

Schock bringing GIANT Worldwide here

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Companies and organizations always strive for a healthy culture that propels employees to fulfill their potential. An opportunity to help create such a culture is coming to Staples in the form of GIANT Worldwide, a leadership program that has proven results.

Rynell Schock is a GIANT Worldwide associate, and has gone through extensive training to become a representative of the company. She was working at NJPA in Staples when she started on this path and now she is transitioning so she can do more trainings for GIANT Worldwide.

"I've believed in it, and I've seen the results," said Schock.

She will bring the pro-

gram to Staples, with the first meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 16, from 4-6 p.m. at NJPA in Staples.

Schock said one goal of the program is to build everyone in an organization into a leader. There are toolkits and training modules that can help with the leadership process. She said it has to be intentional, so that everyone in the organization focuses on the culture and what they are trying to do. It also has to involve building relationships and improving communication.

"It grows capacity to be self-aware, develops a change in mind-set and grows a strong organizational culture," she said.

NJPA is in their fourth year of implementing the GIANT Worldwide program within the company.

"They are a forerunner in the nation," said Schock. "We thought, 'Why can't

GIANT Worldwide program

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 4-6 p.m. at NJPA

To RSVP, contact Melissa Radermacher, SEDA, 218-894-2550 or mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us, by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 11.



Learning from GIANTs

Rynell Schock at one of the training sessions in Atlanta, Ga., with GIANT Worldwide co-founders Jeremie Kubicek and Steve Cochram. (Submitted photo)

we have what's best?" and they developed a program to get to that point. Lakewood Health System is also implementing the program in their organization.

GIANT Worldwide could be one of the reasons NJPA has been named one of the Top 150 Workplaces in Minnesota by the Minnesota Star-Tribune. NJPA Executive Director Chad Coquette said it certainly has an influence. "No doubt they are connected, it played an important part of how we work together."

Coquette said "It was important to create a leadership language and the ability to pay attention to our organizational culture, how we want to work here. We use it every day, it applies to everybody in how we communicate and solve problems," said Coquette.

NJPA is also sharing the program with school



Rynell Schock

superintendents in the region and are promoting it with some of their other partners in the state and nationally.

The program offered in Staples on Aug. 16 will be modified to fit with small towns and small organizations.

"I've spent my adult life in small communities with

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School district changes activity fee schedule

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Changes in activity fees and in co-curricular eligibility requirements were approved at the Staples-Motley School Board meeting July 24 along with the resignation of Chris Hal-

vorson, the middle school principal.

Halvorson accepted the job of high school principal in the Pine River-Backus School District.

Interim Superintendent Ron Bratlie reported that the middle school principal's job was posted July 17 with a deadline of July 31. Some applications have already been received, he said, including two internally.

Bratlie expects to interview candidates Aug. 7 and 8 with second interviews set for Aug. 9. The interview committee includes Bratlie, board member Dave Hoemberg and principals Mike Schmidt and Kathy Johnson, along with two certified teachers and one office staff person.

Fee changes

The changes for extra-curricular and classroom fees presented by

the finance committee includes reducing fees in most categories, but also adding activities not previously listed.

Ticket prices at the gate will remain the same but season passes will be reduced. Single student and senior citizen passes will now be \$25, down from \$40. A single adult pass will be \$50, down from \$75, and a family pass (immediate household) will decrease to \$100 from \$175.

Athletic fees will be \$100 for grades 9-12 and \$50 for grades 6-8.

Choir, band and orchestra fees are reduced from \$50 to \$25. However, fall play and the musical will be added to the academic and fine arts category. The participation fee will be \$25 for grades 8-12.

Robotics and Knowledge Bowl fees will be \$50

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Roping competitor

Cody Noble, riding his horse Bud, winds up to rope a steer while practicing at his family's ranch near Leader. For more on Noble's roping competition, see page 10a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Hello, Readers,

On July 27, 1974, the House Judiciary Committee recommends that America's 37th president, Richard M. Nixon, be impeached and removed from office. The impeachment proceedings resulted from a series of political scandals involving the Nixon administration that came to be collectively known as Watergate. The Watergate scandal first came to light following a break-in on June 17, 1972, at the Democratic Party's national headquarters in the Watergate apartment-hotel complex in Washington, D.C. A group of men linked to the White House were later arrested and charged with the crime. Nixon denied any involvement with the break-in, but several of his staff members were eventually implicated in an illegal cover-up and forced to resign. Subsequent government investigations revealed "dirty tricks" political campaigning by the Committee to Re-Elect the President, along with a White House "enemies list."

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Nicky Anderson named president of United States Women of Today

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Nicky Anderson of Staples has recently been named National President of the United States Women of Today (WOT) organization.

She's been a member of the Minnesota Women of Today since 2002; and since that time has served in a variety of positions at the local, district, state and national levels. She was state president from 2012-2013.

"It's an exciting opportunity," Anderson said of being appointed national president. Her role includes overseeing all of the state chapters, as well as training and providing resources too all of the state presidents. She has a staff of 13 working under her and they hail from Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Arizona.

The Minnesota Women of Today focuses on community service, personal growth and building friendships; all aspects that are important to Anderson. Originally from Madelia, Anderson joined the local chapter there when her children (Sondra, Norah and Emmet) were young. "I was looking for fellowship with other moms," she said, adding that the group did a lot of activities that included children.

In addition to the camaraderie it provided, Anderson said that Women of Today gave her the skills

she needed to further her career in the childcare field. "It taught me how to speak in front of a group," she said, adding that along the way she learned how to supervise. Anderson has also come to appreciate the

support system Women of Today provides, as well as networking. "I met a lot of other teachers," she said.

After joining Women of Today, Anderson went on to become an assistant director at a childcare center

and is now the co-owner of Magic Forest Daycare in Staples. "Women of Today taught me what I could become," Anderson said.

There wasn't a local Women of Today chapter when she moved to Staples,

Anderson said. Her husband, Mark Anderson, had moved to the area earlier after being hired as editor for the Staples World and whenever she was introduced to people they would ask, "You're Mark Anderson's wife, right?" Nicky laughed.

In an effort to meet people and to give back to the community, Nicky decided to start the Staples-Motley Area Women of Today chapter. "That was in April of 2013," she said, adding that there were approximately 13 women at the first meeting.

The local chapter meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Landmark Inn in Staples beginning at 6 p.m.

Since 2013, the women have participated in a number of activities and service projects. These have included kayaking down the Crow Wing River; and hosting a car show during Railroad Days in Staples, with all proceeds going back to the community. "We've raised money for the local food shelves and Friends of the Library," Nicky said. The Women of Today have also participated in Dollars for Scholars, March of Dimes walks and Relay for Life.

One of her passions is recruiting new members to WOT and helping leaders of other chapters retain members. Some of her past work at the national

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National president Women of Today

Nicky Anderson, Staples, seated center, was recently elected president of the United States Women of Today. She held a training session for national leaders on the pier at Dower Lake July 22. Seated, from left, are Laura Gaylord, New Ulm; Anderson and Colleen Todd, New Hope. Standing, from left, are Cathy Snyder, Chaska; Kayla Hermann, Madelia; Daina Mirsh-Wenner, Duluth; Jo Ann Miller, Rochester; Samantha Mongold, Sun of the Valley, Ariz.; Jane Hanson, Madelia; Cindy Sanders, Duluth; and Bonnie Waller Anoka. Several others were unable to attend. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)



'In the seventh month of '17...'

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, seven fishers fishing.' Pictured above at the Dower Lake Fishing Pier in Staples are, from left, Kevin Grondahl, Parks and Recreation Director; and park rangers Mary Rychner, Sarah VanDenheuvel, Tricia Jasmer, Mason Nyhus, Dylan Jasmer, Joey Amador. To see a video performance of their song, visit the Staples World website at www.staplesworld.com; or our Facebook page. The Staples World will be highlighting a variety of area landmarks during the debut of, 'The Twelve Months of '17,' sung to the tune of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas.' Stay tuned to find out what Paul Bunyan delivers each month. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

ATV, dog attack issues on Staples Police report

The following are recent reports takes by the Staples Police Dept.:

July 18; at 1 p.m., Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Office with an intoxicated subject hitchhiking along Hwy 10 west of town. The subject was transported to detox in St. Cloud.

July 18; Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with a report of suspicious activity involving a stolen vehicle, near Philbrook. The stolen vehicle was located by the Motley Police Dept. on Todd County Rd 28, just west of Hwy 10. The Todd County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating the incident.

July 19; Staples Police received a report of ATVs

racing on streets near the 500 block of Cleveland St. SW.

July 20; Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Long Prairie Rd for a dog at large complaint. The owner of the dog was advised, if the dogs continue to run at large, a citation would be issued.

July 20; Staples Police stopped an individual driving an ATV in the ditch on Airport Rd. and advised the individual of ATV laws and was given a verbal warning for expired registration.

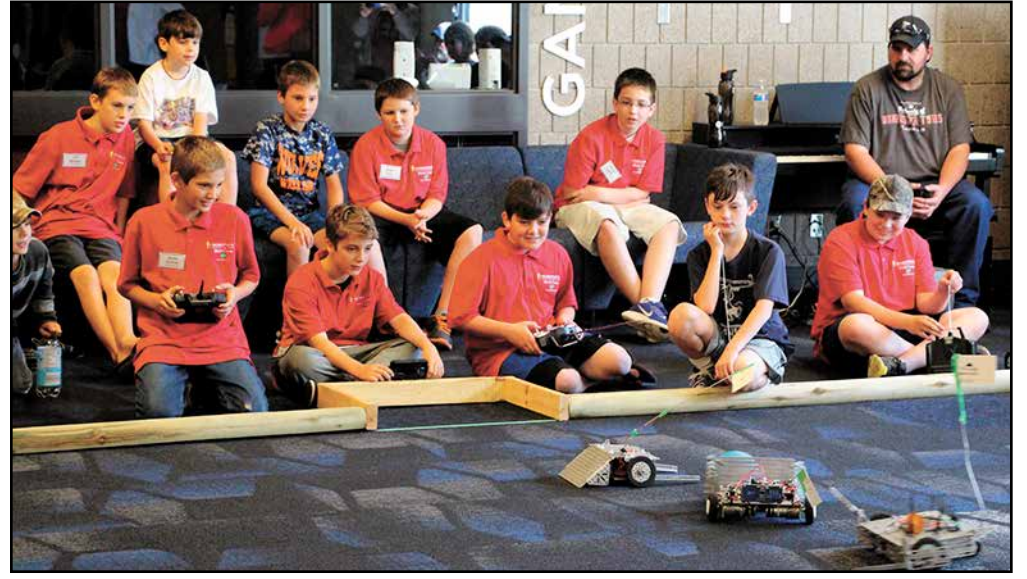
July 21; Staples Police received a complaint of a dog that had bitten a juvenile. The dog was determined as a potentially dangerous dog and the

owners were advised.

