



Tuesday night flooding

Approximately four inches of rain that fell in less than four hours caused some temporary flooding of streets and yards in the vicinity of the Staples water tower Tuesday evening. At least three Staples area residents reported having four inches or more of rain in rain gauges. The heavy rainfall was more than city storm sewers under Fourth and Fifth Streets could handle causing a backup in that low-lying area east of the high school football field. About two blocks of Fifth Street were under water for a short time after 5:30 p.m. and many yards in

that area were underwater. Several Fifth Street homes reportedly had wet basements. Some flooding was also reported on the city's south side and in the neighborhood just west of the Staples Motley High School. There were also reports of strong winds blowing down trees in rural areas around Staples. City street department crews, the volunteer fire department and the police department responded to calls, blocked streets and directed traffic around problem areas until the water subsided. (Staples World photo by Tom Crawford)



Statue repairs

Cement contractor Charlie Sowers power washed the base of the Civil War Memorial Statue at Evergreen Hill Cemetery this week. Sowers has removed the old stucco from the statue's pillar and replaced the plaster, which was wearing out and allowing water to infiltrate. The Evergreen Hill Cemetery Association began raising funds last year to make the repairs on the statue. (Staples World photo by Tom Crawford)

New Habitat home underway

A new home is being built in Wadena by Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Financial at 14 Birch NE, Wadena for the Connie Blessing family.

This new home is a result of a national alliance between Habitat for Humanity International and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Called Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, this alliance has resulted in thousands of decent, affordable homes across the country since 2005.

The Blessing family is eager to finish construction of their new home. They will complete 200 hours or more of "sweat equity" helping to build it, a basic tenet of Habitat for Humanity. They will also repay the no-profit mortgage over a period of 30 years, illustrating Habitat for Humanity's objective to give families a "hand up" rather than a "hand out."

"Being able to help provide a family with a home means so much to Thrivent members," said Bob Mueller, area Thrivent representative. "Volunteering is important to them, and this gives them a great way to personally support our community by helping families achieve financial security."

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A 'blend of interesting people'

ville area contractors were kept busy in the late 1960s, early '70s. Frank Kobliska and Bob Sanders built the roads, Fred Becker built the beach house and clubhouse, which is located at 40302 Paradise Drive, near the main entrance to Sylvan Shores. Doug Grossman was the electrical contractor; Giza Plumbing and Heating did all the plumbing, heating and air conditioning work; Japke Decorating did the painting.

Over the years, the ownership of the development changed from the private companies, first American Central and then LaRue Enterprises, until 1977, when the Sylvan Shores Property Owners Association took over control of the common areas of the development. Corporate land sales ceased in 1981, with the SSPOA since then assisting in promotion of the development. "We are not a developer, but we assist in selling lots, which are privately owned," Joanne Folkert said.

After going through a span of years with vacant lots going tax forfeit, interest in Sylvan Shores land increased early this century. The number of unsold lots diminished to around zero in 2000, with more than 50 new homes being built between 2002 and 2007. More than 300 real estate transactions took place in Sylvan Shores in 2006.

Since that peak, the state and national economy over the past two years had brought housing starts and Sylvan Shores land sales activity to a standstill. Folkert and others feel this is only temporary and are optimistic about the future. "We are quite a mixture of people. We have some 40-year residents but we are not a retirement community. We have at least 31 young families living here, people with children in school.

"It's a blend of interesting people who have migrated here for a variety of reasons," Folkert said. For most, Sylvan Shores provided a mix of water and wooded lots, but it also provided a neighborhood. "We are a welcoming place,

Large feedlot permit process

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency feedlot program is seeking public comment on proposed changes in the next five-year general operating permit for large feedlots.

About 1,200 large livestock facilities in Minnesota operate under a general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

The permit, contact information and other related material are available on the MPCA Web site at www.pca.state.mn.us.

a mix of neighbors, just like any other neighborhood," she said.

The anniversary weekend events will take place on both Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday events, which are primarily intended for property owners, will include a "Tin Man Marathon" (walking, paddling, biking event). "We didn't think we were ready for an Iron Man Marathon, Joanne and her husband, Bud, joked. Various activities, including a fishing contest on Turtle Lake, horseshoes, volleyball and children's games, are planned during the day. Prizes for the various events will be awarded that night at the Community

Center, which is located at 39560 Oak Drive, near the west end of Sylvan Shores.

There will be a Saturday morning pancake breakfast at the community center, with a spaghetti supper also planned there. There will not be an organized noon meal, but residents are encouraged to picnic at the clubhouse or community center.

