

State-wide primaries are August 9

The state-wide primary election will be held next Tuesday, Aug. 9.

Wadena County's polling places and times, as well as a sample ballot, were on page 8a of the July 28 Staples World. Todd County's sample ballot and notice of election is on page 8a of this issue.

Wadena County has two contested county commissioner seats, because more than two candidates have filed for each seat.

In District 2, three candidates have filed - Brian Hagen, Ralph Miller and incumbent Jim Hofer. Ralph Miller had been the commissioner before being unseated by Hofer.

In District 4, three candidates have filed - Ross Beaumont, Chuck Horsager and Murlyn Kreklau. The current commissioner, Rodney Bounds, chose not to run again.

In both races, the top two vote-getters in the primary election will face off in the general election on Nov. 8.

Todd and Morrison counties do not have contested elections for the primary. Cass County has one three-person race, with Robert Kangas, Ed Nelson and John Warren filing

for the District 2 commissioner seat.

State election

The state legislature election for District 9 will not have a primary since each seat has two candidates, one Democrat and one Republican. Those seats will be determined at the Nov. 8 general election.

Candidates in the general election will be Paul Gazelka (R) and Jason Weinerman (D) for the District 9 senate seat; Meg Litts (D) and John Poston (R) for District 9A house of representatives seat; and Ron Kresha (R) and Dustin Simmonds (D) for the District 9B house of representatives.

Federal election

Republicans in Todd County have a choice for the District 7 race for U.S. House of Representatives race. Amanda Hinson and Dave Hughes are facing off in the Aug. 9 primary for the right to face Democrat Collin Peterson in the Nov. 8 general election.

Wadena, Cass and Morrison county residents in District 8 will wait until the general election to decide between Republican Stewart Mills and Democrat Rick Nolan.



New home for hotel house

To make room for the new Timberlake Hotel in Staples, the hotel builders, the Ives family, donated the house on the property to the Staples Veterans Park Association. The park board had considered using the house for a museum/education center, but instead moved it to a lot on Airport Road owned by former board member Jack Wilson. They hope to sell the home as a fundraiser. The work was done by Leighton House Moving. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Tax increment finance district for hotel approved

Groundbreaking for hotel set for Monday, Aug. 8

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council approved a business subsidy agreement for a tax increment finance (TIF) district for a hotel to be built in Staples.

At the July 26 council meeting, the Ives family requested the TIF district to build the Timberlake Hotel between Highway 10 and 2nd Ave. NE.

The family will host a groundbreaking for the hotel on Monday, August 8, at noon.

Kruzin 4 Kidz

The council approved the closing of a portion of 2nd Ave. NE on Aug. 20 in front of Lefty's Bar from 2-4 p.m. to accommodate motorcycles from Wadena that are a part of the Kruzin 4 Kidz rally which will be coming into Staples that day.

Randy Atchley of Wadena told the council that Kruzin 4 Kidz has raised more than \$250,000 for area children to participate in Adopt-A-Wish program. He said this year they are donating to one child in the Staples area,

among their recipients. He said for more information to stop at the Wadena Elks Lodge, where all the kids wishes are on the wall.

In other news, the council

- Approved Seth Dokken and Rachel Johnson to the planning and zoning commission.

- Approved resolution expressing support for the Stern Rubber expansion, to be used for their application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) job

creation program.

- Heard park board report suggesting fee increase of five percent for the fitness center fees at the community center.

- Heard from City Administrator Jerel Nelsen about Central Lakes College plans to put CLC banners on some light posts on Highway 10.

- Approved road closures for Railroad Days Aug. 25-27.

- Approved request from B&B's Sports Bar to allow alcohol and music in an outdoor fenced in area during Railroad Days.

Police chiefs share thoughts on recent events

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Law enforcement has been at the forefront of news and conversations over the past few weeks, due to tragic shootings that took place in Falcon Heights; Dallas, Texas; and

Baton Rouge, La.

The Staples World spoke with the police chiefs from Motley and Staples recently to find out how their departments have been affected by these nation-wide events.

Motley Police Chief Ron Smith said that the community has been very supportive of both him and Jason Borash, the city's part-time police officer.

"It's been interesting," Chief Smith said. "I've been out for lunch, in uniform, and people I don't even know will come up to me and thank me for my service."

Smith went on to say that he usually watches the news every morning; but he hadn't watched it the day the story broke about Philando Castile being shot by a police officer in Falcon Heights.

By the time Smith learned about it while listening to the radio in his car, Governor Mark Dayton had spoken to the media about the tragic event and inferred that it was motivated by race.

"My heart sank," Chief Smith said. "I wanted to ask him how he could come to this conclusion before an investigation was completed. I felt he was painting all of us (law enforcement) out to be racists."

Melissa Birkholtz, Staples Police Chief, said that "It's not an easy time to be in this line of work. We've become 'Public Enemy Number One.'"

Birkholtz recalled that the Staples Police Department had just taken off their mourning bands from the Dallas incident, when they learned about the tragic shooting in Baton Rouge. "It's so sad," she said.

There is less and less respect shown to authority in general across the nation, Birkholtz commented. "However, in this community, people have been so supportive." She went on to note a large sign

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Hello, Readers,

Inserted into this week's newspaper is a special section all about the Old Wadena Rendezvous and Folklife Festival set for Aug. 13 and 14 at Old Wadena Park. This weekend is always a fun mix of historical presentations, professional naturalist interpretations, artisan demonstrations and great music from local and regional bluegrass and folk musicians. This year it will be even easier to get there because Friendly Rider bus service is offering free rides both days to and from the park leaving from both Staples and Wadena. See details in the insert.

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Todd County sample ballot: **8A**

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SEDA focuses on future employment needs in Staples

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) board met July 26 and talked about how to overcome a looming need for more workers in the area. With expansions at Stern Rubber and Lake-wood Health System to start this fall, the recent expansion at NJPA and a new hotel to break ground soon, there is a possibility of 200 new jobs available in Staples by next year. The SEDA board spent a lot of time on the subject of employment.

The conversation started with board member Mary Klamm saying she has heard some feedback about the board's previous conversation about bringing workers from diverse populations or immigrants from other countries.

"Some people took that to mean it is a preference to bring them in," said Klamm. "The EDA is working to be economically strong and vital for our citizens. If we are so lucky that our workforce can't fill those jobs, we would have to look elsewhere."

Board member Tim Rice agreed, citing national trends and the number of jobs projected to be available in the area. "These are actual numbers, as

people retire we won't have enough people to work."

Klamm said the community has to be ready for the likelihood of bringing in more workers. "Communities who haven't prepared have not done well economically," she said.

Board member Chris Etzler suggested working with all the employers to find out what their needs will be.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said they also need to look at the long term job market, starting with the K-12 school system, and work with Central Lakes College on customized training.

"Maybe people who are underemployed right now could get training. The challenge is to predict what those needs will be then get people into those skill sets," said Nelsen.

Klamm said it could be something as simple as preparing a resume.

Melissa Radermacher, SEDA director, told the board about recent statistics showing that around 2,000 people currently commute out of Staples to work, while a similar number commute into Staples to work here.

In other news, the SEDA

- Approved gold sponsorship of \$1,000 for the Todd County Development

Corporation (TCDC).

- Heard from Radermacher that she is making an application to DEED for market rate housing and apartments.

- Heard from Radermacher about plans for the

Batcher Building to open the lower level for retail stores. She said she visited Perham merchants for ideas on how to get specialty businesses into the downtown area.



Keeping cool

Owen Roline, five, had a great time at the water slide during the Growler's Gathering in Leader. Owen, who will enter kindergarten at Staples-Motley Elementary School this fall, attended the event with his grandparents, Kevin and Connie Roline of Verndale; and little sister, Ava. See more Growler's Gathering photos on page 1b. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Giving direction to the cast

Matthew R. Olsen, director for the play, “Twelve Angry Men,” gives the cast some feedback during a recent rehearsal in Wadena. The play is being co-produced by Lamplighter Community Theatre in Staples; and Madhatters Community Theatre in Wadena. It opens Thursday, Aug. 11, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. Cast members pictured clockwise around

the table are Kevin Olsen, Tamber Edin, Paul Baymler, Jerry Reck (standing), Mim Maas, Pam Collins, Carol Aspengren, Meg Litts (standing), Hallie Olsen, Don Hoffmann (hidden) and Jenessa Iverson. In the background is Christopher Olsen, Matthew’s brother, who was visiting from Seattle, Wash. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Audience can get caught up with jury drama in ‘Twelve Angry Men’

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

With talk of court trials, guilt and innocence resonating around the country, a play is being produced that can help people work through those connected issues. “Twelve Angry Men” is being presented by Lamplighter Community Theatre of Staples and Madhatters Community Theatre of Wadena.

Staples performances are Aug. 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 14 at 2 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium. Wadena performances are Aug. 18-20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. at the Bernauer Building.

As the entire play focuses on a jury deliberating in one room, the main prop in the play is a “beautiful 10 foot table that has developed a life of its own,” said Olsen. “The table is something that divides you but it is also the thing that brings you together.”

“The play is perfect for today’s world, it allows the audience to make up their mind how they feel about it,” said Director Matthew Olsen. “They can watch and feel as polarized as the jurors.”

To heighten the sense of audience involvement, Olsen has decided to stage the play in “theatre in the round,” with audience members on all four sides of the action.

“The audience will feel like debating right along with the jury, they can really get caught up in it,” said Olsen.

The audience will have to save their reactions until after the play, when the actors and director will lead audience discussions. “They can help people figure out where they stand, and what can change in the social justice system.”

Another part of having the audience all around is that “they get to watch themselves,” said Olsen. “They see the actors respond but also see their neighbors, friends and others respond.”

The play is titled “Twelve Angry Men” because it was originally set at a time when only men served on juries. Olsen said he altered the gender of the characters to update it to look more like today’s society.

Besides gender diversity, the play also has diversity in the age of jurors. The cast plays characters from age 18 to in their 70s. “It’s a unique age range, to have youth and veterans working together. We also have some first timers, it is good to get them involved,” said Olsen. “That’s what community theatre is about, it is cool to have that conversation.”

The play is intimate, and the audience all around might make the actors feel a little claustrophobic, “kind of like a pressure cooker,” said Olsen.

To prepare for the performances, cast members are taking an active role in shaping the play by learning about the justice system along with their characters.

“We have been having a good time, opinions are strong and can be taxing as a team. But this play has been built as a group: they are supportive, smart and willing to explore different aspects,” said Olsen.

The actors also compare the play to some of the things happening that are socially, ethically and morally relevant in the world. “There are trials and eye-witness testimonies in the media, and people respond to that differently,” said Olsen.

He said the actors have fascinating personalities and he is finding that the mixture is “not so different than the people we are playing.”

As a result, the play is developing in its own unique way. “It doesn’t come to life until you see it,” said Olsen.

The cast is also getting into the ambiguous nature of the play. “We talk a lot about our own opinions and feelings,” said Olsen. “Through our own experiences we all have prejudices ingrained in us, and they come to the surface” through the discussions.

Olsen first became interested in “Twelve Angry Men” after seeing the movie and the play in college. “It resonates with me still. It is shocking in a great way, the play can wake up an audience,” he said.

The play will be shorter than the movie and lends more ambiguity to the story.

“The film is so visual, we are more clear of how we feel about each character,” said Olsen. “The play is more auditory, we experience what the jury is experiencing.”

Olsen suggested it might be worth it to see the play more than once, from different perspectives. “You might spend more time paying attention to juror number three or eight, or someone you didn’t notice the first time,” said Olsen.

“The audience can hope to see themselves in the play,” said Olsen. “Theatre is like a mirror, it is powerful for change and for having open, honest discussions. Those are easily translated to our everyday lives.”

