



Wednesday, June 29, 2022

# Staples World

Staples, Minnesota

\$1<sup>25</sup>

**Hello from Motley** Some of the many entrants in the Motley June Fest Parade. See more June Fest on page 7a, 10a and 12a.

## July 4 celebration at Staples

### Veterans Park

*Ceremony at 11 a.m., followed by brat feed*

The Fourth of July celebration at All Veterans Park in Staples will begin at 11 a.m. This year's guest speaker is Jim Benton, a retired Sgt. Major U.S. Army and paratrooper. He is currently a teacher at Pilgrimage High School. Huck Holst will emcee the event, Pastor Jim Johnson will deliver the invocation, Deb Otteson will sing the National Anthem and John Prindle will sing patriotic songs. The Motley American Legion Color Guard will conduct a 21-gun salute, followed by 'Taps.' Guests are reminded to bring lawn chairs to the event. A brat feed provided by the Staples Host Lions will follow the ceremony. This will be a free will donation, with all proceeds going to the All Veterans Park.

**Paver dedication**  
The ceremony will also

include a dedication of 22 granite paving stones engraved with the names of area veterans, including:

- Sgt. First Class Joel Jasmer U.S. Army 1983 - 2007
- Specialist E4 Richard N Jasmer U.S. Army Desert Storm 1989 - 1992
- PVT 2 Richard T Dukowitz U.S. Army, Co. B 249 Engineer BN 1955 - 1958
- Lance Corporal Duff A Brown USMC Iraq, 1st BN 4th Marine Division 2006 - 2014
- Lance Corporal Danny L Dickey USMC 1st Marine Division 1984 - 1986
- SGT 1st Class Wayne Peter Larson U.S. Army Vietnam 1969 - 1989
- SGT 1st Class Dennis R Larson U.S. Army 1969 - 1989
- SGT 1st Class Timothy E Larson U.S. Army Desert Storm 1971 - 1991
- Tec-4 George E Dahlin

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## Weather

### This Week's Forecast

|         | High | Low | Cond.     |
|---------|------|-----|-----------|
| June 29 | 84   | 70  | P. Cloudy |
| June 30 | 83   | 55  | P. Cloudy |
| July 1  | 78   | 55  | Sunny     |
| July 2  | 79   | 56  | Sunny     |
| July 3  | 81   | 60  | P. Cloudy |
| July 4  | 83   | 64  | Showers   |
| July 5  | 84   | 65  | M. Cloudy |

### Last Year, 2021

|         | High | Low | Cond.     |
|---------|------|-----|-----------|
| June 29 | 82°  | 63  | M. Cloudy |
| June 30 | 85   | 61  | M. Sunny  |
| July 1  | 88   | 66  | Sunny     |
| July 2  | 86   | 67  | Sunny     |
| July 3  | 89   | 65  | Sunny     |
| July 4  | 90   | 60  | Sunny     |
| July 5  | 90   | 69  | Sunny     |

**Average Temps:**  
**H = 80° Low = 59°**  
**Have a safe 4th of July!**

*Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher*



## Chamber meeting on the veranda

The Staples Area Chamber of Commerce held their June 22 meeting on the patio of Timberlake Hotel in Staples. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## Chamber focusing on community events

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Staples Area Chamber of Commerce is focusing on events and membership as they push to reconstitute the organization with a new format.

The chamber held their Pints in the Pines event on June 2, which replaced the

chamber's annual meeting. At the event, the chamber's annual report showed 75 members in 2021, multiple events held and a completed survey to help determine the future.

The chamber is operating with a board, but no permanent director.

Their 2022 membership drive is looking to fill com-

mittees and help grow businesses and the community.

At the chamber's monthly meeting on June 22, Board Chair Kathleen Ferrel said they are concentrating on four committees, with the events committee being the most active one right now.

