD."

Many benefits of managed forests include timber, wildlife habitat and watershed protection. There are also financial benefits to encourage the sustainable use of your forest land. As the landowner, you will specify your land ownership goals, and receive a plan describing long-term future goals for your land as well as suggested activities you can do to meet those goals. Jim Ballenthin, board chairman of the Cass SWCD, currently has a rolling 50 year SFIA (Sustainable Forest Incentive Act) plan on his land. "I receive $7 per acre each year, which is enough to cover the real estate tax on my land," stated Jim. Many activities can still be performed on the land. On Jim's property, he has implemented an aspen cut for golden warbler habitat, collects firewood and has walking trails.

Who can apply for a Forest Stewardship Plan? Private forest landowners who own at least 20 acres of land are eligible to apply.

What are you eligible for upon registration of your stewardship plan? You will be presented with professional forest management assistance from a forester who can help you meet your forest management goals. You will also receive a tax break and financial payment, dependent on which program you enroll in.

What are the different types of programs available? There are two types of programs available for property owners with Forest Stewardship Plans on their land. The SFIA program provides $7 per acre each year to property owners with enrolled land. The Class 2c Managed Forest Land property classification provides a reduced class rate to property owners. You cannot have the same property enrolled in both programs.

Where can I learn more about starting my own Forest Stewardship Plan, and financial benefits for doing so? Cass County SWCD at co.cass.mn.us; bwsr.state.mn.us - MN Board of Water and Soil Resources; dnr.state.mn.us

For more information about forest stewardship plans in Cass County, contact Kelly Condiff at 218-547-7246 or kelly.condiff@co.cass.mn.us.



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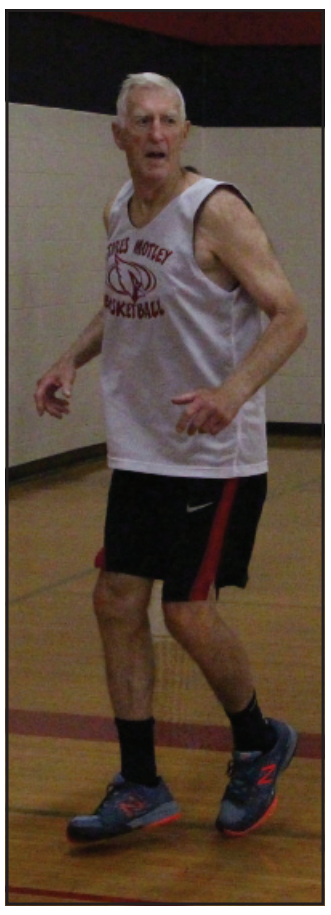


Fathers vs. sons in alumni tourney matchups

In the battle of fathers vs. sons at the Cardinal Alumni Basketball Tournament held July 15-16, John Riewer, right side of photo above left, runs his son Jordan off the three point line, knowing not to give him an open three point shot. In the background, from left, are Cy Bestland, Arden Beachy and Craig Wolhowe. Right, Craig Wolhowe closes out on his son Derek, preventing the drive. Others in the photo, from left, are Gunner Johnson, Blaine Joerger and Derrick Hasselberg. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Wade Christensen and Derek Wolhowe



Tom Wolhowe was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. At 78 years old, he was also the oldest player.

Cardinal basketball builds community, family bonds

By Ray Gildow

They came from all over; Florida, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho and Iowa. They came with kids, spouses, significant others or alone. Some were a little heavier, some had little thinner hairlines and some were just not in condition to play, but came back to see old friends, teammates or classmates. Even some of the fans from eras gone by were back for the first time in years just to see how these "kids" looked today.

The event was the first, maybe the only, alumni basketball tournament for all men and women who played basketball for the Staples Motley Cardinals. Many of the players for both men and women teams had the experience of being in district championships, sectional championships and state tournaments.

Eight men's teams were entered into the tournament along with four women's teams. The goal of the tournament was to win a championship, but the real underlying purpose was to reunite players, teams and friends and just have fun.

The event was the brain child of Colton Thompson, a former player who now lives in Boise, Idaho. He was helped by Craig Wolhowe, his brother, Jace of Motley, members of the Cardinal Cage Club and a host of community volunteers. The two-day event culminated with championship games played on Saturday by both the men's and women's teams.

Cardinal basketball was a dominant force in Minnesota during the 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s. Many of the players from that era, both men and women have gone on to coach basketball, play basketball at the next level or remain active with basketball at some level.

One thing that was evident from the event was how these players from the different eras still stay in contact with each other. Lifelong relationships were developed through this sport in ways that is somewhat unique.

Another note of interest is the small details that players still remember from the games they played and the players they played against in big games. Listening to players talk about those past games seemed like they were talking about a game that just happened last week.