Bjerga named a rising star in healthcare

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Lisa Bjerga of Lakewood Health System is one of 50 people in the nation to be named the the Becker’s Hospital Review “Rising Stars: 50 Healthcare Leaders Under 40,” announced in July.

“It was surprising and flattering,” Bjerga said. “It was an honor just to be nominated.”

Bjerga said she was nominated by Lakewood Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Jim Dregney, who recently left the system for another job.

She worked with Dregney for eight years after coming from the financial audit field. “There was a steep learning curve, Jim did a fantastic job explaining everything and helping me learn the system,” said Bjerga.

Once she learned the system, she helped make improvements. Becker’s Hospital Review cited her “revenue cycle efficiency programs” as a main reason for their selection.

Bjerga described that as putting all the different revenue cycles under one big umbrella. “It is more efficient up front and there are decreased errors,” she said. “It is more standardized for the whole system.”

The changes are not just helpful in the financial office, the new system also reflects improvements for patients. “The financial changes allow patients to have more of a say in their health care options and understand the price of their care,” said Bjerga.

As billing for health care is going more towards a value-driven model, Bjerga said it is important to have transparent billing that is patient-friendly. She recognizes that health care is a unique client in which patients don’t plan on coming in, so the payments can be unexpected and upsetting.

She helped implement the pre-encounter team to work with patients before they have a procedure and give them a cost estimate. If they pay up front, they can get a discount. “That helps with the patient experience,” said Bjerga.

Besides working on the revenue systems, Bjerga was also part of the team that converted the entire Lakewood computer system to their EPIC program. “It was a big change,” said Bjerga. “We had been in recovery mode since then, but we have it stabi-



Lisa Bjerga

lized and now are looking for ways to optimize the system.”

Bjerga started at Lakewood in 2008 as an accountant. “I don’t think I even had a title,” she said. But since then, she has become a finance manager, director of revenue cycle and now vice president of finance and revenue cycle, which she described as a connection between the CFO and the every day operations.

She said health care finance is one of the more complex systems because of the rules for payments and compliance. Every person has different health insurance plans to integrate into the system.

But Bjerga is glad she got into the business. “Lakewood is a great place to work,” she said. “Everyone is upbeat, friendly and open.”

“We have an amazing team, we focus on results and do what’s right for Lakewood and for patients,” said Bjerga. Tthe office of fiscal and revenue managers, staff and the rest of the team is part of her success. “We work hard and have fun,” she said.

While there are paramaters and compliance rules that they have to stay within, Bjerga said that Lakewood encourages employees to be progressive and autonomous. We can do new things,” she said.

That starts with CEO Tim Rice. “He always wants to try new things and is focused on patients,” said Bjerga.

Because Dregney had moved out of Lakewood before the award was announced, Bjerga didn’t find out about it until Becker’s Hospital Review came out with their list. She sees it as a way to promote Lakewood as well, since people in the health care industry pay attention to Becker’s Hospital Review for which organizations to watch.

Bjerga is the only person in Minnesota to make the list this year.

Shots fired, bullet holes found in cabin

On Sunday, July 31, at approximately 12:25 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff’s Office received a report from a landowner who stated they discovered bullet holes in the walls of their cabin.

When the deputy arrived at the cabin, which is located in section 24 of Bulard Township, the homeowners stated they heard a loud noise around 2:45 a.m., which they thought was fireworks or a semi-automatic weapon that was firing in a rapid fashion.

They stated they didn’t think anything of it at the

time until later in the day they noticed the holes in the cabin walls as well as bullets on the floor of the cabin.

Law enforcement collected the shell casings that were located on County Road 30 north of Central Lakes College Staples Campus, as well as the bullets from inside the cabin. These items will be processed for evidence.

This case is under investigation and anyone with any information is asked to call the Wadena County Sheriff’s Office at 218-631-7600.

Staples Police patrol Pokemon players

Recent reports from the Staples Police included;

July 26; approximately 3:30 a.m., Staples Police observed a vehicle parked and running on the southeast corner of the Towns Edge property. Police identified the individuals in the vehicle, who stated they were playing a Pokeman game. The building was also checked and found to be secure.

July 26; 3:58 a.m., Staples Police received a report of a suspicious vehicle parked near the intersection of 5th St. and

3rd Ave. NE. Upon arrival, the police recognized the vehicle, and had just spoken with its occupants, who were playing Pokemon game. The reporting party was advised.

July 30; 1:07 a.m., Staples Police stopped a group of individuals who were walking on the north side of the NJPA property. Police identified the individuals, who were playing the online video game and they were advised not to be on private property after hours.

July 26; Staples Police

received a report of ongoing harassment on the 600 block of Spruce Dr. NE. The reporting party said an elderly man is being harassed by another person. She stated that a bag containing severed duck heads was found on the victim’s doorstep and they believed it was put there by the suspect who is harassing the elderly man. The reporting party was advised to have the victim apply for a harassment restraining order.

July 27; Staples Police took a report of a domestic

abuse no contact order violation. On July 28, police arrested Jason Graf, 43, on the violation.

July 28; Staples Police were called to the 1100 block of 2nd Ave. NE for a report that an elderly male was reporting himself kidnapped. Upon investigation, police learned the reporting party was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. The male was taken to the Lakewood Health System for an evaluation.

July 29; Staples Police received a report of a one vehicle accident, a vehicle had left the road and struck a tree on 12th St NE. Police responded to the location, made contact with the driver who appeared to have only minor injuries. The driver was transported to Lakewood Health System for an evaluation.

July 30; Staples Police arrested Charles McCoy, 26, of Staples and charged him with domestic assault, disorderly conduct and two counts of trespassing.



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Rocking the caretakers lap

Nancy Simon celebrates the power of caretakers with her hand in the air during the Relay For Life at the Motley Fairgrounds on July 22. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Cancer survivors lap

Relay For Life attendees lined the course to applaud for cancer survivors as they took their lap at the Staples Motley Relay For Life. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Bags full of honor, memories

Nick Niemi, right, places luminaria bags onto a trailer to disperse along the walking trail for the Relay For Life on July 22. Each bag is dedicated to someone who has survived cancer or in memory of someone who has died because of cancer. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Fighting cancer takes center stage at relay

The Staples Motley Relay For Life brought in more than \$13,300 for the American Cancer Society during their overnight event on July 22.

“We had a great evening of celebrating our survivors, remembering our loved ones lost and fighting back against cancer,” said Angie Niemi, one of three event organizers, along with Lisa Carlson and Deanna Ihme.

During the opening ceremony, Jim Hobson gave an inspirational testimony about dealing with cancer

since he was a young boy, first when his brother had cancer as a youth and later in life when he was diagnosed with cancer.

The ceremony was followed by special laps along the relay course for cancer survivors, cancer caretakers and the relay teams.

Niemi said the event was successful thanks to the captains of the five teams.

“Your dedication to keeping our relay alive, organizing our teams and fundraising is what keeps our event going year after year,” she said.

Anyone interested in the Relay For Life is invited to their follow-up meeting



Relay friends

Andrea Carlson and Bailey Frisk share a moment during the Relay For Life.



Healing talk

Jim Hobson tells about his cancer experience.

Todd County tables abatement policy

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

A board action to put into place an abatement policy as presented at a work session in May met with contention which resulted in the action being tabled at the Todd County Commissioners meeting Aug. 2. They are seeking more information and waiting for a response to a letter to the Department of Revenue.

County Assessor Chris Odden began to present the action, but Commissioner David Kircher stopped him. Kircher said he had information about some disputes because the Board of Appeals gave approvals for certain property abatements that now the state is saying cannot be abated.

“The state has said that Chris could lose his license if he continues to do this (approve certain abatements),” said Kircher.

Odden said that other counties have not enforced this rule and that the response from the Minnesota Department of Revenue in their own words is “reactionary.”

Kircher said he did not appreciate the state coming in and threatening Odden. He said that he is recommending a letter be written to the Department of Revenue stating that they should not be attempting to punish Odden for a county board decision.

“It is not fair to him. He is just doing his job,” said Kircher.

It was agreed by the board not to approve any abatement policy until the disparity at the state is handled. The action was tabled until such time that they receive a response from the state.

In other business:

- Opted to retain the services of a CPA firm that meets the requirements established in Minnesota Statutes, section 326A.05, for its annual financial audit.
- Approved the West Central Regional Juvenile Center purchase agreement for 2017 for use of the facility. The county purchases half a bed. Commissioner David Kircher who serves on the board for the center said he believes the cost to be right around the same as last year. The annual financial obligation, regardless of usage, is \$41,750.
- In addition to approving using funding from the town-bridge account from years 2017 and 2018 (\$109,000 from 2017 and

\$21,000 from 2018), the board also approved the resolution to contract with Robert R. Schroeder Construction, Inc. of Glenwood based on their low bid of \$619,423 for work on the historic bridge rehabilitation project on 290th Street in Hartford Township.

According to County Engineer Loren Fellbaum, the township is also financially responsible for \$20,000 of the project - \$10,000 for engineering and \$10,000 toward construction costs.

- The county board approved extending an offer of temporary employment for the County Coordinator/Human Resources position to Lisa Herges.

If she chooses to accept the position, she would begin Monday, Aug. 22, working 3/5 time (Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays) with a 3/5 pro-rated salary based on the full-time Springsted placement.

Benefits will not be accrued during this temporary three month period.

After three months in this part-time position, Herges will meet with the board to verify the continued interest of both parties to make the relationship permanent.

- Approved Patricia Pechan to fill the open position of property tax specialist that is shared between the Assessor's and Auditor/Treasurer's offices. Pechan will begin on Aug. 8.
- Heard the annual budget presentation for the Great River Regional Library from Executive Director Karen Pundsack and Accounting Coordinator Aron Murphy.

The amount of Todd County's financial responsibility actually went down for 2017 by \$4,281. In 2016 the county was responsible for \$341,674 and in 2017 that number drops to \$337,393.

Pundsack said that the amount won't drop every year for the county, but that it is based on the county population, the number of borrowers and the net tax capacity of each county involved.

- Approved the hire of Douglas Thom as full-time GIS technician. His start date will be determined.
- Approved the retirement of Sharon Willie as Seasonal Energy Assistance Program Worker. Willie has been with the county for 40 plus years and the last seven she has worked as the season EAP.

Along with this action, the board also approved recruiting and hiring a

part-time seasonal EAP program worker to fill the position.

- Approved the retirement of Eligibility Worker Kathy Davis, who, after 30 years with the county, submitted her intent to retire on Nov. 30.

Financial Supervisor Lisa Chapin said that their caseloads are very high and that the projections from the state for the number of MNSure cases in Todd County was to have been 935, but is nearly double that amount currently.

“The work just keeps coming. The system is definitely flawed,” said Chapin.

With a note of sarcasm in his voice, Kircher said, “I can't believe a state system would be flawed like that.” Then he and others laughed.

Chapin showed some of the multi-page manuals that they have to use to do anything with the system.

She added that things that used to take minutes, now take half a day to do.

To change an address for a family of ten now has to be changed 11 times which gives more opportunity for human error.

She said that with the training that is required for the eligibility worker position, it takes about a year before they can work on their own.

The board approved the retirement of Davis and also the recruitment and hire of a new eligibility worker who will, with hope, be able to start before Davis is gone.

- Approved the Home and Community Based Waiver Services Contract between Thomas Allen, Inc. and Todd County Health and Human Services.

- The board further approved the purchase of a service agreement between Thomas Allen Consulting, Inc. and the HHS department to provide guardian and conservatorship services.

- The board approved two lay-offs from the WIC (Women Infants and Children) program due to declining WIC participation rates and the subsequent budget shortfall which makes staff reductions necessary to remain budget neutral.

The lay-offs were for WIC Coordinator Monica Hansen effective Sept. 30 and for Office Support Specialist Maria Ruiz effective Aug. 16 both with payment of severance in accordance with the AFSCME Public Health Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Drowning victim at Menahga beach

On Sunday, July 31, at approximately 10:56 a.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a report of an intoxicated male at the Menahga City Beach who was refusing to leave after being asked. The caller stated the individual was fully clothed and in the water.