July 21; Staples Police assisted Staples Fire Dept with a subject stranded in the box of a boom truck on Pine Grove Rd. Staples Fire Dept. was able to get the subject down safely.

July 23; Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 2nd St NE for a report of two stolen three wheelers and a dirt bike.

July 23; at 8:18 p.m., Staples Police received a report of a male subject at the Super America gas station, washing his hair in a sink and walking all around the store. After speaking with the complainant, police were able to identify the subject and observed him walking to his residence.



Robot competitions at SEaM Camp

Central Lakes College held their annual Summer Engineering and Mechanics (SEaM) Camp July 10-14 at the Staples campus. The camp is a one week adventure for students grades 6-12, and it gives them an opportunity to experience hands-on electronics, motor controllers, computer aided drafting, manufacturing machining and robotics automated systems. Students build radio controlled robot cars, all while gaining expert instruction in computer aided drafting and robotics automated systems. On July 14, students used their robots to compete in a battlebot competition, including an obstacle course, robot hockey and the battlebot demolition. Pictured, teams react to different portions of the robot hockey competition.



At left, Leif Wooden draws a crowd as he drives his robot in the obstacle course competition during the CLC SEaM Camp in Staples. Watching the competition are family, camp counselors and camp students Britton Domino and Meghan McConville. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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One focus is domestic violence

level included starting new chapters throughout the country and training leaders, Nicky said. During her time as Extension Director, she helped start several new chapters in Iowa, as well as the very first chapter in Washington State.

Nicky went on to say that at the national level, domestic violence is something they focus on. She noted the huge impact it has on women and that Women of Today does a lot to prevent this. Volunteering at shelters is something many chapters participate in. It's something the local chapter has been involved in as well, including giving financially to women's shelters.

As National President of the United States Women of Today, Nicky and her staff will plan two conventions this year. The first will be held in Boone, Iowa in October; and the second will be in Minnesota next June. Nicky facilitates monthly Zoom meetings (similar to Skype); and recently hosted a training session for national leaders in Staples.

"If I can help one other person make a difference, then I've done my job," Nicky said.

For more information about the Staples Motley Area Women of Today, contact Nicky Anderson at 507-381-0786.

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Training begins with communication and can be tailored to specific companies or organizations

high needs," said Schock. She doesn't see that as a barrier to keep organizations from becoming a top performer, but there are different needs in a small town. "There are options that fit well," she said.

The program starts with personal exploration. One of the tools Schock uses is a circles of influence chart, where the self is at the center.

"The self is the hardest to influence," she said, "the process starts with the self."

Schock gave an example of a person who realizes they often do more talking than listening, and then making a plan to become a better listener.

"There is always something to take away and use in your life," said Schock. "Then at the next training you can come back to talk about how it worked."

Another tool is the Work/Challenge Matrix, which makes sure every employee is challenged enough and supported enough to reach their potential.

The six modules start with the "5 Voices Communication System" and ends

with "Building a Liberator Culture." The other modules work on relationships, alignment and clarity, capacity and team performance.

Schock said companies or organizations can send groups of employees to trainings or she can go to an organization to help implement the program. The modules and toolkits can be targeted for the company's needs or they can start at the beginning and go through the entire process.

Schock said she has seen the results from a personal perspective. Her family did business with one company that has had GIANT Worldwide training, and she could tell. "Everyone talks like that, everyone acts like that. Everyone I saw was a leader and we felt valued."

They then went to a different company and it was nothing close to the same. "It is not accidental that people begin to feel apathy and develop a mediocre culture," she said.

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Todd County named a priority for homeless housing services

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) HOPE Housing program has named Todd County as a priority service area for homelessness prevention, commissioners learned at their July 18 meeting.

The board approved a resolution authorizing LSS to be in charge of funding in Todd County from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program. LSS HOPE Housing Director Kathy Sauve and Program Manager Rachel Zetah made the presentation requesting the designation.

LSS is, in part, a homelessness prevention agency with a service area which includes Todd, Morrison and Crow Wing counties.

They work with households who are homeless or facing homelessness. This is the only homeless prevention program in the service area and has been successful. It has been in place since 1999.

"We try to reach families before they are evicted," said Sauve.

Services are targeted toward low-income households (youth, single and families) who have no other funds or resources available to resolve the crisis.

One of the goals is to create a stabilization plan to help the family even after the crisis has passed.

"Short term financial assistance is available to prevent evictions or mortgage foreclosures and to aid a household in obtaining new affordable housing if already homeless," added Sauve.

Even though Todd County makes up about 20 percent of the service area, only four percent of enrolled households were served from Todd County.

Sauve said that this will be changing and they have identified Todd County as a priority.

"What this means is that if two households come up at the same time, the Todd County one will be the priority," explained Sauve.

Approximately 21 percent of the households served were youth.

With the goal of preventing homelessness, part of the service is stabilizing the enrolled household so they do not become homeless or return to a shelter after the case is closed.

They had a benchmark of 70 percent for this goal and exceeded it by 19 percent having an outcome of 89 percent.

Another goal they reported was to limit the number of days of homelessness. The benchmark was eight days, but the outcome for the average length of time households remained homeless was 15.35 days from application

to housing.

Sauve said this was due to a number of factors, but the main one was the lack of available housing.

In other business:

- Approved the sale to the City of Staples of a property at 705 Oak Ave. SE, Staples, that had been forfeited to the state for non-payment of taxes. The amount of \$2,572.42 includes fees. Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the property is being acquired with the intent of working with Habitat for Humanity to build a new house on the lot.

- Appointed Tricia Jasmer, Staples, to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Trails Board. She will serve until Dec. 31, 2018.

- Reappointed Kathleen Hetland to serve as Commissioner of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Todd County and to serve for a period of five years from Sept. 19, 2017 through Sept. 18, 2022.

- Todd County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Gallagher & Co. on June 6 for benefits consulting. The expenses for Gallagher & Co. contract were not included in the original budget, therefore a budget transfer needs to be made to appropriately account for this expense. The transfer of \$10,000 from within the coordinator's advertising budget to the professional expense account was approved.

- The board had also previously approved the Americans With Disabilities Act Transition Plan and funding plan. Because the funding plan consists of money from two different funds, a resolution is required by auditor standards to complete the financial processing. The transfer of funds in the amount of \$15,048, from the general revenue fund to the public works fund was approved.

- Approved the transfer of \$5,285 from the County Ditch Fund to the General Revenue Fund, County Ditch Inspector's Department, which is the time the Ditch Inspector worked on county ditches.

- Approved the final payment to William D. Scepaniak for the 2017 Gravel Surfacing Contract for \$19,396.01 with the value of the total work certified being \$235,446.69.

- Approved the final payment to Traffic Marking Services, Inc. for the 2017 Pavement Marking Contract for \$7,419.63 with the value of the total work certified being \$73,004.28.

- Approved the final payment to Northern Salt Inc. for the 2017 Dust Control Contract for \$2,903.25 with the value of the total work certified being \$58,065.

- Approved the final payment to Structural Specialties, Inc. for the 2016 Burnhamville Bridge Con-

tract located on 331st Ave. in Burnhamville Township for \$18,557.49 with the value of the total work certified being \$348,349.87.

- County Engineer Loren Fellbaum presented a request to appoint an interim maintenance foreman. He said that due to an anticipated future vacancy for that position caused by a voluntary retirement, he would like to conduct an internal job posting for an interim maintenance foreman and authorization to fill this position on a temporary basis until a permanent maintenance foreman can be appointed. Todd County policy states that the interim position will be paid a four percent increase during the term of the appointment.

- The board approved it.

- Awarded the contract for the County State Aid Highway #1 bridge construction project to Structural Specialties Inc. of Hutchinson based on their low bid of \$617,038.15.

- Approved MIS to replace a host server as part of the regular technology replacement. The total cost of the server is \$7,834. The following funds will be utilized to pay for the purchase: Compliance - \$2,585.22; Recorder Tech Funds - \$313.36; MIS Budget - \$2,506.88; Social Service budget - \$1,645.14; Corrections budget - \$783.40

- Approved the hire of Jodi Anderson as a part-time jailor/dispatcher.

- Approved the hire of Jacob Weishair as a part-time court security officer.

- A request to rezone 6.3 acres of land east of Highway 71 in Little Sauk Township from RT to AF-2 to be consistent with adjacent land to the east for James C. and Shannon Anderson was approved without conditions.

- Approved the request to establish Reese Estates Preliminary Plat. The subdivision request was submitted by landowner John and Barbara Reese to establish a two lot subdivision on parcel #25-0003101. It was approved with two conditions: 1) Get approval for an access to Todd Line Road for the new parcel to be created, 2) Create a property line adjustment so that building setbacks for existing structures are met.

- Authorized the request to establish Hailey Springs Second Addition Preliminary Plat on parcel #14-0025800 with no conditions for landowners Bruce and Maureen Welle.

- Authorized a request by G & K Sand and Gravel to operate a temporary hot mix plant on parcel #03-0036600 in Sauk Centre.

- Accepted the resignation of Neva Volkman effective July 21 as an eligibility worker.

- Approved the hire of Neva Volkman for legal assistant in the county attorney's office.



Online marketing tips

Sarah Dregney talks about online marketing at the Lunch & Learn session on July 21, with more than 20 people listening to the presentation. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Lunch & Learn stresses mobile-friendly web sites

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

If a business web site is not mobile-friendly, Google will eventually cut it out of their searches, since most searches are now done on mobile devices. To be mobile-friendly, the web site must be able to shrink so that it is readable on the small screen of a smart phone.

That was one of the takeaways offered by Sarah Dregney during the Lunch & Learn on July 21, sponsored by the Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA). The event was held at NJPA in Staples.

