

Community Service Awards announced

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation has named the recipients of their fourteenth annual Outstanding Community Service Awards.

The recipients will be honored in a celebration at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples, on Oct. 12. Tickets are available at First International Bank & Trust and Unity Bank in Staples and Motley; Markus Hair Design, Motley; Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd.; Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Staples True Value, Staples World and Staples-Motley High School office.

Award recipients are:

- Steve Sveom - Duane R. Lund Award for Lifetime Achievement.
- Gail Honek - Outstanding Citizen.
- Duane Strack - Chairman's Award.
- Staples Area Men's Chorus - Outstanding Organization.
- Longbella Drug - Outstanding Business.
- Tesla Anderson - Outstanding Youth.

These articles about the recipients were written by committee or community members.

Duane R. Lund Award for Lifetime Achievement
STEVE SVEOM

The ancient Greeks had two words for time. Chronos which is quantitative - it measures chronologically - like clock time - seconds, minutes hours and years.

For example, Steve and Toni along with their two children, Naomi and Daniel came to Faith



Steve Sveom

Lutheran Church in June 1992 with previous calls in Brooklyn, New York and Bemidji, and retired Dec. 31, 2017. Currently Naomi, her husband Nick and son, Philip live in Slovakia where both Nick and Naomi are ELCA teachers in a local school. Daniel is doing an Orthopedic surgery residency in Omaha, Neb. Steve and Toni, who teaches kindergarten English language learners part time, now live in Maplewood.

Where Chronos is quantitative time, Kairos is qualitative. It's a measure of moments, not seconds. Kairos refers to the right moment, the opportune moment.

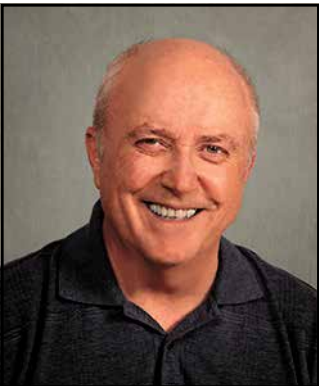
Some Kairos moments would be: the time he delivered the sermon from the roof of the church, although there was a time



Gail Honek

the police and rescue squad did help Steve off the roof. There was the sermon while standing on top of a tall step ladder in the sanctuary. This was the moment Steve realized he did have a fear of heights. And then there was the infamous Elvis Presley sighting as part of the food shelf fund raising program; this was the time Steve realized he was no Elvis. Because of moments like these, we realized we were sharing time with a special and talented person.

About leadership, Theodore Roosevelt once said, "People really don't care how much the leader knows until they know how much the leader cares." It can be said that Steve genuinely cared about people not only in our church but in our community. As Jesus said in his parable of the Tal-



Duane Strack

ents, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Steve brought to our church the Holden Evening Service, service of anointing and laying on of hands, wrote scripts for Bible School, participated in youth trips to Atlanta and New York, encouraged support for the food shelf.

Steve was also a "good and faithful servant" in our community with his involvement in the Staples Food Shelf, the Ministerial Association, Dollars for Scholars, youth baseball, Central MN Boys Choir, Staples Motley Area Arts Council, Staples Motley Beyond Poverty, CARE Ministry and volunteer chaplain work.

Steve also embraced his role in the community with his 'open door' policy to all in our community'. He willingly baptized, mar-



Tesla Anderson

ried, and buried any who came to the church seeking assistance. Steve was a "good and faithful servant" for Faith Lutheran Church and our community.

Outstanding Citizen
GAIL HONEK

Humility. Compassion Caring. These are words best used to describe Gail Honek, this year's recipient of the Outstanding Citizen Award.

Gail is known in the community as a positive, motivated and dedicated person who is always looking for ways to help people. These are traits she credits to her childhood and being raised to treat people as she wants to be treated. Specifically, Gail credits spending time with her grandmother, who taught her the importance of caring and supporting

children throughout their lives.

This strong foundation of faith and love in her childhood led her to a career in social work. Gail worked for 15 years as a social worker for Wadena County Social Services, then as a school social worker at Motley Elementary and Motley-Staples Middle School for 20 years. Gail believes that this work energized her and renewed her faith in the good in all people.

Gail and her husband Tom moved to Staples in 1975 after meeting at Bemidji State University. Tom, a teacher, worked for the Staples-Motley School district until his retirement. They raised three children, Carrie, Tim and Michelle, all of whom are Staples-Motley graduates.

While raising the children, Gail gave back by her involvement in 4-H, church activities, sports, music and extracurricular activities. After raising her children and her retirement, Gail continued to look for ways to continue to make a difference in other people's lives.

While Gail loves to care for her six grandchildren, she is also active in many community programs. She has been in Kinship since See **AWARDS** on page 10a

Grondahl looks back at the people who made his career worthwhile

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Kevin Grondahl has seen many changes in his 32 years at the Staples Community Center, but the biggest one could be when he retires at the end of August.

"It's been great watching families grow up over 30 years," he said, "I have spent my whole career being around people and enjoying them."

A chance to honor Grondahl will be Thursday, Aug. 31, at Pine Grove Park, from 3-6 p.m.

Grondahl's good-natured conversations have helped community center visitors feel welcomed.

"I love the banter, I'll joke around with anybody," from tiny kids to the eldest senior citizens. If I can brighten someone's day and help them out, that's good for both of us," said Grondahl.

Grondahl started with the Staples Police Department in 1980. In 1985, he was hired to be the maintenance person at the community center, so he quit his second job at the lumberyard. Just a few months



Fixture at the community center

Kevin Grondahl has welcomed visitors to the Staples Community Center for 32 years. He will retire at the end of August, as Community Center and Parks and Recreation Director. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

later, the jobs of community education, school programming and parks got split up due to retirements and people leaving. Grondahl was left as the community center manager. "I had to quick learn everything,"

he said.

During his career, Grondahl said the community center has been operating just as it was intended, to be a hub for community activity, and a gathering area for events. "It is

always changing every day, it evolves on what comes up next," he said.

He remembers hosting the first Grad Blast at the community center in 1986. He has had a role in every one since then.

A major change in the community center programming came in 1990, when they replaced the upstairs arcade with a fitness center. "That was a neat change, all of a sudden 500 new faces found a use for it," said Grondahl.

He said parents would work out while kids swam or played and they started noticing other things going on, like the volleyball league. "There were so many spin-offs when people started getting together," he said. But now he said there are other fitness centers and recreation opportunities in town and they don't have that same base of people any more.

In 2003, the parks and recreation component was added to his job. Grondahl felt that was a natural fit, since "the community center is our indoor park," he said.

Improvements to the parks Grondahl helped bring include playgrounds at NP Park and Pine Grove Park, and the kitchen shelter at Pine Grove. He also was integral in preparing the original trails plan for Staples and getting several

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Hello, Readers,

Railroad Days in Staples will have a weekend full of fun, family activities. Whether your interest is collector cars, music, food, chili cookoff, pig racing, parade or 5K Dash, you'll find it here Saturday. Don't forget the variety show Thursday and the CLC Ag Center Field Day Friday. Some events have been detailed in stories in the Aug. 10 and Aug. 17 issues of the paper. See the ad on page 3a with the full list of activities. See other ads about more special events and go treasure hunting at the city-wide garage sales. We welcome school alumni back for class reunions and we welcome bicyclists with Bicycling Around Minnesota who will be in Staples Saturday afternoon and overnight. Thank you to all the many volunteers who make this event possible. Get out there and enjoy yourself!

Where in the World?
Invitation to bid meal service: 8A

Obituaries
*Steven Dickman
Robert Manning*

John Regan is middle school principal

By Brenda Halvorson, General Manager

The Motley-Staples Middle School has a new principal. John Regan was hired by the Staples-Motley School Board at their Aug. 21 meeting immediately after they accepted his resignation as a high school math teacher.

The board also adopted a facility usage policy and fee schedule. Fees are assigned to the various facilities such as gyms, cafeterias, classrooms, auditorium and kitchens. The fees vary depending on amount of time and whether the group requesting usage is a nonprofit or a for profit organization.

For instance, Centennial Auditorium and lobby use for under four hours for a non profit organization is \$50. A for profit company will pay \$75 for up to four hours.

Custodian and kitchen staff overtime, if required, will be billed at \$35 per hour.

Greg Frisk said he thought the rates were too low. Bryan Winkels replied that the policy committee wanted to keep the rates reasonable so as not to dis-

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Solar eclipse draws a crowd

A large group of more than 100 people gathered outside the Staples Library for a viewing party to witness the solar eclipse on Aug. 21. The library live-streamed the NASA feed of the eclipse inside the building and held a program to learn about the eclipse. The group then spent more than an hour outside with special glasses, observing the moon cross over the sun. See more photos on page 9a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Students to pick up Chromebooks Aug. 29

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Students will come away with more than a locker number at the Staples-Motley High School open house on Tuesday, Aug. 29. Most of them will receive a huge technology upgrade.

The event, from 5-7 p.m., will allow parents and students to choose one of three learning sessions, at 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., and 6:30 p.m., to learn about the new Chromebook that each student will receive this year.

Following the session, students will get a ticket to go pick up their new device.

High School Principal Mike Schmidt said students will be using the technology in most of their classes. "Chromebooks are the new pen and paper," he said, "It is much more than just an app, it approaches the level of a laptop or desktop computer, and it will be used every day."

Schmidt said the math department will be centered around the technology, and students will be able to bring their homework home on the computers, even if they don't have wi-fi at home. "The curriculum, tutorial videos and re-teach portions will be on it already," he said. It also eliminates the need for parents to relearn the curriculum while helping kids with their homework.

And when students walk into the building the next day, their completed homework can automatically be uploaded to their teacher.

"We live in a hyper-connected world," said Schmidt. "This will bring students up to speed. They are learning how connected they really are."

The science department has already been using technology based curriculum for years. Some of the devices they have been using will be sent to the sixth and seventh grade classrooms for in-class use.

Some of the college-in-schools and post-secondary students will be allowed to use the computers and devices they are already



School full of Chromebooks

Staples-Motley High School Principal shows some of the more than 450 Chromebook computers that will be given out to every student in grades 8-12 this fall. The carrying case opens into a laptop with the Chromebooks ready to go. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

using for their classes, since many of them take online classes.

Since technology can also have ulterior uses, each Chromebook will be equipped with GoGuardian protection software. "It allows us to monitor student use both in and out of school," said Schmidt. "If a student does something that is at risk, we will know."

Schmidt said that is necessary because of how technology issues and social media often end up affecting students at school.

"The kids are familiar with one to one technology, but it limits their ability to

use it more academically," he said. "The Chromebooks allow them to concentrate on academics."

If students and parents are unable to attend the open house listening session, Chromebook distribution will also take place on Wednesday, Aug. 30 and Thursday, Aug. 31, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

For those unable to get to any of the sessions, they can still pick up their Chromebooks on Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium lobby. Students in 8th and 9th grade start school that day, while grades 10-12 start Wednesday, Sept. 6.

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Open house set for 3-6 p.m., Aug. 31, at Pine Grove Park

miles of trails built.

Grondahl said his favorite project was getting the fishing pier to come to Dower Lake, because of all the cooperation between the city, the community and the state. "There were so many groups that had a hand in that," he said.

Collaborations have become a hallmark of his career as he got involved in groups personally and also included groups on big projects. Another favorite project was the Legacy Trail, which had several groups involved in planning and permitting, and the Central Lakes College heavy equipment program built portions of the trail. "What a wonderful collaboration it has been, it is only going to help grow the relationships for future projects," he said.

Grondahl said he has become a liaison between the city and community for many events. This will be his last year to help at the Railroad Days Parade. "I worked into it naturally, we

did chamber events, and the community Christmas tree was right outside here. "It just became natural that I was involved in all the events," he said.

His city work, community work and personal life all intertwined in 1996, when Grondahl got married during Railroad Days, on the chili-cook off day.

Grondahl commended the Staples Parks and Recreation Board for working with him over the years, and also the community center and park workers. "It was fun to work with the boards, I had great people to work with and awesome staff over the years, both kids and adults," he said. "If there was any success I had, it was because of the good people around me," he said.

"Not a day goes by that I didn't learn something," said Grondahl, "but at this point very little surprises me any more."

The community center is still a very important part of the region, Gron-

dahl said. Recently he got a sense of that from all the support he received in favor of the remodeling and expansion project that is still in the planning stage. "I would like to see the conversation continue about collaborating with local groups to move forward with the plans," he said. Grondahl stressed that it will take more than just the City of Staples to make it work.

Grondahl said following his retirement, he will still do something in the community. "I still have talents I can share, and can be useful for other organizations," he said.

He will miss the day to day interactions with staff, but expects to get involved in other aspects of the community.

