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Welcome



Barb Cline
Staples Motley
Area Chamber

Greetings from the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce. As you are planning your summer trips, I would let you know about a new website for our area. This site was developed to help you see a lot of wonderful ways to "Discover Staples." A quote from one of their pages says, "The Staples area is known for music, fine arts, sports, and outdoor recreation - a little bit of everything and more than you may know. Residents and visitors can enjoy a variety of events and activities all year round."

I copy this so that if you are thinking of a place to visit, or to relocate to, please consider visiting our area and maybe choose to stay!

We are fast approaching the tourist season for our area, we feel the excitement building for all that is being planned. Much has happened in the area and we are so excited for you all to come and visit us. We are working furiously in planning our summer events of the Motley June Fest 2018 and Staples Railroad Days. Both will be fun-packed celebrations again this year and we hope you will add them to your list of events to attend.

What ever your interest is we have it! Sports, Music, County Fair, Classic Car Shows, Chili Cook Off, Wings Competition, Class Reunions, Music in the Park, vendors, farmers markets, city wide garage sales and list goes on.

Please add the Staples Motley area as your vacation destination this summer. There is something for everyone here. Thank you for visiting us.



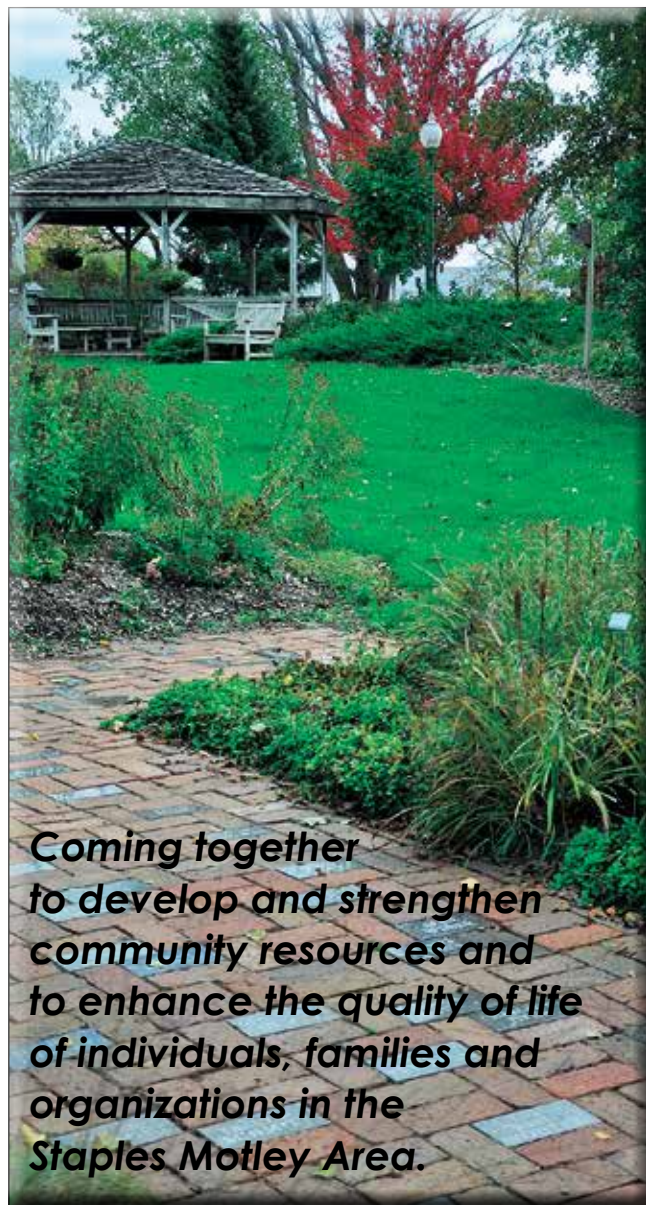
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Staples World

The Staples World, your community newspaper since 1890, is pleased to have prepared this visitors guide to showcase all the wonderful opportunities our area has to offer. If you have a story idea or calendar item for our next issue or if you would like to advertise your business or event, please contact us. We'll also be glad to get more copies of this guide to you for your customers and visitors. Thanks for reading!

Brenda Halvorson, General Manager

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Welcome from the Mayors



Chris Etzler
Mayor of Staples

Welcome to Staples! This is an exciting time for our Central Minnesota small town. And I invite you to be part of the adventure – as a guest or as a resident.

Want to enjoy the great outdoors? Staples is truly an outdoor enthusiast's dream. Dower Lake Recreation Area, Pine Grove Park, Legacy Gardens at Central Lakes College, and the Crow Wing River provide unlimited hunting, fishing, camping, and outdoor recreation opportunities. Take a swim, tube the river, bike the trails, picnic at the gardens, or simply enjoy

playing at the park with your family.

Enjoy sports and being active? So do we! We are proud of our Lumberbats baseball team, The Vintage Golf Course, our Sportsmen's Club and Shooting Range, Minnesota's longest fishing pier at Dower Lake, and our amazing high school teams. Our community center offers an indoor pool and fitness center.

Do you love art and music? Look no further. Enjoy music in the park each Sunday in the summer; acclaimed choral and instrumental concerts – both adult and student levels, resident artist exhibits and classes, and live theatre productions throughout the year.

Our new hotel and event center, Timberlake Hotel and Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, is a great place to begin your discovery of our community.

Are you looking for a great place to start a business or relocate? The City of Staples has the infrastructure in place to make that dream a reality. Our school district is strong, vibrant, and our students have amazing opportunities to excel. Lakewood Health System is recognized as one of our state's best hospitals and clinics. Central Lakes College has an active branch in Staples and recently invested in a large remodel of its facility.

Several small businesses have moved into downtown in the last couple of years and two more will open this summer. Other businesses have expansion plans with more job opportunities for the area. Will you be accepting one?

Please join us at our community celebration, Railroad Days, on August 23-25, 2018. We are also planning new events for Christmas on Dec. 1. We can't wait to show you all Staples has to offer. Check out discoverstaplesmn.org for updates and additions to our calendar of events.



Staples World

Cover photo: Mark Anderson, Staples World editor, took the cover photo of the Staples-Motley High School cross country track team on a foggy day in Pine Grove Park. Many of the photos in this guide were taken by Staples World staff.



Al Yoder
Mayor of Motley

Welcome to the City of Motley. Motley is located at the junction of three Minnesota state highways, Hwy. 210, Hwy. 10 and Hwy. 64. Motley is only a half hour west of Brainerd and half hour north of Little Falls. Both the Crow Wing River and the Long Prairie River flow along each side of our city which offers opportunities for canoeing, kayaking, swimming, fishing and tubing.

We are excited for all our 2018 summer fun activities being planned to celebrate during our June Fest on June 16. If you are in the area, please stop by and help our city and the community

celebrate. Other events this summer include the city wide garage sales on May 4 and 5 and the Morrison County Fair from June 15-17. Contact the City Hall at 218-352-6200 or check www.cityofmotley.com for more information.

Motley is very proud to have two large employers in our city. Trident Seafood Company and Morey's Seafood International that employ many residents in our area. If you are traveling through you may want to stop in at Morey's Market and try some of their free samples of fresh fish and seafood. They also carry a variety of gourmet food items.

There are two great antique stores in the city. Pat's Place is next to the Ten Hi Bar that serves great adult refreshments. The other is the Olde Tyme Trading Post. Both are located right on Hwy. 10. One favorite stop when visiting Motley is the Silo Ice Cream store at the Old Tyme Trading Post which serves a variety of flavors of old fashioned ice cream. Also stop and see the chain saw carving business right next to it. It is always fun to see the new carving creations being done right on site.

Bricks Travel Center provides good dining along with a gas station and gift shop. The city is excited and in the process with plans of constructing a solar charging car station at the corner of Hwy. 10 and 210. We are hoping it will be complete for the summer electric car travelers.

Other restaurant options that serve great food are Spot Café, Countryside Restaurant and the Dairy Queen. Other businesses in our city that are great places to stop and shop are Northwind Grocery, Hardware Hank, Dollar General, Eastwood Inn, Bjerga Feed Store and Bremer's Bar.