Dregney, of J&J Solutions, had many tips for businesses who want to do more online and through social media. She noted that social media is not free any more, as businesses that pay more get more views on their ads and posts.

Dregney had advice for people confused by the many different social media platforms. "Pick one and be good at it," she said. She also advised to make sure it fit

the intended audience, as younger people do more with instagram and snapchat, while older people use facebook.

She suggested posting regularly and even creating a content calendar so that the updates can be planned.

"Posts have to be unique, short and simple," she said. "Be personal and have consistency."

Part of the presentation was how to get Google search engines to find a business. Besides the mobile-friendly sites, Dregney suggested controlling the web site's meta description, which is the small print that comes up after the web site name in an online search. She also said changing content, creating links and writing at least 500 words of text are important to keep up for Google to optimize the site in a search.

Dregney said online marketing should be part of an overall strategy that includes networking, signage, print, digital and personal relationship marketing.

Mechanical CPR devices given to Lakewood Health System



Learning about LUCAS

Lakewood Health System EMTs Kai Brings and Kevin Olsen practice using the LUCAS device on Shelby Smith. (Submitted photo)

The Minnesota Department of Health/Office of Rural Health & Primary Care, on behalf of the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, recently provided Lakewood Health System two LUCAS 3 mechanical CPR devices. Staff members Scott Braith, Sherrie Luyster, Alysa Olson, Donald Brusewitz, and Joanna Chmielecki were given a four-hour in-depth training on how to use the device to provide life-saving treatment during a cardiac arrest.

"With the LUCAS devices, we're able to provide even better care to our patients," said Scott Braith, Lakewood Ambulance Supervisor. "We're grateful to the Trust for the donation of these devices, and I know they will go a long way to help our staff more effectively care for patients."

Known as an automated chest compression device, the Physio-Control LUCAS 3 Chest Compress-

ion System is a mechanical CPR device that allows medical personnel to perform hands-free consistent and uninterrupted CPR while attending to their patient's other needs. Additional benefits include the ability to use the device in conjunction with an AED device; allowing for rhythm re-establishment during a cardiac arrest, eliminating rescuer fatigue associated with manual CPR, and decreasing risk of injury to medical personnel during transport.

Although widely used in Minnesota's Metro region, less than 80 percent of ambulance services and hospitals in Greater Minnesota have access to a LUCAS device. These rural communities have been identified by the Helmsley Foundation as areas of greatest need when it comes to access to quality, effective healthcare. By providing a device to all rural ambulance services and hospitals, the Grant will be instrumental in improving this imbalance. Minnesota's Commissioner of Health, Dr. Ed Ehlinger, sees the Helmsley Grant as "...part of our efforts to ensure quality healthcare for all Minnesotans." "Our goal is to improve cardiac arrest survival rates by installing these devices in every ambulance and hospital in the state."

Buffer cost share funds available

Almost \$5 million is available to support landowners in meeting the requirements of Minnesota's buffer law. The buffer cost-share program funds were approved at the June meeting of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). These Clean Water Funds, passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Dayton at the end of the 2017 legislative session, provide important support to the Governor's Buffer Initiative.

If cost-share is used to install buffers or alternative practices, stipulations will apply. A cost-share

contract for buffers is for 10 years, and regular spot-checks will be performed. Haying is allowed on cost-shared buffers outside of the nesting season. If cost-share is not used to install the buffer haying and grazing are allowed at any time as long as the vegetation is maintained.

The 2017 legislation also recognizes that some landowners may have hardships (ie; weather) in meeting the public waters deadline. The added language allows for an eight-month extension for implementation; if the landowner or authorized agent has filed a riparian

protection "compliance plan" with their local SWCD by November 1, 2017. Compliance waivers offer a buffer deadline extension until July 1, 2018.

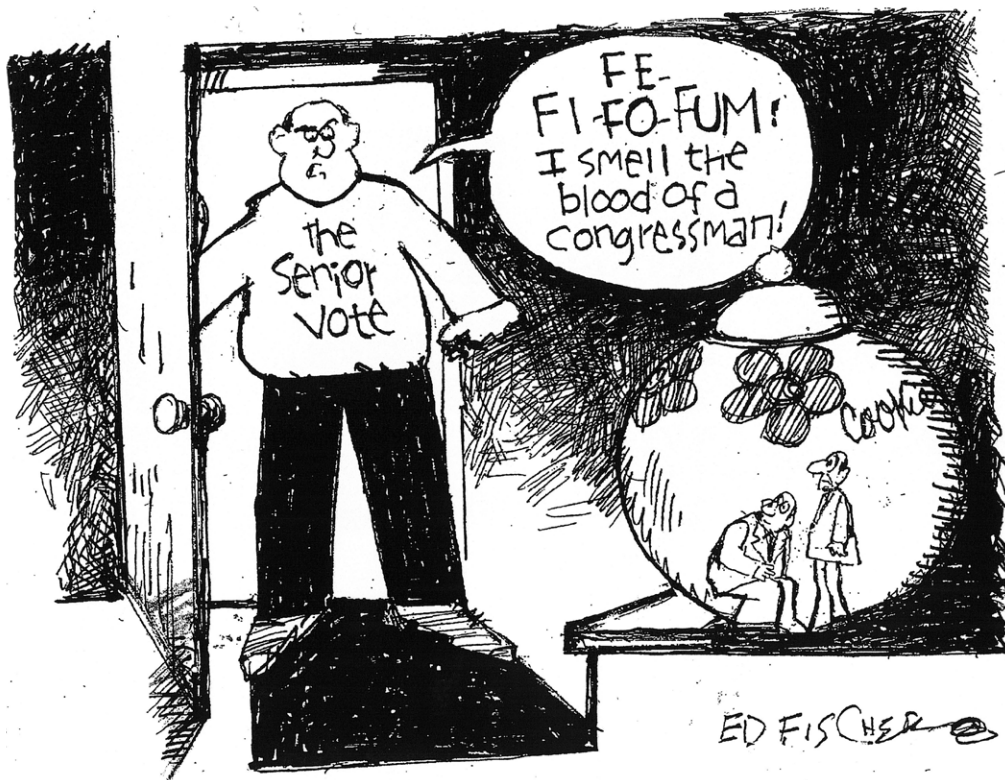
The state buffer law requires buffers on public waters by Nov. 1, 2017 and on public drainage ditches by Nov. 1, 2018.

For more information on the buffer law, including the cost-share program, Todd SWCD at 320-732-2644 or visit: www.bwsr.state.mn.us/buffers.

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The false choice of working daughters

By Liz O'Donnell

I was riding home from work on the commuter rail one night when the train lost power. In the dark, without the hum of the engine, I could hear every detail of my fellow passengers' conversations.

"Listen honey," I heard a man behind me comforting his wife on the phone, "Take your mother to her doctor's appointment. This is important. If your boss seriously fires you for going, we will deal with it."

My heart at once broke for the wife and swelled for the husband. How I could relate to her dilemma: go to work or help an elderly parent. And how grateful I was that she, absent the flexibility to both earn a living and have a life, at least had the support of an understanding partner.

That woman from my train ride faced a situation that is far too common. There are an estimated 44 million unpaid family caregivers in the United States and the majority are women. According to a new survey by Home Instead, Inc., half of working female caregivers feel they have to choose between being a good employee and being a good daughter. Another study calculated the financial hit women take if they make that false choice between work and family. According to MetLife and the National Alliance for Caregiving, women lose an estimated \$324,044 in wages due to caregiving because they reduce their hours, take jobs with less responsibility or quit altogether. Or perhaps, they try

to hang on to their jobs and are penalized anyway. The Home Instead survey also includes the fact that 13 percent of women reported they were passed over for a promotion or raise due to caregiving and 25 percent say that at their place of work there is a stigma attached with taking time off to care for a parent or aging relative.

Caregiving is stressful enough under good circumstances. The responsibility of helping someone through aging, illness and end of life, is tremendous. Caregiving while worrying about your job and financial security can feel unbearable. And yet, every day working daughters soldier on. They soldier on because they know if not them, then who?

The Society of Human Resource Management says working female caregivers spend, on average, approximately 60 percent more time caring for aging loved ones, compared to their male counterparts. And a recent New York Times article noting both the propensity for women to manage family care and the lack of a national infrastructure to support our aging citizens, pointed out, daughter care, "is arguably the most reliable form of care in America." If daughters don't step up, who will? And of course, they soldier on because regardless of how challenging it may be to balance family and work, they need to earn a living.

Perhaps you believe caring for mom and dad is a private family matter, or that caregiving is yet an-

other so-called woman's issue. Think again. Never mind the fact that how we support our oldest citizens should be a matter of national pride, their care is also a national economic concern.

Caregiving costs American businesses between \$17.1 billion and \$33.6 annually from absenteeism, workplace interruptions and replacement costs. If millions of women aren't contributing to their bank accounts or retirement funds during their earning years, who is going to pay for the care they will some day need?

Currently we are looking at deep and potentially devastating cuts to Medicaid at the same time our senior population is rapidly expanding. As a result, more and more women, and men, will be called on to assist their parents in the coming years.

Businesses must do more to support working caregivers. Adopting policies like flexible schedules, paid family leave policies, employee assistance programs, and eldercare referrals and subsidiaries, will help caregivers navigate their competing roles as workers and daughters. Better yet, creating workplace cultures that truly value families and care will mean those two roles will no longer need to compete against each other.

Liz O'Donnell is the author of *Mogul, Mom & Maid: The Balancing Act of the Modern Woman* and founder of *WorkingDaughter.com*.

Letters to the Editor

Staples Pride

There are so many things to be proud of in our community, but I cringe when I see the "beautiful" gardens along Second Avenue. What were planned to show off our town are instead a disaster of thistle, milkweed, trees and other weeds and litter. I can find the roses if I pull the weeds. Is there any way our club, business, coffee group, family or other group can show your Staples Pride and "adopt" one of the areas and clean it up before Railroad Days? If those weeds go to seed, it means more weeds next year. A salute to the Rotary Club. Their boxes are watered and beautiful! Thanks for letting me complain, a privilege of old age.

LaVonne Selleck
Staples, Minn.