"This has been a fun job," he said, "a lot of times a hoot."

He said he has felt humbled at times, including being named Citizen of the Year in 2014 for the Community Foundation Awards.

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Facility usage fee schedule approved on split vote

courage use, but they also wanted to recoup the cost of operations, such as lights and toilet paper.

Winkels and Chad Longbella said other school districts in the area were contacted. Many also used different rates for non profit and for profit organizations.

Dave Hoemberg wondered why this didn't come through the finance committee instead of the policy committee.

"Because it's a policy," replied Mary Freeman, board chair.

Bruce Lund asked what past practice has been.

Longbella replied that this has been treated as a policy in the past but that if the board didn't like it, they could send it to the finance committee, too.

Hoemberg requested a list of the non profit and for profit organizations that use the facilities.

The usage fee schedule was approved 4-2 with Hoemberg and Frisk voting no.

Business manager Jaime Boesen presented monthly financial reports from December 2016 through June 2017, noting that "nothing really stands out" as unusual.

The auditing company was in to assess the district's status and "the things they've tested so far are good," Boesen said. They will be back for a final audit in October.

In another financial item the board raised the pay for Little Cardinals Academy aides from \$9.68 per hour to \$10.50 per hour. Freeman noted that will increase the budget by about \$1,900.

In personnel items the board:

- Approved contracts for Matt Michel, high school custodian; Nicholas Reed, IT help desk technician; Liz Capistrant and Shari Henrikson, school readiness teachers; Jesslyn Marting, kindergarten teacher; Heather Kadus, middle school STEAM/art teacher; Joshua Mailhout, grade 5 teacher; Jolene Johnson, school readiness para; Lisa Richardson-Emola, Motley food service; Jamie Nordick, high school physical education

and coaching.

- Accepted resignations from Sandy Otteson, transportation - she retains her paraprofessional contract; and Mitch Anderson, physical education and coaching.

- Approved a speech assignment for Pam Siepkens.

In other business the board:

- Viewed a film from the Minnesota State High School League on "Why We Play." Travis VanOverbeke, activities director, said he and the coaches are adopting the transformational style of coaching where they are mentors and focus on building a team family, rather than the transactional style where winning is everything at all costs.

- Heard from Ron Bratlie, interim superintendent, that he and Craig Waldvogel, technology coordinator, were able to negotiate a \$10,000 reduction in the cost of new servers and software. The cost will be about \$75,000 rather than the original \$85,000. Waldvogel noted that the situation was getting critical in that part of the Skyward servers have failed completely. He expected to take delivery of the new equipment by the end of the week.



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Training for rail car incident response

Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC) bringing FREE Department of Homeland Security-certified course on Rail Car Incident Response to Staples.

In 2008, the Federal Railway Administration (FRA) reported there were more than 7,000 rail car accidents and incidents, 20 of which involved hazardous materials requiring the evacuation of over 5,000 people. In the last five years there have been 166 incidents involving hazardous materials, most of which occurred in rural America according to the FRA.

As more and more rail traffic involves the transportation of valuable cargo and hazardous materials, the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium (RDPC) is providing critical training to help rural first responders, government administrators, and emergency managers in the Staples area respond more effectively to a freight rail car incident.

RDPC will be delivering a free Department of Homeland Security (DHS)-certified course, AWR 147 - Rail Car Incident Response, Sept. 14, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the NJPA Conference Room 3 and 4, 202 12th St NE, Staples. The course will educate those on the frontlines of defense in their community on what to do in the event of a rail car incident involving hazardous materials.

Registration is required for this course. Registration deadline is Aug. 31.

To register contact www.ruraltraining.org

The eight-hour, instructor-led course will introduce the rural responder community to basic rail car design and construction features as well as damage assessment strategies to help interpret damage to the rail cars in a hazmat incident. Upon completion of the course, participants will be better prepared to respond to a freight car incident without endangering the health and safety of the responders and the environment.

The course was developed by the Ohio-based University of Findlay, an academic partner of the RDPC, to increase the par-

ticipants knowledge and understanding of safety and hazardous conditions that may exist at the scene, and allow them to become more familiar with safe practices adopted by the railroad industry.

Although no formal prerequisites are required to attend this course, it is highly recommended that participants have a working knowledge of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) before attending.

RDPC is a U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Training and Education Division (NTED), partnership of academic institutions with a vision of creating an environment wherein rural communities across America will have the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to enhance the safety, security and quality of life for their citizens.

The Center for Rural Development (The Center) in Somerset, KY is the Executive Agent for the RDPC. As executive agent, The Center provides grant administration and general oversight of the consortium. Additionally, The Center is responsible for marketing, website hosting and administration, delivery coordination, data collection and reporting, and additional technologies including a large network of interactive television (ITV), videoconferencing, and learning management systems necessary to manage large student populations and deliver courses to rural responders across the nation.

All training delivered by RDPC is certified by DHS and is offered tuition-free for a broad scope of stakeholders, including the traditional emergency response disciplines, and other emergency support functions as defined by the National Response Framework, as well as critical infrastructure owners and operators.

For more information or to request training - visit www.ruraltraining.org. The RDPC help desk is also available at info@ruraltraining.org or 877-855-7372.



Run for Richard

The Richard Ziegler family held their first 5K run Aug. 19 in honor of Richard who died last year. The proceeds from the run were given to the Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association. At right, Jenna Ziegler presented a check for \$1,000 to Huck Holst who represented the park association. The family hopes to make this an annual event. (Submitted photo)



Bicyclists touring central Minnesota

Motorists will notice an increased number of bicyclists on north central Minnesota highways Aug. 24-27 for the annual Bicycling Around Minnesota event, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

Approximately 300 bicyclists will travel through Walker, Bemidji, Park Rapids and Staples on sev-

eral trunk highways, local routes and bicycle paths during the four days.

The law is clear-bicyclists and motorists share responsibility. There are eight "rules of the road" to improve bicycle safety:

1. Bicyclists may ride on all Minnesota roads, except where restricted - such as interstates.
2. Bicyclists should ride

on the road and in the same direction as traffic.

3. Motorists must maintain a three-foot clearance at all times when passing a bicyclist.

4. Bicyclists must obey all traffic control signs and signals, just as motorists.

5. Motorists and bicyclists must yield the right of way to each other.

6. Bicyclists must signal

their turns and should ride in a predictable manner.

7. Bicyclists must use a headlight and rear reflectors when it's dark.

8. Bicyclists should always wear helmets and bright reflective gear.

For more information about the 2017 Bicycling Around Minnesota event, visit www.bambiketour.org.

Arrests made for domestic incidents

On Aug. 15, at 12:01 a.m., Staples Police spoke with a party who was involved in a verbal domestic incident. The party involved stated they would not be returning to their house for the evening and had another place to stay. Police supplied the party with a Hands of Hope domestic violence packet and they were advised.

On Aug. 15, Staples Police responded to the 300 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE, for an alleged assault. After investigation, the police arrested Martin Keith Doerr, 25, of Staples, for domestic assault and disorderly conduct.

On Aug. 16, Staples Police received a report of concern for welfare on

two juveniles who were with their mother at Super America. Police located the vehicle on Highway 10 and stopped the vehicle. After investigation it was learned that the juveniles were not listening to their mother. Police spoke with the juveniles about listening to their mother.

On Aug. 17, Staples

Police assisted Wadena County Sheriff's Office with arresting Troy Bast, 46, on a domestic no contact order violation.

On Aug. 17, Staples Police received a report of a juvenile making suicidal comments through Facebook. Contact was made with the juvenile and parents.



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The most important time for a child to learn language is in the first three years of life, when the brain is developing and maturing. Research suggests that children with hearing loss who get help early develop better language skills than those who don't. To schedule an appointment, please call **PREFERRED HEARING AID CENTER** at 1-800-458-0895. You will find us at 17274 STATE HWY 371, BRAINERD. We will help find the solution that best suits your individual hearing needs, lifestyle, and budget.

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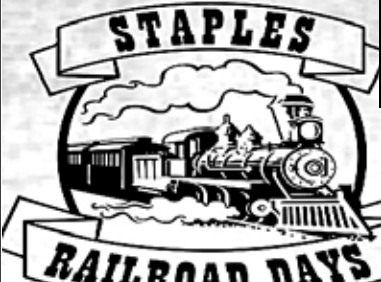


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Thurs., Aug. 24

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Picnic on the Patio, Staples High Rise, 4 - 6 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 25

Ice Cream Social Fundraiser, 2-4 p.m.
Living Legacy Gardens
CLC Ag. & Energy Research Center Field Day, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Twisted Sisters Car Show, 5 - 8 p.m.
Fireworks, 9:30 p.m. Staples Airport

Sunday, Aug. 27

Wayne Renn Concert, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
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Saturday, Aug. 26

Zumba / Exercise 8 a.m.
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Trinity Lutheran Church, 8-10:30 a.m.
Kinship RR Days 5k Walk/Run & Jr. Dash, 8:30 a.m. Starts at Staples Alliance Church
Arts and Crafts Sales, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 4th St / 2nd Ave.
Railroad Days Car Show, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Staples-Motley Elementary School, Staples. Sponsored by NAPA and Staples Motley Area Women of Today
Root Beer Floats, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friends of the Library
CT Pedal Pull, 10 a.m. registration, Staples ACE Hardware
Lefty's Softball Association Bean Bag Tournery, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lefty's
Penny Auction, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Congregational Church
Farmers Market, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Veterans Park
L.A. Racing Pigs Show, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m., SHAS parking lot
Barry's Cherry Hydroponic Produce Farm tour, 3:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m.
SM Chamber of Commerce Beer Garden, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Staples Sings Contest, MN Sings, 4th street stage, noon
Chili Cook Off, 4th St., 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
"The Slewfoot Family Band", 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. 4th Street stage
Parade 5 p.m., 2nd Ave. to 5th St. North
Free Corn Feed following parade, Staples Alliance Church
Jaycees Alumni Picnic
Street Dance, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m.
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AUGUST 29TH

5:00-7:00pm
Staples-Motley High School
Motley-Staples Middle School
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Open House Schedule



AUGUST 31ST

5:00-7:00pm
Staples-Motley Elementary School
Staples Family Center



Letters to the Editor

Grateful for community

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the community in which I live. With that, I am going to share an experience I had professionally that has made me aware of the many blessings we have right here in our small community.

About two weeks ago (it was the weekend, and I was REALLY looking forward to sleeping in on Saturday morning), I received a call from the emergency department (ED) at work (I am one of the social workers at Lakewood Health System, Staples). The nurse was very apologetic for waking me up at 6:30 a.m., but needed some help with a family.

A family of eight was traveling by train from Glacier back home to Pittsburg when the grandfather became ill. The urgency of the situation required an ambulance, and he was brought to the Lakewood's ED. Three of his family members decided to stay with him and the rest continued their journey. You can imagine their concern, not knowing anything about this community or its healthcare capabilities.

Amber, the ED nurse, called Timberlake Lodge Hotel and got the last room available. I was asked if I could help the family connect to other resources while they were here. While in the ED, I met with the family who had stayed behind: the patient's wife, his daughter and granddaughter. They had been up all night and were now in a small rural town with only their toiletries. The family was appreciative of any help or connections with which I would be able to assist them. I called a volunteer with Care Ministries to ask them for ideas. They jumped right into action and connected me with other volunteers who could help me out. (My goal for the family was to connect them with a "buddy" while they were here, who could answer questions, connect with resources, get rides, etc.)

Without hesitation, everyone came up with a plan! For Saturday, one volunteer was able to help get the family to and from the hotel and hospital; another set of volunteers was around to help on Sunday. However, one of the volunteers was able to connect this family with a local business owner who gave them a vehicle to use free of charge. The family was blown away by the generosity, and shared with me that the hotel didn't want to accept their payment, and Lakewood staff offered all kinds of help and assistance.

While visiting with the patient, he told me he has had extensive medical needs and has been in numerous medical facilities and has never been treated better. His family who was staying here could not get over the generosity of our community and how friendly people were. In their words to me, "We could have gotten off the train in many other towns, but got off in Staples,

and we feel truly blessed!"

The patient and his family received the care and assistance they needed from both Lakewood staff and providers, as well as those within the community and upon the patient's improved health, he and his family returned home on the Amtrak later that week.

One cannot help but be proud of our community, and how they come through when people are in need. I know this happens to others, both those who reside here, as well as visitors and that's why I am so proud to call Staples my home.

Bobbe Anderson
Staples, Minn.

The rest of the story

In last weeks Staples World, in an article on a recent school board work session, there was a quote attributed to me that I would like to clarify.