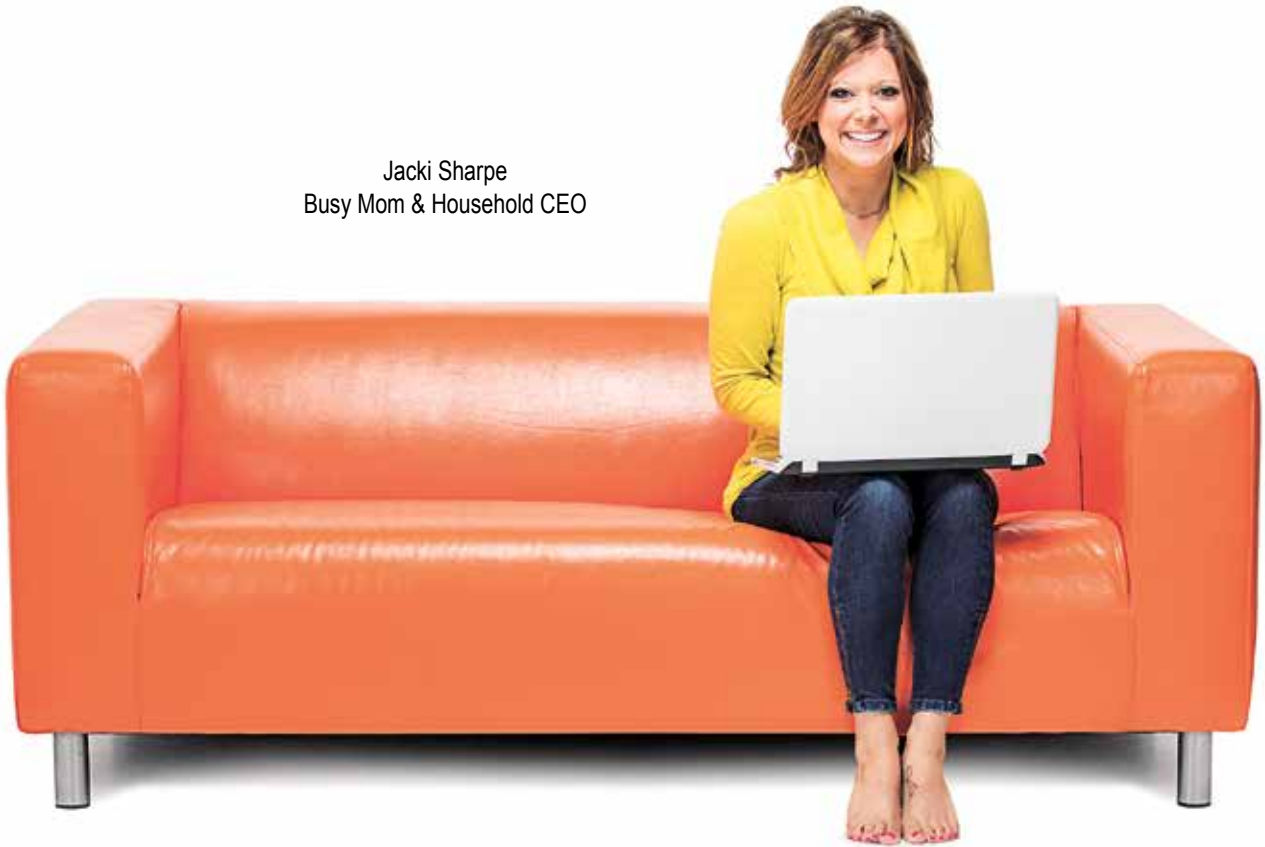
Good places in town to relax are Veterans Park which has a memorial and a shelter that are open to the public for a place to rest and have a picnic. Converse Park has a baseball field, playground and a new skate pad with ramps for bikes, skateboards and rollerblades. Also give your pets a traveling break and let them stretch their legs at the Motley Pet Stop and Recreation Area located right behind the Motley BP Gas Station. It features a dog park, tennis/pickle ball court and basketball hoops.

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Ag & Energy Center celebrates 50 years

Free Field Day Aug. 24 features research, demonstrations, tours, lunch

This summer the Ag and Energy Center, a farm on the campus of Central Lakes College in Staples will celebrate 50 years of bringing agriculture and energy research to the public.

Central Lakes College will host an agricultural Field Day Friday, Aug. 24, for visitors to view first hand the projects going on at the Ag and Energy Center. The free event will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes lunch.

Visitors will be able to try out the latest in agriculture technology including the newest tractors and farming with drones.

Research on field crops, specialty crops and energy crops will be on display. Water quality research, irrigation technology and local foods integration will also be part of the field day. Researchers will give tours of forage and pasture sites be-

ing used for research.

There will also drone demonstrations, tractor rides and events for children.

The lunch program will include legislative updates and a celebration of the 50th year of the Ag Center in Staples.

It is unique for a two year college to operate 2,000 acres every year. Many agriculture experiments are conducted every year on crops such as barley, kidney beans, corn, soybeans, sweet corn, canola, grapes, apples and various horticultural crops.

The college allows the public to pick their own produce from some of the research crops, including sweet corn, blueberries, potatoes and apples.

The farm was founded in 1968 as a research farm. The primary focus in its early years was irrigation, as the soils in this area have a very

low water holding capacity and tend to be five days away from a drought without precipitation. Irrigation technology is still a part of the program, as well as research focused in water quality monitoring, precision agriculture, nitrogen management, alternative energy, crop variety trials and many local foods demonstrations.

Key to the Ag Center's operation is the many collaborators, including industry, universities and technical colleges as well as local businesses and area producers.

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Field Day

Last year's Field Day tours included the Ag Center's vineyard by winemaker Dennis Drummond.



Ag technology for the public

The AgCentric trailer will be featured at regional events, as well as Field Day on Aug. 24, at the Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center. The trailer is a showcase for new agriculture technology related to animal science, agronomy, precision agriculture, horticulture and much more. It's an opportunity to see, touch and use agriculture technology first hand.

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July 8 The Woodpicks (bluegrass)
July 15 Bill & Kate Isles and Band (folk)
July 22 Alan Godage & Sundown (classic country)
July 29 Deb Otteson & Little Moran River Band (classic rock and roll)
Aug. 5 Nathan's Old Time Band (waltz, polka)
Aug. 12 Aitas (reggae, rock, hip-hop)

Inclement weather?
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The Series is made possible by a gift from the Staples Host Lions Club and is being organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council with the support of the City of Staples.



Staples Motley Area Arts Council
See www.staplesmotleyarts.org for details on our 2018-19 Concert Season!

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June Fest has wings fest, music, more



music, games for kids, fun run, street dance and fireworks at dusk.

Back by popular demand is the Wings Fest, featuring a variety of mouth-watering chicken recipes from teams battling to win the championship. Be sure to sample a few and vote for your favorites.

Stop by Ernie Converse Park where a number of games for kids will take place. In addition, skate board demon-



Skate park fun

Converse Park is home to a skate pad with ramps for bikes, skateboards and rollerblades. It's at 281 Beaulieu St. W., Motley.



Collecting candy

The annual June Fest Parade in Motley features a variety of floats, classic cars and tractors, fire trucks and, of course, candy for the younger ones. The parade will begin at 11 a.m.

strations and lessons will take place at the park's skate pad, featuring instructors from 3rd Lair Skate Park and Skate Shop in Golden Valley.

Other items on the agenda are a 'Water Wars' hosted by the Motley Fire Department, a special performance by the military band; and the annual 'Motley Sings' contest featuring up and coming singers ages 15 - 25.

Food and crafts vendors will be on site throughout the festival and a beer garden will be available as well.

Yummy wings

Stop by the Wings Competition during the Motley June Fest June 16 to sample a variety of wings recipes. Contest runs from noon - 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate 'June Fest' in the City of Motley on Saturday, June 16, an all-day event for the entire family.

The annual celebration is sponsored by the Staples Motley Chamber of Commerce and is being held in conjunction with the Morrison County Fair in Motley.

A variety of activities are scheduled during June Fest, including a parade,

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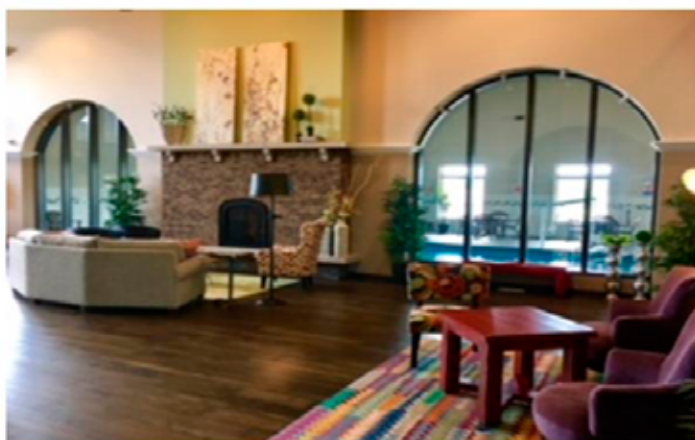
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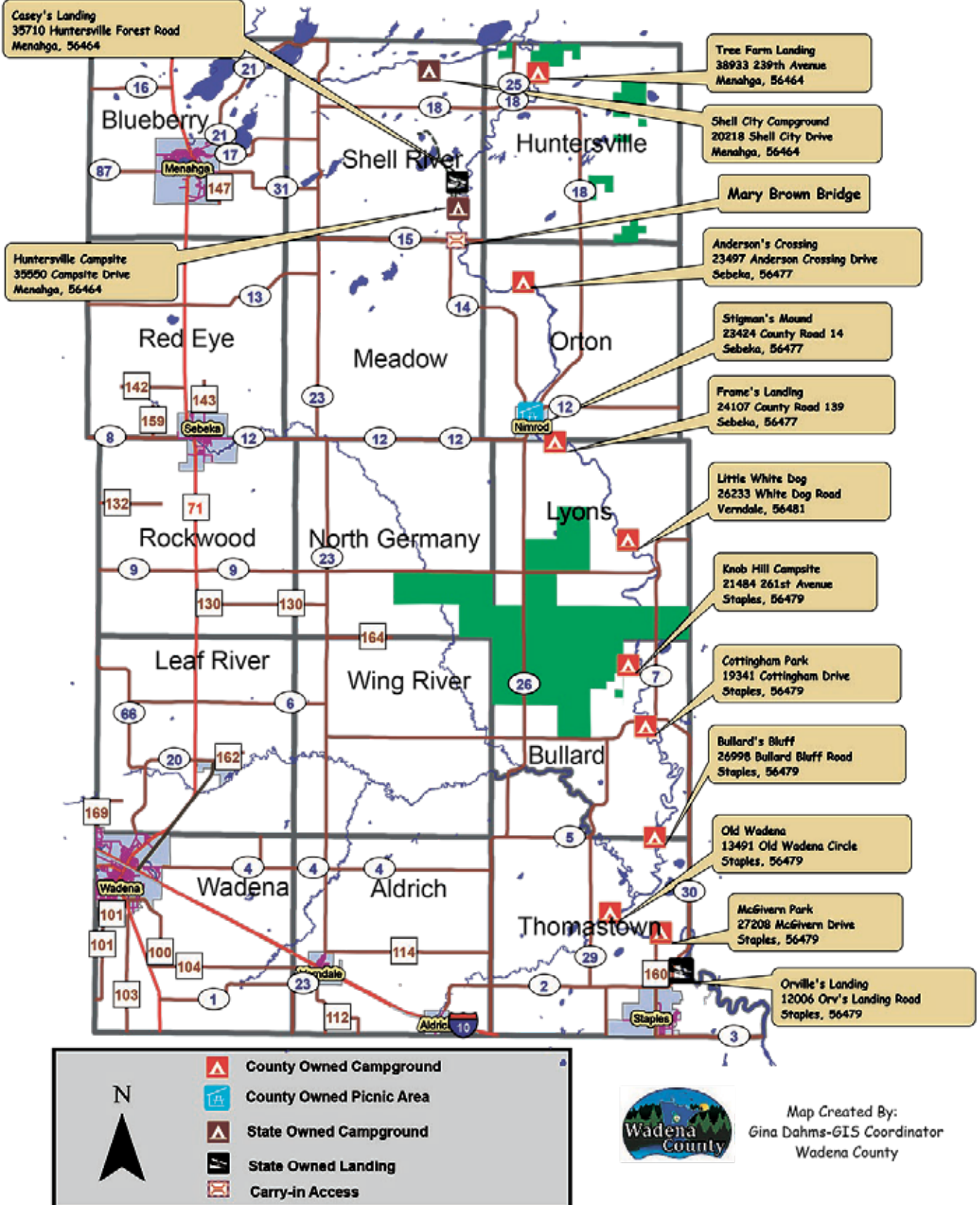
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Crow Wing River: float, fish, camp