Recycling bins lost due to abuse

It has happened again, Thomastown residents. Our "recycling bins" located at the Thomastown Town Hall site have been removed again by Wadena County Solid Waste providers. Fewer than four years ago they had been removed for the same reasons. Residents (not all, and the few who keep jeopardizing this convenience for the rest of us know who you are) have been leaving all kinds of garbage instead of materials that can be recycled. Recyclable means that these materials can be re-made (or recycled) into other usable products. That is it. The latest garbage and non-reusable items include a dead pet, soiled diapers, parts of beds and other furniture,

plastics used in children's toys, containers full of dirt, filth, etc.

Several of us in Thomastown Township, and I have been a resident since 1970 (yes, that long ago) are extremely grateful for a venue that lets us take clean reusable items from our homes and let them be recycled. There is a listing of materials acceptable. Other items should and must be taken to solid waste facility north of Wadena or make other arrangements with garbage pick-up.

Will the bins be returned to the township site any time soon, or at all?

Time will tell. In the meantime we Thomastown residents are without a means of disposing of recyclables (note that I have used this term "recyclable" several times?). It is because this is the deciding factor for items placed in these bins (corrugated cardboard in one bin, and there is a lot of that; and other paper, plastic bottles, aluminum and tin cans, newspapers, etc in the other).

I apologize to the residents of Thomastown who, like I do, value this convenience, want and need it to be available to us. For the thoughtless and yes, selfish, others, take this letter and request to heart. If we are fortunate and Wadena County Solid Waste does return the bins, follow the instructions clearly printed on the bins and stop putting hazardous (diapers are considered such and require that all other materials are disinfected; ick, who would even think this is okay?) materials that no one can use in these bins.

A frustrated and long-time resident of Thomastown Township,
Coralie J. DeWald
Staples, Minn.

American Legion needs

As you have previously heard, Commander Larry Denny and Adjutant Don Amundson have resigned and are stepping down.

As we discussed at our May 9 meeting, we need someone to take their positions so our Post #70 can continue to operate. Any member is eligible to volunteer for these positions.

We do not want to drop our Charter of nearly 100 years.

We will meet on Thursday, July 27, at 7 p.m. at the Lion's Building located on Wisconsin Ave. on the south side of Staples.

Hope you all make a diligent effort to be there. Call 218-894-3747 with any questions.

Don Amundson, Adjutant
Staples, Minn.

Appreciation

Over the years, we have worked with just about every plumber in the area. Every one of them has been professional and knowledgeable and willing to do whatever it takes to solve the problem or just get the job done as quickly as possible. Believe me, not every town can make this claim.

My father was a plumber in Iowa and he had the same work ethic as the plumbers around here.

By the way, I think the same can be said about our local excavators.

Anyway, when we see something praiseworthy, it is good to show our appreciation.

Thank you.

Sue Jenkins
Staples, Minn.



Keep strong safety net for ag, rural communities

As commodity prices remain low and rural economies struggle, farmers and rural citizens need a strong safety net to stay afloat until conditions improve.

However, the budget proposals from the White House and the U.S. House of Representatives do not address that need. The

House Budget Committee recently released its 2018 budget proposal, which called for a \$10 billion cut in programs under the control of the House Agriculture Committee. And the 2018 Agriculture Appropriations Bill, released by the Congressional Budget Office, called for \$8.5 billion less in agriculture funding than the 2017 fiscal year enacted level. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has decided to eliminate its undersecretary position for rural development. We are deeply concerned about these changes.

Public funding helps farmers through programs such as crop insurance. Weather is never totally predictable. Minnesota experienced heavy rains in fall 2016 and spring 2017, which directly hit harvest and planting times. Farmers need strong funding not only to cover lost income, but for research on navigating these tough times.

Public services such as local soil and water conservation districts and university extension services provide valuable information on soil health, fertilizer management and more.

The good news is, according to news reports, the CBO expects the option of re-enrolling in the Agricultural Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture to re-

main viable.

Our members consistently tell us how much they have been helped by rural development programs. It's not just farmers who receive the benefits, and the 2018 Farm Bill will include titles on rural development. Funding cuts of this size will prevent the Farm Bill from serving the people who need it most.

For instance, many rural residents are investing in renewable energy sources such as solar and wind. Tax credits and federal and state assistance make it easier to do this. In a time when climate change is becoming more apparent, incentivizing renewable energy in rural areas is crucial.

Minnesotans were lucky this spring to get a strong agriculture budget from the state legislative session. Our state relies heavily on the agriculture industry for economic health, as does the whole nation.

Federal legislators should follow that example as they construct the 2018 Farm Bill. We urge them to listen to real American farmers and rural residents and keep strong safety net funding. Minnesota Farmers Union will continue to fight for the funding farmers deserve.

Submitted by the Minnesota Farmers Union. For more information see www.mfu.org.

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Rehearsing for 'Sleeping Beauty'

Henchmen, movie crew members, actors, chorus girls, sheep and production staff were learning lines, dances and songs July 24 at the rehearsal for "Sleeping Beauty," a Prairie Fire Children's Theatre (PFCT) production brought to Staples by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council. Performances will be at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Friday, July 28, at Centennial Auditorium, Staples. Tickets will be available at the door. The public is invited to attend.

Above, the Henchmen rehearse one of their song and dance routines with

Antony Russell, right, one of the professional actors from PFCT. In the front row of dancers, from left, are Josie Jennissen, Sabrina Moe, Griffin Judd, Zachary Tabatt and Ceci Moe. In the back row, from left, are Nick Tabatt, Trent Dahl and Issiah Tabatt. Aften Robinson is hidden.

Below, the movie's production staff and directors run their lines. From left are Meghan VanAlost, Luke Bates, Ashlea Evans, Samantha Mrazek, Andrew Bates and Caden Mrazek. (Staples World photos by Brenda Halvorson)



Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

AA MTGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PILLAGER: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 7 p.m. For info., 218-839-1804.

AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

AA MTGS AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Mondays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-639-9743.

AA MTG AT STAPLES COMMUNITY CENTER: Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-8048.

AA MTGS IN VERDALE: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

AL-ANON MTG Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Staples United Methodist Church. For info., 218-296-1123.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY - ALCOHOLICS VICTORIOUS MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-640-5679.

DUAL RECOVERY ANONYMOUS MEETING Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS) PEER SUPPORT GROUP meets Thursdays, 7 p.m., at An Open Book, Jefferson Square Mall, 209 Jefferson St. S., Wadena. For info., call

NAMI at 651-645-2948.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MTG Mondays, Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m.; Mtg., 5:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-4888.

Monthly events

'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MTG first and third Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 3:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-3510, ext. 5376.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Thursday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt., 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG sponsored by Tri-County Health Care, first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., TCHC, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT

GROUP MTG second Monday, 6 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-296-2352.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-632-8733.

MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MTG second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall. For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Thursday, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Lakewood Health System Senior Campus, Staples. For info., 218-894-8393.

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

SENIOR CITIZENS MTG AT LEADER HALL third Tuesday. Potluck lunch, 11:30 a.m.; blood pressures, 11:30 a.m.

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

STAPLES MOTLEY EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION MTG second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Staples Family Center. For info., 218-894-1897, or smecc@isd2170.k12.mn.us.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG third Thursday, 8 p.m., Church of Christ, Browerville. For info., 320-533-1119.

WADENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEE MTG third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebeka. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCoChair@yahoo.com.

WAHOO VALLEY AREA MN DEER HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION MTG second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley. For info, 218-640-5423.

WOMEN OF TODAY MTG first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

August 3, 15
IMMUNIZATIONS CLINICS sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, Thurs., Aug. 3, 3 - 5 p.m.; and Tues., Aug. 15, 10 a.m. - noon, at 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. For info., 218-631-7629. Wadena County Public Health also offers family and child health services, including WIC. Call above number for info., to schedule an appointment.

Geoff Elvee to perform at Music in the Park

Geoff Elvee, country singer/songwriter, will perform at the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 30, at 7 p.m.

As stated in his press release, "Hardships, hard work and heroes have always been key subjects in country music, but in the rugged working hands of Geoff Elvee these topics are eloquently transformed into first rate songs written or co-written by this established country musician."

A native of St. Peter, Elvee left the farm in his mid 20's traveling throughout the western states playing with pick-up bands, performing solo shows and working construction sites along the way.

In 1998, he moved back to Minnesota where he eventually co-produced and released his first and second albums, "It's About Time" and "Big Wheels," which contained songs he had written.

Elvee has been performing for 20 years both regionally and nationally with a cast of top notch professional musicians. He is currently working on his third album, "Being a Man," due to be released sometime this year.

He has also been involved with producing and performing veteran military appreciation charity concerts along the way.



Country musician

Country musician Geoff Elvee will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 30, at 7 p.m. at Norther Pacific Park. (Submitted photo)

Elvee describes himself as being a fan of "more traditional country music," which means "you can expect to hear country music the way it was meant to be performed...with heart, soul and personality." His shows include original music, the stories behind the songs; and a Chris Ledoux Tribute upon request.

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

the regular concert series, check out www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

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

The Music in the Park Series is held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and will run through August 13. For more information on the Music in the Park series as well as

Koopmann, Crust, to be featured at Lakes Area Music Festival

Trumpet players John Koopmann of Motley and Jon Crust of Staples are two of the instrumentalists to be featured at the first Lakes Area Music Festival concert Sunday, July 30, at 2 p.m., at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd.

This year's Lakes Area Music Festival includes two concerts (Sunday, July 30 and Wednesday, Aug. 2); and will take audiences on a musical tour of the globe. The concerts are free.

Sunday's concert will begin the world tour in England with a fanfare by Benjamin Britten played by Crust, Koopmann and Chris Fogderud, all on trumpet. Then on to Italy,

where Koopmann and Crust will remain on trumpet, Fogderud will switch to horn and Ryan Webber will join them on trombone to play a "Canzona" by Giovanni Gabrieli.

Austria will be the next stop on the musical tour, where a lively allegro section from a Beethoven trio will demonstrate that piano and strings can make noise, too.

The program will also feature "Libertango" by Astor Piazzolla; and performances by the Legacy Choral of Greater Minnesota, acapella group Consensus Ensemble; and the lakes Area String Ensemble.

Wednesday's concert begins at 7 p.m. and will feature baritone John Taylor

Ward, who will transport the audience to a variety of distant lands. Ward, the festival's associate artistic director, will be accompanied by piano, guitar and percussion. He will give a pre-concert lecture at 6:30 p.m.