The board had listened to a presentation by the firm that is aiding us in a facilities study. As a part of that study, we had seen many graphs and charts, outlining priorities and cost estimates for facility repairs and possible upgrades.

As we move forward, your board obviously wants to make the best use of your tax dollars and these professionals are advising us on the most practical schedule for building repairs or replacement.

After we had viewed those, I presented a chart that I had obtained from a school district in our area showing schools that were gaining in student population and schools that had declining numbers. I pointed out that in each case of a school with an increase, they had recently constructed new K-12 buildings.

I then compared our offerings to theirs, pointing out that we had teachers as good or better than theirs. I said that we had better music programs, a better speech program, a better FFA program, more class offerings, more sports opportunities and an all around better student experience than those schools with new buildings.

I then asked my fellow board members if they thought the disparity might be because several schools on that chart have old, sometimes very old buildings. I pointed out that where some school districts have modern, well thought out buildings, we have crap facilities. So there you have it. Out of a three or four minute dissertation on the comparison of our school buildings to those of some of our neighbors, the quote that the World chose to print was my four seconds of "We have crap facilities."

As Paul Harvey used to say, now you know the rest of the story.

Greg Frisk
Motley, Minn.

'Freedom' is best response to white supremacy hatemongers

By Gene Policinski

Let them march in Charlottesville. Let them speak. Hate-propagating neo-Nazis and bottom-dwelling white supremacists - the dregs of our open society - have and should have First Amendment rights to speak and march in public.

We need to see them for what they are: a disappointing collection of the disaffected; some parading around in silly costumes, often ignorant of the real meaning and history of the symbols they display, carrying torches meant as much to intimidate as to illuminate.

We need to hear them for what they say: advocacy of discredited ideas involving racial purity and intolerance, couched in misrepresentations of U.S. history and the American experience.

We need to understand them for what they are: betrayers of what President Lincoln called "our better angels," of the principles of equality, justice and the rule of law - painfully worked out over time and sometimes imperfectly at the outset, through the self-correcting processes of speaking and writing freely, of assembling and petitioning peaceably for change.

Granted, it is tempting after events like those of last weekend to take another view. While there is only a small fraction of our fellow citizens who hold such repellent views on white supremacy and racial hatred, there is the very real danger that a few more, and then a few more than that, will be seduced by false pretensions and misleading presentations of patriotism, economic security and personal safety.

History tells us of the rise at various times in our nation of groups preaching hate and bigotry and violence, using their rights of speech, press and assembly to inflame rather than inform, incite rather than inspire, and indoctrinate rather than educate. Nativists, the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis and others at various times have used fear, prejudice and ignorance to flourish and gain public accommodation or support - sometimes for decades - before crawling back under the social rocks from whence they came.

It's tempting to believe that if only such domestic terrorists were silenced by government, their views would dissipate; that "out of sight" truly would mean "out of mind." But such censoring, suppressing and silencing is a betrayal of our core principles - along with being ineffective and often counterproductive. If it ever was possible, never mind desirable, to counter such anti-American sentiments by silencing its proponents, it is now a lost cause in the Age of the

Internet and social media. A few provocative tweets or a viral video can reach a global audience that dwarfs anything possible in earlier human history.

But, the desire "to do something" when we witness demonstrations of hate and regressive ideologies can tempt us to take actions that ultimately erode our freedoms.

More than a decade ago, when the hatemongering Westboro Baptist Church group began appearing at the funerals of U.S. military personnel who died in combat, the tiny assembly gained far more visibility than it could have purchased otherwise through its well-publicized fights with municipal authorities seeking to shut down or shunt to remote locations its offensive messages about gays and others.

Defenders of free expression sometimes are the target of those who espouse what the late First Amendment advocate Nat Hentoff described as "Free Speech for Me, but not for Thee." The ACLU of Virginia is being vehemently attacked online for representing in court the white supremacist group that successfully challenged the Charlottesville government's initial decision to ban the group from gathering in a centrally-located city park, in favor of a more isolated park about a mile away. What other stand should the ACLU, which has been protecting the free speech rights of opposing groups for nearly a century, have taken?

The First Amendment protects us all from government actions based solely on our views or the content of our expression. There is no national authority on what's right or acceptable - no "national nanny" to rap knuckles over offensive, disgusting or repugnant views. U.S. District Judge Glen Conrad, in rejecting the government ban on the alt-right rally in Charlottesville, was not validating the views of those who gathered. Rather, Conrad was upholding the nation's commitment to free speech, and the view of the nation's founders that their descendants would, over time and when left to freely discuss and consider all options, arrive at the best solution for the greatest number of people.

Hate speech, racial prejudice and policies rooted in white supremacy beliefs were accepted in much of the nation for decades, until confronted by a modern civil rights movement that

finally touched a nation's conscience - and altered its law books - by using all five of the First Amendment freedoms. And the right of free expression stood strong to counter public officials of that era who also cited "public safety" as justification to oppose or arrest those calling for racial justice.

We don't want to hand our government, at any level, the authority to restrain free expression on the mere supposition that it may provoke violence - or worse, because many or even most in a locale oppose it. Over time, we have developed and been well-served by legal doctrines narrowly defining when officials can act to suppress speeches, rallies or marches; doctrines rooted in specific evidence of real, immediate threats to public safety. From schools to sidewalks, those laws focus applying restrictions on conduct rather than suppressing the ideas behind those actions.

Let's concede that this system is not neat and tidy, nor effective in all cases. It requires both great effort and great restraint on the part of police and elected officials charged with public safety.

We are debating the limits of free expression in other areas of life today. On college campuses, some argue that their right to be "free from" exposure to some views is greater than the freedom for others to express those views. There is also much debate over the extent to which social media platforms and the internet should now be considered "public spaces" rather than private property, and thus subject to the First Amendment. And the speed and rapidity of the web challenges a legal structure built around communications that moved much more slowly, and less pervasively.

In the wake of the tragedy in Charlottesville, we must remain committed to our core belief that we're better off - and ultimately, more secure - when we may freely discuss, debate and decide.

For those who repudiate hate groups and the ugly messages they work to spread, let's keep in mind another adage of the First Amendment community: "Sunlight is the best disinfectant."

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Horsager to speak at England Prairie Chapel

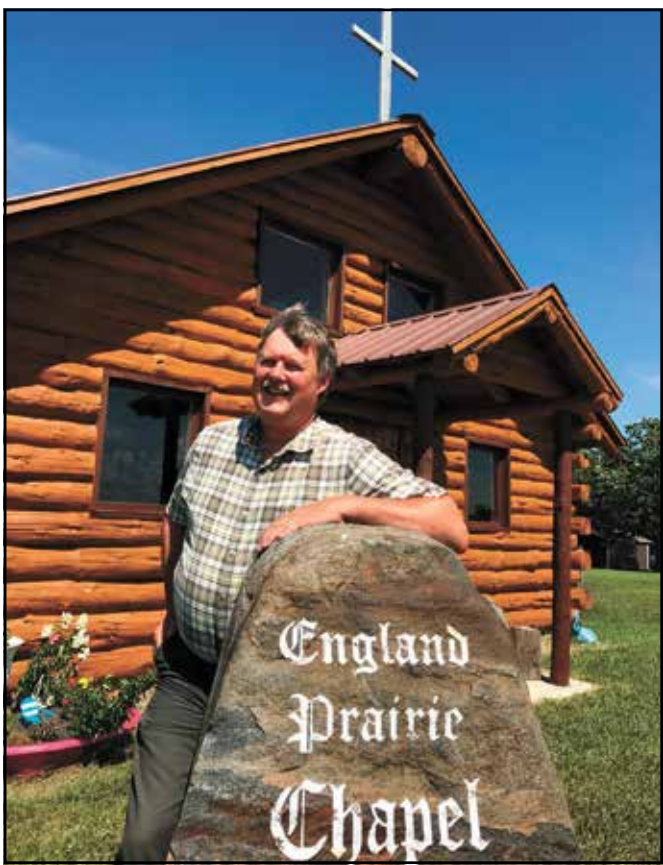
The public is invited to attend a community worship service at the Log Chapel located on the England Prairie property on Sunday, Aug. 27 at 11 a.m.

Pastor Chuck Horsager of rural Sebeka will be the preacher at this year's chapel service. His sermon is entitled, "Is the old-time Gospel still relevant for today?"

"I hope to challenge people to think about what they believe and encourage them to grow in their spiritual journey. Everyone is welcome," Horsager explains.

Horsager grew up on a farm north of Verndale and studied agriculture, business and economics at the University of Minnesota. He later earned his Master of Divinity degree from Bethel Theological Seminary, now known as Bethel University.

He has worked in the agricultural banking industry for 16 years and served as pastor for 20 years, and currently serves as the pastor of Central United Methodist Church of rural Verndale. He also represents District 4 as a Wadena County Commissioner and



works as business manager of Birch Lake Counseling.

The England Prairie Show Days takes place on August 25-27 and is located west of Verndale and southeast of Wadena on

County Road 1.

"Join us for the community church service and enjoy the other "old-fashioned" activities," invites Horsager.



Bear's eye view

John Gorton found this visitor the evening of Aug. 16 in a tree right next to his house in Staples. He estimated the size of the bear at 300-400 lbs. A number of bears have been spotted in town. DNR officer Jeff Halverson said this is uncommon for this time of year. They usually come in the spring, but head back into the woods when the berries are available.

Staples ALC open house

Freshwater Staples ALC will host an open house on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 3 - 6 p.m., at their new location at Central Lakes College in Staples.

Students, parents and guardians are welcome.

The college is located at 1830 Airport Rd. Suite 2. Parking is in the northeast parking lot.

Staples Area Women's Chorus kicks off Sept. 18

New members welcome

The Staples Area Women's Chorus (SAWC) will begin their 2017 - 2018 season on Monday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m., at the Staples-Motley High School choir room.

Women who love to sing and looking for an opportunity to participate in a variety of choral events are encouraged to join the group.

The SAWC, under the direction of Joan Batchelor Rhymers, meets on Monday evenings from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Kim Berggren is the choir's accompanist.

"We always welcome new members and hope you can join us for another great season," said member Janet Anderson.

For more information, contact Anderson at 218-894-4548.

Staples Area Men's Chorus 'meet and greet' is Aug. 30

The first gathering of the Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC) for 2017 - 18 will be a 'Meet and Greet' event on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 6 p.m. at the Pine Grove Park Pavilion in Staples.

All former members of the SAMC are encouraged to come and 'meet' with current chorus members in a social evening out.

"We especially wish to invite any pro-

spective new members to join us for a meal and an opportunity to 'greet' a group of guys who love the joy and fellowship of male chorus singing," SAMC member Kevin Olsen said.

Food and beverages will be provided and of course some singing will definitely be the order of the evening, Olsen added.

For more information, contact Olsen at 218-296-2430.

Educational Opportunities

September 11-12

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Mark Your Calendar

August 26

GOSPEL CONCERT at Motley United Methodist Church on Saturday, Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m., featuring the Schimpps and the Timbs. Free-will offering. Brats/chips available at 6 p.m. For info., 218-352-6466.

August 27

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR CEREMONY FOR NOAH HAN Sunday, Aug. 27, 1 p.m., at Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Public invited.

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Obituaries

Steven Dickman

Steven Robert Dickman, 54, of Staples passed away July 21, 2017 at the St. Cloud Veterans Hospice unit after struggling from cancer.

A memorial/interment service will be held Friday, August 25 at 1:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples. A reception will follow at the Yvonne Dickman residence, 49430-305th Ave., Staples. Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate Steven's life.

Steven was born in 1963 in Staples to Phillip and Yvonne Dickman. He graduated from Staples High School in 1981. Following his graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army serving four years and was discharged in April, 1985. In 1990, Steven moved to North Pole, AK where he resided until July, 2016.

Steven is survived by his mother; one daughter,

Sasha Dickman and one son, Joshua Dickman both of San Manuel, AZ; four grandchildren, Rianna Estrada, Sadye Lerma, Javier Lerma and Zane Lerma; four brothers, Duane (Deb) Dickman, Staples, Kevin (Ann) Dickman, Colleyville, TX, Carl Dickman, Danbury, WI, Douglas Dickman, Staples and three sisters, Audrey (Barry) Clough, Cambridge, Darla (Brad) Fraley, Bryon Center, MI and Donna (Dale) Doublestein, Wyoming, MI; 12 nieces and nephews; 12 great-nieces and great-nephews.

He is preceded in death by his father and two brothers, Bruce Dickman and Rodney Dickman.

The family is grateful for the condolences, but declines flowers and donations.