Players also recalled how the players that were older influenced the younger players. Varsity players were real heroes to kids in the lower grades for both boys and girls and for the teams that played in a state tournament; those players were just like pros to elementary students.

The takeaway for the weekend for me was a reminder of the wonderful people who play basketball for our communities. It was a real joy to see all the past players, their parents, grandparents and friends get together again in the gym. All those kids have grown up to be great citizens of their own communities and basketball was the unifying force.

Go Cardinals!!

Ray Gildow is an author, television producer and fishing guide. He also was a basketball coach for about 30 years. He started in 1982, took four years off in the early 1990's, then came back and coached until 2013. He can be reached at raygildow.com.



Fun moments on the court again

From left, Jasmine McGillivray, Mikayla Wing and Emily Israelson share smiles after a scramble for the ball in the Cardinal Alumni Basketball Tournament. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



From left are Mike Brenna (shooting), Jeff Brever, Jace Thompson, Kyle Stevens, Joe Webster, Andy Burrows and Matt Mosack.



From left are Nate Granlund, Kyle Bendson, Dan Lund, Jeff Brever (behind Lund), Chris Markus and Dustin Hjelmeland.

Cardinal Alumni basketball tourney fun for players, fans

Submitted by Colton Thompson

The tournament was very fun and probably more successful than we could have hoped for the first year.

Not only did multiple teams register to give us a blast from the past, but players embraced the alumni theme by creating retro Cardinal jerseys, digging up old uniforms, inviting old legends to be honorary coaches (Ray Gildow, Paul Mithun), and playing with a competitive but fun and respectful spirit.

It's easy for people to roll their eyes with these events and act like they are above the hoopla, but every person there embraced each moment of it, from the national anthem, team announcements, awards ceremony between games, including naming Tom Wolhowe as the Most Valuable Player.

Outside of the player involvement, the fans and parents were phenomenal. They resurrected old Cardinal cheers, donated money for admission, socialized with one another, and helped out where needed.

All in all everyone was very respectful. Over the course of two days, there were probably a couple hundred spectators who enjoyed watching games.

I'd like to extend a special thank you to Paul Anderson for donating his time and energy for two full days. Thanks to Craig Wolhowe for setting up everything and working on this event for months. Thank you to: the school district, custodians, players, fans and the sponsors. Sponsors included: Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union, Trident Seafoods, Dan Orth Insurance Agency, First International Bank and Trust, Tower Pizza, Ernie's Food Market, SuperAmerica, Lakewood Health System, Giza Plumbing & Heating, LMH Embroidery and Thompson Land & Cattle.

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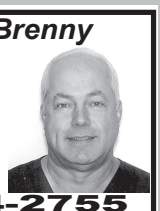
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Happy to be in Motley

Megan Oldakowski, Royalton, has been working as an intern at Motley City Hall since early July, assisting in the front office. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

New intern on board at Motley City Hall

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

If you stop by Motley City Hall these days, most likely you will be greeted by Megan Oldakowski, an intern who is working at the front desk, assisting interim city clerk, Scott Saehr.

Oldakowski, who hails from the Royalton area, came on board in early July. She is working through National Joint Powers Alliance, at no cost to the city. Her hours are 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Monday - Wednesday.

"I'm excited for this opportunity," Oldakowski said recently. "I worked with Scott (Saehr) in the past at Smude's Sunflower Oil and thought this would be a great chance to work together again."

In addition to answering phones, greeting customers and taking care of some day-to-day tasks, Oldakowski is learning about the other duties required of a city clerk as she works alongside Saehr. "It's been great to be able to learn what this sort of job is like before diving into it."

As a former city administrator for the City of Pierz, Saehr brings a wealth of knowledge to the table, Oldakowski said. The plan is for her to stay on as the interim clerk when Saehr leaves. "I'm figuring it out as we go along."

Oldakowski is a 2014 graduate of Pierz Healy High School. She is currently studying managerial accounting through an online course at St. Catherine University. "I have one year to go. I had completed one year of college during high school before attending two years at St. Kate's," she said.

In addition to her interest in business, Oldakowski is passionate about art and writing. She recently published her first children's book, "The Emeowment of Felis." In addition to writing the story, Oldakowski provided all of the artwork in the book. More information about her work can be found online at www.meganoldakowski.wix.com/books.

"It's been a lot of fun," she said of seeing her book come to life.

She's also been enjoying her time in Motley, Oldakowski said. "People have been very patient with Scott and me during these first few weeks. It's much appreciated."

Motley moves forward on proposed streets project

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Following a public hearing July 18, the Motley City Council voted to move forward on a streets improvement project regarding portions of Cimarron Drive, Postel Drive and Lil Street.