Rach Mani Carlson, 54, was later pronounced dead.

When the report first came in an officer from the Menahga Police Department arrived on scene and met with lifeguards. Carlson was seen swimming

out towards the raft, which is approximately 50 feet from shore. The lifeguard shouted at Carlson, asking him to come out of the water.

Carlson ignored the request and continued to swim towards the raft. While doing this, he went under water a couple times and came back up but went under a third time and did not come back up.

Lifeguards immediately swam to his location with their flotation devices and pulled him back above

water. Carlson was unresponsive and was brought to the shore where CPR was started. CPR continued until Tri-County Ambulance arrived. Carlson was air lifted out to Essentia Health in Fargo, N. Dak., where later in the day, he was pronounced deceased.

The Menahga Police Department and Wadena County Sheriff's Office were assisted on scene by the Menahga First Responders, Tri-County Ambulance and North Air Care.

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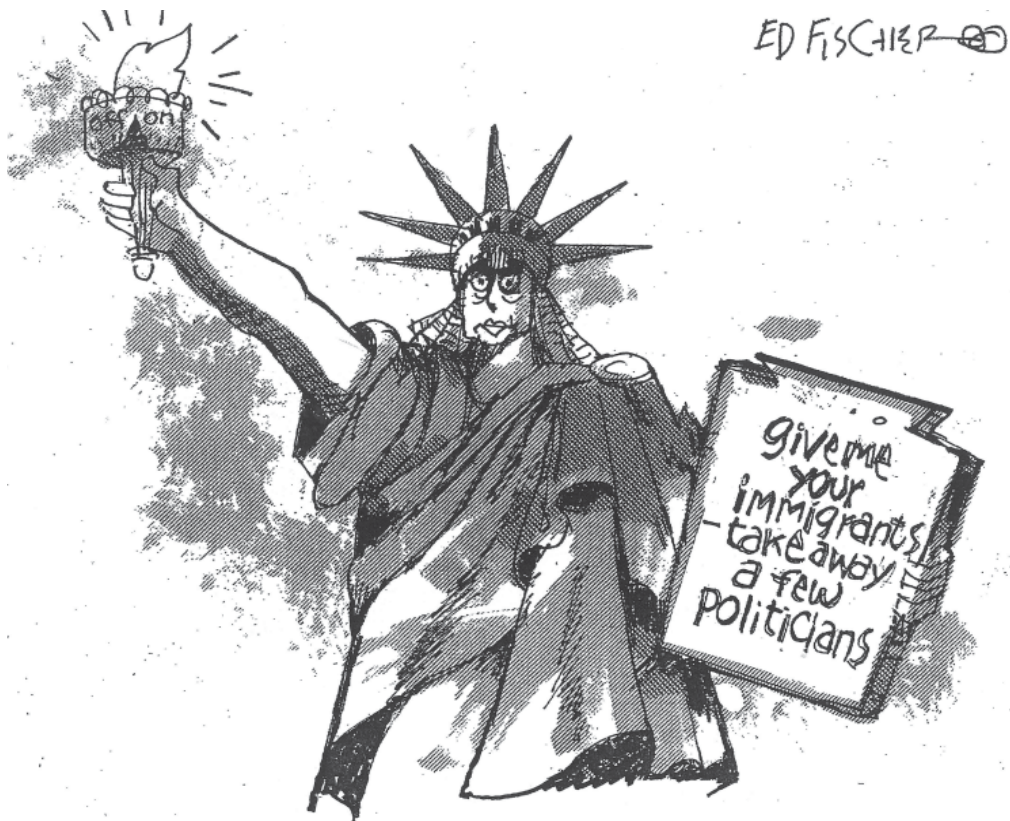
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Corn views: Farmers are taking leadership on water quality issue

By Noah Hultgren
Minnesota Corn Growers Association President

A statewide editorial that appeared in ECM publications the week of June 24 called on agriculture to take the lead on managing pollutants. As farmers, we're always working to improve how we grow food, feed, fiber and fuel for an increasing world population.

And when it comes to the important issue of water quality and managing pollutants, farmers are already playing an important leadership role.

For example, corn farmers in Minnesota voluntarily contribute millions of dollars through a state check-off that funds innovative research efforts at third-party institutions like the University of Minnesota. The majority of this research addresses agriculture water quality and seeks to help farmers better manage nitrogen fertilizer and improve agricultural drainage.

The Minnesota Corn Growers Association also recently started a new Conservation Innovation Grant Program that helps farmers implement new practices to protect water quality. The Corn Growers and other agriculture organizations also support Discovery Farms Minnesota, which is a farmer-led effort to collect accurate, real-world data on sediment and nutrients leaving Minnesota's farm fields.

These are just a few examples of farmers taking the lead on managing pollutants. Unfortunately, none of these efforts were mentioned in the ECM editorial.

In addition to farmer-funded initiatives and research, modern agriculture technology and improved practices help farmers target their use of necessary inputs like nitrogen fertilizer to bet-

ter protect our lakes, rivers and streams. The amount of technology in my tractor these days looks like a modified version of the space shuttle. Technological advancements help me know which areas of my fields need additional fertilizer and which areas are fine with less. These advancements are very beneficial to area waterways.

More farmers are using a practice called "side-dressing" where nitrogen fertilizer is applied throughout the growing season. Side-dressing allows farmers to use the same amount of nitrogen, but apply it more often and in smaller doses throughout the growing season to help ensure that it's available to the crop when needed and kept out of nearby waterways. Farmers also use common conservation practices like grass waterways and buffer strips to protect water quality.

Yes, farmers use buffer strips. They've been using them long before Gov. Dayton's recent buffer law. The everyday conservation efforts of today's farmers don't generate proactive headlines, but they are making a difference and are another example of farmers taking the lead on managing pollutants.

As a farmer, it's frustrating when report after report from government agencies and activist groups points the finger at agriculture for water pollution problems. Is there room for improvement in farm country? Absolutely. Many of the investments, initiatives and existing practices I've outlined are making progress.

But the news isn't all doom and gloom. A recent report from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency showed reductions in five of seven pollutants found in Minnesota waterways over a 30-year span. That's meaningful progress we can build on.

What we need to contin-

ue the positive momentum is more partnership and less finger-pointing. Farmers live in the communities where they farm. The last thing we want to do is pollute our own waterways, or the waterways of our neighbors down the road.

We're often told that improving our state's water quality is too daunting of a task. As a farmer, I find that ridiculous. A big part of farming is overcoming obstacles. Striking the proper balance between maintaining a productive, profitable and sustainable farm operation while protecting our waterways is a challenge farmers are already taking on and will continue to do so.

All Minnesotans share the same goal: Better water quality. We might have some disagreements on how to achieve that goal, but it's time to end the rhetoric and finger-pointing and start doing a better job of working together to achieve our shared goal.

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What is 'free speech' on the web - in theory and in practice?

By Gene Policinski

Who can say what, on the web?

Twitter has raised questions anew with reports of a lifetime ban on tweets from conservative blogger Milo Yiannopoulos - reportedly after complaints that he engineered a wave of racist and sexist comments directed against comedian and actress Leslie Jones, who is co-starring in the latest "Ghostbusters" movie.

Yiannopoulos is an editor on the conservative blog site Breitbart.com whose posts frequently create controversy on the web. He responded to the reported Twitter action by saying, "Anyone who cares about free speech has been sent a clear message: You're not welcome on Twitter." He also called the ban "cowardly."

Twitter would not confirm the action against Yiannopoulos but issued a statement saying, "People should be able to express diverse opinions and beliefs on Twitter. ... But no one deserves to be subjected to targeted abuse online, and our rules prohibit inciting or engaging in the targeted abuse or harassment of others."

Jones wrote earlier in the week about a decision to end her own Twitter account, which was targeted with racist tweets - some using pictures of apes (one from a person identified only as "KKK Cool J"), and others with racial epithets.

"I used to wonder why some celebs don't have Twitter accts.," she wrote. "Now I know. You can't be nice and communicate with fans 'cause people crazy. As much as I love live-tweeting, posting the pics of awesome things that happen in this life I've been blessed with, I don't know anymore."

For those who claimed the Twitter action - which by its terms would be a "permanent suspension" - was illegal or "the end of free speech on the web," the response is, it's neither. As a private company, there's

no First Amendment ban on private companies determining what they will or won't permit in the spaces - broadcast, print or web - that they own.

As to the future of free speech on the web, there's plenty left - but we're just starting to work out the kind of legal and social rules about content, tone and manner that have evolved over decades for other kinds of communications.

Social media and other websites now regularly monitor postings to look for images, videos and text from groups like ISIS that once went up unfiltered. Where early web advocates once touted the ability of the internet to provide millions around the world the opportunity to converse, so-called "chat rooms" and comment areas are closed or closing because conversations and posts quickly veer into profane, defamatory or scatological exchanges bereft of any real benefits expected from freedom of speech.

Twitter acknowledged that its current policies on objectionable content and abusive behavior - particularly by those it called "repeat offenders" - are being tested, and not just by Yiannopoulos: "We know many people believe we have not done enough to curb this type of behavior on Twitter. We agree. We have been in the process of reviewing our hateful conduct policy to prohibit additional types of abusive behavior and allow more types of reporting, with the goal of reducing the burden on the person being targeted."

Newseum CEO Jeffrey Herbst has written and spoken about the challenges of digital "etiquette." In a speech at The Media Institute earlier this year, Herbst said that more speech is generally a better response to speech you don't like, and that "hate speech" is often protected by the First Amendment.

But he told the group there is room for civility online without curtailing freedom of expression:

"With rights come responsibilities. We have not really thought through our responsibilities when it comes to the web." He also called for a move away from anonymity - which marked an overwhelming number of the disgusting comments about Jones that I could find in a net search.

Herbst called anonymous comments and posts a significant contributor to "the crisis of civility" online and, subsequently, in society. While noting some unnamed speech must be protected, such as whistleblowers reporting misdeeds, Herbst suggested an online campaign: "Our message should be incessantly to everyone, starting with young people, that it does not count unless you put your name on it."

As offensive to some as Twitter's ban may be, it undeniably is another example of where we collectively may be staking out the boundaries of what can and cannot be posted -sometimes in fits and starts prompted by events. Print publications and broadcast outlets -with some measure of government involvement in the latter due to public ownership of the airwaves - have gone through the cycle in earlier times.

News operations have developed their own guidelines to restrain "live" TV coverage of police chases, threatened suicides and such. Journalism groups have debated and reshaped ethics codes. Network television standards have changed to permit language and images that never would have been seen a generation ago.

The speed, volume and persistence of online posts raise new questions around rules and regulations regarding defamation and harassment developed in an earlier media era - and for relatively new spaces of social media, where private "terms of service" rather than government statutes and court decisions over time have determined a measure of what's acceptable and what's not.

If users agree with where Twitter eventually sets its rules, it will continue to prosper. If not, assuredly the next new thing in social media will pop up, get popular and likely start the process all over again.

This latest Twitter flap is not the end of free speech on the web. But it's certainly a sizeable milestone in the ongoing discussion of what we want to be said freely online.

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Fur trade history exhibit in Wadena

Explore the fascinating people and places of Minnesota's first global business in "Fur Trade in Minnesota," a new traveling exhibit from the Minnesota History Center opening Aug. 5 at the Wadena County Historical Society.

Hundreds of years ago, Minnesota played a key role in the fur trade which stretched across five continents.

Visitors to the exhibit can try to lift a 45-pound Voyageur's pack, learn how the fur trade shaped Ojibwe art and discover how beaver pelts could be transformed into sleek, stately hats that were all the rage among wealthy Europeans.

"Fur Trade in Minnesota" will be on view through Sept. 23.