The Crow Wing River is one of the state's best wilderness routes for canoeists, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Every summer, thousands of canoes, kayaks and people on inner tubes paddle or float down the river, taking advantage of the many public water access points along the way.

The Crow Wing's crystal waters cut a gentle path rarely interrupted by rapids. Although the river is seldom more than three feet deep, it is nearly always deep enough for canoeing. Much of the river is flanked by thick forests.

The diversity of vegetation along the river supports a wide variety of wildlife. Canoeists may see turtles, otters, muskrats, beavers, mink, raccoons, gophers, chipmunks, squirrels and rabbits. Bobcats and a small number of black bears also inhabit the river area. Eagles and great blue herons are fairly common as well.

Game species include white-tailed deer, ruffed grouse, woodcock and various waterfowl. The Crow Wing River supports only a limited number of waterfowl because of sparse aquatic vegetation and a lack of backwater areas.

Fur traders entered the region in the



Crow Wing River scenery

The Crow Wing river is a peaceful, cool, clean river, perfect for tubing, kayaking, canoeing and fishing.

early 1700s. In 1792 the Northwest Company established the Wadena Trading Post on the west bluff of the river at its junction with the Partridge River. There was considerable overland trade in the area by the 1800s. The Old Otter Tail Trail crossed the river near the Old Wadena post and was the main trans-

portation route between St. Paul and Fort Garry in Winnipeg.

Remains of Native American presence mark the river corridor with Indian burial mounds at several sites along the river, including a site at River Mile 61.



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Music in the Park Concerts are held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park in Staples Sundays at 7 p.m. beginning July 8 through August 12. Bring your lawn chair or blanket.

This summer's line-up includes:

- **July 8 - The Woodpicks** *bluegrass*
- **July 15 - Bill & Kate Isles and Band** *folk*
- **July 22 - Alan Godage & Sundown** *classic country*
- **July 29 - Deb Otteson & Little Moran River Band** *classic rock*
- **Aug. 5 - Nathan's Old Time Band** *waltz, polka*
- **Aug. 12 - Aitas** *reggae, rock, hip-hop*

Northern Pacific Park is located at 625 6th St. NE. Go north on 6th St. at the junction of Hwys 10 and 210 for six blocks. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples.

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.

For more information see www.staplesmotleyarts.org.



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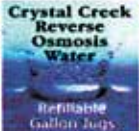
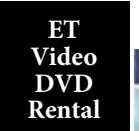
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North Pole coming to Pine Grove Park

Enjoy Christmas in Staples

Pine Grove Park in Staples will become the North Pole for the month of December as the park is transformed by lighted displays.

The park will open Friday night, Nov. 30, to kickoff a full day of special events for the new "Christmas in Staples" on Saturday, Dec. 1.

The day will open with "Breakfast with Santa" at the Staples Community Center from 8-11 a.m. Children can pose with Santa for photos and can take part in craft activities.

An opportunity will be available for Elf Shopping for children. Parents can give a shopping list and some money to their child who will be helped to choose Christmas gifts for those on the list.

In the afternoon at the Community Center Becky Roelofs will help participants

make a wreath or a porch pot display for the holidays.

Horse-drawn sleigh rides will be available downtown. The Community Center will also offer free swimming in the afternoon.

The Staples Public Library will have a story reading and children's crafts Saturday afternoon.

Businesses will have open houses and extended hours on Saturday. This will be the first day of "The Spell of Christmas," a contest to run through December with awards of cash prizes.

Commercial and residential lighting display contests will also offer cash prizes in different categories. Those will be up through Christmas.

The North Pole in Pine Grove Park will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings in December. Up to 20 businesses and organizations can construct lighted holiday displays on a route through the park. Visitors



Winter wonderland

Snow on the majestic trees at Pine Grove Park.

will be able to drive through for a nominal fee per car.

The Staples All Veterans Park will have a luminary walk through the park Friday and Saturday evenings.

Saturday's events will culminate with a "Light the Downtown" lighting of the Christmas decorations at 5 p.m. This will include light-

ing a large Christmas tree at the Staples Historic Depot.

A lighted holiday parade will follow "Light the Downtown."

The schedule is subject to change and other events and features may be added. Check discoverstaplesmn.org for updates.

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EVENTS: Fair Exhibits open to all • "Wild Things" Zoo Attractions - Live Exotic Animal, display, birds, turtles, camel and more • Party World Games • Parade 10 a.m. Saturday
• Beer Garden • Friday night BAND "Eight Hour" • Ultimate Truck Series Mud Run 7 p.m. Saturday • Texas Hold'em Tourney 1 p.m. Saturday • FIREWORKS by Pyrotechnic Display Inc.
• Church Services Sunday • Sunday Dinner by K.C.'s Catering • and Much More!

2018 Events include:

April 28 - Consignment Auction at the fairgrounds, fundraiser 10 a.m. (inside & outside)

Nov. 17 - Turkey Bingo, Pillager Community Center, 12 noon

Nov. 17

Community Christmas Party,
Pillager Community Center,
4-7 p.m.

Games, pictures with
Santa, food and more

For information contact any
Pillager Fair Board member



Campfire Bay makes family memories



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Campfire Bay Resort in rural Cushing is the place to go if you're looking for fun and relaxation, beautiful views of Fish Trap Lake, comfortable accommodations and a host of other amenities.

Campfire Bay Resort is the place to go if you're looking for a beautiful lakeside setting that offers both relaxation and a variety of activities for the entire family.

Located on Fish Trap Lake in rural Cushing, Campfire Bay Resort has been a vaca-

tion destination since 1947.

Originally built, owned and operated by Clarence and Pearl Johnson, the establishment was known as C.J. Johnson's Resort for many years, and changed hands a few times in the 1970s and 80's. Its current owners, Bri-

an and Heather Sams, bought it in 2002, at which time it was named Country View Resort.

During their first year of ownership, the Sams decided to make some changes to the resort, mainly by making it more family-oriented, with activities, free water toys and with an emphasis on getting to know their guests personally. Eventually, they decided to change the name to Campfire Bay Resort, "because we felt that a campfire was a place for friends and family to sit and enjoy each other's company, to tell a joke, a story, or relive the day's events."

Since owning the resort, Brian and Heather have made several physical changes to the property as well, including more than doubling the shoreline and constructing new cabins. They've also added a lodge building where there's a coffee and ice cream cafe, gift shop, game room,

laundromat and gathering room; and a Rec Center, built in 2016, that boasts a gym, state of the art fitness room, showers, day spa and more.

The Rec Center is open to resort guests for free and to non-guests for a small fee. Brian and Heather note that it's a great place to get a work out or play on days when weather doesn't cooperate. Or, stop by to get a massage, manicure, pedicure or haircut, or meet up with a life coach or personal trainer. Classes that have been held at Campfire Bay Resort include yoga, zumba and HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training). The Rec Center is also a great place to host a party, reception, conference or other large get-togethers.

Fish Trap Lake itself is a major draw for vacationers. As noted at Campfire Bay Resort's website, the lake is "extremely picturesque with its many beautiful islands,

See **RESORT** on page 17

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bays and points. Bald eagles, loons and great blue herons make this lake their home as do schools of walleye, northern pike, large mouth bass, crappie, and other pan fish. Fish Trap has 13.7 miles of shoreline and 1,303 acres of recreational pleasure."

Guests at Campfire Bay Resort will enjoy the safe, sandy beach that's ideal for swimming. In addition, there are a number of free water activities for guests including a kiddie water slide, hydrobikes, kayaks and canoes. A variety of boats and pontoons are available for rent as well.

A number of activities are planned each week during the summer, including a fishing contest, ice cream social, carpetball tournament and campfire donuts. There are also plenty of opportunities to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the northwoods, including hikes along wooded trails, or reading a

book down by the lakeshore. Campfire Bay provides over 35 private open and wooded areas for its guests to explore.