Sunday will begin with a morning coffee and breakfast at the clubhouse, followed by an ecumenical worship service led by clergy from the SSPOA membership. The open house hours are from 1 to 4 p.m., with a Connie Etlzer concert at the Sylvan Shores clubhouse starting at 2 p.m.

Rev. Horn is pastor at Staples UMC

Reverend Kathy Horn has been appointed minister of the Staples United Methodist Church by the district superintendent of the North Star District of the United Methodist Church, Minnesota Annual Conference.

Rev. Horn's first Sunday was June 28. She replaces Pastor Wesley Johnson who accepted an appointment to the Wesley United Methodist Church in Marshall.

Rev. Horn received her BA degree with a major in history from the San Fernando Valley State College in South California. She received her Master of Divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Seminary in Evanston, Ill.

She met her husband Jim when they were seminary students. They have



two grown children.

Rev. Horn has served as pastor in several churches in Minnesota, most recently in Marshall.



Going higher

Work on the new city hall/library building is progressing, with walls going up and work being done on the upper level. Derek Holst (at left, on roof) and Mike Dumpprope were working Monday on the upper level. Derek and his brother Darren have the carpentry and metal stud framing portions of the city project, which is being supervised by the Northway Construction Services firm of Brainerd/Baxter. (Staples World photo by Tom Crawford)

Avoid Event Conflicts Check the Events Calendar online at www.staplesworld.com - Submit events to dtimbs@staplesworld.com

Area students awarded TCH Foundation scholarships



Kelsey Booth



Cortney Dettwiler



Sara Houselog



Elizabeth Quincer



Ryan Denny



Kathryn Houle

The Tri-County Hospital Foundation High School Scholarship was established to encourage and promote qualified individuals from the hospital's service area to pursue a healthcare career. Recipients are selected using a blind-selection process based on grade-point average, prior experience in a health-related program and must be a high school senior in the hospital's service area.

The Tri-County Hospital Foundation is a private charity established in 1994 by the hospital to attract and administer charitable funds for the benefit of the communities and surrounding areas served by Tri-County Hospital in Wadena.

For more information or to view an application, visit www.tricountyhospital.org or contact the Community Relations Department, at (218) 632-8777.

The Tri-County Hospital Foundation awarded six \$1,000 scholarships in May to area 2009 high school graduates pursuing healthcare careers. This year's recipients are:

- **Kelsey Booth**, Verdale High School graduate, plans to major in nursing. She is the daughter of Timothy & Kristine Booth.
- **Cortney Dettwiler**, New York Mills High School graduate, will enter the RN nursing program. She is the daughter of Tim & Shanna Dettwiler of New York Mills.
- **Sara Houselog**, Henning High School graduate, will enter the pre-physical therapy program. She is the daughter of Clay & Cheryl Houselog of Henning.
- **Elizabeth Quincer**, Wadena-Deer Creek High School graduate, will study pre-med. She is the daughter of Dave & Lynn Quincer of Wadena.
- **Ryan Denny**, Bertha-Hewitt High School graduate, will pursue a physical therapy degree. He is the son of Eugene & Mary Denny of Hewitt.
- **Kathryn Houle**, Sebeka High School graduate, will study nursing. She is the daughter of Mark & Mary Houle of Menahga.

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FREE! **Two Rivers Music Fest** **FREE!**
and Craft Fair
Veteran's Park, Motley

Food a plenty and lots of kid-fun activities!

Friday, July 24
4-6 p.m. Pie & ice cream social, United Methodist Church
Music by Kevin Klimek - *Classic Rock, Blues, Jazz*
6-8:30 p.m. The Schimpps & the Timbs - *Country Gospel*
Veteran's Park

Saturday, July 25
7-10:30 a.m. Firemen's Breakfast, Fairgrounds
at Veteran's Park . . .

10 a.m. Craft Show opens
11 a.m. **Parade** on 1st Avenue South
12-3 p.m. The Unbelievable Uglies - *Rock & Country Hall of Famers*
12-3:30 p.m. Car Show - Trophies at 3:30 p.m. Must be present to win
3-6 p.m. Tami & The Bachelor - *Variety Duo, Great Musical Show*
6-10 p.m. Johnny Green and the Greenmen -
Rock Classics, Blues, Swing and . . . Batman?
(Rumor has it that the Batmobile **may** make an appearance!)

Sunday, July 26 - Veteran's Park
10 a.m.-Noon Community Worship Service
United Methodist & Free Methodist Churches
Music by Bill Berndt & The Vagabonds

These activities were made possible by a grant from Five Wings Arts Council with funds through the Minnesota Legislature and local businesses.