The Lakes Area Music Festival, an annual summer series attracting many leading instrumental and vocal performers, takes place July 30 - August 20. All performances are at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd and are free of charge. More than 130 instrumentalists and vocalists from 24 states and three continents will participate as guest artists. For more information, visit www.lakesareamusic.org.

Educational Opportunities

August 15

55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT CLASS offered by the Minnesota Highway Safety Center, Tues., Aug. 15, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. For info., to register, 1-888-234-1294 or visit their web page at www.mnsafetycenter.org.

COZY THEATRE
WADENA, MN

Screen 1: Fri. thru Thurs. July 28 - Aug. 10
2 Shows Every Night at 7:00 & 9:15
Matinee Sun. July 30 at 1:15 pm

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Screen 2: Held Over 2nd Week!
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2 Shows Every Night at 7:10 & 9:25
Matinee Sun. July 30 at 1:25 pm

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Matinee Sun. July 30 at 1:30 pm

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Avoid Event Conflicts

Check the Events Calendar online at www.staplesworld.com

Submit events to dtimbs@staplesworld.com

Public library programs

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

Animal Home Matchup!

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

Minnesota Workforce Center visits - Aug. 3

A workforce center staff person will be available Aug. 3, 2-4 p.m., to assist adult job seekers with resumes, accessing online job sites and any other one-on-one assistance.

Reading Roundhouse storytime - Aug. 9

A fun storytime and activities for ages Pre K - 2nd grade. Wednesday, Aug. 9 10:30-11:30 a.m. Registration required. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Animal Architects - Aug. 9

Join St. John's Outdoor University to explore some of the world's most talented architects—animals. We will read some stories, play games and have a lot of fun. Wednesday, Aug. 9; 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Registration required. Limit 30. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

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

The Bears Den

Leader MN

19th Annual

Vegas **GROWLERS** Vegas
Saturday, July 29

Vegas Theme

•Beer Garden •Outside Bar
•Food Booth •Kickin' it off with a DJ at noon •Parade 2pm, contact the Bears
Den to enter a float 218-397-2331
•Growler Competition 3pm

FREE Kids Entertainment!!!

•Bounce House •Magician Show 3pm (the Amazing Charles Magic Show)
Balloon Animals •Money Machine (Adults can join in on the fun!)

The Famous L.A. Pig Racing Show
Performing at 5 & 7pm
Reserve your seat early
218-397-2331

Live Band performed outside under the stars!!
Rhyme or Reason
9pm-1am

Amazing display at dusk
Fireworks
Come and join the fun!
Viva Las Vegas

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Victoria and Cody Vacek of Bowlus, a baby girl, Ilo Ann weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on July 17, 2017.

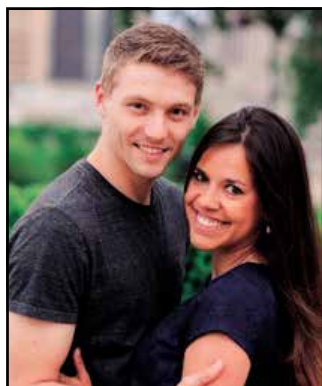
Born to Haley and Derek Wiese of Bertha, a baby girl, Alexandra Angeline weighing five pounds, two ounces on July 19, 2017.

Born to Christine Mayer and Taylor Bendson of Motley, a baby boy, Brantley James weighing six pounds on July 19, 2017.

Born to Jayme and Jay Ball of Pillager, a baby girl, Hannah Sawyer, weighing eight pounds, four ounces on July 20, 2017.

Born to Erica and Dana Cooper of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Eleanor Maureen, weighing seven pounds, three ounces on July 21, 2017.

Engagement



Carter, Mejia

Dan and Stacey Carter of Staples announce the engagement of their son, Ryan Carter of St. Paul, to Cassidy Mejia, daughter of Ruben and Lianne Mejia, all of Pella, Iowa.

Ryan is a 2010 graduate of Staples-Motley High School; and a 2015 graduate of the University of Northwestern, St. Paul and the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He is employed as a mechanical engineer at Wold Architects and Engineers in St. Paul.

Cassidy is a 2008 graduate of Pella Community High School; and a 2012 graduate of the University of Northwestern, St. Paul.

The couple will be married on Oct. 21, 2017, in Pella.

Obituary



Bess Hoff

Bess A. Hoff, 97, of Fergus Falls, passed away July 23, 2017 at St. Therese of New Hope.

Services will be held Friday, July 28, at 2 p.m. at the Olson Funeral Home Chapel, 711 Pebble Lake Rd, Fergus Falls, with Reverend Kate Bruns officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Fergus Falls.

Arrangements are with the Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls.

Bess was born July 20, 1920 in Staples to Olaf and Stella (Williams) Johnson. She graduated from Staples High School and completed her training to be a teacher. Bess moved to the Fergus Falls area where she taught at the Aastad Country School. She married Milt on September 14, 1946, at Aastad Lutheran Church.

In addition to teaching, Bess held various bookkeeping and administrative roles in Perham, Fergus Falls and Bloomington. She was a charter member of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, participated in the church choir, wedding ring circle, Bible study, was a member of Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW, Norwegian Choir, card clubs and Homemakers. She enjoyed reading, traveling, board games, walking, camping and gardening with her greatest joy being her family.

She is survived by one son, Tom (Karen) and one daughter, Mary (Mark) and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years; one brother, Elmer and two sisters Myrtle and Loretta.

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New pastor event July 30 at United Methodist Church

The District Superintendent of the North Star District of the United Methodist Church, Minnesota Annual Conference, announced that Bishop Bruce Ough has appointed Greg Leslie as pastor of the Staples United Methodist Church.

There will be a service of Celebrating the Appointment on Sunday, July 30, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Staples United Methodist Church, 310 5th St NE, Staples, MN. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Joseph Roline graduates from banking school

Joseph Roline, Commercial Loan Officer with First International Bank and Trust in Staples recently graduated from the Dakota School of Banking sponsored by the North Dakota Bankers Association (NDBA) and endorsed by the South Dakota Bankers Association (SDBA). In its 44th year, the school trained 61 bank personnel. The school has been held on the campus of University of Jamestown in Jamestown, North Dakota, since 1997.

"This school is designed to meet the needs of today's bank employees," said Dorothy Lick, NDBA senior vice president of education. "It provides focused education for bankers who seek a better understanding of the industry and advancement in their careers."

Students are enrolled

for two years, attending the school one week each summer. The first-year session provides a general overview of the banking industry and the departments that make up a bank. The second-year session builds on the general banking knowledge gained in the first year and adds a computerized bank management simulation to reinforce technical and functional management skills.

Teachers at the school include bankers, attorneys, accountants and financial industry consultants. Sessions combined lecture, hands-on activities, a computerized banking simulation and testing.

The North Dakota Bankers Association offers services to banks in the areas of government relations, education, communications, insurance and bank products.

Care Center

August Birthdays

Gladys Boe, August 2; Delores Arrigoni, August 3; Hal Totz, August 7; Arlene Stokes, August 8; Delores Hutchison, August 8; Marion Fuller, August 30



New Rotarian

The Staples Rotary Club recently welcomed a new member. President Jim Vogel, left, presented a membership pin to Kurt Wilson. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

Boy Scouts go to Washington, DC



Wreath laying ceremony

Boy Scouts Austin Erickson (front left), John Muhlenkamp (front right), Jordon Carlson (back left) and Garrett Carlson (back right) render a hand salute July 16 during a wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknown.

The Scouts are in Washington, D.C., touring before attending the Boy Scout National Jamboree in West Virginia. (Submitted photo)

going back over 100 years and the Scouts were able to look at them. Many of the Scouts focuses on the year of their birth.

"They all talked about Y2K when I looked," said Erickson.

"Mine all focuses on 9-11," said Muhlenkamp.

In one section there was a large portion of an antenna from one of the twin towers and on a wall behind it was front-pages from around the world.

In another section there were several complete sections of the Berlin Wall and documentation of its existence and its fall. For several of the Scouts they knew very little about it because it came down long before they were born.

"It was not at all what I was expecting when I heard we would be visiting the Newseum," said Muhlenkamp.

The Scouts will continue their trip in Washington D.C. for the next three days and will be visiting the Capital building, Smithsonian museums, Holocaust Museum and much more before heading to the Boy Scout National Jamboree, in West Virginia. Jordon and Garrett Carlson, Motley are also part of the Central Minnesotas Council's Contingent.

Day one of Central Minnesota Council's Boy Scout trip in Washington D.C. is in the books but the adventure has just begun.

The Scouts packed their first day in Washington with visits to the Boy Scout Memorial, the Newseum and a packed visit to Arlington National Cemetery, where four of the Scouts took part in a wreath laying ceremony.

"It was a big honor to be a part of the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," said John Muhlenkamp, 16,

Swanville. Muhlenkamp was a member of the previous Jamboree Contingent in 2013 from Central Minnesota Council and was looking forward to being a part of the wreath laying group. He is the Senior Patrol Leader for the contingent, which means he holds the highest leadership position for the youth members. "I was really proud to visit the Boy Scout Memorial," said Austin Erickson, 16, Baxter. "Prior to visiting today I didn't know we had our own me-

morial here and it really says something about the importance of Scouting to have a memorial of that size in the Nation's Capital."

The Scouts spent their morning at the Newseum, which focuses on the documentation of the First Amendment.

"I was really surprised by the Newseum and the amount of artifacts they had and the variety of topics they covered," said Muhlenkamp.

In one room they had front-pages of newspapers

Guide published on starting a child care business

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) is offering a free manual on how to start a family child care business.

"First Considerations in Starting a Family Child Care Business" provides details on licensing, financing, state laws, child care resources and more. The agency was directed by the Minnesota Legislature last year to develop and publish the manual in response to a

shortage of child care services in the state, particularly in Greater Minnesota.

"Lack of quality, affordable child care is a barrier that can prevent parents throughout Minnesota from fully participating in the workforce. And with the looming labor shortage, all workers are needed," said DEED Commissioner Shawntera Hardy. "This publication offers information that will help Minnesotans decide whether

to enter this industry at a time when child care services are badly needed."