Campfire Bay Resort invites you to relax in their charming, shoreline, lake level cabins. They offer one, two, three and four bedroom cabins, ranging from 15' to 150' from the shores of Fish Trap Lake. Most of the cabins have decks and all have lawn/patio furniture and charcoal grills. Wireless internet is available throughout the resort as well. "We have one central bonfire almost every evening where we provide the firewood and quite often some lively stories!" the Sams said.

Vacationing at Camp Fire Bay Resort is not limited to the summer months. Fish Trap Lake is a popular destination for ice fishing; and winter sports enthusiasts also appreciate the snowmobile trails in the Lincoln Lakes Area. Heather noted



Family fishing

Fishing is a popular pastime for families vacationing at Campfire Bay Resort. Fish Trap Lake is home to a variety of fish, including walleye, northern pike, large mouth bass, crappie and other pan fish.

that "gal pal" groups often come for a weekend to work on craft projects together. The Gathering Room is a perfect space for scrapbooking, quilting and knitting.

No matter the season, "With family and friends our greatest asset and time often our greatest challenge, this is where you come and truly enjoy a relaxing, worry free vacation that will last forever

in your memories and create stories for a lifetime," is shared at Campfire Bay Resort's website.

Campfire Bay Resort is located at 31504 Azure Rd. in Cushing, just off U.S. Hwy 10 on Cty Rd. 20.

For more information, call 218-575-2432, or visit their website at www.campfirebayresort.com.



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SEaM Camp builds battlebots at CLC

Every year, dozens of teenagers come to Staples for the Summer Engineering and Manufacturing (SEaM) Camp hosted by Central Lakes College. The 2018 camp will be July 9-13.

At SEaM Camp, students learn concepts of engineering and robotics while build-

ing their own robot to be use in competitions on the final day of camp. They drive their robots over an obstacle course, team up for sports competitions and prepare them for a final battlebot showdown. The public is invited to attend the competitions on the final day.

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Old Wadena County Park

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The park is a combination of history and nature. It contains the original site of the city of Wadena, which is now 15 miles to the west of the park. Old Wadena also has a pioneer log cabin on the site and the remnants of an ancient ox cart wagon trail can still be found.

In 2013, the Old Wadena Society completed work on their bog walk, a boardwalk that meanders through one of the unique natural features found at the park. Located near the entrance of the bog walk, the "Old Warrior Tree" is a massive white pine that towers into the skyline.

Little Round Hill is the site of both a battle and a fur trading outpost. Archeological digs have confirmed that the site is a place where European and Native American cultures came together.



Out on the bog

Informational signs can be found along the walk that tell about the special ecosystem of a bog, its plants and animals.

A short hike into the Old Wadena forest leads to Little Round Hill, where a marker tells the story of a boy named Eshke-bug-e-coshe, who described a fierce battle on that spot where the Ojibwe, with help of guns from European traders, repelled 200 Dakota warriors.

Nature trails lead visitors through the forest and along the riverside at Old Wadena Park. The park is an entry point on the Crow Wing River canoe route.

In 2018 the county is building a permanent pavilion.


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The Kadlec family runs

motocross tracks in Staples and Little Falls.

Staples events are scheduled for April 22, May 20, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 23, and Oct. 21.

The Sunday competitive races include open practice the day before. A special "Hare Scramble" will be held Sept. 30.

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- Wings Festival
- Bean Bag Tournament
- Kid's Games
- Ice Cream Social
at Converse Park
- Parade
- Motley Sings
and other music on stage
- Military Band
- Andrew Nelson's band:
"Downtown Sound"
and Picnic meal, 4-7 p.m.
- Fireworks

Motley Fair Bull Bash,
Magician, Demolition Derby,
Tractor Pull and more at the
Motley Fairgrounds



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August 23-26

Downtown Staples, MN

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Citywide Garage Sales
- Variety Show
- Chili Cook Off
- Vendor Sales
- CT Pedal Pull
- Outdoor Concert
- Street Dance
"Cherry Gun" band
- Parade
- Staples Sings
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Biking/walking trail runs to gardens

The Legacy Bike Trail is now extended to the Living Legacy Gardens, with a short section along Airport Road in Staples expected to be paved soon.

Built in 2012, the trail runs from the

south side of Staples, over the highway and railroad track overpass, past the high school athletic fields to Warner Road. The trail continues through the woods behind Jon's Family Foods, along

Airport Road and out to Living Legacy Gardens at Central Lakes College.

The trail will constitute nearly four miles of stand-alone bicycle trails in Staples.

The trails can be accessed from many points, including the Living Legacy Gardens on the north end of the trail or Prairie Ave. and Warner Rd. NE on the north side of town. From Highway 10, bikers can stop at the Staples Depot and ride to the south side trail entrance on Wisconsin Ave. or park downtown and pick up the trail from the 3rd Ave. NE entrance ramp.

See Staples Parks and Trails Map on page 46.



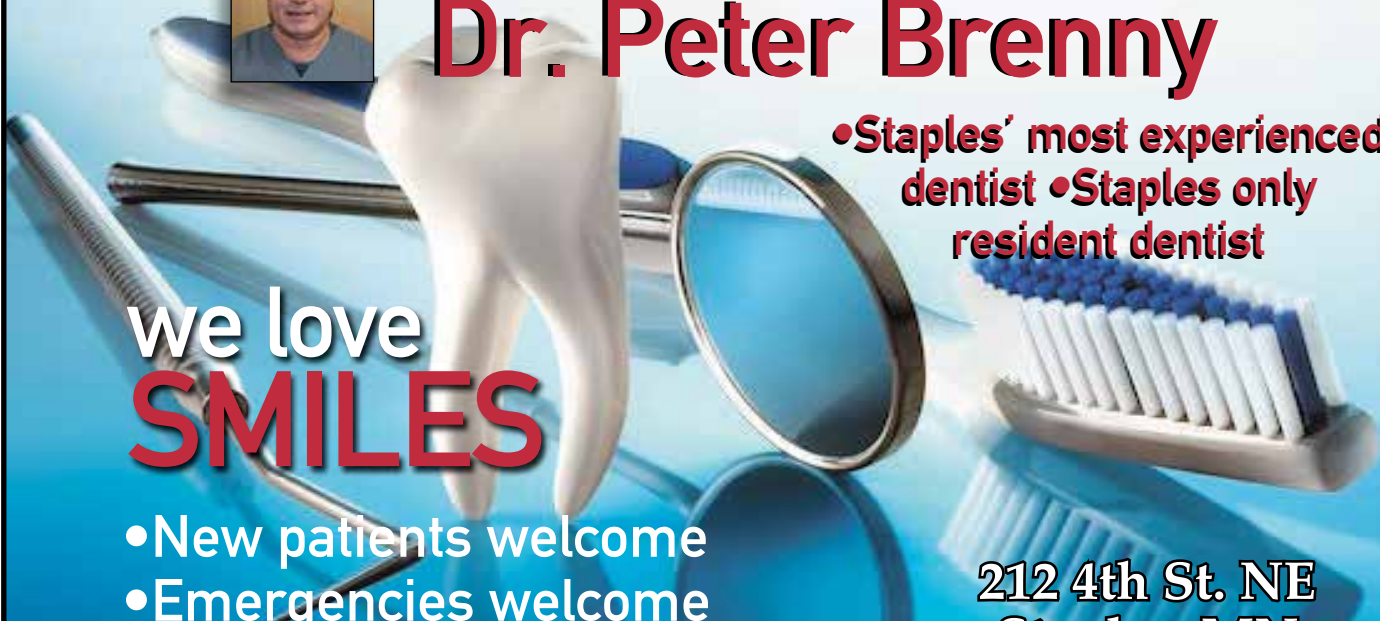
The Staples Area Friends of the Trails will hold a Bike Rodeo/Family Trail Ride on Thursday, May 10 from 5-7 p.m., starting in the parking lot of Jon's Family Foods and Staples True Value.

This event is a chance for kids to get their bike tuned up, learn the rules of the road and practice bike skills.



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Wed. 10 am-6 pm
Thu. 2-8 pm
Fri. 1-5 pm
Sat. 10 am-1 pm
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Reading Roundhouse Storytime

Join us for a fun storytime and craft activities. For ages Pre K to 2nd Grade. Registration is required. Second Wednesday of each month 10:30-11:30 a.m. Other programs for children include 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Lego Builders, Holiday Gingerbread Houses, Summer and Winter reading programs. Check our website or Facebook page.

Tween/Teen Poetry Contest

Contest to win cash prizes in April, National Poetry Month. We also have a Tween/Teen Book Club, The Page Turners.