The show was created by the Minnesota History Center's "Exhibits to Go" program which brings Minnesota history to communities statewide.

Over the past several years, the Wadena County Historical Society has arranged for archaeological excavations of fur trade sites in Wadena County. Most recently, the University of Minnesota, under the direction of Amelie Allard, investigated the site where fur trader Joseph Reaume set up a winter camp in the late 18th century.

Earlier, archaeological excavations took place at

the Old Wadena Historic Site. The research learned from these excavations has made a major contribution to knowledge about the relationships between fur traders and indigenous groups.

The artifacts excavated from these sites are now part of the permanent collection of the Wadena County Historical Society. They will be on display during the Fur Trade Exhibit.

The Wadena County Historical Society is located at 603 Jefferson St. N, Wadena. For more information or to arrange guided tours, call 218 631-9079 or email 603wchs@arvig.net

Mikko & Friends to perform at 'Music in the Park'

Mikko & Friends will present an evening of "songs you know by heart" at the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m.

The ensemble consists of duo Mikko Cowdery and Chuck Wencil of the Alexandria area; and percussionist Doug Millaway.

Cowdery and Wencil have performed together at a number of events over the years...from the Twin Cities to the Dakotas. Their repertoire includes old pop, folk and country music, as well as Americana tunes from the heyday of old standards when you could, as Mikko says, "tap your toe to the rhythm, whistle the tune and understand every word that was being sung."

Mikko plays banjo, guitar, ukulele and assorted instruments along with singing those great old tunes; while Chuck spreads cheer with his sax, clarinet and penny-whistle licks. "The tunes tend to be upbeat and cheery," Mikko said, mentioning crowd favorites like "Sunny Side of the Street" "That's Amore" "Sixteen Tons" "Hey Good Lookin'" and "Five Foot Two."

Mikko & Friends put a lot of emphasis on sing-alongs and laugh-alongs, Mikko said. Be prepared for an evening of fun, as Mikko interweaves his tunes with stories he's picked up on his musical travels throughout the United States, Canada and



Old time music

Mikko Cowdery and Chuck Wencil, pictured, will be joined by guitarist/percussionist Doug Millaway at the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. The series is made possible with a gift from the Staples Host Lions Club, (Submitted photo)

Vacation Bible School at Staples AG Church

The Staples Assembly of God church will host a Vacation Bible School Monday, Aug. 15 - Friday, Aug. 19, from 6 - 8 p.m. each evening. Registration at 5:45 p.m.

"Jesus is My Superhero" is the theme of program,

offered to children going into kindergarten - sixth grade. Supper will be provided each evening.

Staples Assembly of God Church is located at 914 3rd Ave. NE. For more information, call 218-296-2020.

The Haining Family to perform at Lincoln EV Free



The Haining Family, a national touring band, will perform at Lincoln Evangelical Free Church Friday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. Free will offering.

Based in Branson, Mo., the Haining Family has created a unique variety show using their signature blend of "front-porch, family-style music."

They've been performing since 2002, when the four siblings began playing music together at acoustic jam sessions in Minnesota.

In 2004, they added their parents to the ensemble and the entire family began performing at various events throughout the states. They relocated to Branson in 2011, and since that time have continued to travel across the country performing at numerous churches, festivals and theaters.

Lincoln Evangelical Free Church is located at 1354 320th St. in Cushing. For more information, call 218-575-2449.

Flag carriers needed

The Staples Rotary Club is seeking volunteers to help them carry a 20 x 30 ft. flag in the Railroad Days parade Saturday, Aug. 27. The parade begins at 5 p.m. with volunteers needing to be in place before 4:30 p.m.

Anyone interested should call Bob Hamann at 218-894-3139. Leave a message with a phone number.

World War I exhibit on display at Camp Ripley Military Museum

A featured WWI exhibit entitled, "In the Fight: Minnesota and the First World War" is currently on display at the Minnesota Military Museum at Camp Ripley.

In addition, the museum is currently honoring WWI Private Sidney Carl Burk, United States Marine Corp from Orion, during the month of August.

Burk was born in Chatfield in 1899. He later moved to Watertown, S.D., with his family. When he was 19, he went to St. Paul and joined the United States Marine Corps. He was accepted into the service on Oct. 14, 1918 and sworn in on Nov. 26, 1918, two weeks after the Armistice was signed ending World War One.

The public is invited to visit the entire exhibit on Sidney Carl Burk as well as the new WWI exhibit. The museum represents all branches of the service and honors Minnesota veterans and military history from frontier days to the present. The WWI exhibit will be on display for the next four years.

The Minnesota Military Museum is located just inside the gates of Camp Ripley in Little Falls; and is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. seven days a week, from May through September, including holidays. Adult visitors to Camp Ripley need a photo I.D. for entrance.

For more information, call 320-616-6050 or visit online, www.mnmilitarymuseum.org.

August 4

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC Thurs., Aug. 4, Lakewood Health System Sr. Campus, Staples. For appt., 320-533-4652.

CHILD & TEEN CHECK-UP CLINIC Thurs., Aug. 4, Lakewood Health System Sr. Campus, Staples. For appt., 320-533-4652.

WIC - WOMAN, INFANTS & CHILDREN CLINIC Thurs., Aug. 4, Lakewood Health System Sr. Campus, Staples, 9 a.m. - noon. For info., 320-732-4456.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 8:01 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples. Note change of time because of primary election.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Schedule public hearing on Capital Improvement Plan - Aug. 23 at 7 p.m.
- Consider first reading of ordinance amending the deferred special assessment policy.
- Consider requests from the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce for Railroad Days activities.
- Committee reports will include the Public Works Commission and the Economic Development Authority.
- Open forum.
- City administrator's report.

August 9

BRAINERD CHAPTER #738 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES MTG Tues., Aug. 9, Pizza Ranch, Baxter. Social, 11:30 a.m.; lunch, 12:30 p.m. Presentation by Enid Swaggert, representing Congressman Rick Nolan.

August 16, 17

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC Tues., Aug. 16, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info.,

218-547-1340 ext. 246.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM Tues., Aug. 16, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., Aug. 17, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., 218-547-1340 ext. 246.

August 30

CHILD & TEEN CHECKUP-CLINIC Tues., Aug. 30, Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., to make an appt., 218-746-4009.

Health classes offered to veterans

Veterans served by the St. Cloud VA can help themselves stay healthy by attending one or more in a series of health education classes this fall. Classes are scheduled for select Thursdays from 11 a.m. - noon, in Bldg 29, Rm 20E, at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center, 4801 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud.

Classes will focus on health and well-being and each session will cover a different topic. No appointment or referral is needed. Veterans may select the classes they would like to attend. Co-pays may be required. One-way beneficiary travel reimbursement is

available for eligible veterans.

Class schedule

Sept. 1 - Communicat-ing/ health care providers

Sept. 15 - Alternative treatments for pain

Oct. 6 - Improving sleep

Oct. 20 - Intro to Yoga

Nov. 3 - Health benefits of volunteering

Nov. 17 - Communicat-ing assertively

Dec. 1 - Coping/grief

Dec. 15 - Managing holiday stress

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“Old School” at Music in the Park

Central Minnesota band Old School performed a variety of rock and country cover tunes from the 1970s and 80’s at last Sunday’s Music in the Park event in Staples. Pictured left, from left, are Andy Bingham, Staples; Kevin Boser, Little Falls; Kevin Nyberg, Clearwater; Scott Wegner, Bertha.

Pictured right is 10-year-old Abby Nyberg, daughter of band member Kevin Nyberg, with a poster she made for Old School during the concert. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Martin and Chelsey Braaten of Bertha, a baby boy, Edik Martin weighing eight pounds, nine ounces on July 23, 2016.

Born to Kayla Miller and Jesse McClanahan of Clarissa, a baby boy, Toker Lloyd weighing six pounds, eight ounces on July 23, 2016.

Born to Ricky and Rachel Sawyer of Pine River, a baby girl, Paisley Ann, weighing seven pounds, two ounces on July 24, 2016.

Born to Brandon and Charly Nieson of Baxter, a baby girl, Journee Eileen weighing six pounds on July 25, 2016.

Born to Shane and Bobbie Gordon of Brainerd, a baby boy, Kyan Thomas weighing eight pounds, 10 pounces on July 27, 2016.

Born to Heather Alderman and Patrick Majka of Brainerd, a baby boy, Sullivan Patrick seven pounds, seven ounces on July 27, 2016.

Born to Wade and Allison Vangsness of Staples, a baby boy, Caleb James weighing eight pounds, six ounces on July 27, 2016.

Born to Todd and Jordan Steward of Verndale, a baby boy, Bryson Gerald, weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on July 27, 2016.

Born to Jordan and Lyndsey Herman of Baxter, a baby boy, Finley Ray weighing six pounds, seven ounces on July 27, 2016.

Born to Jeremy and Amanda Triepke of Aldrich, a baby boy, Evan Richard weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on July 28, 2016.

SHS Class of 1981 reunion

Staples High School Class of 1981 will hold their 35th reunion on Friday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m., at B&B’s Sports Bar and Grill in Staples. All classmates encouraged to stop by.

Cemetery board talks fundraiser, rules and pets

The Evergreen Hill Cemetery Board met on July 12 and set the date of its second annual fundraiser for Sept. 5, at 5:30 at Ted & Gen’s in Aldrich. Tickets will go on sale Aug. 15.

A second item of business is to remind peopel to read and abide by the rules posted on the south side of the maintenance building at the cemetery. For any ques-

tions on the rules, contact the cemetery president listed on the sign of rules.

The third item of business was to remind the public that pet owners using the cemetery for walking pets must abide by the same rules as on any public or private property. If the pet deposits feces on the cemetery property, the pet owner is required to remove it.



Farmers Market in full Swing

Vendors at the Farmers Market in Staples (Lakewood Health System Hospital location) had a variety of vegetables, baked goods and artisan items available for sale July 28. Pictured above, at left, Russell Kleinschmidt of rural Staples assists customers purchasing tomatoes. Pictured at right, Tasha Sellers of Staples, 12, helps sell dream catchers made by her mother, Sheena Sellers. The Staples Area Farmers Market is open at the LHS location on Thursdays, 2 - 5 p.m.; and at the junction of Hwys. 10 and 210 in Staples on Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Freiberg is newest Behavioral Health Provider

Maggie Freiberg, licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW), is the newest member of Lakewood Health System’s behavioral health team.

Originally from Annandale, Freiberg completed her undergraduate work in psychology at St. Cloud State University and received her master’s degree in social work from the University of North Dakota.

As an LICSW, Freiberg’s professional treatment interests include traumatic life experiences, anxiety and fear; and substance use disorders. She has a special research interest as well as teaching experience in the area of suicidal behavior.

Freiberg relocated to the Staples area from southwest Minnesota where she had been working in an integrated rural healthcare setting. “I feel honored to be a part of the Lakewood Health System community; and am really looking forward to working with new clients in the clinic,” she said.

Freiberg enjoys gardening, the end-point of any



Maggie Freiberg, LICSW

desert hike and starting home renovations. She is new to the art of growing grapes and wine-making. She has three adult daughters who reside in the St. Cloud area. She will be seeing patients in the Staples clinic.

New FTC rules aimed at telemarketing sales

Scammers play a large role in the marketplace. However, they are often able to remain anonymous by requesting payment via avenues that are difficult to trace. However, a recent amendment to Federal Trade Commission (FTC) rules now makes it easier for consumers and business owners to identify shady telemarketing offers.

In an effort to inform the public about this important rule change, Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota ® (BBB) outlines the impact it will have and offers some tips on common phone scams.

The FTC recently amended the Telemarketing Sales Rule so that it’s now illegal for telemarketers to ask for payment by cash-to-cash money transfers - such as those from MoneyGram and Western Union - or PINs from cash reload cards like MoneyPak and Vanilla Reload. This amendment also applies to unsigned checks called “remotely created payment orders,” which are never seen or signed and created when telemarketers are given bank account information. These changes went into effect on June 13, 2016.