See **CHAMBER** on page 12a

## Food truck discussion continues

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Staples Planning and Zoning Commission discussed a possible food truck ordinance at their June 21 meeting, with seven people from the community in attendance, including food truck owners and supporters.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen presented an ordinance that is similar to one passed by the Long Prairie City Council, with some revisions to fit Staples.

Nelsen asked the Planning and Zoning Board to give more direction on possible requirements to limit usage on public rights-of-way and residential areas.

The Long Prairie ordinance came about because food trucks have been parked in strategic locations to provide lunches for industry workers.

Nelsen said the Long Prairie ordinance identifies areas where food trucks can set up in the city. It follows a state statute that limits food trucks from setting up more than 21 days in one location and more than 84 days per year in the city. Food trucks must be licensed and are inspected by public health according to state guidelines.

Planning and Zoning Commission member Janet Kiley said the city shouldn't restrict food trucks in residential areas.

Planning and Zoning Commission member Doug

Case, a city council member, said people go to their homes to get away from business, so he was in favor of restricting the trucks to business areas.

The Long Prairie ordinance requires food trucks to pay \$25 each day they set up in the city, or \$500 per year for up to 84 days. Kiley and several members of the public felt that cost was prohibitive to food trucks. One comment was that the cost is more than food trucks in Minneapolis are required to pay.

Case was concerned that food trucks don't support the city the same way existing restaurants do.

"Restaurants here pay a substantial amount of taxes," said Case. "That \$25 pales in comparison to what local businesses pay."

Commission member Bruce Drone agreed with Case, saying "You can make more than \$25 a day, or \$500 a year, the fees are minimal."

Case said he talked to two restaurant owners in Staples and one was against bringing in food trucks while the other was in favor.

The food truck owners suggested that bringing in more businesses can be good for the community.

Case suggested that they compare fees with other area ordinances, not just Long Prairie.

The board did not make a final recommendation and will discuss a possible food truck ordinance at another meeting.

## Irene Theis, 96, shares story of hope and empowerment

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

At 96 years young, Irene Theis of Staples has a story to tell...one of hope, empowerment and inspiration. She's compiled her life story into three books (so far), all of which are now available for checkout at the Staples Public Library.

The books include: "Living Life: From Nine to Ninety", "Living Life: Ninety & Beyond" and "Living Life - Let Go and Let God."

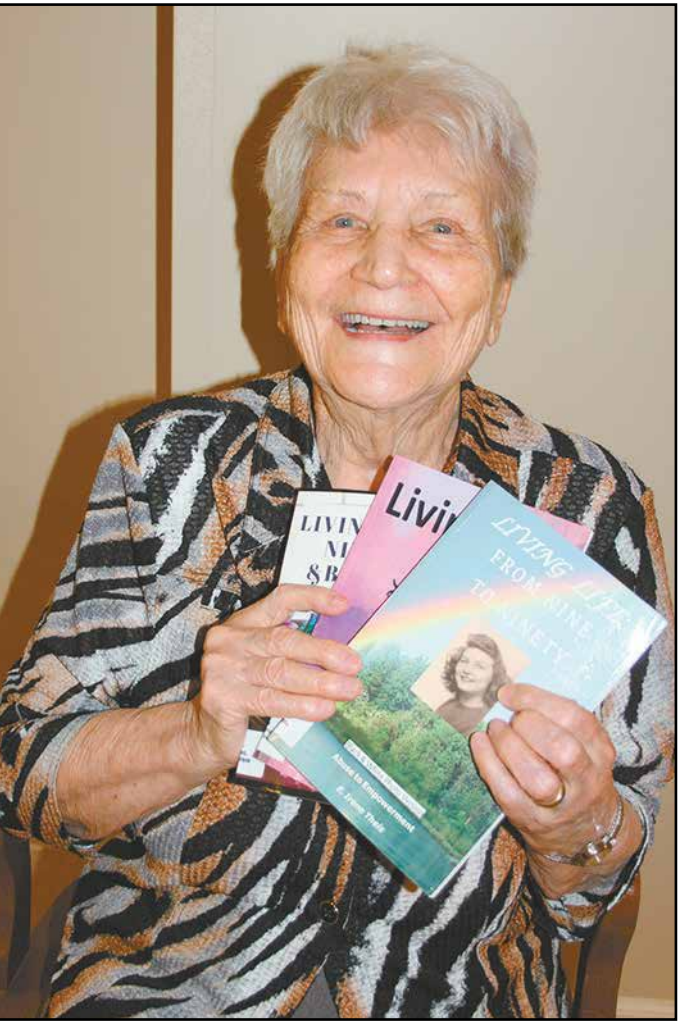
Starting with her early years on a farm in Northern Minnesota, the autobiographies chronicle her journey over the decades, up until her move to Staples in 2020, to be near her son Dan Carter and his family.

