

# Many events planned for Railroad Days

Events are falling into place for the annual Railroad Days celebration in Staples August 21 and 22, 2009.

Events listed and a tentative schedule includes:

- Friday, Aug. 21**
- City wide garage sales and sidewalk sales (Thursday also)
  - Lakewood Golf Classic at The Vintage at Staples
  - Mini Golf at local businesses
  - Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce Scavenger Hunt - Pick up clues and rules at the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce office or Ernie's Food Market beginning Monday, Aug. 17 (clues will not be posted in participating businesses until Wednesday, Aug. 19). Turn in your completed forms at the chamber booth at the Chili Cook-Off from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Any chamber businesses wishing to participate may call Morgen at the chamber office, 218-894-3974
  - Pre-Car Show activities - Mini Car Show at

Nyhus Chevrolet, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Evening/Big Party at Twisted Sisters, 5-8 p.m.

- Historical Museum open at the Staples Depot, 12 p.m.-4 p.m.; Pie Social, 2-4 p.m.; Old Tyme Square Dance, 4-9 p.m., Staples Depot
- KSKK Water Wars, 6 p.m. at the Staples Community Center parking lot
- Staples Motley Cardinal Wrestling Banquet at T Maxwell's, 5 p.m.
- Fireworks at dusk, at the Staples Municipal Airport
- Free movie following the fireworks, at the Staples Motley High School football field (sponsored by NJPA, Staples)

- Saturday, Aug. 22**
- Pancake Breakfast at Trinity Lutheran Church
  - Railroad Days Dash 5K Run/Walk, 9 a.m. starting from Staples Alliance Church
  - Chili Cook-Off, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Staples Community Center parking lot (activities include tractor pull, petting zoo, kid's games, pepper eating contest, balloon water wars, hay rides)

Music performed by Katie Ziegler.

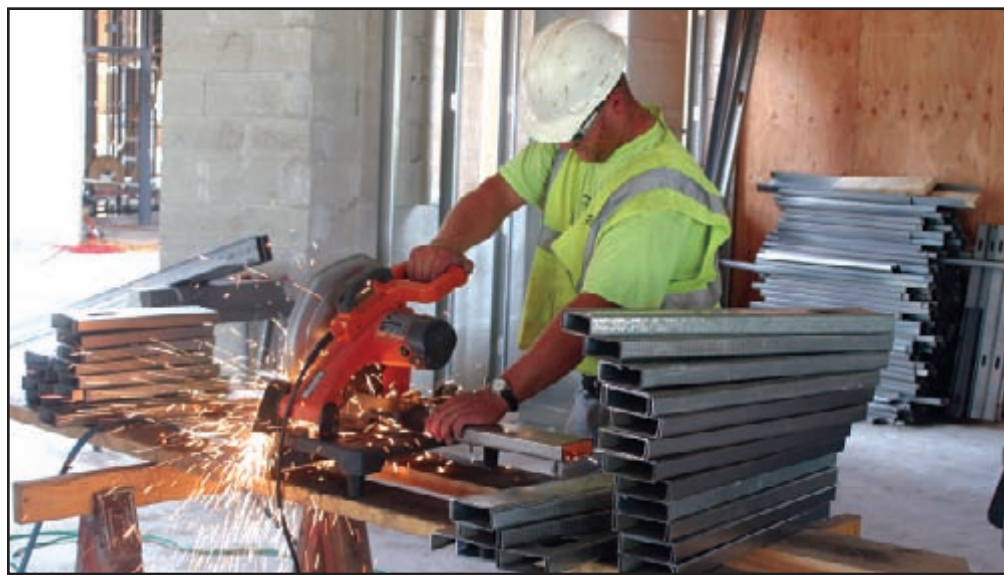
- Teams are still needed for the chili cook-off; call Morgen at 218-894-3974 for info. packet.
  - Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Staples Community Center parking lot
  - Piecemakers Quilt Expo, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church
  - Classic Car Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Staples Elementary School grounds by "Still Cruisin' Car Club"
  - Softball Tournament at Dower Lake
  - Grand Parade at 5 p.m. Pre-registration forms available at the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce office, 116 4th St. NE, Staples; 218-894-3974
  - Corn Feed following the parade at Staples Alliance Church
  - Street Dance, 8:30-12:30 p.m. at Gary's Place (music by "Betty Does")
- Volunteers are needed for various events, if interested please call the chamber office, 218-894-3974.



## On top of city hall

Derek Holst, of Holst Construction, paused to look over his worker's efforts on the top of the Staples City Hall and Library building under construction at Sixth Street and Second Avenue. Holst has the contract for the building carpentry and materials, as well as the bid for

metal stud framing and drywall. Work on the \$2-1/2 million project is progressing under the supervision of the Northway Construction Services, the construction management firm. (Staples World photo by Tom Crawford)



## Flying sparks

Troy Holsapple, a carpenter working for Holst Construction, cut out lengths of metal studs Monday afternoon at the site of the new Staples City Hall

and Library. He was working in the room that will be the library when the building opens next spring. (Staples World photo by Tom Crawford)

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## Dash is fund raiser for Kinship

juggling, which is Dave's favorite way to promote awareness of Kinship, his program which unites adult mentors with youngsters who need occasional adult companionship and guidance.

The run/walk event on Aug. 22 will begin at 9 a.m., starting and finishing at Staples Alliance Church, on 8th Street Northeast.

"We really encourage pre-registration, and want people to know the cost is \$15 if pre-registered by Thursday, August 20. Cost will be \$18 after that," Nick said. The Motley Dairy Queen owner added that those pre-registered are guaranteed a race T-shirt, goodie bag and a very special treat at the end of the race.