“The amended Telemarketing Sales Rule is a boon to consumers and business owners,” said Dana Badgerow, president and CEO of Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota. “Now, if people are asked to make payment via these methods over the phone, they’ll know they’re dealing with someone who is breaking the law - most likely a scammer.”

This amendment aside, consumers are offered many other protections under the Telemarketing Sales Rule, including:

- Calling times are restricted to the hours between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- Telemarketers must promptly tell you the identity of the seller or charitable organization and that the call is a sales call or a charitable solicitation.

• Telemarketers must disclose all material information about the goods or services they are offering and the terms of the sale. They are prohibited from lying about any terms of their offer.

People can put their telephone numbers - including their cellphone number -on the National Do Not Call Registry by visiting donotcall.gov or by calling 888-382-1222. This will stop most telemarketing calls, but not all.

In the experience of BBB, some common phone scams beyond suspect telemarketing schemes include:

• **The IRS/Law enforcement scam.** Con artists demanding immediate payment pretend to be calling about unpaid taxes or outstanding warrants. Neither the IRS nor authorities make calls like this.

• **Sweepstakes scams.** People are told they’ve won large cash prizes and/or a new car, but need to pay taxes, fees or insurance to collect their winnings. But the calls are fraudulent and the prizes aren’t real.

• **The Tech Support scheme.** ‘Helpful technicians,’ sometimes claiming to work for Microsoft, call consumers and business owners and say something is wrong with their computer and they can help. However, all they’re seeking is credit card information. This scam is also perpetrated via pop-up messages that appear on computer screens.

• **The grandparent scam.** Scammers call seniors and pretend to be a loved one - often a grandchild - outside the country and in distress. This scheme plays on emotion and has proven very effective.

A good way to identify a fraudulent telemarketer or phone scam is if the caller is requesting any of the payment methods or bank account access outlined above. If you receive such suspect phone calls, you should hang up and report them at ftc.gov and also at BBB Scam Tracker.

Care Center

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Gladys Boe, August 2; Delores Arrigoni, August 3; Florence Lorence, August 7; Arlene Stokes, August 8; Delores Hutchinson, Aug. 8; Vigeon (Jean) Peterson, August 9; John Niedzielski, August 11; Margaret Henrickson, August 25; Mabel Swart, August 27; Marion Fuller, August 30.

AUGUST SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Thurs., Aug. 4, 10 a.m. Bible study; Rick Kubitz
Fri., Aug. 5, 9:45 a.m. Cappuccino time
Sat., Aug. 6, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge
Sun., Aug. 7, 1:30 p.m. Word game; 2:15 p.m. Social time
Mon., Aug. 8, 2:30 p.m. Church - Trinity Lutheran
Tues., Aug. 9, 2:15 Church - St. Johns Lutheran; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge
Weds., Aug. 10, 2 p.m. Bingo / Marge
Thurs., Aug. 11, 2 p.m. Entertainment
Fri., Aug. 12, 9:30 a.m. Faith Lutheran Church; 10 a.m. Friendly Friday with Faith Lutheran
Sat., Aug. 13, 10 a.m. Bingo /Marge

Re-Elect

JIM HOFER

Wadena County Commissioner - Dist. 2

including Bullard, Aldrich, Thomastown Townships, Verndale, Aldrich City and City of Staples Annex

★4th year as commissioner, currently chair

★Committees and boards include: Community Corrections, Kitchigami Regional Library, Wadena County Historical Society, Water Resources Board, Parks Board, Extension Board, Old Wadena Board, Family Service Collaborative Board and many committees.

★I pledge to continue to have a balanced budget. Through good management our fund balances have increased while we have upgraded the courthouse roof and windows and modernized both courtrooms for today’s technology. We are solving space needs with an annex funded with reserve funds and not new tax revenue.

★I support job growth and tourism in cooperation with other agencies and communities.



I Need Your Vote in the

Primary Election

Tue., Aug. 9

Each vote counts and is very important!

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FFA holds state leadership conference

Over 200 Minnesota FFA members gathered for two sessions of the State Leadership Conference for Chapter Leaders (SLCCL) held at Deep Portage Conservation Reserve near Hackensack July 10-15. A time spent in developing leadership skills for their communities and home chapters.

Members from the Staples Motley FFA chapter included Katie Benson, Mikayla Sauber, Jenna Trantina, Zachary Strickland, Rachel Paskewitz, Dominic Nistler and Molly Lindgren.

The conference is targeted at FFA members who have gone above and beyond in their local chapters. These FFA members come from all corners of the state, represent unique sectors of agriculture and have been recognized as top leaders in their schools.

The conference is modeled after the FFA's Program of Activities gives examples of activity areas the ideal FFA chapter should participate in.

While at this conference, members were able to network with other chapters and share some of these activity ideas from their own FFA chapters.

A chapter's Program of Activities focuses on growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. During sessions under each of these three areas, members were able to discover more about the role of healthy lifestyles, recruitment, agriculture literacy, fundraising and community service in their FFA chapters.

"State Leadership Conference for Chapter Leaders was an opportunity for chapter leaders across the state to come together and learn about growing themselves and growing their chapters," Minnesota FFA President Spencer Wolter said. "Members who attended had the opportunity to work with other chapters in sharing ideas, learn about leadership in their chapter and plan events that are ready to be taken

back and implemented into their own communities."

FFA members had the opportunity to connect with other chapter members outside of sessions during volleyball, canoeing and hiking. Each night, state officers shared reflections with the campers and on the final day of camp a mock chapter banquet was held.

The State Leadership Conference for Chapter Leaders serves the Minnesota FFA Association by building talented and young individuals. These members often end up as leaders in multiple organizations and receive high academic marks during their postsecondary education before beginning very successful careers.

This leadership conference was made possible with financial contributions from the CHS Foundation and Northland Ford Dealers as a special project of the Minnesota FFA Foundation.



FFA leaders

Members of the Staples Motley FFA chapter recently attended a leadership conference. Above, front row, from left, are Katie Benson, Mikayla Sauber and Jenna Trantina. In back, from left, are Rebekka Paskewitz, State Reporter; Rachel Paskewitz; Zachary Strickland; Dominic Nistler; and Clay Newton. State Treasurer. At right, from left, are Eleora DeMuth, Region II President; Molly Lindgren; and Rebekka Paskewitz, State FFA Reporter. (Submitted photos)



Rotary leadership camp

Tesla Anderson, left, and Alex Davis recently returned from a week-long leadership camp in Crookston. The RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Camp provides opportunities for leadership and team building, and is designed to expand, improve and refine the participants' leadership skills. The 144 campers came from all over Rotary District 5580 which includes North Dakota, northern Minnesota and part of Manitoba. Anderson and Davis were sponsored by the Staples Rotary Club. Anderson will be a senior at Connections High School this fall. She is the daughter of Denise Johnson, Staples. Davis will be a junior at Staples-Motley High School this fall. She is the daughter of Darla Davis, Motley. (Submitted photo)

Crossword Puzzle

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12 Business mag

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21 Nine-day ritual

22 Opposable digit

26 Woodworker's tool

27 Pop star Paula

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Week 31

Last Week's Answers

"Just Deserts"

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

Songlight & 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 Soiggins, Pastor

Saturday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

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

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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.....10:00 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager

First Lutheran Church

717 River Street S, Pillager, MN

218-746-3775

Pastor Hector Merced

Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God

Pastor Dan Johnson

N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.

Phone.....218-746-3839

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

First Baptist

903 River Street South, Pillager

Pastor Skip Hansen

218-746-3768

Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

Children's Church.....9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Adrenaline Youth Group.....5:45 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene

114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146

Hewitt, MN 56453

218-924-2028

Pastor Wayne Hoffer

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance

109 NW Brown Street, Verndale.

218-445-5619

Senior Pastor Tony Stanley

Associate Pastor Fred Hartley IV

Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance

18126 County Road 7, Verndale.

218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316

Pastor Neal Malcore

Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

Family Life Church

402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale

218-445-5568

Church.....218-445-5108

VerndaleFLC@gmail.com

Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189

Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard

Sunday School - Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship.....10:00 a.m.

Prayer & Praise.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Boys and Girls Ministry

6:15 - 7:30 p.m. C.R.E.W. Youth Ministry

6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Studies

Verndale United Methodist

10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale

218-445-5108

Pastor Jill Pawlowski

Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Central United Methodist

5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)

Pastor Chuck Horsager

218-639-4225

Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

Christ Died. That's History. He died for Me. That's Faith!

Rev. Paul Koehler, St. John's Lutheran Church, Motley

People can see God's greatness and glory all around them and even within themselves, yet so many keep denying God's existence. Human reason and logic is a great gift, but it can never bring us to the point where we can say, "I believe!" That can only happen by the power of the Holy Spirit working in us and through the Gospel and the Sacraments, which are God's means of bringing us to saving faith. By birth and nature we are so constituted that we constantly put other gods in God's place. If left to ourselves we will honor, fear, love, value, and depend upon almost anything or anyone except God. This doesn't mean that human reason is harmful to our faith. It just means that there is more to Christian faith than the acceptance of evidence. Nevertheless,

without that evidence which we find in the world of nature, in the universe all around us and within us, and in the Bible as well as in the events of history, there is no basis for our Christian faith.

The Psalmist tells us that the heavens above us declare the glory of God and that the earth demonstrates His handiwork, but the wisdom of God and the power of God and the love of God is seen most clearly in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. He came into the world to seek and to save all those who are lost in sins that are all too real. Christ therefore really suffered, died, and rose again for us that we might stand, not in proud self-righteousness, but in the full assurance of the forgiveness of all of our sins. Christ died. That's history. He died for me. That's faith!

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Public Notices

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
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NOTICE TODD COUNTY HRA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority has developed its agency plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The plan is available for review at the Authority's office at Sunrose Courts, 300 Linden Ave. S, Browerville. The agency plan may be reviewed Wednesday or Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Sunrose Courts for any comments on the plan or 2017 Capitol Funding.

Kim Wallace
Executive Director
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NOTICE CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE SOLICITING BIDS FOR EDIBLE BEAN COMBINE

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

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

Submit bids to:
Central Lakes College
ATTN: Debbie Sterriker
1830 Airport Rd
Staples, MN 56479
Fax #218-894-5186

The college reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any information or irregularities in the bidding and to make the award serving the best interest of the college.

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4-H livestock show results from Todd County Fair

Members of local 4-H clubs showed their projects at the Todd County Fair July 12-16.

General Livestock

Derek Pratt;Hustlin Rustics 4-H Club named Overall Champion Sheep Exhibitor with his Purebred Yearling Ewe Not Lambed.

Overall Reserve Champion Sheep Exhibitor; Parker Gjerstad, Hustlin Rustics with Market Lamb which was also Champion Market Lamb.

Derek Pratt, Hustlin Rustics; Reserve Champion Ewe Lamb, a Slick Shorn Yearling. The Reserve Champion Market Lamb; Derek Pratt, Hustlin Rustics.

Sheep Showmanship honors:

Grades 3-5: Champion - Alexis Woeste, Golden Gophers; Reserve Champion - Maria Buntjer, Golden Gophers.

Grades 6-8: Champion - Katrina Buntjer, Golden Gophers; Reserve Champion - Ella Claseman, Wykeham Willing Workers.

Grades 9-13: Champion - Derek Pratt, Hustlin Rustics; Reserve Champion - Parker Gjerstad, Hustlin Rustics.

4-H'ers selected to represent Todd County at the state fair: Derek Pratt, Hustlin Rustics; Parker Gjerstad, Hustlin Rustics; and Ella Claseman, Wykeham Willing Workers.