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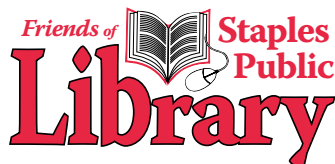


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Calendar of Events

April

- 12-15 "Oklahoma" Staples-Motley High School musical
7 p.m./2 p.m. Sun. • Centennial Auditorium, Staples
218-894-5400 • www.isd2170.k12.mn.us
- 14 Make a Book, Write a Poem • 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Ages 6 and up with adult • Registration required
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 19 Mark Moran/History of Your Objects • 5-8 p.m.
Pre-register for evaluation time • Guests welcome
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 19 Tami and the Bachelor • 2-3 p.m.
Lakewood Senior Campus/sponsored by Library
- 24 CARE Community Meal • 4:30-6 p.m.
St. Michael Catholic Church, Motley
218-352-6520 or 218-894-2296 • All are welcome
- 26 Elisa Korene/author event • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 28 Consignment Auction • www.pillagerfair.com
10 a.m. • Pillager Fairgrounds Community Center
- 27 Arbor Day Celebration • 4 p.m. • planting trees
Lincoln Park, Staples • transplant seedlings
- 29 Afternoon Tea-Anna Koopmann and Casey Smithley
Harp and Acoustic Guitar • 3 p.m.
Timbers Event Center, Staples
Tickets-www.staplesmotleyarts.org or Staples World

May

- 8 Lego Builders • 4-5 p.m.
Ages 5-13 • Registration required
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 9 Reading Roundhouse Storytime • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Preschool through 2nd grade • Registration required
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 10 Free Bicycle Rodeo and Trail Ride • 5-7 p.m.
Staples True Value/Jon's Family Foods, Staples
Staples Area Friends of the Trails • 218-894-2553
- 11 Regional Student Art Show • 6-9 p.m.
Centennial Auditorium • Amy Hunter at 218-894-1925
- 12 Staples Lumberbats Amateur Baseball season opener
1:30 p.m. • Pine Grove Park, Staples
See complete season schedule on page 26.
- 12 'Afterglow' with Staples Area Men's Chorus
Landmark Inn, Staples • 7:30 p.m.
www.staplesmen.org
- 19 Spring Fling Demo Derby • 2 p.m.
Motley Fairgrounds • 218-820-1577
- 22 CARE Community Meal • 4:30-6 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples
218-894-2372 • All are welcome
- 28 Memorial Day Programs
Motley American Legion
Bridgeman Cemetery-9 a.m.
Motley-Staples Middle School-10 a.m.
Motley Evergreen Cemetery-11 a.m.
Poplar Cemetery-1 p.m.

Pillager American Legion
Pillager School Gym-10 a.m. followed by
ceremonies at Wildwood Cemetery, Pillager,
and Gull River Cemetery
Staples American Legion
Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples-10 a.m.

June

- 1 Staples Lions Par 3 Challenge Golf Tournament
The Vintage at Staples • 218-894-9907
- 2-3 Lumberbats Pine Grove Classic/amateur baseball
Pine Grove Park, Staples
- 5 Central MN Boys Choir concert • 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staples
www.centralmnboyschoir.com
- 8 Staples Community Block Party • 5 p.m.
Lakewood Park, Staples
- 11 KidPower with Rachael Kroog • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Kickoff program: Reading Takes You Everywhere
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 11-Aug. 11 • Reading Takes You Everywhere
Turn in reading slips for prizes • Ages 0-17
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 11-22 Lamp Camp • Theater Camp for ages 8-18
'Hansel & Gretel' • 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Lamplighter Community Theatre
Justin at jjedin33@gmail.com or 218-296-0522
www.lctstaples.com • lctstaples@gmail.com
- 12 Page Turners Tween/Teen Book Club • 4-5 p.m.
Ages 8-18 • Book discussion games, crafts
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 12 Golf Tourney • Pine Ridge Golf Club • 218-575-3300
Habitat for Humanity Morrison County
- 13 Reading Roundhouse Storytime • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Preschool through 2nd grade • Registration required
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 15-17 Morrison County Fair • Motley Fairgrounds
exhibits, games, demo derby, bull bash, tractor pull
- 16 Motley June Fest • wings contest, skateboard show,
parade, fireworks, music, food, bean bag tourney
www.staplesmotleychamber.org for schedule
- 17 Fathers Day Golf Tournament
The Vintage at Staples • 218-894-9907
- 20 Imagination Camp • 10-11 a.m.
Ages 8-12 • Registration required
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 21 Nature Explorers • 10-11 a.m.
Ages 3-12 • Registration required • games, storytelling
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 23-24 Lumberbats Tournament/amateur baseball
Pine Grove Park, Staples
- 28 Book Club for teens-adults • 6-7 p.m.
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 30 Saturday church service • 5 p.m. • Cushing
Scandia Valley Town Hall/Park Pavilion (follow signs)

Calendar of Events

July

- 7 Izzy Cup Golf Tournament
The Vintage at Staples • 218-894-9907
- 7 Saturday church service • 5 p.m. • Cushing
Scandia Valley Town Hall/Park Pavilion (follow signs)
- 8 Staples Community Block Party • 5 p.m.
NP Park at Iowa Ave & 6th St. NE, Staples
- 8 Music in the Park at 7 p.m. • Free Concert
Woodpicks - bluegrass • www.staplesmotleyarts.org
NP Park at Iowa Ave & 6th St. NE, Staples
- 10 Page Turners Tween/Teen Book Club • 4-5 p.m.
Ages 8-18 • Book discussion games, crafts
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 11 Reading Roundhouse Storytime • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Preschool through 2nd grade • Registration required
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401
- 12 Wild Things Zoo Attractions • 4-5 p.m.
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 12-15 Pillager Cass County Fair & Husky Days
Pillager fairgrounds • www.pillagerfair.com
fireworks, parade, mud run, exhibits, music, food
- 13-14 Staples Motley Cardinal Alumni Basketball Tourney
Staples-Motley High School • Colton Thompson
colton_jazz@hotmail.com or 435-890-7070
- 14-15 Lefty's Softball Tournament
Dower Lake Recreation Area
- 14 Community Beach Day • Free
Camp Shamineau, 2345 Ridge Rd., Motley
All types of water and beach activities
- 14 Saturday church service • 5 p.m. • Cushing
Scandia Valley Town Hall/Park Pavilion (follow signs)
- 15 Music in the Park at 7 p.m. • Free Concert
Bill & Kate Isles and band - folk
www.staplesmotleyarts.org
NP Park at Iowa Ave & 6th St. NE, Staples
- 21 'Rally for Rescue' • 4-8 p.m. • Motley Fairgrounds
Pets Abandoned Wanting Support (PAWS)
music, picnic lunch, raffle • 218-639-7297
- 21 Scandia Valley Lions Golf Tournament
Pine Ridge Golf Club, Motley • 218-575-3300
- 21 Saturday church service • 5 p.m. • Cushing
Scandia Valley Town Hall/Park Pavilion (follow signs)
- 22-27 Prairie Fire Children's Theatre
'Wizard of Oz' • Theater camp for ages 7-18
Staples Motley Area Arts Council • Tonia-218-640-2111
www.staplesmotleyarts.org • Performance July 27
- 22 Music in the Park at 7 p.m. • Free Concert
Alan Godage & Sundown - classic country
www.staplesmotleyarts.org
NP Park at Iowa Ave & 6th St. NE, Staples
- 26 Book Club for teens-adults • 6-7 p.m.
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 28 Growlers Gathering • Bear's Den, Leader
music, parade, pig races, food, fireworks
- 28 Saturday church service • 5 p.m. • Cushing
Scandia Valley Town Hall/Park Pavilion (follow signs)

- 29 Music in the Park at 7 p.m. • Free Concert
Deb Otteson & Little Moran River Band - classic rock
www.staplesmotleyarts.org
NP Park at Iowa Ave & 6th St. NE, Staples

August

- 2 The Big Fun Show! • 10-11 a.m. • All ages • 218-894-1401
Comedy, Juggling, Magic • Staples Public Library
- 3 Royals Wrestling Golf Tournament
Pine Ridge Golf Club, Motley • 218-575-3300
- 4 Scandia Valley Vinyards Festival • www.svvwine.com
Food, music, wine tasting • 218-575-2336
- 4-5 Scandia Valley Summerfest • 218-851-2185
BBQ turkey, family activities, petting zoo, helicopter,
pancake breakfast • Scandia Valley Town Hall & Park
- 5 Music in the Park at 7 p.m. • Free Concert
Nathan's Old Time Band - waltz, polka
www.staplesmotleyarts.org
NP Park at Iowa Ave & 6th St. NE, Staples
- 7 National Night Out • 5-7 p.m. • Food, games
NP Park at Iowa Ave & 6th St. NE, Staples
- 8 Reading Roundhouse Storytime • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Preschool through 2nd grade • Registration required
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401
- 8 Staples Community Block Party • 5 p.m.
Lincoln Park, Staples
- 11-12 Old Wadena Rendezvous and Folk Life Festival
Old Wadena Park, northwest of Staples
music, arts, muzzleloaders, demonstrations, food
www.oldwadenarendezvous.org
- 12 Music in the Park at 7 p.m. • Free Concert
Aitas - reggae, rock, hip-hop
NP Park at Iowa Ave & 6th St. NE, Staples
www.staplesmotleyarts.org
- 14 Page Turners Tween/Teen Book Club • 4-5 p.m.
Ages 8-18 • Book discussion games, crafts
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 16 Book Bingo • 6-7 p.m. • prizes, treats
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 18 Humane Society Tourney
Pine Ridge Golf Club, Motley • 218-575-3300
- 23 Book Club for teens-adults • 6-7 p.m.
Staples Public Library • 218-894-1401 • www.griver.org
- 23 Little Red Caboose Variety Show
7:30 p.m. • Centennial Auditorium, Staples
www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org
- 24 Ice Cream Social Fund Raiser • 2-4 p.m.
Living Legacy Gardens • 218-894-5141
- 24 CLC Ag & Energy Center Field Day • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
agronomic & water research, horticulture & drone
demonstrations, tractor ride & drive, kid's programs
www.clcmn.edu/ag-energy-center
- 24 Crow Wing River Basin Forage Council farm tour
1-4:30 p.m. • Grand View Ranch • meet at Ag Center
foragecouncil@sfa-mn.org or Chuck at 218-639-4225