The Mankato-based Center for Rural Policy and Development last year called the shortage of child care in Minnesota "a quiet crisis." The group issued a report that said in-home family child care providers are leaving the field. The number of licensed in-home family child care providers decreased by 27 percent across the state be-

tween 2006 and 2015.

Earlier this year, DEED awarded grants totaling \$500,000 under the Greater Minnesota Childcare Grants Program to eight groups that will work to increase the number of child care providers in their Greater Minnesota communities. "First Considerations in Starting a Family Child Care Business" covers six broad areas that often are barriers to successful entry into the field:

- The child care market and consumer choices
- Licensing requirements
- Startup costs and ongoing expenses
- Business structure
- Working capital and commercial loans
- Tax and regulatory requirements

The manual is available in hard copy, CD or online. Customers can get a free hard copy or CD by calling 651-259-7476. A PDF of "First Considerations in Starting a Family Child Care Business" is available on the DEED website.

DEED will award a second round of grants totaling \$500,000 later this year.

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Learning the ropes pays off for Noble

Cody Noble attributes his roping success to being

a good student. "I pick up on every little

thing," he said. "You have to have very good listening

skills. Even if a 12 year old has a suggestion, I will try

it out."

Noble's study paid off at a national roping competition in New Town, ND, in July, as he earned one first place and one second place in the team roping competition, against 380 teams. The performance earned him two saddles and a belt buckle, plus cash bonuses.

The process starts at the Noble ranch near Leader, where Cody's dad, Luke, helps him hone his craft. "My dad watches roping on TV and he gives me things to work on." He has also been to professional clinics, all part of learning the trade.

In team roping, there is a header and a heeler. The header throws a rope around the steer's horns and the heeler ropes the back legs. Noble is a heeler, which takes accuracy and timing to get the rope under the legs while they are up in the air. In competition, the team gets a time penalty if he ropes just one

leg instead of two.

Noble started throwing a rope at age seven or eight and has been trying it from a horse since he was 11 years old.

Now, as a high school senior, he works on the family ranch, but that doesn't leave a lot of time for roping practice. On July 20, he had just finished a day of clearing downed trees from fences after a windstorm swept through the ranch, but his dad, sister Lizzy and a few friends started practicing late into the evening.

"I hope to get done with a little bit of daylight left for practice," said Noble.

Noble competes in steer roping and team roping in high school competitions. He has a regular header for high school tournaments, Jacqueline Lucas of Jordan, Minn., but for the big competitions the ropers usually draw for a partner.

Noble's roping horse is Bud, who he bought after his first horse, Cletus, got injured and had to avoid competition for a year. He said he paid \$5,000 for Bud and has already won back \$4,000 in prize money.

"He is a fast learner," Noble said about Bud, "He's like a human, he has amazing days, good days and terrible days."

Noble has been to three big competitions so far this summer and has three roping events planned for the upcoming week, first in Effie, then New Ulm and finally a big jackpot competition in Jamestown, N.D.



Team roping takes more than two people

After clearing downed trees from the arena at the Noble ranch on July 20, Cody Noble (left) and Isaac Swendsrud (right) attempt to rope a calf. Swendsrud is just learning the sport to help his friend. Sitting on the fence is Cody's father Luke and Dalton Holmberg. Working the gate to release the steer is Lizzy Noble

and Izabella Edin. Holmberg and Swendsrud often volunteer for roping practice. "I don't know what I'd do without my friends picking (rocks out of) the arena and helping me out," said Cody. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Roping swag

Noble with the two saddles and a belt buckle he won at the roping competition in New Town, N.D. (Submitted photo)



Successful throw

Cody Noble snares both hind legs of a steer, the goal of the team roping competition. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

New review process may help when property is split

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

A presentation made to Todd County commissioners at their July 18 work session by Recorder Cheryl Perish and Soil and Water Conservation Director Tim Stieber on a new split statute policy being reviewed could make things a lot easier on landowners who want to build on those property splits.

Perish said that since 1987, planning and zoning has wanted to review all land splits, but it wasn't until 2017 that legislation was passed allowing for it.

This will allow a review of splits before they are recorded.

Stieber said this wasn't anything new, but it was trying to get everyone to follow the rules when splits are done.

"We have an average of 80 of these a year. The planning commission has an average of 30 on record so most go directly to the recorder," said Stieber.

Having the review done at the time land splits are made will help solve some problems, including showing landowners if the land will be able to be built on once a split is done.

Perish said that this is a safeguard for landown-

ers because they'll get approval for things like building before they do a split.

Stieber said that he anticipates they'll receive 30 to 50 more of these through their office with the change.

If applications are complete, they have to be authorized within 24 hours. He said that if parts were missing, the applications would be deemed incomplete.

After complete, they'll go to the recorder.

Stieber added that they will need to work with the three townships that do their own planning and zoning.

Stieber said that when a split in a property causes a problem they've had to go around some of the rules in the past to figure out a way for people to use the land the way they hoped to.

He said that doing it this way, they'll be following a process which should help eliminate problems.

Perish said the plan is to begin this Jan. 1, 2018.

Commissioner David Kircher said that this would be better between the two departments and for the taxpayers.

"We're not sure where the break in communication happened because the

ordinances are out there," said Perish.

Stieber said that the property splits would not be rolled into the process with no additional fees.

"We'll just work with people on it," said Stieber.

Commissioner Randy Neumann commented that this was a nice preventative measure.

Perish added that they've been able to record the properties, but the property owner may not have been able to do anything (build) on it.

"This will fix that," she said.

Stieber and Perish will work on the requirements and plans to present the board something in August.

Personnel Policy

County Coordinator Joe Hatch presented the work he's done on the county personnel policy, noting that the policy hasn't been updated in many years.

He provided an outline of some of the recommended changes for board review including new laws that are required to be addressed. He worked on many of the details with Human Resources Manager Karla Nalezny.

He's also recommending that the policy be transitioned into a handbook.

Some areas of change include; the employment section, with its current practice of how the hiring is done and a recommended process which would include a consistent process for each recruitment.

One of the problems

noted was that the current process takes too long to complete from start to finish.

Hatch also added a new section on employee conduct that would outline employee expectations. Even though some of the language is in many posi-

tion descriptions, it would add consistency. It would not change the additional language and policies for an employee's specific service area.

Changes will be brought to the board for final review and approval.

U of MN Extension Dairy and Dairy Goat Field Days set

By Brenda Miller, University of Minnesota Extension

The University of Minnesota Extension will be holding two summer field days; one for dairy goat producers and one for dairy cattle producers. The field days will allow extension to team up with successful dairy operations to showcase their farms with local producers and agribusinesses.

Marty and Heather Olson of Long Prairie will host the 2017 Todd County Dairy Goat Field Day, August 3; 10 a.m. - noon. The Olson's farm is located at 15814 County 50, Long Prairie. Approximately 7.5 miles south of Long Prairie just off Hwy. 71 near Little Sauk. Watch for signs.

The Olson's milk 80 registered Alpine and Saanen

dairy goats in a double eight parallel parlor. They started with just two milking does and hope to expand to 150 in the next few years. All female kids are kept as replacements and fed heat treated colostrum, then milk replacer. Heather also makes soap, lotions and other products from their goat's milk. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsors include: Montchevre and Central MN Dairy Initiative.

Donnie and Carolyn Middendorf of Long Prairie will host the 2017 Todd County Dairy Field Day August 8; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Middendorf's farm is located at 20102 County 36 Long Prairie. Approximately 3.5 miles west of Long Prairie. Watch for signs.

The Middendorf's

milk 100 cows in a swing eight parallel parlor. The parlor was retrofitted into their old tiestall barn five years ago. The cows are housed in a three row, sand bedded freestall barn. They revamped the manure handling system which includes a manure pit and filter strip. In addition, the Middendorfs are currently in the process of transitioning the farm to organic. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsors include: Compeer (formerly AgStar Financial Services) and Central MN Dairy Initiative.

To promote good herd health practices when visiting farms, wear clothes that have been washed and not worn in other livestock facilities since washing. Plastic boots will be provided. RSVP by August 1, to www.z.umn.edu/2017dairy or contact Brenda Miller at the Todd County Extension Office: 320-732-4435 or nels4220@umn.edu.

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Jack and JoAnn (Shake) Lund's family farm celebrates 100 years



At home on the farm

The Jack and JoAnn (Shake) Lund farm in rural Staples has been recognized as a Minnesota Century Farm. Located in the Leader area of Cass County, the farm has been in continuous family ownership since 1916. Pictured above with Jack and JoAnn (holding the sign) are, back row from left, their granddaughter, Mary Lund; daughter-in-law Sue Lund; son, Jim Lund; and grandson, John Lund. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

It's been over 100 years since Joseph (Joe) and Emma Shake purchased their farm in the Leader area of Cass County, located near the once-thriving community of Ellis.

The year was 1916; and the Shakes had moved from Marshall to continue the life they knew and loved... farming. It was a life they passed down to their children and grandchildren; and the seeds they sowed decades ago are still growing strong.

Now owned by their granddaughter, JoAnn (Shake) and her husband, Jack Lund, the farm was recently recognized as a Minnesota Century Farm.

To qualify for this title, farms must have been in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years and are 50 acres or more.

Her grandparents originally purchased 160 acres, JoAnn shared recently during an interview at the family farm. They milked cows by hand, and raised

sheep and pigs as well. Before they could begin farming the land, they had to clear numerous oak trees from the property.

While their house was being built, Joe and Emma lived in the chicken coop, JoAnn said, noting that they certainly didn't know the modern conveniences of today. Even after they moved into the house, it would be many years before they had electricity there. JoAnn still has the lanterns they used at night during those early days.

Joe and Emma had four children, a daughter, Blanche; and sons Woodrow, Gordon and Ward. Eventually, Gordon and his wife Bernice (Denning), JoAnn's parents, purchased the farm.

Prior to moving into the old home place, her family lived across the road, JoAnn said, adding, "I was four when we moved here." She went on to note that they switched houses with her grandparents.

In addition to JoAnn, Gordon and Bernice had another daughter, Donna,

who is now deceased.

The second generation of Shakes continued to milk cows for awhile, but eventually transitioned to raising beef cattle and sheep. Later on, Gordon and Bernice purchased an additional 160 acres.