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Meyer family reunion at the concert

Members of the Meyer family reunited at the recent 'Music in the Park' event in Staples which featured the Meire Grove Community Band, a group with strong connections to the Meyer family. Pictured standing, from left, are Ali Miller, Minneapolis; Amy (Meyer) Winkels, Staples; Samantha Miller, Sauk Centre; Cindy (Meyer) Miller, West Union; Marge and Orv Meyer, Staples; Joe Meyer, Nisswa; Vern Meyer (Orv's brother), Sauk Centre.

Seated, from left, are Orv's sisters, Jan Eiden and Marie Meyer, both of Braham. Vern Meyer, trumpet player, directed the band for over 60 years; Cindy plays drums; Samantha, tenor sax; Jan, clarinet; and Marie, trumpet. Prior to the concert, Orv and Marge invited the band to their home for a dinner social, hosting at least 50 people. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Final summer concert in Staples

The Meire Grove Community Band, under the direction of Gary Zwack (former director Vern Meyer's son-in-law), closed out the Music in the Park series in Staples Aug. 13, playing a variety of selections, from Hoagy Carmichael's "Georgia on my Mind" to the rousing, "Stars and Stripes Forever." Pictured

above, the audience stands as the band plays "The National Anthem." Due to rain, the concert was moved from Northern Pacific Park to Faith Lutheran Church, the only time this season for this to happen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



August birthdays and anniversaries

The monthly birthday/anniversary celebration for the Staples Senior Citizens was held August 8, in the Senior Citizen's room at the Staples Community Center. Three people were celebrating their birthdays and three couples are celebrating their wedding anniversaries in August.

In front: Iris Floistad, birthday and Arlene Grover, anniversary. Standing: left to right: Richard (birthday) and Leila Allen, anniversary; Mary Ann and Jerry Riewer, anniversary; Phyllis Paskewitz birthday and Neil Grover, anniversary. They received small decorated cakes, cards, the Happy Birthday/Happy Anniversary song was sung, followed by a short program and drawings for prizes were followed by the meal.

The September party will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Call 218-894-1556 before noon on September 11 to register.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Christiann and David Scofield of Brainerd, a baby boy, Eli Abraham weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on August 11, 2017.

Born to Amanda and Lance Kostreba of Breezy Point, a baby girl, Kinsley Ann weighing seven pounds, two ounces on August 11, 2017.

Born to Trista Durose and Matthew Metcalf of Staples, a baby boy, Raymond Louis weighing seven pounds, one ounce on August 11, 2017.

Born to Miriam and Glen Mast of Bertha, a baby boy, Andy G weighing seven pounds, five ounces on August 13, 2017.

Born to Jessica and Ricky Rowe of Clarissa, a baby boy, Reid Scott weighing seven pounds, 12.5 ounces on August 15, 2017.

Born to Kripa and Bryan Reese of Staples, a baby boy, Calvary Kenneth weighing seven pounds, four ounces on August 16, 2017.

Born to Makenzie Bourassa and Brian Wold of Aitkin, a baby girl, Olivia Jo Ann weighing seven pounds on August 16, 2017.

Born to Jessica Keck and Josh Bahr of Baxter, a baby boy, Finley Steven-Dell weighing eight pounds, five ounces on August 17, 2017.

Born to Whitney and Michael Stine of Sebeka, a baby girl, Cami Luanne weighing nine pounds, four ounces on August 17, 2017.

Born to Kaija and Eric Johnson of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Avery Christopher weighing ten pounds on August 17, 2017

Info. sought

Information is sought on former classmate, Carol A. Gillespie, who attended grade school in Staples and her junior year of high school at Staples in 1966. She moved and graduated from Hutchison in 1967.

Any info. write or call: George Quast, PO Box 233, Hutchison, MN 55350. Telephone: 320-587-2300.

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Ashley Goddard, Receptionist, Clinic

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Jen Hjelmstad Receptionist, Clinic

Nominated by Kariline Mevissen Receptionist, Clinic, "I am continually amazed at the skill and poise in which Jen does her job. She has recently taken on "lead" trainer and education for our meetings. With the extra work she puts in, we have more consistency within our department, which overflows into the nursing/provider area and that makes for a smoother patient experience. Jen, you guide and inspire me. Keep up the extraordinary work."

Tiffany Carlson Director of Nutrition Services

Nominated by Diane Karels, Nutrition Services, "Tiffany has gone above and beyond to accommodate and care for me during the process of my mother's chronic illness and eventual passing. I am forever grateful to Tiffany for allowing me to take the necessary time off to be able to be with my mom. I will always cherish that time, as it's something I will never be able to get back. Lakewood is truly a great place to work, and Tiffany is a wonderful boss. I appreciate being able to spend these precious last moments with my mom when she needed me the most. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Bridget Kuhns LPN, Clinic

Nominated by Jody Yeager LPN, Clinic, "Bridget took it upon herself to purchase a balloon and gift for a patient who had no family. Bridget made the patient's birthday special by acknowledging him in this way. This went above and beyond! This gesture for a patient reminds me of the kind of person Bridget is and where her heart truly is!"

Sandy Paskewitz LPN, Women's Health

Nominated by Dana Fisher, Administrative Assistant, "My office is located near the Women's Health hall in the Staples clinic and I've been blessed with watching Sandy interact with her patients'. Sandy uses AIDET EVERY TIME she welcomes her patients. Patients are always treated with respect and compassion when in her care. Sandy's positive, 'get it done,' attitude is something every nurse should strive to emulate. She truly does her very best for her patients and her co-workers every day."

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Coffee with Jerel



The Women of Wisdom (WOW) coffee group of Staples invited Jerel Nelsen, City of Staples Administrator, to join them at the Stomping Grounds coffee shop in Staples recently for an informal 'Question and Answer' session. Prior to the get-together, the women provided Nelsen with a list of city-related topics they wanted to discuss. These included messy houses and yards, Dower Lake, pets restrictions, permits for home businesses, trimming trees on boulevards; and attracting new businesses to town. The women said they "learned a lot." Pictured in top photo, back row from left, are Diane Carlson, Linda Tappe, Jeanne Leifermann, Karen Anderson, Mary Bendson, Bev Nelsen, Jerel Nelsen. In front, Ellen Nelson, Darla Peterson, Cindy Sorenson (back of head). In lower photo, Jerel Nelsen holds up a list of topics the women wrote down on the back of a placemat. In background is Mary Dravis. The women hope to host more of these Q&A sessions down the line. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Todd County Historical Society met

The Todd County Historical Society is planning a trip to Collegeville Aug. 28. Details were discussed at the board's Aug. 7 meeting at the museum in Long Prairie.

The tour will include a pottery studio, Abbey Woodworking, the Church, their Archives and their wildflower garden. After lunch at St. John's they will visit Quarry Park and tour Karen's Garden in Avon. For more information, call the museum at 732-4426. Everyone is welcome.

The museum director's report included:

- Thank you to everyone who helped at the fair. Winners who guessed the amount of empty gun shells were Barb Notch and Zachery Dreher with the exact amount of 120 shells. Both received \$5. Rich Mettler guessed 221 rocks, the actual number was 222.
- Karen St. Germain has donated a doll made by Cecil Cowdery in 1977. It's on display in the office. Thank

you, Karen.

- On Saturday, July 15, 30 members of the Great Northern Antique Car Club came to tour the museum and were very impressed with our displays.
- Tickets for our fall dinner on October 23 will be available at our September meeting. We have received a bid from Griffs for the meal.

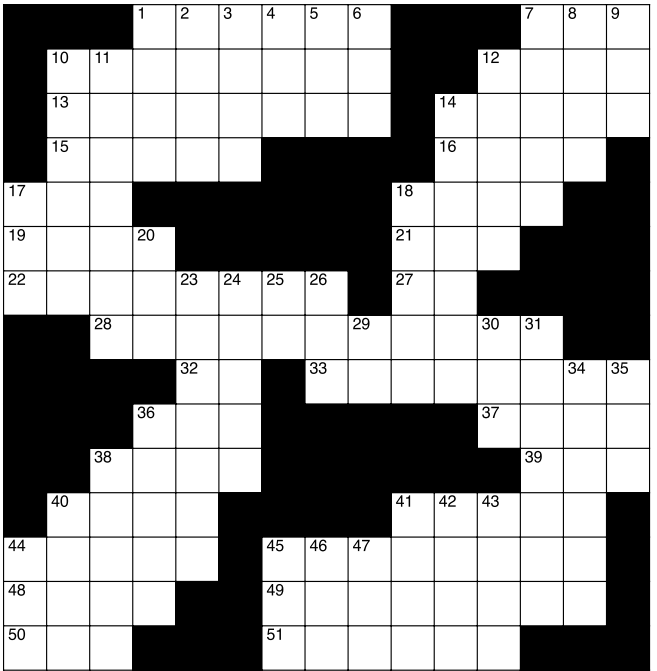
It was noted that Gary Stracek finished the cabinet for the museum's newest display, but he needs help to mount it.

Other events mentioned were the Paul Lundborg talk on Aug. 18, a Night of Nostalgia with Jeff Lucas on Aug. 8, the Lions chicken dinner for seniors on Aug. 14, and the Belgian Waffle breakfast Sept. 24 at the American Legion.

Following the meeting Daiv Freeman talked about his trip to Arizona for the cactus convention.

Submitted by Alice Siegle, secretary

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. Dignified
 - 7. Where to get a pint
 - 10. Broken down
 - 12. Peruvian city
 - 13. Expressed grief
 - 14. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
 - 15. Sizing up
 - 16. Form of Hindustani
 - 17. -de-sac
 - 18. Greek sophist
 - 19. Greek portico
 - 21. Christian Television Network
 - 22. Attractiveness
 - 27. The man
 - 28. Home of the Cowboys
 - 32. Home to Hollywood
 - 33. Be later in time
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Indigenous people of Norway
 - 2. Not odd
 - 3. Ring
 - 4. Adam is one
 - 5. Champion Volunteer QB
 - 6. The smartest Ed
 - 7. Fast cats
 - 8. Two-toed sloth
 - 9. ___ humbug!
 - 10. Investigator
 - 11. Explosive warhead
- CLUES ACROSS

 - 36. Woman
 - 37. A type of protection
 - 38. Conservative people
 - 39. Bela __, Hungarian Leader
 - 40. Rodent
 - 41. Gloss or sheen
 - 44. Looks good in clothes
 - 45. Stephen Malkmus' band
 - 48. Org. of C. American States
 - 49. Doorways are some
 - 50. Cattle genus
 - 51. Rock bands play them
- CLUES DOWN

 - 12. Wrap
 - 14. Hidden meaning
 - 17. Reciprocal of a sine
 - 18. Go with pains
 - 20. Small constellation
 - 23. Prohibited
 - 24. Blocks
 - 25. Home to Boston (abbr.)
 - 26. Small viper
 - 29. Toward
 - 30. Promotional materials
 - 31. Plundering and destroying
 - 34. Provokes
 - 35. One point north of due east
 - 36. Freshwater fishes
 - 38. Male parents
 - 40. Little (Spanish)
 - 41. Sean __, actor
 - 42. Bowfin fish
 - 43. Large integers
 - 44. An association of criminals
 - 45. Genus of grasses
 - 46. Annual percentage rate
 - 47. Mechanical belt

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VFW/Auxiliary essay contest

The Wadena VFW Post #3922 and its Auxiliary are sponsoring the annual Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy essay/scholarship contests for students in Bertha-Hewitt, Sebeka, Staples-Motley, Verndale, Wadena-Deer Creek Schools; home-school students can enter their age-appropriate contest. Entries must be submitted to school contact persons by Oct. 24; or for info. call Ruth Clark, 218-631-1035.

The Patriot's Pen contest is for seventh and eighth grade students to write a 300-400 word essay on the topic of "America's Gift to My Generation." Top national prize is \$5,000; local prizes will be awarded at each participating school; and Post #3922.

The Voice of Democracy audio-essay contest is open to students grades 9-12. Entrants must prepare and record on CD a three to five minute speech on the topic "American History, Our Hope for the Future." The top national prize is \$30,000; local prizes will also be awarded at each participating school as well as by Post #3922.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

- Staples Alliance**
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hegokoski, Paul Johnson
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries

Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:15 p.m.
- Assembly of God**
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone

Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Sonlight & Youth.....6:30 p.m.
- Church of Christ**
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org

Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
- Congregational Church, UCC**
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571
Pastor Tony Romaine

Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service
- Faith Lutheran**
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvaag
Emelia Engquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.

Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.
- Sacred Heart Church**
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:

Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.
- Seventh Day Adventist**
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033

Saturday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.
- Thomastown Covenant**
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.
- Trinity Lutheran**
1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins

Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:15 a.m.