See more events on page 26

Calendar of Events

- 24-26 England Prairie Days • preserving farming history
www.english-prairie.org or 218-296-2611
- 24 Railroad Days, Staples • sidewalk sales, garage sales
Twisted Sisters Car Show, fireworks at airport
- 25 Staples Railroad Days Dash for Kinship
8:30 a.m. 5K race • 9:30 a.m. Jr. Dash kids fun run
www.railroaddaysdash.com
- 25 Railroad Days, Staples • classic car show, chili cook-off, street fair, bean bag tourney, parade, corn feed, pancake breakfast, kids activities, music, street dance, penny auction, much more
Staples Motley Area Chamber • 218-894-3974
www.staplesmotleychamber.org
- 28 Night Golf
Pine Ridge Golf Club, Motley • 218-575-3300

September

- 14 Fabulous Armadillos-Tribute to the Eagles
7:30 p.m. • Centennial Auditorium, Staples
Tickets-www.staplesmotleyarts.org or Staples World

- 14-20 Whiskey Creek Film Festival
Cozy Theatre, Wadena
www.whiskeycreekfilmfestival.org
- 14 Camp Shamaineau Golf Tournament
Pine Ridge Golf Club, Motley • 218-575-3300
- 21-22 Weaving Waters Fiber Arts Trail
www.midwestfiberartstrails.org/weaving-waters
- 29 Pine Ridge Year End Tourney
Pine Ridge Golf Club, Motley • 218-575-3300

October

- 11 Community Awards Celebration honoring recipients of Distinguished Service Awards
www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org
- 13 Real Men Sing! • Staples Area Men's Chorus
A festival for young male singers
www.staplesmen.org
- 19 Fall Brawl Demo Derby • 2 p.m.
Motley Fairgrounds • 218-820-1577

November

- 17 Christmas Craft Fair • 218-894-2553
Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples
- 17 Turkey Bingo at noon
Community Christmas Party 4:30-7 p.m.
Pillager Community Center • www.pillagerfair.com

December

- 1 Christmas in Staples • North Pole at Pine Grove Park, breakfast with Santa, sleigh rides downtown, 5 p.m. Light up Downtown and Depot Christmas tree, lighted parade, luminary walk at Veterans Park
- 8 Community Christmas Concert
men's, women's, high school, boys and girls choirs
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2018 Staples Lumberbats Season Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
4/28	3:00 PM	Clear Lake	Clear Lake
5/5	1:30 PM	Perham	Perham
5/6	1:30 PM	Verndale	Verndale
5/12	1:30 PM	Wadena	Pine Grove Field
5/13	1:30 PM	Nimrod	Pine Grove Field
5/19	1:30 PM	Sebeka	Pine Grove Field
5/20	1:30 PM	Verndale	Pine Grove Field
5/26	7:00 PM	Pelican Rapids	Pelican Rapids
5/27	1:30 PM	Huntersville	Huntersville
6/2	1:30 PM	Midway	Pine Grove Field
6/2	TBA	Tourney	Pine Grove Field
6/3	TBA	Tourney	Pine Grove Field
6/8	7:00 PM	Nisswa	Nisswa
6/17	1:30 PM	Wolf Lake	Wolf Lake
6/23	1:30 PM	Park Rapids	Pine Grove Field
6/23	TBA	Tourney	Pine Grove Field
6/24	TBA	Tourney	Pine Grove Field
7/6	7:30 PM	Midway	Menagha
7/8	1:30 PM	Park Rapids	Park Rapids
7/13	7:00 PM	Urbank P.P.	Urbank P.P.
7/14	3:00 PM	Pelican Rapids	Pine Grove Field
7/15	1:30 PM	Sebeka	Sebeka
7/21	1:30 PM	Nimrod	Nimrod
7/22	1:30 PM	Huntersville	Pine Grove Field
7/29	1:30 PM	Wolf Lake	Pine Grove Field



For more information:
www.leaguelineup.com/lumberbats



What's Happening?

Watch the *Staples World* for updates and information on new events!

staplesworld.com

Other sources of information include

discoverstaplesmn.org

cityofmotley.com

staplesmotleychamber.org

Discover our open air art gallery

Barn Quilts of Central Minnesota

More than 75 barn quilts can be seen in Todd, Morrison, Wadena and Cass counties on the trail created by Barn Quilts of Central Minnesota.

Barn quilts, quilt blocks painted on wood squares, have a rich history as an artistic expression in rural areas throughout the United States.

Quilt trails take visitors on a mapped drive to each barn quilt. The quilts are mounted on farm buildings, homes, along fences, and

sometimes on freestanding posts. Each barn quilt is uniquely and carefully crafted to reflect its sponsor and to last for generations.

The size of the squares varies but usually they measure 8' x 8' when on a barn, 4' x 4' on a smaller building, and even 2' x 2' for a garden post or a business. Most have a story because they are created for a specific location.

The Central Minnesota Trail can be broken into five distinct areas around Staples and Motley. The locations and a map can be found on Facebook and on their website - barnquiltsmn.org. The web site will list the address for each quilt on the trail.

A full color brochure can

be printed from the website or one can be requested using the contact form. For more information email barnquiltsmn@gmail.com or call 218-894-2906. They can also be picked up in Staples at the Historical Depot on Hwy. 10.

Some barn quilts have been installed since the brochure was printed and more

are being created so the website will have the most recent information.

The Central Minnesota Trails is now also listed on the American Barn Quilt Trail, a collection of the hundreds of painted quilts found in many states and even Canada. The web address is <http://barnquiltinfo.com/map-MN.html>.

Quilt added in March

One of the newer quilts on the trail was painted by Emma Gerard, a Staples-Motley High School student, for Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union. It's at 1220 4th St. NE, Staples. The title is "Power, Wealth and Enthusiasm!"



At the Care Center

This 2' x 2' barn quilt with a tulip design is installed in the raised flower bed near the main entrance to the Lakewood Care

Center on Prairie Ave. NE in Staples. Closer to the door is another quilt near a bench. Altogether, four barn quilts were created by the residents who said they "wanted people to know that even into their nineties they can still do something for the community!" These are not listed on the barn quilt trail because you are unable to drive by it, but you can park and walk to the entrance.



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Pillager Fair, Husky Days are July 12-15

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The 120th Annual Pillager Fair, in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Husky Days celebration in Pillager, will be held Thursday, July 12 - Sunday, July 15.

On the agenda are contests, music, fireworks, animal shows, exhibits, kiddie tractor pull, mud run, parade and a host of other activities for people of all ages.



All aboard!

Ride the Pillager Express!

Food will be available, as well as a beer garden.

The Husky Days celebration will once again include the Miss Pillager Pageant on Thursday, as well as an alumni gathering (complete with an ice



Camels and zebras...oh my!

Wild Things Zoo Attractions, an exhibit enjoyed by children and adults alike, will once again be bringing a number of unique animals to the Pillager Fair.

cream social) on Saturday. Be sure to stop by the History Building to see displays representing the Pillager School and local community.

Events will take place at both the fairgrounds and at the Pillager School. On Sunday, a church service will be held at the Community Center on the fairgrounds; and the fair will close that day at 3 p.m.

For a more detailed list of events, pick up a Pillager Fair Premium Book at area businesses and at the fairgrounds.



Ribbon winners

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'Chautauqua' is new feature

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This year's festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11-12. Gates open both days at 10 a.m. Admission . Family groups of any size admission is one low entrance fee of \$25.

Have you ever wanted to really practice the traditional arts that are demonstrated every year at the festival?

This year you'll have the opportunity as the Rendezvous introduces a "Chautauqua" on the Old Wadena Park grounds. This marks a new focus for the Rendezvous.

Wadena County will construct a permanent pavilion at the Rendezvous campground. With financial support



Trying on Grandpa Whistler's fur hat

Five-year-old Kaiden Kessel of North Branch was born at Rendezvous time and grandpa Jim Whistler announced his birth to the crowd at the Rendezvous.

from the Five Wings Arts Council and local businesses, the Old Wadena Society will provide the opportunity to learn and practice one of the arts showcased each year at the Rendezvous.

Since this is the pilot project year, practice will be limited to three different art forms and expanded in the coming years. All instruction will be under the guidance of master artists and artisans.

Those completing an apprenticeship (a minimum of 20 hours of instruction) will demonstrate their newly developed and strengthened skills alongside the master artists at the annual Rendezvous. We are calling this new part of the Rendezvous a "Chautauqua."

Get all the details on the society website, www.oldwadenarendezvous.org.

The weekend will feature a traditional Rendezvous Camp, naturalist interpretations of the park, musical entertainment and artisans, such as potter, blacksmith, lace maker, wood carver and more. Blue Frog Traders will also be there. Food and drink are available on the grounds.

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Pine Grove Park: trees, picnics, baseball

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With a playground, disc golf course, ponds and picnic shelters, Pine Grove Park stands today as a popular spot for picnics, family reunions, weddings and other events.

The Staples Amateur Baseball Association is renovating the baseball field. The Staples Lumberbats, the town amateur league team, hold their home games at the field.



Enjoying the baseball game

Home games for the Staples Lumberbats are played at Pine Grove Field. The Lumberbats' first home game for 2018 is Saturday, May 12, 1:30 p.m., when they take on Wadena. See the full schedule on page 26.



Strolling in the tall pines

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Railroad Days Dash has 5K, kids run



Saturday, Aug. 25
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• 9:30 a.m. - Jr. Dash Kids
Fun Run (1K run)

This will be the ninth year
of this popular race. The five

kilometer road race starts at Staples Alliance Church on 8th Street NE and runs along city streets, finishing back at the church.

The event is sponsored by Kinship Partners with proceeds going to the Kinship mentoring program.