Champion 4-H Swine Exhibitor; Zachary Lenz, Lone Star, with his Market Gilt. Wyatt Lenz, Lone Star; Reserve Champion Swine Exhibit Ribbon with his Market Barrow.

Swine Showmanship honors:

Grades 3-5: Champion - Bridget Sauer, Golden Gophers; Reserve Champion - Kaitlyn Bristlin, Lone Star.

Grades 6-8: Champion - Bernadette Sauer, Golden Gophers; Reserve Champion - Joseph Sauer, Golden Gophers.

Grades 9-13: Reserve

Champion - William Harrington, Lone Star.

Zachary Lenz, Wyatt Lenz and Kaitlyn Bristlin, Lone Star; and Bernadette Sauer, Golden Gophers; were selected to attend the state fair with their Champion Swine Exhibits.

Crystal Halbersma, Hustlin Rustics, Overall 4-H Beef Exhibitor; Cow-Calf exhibit, also Champion Cow-Calf Exhibit. Overall Reserve Champion Beef Exhibit; Crystal Halbersma, Hustlin Rustics, a Spring Junior Yearling Heifer. Also named Champion Beef Heifer Exhibitor with the Spring Junior Yearling. Reserve Champion Beef Heifer Exhibitor; Rachel Halbersma, Hustlin Rustics, with a Summer Yearling Heifer.

Champion Beef Market Animal Exhibitor; Derek Pratt, Hustlin Rustics; also exhibited Reserve Champion Market Animal. Reserve Champion Beef Cow-Calf Pair; Ellie Dukowitz, A-1.

Beef Showmanship honors:

Grades 3-5 Champion - Ellie Dukowitz, A-1

Grades 9-13: Champion - Crystal Halbersma, Hustlin Rustics; Reserve Champion - Derek Pratt, Hustlin Rustics

Crystal Halbersma, Derek Pratt and Rachel Halbersma, Hustlin Rustics; Ellie Dukowitz, A-1; Ian Gould, Golden Gophers; Isabelle Mikel and Rachel Paskewitz, A-1; will show at the state fair:

Dairy

Parker Gjerstad, Hustlin Rustics, Grand Champion Dairy Animal; Milking Shorthorn Cow Five Years Old and Older; also named Champion Milking Shorthorn Exhibitor. Reserve Champion Dairy Animal, a three year old Holstein; Parker Gjerstad, Hustlin Rustics. Parker's three year old was also named Champion Holstein Exhibit.

Other champion exhibitors included: Brown

Swiss - Wyatt Lenz, Lone Star; Guernsey - Zachary Lenz, Lone Star; Jersey - Hailey Wielenberg, Wykeham Willing Workers; and Crossbred - Rachel Paskewitz, A-1. Reserve Breed Champion: Guernsey - Deven Paskewitz, A-1; Jersey - Sara Carstensen, Lone Star; Milking Shorthorn - William Harrington, Lone Star and Holstein - Marcus Kunerth, Wykeham Willing Workers.

Marcus Kunerth, Wykeham Willing Workers, Junior Champion Dairy Animal of the show.

Dairy Showmanship awards:

Grades 3-5: Reserve Champion - Haylie Wielenberg, Wykeham Willing Workers.

Grades 6-8: Champion - Alexis Tweeter, A-1.

Grades 9-13: Champion - Parker Gjerstad, Hustlin Rustics; Reserve Champion - Rachel Paskewitz, A-1.

Going to the state fair; Parker Gjerstad, Hustlin Rustics; Marcus Kunerth, Haylie Wielenberg and Jenna Kuneth, Wykeham Willing Workers; Jesson Gould, Golden Gophers; Zachary Lenz, Wyatt Lenz, William Harrington and Sara Carstensen, Lone Star.

Goat

Marcus Kunerth, Wykeham Willing Workers, Champion Goat Exhibitor with his Two Year Old Milking Doe, also the Champion Dairy Goat. Katrina Buntjer, Golden Gophers, Reserve Champion Goat; also Champion Meat Breeding Doe.

Reserve Champion Dairy Goat; Sara Carstensen, Lone Star. Katrina Buntjer, Golden Gophers, Reserve Champion Meat Breeding Doe Ribbon with her yearling animal.

Champion Market Goat; Katrina Buntjer, Golden Gophers, Josiah Cole, Independent 4-H'er; Reserve Champion Market Goat.

Goat Showmanship Ribbons:

Champion Dairy Goat

Showman, Grades 3-5 - Katrina Buntjer, Golden Gophers; Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Showman, Grades 3-5 - Natalie Fisk, Lone Star.

Champion Dairy Goat Showman, Grades 6-8 - Joshua Schleter, Independent 4-H'er; Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Showman, Grades 6-8 - Katrina Buntjer, Golden Gophers.

Champion Dairy Goat Showman, Grades 9-13 - Josiah Cole, Independent 4-H'er; Reserve Champi Dairy Goat Showman, Grades 9-13 - Hailey Schleter, Independent 4-H'er;

Champion Market Goat Showman, Grades 3-5 - Maria Buntjer, Golden Gophers; Reserve Champion Market Goat Showman, Grades 3-5 - Shyanne Hemmingson, Wykeham Willing Workers.

Champion Market Goat Showman, Grades 6-8 - Nathan Trantina, A-1; Reserve Champion Market Goat Showman, Grades 6-8 - Katrina Buntjer, Golden Gophers.

Champion Market Goat Showman, Grades 9-13 - Hailey Schleter, Independent 4-H'er; Reserve Champion Market Goat Showman, Grades 9-13 - Josiah Cole, Independent 4-H'er.

The 4-H'ers selected to go to the state fair were: Marcus Kunerth, Wykeham Willing Workers, 2 year old Milking Doe; Sara Carstensen, Lone Star; Milking Doe - 5 years and older; Jenna Kunerth, Wykeham Willing workers, Dry Yearling Doe; and Jenna Kunerth, Wykeham Willing Workers, Yearling Doe in Milk.

Meat-Market Goats going to the state fair; exhibited by Katrina Buntjer, Golden Gophers, Meat Breeding Yearling Doe; Josiah Cole, Independent 4-H'er; Meat Breeding Yearling Doe; and Nathan Trantina, A-1, Meat Breeding Doe.

Poultry

Non-livestock show results from TC Fair

Judging of the 4-H Non-Livestock Exhibits was held July 12, at the Todd County Fair. Honors earned are listed here by club name.

Lone Star

Mykenzie Bromeling, champion, cats; John Cartensen, reserve champion, crafts; Natalie Fisk, champion, indoor gardening.

Independent 4-H'er

Taylor Perryman, child development; Hailey Schleter, champion, fine arts; Kirstin Sudbeck, reserve champion, horse-related; Brady Perryman, champion, pets and photography.

Golden Gophers

Alexis Woeste, champion, and Maria Buntjer, reserve champion, grades 3-5 constructed/non-garment constructed item; Katrina Buntjer, champion, and Bernadette Sauer, reserve champion, grades 6-8 constructed/non-garment constructed item; champion club booth and club flower or vegetable container; Eliza Gould, champion demonstration; Joseph Midendorf, champion, and Anne Sauer, reserve champion, exploring animals; Laura Sauer, champion, food review; Bridget Sauer, champion, grades 3-5 foods;

Champion Poultry Exhibit; Bernadette Sauer, Golden Gophers, an Egg Production Pen of Chickens, Laura Sauer, Golden Gophers, Reserve Champion Poultry Ribbon, Market Pen of Turkeys.

Poultry Showmanship Ribbons:

Champion Poultry Showman, Grades 3-5 - Bridget Sauer, Golden Gophers; Reserve Champion Poultry Showman, Grades 3-5 - Jason Trantina, A-1.

Reserve Champion Poultry Showman, Grades 9-13 - Laura Sauer, Golden Gophers.

Bernadette Sauer, Golden Gophers, Chickens-Egg Production Pen; Laura Sauer, Golden Gophers, Turkeys - Market Pen; Kolt Carstensen, Lone Star, Bantam Breeding Pen, William Harrington, Lone Star, Bantam Breeding Pen; will be going to the state fair.

Rabbit

Sara Carstensen, Lone Star, Champion 4-H Rabbit. Kaitlyn Bristlin, Lone Star, Reserve Champion Rabbit.

Blake Lenz, Lone Star, Champion Rabbit Show Person - Grades 3-5, and Reserve Champion Rabbit Show Person - Grades 3-5 Gauge Carstensen, Lone Star 4-H Club.

Jenna Kunerth, Wykeham Willing Workers, Champion Rabbit Show Person - Grades 6-8.

Julia Trantina, A-1, Champion Rabbit Show Person Ribbon - Grades 9-13 and Shawn Trantina, A-1, Reserve Champion Rabbit Show Person - Grades 9-13.

Going to the state fair will be Sara Carstensen, Lone Star - Senior Doe, Small Breeds; Kaitlyn Bristlin, Lone Star - Junior Doe, Small Breeds; Kolt Carstensen, Lone Star - Junior Doe, Small Breeds; and Gauge Carstensen, Lone Star--Junior Doe, Small Breeds.

Got your shots? Todd County HHS recognizes value

It is the time of year before school starts for parents, health care providers and public health professionals, to celebrate and promote the importance and effectiveness of vaccines in preventing childhood diseases and deaths.

A recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of nine vaccines provides further evidence of the value of childhood immunizations. One dollar spent on routine childhood immunization, on average, results in \$10 in direct and indirect savings to society over the child's lifetime, according to the CDC study. The study, which evaluated the economic impact of the 2009 U.S. childhood immunization schedule, estimated that routine immunization of children born during that year will prevent approximately 42,000 early deaths and 20 million cases of disease. The study concluded that vaccinating children with recommended vaccines not only prevents disease and death,

but also results in a net savings of about \$69 billion in societal costs.

Maintaining high vaccination rates by getting all recommended shots on time every time is the key to keeping deadly diseases away from our communities. Once common childhood diseases are rarely seen in the U.S. today because of the success of immunizations, but many of those diseases are now just a plane ride away.

Todd County Public Health and local medical clinics strive to make sure cost is not a barrier to getting immunized. The federally funded Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MnVFC) program provides free or low-cost shots to children (18 years of age and younger) who don't have insurance or whose insurance does not cover the cost of vaccines. Adult vaccinations may be covered if eligible by the Uninsured or Underinsured Adult Vaccination Program (UUAV).

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You may also schedule an appointment on another date, if unable to make it on any of these dates.

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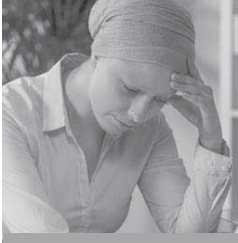
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Support

The Jensen family of Staples has erected a black sign with a thin blue line at their home on 8th Street NE, the symbol used to show support for law enforcement. Pictured top left painting the sign are Bob and Susannah Jensen's three daughters, Tessa, seven; Marleigh, five; and Finlay, two. "In light of all that's been happening recently, we thought our local officers could use a little support," Susannah said. The sign is illuminated at night by a blue light. (Submitted photo)



Bottom left, Motley Police Chief Ron Smith led a group dancers in the "Hokey Pokey" at National Night Out Aug. 2 in Staples. Above right, Staples Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz gave a child a choice of prizes given by the department for National Night Out. The second annual event, which was coordinated by the Staples Police Department, featured city and county law enforcement and emergency services. About 200-300 people attended. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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Expressions of support mean a lot

that was put up at a residence on 8th St. NE in Staples in support of police officers. "That meant a lot to the guys," she said. "Things like that go a long ways." Law enforcement in general is a family, Birkholtz said. "You rely on your co-workers with your life. We appreciate each other a lot." They've embarked on extra trainings over the past few years, Birkholtz said. "We try to be prepared as possible."