United Methodist

- 310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
- Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults).....9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich

- Congregational, United Church of Christ**
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831
- Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran

- 19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

Cushing

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

Lincoln Evangelical Free

- 1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Friday Office Closed
Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
- SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages.....9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
- WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist

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

Leaf River Township

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

Leader

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

Maple Hill Lutheran

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

Motley

- Motley Free Methodist**
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
- Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
- WEDNESDAY
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....5:30-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran

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

St. Michael

- 1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
MASS:
- Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday.....7:00 p.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist

- 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.org
- Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

Casino Assembly of God

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

First Baptist

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

Hewitt

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

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)

- 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Verndale

- Verndale Alliance**
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
- Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church

- 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
- Prayer.....8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship.....8:45 a.m.
Worship.....9:10 & 11:00 a.m.
- Prayer or Life Groups.....6:00 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.....Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m.....Ministry Groups/Bible study

Hope Chapel Alliance

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)

- 17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
- WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist

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

Central United Methodist

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

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218-894-1112

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**NOTICE
LUTHERAN SOCIAL
SERVICES
INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The LSS Senior Nutrition Program hereby solicits sealed bids for meals in Clarissa. Any interested bidder may obtain more information by calling (218) 233-7521 or writing to the LSS Senior Nutrition Program, Suite #401C, 715 North 11th St., Moorhead, MN 56560. All proposals for furnishing said meals should be marked as a bid on the envelope and must be received at the above address, no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 8, 2017 at which time and place all bidding shall be considered closed and all bids received shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The right is reserved by the LSS Senior Nutrition Program to accept or reject any or all bids, and to waive any formalities in any bid received or procedure set forth herein and to make the award in the best interest of the project.

The LSS Senior Nutrition Program shall have a period of 30 days after said opening to accept or reject said proposed bid.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2017.

LSS Senior Nutrition Program
Monica Douglas,
Senior Program Director
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**NOTICE OF
MONTHLY MEETING
DATE CHANGE
FOR BYRON
TOWNSHIP**

Please be advised that Byron Township will hold the monthly township meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall to begin on September 21, 2017.

Karen Roubal
Byron Township Clerk
33-34pnc

**NOTICE
MOTLEY CITY
COUNCIL WORK
SESSION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Motley City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2017. The meeting will take place at City Hall. There will be no council action taken at this meeting; however, a quorum of the council may be present. The purpose of the work session is to discuss the 2018 budget and various policy updates.

Lacey Smieja,
City Clerk
34pnc

**NOTICE
REQUEST FOR
QUOTE
STAPLES TOWNSHIP
RED OAK ROAD**

Staples Township is requesting two (2) quotes as follows for work on Red Oak Road.

First Quote:
Remove asphalt beginning at Highway 210 going south 1,560 feet. Sub grade preparation - dig out culvert, put in 1' of rock and reset culvert; place fabric 24' wide; put on one (1) foot of class 5 gravel, 23' wide, compacted, estimated at 1,700 yards. Work to be completed by October 30, 2017.

Second Quote:
Remove asphalt beginning at Highway 210 going south 1,560 feet. Push back topsoil on shoulders and pull back after road is raised. Dig out culvert, put in 1' of rock and reset culvert. Sub-cut two (2) feet of road bed 26' wide, estimated 3,800 yards. Place fabric 26' wide. Fill with sand 2-1/2 feet thick, estimated at 4,700 yards. Add 8" of class 5 gravel, compacted, 23' wide, estimated at 1,150 yards. Seed shoulders when done. Work to be completed by October 30, 2017.

Quote must be mailed to Bonnie Thoele, Staples Township Clerk, 48301 County 21, Staples, MN 56479 or hand-delivered to the town hall no later than 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township
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**NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
PLANNING
COMMISSION
215 1st Ave. South,
Suite 103
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420**

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

1) **John Brown:** Part of E2 SW4 of Section 20 in Hartford Township
PIN: 12-0025108
Site Address: 23932 Jasmine Road

Request to establish and expand a vegetable grading operation.

2) **Kevin and Dana Stachowski** - Oak Ridge Preserve: Part of E2 SW4 of Section 20 in Hartford Township
PIN: 06-0105100
Site Address: NA

Request to change existing conditions that were established for Oak Ridge Preserve subdivision plat in August 2005. Proposed change to allow non buildable backlots to be sold to adjoining subdivision property owners.

3) **Land Use Ordinance Proposed Addition:**

Proposed addition to the Todd County Land Use Ordinance to allow full implementation of the state mandated buffer initiative including enforcement by Todd County.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters.

Todd County Planning Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson
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**NOTICE
TODD-WADENA
COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS
MEETING**

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, August 28, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. at the Todd County Office, 200 First Street NE, Staples, MN.

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant
34pnc

**NOTICE
THOMASTOWN
TOWNSHIP
MEETINGS**

The regular board meetings for Thomastown Township will be held on the following days:

September 11, 2017
October 2, 2017
November 6, 2017
December 4, 2017
January 8, 2018
February 5, 2018
March 5, 2018
April 2, 2018

All meetings will be held at the town hall building beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Stacy Dukowitz, Clerk
Thomastown Township
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**Notice of Intent to Establish
Cass County Ordinance No. 02
For The Management
Of The Public Rights-Of-Way
Under Cass County's Jurisdiction**

The Cass County Board of Commissioners will hold a 2nd Public Hearing on **Tuesday, September 5, 2017** during the meeting that begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Courthouse, Walker, MN for the 2nd reading of: Ordinance For The Management Of The Public Rights-Of-Way Under Cass County's Jurisdiction.

An Ordinance to administer and regulate the public Rights-of-Way in the public interest, and to provide for the issuance and regulation of Rights-of-Way Permits, pursuant to the powers granted under Minnesota Statutes 162.02, 222.37, and 237.16 through 237.163, and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7819.

Copies of the referenced ordinance may be viewed during regular business hours at Cass County Administrator's Office or on the Cass County website: <http://www.co.cass.mn.us/ordinances>. To submit written comments or obtain additional information contact the Cass County Highway Department at (218) 547-7368.

/s/ Joshua D. Stevenson, Cass County Administrator

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

**MINUTES
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 18, 2017**

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 18th day of July, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kneisl and second by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for July 5, 2017 as presented.

To approve a one year Full On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Sauk Centre Country Club dba Greystone Golf Club at the address of 10548 Andrews Drive, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective August 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 which replaces their current Club On Sale and Sunday Liquor License in effect.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 46482 through 46611 in the amount of \$93,264.18.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 512755 through 512844 in the amount of \$126,335.42.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN HETLAND TO THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF TODD COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota held a duly authorized special meeting on the 12th day of September, 1972; and

WHEREAS, at said meeting a resolution was passed and adopted declaring the need for a Housing and Redevelopment Authority in Todd County, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the current term for Kathleen Hetland on the Todd County HRA Board is set to expire on September 18, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Housing and Redevelopment Act of the State of Minnesota, the County Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota, hereby reappoint the one person hereinafter named to serve as Commissioner of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Todd County, Minnesota, and to serve for a period of five years as hereinafter stipulated:

Kathleen Hetland - renewal September 19, 2017 through September 18, 2022

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Tricia Jasmer as an At Large Member to the Parks & Trails Board to fill a vacancy of the term ending December 31, 2018.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the sale of tax forfeited parcel #38-0093300 for \$2,572.42 to the City of Staples in which the price includes all applicable administrative fees.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the budget request form to transfer funds within the County Administration department for \$10,000.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - ADA TRANSITION PLAN

WHEREAS, as per Title II of the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act and the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, public agencies are required to develop an ADA Transition plan, which help with the transition towards ADA compliant facilities (rights-of-way, sidewalks and buildings); and

WHEREAS, per the FHWA, all agencies must now have a complete ADA Transition Plan, or must be making substantial progress towards completion, to be eligible for federal funds in FY 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved an engineering proposal from Wideth Smith Nolting for the creation and approval of an ADA Transition Plan via board action #20170705-09 and set forth a funding plan for this plan's creation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the transfer of funds in the amount of \$15,048 from Fund 01-General Revenue to Fund 03-Public Works for the ADA Transition Plan Project.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM COUNTY DITCH FUND TO GENERAL REVENUE FUND

WHEREAS, The County Ditch Authority has approved to have the hours worked by the County Ditch Inspector charged back to that ditch; and

WHEREAS, the calculations have been made for the County Ditch Inspector's time for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 per attached copy;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve the transfer of \$5,285 from the Fund 40-County Ditch Fund to the Fund 01-General Revenue Fund per the attached list.

Public Works

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - 2017 GRAVEL SURFACING CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the contract with William D. Scepaniak for the 2017 Gravel Surfacing Contract known as CP 17-82, CP 17-84 & CP 17-86 has in all things been completed; and

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2017 with the value of the total work certified being \$235,446.69 and

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$216,050.68 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$19,396.01

still remains to be paid to William D. Scepaniak.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does here accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Todd and authorize final payment as specified.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - 2017 PAVEMENT MARKING CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the contract with Traffic Marking Services, Inc. for the 2017 Pavement Marking Contract known as CP 77-17-03 has in all things been completed; and

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2017 with the value of the total work certified being \$73,004.28 and

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$65,584.65 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$7,419.63 still remains to be paid to Traffic Marking Services, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does here accept said completed project for and on behalf of the County of Todd and authorize final payment as specified.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - 2017 DUST CONTROL CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the contract with Northern Salt Inc. for the 2017 Dust Control Contract known as CP 77-17-08 has in all things been completed; and

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2017 with the value of the total work certified being \$58,065 and

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$55,161.75 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$2,903.25 still remains to be paid to Northern Salt Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does here accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Todd and authorize final payment as specified.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - 2016 BURNHAMVILLE BRIDGE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the contract with Structural Specialties, Inc. for the 2016 Burnhamville Bridge Contract known as SAP 077-599-060 located on 331st Avenue in Burnhamville Township, has in all things been completed; and

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2016 with the value of the total work certified being \$348,349.87; and

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$329,792.38 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$18,557.49 still remains to be paid to Structural Specialties, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does here accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Todd and authorize final payment as specified.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the County Engineer to conduct an internal job posting for an Interim Maintenance Foreman and

authorize the County Engineer to fill this position per Section 6.02 (d) of the Todd County Personnel Policy.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 2017 BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON CSAH 1

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on July 11, 2017 by the Todd County Public Works Director for SAP 077-601-021, said project for bridge construction work on County State Aid Highway #1 over the Long Prairie River; and

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

•Structural Specialties Inc., Hutchinson, Minnesota, \$617,038.15

•Redstone Construction, Mora, Minnesota, \$690,514.65

•Robert R. Schroeder Construction Inc., Glenwood, Minnesota, \$717,284.65

•Swingen Construction Company, Grand Forks, North Dakota, \$763,680.00

•Gerit Hanson Contracting Inc., Blackduck, Minnesota, \$806,441.30

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction project to Structural Specialties Inc. of Hutchinson, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$617,038.15.

Lutheran Social Services

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR MINNESOTA HOUSING AND FINANCE AGENCY FAMILY HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, State of Minnesota, has been authorized to undertake a program to provide funds for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Social Service has developed an application for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Social Service has demonstrated the ability to perform the required activities of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Social Service is hereby authorized as an entity to be charged with the administration of funds made available through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program in the county of Todd, in Minnesota.

MIS

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve purchase of server through SHI in the amount of \$7,834, following the rotation schedule, utilizing funding sources listed.

Sheriff's Office

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Jodi Anderson as a part-time Jailor/Dispatcher effective July 24, 2017 at a Grade 6, Step A.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Jacob Weishair effective July 18, 2017 at a Grade 10, Step A.

Planning and Zoning

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by

See **TCC** on page 9a

Solar eclipse draws a crowd



Eclipse artwork

Kennedy Judd got into the solar eclipse spirit by making this drawing before heading out to view the moon crossing the sun. She said the drawing is of herself, her brother and friend Isaac watching the eclipse.



Staples World photos by Mark Anderson



Todd County Commissioners Minutes

TCC continued from page 8a unanimous vote: To authorize approval of rezone request for parcel #17-0048300 without conditions.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize request to establish Reese Estates preliminary plat on parcel #25-0003101 with condition that approval for access is granted off Todd Line Road and that a property line adjustment is made to ensure that building setbacks are met for existing structures.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize request to establish Hailey Springs Second Addition Preliminary Plat on parcel #14-0025800 with no conditions.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Chelsey Harris to fill the open Registered Nurse position at Grade 10, Step 1.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Chelsey Harris to fill the open Registered Nurse position at Grade 10, Step 1.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann,

the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Neva Volkman effective July 21, 2017.