"Late registrants will receive these items on a first come, first served basis," Nick said, with no guarantee there will be enough.

Registration forms can be dropped off at either Staples or Motley Dairy Queens, Staples Curves, Staples Motley Chamber of Commerce office. Sponsors included Curves, the two Dairy Queens, ACS (Arvig Communication Systems)

and the Staples Bakery and Convenience store.

There will be awards for mens and womens overall winners; with divisions for under 21, 21 to 49, and 50 and older.

The race route will run north and south mostly on Eighth and Fifth Streets in Staples, with Prairie Avenue, Warner Road and Third Avenue being the main east-west connections. From the church, runners will head north about a block, turn west on Prairie to Fourth Street, south to Warner Road where the route will jog east one block to Fifth, then straight south all the way to Third Avenue. Runners will turn east and head up the only significant hill on the course. The runners will turn north on 8th Street and run straight back to the church.

"We're hoping to showcase Staples. We'd like to see people out, getting involved by encouraging the participants, cheering them as they pass by their homes," Nick said. He also asked that people be aware of the race and its route, as roads will not be closed, but there could be delays as police stop traffic briefly for the runners.

All funds raised will go to the local Kinship program. To pre-register or for more details, contact Nick Schultz at 218-894-1201 or schultz5@yahoo.com. You can also visit www.railroaddaysdash.com for more details.

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## Sen. Ingebrigtsen gives commissioners his views of recent session

are moderate to severe symptoms, they most likely are in infants, children, young adults, or pregnant women.

Schneider told the commissioners that she hoped the H1N1 would continue to be mild but that her agency, and other medical professionals are making plans to deal with a moderate or serious outbreak.

Vaccine for H1N1, she said, will be available by mid to late October. Schneider said that Todd County would likely get vaccine but she didn't know how much. If the county does get a large amount of vaccine, Todd County Public Health will set up vaccination clinics in the

schools. If there aren't large quantities, Schneider said that vaccinations will be available in the agency's regularly scheduled clinics.

There will be no cost for the vaccination but there may be an administrative cost, according to Schneider. Since the virus affects infants, children, young adults, and pregnant women most, those groups will receive priority for the vaccine doses that are available. Two doses of the vaccine, one month apart, will be necessary she said. A seasonal flu vaccination will also be necessary.

Todd County Public Health also is putting plans in place to respond

to a large outbreak of H1N1. Schneider, and Public Health nurse Heidi Brings, said that there are three levels of the plan to respond to an outbreak, depending on the severity of the outbreak.

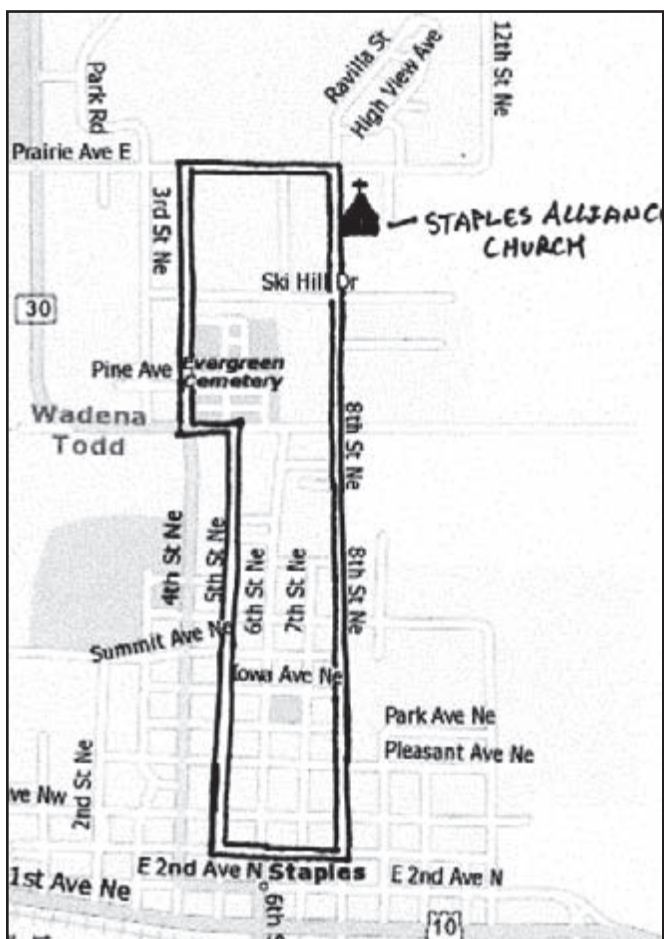
### Senator Ingebrigtsen

State Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen visited with the commissioners to present his perspective on the recent legislative session. Ingebrigtsen said he was proud of Governor Pawlenty for his handling of the budget and his strategy of unallotment. He said that the cut in state aid to the counties and cities caused by the unallotment will have to be handled at the local level.

"They will have to cut services or raise taxes," the Senator said.

However, Ingebrigtsen said that he was concerned about the lack of funding for the judicial system. He said the funding situation for the judicial system was threatening the capacity of the right to a speedy trial.

Ingebrigtsen said that he serves on various committees including Finance - Public Safety, Budget Division, Agriculture and Veterans, and Environment and Natural Resources. He said he'd be glad to help county officials with projects such as Battle Point Park, the Staples Historical Society, and the Historic Todd County Court House.



## Race route

The first-ever Railroad Days Dash will start and finish at the Staples Alliance Church on 8th Street. Runners will start out going north and follow the route from there.



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