She went on to note that the officers are encouraged to be more vigilant and aware of their surroundings; and to be safe. "We're a positive group," she said. "We don't want to shoot anyone." Birkholtz noted that, "We're all human. I'd say the vast majority of officers are good. Yes, there are bad ones out there; but it's unfortunate that they're the ones that seem to get the most media coverage. There's a lot of good work being done, too."



Special barn quilt unveiled

A new barn quilt is now on display at the Swecker farm, located five and a half miles north of Motley on Hwy 64. The art piece was unveiled July 30, at the 80th birthday celebration of Gay Swecker (fourth from left), whose actual birthdate is July 14. Pictured with Gay, from left, are her seven children: Merle Swecker, Motley (currently stationed at Ft. Hood in Texas); Christine Trout, Motley; Mike Swecker, Anchorage, Alaska; Coleen Bowers, Kenai, Alaska; E. Matt Swecker, Coon Rapids; Caroline Nibbe, Brainerd; Cindy Gold, Staples. The barn quilt was designed by Cindy and painted by

the Swecker children and grandchildren. Grandson Chandler Trout helped align the stars. "The large star represents mom and dad; and the seven smaller stars are for each of their children," Cindy said, mentioning that her dad, Bud Swecker, passed away in 2013. The barn quilt design was based on the Patriotic Star of LeMoyne. Cindy said they were thankful for the help of Lisa Kajer of Staples, who has been instrumental in organizing a barn quilt trail in the Staples-Motley area. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Wadena board to sell two houses on property

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

At the July 19 county board meeting, Wadena County Commissioners decided to sell the two houses they recently bought on residential lots adjacent to the courthouse, and have the houses moved off the land to another location. Originally, commissioners thought they would demolish the houses, but decided instead to offer them for sale to be moved. The houses are located at 410 First St SW and 21 Dayton Ave SW. Advertisements for building removal bids on the houses will run in county newspapers. The successful bidders will have 30 days to move the buildings after the bidders are notified of their contract awards. The county purchased the houses and the lots on which they stand to get land for parking lots for the courthouse and the new annex that will be built beginning in the late fall. Also at the July 19 meeting, commissioners approved the amount of \$11,400 for architectural and engineering services to be provided by BHH Partners to design a "connecting link" or covered walkway between the courthouse and the new annex. Whether the connecting link will be constructed along with the Annex building will depend on the final budget for the

annex project. The rough estimate of the connecting link's cost is \$126,000 at this time. Commissioners also approved a contract with Soldo Consulting to provide an "environmental scan" of the county's workplaces, including interviewing employees, gathering information on factors that affect the county work settings, etc., to assist the new Department of Human Resources in setting goals and creating a work plan. The environmental scan will take about six weeks and cost no more than \$10,000. A comprehensive report will be submitted by the consultants. Auditor/Treasurer Judy Taves presented the results of the county's July 16 tax-forfeited land sale. Six of the seven parcels that were for sale were sold on July 16, for a total of \$268,546. The unsold parcel was the Verndale house. Kathy Langer, Director of Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, presented a draft of the proposed joint powers agreement between the two counties to cover the services provided by community corrections. Langer recommended that the agreement be adopted by both county boards. The Todd County Board approved and signed the agreement earlier on July 19, and Langer requested that the Wadena County Board do the same, which they did by a vote of 4 to 1.

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Deer hits motorcycle July 29

On Friday, July 29, at 9:56 p.m., a Wadena County Sheriff's Deputy came upon a motorcycle vs deer accident. The motorcycle was traveling north in the area of County Road 4 and County Road 23, when a deer hit the motorcycle on

the right side. The driver of the motorcycle was able to keep it up right and stop on the west side of County Road 23. The passenger of the motorcycle sustained a compound fracture of the ankle and was transported

by ambulance to Lakewood Health System Hospital. The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the Verndale Fire Department, Tri-County Ambulance and the Verndale Police Department.



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Missing Elk River man located after four days

Alive and in good physical condition

A 51-year-old Elk River man who went missing from a Crookneck Lake campsite July 25, was located alive on July 29, in Scandia Valley Township. He was reportedly in good physical condition, according to Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen.

Initial investigation revealed that Glenn Hoppe, who had been at a campsite with a friend, had left on foot in the early morning hours of July 25.

On July 28, the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) conducted an extensive air, ground and water search for Hoppe. The search covered the Crookneck Lake and Shamineau Lake areas. The MCSO was assisted by the Civil Air Patrol, Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office and Dive Team, Stearns County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit, Central Lakes Search and Rescue, Scandia Valley



Glenn Hoppe

Fire and First Response, Little Falls Fire Department, Motley Fire and Rescue, Wisconsin K-9 SOS Search and Rescue, K-9 Search Midwest, Northstar Search and Rescue, Little Falls Police Department, Minnesota State Patrol Aviation Unit and the Salvation Army.

A volunteer search had been organized and was

scheduled to take place on July 29, beginning at Auger's Resort in rural Motley; but was called off when news was received that Hoppe had been located.

According to the Sheriff's Office, a passerby motorist located Hoppe walking along the roadway as he was driving by the Castaway Restaurant on 320th Street in Scandia Valley Township. The motorist recognized Hoppe as a reported missing person and dropped him off at the Crookneck Lake Public Access.

The MCSO made contact with Hoppe on July 29, at approximately 8:38 a.m. He was then transported to the Morrison County Sheriff's Office for an interview. Hoppe said that he was disoriented and after several miles of walking he had wandered off into the woods south of Crookneck Lake. Hoppe set up camp in



Search efforts near West Shamineau Dr.

An extensive search effort for missing man Glenn Hoppe took place July 28, in the Crookneck Lake and Shamineau Lake areas. The search was conducted by the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), who were assisted by numerous law enforcement personnel. Pictured above, law enforcement

reconvene along the west side of Lake Shamineau, not far from where Hoppe originally went missing. He was located alive and in good condition the morning of July 29, near the Castaway Restaurant in Scandia Valley Township. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

the woods and stayed put until he was located.

Sheriff Larsen stated that Hoppe has been reunited with his family and

the details of Hoppe's disappearance are still being investigated. Hoppe was transported to St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls for

an evaluation.

The MCSO stated that they appreciate everyone's assistance in locating Hoppe.

Three-year-old pulled from Lake Alexander released from hospital

A three-year-old boy who was pulled out of Lake Alexander on July 30 and airlifted to Children's Hospital in the Twin Cities, is expected to make a full recovery. He was released from the hospital the afternoon of July 31.

According to their report, the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) had received a call at approximately 4:38 p.m. on July 30, regarding the boy.

The report states that family and friends were playing on and around a water trampoline when the three-year-old went missing for a short period of time. Family members located him underneath the trampoline and initiated CPR.

When deputies arrived on the scene the boy was being tended to by first responders. He was subsequently airlifted to Children's Hospital.

In their updated news release, the MCSO stated that the three-year-old was wearing his personal flotation device at the time of the incident. According to the boy's family members, the child is expected to make a full recovery. Because of the active investigation, the boy's name is being withheld.

Emergency declaration

Due to the storm damage on July 21, which caused a significant amount of public property damage, the Cass County Office of Emergency Management requested the Chair of County Board of Commissioners to declare Cass County in a state of local emergency.

This declaration will

make it possible for all cities and townships that suffered public property damage or the need to clear roads to apply for reimbursement of damages.

If you have public property damage as a city or township, contact Cass County Emergency Management at 218-547-7437.

Motley Rodeo Aug. 5 - 6 at the fairgrounds

The Motley Rodeo will be held at the Motley Fairgrounds on Friday, Aug. 5 and Saturday, Aug. 6, beginning at 7 p.m. each night. Gate opens at 5:30 p.m.

Events included on the roster include bare back, saddle bronc, steer wrestling, breakaway roping, calf roping, 40 and over calf roping, team

roping, barrel racing and bull riding. In addition, a 'Kids Calf Scramble' will be held each night.

The stock contractor for the event is Triple B Rodeo out of Maynard.

Food vendors and a beer garden will be on site; and a 'Rodeo Dance' will be held both nights at the Ten-Hi in Motley.

Tickets for the rodeo are available in advance at BRICKS Travel Center and Bjerga Feed Store, both in Motley; and at Olson's Custom Farm Service in Staples. Major sponsors for the event include BRICKS Travel Center, Bjerga Feed Store, Ten Hi, Swartz Farms, Tri-County Livestock and Eischeid Cattle Company.

Motley Police, Morrison County Sheriff's reports

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

July 27 - The MPD received a call from Denver Johnson who reported that his wallet was stolen from his vehicle while he was inside Countryside Restaurant in Motley. He called back a short time later to say that he found his wallet behind the seat in his car; and that most items were still there, except for \$85 in cash which was missing. Car had been unlocked.

July 25 - The MPD received a call from Troy Davis of Motley who reported that someone had used his WalMart Rewards card to

order merchandise and have it delivered to a residence in Delaware. Davis was alerted to the transaction through LifeLock and had the order cancelled.

July 23 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Kwayikeh Gbato, 27. Driver had stated that he was keeping up with other traffic; but the officer noted that there was no other traffic present when he passed the squad car.

July 27 - The MCSO received a call from Mitchell Russell of Pillager who reported that his debit card had been used by someone else at Party World in Maplewood. He contacted his bank and cancelled the card.

July 25 - The MCSO re-

ceived a report of a suspicious vehicle driving on Bison Rd. in Cushing.

July 25 - The MCSO responded to a report of a missing adult from a residence on Pine Ln. in Motley.

July 25 - Theresa Pikula of Pillager called the MCSO to report that her debit card was used at a Cub Foods in St. Paul for the amount of \$129.65.

July 22 - The MCSO received a report of a green chair and a mattress that had been dumped off at the end of Azure Rd. by the cul-de-sac.

July 21 - The MCSO received a call from Brad Olson, who reported that while he and his five children were kayaking on

Fish Trap Lake in Cushing, an older man yelled at them to get his kids and kayaks off his property.

Olson stated to the man that they were in the water and not on private property. The suspect male stated that he would "kill" Olson if he were on his property. Olson was unable to provide an address of where this took place. He was advised to call the sheriff's office if it happens again and to try to get a location.

July 21 - The MCSO received a call from Todd County reporting a grass fire next to a power pole just south of Motley on Hwy 10 on the west side. Motley Fire Dept. responded.

Bethany Lutheran Church to host breakfast for Tanzanian mission trip

Members of Bethany Lutheran Church of Cushing will host a Tanzanian Mission Trip benefit pancake breakfast on Sunday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. into the noon hour.

The menu will include pancakes, sausage, fruit, orange juice, coffee and perhaps a surprise or two.

A free will offering will be taken at the breakfast and all proceeds will benefit the Iringa Hope micro financing cooperative in Tanzania. Two years ago funds raised through Bethany helped jump start this cooperative in the sister church parish of Kitapelimwa, in Tanzania's Iringa Province.

Members of the Tanzanian 10 mission group, including four associated with Bethany, will be traveling to Tanzania in October. "We hope to renew old friendships and meet new people on this return visit for eight of the ten members of the mission group," said Tom Crawford, one of the team members. The group

includes two nurses who will provide clinics on six different days in the five of the rural villages which make up our sister church parish of Kitapelimwa.

The group will include Lois Brenner, Norm Siekman, Peggy (Edeburn) Howell and Crawford, from Bethany. Others on the trip will include Norm's daughter,

Kat Moses;, Ryan Engelstad and his two children, Gretta and Gabe from Zion Lutheran in Cottage Grove. All of the above are returning veterans of at least one trip. Two newcomers, Candy and David Westlund, are joining for their first trip to Tanzania. Ryan and Candy are both registered nurses.



Taking a break

Baby Grant Lipelt of Howard Lake took a nap on the shoulder of his uncle and name-sake Grant Lipelt of Lakeville during the Growler's Gathering in Leader July 30. The Lipelt family has a cabin in the Leader area and said they enjoy attending the annual Growler's Gathering event. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Past 'Grand Growler'

Josh Pfaff of Little Falls, the 2010 Grand Growler, attended the Growler's Gathering in Leader July 30, along with his wife, Mandi Pfaff. Josh grew up in the Leader area, he said, and his parents still live there. He competed at last weekend's Growler's Gathering competition, but lost out to Dan Pawlak, who was crowned the 2016 Grand Growler.