County Attorney

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the hire of Neva Volkman for Legal Assistant on Grade 7, Step 4 \$21.76 per hour.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported that the Finance Committee is deep into Budget preparations. CliftonLarsonAllen will be presenting the final audit report at the August 1, 2017 meeting. The office is preparing for the ISD 2759 dissolution update processes.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress including the insurance rebid progress with Gallagher, upcoming work session topics, upcoming supervisor trainings and the Todd County Employee Appreciation luncheon scheduled for July 19, 2017.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the meeting was adjourned for the month of July, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
AMERICAN COMM. INC.	\$3,750.00
BAUER/BARRY & LARAE	4,144.50
CENTRACARE CLINIC	2,322.03
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	4,188.90
DOLEZAL/PATRICK & BEVERLY	4,750.00
GOULD CONST. INC.	2,500.00
M-R SIGN CO. INC.	2,845.25
RELANCE TELEPHONE INC.	2,000.00
STAPLES WORLD	3,065.85
STREICHER'S	5,575.50
TODD COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	17,377.16
TRUENORTH STEEL	3,108.94
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC.	3,243.50
117 PAYMENTS LESS	THAN \$2,000
Total	\$93,264.18

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
COM. AND FAMILY SRVS. LLC #4453	2,700.00
GERARD TREATMENT PROGRAMS	3,752.40
GREATHER MN FAMILY SRVS INC.	5,787.60
#10460	2,449.88
HOLISTIC FAMILY ED. SRVS	5,192.23
#1911	3,478.68
#12512	2,298.30
#14655	2,436.60
LONG PRAIRIE GREY EAGLE SCHOOLS	2,057.55
#10746	2,406.60

MID MINNESOTA DRUG TESTING INC	2,515.00
NEXUS INC-MILLE LACS ACADEMY	5,513.70
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR	8,100.50
NORTHWOOD CHILD. SRVS	5,779.18
PRODUCTIVE ALTER. INC - FERGUS	3,202.65
#14712	2,787.00
STEF	7,182.86
VILLAGE RANCH INC	12,037.30
#14480	2,071.50
PAYMENTS LESS	THAN \$2,000
Total	\$126,335.42

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held July 18, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on August 1, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Saturday, August 26, 2017

SALE TIME: 9:30 a.m. RESTROOMS AVAILABLE LUNCH ON GROUNDS

12' alum. Crestliner boat w/ 7-1/2 hp Mercury, trailer, new tires	14' Houscraft Glascraft w/ 50 hp Mercury & trailer, rice, new tires	16' AlumCraft boat w/ 9-1/2 hp Evinrude trailer, new tires	620 PJ double axle trailer w/ ramps, 16,000 gross weight 18" x 2" beaver tail trailer 80" x 16" inside
11 Farmall hydralic New-Ide loader, 12.4-38 new tires on back and front (nice), runs good #FBH51950	70's 1175 Case Agri King 451 turbo, 4,000 hours, w/3 point, runs nice	425 John Deere rider, water cooled, V-twin, 60" cut hydrostatic	2004 Buick LaSalle Custom 4 dr, high miles
Clean Auction - Well Maintained Items			
FARM EQUIPMENT/ MACHINERY/ YARD/ TOOLS/ GARAGE/ CONTRACTORS ITEMS		FURNITURE	
International 710 auto reset plow, new lays 8 & shims, 3x18s, 3-pt	Cement blocks, 10x22"	Sihli chain saw, 290	Cordless drills
GT 245 hydrostatic John Deere rider, 54", 20 hp	Many assorted nails, a lot of bolts and nuts	Sportsman generator 2000 watt	Ceramic tile
3 500-gal. fuel barrels, always shedded w/elec. pumps, nice	new & used	Propane heaters	Ceramic tile
1 300-gal. with stand	Assort. joint hangers	Boxed wrenches 1-3/8-2" set, 3/8-1-1/4	Grates plastic organizers
Lots of misc. lumber	Wooden cat walks	Grates plastic organizers	Shop lights
2 lawn cart dump	Mulls	Pro-Tech band saw on stand	Hole saws
Approx. 7-8 cord oak & poplar firewood	Forney welder 180 amp	5 hp 220v black Max air compressor	2 trans set & stands
9' blade, 3 pt w/hydraulic lift	Compactor Mikita 5-1/2 hp 20" w/22"	2 trans set & stands	Snow fence
10' John Deere grain drill w/grass seeder on rubber, hyd. lift	Sears Custom 7 lawn tractor w/snow blower, 8 hp, runs good, no deck	2 trans set & stands	Garden hoses
Power takeoff B.T.H. generator, 220/110v #AC54832 on cart	Dyna Mark lawn tractor, 12 hp, runs good, no deck	2 trans set & stands	Many 5-gal. plastic pails
Fimco 40 gal. pull behind ATV sprayer	Fiberglass ladders 2-14' and 16'	Homemade hoist 10' long	Some fishing items
Misc. scaffold brackets	Many hand tools, misc. drill	Gas cans, plastic & metal	7 hp outboard w/ank
Elec. cement mixer, new motor	Screw guns, Worm Gear skill saws, 3 air nail guns, air impact tools, misc. oil	Many 5-gal. plastic pails	Montgomery Ward Power Kraft 5 hp tiller, runs good
Shallow well pump 1/2 hp	5 ram sets, many ram set nails	Many 5-gal. plastic pails	4x12" insul. panels
4-section scaffolding 8' 7" and 10' bracks	Misc. electric boxes & breakers	Many 5-gal. plastic pails	Like new McCulloch 11 hp 5700 watt generator
3 scaffolding planks 7' and 2-10', 1-2x16" cat walk	Hand saws	Many 5-gal. plastic pails	Karcher G 2401 HB power washer, 2400 psi
Many long handle tools	Workbench with air & elec. connection	Many 5-gal. plastic pails	Welding bench
Press board 4x8 sheets, approx. 25	New miter saw in box, 10"	Many 5-gal. plastic pails	Many more items too numerous to list!
	2 - 100' propane cylinders	Many 5-gal. plastic pails	
	10' scroll saw, pole saw	Many 5-gal. plastic pails	
	10' Craftsman table saw	Many 5-gal. plastic pails	

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Staples Motley Area Community Foundation Awards



Staples Area Men's Chorus - Outstanding Organization

Members of the chorus include: seated, from left, Ron Denning, Eugene Floistad, Eli Uban, Dick Neumann, Don Hoffman; second row, from left, Dave Fabian, Bob Klick, Dave Anderson, Mike Gold, Rob Freelove, Dave Bengtson, Lowell Sanvik, Jerry Reck, Ken Klose, Bernie Nelson; third row, from left, John Gorton, Kevin Olsen, James Downs, Steve Sing, Doug Larsen, Christian Breczinski, Mike Blessing, Gary Paskewitz, Jim Uhlman; back row, from left, Robin Collins, Pat Lunneman, Erik Dovre, Jurgen Brunkhorst, Jim Sauer, Tim Rice, Andrew Bates, Derek Prindle, Steve Uban, Adam Marquardt, Caleb Horn. Some members were not available for the photo.

2009, having served as a board member and partner. She is active in Staples '93 Lions, having served as president and organizing activities such as the Christmas For Kids and Easter Eggstravaganza.

Gail has been a board member of CARE Ministries since 2009, involved in the Back to School Fair, Great Coat Giveaway and community meals. She is an active member of Sacred Heart Church, Staples, and as a Circle 15 member. Gail and Tom deliver communion to homebound church members.

She has been active in the Staples Motley Beyond Poverty group, having served as Chair and currently as secretary. In this organization she has worked on the Community Connect Day, Meth Forum, Step Beyond (women's support group) and National Night Out.

She is also an active member in Todd County Citizens Against Drugs, Lakewood's Healthy Kids Collaborative, Todd and Wadena County Corrections and CCY advisory boards, Chair of the Retired Educators of MN (REAM), and a member of the Paint the Town committee.

Gail's tremendous dedication to making her community a better place makes her the 2017 Outstanding Citizen.

Chairman's Award DUANE STRACK

The nominators all decided it was time to let our communities of Motley and Staples know about a low key and quiet contributor/volunteer in our midst. It was not hard to find adjectives to describe Duane Strack.

A loyal volunteer of Living Legacy Gardens for the past fourteen years. Question to Shirley Judd as to what's going on with those piles of dirt and can I help? Okay, I'll be there on Tuesday. Dependable or let someone know he couldn't make it. Creative as in I'll bring a tool or make one. Reliable in the spring, summer or fall to weed, prune, mulch, set up the ponds and fountain, resetting the brick pathways to make it easier to maneuver a stroller or wheel chair through the gardens, help build a pergola and butterfly house, fund raising, wreath making in the fall to name a few of his activities. All these things he does with a goal in mind

from start to finish. Duane is a wonderful and very positive asset to the gardens.

Duane joined the Motley Area Historical Society because he felt he could bring some new ideas that would help rejuvenate the group. He became president and helped build the Bell Tower in The Motley Veterans' Park where the old school bell is housed. In 2010 he headed up The Gathering which was a very successful showcase of 47 area families. This day told the story how families helped mold the area.

Another group was the Staples Motley Area Arts Council. He came in as a director and became president. He organized a lot of the information on the computer. Duane did a lot and still does setup as needed for summer Music in the NP Park. He was always available for setup and take down for artists at Centennial Auditorium. Prairie Fire Children's Theater was also another area he helped with in the summer for over 70 children ages 7-18.

Duane volunteers on a regular basis. He does not expect recognition, but thanks for letting him know he does make a BIG

DIFFERENCE in our communities.

Duane was born in Stearns County, lived on a farm, educated in St. Cloud, is a retired Municipal Sales Rep. for DeZurk in Sartell, built a cabin in 1969 and in 2000 a retirement home on Lake Alexander which he sold in 2015 and moved to Motley, managed 40 acres of wildlife area for upland game habitat in western Morrison County, Chief Executive Officer for Amasa, Inc., past secretary for Brainerd Lakes Audubon Society, current member of England Prairie Pioneer Club in Vernadale, enjoys nature walks, Pickle Ball and being a Motley Rocket.

Outstanding Organization STAPLES AREA MEN'S CHORUS

Whether you've heard them whilst they donned a matronly scarf singing "Finnan Haddie" in falsetto, listened as they solemnly sang the verses of a patriotic song or parts of a major work by Vivaldi, you have no doubt been wowed and thoroughly entertained by the Staples Area Men's Chorus.

This organization of boys and men has been a cultural resource to Central Minnesota since 1935. Since its reformation in 1971, the SAMC has had the mission to provide high quality and diverse choral experiences for singers and audiences of all ages in Central Minnesota.

Since 2002 the group has hosted a day-long event called "Real Men Sing". Choirs of young men from area middle schools, high schools and colleges are invited to sing together (over 200 strong) with the SAMC while being directed by Dr. Axel Theimer, a former Vienna Choir boy, Dr. Christopher Aspaas, who provided a commissioned work to the choir, and many other noteworthy directors and clinicians. With help from grants and ticket sales, the group provides all the



Longbella Drug - Outstanding Business

Lani Longbella Roberts and Chad Longbella

music, food and muscle to set up the event. The only thing required of the attendees is transportation.

The concept of the Real Men Sing event was originally to recruit men to the choir but has transformed into the simple goal of helping young men realize that they can continue their passion of singing for the rest of their lives.

The SAMC's performance schedule begins each October when they host Real Men Sing. In early December they join with other local choirs in either a community Christmas concert or a major work accompanied by an orchestra. In the spring they hold their more informal "Afterglow" concert as well as a dinner theatre or a collaboration with other groups. They also do a performance at the care center in Staples and attend a "Big Sing" event with other adult male choruses from surrounding states.

In addition to these performances, they also are frequently asked to perform for other events during the year. This past February they were invited to join other members of the Associated Male Choruses of America in a performance at the renowned Carnegie Hall in New York City.

President, Kevin Olsen, shared that each member learns, "A Toast", an adaptation by former member, Paul Montan, to salute the audience. We now salute the Staples Area Men's Chorus in a job well done - thanks for keeping Staples "The City That Sings!"

Outstanding Business LONGBELLA DRUG

As one of the longest continuously operating businesses in the community, Longbella Drug has a history of serving the community in a friendly, knowledgeable and conscientious manner.

The business was started prior to 1917 by Phil Adams and was purchased by Sam Skaife in 1926. The pharmacy was originally located in the 100 block of 4th Street NE, Staples, approximately where the main entrance to First International Bank and Trust is now located.

Following his education at the North Dakota Agriculture College (now NDSU) School of Pharmacy, C. Richard (Dick) Longbella served with the 87th Infantry Division during World War II in France and Germany from 1943 through the end of the war. Dick came to Staples in 1946 to work for Sam Skaife. After Sam's death in 1962, Dick purchased the business.