The Jr. Dash, a 1,000 meter fun run, is free to all kids.

For more information or to register online, go to railroaddaysdash.com.

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Staples Railroad Days feature music, classic cars, chili, parade, fireworks

Staples Railroad Days is four days of activities and events August, 23-25.

Music is a big part of the festival. On Thursday, Aug. 23, the Little Red Caboose Variety Show will feature local

musicians and other unique talent.

The main activities on Friday, Aug. 24 will be Field Day at Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center, an ice cream social at the Living Legacy Gardens and the Twisted Sisters car show in downtown Staples. That evening a fireworks show is planned at the airport.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, morning events include the Kinship Dash 5K run and 1K Kids Dash, and the Women of Today's car show at Staples-Motley Elementary School grounds.

D o w n t o w n

events include crafts, vendors, kids games, food and the annual Chili Cook-Off. The annual Railroad Days Parade will roll down 2nd Ave. that evening.

The downtown stage will entertain all day with the Staples Sings contest, local bands and other performers. That evening there will be a street dance downtown.

All weekend there will be city-wide garage sales.

Events are organized by the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce. For updates and full schedule see their website at www.staples-motleychamber.org, check their Facebook page, email smchamber@arvig.net or call 218-894-3974.



Best Theme

Prizes are given for the best theme as well as the best chili at the Chili Cook-off.



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The float from Jemma's Salon had junior hairdressers throwing flowers with the theme "spreading love, kindness and beauty."



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Above right, people gathered to watch the threshing demonstration. Above left, Darlys Hamberg examined one of the creations shown by Linda Jeske. Darlys and her husband Jon help children build their own birdhouses to take home. This year's celebration is Aug. 24-26 and will feature activities for all ages. The Sonlybrook Band and the Wayne

Renn Band will provide musical entertainment. Saturday's and Sunday's Thresher Breakfast features Phylis' Famous Pancakes. There will be threshing, sawmill and shingle demonstrations, a parade and children's activities. For full schedule and directions see england-prairie.org or call 218-296-2611.

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These public gardens are located at the Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center just a half mile west of the college's main Staples campus. The campus is two miles north of Staples on County Rd 30 (Airport Rd). The gardens are also a destination on the Staples bike trail.

The ten acre garden is designed to offer lifelong learning on horticulture related subjects as well as to demonstrate plants suitable for growing in hardiness zone three.

The park-like setting of the garden, orchard vineyard and native prairie provides several serene spots to relax and enjoy the beauty of nature.

The gardens currently demonstrate annuals and perennials for sun or shade, herbs, fruits and water gardening. Various landscaping styles are used to show visitors options for their own use. Other features include children's and fairy gardens.

Donations are appreciated - monetary or service. Volunteer days are held every Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. from May through September, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or experience. Please call 218-2962795 for more information.

August is the peak time of beauty at the gardens and we're celebrating with an ice cream social fund raiser Aug. 24 from 2-4 p.m.

The gardens are always



open and constantly changing. Come take a walk, sit by the pond or in the gazebo or in the shade garden. Enjoy the serenity and beauty to be found here summer and

winter. Let your stresses melt away.

We have the perfect place for you to stop and smell the roses, to enjoy the stillness.

Enhanced garden tour

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Five Wings Arts Council helps arts flourish

Where is the nearest arts event this week? A good place to find out is the Five Wings Arts Council.

Visit fwac.org for a full list of events or check out their office in Staples, the back entrance at 121 4th Street NE, behind Midwest Family Eye Center.

The Five Wings Arts Council exists to support arts creation, appreciation, and education through grants and

technical assistance that enhances the quality of life in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena Counties of Minnesota.

They provide grants for arts organizations, community arts projects, school arts and individual artists. They also host arts workshops throughout the region.

The Five Wings Art Council is one of eleven designated Regional Arts Councils

in Minnesota that provide grants and services to non-profit arts organizations and individual artists on a regional basis.

The Five Wings Arts Council began as a small program of the Region 5 Development Commission in 1977 and was established in response to a legislative initiative for development of arts in Minnesota at the local level. The program's purpose was to facilitate and encourage local arts development through the funding of arts projects and services to artists and organizations and that effort has continued to grow and evolve over the past thirty years.

For more information, go to fwac.org or call 218-895-5660 or 877-654-2166. Mark Turner, Executive Director, can be contacted at mark.fwac@arvig.net. Vicki Chepulis, Grants Coordinator, can be contacted at vicki.fwac@arvig.net.



Art leaders

Five Wings Arts Council Executive Director Mark Turner and Grants Coordinator Vicki Chepulis at their office in Staples.





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City of Motley offers options in parks

A number of parks are available to the public throughout the City of Motley. They are listed below:

VETERANS PARK, located off Hwy 10 on Main St. E. offers a veterans memorial, shelter and a shady place to stop and relax.

MOTLEY PET STOP AND REC

AREA is located behind the BP station on Main St. E. and offers a dog park, tennis/pickle ball court, basketball hoops and ice skating with a warming house during the winter (a limited number of skates are available in the warming house for public use on a first come first serve basis).

FARBER PARK, located on the 200 block of Cedar St. E., offers picnic tables and benches to relax.

CONVERSE PARK, located at 281 Beaulieu St. W., offers a baseball field, playground and skate pad with ramps for bikes, skateboards and rollerblades.

INDUSTRIAL PARK is located west of Curtis St. W. and offers a sliding hill during the winter. Other winter activities available in the city include a snowmobile trail. A map of the trail is available online at www.cityofmotley.com.



Skating: a winter favorite

If you enjoy ice skating, be sure to visit the Motley Rec Area just off Hwy 10 behind the BP station on Main St. In addition to the rink, skaters will find a warming house with a limited number of skates available for public use.



Pooches love Dog Park

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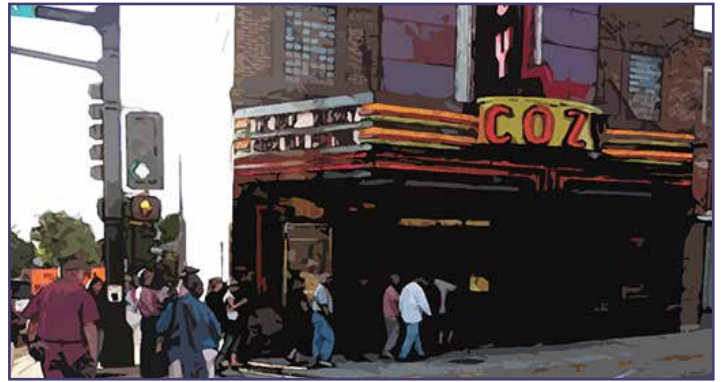
The Whiskey Creek Film Festival screens films selected from the best current cinema in the nation from Friday, Sept. 14 - Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Cozy Theatre, Wadena.

The festival will show six award-winning films in current release, a free family film, and a free "made-in-Minnesota" film.

Whiskey Creek has become a must-attend art event every fall in Wadena and

this year marks the festival's 14th annual celebration of film art. Sponsors of the Festival include Five Wings Arts Council, Wadena Convention and Visitors Bureau and many businesses in the region.

Festival passes are available beginning Aug. 1, and can be purchased at; the Cozy Theatre, Wadena Chamber office, Staples World newspaper office, the Cultural Cen-



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ter in New York Mills and Beagle and Wolf Books in Park Rapids.

Tickets are available online by following the link on the festival's website, www.whiskeycreekfilmfestival.org. The link for ticket sales will be active beginning Aug. 1. Tickets for single movie screenings are available only at the Cozy box office.

Wadena restaurants will again feature festival specials during the week. Last year Los Jalapenos Mexican

Restaurant and the Chamber of Commerce sold hot food and beverages on the Pemberton Law Office lawn across from the Cozy and will continue to feature food next to the theatre again.

Read about last year's festival on the website, www.whiskeycreekfilmfestival.org. Details about 2018 will be posted by Aug. 1. Ask any questions about the festival by writing to info@whiskeycreekfilmfestival.org.

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Motley Fair has demo derby, kids activities



Getting ready

A number of 4-H club members bring their animals to the Morrison County Fair in Motley every summer for the opportunity to win ribbons and showcase their efforts in raising rabbits, sheep, cows, chickens and goats. A Petting Zoo is also available.

The Morrison County Fair in Motley opens Friday, June 15 and runs through Sunday, June 17. 'Entry day' is Thursday, June 15. The fair is being held in conjunction with June Fest.

Bring the kids to see a variety of animals at the FFA Petting Zoo, grab a burger at the Leader Lions Eatery and stop by the shelter on Friday and Saturday evenings to listen to free music.

The horse show will be held on Friday and expect to see a variety of poultry, rabbits, cattle and goats during the 4-H open class judging events both Friday and Saturday. Several displays will be set up in the commercial building.

A number of free activities will be available for children during the fair, including inflatable bounce games. On Saturday, from 9 - 11 a.m., the Kids Wood Shop will be open; and the Amazing Ro-



Demo derby

The Motley Fairgrounds is the place to be if you're a fan of demo derby competitions.

berto is back by popular demand, offering shows at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Saturday's schedule also includes a classic car display from 2 - 5 p.m.; and a demo derby at 7 p.m. A beer garden

Senior citizens are invited to play bingo on Sunday af-

ternoon, while enjoying free cookies and coffee.

A variety of food items will be available at the fairgrounds and the Leader Lions Eatery, serving burgers, pie and other goodies, will be open each day.



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Dower Lake: Fishing, camping, recreation

Dower Lake Recreation Area is a city park west of Staples along Thunder Road

that features camping, swimming, fishing and softball fields. There is also a disc

golf course, basketball court, sand volleyball court, picnic tables and picnic shelter.