Behind bars

Brooke Reisenauer, six-and-a-half, of Staples, posed for a photo at the 'Leader Jail' during the recent Growler's Gathering in Leader. A number of children's events were offered during the annual event, including water slides, a bounce house and games.



Collecting parade candy

At least 1,000 people traveled to Leader July 30 to attend the 18th Annual Growler's Gathering. The event included a parade, live music, pig races, food, children's games; and the Grand Growler competition.

Proud to be an American

Cody Hanson of Leader, at right, was one of several participants at the Growler's Day Parade in Leader July 30. This year's theme was "Red, White and Blue American Beach Party." Several floats kept in line with the theme; and many patriotic, American songs were played during the parade.





Staples golfers rock Birchmont tournament

A large group of Staples golfers traveled to Bemidji July 25-30 to play in the 92nd Annual Birchmont Golf Tournament, many of them bringing home trophies for their performance.

The overall men's champion was Andrew Israelson, the women's champion was Emily Israelson, the executive champion was Brad Anderson, and the masters champion was Glen Hasselberg.

The Birchmont is a match play tournament in

which golfers play head to head with each hole worth one point.

Andrew Israelson won his championship match with the help of two birdies to go up by three points with one to play.

Emily Israelson had three birdies on the front nine and scored two more on the back nine to go up six points with four left to play.

Brad Anderson scored three birdies on the front nine in his championship match, but things got clos-

er on the back nine. He parred the final hole to stay ahead by one point.

Hasselberg played one over par on the front nine to win his match by two points.

Other Staples golfers who placed in the tournament were Cydney Hasselberg, who won the women's 1st flight consolation championship; Emily Ladd won the women's 2nd flight consolation championship; and Bo Erholtz, who was the champion in the junior 12 and under third flight.

Odden's hole in one highlights Vintage league

Rick Odden hit a hole in one on the eleventh hole, one of the highlights of the Men's Golf League at The Vintage golf course on July 27.

As the only one to drop a tee shot, Odden was closest to the hole in Division A. He also won a skin with the ace. On hole 15 Dan

Orth won closest to the hole. Long drive was won by Rollie Penfield on hole 14. Mark Forsberg won a skin with an eagle on hole 18. Mike Isenberg had the low net for the evening.

In Division B, the only closest to the hole winner was Maurice (Sonny) Erickson on hole eight. The

low net winner was Don Ludovissie, and no skins were won.

With one week remaining in regular season play, the leading point scorers are Mark Forsberg and Bill Israelson in Division A, and Lee Jenkins and Phil Miller in Division B.

Sunfish provide good fishing, good eating

By Ray Gildow

Sunfish are one of the most common fish found in North America and one of the very best for table fare too. These little fish average 7.9 to 11.8 inches in size and most people prefer to keep those over nine inches to eat. They are plentiful in most Minnesota and Wisconsin lakes that have healthy populations of weeds. These fish prefer to live in and around aquatic vegetation so they can have adequate protection from their predators such as bass and northern pike. They also prefer slow moving water such as lakes or slow moving rivers. They are very social fish and like to travel in schools so finding a few fish usually means finding a whole school. They like to feed off the bottom, but will rise to surface feed on insects and other tiny animals.

Finding sunfish can be pretty easy. On warm

sunny days they can be seen along weed edges and hanging in deeper weeds. They can also be found in deeper water especially in the midsummer when the water temperatures reach the mid-70's and low 80's. Often the larger sunfish can be found all the way down to 30 feet. It is in the deeper water that some of the biggest sunfish can be found.

One quick technique for finding sunfish is trolling small crankbaits along weed lines. Many companies make tiny crankbaits for panfish and trolling these small baits can be a great way to find sunfish and crappies. Once a sunfish is caught trolling, stop and mark the spot and see if more fish can be caught using small jigs or bait under a bobber. I like to use very tiny bobbers with small leeches, worms, or artificial bait like Berkeley Gulp Maggots. 1/32nd ounce jigs work nicely for

covering water along the weed line looking for active feeding fish. To find bigger fish I look for marks on my depth finder in the deeper water. Then I drop down heavier jigs off deep weed edges and points to see if those deep fish are willing to bite. My rule of thumb is to release any sunfish over ten inches in length. These are true trophy fish and deserve to be released.

Catching sunfish is the fun part for most people but cleaning them not so much fun. There are two common ways to clean sunfish. One is to scale them with a small hand fish scaler. The other is to fillet them and throw away the skin and the scales. I like to scale them but I use a commercially produced five-gallon pail that is designed to spin the fish in water that removes about eighty percent of the scales. I remove the remaining scales by hand. Twenty sunfish can be scaled in about four minutes using this technique and the skin, where most of the flavor is, is left on to eat.

Mm, fresh sunfish - as good as it gets.

So when you get to the dog days of summer go find some sunfish and enjoy a real treat.

Over a lifetime of outdoor expeditions and closer-to-home adventures, one of the things I've learned is that it is often the unplanned and the unexpected that add richness and color to our main purpose. It might be a hawk fanning its wings to alight on a power line pole with its "breakfast" catch of the day, or a white-tail with a fine eight point set of antlers standing shoulder-deep in a field munching a farmer's soybeans, as you follow a back road to a boat launch site. Attentiveness and an open, inquisitive mind are things to bring along on every trip, distant or near.

We've all heard people say "Be sure to stop and smell the roses." It's advice that we should not be so hurried and single-minded that we fail to be observant and appreciate the everyday things that surround us. "Smell" is of course a place-holder for simply being aware, whichever of our several senses come into play in that appreciation.

I had such a "smell the roses" moment recently one early morning when I had been out on a local stream searching the riffles and runs in its meandering course for brook trout. It was not a morning when the fish were suicidal, but I had caught several over the course of an hour and a half, two of which were of that "better than average" size that makes you hope someone asks how your morning of fishing went.

The morning was heating up, and less enjoyable tasks awaited elsewhere; it was time to wade across to the opposite bank and catch the twisting trail

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

back to where I had left my vehicle. Once on the far side I looked to the left and right for the best route up the bank to the trail. I chose the right for no apparent reason, being mindful as I went to keep my rod tip from snagging in the brush that grows dense along the borders of this stream.

As I started up the gentle incline to the main trail, my downward gaze caught an uncharacteristic white stem growing next to the trail. Trout fishermen who follow such woodland paths learn the importance of downcast eyes. Not for the sake of humility, but to spot the trunk of a sapling or larger tree lying in wait across the trail for them to stumble over or an innocent-looking branch that turns out to be a firmly-anchored vine and serves as a natural trip-wire.

I knew immediately what this strange white plant was, though I had never seen one "in the flesh." I had seen in books this oddity that grows barely taller than your ankles, its single leafless stem topped by a cup-like shape that angles toward the ground. Overall, it resembles a miniature version of that Native American ceremonial instrument known as the peace pipe, thus the name Indian pipe. In a world where virtually every plant is some shade of green, it looks very much like an albino.

One of the basic things we learn in science class is that chlorophyll, the substance that makes plants green, is needed in order to convert sunlight to make the food necessary to grow and reproduce. Whether it's the tallest redwood or sequoia tree, or the lily pad you cast toward to catch a bass lurking beneath it, chlorophyll makes its life possible.

And then there is the Indian pipe. It is a perennial plant, meaning it comes up year after year. Though it's white like many mushrooms, it is not a fungi or anything from that plant realm. So how does the Indian pipe live without chlorophyll?

The Indian pipe is part of a three-way relationship that involves a green plant, such as a shrub or tree, a fungus and the Indian pipe itself. The roots of many trees and forest plants have attached to them a particular fungus called mycorrhiza. This fungus aids the roots in absorbing water and soil nutrients. In return, the green plant supplies carbohydrates that this soil-dwelling fungus can obtain in no other way. Some of Minnesota's most interesting wild plants, like the moccasin flower or lady's slipper orchids, live in such "symbiotic" relationships with the mycorrhiza fungus, which helps them to better absorb moisture and soil nutrients.

In the case of the Indian pipe, this ghostly little plant shares the carbohydrates that the mycorrhiza fungus obtains from the green plant. Since it cannot produce its own food in the first place, it needs no sunlight, and therefore can grow in the densest of shade.

It is not clear that the Indian pipe contributes anything of importance to either the fungus or the green plant. This being the case, some would label it a parasite, which in principle could be likened to the heartworm that obtains nourishment in the heart chambers of a dog. But unlike the heartworm, which can kill your pet, it is not believed that the Indian pipe's "sharing" of nutrients is a threat to either the fungus that feeds it, or the green plant that is the ultimate source of its nutrition.

The Indian pipe is an example of nature's most unusual adaptations. Few of us are likely to see one, since it is uncommon and is typically found in "the secret places." Had mine been even a few inches farther off the trail I walked in leaving this trout stream, in all probability I would not have seen it, either.

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Deer numbers on the rise

Steadily growing deer populations may produce more deer sightings and slightly more harvest opportunities for hunters during the 2016 season, although one-deer limits remain in place for much of the state.

"Hunters can look forward to seeing the growth in local deer populations following two years of mild winters and lower overall harvests," said Adam Murkowski, Big Game Program leader with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Hunters can buy deer licenses and apply to the lottery for antlerless deer permits starting Monday, Aug. 1. The deadline to apply for the antlerless permit lottery is Thursday, Sept. 8. Archery deer season opens Saturday, Sept. 17, and firearms deer season opens Saturday, Nov. 5.

The 2016 hunting regulations will remain somewhat conservative to allow for a controlled increase in deer numbers, resulting in lottery and bucks only designations.

In 67 deer permit areas, hunters must be chosen in a lottery to harvest an

antlerless deer (down from 70 areas last season). Only bucks can be hunted in five areas (down from 14 areas). In 32 areas, hunters have the choice of harvesting a doe or a buck (up from 29 areas). Bonus permits allowing hunters to harvest more than one deer may only be used in 24 permit areas and for some special hunts (up from 12 areas).

All hunters who purchase licenses by Sept. 8 are automatically entered into the lottery if they declare a lottery deer permit area. Those who do not wish to harvest an antlerless deer are encouraged to purchase their license after the lottery deadline. Hunters may apply using both their firearm and muzzle-loader licenses. If hunters are selected for both licenses, they must select the one season in which they want to shoot an antlerless deer.

Deer hunting licenses, lottery applications and special hunt applications are available at any DNR license agent, by telephone at 888-665-4236 or online at www.mndnr.gov/buyalicense. Lottery winners will be notified in October.

Hunters must be select-

ed in the lottery to harvest an antlerless deer in these lottery permit areas: 101, 103, 105, 108, 110, 111, 118, 122, 126, 155, 156, 157, 159, 171, 172, 173, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 184, 197, 203, 208, 221, 222, 224, 234, 235, 237, 238, 246, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 260, 262, 266, 269, 270, 271, 272, 274, 275, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 288, 289, 290, 291, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298 and 299.

Hunters can choose to shoot a single buck or single antlerless deer in these hunter-choice permit areas: 114, 117, 127, 201, 209, 210, 218, 219, 229, 230, 233, 239, 242, 247, 254, 256, 257, 258, 259, 261, 263, 264, 265, 267, 268, 273, 276, 277, 338, 339, 344 and 347.

Hunters may harvest two deer, only one of which may be a buck, in these managed permit areas: 213, 214, 215, 223, 225, 227, 232, 236, 240, 241, 248, 255, 287 (no archery hunting), 292, 293, 341, 342, 343 345 and 348.

Current and up-to-date information is online at the DNR deer hunting season page. Information about deer management is available on the deer page.