The pharmacy moved to its present location at 421 E. 2nd Ave. in 1947, occupying only the east half of what is the current store. The west half was a men's clothing store owned by Lew Ahlness. Ahlness's store closed at the end of 1963 and the drug store eventually took over the entire space.

Longbella kept the Skaife name for the business until 1971, when he officially changed the name to Longbella Drug Store. Dick died suddenly of a heart attack in 1983 and his wife, June took over the business with assistance from their two youngest children, Lani and Chad. Lani and Chad took over the business after June's death in 2003 and continue its present operation.

Lani and Chad expanded the business to include locations with the Lakewood Health System clinic in Motley in 1998, the Pilgrimage clinic in 2003 and at the Lakewood Hospital and Clinic, Staples, in 2006.

In addition to providing professional pharmaceutical services, Longbella Drug offers a wide variety of gift items for sale. Over the years, the business has also provided a friendly, family atmosphere for many employees.

As to the future, no major changes are anticipated for the business. The family tradition may be carried forward by Lani's son, Tanner Roberts, who is currently studying to become a pharmacist and Chad's son Grant, currently working towards a degree in Business Administration.

Having survived and continuing to thrive as a small locally owned business in the age of the "big box" retail milieu, Longbella Drug is the 2017 honoree as the Staples Motley Community Foundation's Outstanding Business.

Outstanding Youth TESLA ANDERSON

Tesla graduated from Connections High School in Staples-Motley in 2017. She is the daughter of Denise Johnson and Ray Anderson and has lived in Staples her entire life.

School staff nominated Tesla for this award because she has proven herself to be a caring, giving, intelligent youth lady.

Specifically, she has volunteered to help in the special education department at Staples-Motley High School above and beyond a typical volunteer. Every day she helped the most vulnerable students who need assistance walking, eating, etc.

Each week Tesla helped in Adaptive Phy Ed including swimming with students. Over the past two years, she has spent countless hours volunteering.

She became an advocate for students with special needs, earning the Level 1 Special Olympics coaching certification as well as acting as a Unified Partner in some events. Last spring, she paid a prom fee so she could attend the Special Education prom. She helped at prom, but also just enjoyed dancing with the other attendees.

Right before graduation, she took the Para Pro certification test and hopes to work as a paraprofessional in a school system.

School was not always Tesla's favorite past time. As a young teenager, she often chose NOT to go to school, which resulted in truancy charges. When asked what changed, she replied that she just realized non-attendance wasn't an option.. She thought "I just have to make the best of it."

During her junior year she joined Connections, began volunteering, and stepped it up to become a student who staff would say was a "go to" student. She was always willing to lend a helping hand.

She has managed to do this volunteer work while successfully completing her senior year with A's and B's and while holding down a job 4-Legged Lodge in Motley.

Her future plans include continuing pursuing paraprofessional work in a school and hopefully working in the music industry.

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Volleyball team bonding on, off court

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley volleyball team started with a gym full of girls who are excited to play.

"It is going great, there is a lot of potential," said team captain Camryn Banaka.

She said an important time for the team was when a bunch of the players attended a camp at the University of Northwestern. "There was a lot of team bonding, we came up with a team song and played a bunch of fun games."

She said the chemistry developed will help them communicate better on the court.

"One of our goals is to increase the number of wins from last year," Banaka said. The team had five wins and she believes the team can improve on that.

Some of the younger players will also have a chance to play on varsity.



Volleyball seniors

Staples-Motley Volleyball seniors are, from left, Rayna Guzman, Camryn Banaka and Ashley Vasquez. Not pictured, Alex Davis. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

"They are good players and dedicated, they deserve a spot," said Banaka.

The Cardinals start the season with a tournament

at Royalton on Friday, Aug. 25. Their first home match is Tuesday, Aug. 29 against Long Prairie-Grey Eagle.



Football seniors and leaders

Football seniors and leaders, from left, Dalton Holmberg, Luke Schmieg, Isaac Swendsrud, Griffin Webster, Kyle

Serich, Braden Tyrrell, Mason Nyhus and Scout Strickland. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Football team building through culture

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley football team is counting on all the work they put in together as a team. They lost a lot of seniors from last year's team and are looking to develop leaders to replace them.

"We don't have as much size, but we are smarter," said senior Braden Tyrrell. "We are faster, too," said Isaac Swendsrud.

The team put in a lot of work over the offseason, with a spring camp, mini-camp and many players attending the SMSU camp right before the season

practices started.

Even with all that work, the players felt one of the most significant things they did was working with the younger kids in the Staples-Motley program during camps and summer programs.

See **FOOTBALL** on page 3b

Swimmers dedicated to lowering times

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Swim meets will be exciting this year, said team captain Emma Gerard and Emily Veronen.

"With all the hard work we did in and out of the pool, each meet we are going to improve," said Gerard.

Veronen said the meets will be something fans can get into. "It's exciting, it really gets your adrenaline going," she said.

Besides the two captains, there are a few experienced swimmers, but many young swimmers. "The new girls are awe-

some, I love seeing the program grow," said Veronen.

Gerard said every team member has set personal goals to improve their times, but a team goal is to get along. "We want every swimmer to feel included, everyone is wanted."

The team is in their second year with coach Amanda Olson. Gerard said it is great having the same coaches teaching the same techniques. "It shows in the improvements we have made," she said.

Veronen said "they are giving us confidence, my confidence grew after seeing how much time I dropped in the sections" last year.

Coach Olson said the team is looking more purposeful and working on their strokes. "There is a lot of growing that has happened," she said.

With the new attitude comes new expectations. "We are raising our standards to where they should be, it is how a young team gets better for the future," said Olson.



Swim captains

Emma Gerard and Emily Veronen will be the Staples-Motley swim team captains in 2017. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Tennis seniors

Staples-Motley tennis seniors, from left, Claire Wolhowe, Anna Wilgohs, Kelsi Peterson, Katie Johnson

and Brynn Williams. Not pictured, senior Haley Dietman. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

New coaches look to revitalize tennis team

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley tennis team is starting the season with a new head coach, Jacque Doll, and new assistant, Nick Doll.

With six seniors graduated from last year's team and six more on this year's team, the Cardinals coaches know the future is in the young players.

"It has been really good so far," said Jacque. "I know it is hard for girls when they get new coaches, and we have changed things up quite a bit."

Nick said "We're a young team, but Jacque and I are energetic and the team picks up on that."

Jacque played high school tennis for Staples and went on to play at St. Cloud State. She and Nick met while they were both coaching at Upper Iowa University. They became teaching pros at a tennis facility in Rochester before deciding to move to Staples to run a business.

They saw that the tennis team was losing numbers and wanted to help.

"I had a blast playing here, I would like to get the program back to that level,"



Tennis coaches

The tennis coaching team will be, from left, assistants Katie Edin and Nick Doll, with head coach Jacque Doll. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

said Jacque.

They are still mixing lineups and deciding on their top players. "I'm new to all these girls and they are all at the same level," said Jacque.

Several of the players have never played varsity before and two of the top ten are in their first year of tennis. "They are athletic and work hard, so they are good to work with," said Nick.

Katie Edin is the junior high coach. She said they

would like to see more girls try tennis, this year, there are some who have never played before but are enjoying it. "It's fun and they just want to play," said Edin.

Nick said when the Staples program was built up by coach Kevin Coughlin, it "took countless hours at every grade level."

Jacque said "we gotta' keep building, it will take years to build. We need to build through attitude, dedication and practice."



Staples-Motley cross country captains

Staples-Motley cross country captains are, from left, Kira Sweeney, Katlyn Smith, Brayden Christensen, Nick Tab-

batt and Bentley Christensen. Not pictured, Trenton Plopper. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cross country in shape to do well

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley boys and girls cross-country teams are in position to have some post-season success. The boys return most of their top runners and the girls have a ranked runner to lead their team.

The boys team is "looking great, we are on the verge of becoming one of the best teams in the area," said Brayden Christensen, one of the team captains.

Captain Trenton Plopper said the team will have a strong varsity and strong junior varsity, as all the runners are working hard. "We have a positive attitude in our practices, the runners want to get up and do it."

Captain Nick Tabbatt said there are several new runners on the team who are getting into cross country shape. "They are getting tired and feeling it in their legs, but they keep going and come back the next

day ready to run again," said Tabbatt.

The team has a goal to run their best at sections. "We want the top five under 18 minutes," said Bentley Christensen, which would help in getting the team to state.

The captains said they are working on race strategy with pack running, mid-races surges and front-running part of their playbook.

"We are experimenting with some new workouts to improve our speed," said Tabbatt.

The girls team is starting with a limited number of runners early in the season. Captains Kira Sweeney and Katlyn Smith said they only have six varsity runners right now and are hoping to get more girls on the team.

Sweeney is ranked fifth in the state, so the team has a front runner that the other runners can gauge from.

"We are a young team,

See **cc** on page 3b

Staples-Motley Fall Sports Schedules

2017-2018 School Year

FOOTBALL

Aug. 26	Scrim. @ Sauk Centre	A
Aug. 31	Pequot Lakes	A
Sept. 8	Crookston	H
Sept. 15	Long Prairie-GE	A
Sept. 22	OTC	H
Sept. 29	UNC (Sebek)	A
Oct. 6	West Central Area	H
Oct. 7	W-DC	H
Oct. 13	Section	TBD
Oct. 18	Pillager	A
Oct. 24	Section	TBD
Oct. 28	Section	TBD
Nov. 3	Section	TBD
Nov. 10	State	TBD
Nov. 17	State	US BANK Stadium
Nov. 24	State Prep	US BANK Stadium

GIRLS TENNIS

Aug. 21	Quad @ Osakis	A
Aug. 23	Tournament	H
Aug. 26	Quad @ Brainerd	A
Aug. 29	Quad @ DL	A
Aug. 31	Triangular @ Foley	A
Sept. 7	Park Rapids Area	H
Sept. 8	Parkers, Roseau	H
Sept. 12	Quad @ Bemidji	A
Sept. 14	Pequot Lakes	A
Sept. 16	MidState Tourney	H
Sept. 19	TRI: CI, W-DC	H
Sept. 23	Invite @ Litchfield	A
Sept. 28	Little Falls	A
Oct. 2	Perham	H

VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 24	Scrimmage	H
Aug. 25	Tourney@Royalton	A
Aug. 29	LP/GE	H
Sept. 5	Bertha-Hewitt	A
Sept. 12	Sebek	A
Sept. 19	Pillager	H
Sept. 21	Pequot Lakes	A
Sept. 23	Tourney@Walker	A
Sept. 25	Crosby-Ironton	A
Sept. 28	Park Rapids Area	H
Oct. 3	Verndale	H
Oct. 5	Detroit Lakes	A
Oct. 9	New York Mills	A
Oct. 10	Pelican Rapids	A
Oct. 14	Tourney@LP/GE	A
Oct. 16	Menahga	A
Oct. 19	Tourney@Upsala	A
Oct. 23	Tourney@Upsala	H
Oct. 26	Barnesville	H
Oct. 27	Section	TBD
Oct. 31	Section	TBD
Nov. 4	Section	TBD
Nov. 9	State	TBD
Nov. 11	State	TBD

CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 28	Invitational	H
Sept. 5	Wadena-DC	A
Sept. 11	Invite/LP	A
Sept. 14	Little Falls	A
Sept. 19	Bagley	A
Sept. 23	Invite/Milaca	A
Sept. 28	Pelican Rapids	A
Oct. 3	Greysone Golf Invite	A
Oct. 10	Pequot Lakes	A
Oct. 16	Headwaters Country	A
Oct. 26	Long Prairie	A
Nov. 4	State Tourney	A
	St. Olaf College	

GIRLS SWIMMING

Aug. 28	Invite/ DL	A
Aug. 29	Sauk Centre	A
Sept. 5	Ogilvie	A
Sept. 14	Morris Area	H
Sept. 16	Invite/PR	A
Sept. 19	Fosston	A
Sept. 21	Holdingford	H
Sept. 28	Park Rapids	H
Sept. 30	Fosston	A
Oct. 3	Detroit Lakes	H
Oct. 7	Section True Team	H
	Morris Area	A
Oct. 10	Fosston	A
Oct. 12	Detroit Lakes	A
Oct. 17	Holdingford	A
Oct. 23	Perham	H
Oct. 27	Mid State Conf/DL	A
Nov. 9	Section UofM, Morris	A
Nov. 11	Section UofM, Morris	A
Nov. 16	State	UofM
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Cardinals start football season on Aug. 31

"We carried pads for the younger kids and got to know them," said Scout Strickland. The players though it not only will help the program but it was good for the team to get back to the basics and see the early levels where they started playing.