JoAnn and her sister learned early on how to work on the farm. "I was about seven years old when my dad put me on a tractor," JoAnn said, adding that it was a 1952 Ford Ferguson. "I was always outside...cultivating corn, raking hay. I never worked inside."

The farm was often a gathering place for the neighbors. JoAnn has memories of fellow farmers stopping by to play a game of 500 now and then; and there was the occasional shivaree when someone in the neighborhood got married.

You never know what might happen when you live on a farm. JoAnn remembers the day her dad brought a horse in the house. And then there was the time someone brought a calf inside the house because it needed to warm up. It stayed there for three days.

"It's a good thing I met someone like Jack, someone who likes the same things I do," JoAnn said. "Not everyone wants a cow in the house."

JoAnn went to high school in Staples; and Jack, who grew up in Cushing, attended school in Little Falls. Their paths crossed at the Ten-Hi in Motley and it didn't take them long to realize they had a lot in common, including a love for farming. They were married in 1969.

In the early years of their marriage, the Lunds lived in the Twin Cities area as well as Granite Falls, due to Jack's job working as a manager for a granite quarry. Their son, Jim, was born during that

time. Every weekend, Jack, JoAnn and Jim would come back to the farm. They helped JoAnn's parents with chores and young Jim learned to drive on the same tractor his mom had. Jack remembers every Fourth of July he'd be mowing hay at the farm.

Her dad always had two large gardens, JoAnn shared. "He had 100 tomato plants," she said, going on to say that before anyone could go fishing, the strawberries and raspberries had to be picked. Jim remembered doing a lot of the tilling in those gardens.

When JoAnn's dad passed away in 1987, she and Jack bought the farm, putting it in their name. "Mom moved in with us then," JoAnn said, adding that she lived with them for 17 years.

When Jack retired 14 years ago, the family moved back to the farm for good. He'd crushed rock for 35 years, Jack noted, adding that he was ready to pour all of his energy into the farm.

Since that time, Jack and JoAnn have remained busy at their Century Farm. "We still have 100 head of cattle and I just was out raking hay this morning," JoAnn said recently.

Their son Jim, his wife Sue; and their children Nathan, Vanessa, John and MaryJo have also spent hours helping out at the farm.

"Jim and Sue lived here in 1990, until they got their own place down the road," JoAnn said. She shared how Sue liked to raise goats and sheep, in particular, when they were at the farm.

Although Jim and Sue are busy running JL Trucking, Excavating & Grading in Staples, they still find time to help farm on the side.

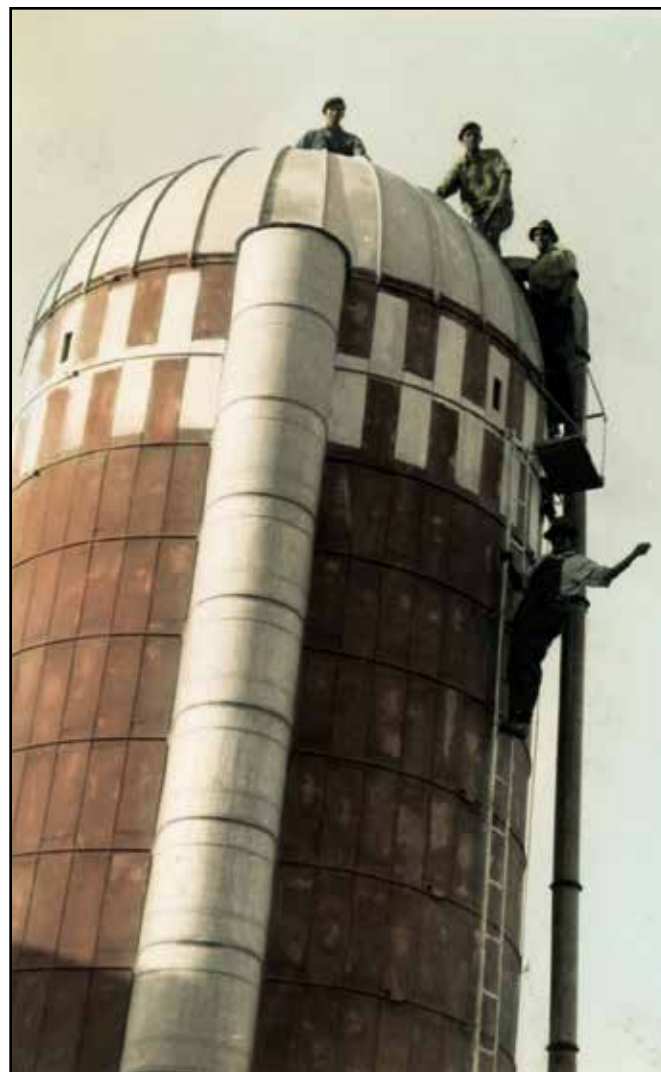
"This has been a great place for kids to learn how to work," Sue said, recalling the summers spent haying in the fields and tending to the animals. "They all have a good work ethic. When something needs to get done, you do it."

There have been ups and downs over the years, JoAnn said, mentioning animal diseases on occasion and times of drought (they don't have irrigation); but all in all, the positives have outweighed any negatives.

She felt very honored to receive the Century Farm certificate, JoAnn said, adding that she hopes she and Jack will be able to see the Century Farm display at the upcoming Minnesota State Fair.

Although the original barn and silo are no longer there, the same spirit that Joseph and Emma Shake brought to their farm over 100 years ago is still going strong.

JoAnn hopes it will remain in the family for years to come.



The old silo

Joseph (Joe) Shake, standing on the lower rung of the silo's ladder, along with his wife Emma (not pictured) were the original owners of the Shake family farm in Cass County which they purchased in 1916. Also pictured are two of the Shakes' sons, Ward and Gordon; and one unidentified person. The Century Farm is currently owned by Joseph and Emma's granddaughter, JoAnn, and her husband, Jack Lund. Although the silo is no longer standing, an old grainery which was once the cheese factory in Ellis, remains on the property. (Submitted photo)



Sharing memories

JoAnn (Shake) and Jack Lund are pictured in the original living room of their house which was built in 1916, the same year the Shake family established their farm at that location. Above them are two pictures of the farm, painted by Jack's Uncle Dan. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Earlier days

Emma (far left) and Joseph Shake (far right) were the original owners of the family farm that was established in 1916 and is still going strong in the Leader area. Also pictured is their grandson, Glenn Williams of rural Staples, son of Roger and Blanche (Shake) Williams; and Joseph's mother, Charlotte Shake. (Submitted photo)

Growler's Gathering in Leader set for July 29

The 19th Annual Growler's Gathering in Leader will be held Saturday, July 29, from noon until dusk.

Pig races, fireworks, music, food, magic show and a parade are just a few of the events on the roster. This year's theme is 'Vegas' and a D.J. will kick things off at noon.

There will be something for everyone at the Growler's Gathering. The parade begins at 2 p.m., followed by the annual Growler's Competition at 3 p.m.

Young people will enjoy the free 'Kids Entertainment' which includes a bounce house and a magic show by The Amazing Charles the Magician at 3 p.m.

Two 'LA (Leader Area) Racing Pigs' shows will be held during the gathering: one at 5 p.m. and a second at 7 p.m. Stop by the races to cheer on your favorite pig and perhaps win a prize during the evening.

A food booth will be available throughout the event; and there will be beer wagons and an outdoor bar on site as well.

The live band 'Rhyme or Reason' takes the stage at 9 p.m. and fireworks begin at dusk.

Downtown Leader is located 13 miles north of Motley on Hwy 64. For more information, call The Bear's Den at 218-397-2331.

Motley Police Department, MCSO reports

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

July 18 - The MPD assisted Todd Cty with a stolen vehicle last seen heading towards Motley from Philbrook. According to the report, Officer Jason Borash located the stolen vehicle at Cty Rd. 28; and the driver and passenger were taken into custody and transported to the Todd County Jail by Todd County deputies. The Staples Police Department was also at the scene and assisted with the call.

July 16 - The MPD received a call regarding suspicious activity at Country Terrace Apartments in Motley. According to the report, someone had thrown a number of items in the laundry room, including paddle locks and keys.

July 16 - The MPD responded to a report of an RV vehicle that was on fire at the BRICKS Travel Center parking lot. The Motley Fire Depart-

ment had already extinguished the fire prior to the MPD's arrival.

July 14 - The MPD assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a crash at Hwys 210 and 64. No injuries reported.

July 13 - The MPD received a report that a woman from a group home in Motley had run away and was last seen heading southeast from the group home.

July 13 - The MPD attempted to conduct a traffic stop at 385th St. and Hwy 10 in Motley, after noticing a horse trailer, being pulled by a pickup truck, did not have any functioning lights. The officer also noticed that the pickup was traveling at 33 mph in both the 50 mph and 65 mph zones. Officer activated the emergency lights and the vehicle pulled over. As the vehicle came to a stop, the driver fled out of the vehicle and headed to the southwest. Driver was described as being about 5 ft. tall, skinny, wearing a black hoodie and

blue jeans, and appeared to be the missing person for earlier in the day. Officer attempted to catch the suspect but lost her in the darkness. Officer radioed dispatch and other units arrived, including Morrison County, Todd County and Staples PD. Law enforcement searched the area and residences in the area and were unable to locate the subject. It was learned that the vehicle was stolen from a residence a couple of miles east of Motley off of Hwy 210 in Cass County.

July 19 - The MCSO reported suspicious activity in Motley. According to the report, Deputy Al Yoder came across a vehicle parked along Hwy 10 in the eastbound lane near Aztec Road. The vehicle's engine was still warm and some clothing items were lying outside the vehicle. The vehicle came back as stolen from Minneapolis with the suspect being armed. Vehicle was towed to Always Available in Motley.



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BBB, DLI warn against insurance deductible rebates

With the recent severe weather, many Minnesota homeowners are looking to their insurance policies to cover the costs of repairs to their homes. Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) wants to ensure that Minnesota homeowners are aware of a rule to protect them when they begin the process of finding a contractor to make repairs. In particular, BBB and the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) want to alert consumers about a Minnesota law en-

acted in 2010 that prohibits contractors from advertising or promising to pay or rebate all or part of any applicable insurance deductible.

"This law protects consumers and insurance companies from contractors who might inflate repair costs in order to pay the homeowner's deductible," said Charlie Durenberger, Manager of Licensing and Enforcement Services in DLI's Construction Codes and Licensing Division.