The park has brand new seasonal camping sites for long term stays.

No visitor to Dower Lake can miss the 612 foot fishing pier, noted as the longest such pier in Minnesota. The

new pier replaces a historic pier that was originally used by railroads to fill their steam engines with water.

Plans are being made to turn Dower Lake Recreation Area into a regional park by adding hiking trails, biking trails, birdwatching and more softball fields.



Relaxing at Dower lake

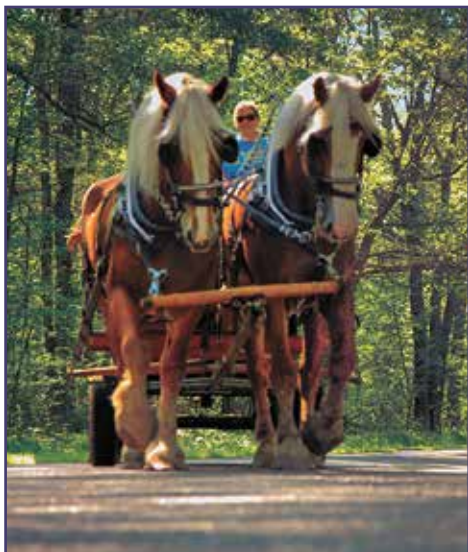
Urban and rural dwellers alike seem to gravitate to the lakes of northern Minnesota during the summer months. Whether from the longest pier in Minnesota or from the lake, fishing is one popular past time. Dower Lake Recreation Area also offers boating, swimming, disc golf, traditional and seasonal camping. Campsite reservations can be made at staples.govoffice.com or 218-894-2553.




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Camp Shamineau celebrating 60 years



Wagon rides

Horse-drawn wagon rides at Camp Shamineau in rural Motley are a fun way to experience nature and connect with friends along the way. The Belgian Draft horse team is a fairly new addition to Shamineau Ranch, which is a part of the camp.

The summer of 2018 marks 60 years that Camp Shamineau has been a presence in the Lincoln Lakes area, offering a variety of activities as well as spiritual guidance for people of all ages.

Located just south of Motley on beautiful Lake Shamineau, the Christian camp is open year round, with each season offering campers a host of fun and memorable experiences.

Shamineau Ministries is the umbrella organization for both Camp Shamineau in Motley and Rock Ridge Camp in Ely. The ministry is affiliated with the (EFCA) Evangelical Free Church in America. Herb Bloomquist is the Executive Director of Shamineau Ministries and Shamineau International.

Historically, Shamineau Ministries found its beginning in 1912 as the Scandinavian Young People's Society which started Buffalo Lake Bible Camp on the shores of Buffalo Lake in Buffalo. In 1957, that property was sold to purchase the current property on Lake Shamineau, becoming Camp Shamineau, with its first summer of ministry in 1958.

Camp Shamineau includes the
See **CAMP SHAMINEAU** on page 43



Ropes course

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Camp activities are open to the public on certain dates

Shamineau Ranch and Shamineau Adventures ministries, both of which provide specialized programming and trips off-site of Camp Shamineau.

In 1993, a 22-acre island on the east end of Lake Shamineau was purchased and soon after became the site for "Shamineau Island" camps.

Camp Shamineau is known for its picturesque waterfront, wooded trails, climbing wall and gym; and ranch, which offers horse-back trail rides and hay rides. A Belgian draft horse team was recently added at the camp.

Over the past 60 years, the camp has continued to strive to improve everything from its programming to facilities. Recently, their main meeting room, Oak Hollow, was expanded to meet Camp

Shamineau's growing camper base.

Favorite activities include swimming, paddleboats, fishing, riflery, archery, wakeboarding, tubing, crafts, waterskiing and a high ropes course, complete with side by side zip lines. No matter the age group attending camp, the dining hall, chapel and campfire are frequent hang-outs, offering a place to renew old friendships and make new ones.

Camp Shamineau is open to the public on these select dates:

- **Open Climb:** Climbing wall and gym open from 6 - 9 p.m. on Thursdays, except during the summer months. Children need to be accompanied by an adult and their is a small fee.

- **Community Beach Day:** The surrounding community is invited to enjoy the lake



Aerial view

Camp Shamineau has been a fixture in the rural Motley area for six decades. Affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA), the Christian camp is located on Lake Shamineau and offers a number of activities all year round. For more information about the camp, visit www.shamineau.org.

and the camp's waterfront on Saturday, July 14. All ages welcome.

- **Community Christmas:** This free event is open to the public and will be held Saturday, Dec. 8, 1 - 4 p.m. Many activities will be open and all

ages welcome.

Camp Shamineau is located at 2345 Ridge Road, just south of Motley. For more information about the camp and its upcoming schedule of events, visit www.shamineau.org or call 218-575-2240.



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Scandia Valley Summerfest set in Aug.



Horse rides, food, a helicopter landing, Firemen's Turkey BBQ, and much more are on the agenda of this year's Scandia Valley Summerfest, August 4 - 5, in the Lincoln Lakes area.

There's something for all ages at the weekend family-friendly event, which takes place at the Scandia Valley Townhall and Park, located at 3518 - 320th Street (Cty Rd. 3) in Cushing.

Saturday's schedule includes a craft and vendor sale hosted by the Lincoln Ladies Aid.

The Fireman's Turkey BBQ fundraiser goes from noon - 5 p.m., along with the Scandia Valley First Responders' ice cream fundraiser.

Throughout the day, several activities for children will take place, including a helicopter landing.

The celebration continues Sunday with a pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Lincoln Area Snowmobile Club, from 8 - 11 a.m.

Stop by the park at 10 a.m. for a Gospel Bluegrass Gathering. A free picnic lunch follows.

For more information about the Scandia Valley Summerfest, call 320-630-3467.

Helicopter landing in Scandia Valley

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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.

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.

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



And the race is on...

In addition to the pig races in Downtown Leader every weekend, the family-friendly show offers relays and games for all ages throughout the evening. Pictured above, emcee Gary Dauer (far left) cheers on some younger contestants as they compete for prizes. The pig races are held throughout the summer every Friday and Saturday evening at 7 p.m., at the Bear's Den in Leader.

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Living Legacy Gardens is maintained by master gardeners and Central Lakes College agricultural students. It showcases landscaped areas of native flowers and plants along with children's gardening plots.

Wilson Park offers a sand volleyball court, basketball court, picnic areas and playground equipment.

Lakewood Park has a large playground, a picnic shelter with tables, modern handicap accessible restrooms, and sand play area.

School District Field area includes baseball, softball, and

football fields; tennis courts; running track; and the elementary playground.

Odden Park is a great place to stretch your legs and enjoy a picnic.

The Staples Community Center houses a competition-length indoor swimming pool, fitness center, indoor basketball court, senior citizen center, and community meeting rooms.

Northern Pacific Park offers a large playground area, tennis court, a natural creek with bridge, and picnic areas. Enjoy free "Music in the Park" concerts during the summer.

Dower Lake Recreation Area has it all: the state's longest fishing pier (612'), softball fields, disc golf course, basketball court, swimming beach, horseshoe pits, sand volleyball courts, picnic shelter, 45-unit campground, and picnic areas.

Lincoln Park has playground equipment, a basketball court, and picnic areas. An ice skating rink is located nearby during winter months.

Veterans Park was built to honor our community's veterans. It features memorial pavers and benches, 80' flagpole, and branch service flags.

Pine Grove Park is tucked among a white and red pine forest. This park features a large shelter with kitchen and restrooms, two rustic picnic shelters, a playground, disc golf, horseshoe pits, picnic areas, ponds, and nature walking. Pine Grove Field is also the home of our amateur baseball team, the Lumberbats.



Swimming, exercise, activities at Staples Community Center

The Staples Community Center hosts year-round swimming in the indoor pool, as well as a fitness center, open gym time and space for meetings, classes and activities. Located near Staples-Motley High School on 4th Street NE in Staples, the community center hosts opportunities for all ages.

Many activities are held at the community center every week, including pickleball, open swim hours, lap swim, aquacise, swimming lessons, lifeguard training, volleyball leagues, senior citizen activities and meals.

Weekly events include:

Mondays

- Lap swim 6:45 a.m., 10 a.m., 6 p.m.
- Aquacise 9 a.m., 6 p.m.
- Volleyball leagues 6-10 p.m.

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- Pickleball 8-11 a.m.

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- Lap swim 6:45 a.m., 10 a.m., 6 p.m.

- Aquacise 9 a.m., 6 p.m.

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- Penny Bingo 12-3 p.m.

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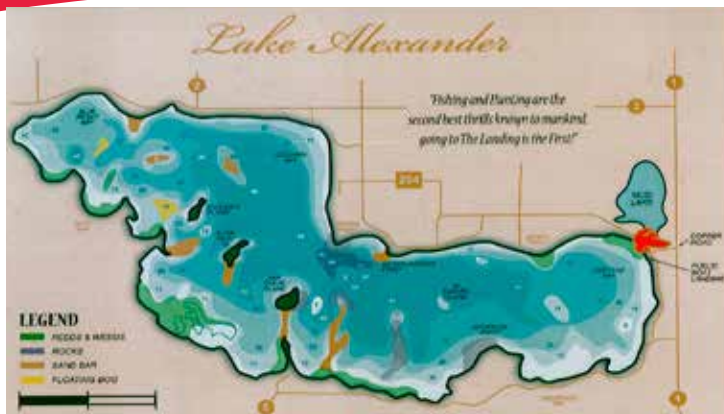
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