It has brought them together as a team. "We get along better and we have chemistry," said Strickland.

With many spots to fill and players competing for each spot, Mason Nyhus said "it's been a battlefield in practice." The players said it is positive competi-

tion, as they want to challenge each other to get better.

Coach Travis VanOverbeke said they are building the team by implementing a culture. The coaches are asking the players to step up and take on the responsibility. He said the real measure of a football season comes 20 years after the season ends, when you can see what the players grew up to be like.

The Cardinals have a scrimmage at Sauk Centre on Saturday, Aug. 26, then open the season at Pequot Lakes on Thursday, Aug. 31.

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Runners working hard to break beat time goals

but everyone seems to be working hard," said Sweeney.

"We are confident, the team is in very good shape," said Smith. "We are doing practices we usually don't do until the middle of the season."

Sweeney said they are trying new workouts that incorporate a little speed work on their long distance days.

The team is gearing

their season to run well at the section meet.

"Every runner has their personal goals of times they want to break," said Smith. "That will make us a better team and we will be working harder and trying harder."

The teams open their season with the only home meet of the year on Monday, Aug. 28, at The Vintage golf course in Staples. The meet starts at 10 a.m.

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Law enforcement reports, Motley

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

Aug. 3 - The MPD issued a citation to Alec Stoecker, 22, for driving without a valid license.

Aug. 10 - 15 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Michael Olson, 20; Derick Viger, 23; Tyler Johnson, 23; Marissa Wells, 24.

Aug. 15 - The MPD received a report from city hall regarding damage to property at the city's sewer pond/compost site.

Aug. 15 - The MPD responded to a report of vandalism at the 200 block of Beaulieu St. W. According to the report, it appears that someone used 'white out' to write "Sorry police I love you" on one of the ramps at the skate park. The incident is under investigation.

Aug. 14 - The MPD issued a citation to Taylor Hales, 20, for not having insurance.

Aug. 14 - The MPD issued a citation to Chris Kuschel, 31, for driving after revocation and for no proof of insurance.

Aug. 14 - The MPD issued a citation to Nathaniel Sampson, 24, for leaving the scene of an accident. Sampson was driving an Impala and sideswiped the front of a sewer truck with the rear passenger side of his car while backing out of a parking lot in Motley. He said he had panicked and left. The damage to the Impala was more extensive than that of the truck.

Aug. 14 - The MCSO received a report of theft at the 31000 block of Fish Trap Lake Dr., Cushing.

Aug. 14 - The MCSO received a report of burglary at the 35000 block of 70th Ave. in Cushing.

Applications open for road program funding

Minnesota cities, counties and townships can apply for funding support for transportation infrastructure projects on local roads as part of the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Local Road Improvement Program.

Approximately \$25.3 million in bond funds is available for constructing or reconstructing local roads in 2018, 2019 or 2020. Funding may be requested for projects that will reduce traffic crashes on rural County State Aid Highways, for projects on local roads that have regional significance

or for the local share of a trunk highway project.

Types of projects previously funded include roundabouts, pavement reconstruction, curve and roadway alignment, pavement resurfacing and reconditioning, and safety improvements such as turn lanes, traffic signals and rural intersection warning systems.

"This funding assists cities, counties and townships in paying costs associated with eliminating a transportation system deficiency. In turn, this program promotes local, regional

or state economic development efforts and improves safety," said Mitch Rasmussen, State Aid Division assistant commissioner.

Deadline for counties and state aid cities (population greater than 5,000) is Nov. 3, 2017.

Deadline for non-state aid cities and townships is Dec. 1, 2017.

The application and more information is available online at www.dot.state.mn.us/stateaid/lrip. Applications can be submitted electronically at saltirhelp.dot@state.mn.us.



Back to school backpack event

At the CARE Ministries back to school fair, students were able to receive backpacks filled with school supplies. Pictured, event organizers in-

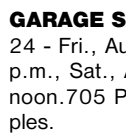
cluded, front row from left, Gail Honek and Joyce Anderson; back row, Jeanne Hajek, Marge Lelwica and Sherry Frisk. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

GARAGE SALES

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Staples Railroad Days August 24 - August 27, 2017 City Wide Garage Sales



GARAGE SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24 - Fri., Aug. 25, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat., Aug. 26, 8 a.m. - noon. 705 Park Ave. NE, Staples. ssw34p

GARAGE SALE: Fri., Aug. 25, Sat., Aug. 26, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 966 Long Prairie Rd. SW. Capistrant ssw34p

MULTI-FAMILY SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24, Fri., Aug. 25, Sat., Aug. 26, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 48475 251st Ave., Staples ssw34p

GARAGE SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24, Fri., Aug. 25, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Sat., Aug. 26, 8 a.m. - noon. No early sales. 41989 Cty. 7, Browerville. ssw34p

GARAGE SALE: Weds., Aug. 23, noon - 5 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 24, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1520 4th St. NE, Staples. ssw34p

Matthew's Wonder Emporium: Thurs., Aug. 24, Fri., Aug. 25, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 810 8th St. NE, Staples. ssw34p

GARAGE SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Fri., Aug. 25, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. 1513 8th St. NE, Staples. ssw34p



GARAGE SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Fri., Aug. 25, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sat., Aug. 26, 8 a.m. - noon. 11870 Cty. Rd. 30, Staples. Yungbauer/Meech. Furniture, dishes, household, ALL name brand clothing, wedding decorations, sm. appliances, remodeling materials, books, too much to mention. w34p

YARD SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24 - Sun., Aug. 27, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. 209 6th St. NE, Staples. Must go - Reasonably priced. w34p

MULTI-FAMILY SALE: Our husbands are making us sell stuff: AGAIN. Fri., Aug. 25 - Sat., Aug. 26, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. 8025 120th St. SW, Motley. Follow the green signs. 8' plastic boat, spinning wheel, truck accessories, motorcycle access., name brand clothing: men's, women's, children's - all sizes; 30+ pair brand new jeans, home décor, brand new house door, kid's toys and games, unicycle, real sliver spoons, car stereo, new amp and much, much more. Something for everyone - you don't want to miss this sale. w34p

GARAGE SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24, Fri., Aug. 25, Sat., Aug. 26, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 987 Pleasant Ave. NE, Staples. ssw34p

GARAGE SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Sat., Aug. 26, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. 208 4th St. NE, Staples (theatre building). ssw34p

GARAGE SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24, noon - 6 p.m., Fri., Aug. 25, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 26840 128th St., Staples (north @ CLO), signs. Farber ssw34p

MOVING SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24 til all items are gone. One mi. past golf course bridge, Staples, 2nd house, right hand side. w34p

GARAGE SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Fri., Aug. 25, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sat., Aug. 26, 8 a.m. - ? 10427 291st Ave., Staples. w34p

HUGE 6-FAMILY SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24, noon - 5 p.m., Fri., Aug. 25, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat., Aug. 26, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 12221 70th Ave. SW, Motley. w34p



GARAGE SALE: Fri., Aug. 25 and Sat., Aug. 26, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 11206 85th Ave. SW, Motley. Anything and everything must go. Lots of good stuff. w34p

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24 - Fri., Aug. 25, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat., Aug. 26, 9 a.m. - noon. Rain or shine, cash only, prices as marked. 410 9th St. NE, Staples. ssw34p

HUGE 6-FAMILY SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24, noon - 5 p.m., Fri., Aug. 25, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sat., Aug. 26, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 12221 70th Ave., SW, Motley, between Motley and Staples on Warner Road. Tools, puzzles, books, scrapbooking, clothing: women's sz. S-4x; household. Too much to list w34p

MULTI-FAMILY SALE: Thurs., Aug. 24 and Fri., Aug. 25, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Corner of Co. Rd. #11 and Hwy. 210 S, Aldrich. Watch for signs. Baby toys, kid's clothes, Wilton cake pans, Stanley/Fuller products, lawn ornaments, perennial plants. ssw34p

Motley City Council approves police chief's request to take squad vehicle home

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Motley Police Chief Ron Smith will be allowed to take the squad vehicle home, as per action taken at the Motley City Council's regular meeting Aug. 14.

It was a motion that passed 4 - 1, with mixed feelings expressed prior to the vote.

Council member Steve Johnson, the lone nay-sayer, said that he has not been in favor of this since it was first brought up by Smith. He has nothing against the chief, but feels allowing him to take the squad vehicle home costs the city money and adds additional miles on the car. "I don't deem it necessary," Johnson said.

Mayor Al Yoder said he understood Johnson's concerns; however, since he is in law enforcement himself (Yoder is a deputy with the Morrison County Sheriff's Office), he said he can see how it would be helpful to Chief Smith to have a squad vehicle at his home. He noted how difficult it can be to respond to a call in a timely matter if one is in their own private vehicle, going on to say that other chiefs are allowed to bring a squad vehicle home. "I'm for it," Mayor Yoder said.

Fellow council member Jace Carlson said he drives a company vehicle in his line of work and that it doesn't bother him to have the Motley Police Chief take the squad vehicle home.

Although he understands Johnson's concerns, council member Pat O'Regan said he was mostly concerned for the chief's safety when responding to emergency situations. Chief Smith answered that the squad vehicle in question is equipped with lights and sirens.

In other matters the council:

- APPROVED an annual clothing allowance to full-time police officers, or other city employees as determined by the council, in the amount of \$500.

- APPROVED purchasing an emergency generator which is priced at \$3,800. The total price, including installation fees, is estimated to be close to \$7,300.

- APPROVED a resolution to allow the city clerk/treasurer to make certain

payments prior to council authorization, including regular payroll expenditures and regular cyclical payments.

- LEARNED that the city is working on a lease agreement with BRICKS Travel Center regarding installing an electric vehicle/solar charging station at their property.

- HEARD that Verizon is still interested in possibly obtaining a lease from the city to place a cell antennae on the water tower. On Aug. 31, a team from Verizon will do a preliminary site walk. If they are interested in continuing the proposal after that, they will need to have an engineer and surveyor complete the necessary surveying and mapping.

- APPROVED Bob Koenig's request to conduct a Fall Firearm Safety Class in the fire hall meeting room in September.

- APPROVED a bingo permit request from St. Michael's Catholic Church for Nov. 19; and a raffle permit request from Wellness in the Woods for Sept. 23.

- APPROVED switching the city's bond coverage provider to the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT), as well as increasing coverage. City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja noted that LMCIT offers coverage in the amount of \$50,000, with a \$200 deductible. The cost is \$200/year. Overall, it provides more protection for the city as well as the Motley Fire Department Relief Association, with an overall reduction in cost.

- DISCUSSED whether or not to obtain computer tablets for council members to be used for city-related business. Police Chief Smith has a couple of used tablets available, or the city could purchase new ones. Tabled this item until more information is gathered, including checking with other cities.

- ACCEPTED the resignation of Cliff Goodwater from the Streets Committee. Mayor Yoder will take his place.

- APPROVED Angie Goff's request to join the Parks Committee; and proceeded to learn that Goff will be donating a tree to one of the city parks in memory of her son. A special ceremony is planned for Sunday, Oct. 29.

- APPROVED a contract between the City of Motley and Motley Township re-

garding road plowing and salting services.

- APPROVED a request from the Motley Fire Department (MFD) to have Chuck Gerads attend the MN State Fire Chiefs Conference in Rochester in October. The registration cost is \$300, plus meals, mileage and hotel costs.

- APPROVED the MFD's request to replace the fire hall door with a commercial door from Central Building Supply in Staples. The cost is \$926.19.

- APPROVED a request from the Motley Police Department (MPD) to send Officer Jason Borash to DMT training, regarding operating a DataMaster Transportable (DMT) breath alcohol testing instrument.

- APPROVED a request from MPD Officer Borash to purchase a set of heavy body armor which is city property and will stay in the police vehicle. The cost is \$687.94.

- APPROVED a request from the maintenance department to repair the forceman from the water treatment plant. The cost is \$6,300.

- APPROVED sending letters to 19 parties in regard to 'weed list' ordinance violations.

- LEARNED that the city is still pumping out more water than they are billing for, but that the problem is getting somewhat better. Efforts are being made to find out why this is happening. A water leak near the Dairy Queen drive-thru was repaired in July, which may be some of the reason the city has seen less water loss than in previous months.

- LEARNED that the city received a \$22,436.54 MN State Sales Tax refund, thanks to City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja. At the council's regular meeting in June, Smieja had explained that due to a statutory change, local governments became exempt from paying sales taxes on utilities used for government purposes in January 2014. The city had been paying sales tax the entire time. She and Accounting Administrative Assistant Darci McGillivray had proceeded to submit a request for a refund of the sales tax paid in error to the MN Dept. of Revenue.

- SET next regular meeting for Monday, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.