The practice of contractors artificially increasing

the price charged to the insurance company to cover homeowners' deductibles - would ultimately lead to rising costs of homeowners insurance for all consumers. Under the 2010 law, DLI has broader powers to enforce this provision. Contractors who are found to have offered to pay or rebate a homeowner's insurance deductible can face a number of penalties, including suspension or revocation of their contractor's license and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Before you hire a con-

tractor, be sure to ask for their license number and then contact the Department of Labor and Industry at 651-284-5069 or 1-800-342-5354 to verify that the contractor is currently licensed and also to find out if they have a disciplinary history.

"BBB is always monitoring the marketplace for questionable business practices," said Susan Adams Loyd, President and CEO of BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Homeowners need to know they are responsible for paying the deductible on their homeowners insurance. If a contractor claims otherwise, consumers should report the incident to DLI at 651-284-5069 and Better Business Bureau at bbb.org or 1-800-646-6222.

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Find the crayfish, find the hungry fish

By Ray Gildow

A great way to locate fish in midsummer is to find crayfish. Just about every kind of fish likes to chew on crayfish, especially young crayfish before they get too big and their outside skeleton gets too hard. Bass, walleye, pike and even big panfish like to munch down crayfish.

Crayfish are common in streams and lakes and really like to hang out in areas where they can hide during the daylight hours and sneak out to feed at night. They feed on snails, algae, insect larvae, worms, tadpoles and some kinds of vegetation. Research shows that older crayfish are most active at dusk and continue to feed until daybreak. It is the young crayfish that are most likely to be out feeding during the daylight hours and this also makes them much more vulnerable to predation. They live short lives, usually less than two years. Crayfish are very produc-

tive, with egg carrying females carrying as many as 800 eggs at a time.

It is very easy to tell when fish are eating young crayfish because they often spit them up when caught. On Leech Lake and other lakes with the invasive rusty crayfish the distinctive color being spit out when caught is a red orange. Native crayfish adapt to the water color of the lake they inhabit. If using artificial crayfish as bait, it is a good idea to try to match the color of the bait to the actual color of the crayfish in the lake being fished.

Crayfish need places to hide so on big lakes looking around gravel bars and rocky areas is a very good bet. They also like to hide around wood and aquatic vegetation. I have a number of areas marked on my favorite lakes where I know the crayfish are hanging out and fish come to hunt. I have found that when cleaning fish in July, August and September cray-

fish are a common site in the bellies of walleye and bass. I have been amazed at the size of the crayfish in some of the smaller fish I have caught.

I have had my best luck fishing for bass when using artificial crayfish bait. The walleyes will take the bait too, but seem to be able to tell the fake from the real deal easier than bass. Areas with rocks and gravel are some of the best spots for fishing for small mouth bass. On the days when smallmouth don't like to chomp on the artificial crayfish, I just switch to other baits to catch them, but I know the crayfish are the reason they are in the area.

So, whether your fishing for bass, walleyes, or even alligators look for areas that have populations of crayfish. Yes, alligators love them too! And if you are fishing on a lake with Rusty Crayfish you might want to consider catching a bunch of them to eat yourself. They are delicious! Fish know that already.



National 4H Shooting Sports

Jack Benson and Jack Adamietz of Wadena County 4H qualified for National 4H Shooting Sports in Grand Island, Nebraska, June 26-30. They participated on the Hunting Skills Team. This team competes in 3-D archery, sporting clays, and three position 22 rifle. They complete written testing in ethics, hunting scenarios, wildlife ID and orienteering.

Benson placed fifth in the shooting skills and ethics portion. He placed 10th overall. Pictured above from left, Adamietz, Benson, Coach Sue and Megan D. of Pine City. At right, Benson with his national awards. (Submitted photos)



Outdoor lovers wait, worry over administration policies

As 2016 ended and 2017 began, I – like some others who write about the outdoors – took a wait-and-see attitude on how policies under a new president might impact fishing, hunting, outdoor recreation and the environment in general. I recall writing of a first-family member's involvement in back-country big game hunting, about an administration that might be more independent from special political interests – “the swamp,” as it's sometimes called – than other politicians and administrations. As an angler, hunter and someone who calls himself an environmentalist, I considered the possibility that everything would be alright.

That confidence was not based on a track record, for there really was none. None, that is, other than a track record of shrewd business dealing. It was instead based on hope and on giving a new government the benefit of the doubt. Some of that optimism has been shaken by recent actions or announced intentions of the new administration, actions that have also alarmed respected conservation groups.

The most far-reaching of these involves the administration's announced intention to undo 2015 regulations that were issued to clarify which waters – wetlands, streams, rivers and such – are subject to the protections of the 1972 Clean Water Act. Although federal courts have gotten into the fray over how to interpret which of our waters are subject to tighter rules on drainage, filling and exposure to pollution, those 2015 regulations sought to make things clearer, and – it's no secret – to be more protective.

The regulations made the case that many waters that seem isolated and of no special importance, are really interconnected and important. Most waters – even “temporary” seasonal ponds and wetlands and small

streams – serve a purpose in meeting the needs of both human and other life. Temporary wetlands contribute to the recharge of underwater aquifers that provide drinking and irrigation water, as well as resting and nesting places for ducks, geese and other birds and animals. Small creeks and tributary streams feed into larger streams, which then empty into lakes or major river systems. The 2015 regulations made it tougher to alter, pollute or otherwise degrade the quality of any of these waters.

The administration recently announced that it wants federal administrators to review, withdraw and undo those protective 2015 regulations, essentially maintaining strong protections only for those lakes and rivers that are “navigable,” a sometimes confused and abused term that essentially means such waters are large enough and permanent enough to be traveled or navigated by watercraft.

So what's the problem with that? It may be too simple to say “all things are connected,” but it's often the case that if you make a change in one place, you'll create an effect elsewhere. It's true whether it's a change in a recipe or a river system. If you dam a stream or river and create an impoundment, the biology of the resulting lake – and the kinds of creatures that live there – will be different from when it was a free-flowing stream. If you ditch and tile a wet meadow that holds water from April to August, that water will run rapidly off the land and into connected ditches that may speed it into bigger waterways, and take it to the Gulf of Mexico. This, instead of slowly percolating into the soil and reaching an aquifer that can be tapped to irrigate nearby fields, tapped for a rural resident's well or that will contribute to fish-sustaining water flow in a nearby river. To say that if you can't navigate waters in a boat such waters don't deserve some thought before being destroyed or altered, ignores how the water systems in our world are connected to one another.

Estimates vary as to of the impact on wetlands and streams if the 2015 Clean Water Act regulations are withdrawn. The President of the

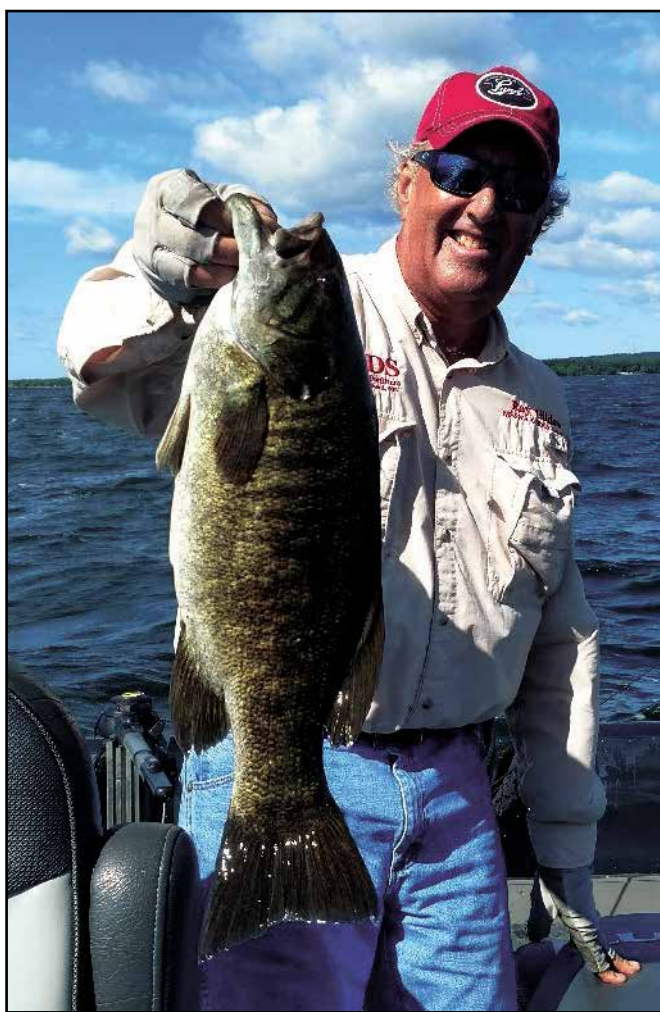
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, a prominent U.S. conservation group, stated that with the withdrawal of the regulations, 60 percent of the country's streams could lose their protections, as could more than 20 million acres of wetlands that support ducks, geese, furbearers and many other wildlife species.

Other disconcerting conservation news is in the wind, too. The federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides incentives for farmers to keep some of their poorest or marginally productive acres in cover crops instead of under cultivation and is a boon to pheasant and other wildlife production. A boon to hunters, too, as a consequence. The administration has announced that farmers will not be able to enroll any new acres in this program for three years, even though there is “headroom” under that program's cap on total CRP-enrolled acreage.

The administration's proposed budget would end funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a program whose purpose is to improve water quality, control the spread of invasive species, and protect and restore native fish and wildlife populations in Great Lakes ecosystems. Minnesota would be directly affected, as the cuts would halt efforts to clean up and restore water quality and fish populations in the St. Louis River, which flows through Northeastern Minnesota and empties into Lake Superior near Duluth.

There are further fears that federal lands now open to the public to hunt, fish, hike, camp and enjoy in other ways, will be turned over to state control, to either be maintained or instead sold to private interests; if the result is the latter, the outcome is likely to be an end to public access and use.

These are clearly uncertain and disturbing times if you are a hunter, angler or call yourself a “conservationist.” About all one can do is become more active in conservation causes, and be certain to somehow communicate to your congressman or senator that you are not liking some of the things you see, and are watching how he or she comes down on conservation issues.



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