The council members present (Pat O'Regan, Al Yoder and Steve Johnson) voted unanimously to move forward on this project, with the next step being to post bids.

Phil Martin, engineer with Bolton & Menk, Inc., said that the "lead up to" the project would take longer than the actual construction. He said the city would need to plan on 22 days of advertizing before awarding the bid. He estimates the work itself can be finished in two weeks time; but recommended opening bids by late August "so they can do the work in September."

The proposed project area includes portions of:

- Cimarron Drive
- Postel Drive
- Lil Street.

The proposed improvements include minor surface grading and excavation; a class five aggregate supplement; bituminous pavement; and simple T-type dead-end treatments.

The total project is estimated to cost $160,900.

According to the city's assessment policy, 70 percent of the cost ($112,630) would be paid by the city, with 30 percent ($48,270) to be paid by property owners. The policy also states that the city utilizes the Unit Assessment Method as its basis, with each Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) equaling 2.5 acres.

With an estimated 26 total ERUs in the proposed project area, the proposed assessment would be $1,856.54 for each ERU. Property owners could choose to pay these assessments up front, or have the city carry it, with the agreement of making payments to the city (at a slight interest rate) over the course of 15 years.



Listening to feedback

Phil Martin (left) from Bolton & Menk, Inc., listened to feedback from the public following a public hearing at Motley City Hall July 18, to discuss a proposed streets project. Seated, from left, are Bruce Brotherton, public works supervisor; Holly Cuffe and Joe Anziano, both of Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Eight members of the public attended the public hearing. These included Holly Cuffe, Joe Anziano, Cindra Harer; George and Cordy Heroux; and Michael, Robyn and Wesley DeLong, all of Motley.

Martin explained that the city has received complaints about these roads, including potholes, washboarding and dust.

He went on to note that there has been a drastic reduction in the cost of bituminous, so if the city were to consider paving these roads, now would be the time to do it. Martin said that the proposed improvements "are very simple. Not a lot of earth work required."

Most of the public comment seemed to be in favor of the project. Cuffe, who lives on Postel Drive, said she thought it was a great idea, as she has experienced a lot of issues with potholes.

George Heroux, who also lives on Postel Drive, said he was also supportive of the project. "My car is dirty all the time. With oil prices, this may be the best opportunity we will have to get black top. I don't think it will get any cheaper." Heroux also believes this project will improve the value of his property and in the long run help with saleability.

Wesley DeLong said his family lived on Cimarron Drive, which does not get as much traffic at Postel. Although he believes it would be a good idea as far as resale of their property, "I would say we're not for it because of cost," he said. He went on to ask whether or not they could get their driveway paved at the same time, if the project were to pass. He was told that this would be possible, but that they would have to pay for that on their own.

Cindra Harer, who also lives on Cimarron Drive, expressed concern about the price as well. "I'm on a fixed income and can't afford higher taxes," she said.

The council said they believed the city had a program in place to help people who need it, including the disabled and those on fixed incomes.

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Girl injured in ATV accident

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports that on July 16, at approximately 6:33 p.m., their office received a report of an ATV accident with injuries in Scandia Valley Township, south of Pillager.

According to the sheriff's office, 13-year-old Emma Olson of Elk River was driving a side-by-side ATV with passenger 13-year-old Kaitlyn Hines of Avon.

The ATV was traveling west on 350th Street. The driver attempted to make a left U-turn at the intersection of 70th Ave. and the ATV rolled onto the passenger side. Hines sustained a possible broken arm and was transported by Gold Cross Ambulance to the hospital.

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July 13 - The MCSO received a call from someone reporting several televisions and other items had been thrown in the ditch on 330th St. in Cushing.

July 12 - The MCSO received a complaint about animal cruelty and possible code violations of a kennel in Cushing. According to the report, this matter originates in Bemidji and the investigation should start there.

July 7 - The MPD responded to a call from Robert Jenkins of Motley regarding some flower seeds he had purchased from a seed company. Caller stated that the plants growing appeared to be marijuana. The plants were removed from the container.

July 9 - The MCSO arrested a 31-year-old Cushing man for domestic assault.

July 6 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Nicole Keesling, 30; and to Patrice Reitmeier, 56, for passing a squad car on the left in the oncoming traffic lane and stopping to wait for a green light. Numerous vehicles were waiting to turn left off Hwy 10 to go eastbound on Hwy 210 in Motley. Driver stated she thought it was a double turn lane.

July 2 - The MPD received a report that a vehicle parked on 1st Ave. N. in Motley had been burglarized and that a one dollar bill was missing.

July 2 - The MPD received a report of a vehicle that was damaged on Front St. E. in Motley. Caller stated he was going to put gas in his vehicle and found burn marks on his gas tank. It appeared that some type of fireworks had been placed in his gas tank and lit on fire.