Written honestly and from the heart, Theis's books are a testament of her ability to overcome adversity, as well as the importance of faith and family throughout the seasons of her life.

Having been raised by Norwegian parents (Ole and Vera Snustad), Theis (pronounced, 'tice') describes her childhood as a happy one, revolving around the farm and attending the Malvik Lutheran Church in Guthrie (which the family helped start), where she was baptized and confirmed.

At age 19, life changed forever when she married a man named Dennis,

See **THEIS** on page 12a



## Inspiring author

Irene Theis of Staples has written three autobiographical books, copies of which she recently donated to the Staples Public Library. Theis, who celebrated her 96th birthday this past May 19, hopes her books will continue to inspire and empower others, especially women who have been victims of abuse. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Public Notices

City of Staples: 5A

## Obituaries

Rollance Gode, Jr.  
Gary Mertens  
Pamela Sather



Thank you for subscribing!

## Pillager Fair runs July 7 - 9

### Music, exhibits, mud races, fireworks and more

The Cass County Fair in Pillager will be held Thursday, July 7 - Saturday, July 9.

On the agenda are contests, food booths, fireworks, horse judging, music, mud run and a host of other activities for people of all ages, including a medallion hunt with a \$1,000 prize. Be sure to stop by the Pillager Fair Barn and see the new Barn Quilt, "Horsin' Around" that was recently hung there.

Many favorite events are on this year's Pillager Fair roster, as well as some new ones. Some of the events are listed below:

#### Thursday

Entry day. Commercial vendors and competition exhibitors will be setting up. Clues for the medallion hunt will be posted each morning at 9 a.m. at the Community Center.

Food booths open at 10 a.m. Stop by the Community Center (at the fairgrounds) for Cash Bingo, starting at 6:30 p.m.

#### Friday

It's 'Judging Day' on Friday.

Stop by at 8 a.m. for breakfast (food booths will be open) and at 9 a.m., visit

the horse judging arena and exhibit booths as well.

At 10 a.m. vendor booths open, tours of the day care will be offered, and the History Building also opens. Starting at 11 a.m., the area with the inflatables opens up (Froggy Hops Inflatables Jumpers); and at 3 p.m., the Beer Garden opens.

Bingo in the Center takes place at 6:30 p.m. Stick around to hear music by the Wayne Renn Band from 7 - 11 p.m.

#### Saturday

Horse judging, parade, games, Pillager Mud Races and fireworks will take place on Saturday, "Family Fun Day."

Register for the 'Color Splash Family Dash' at 7:30 a.m. (an un-timed 5K event with no winners or prizes, where runners are splashed with color along the course); and at 10 a.m., be sure to take in the annual parade, which travels downtown Pillager along River Street.

Beginning at noon, a Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place at the Community Center. This event is sponsored by the Pillager Boy Scout Troop and the Pillager Lions Club.

There are plenty of

contests for all ages available. A 'Pedal to the Metal' Kiddie Pull starts at noon; and 'older kids' will want to participate in Texas Hold'em at 1 p.m.; a Horseshoe Tournament at 2 p.m.; and a Cornhole Tournament at 3 p.m., with registration set for a half hour before each activity.

Don't miss the Pillager History Display from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; the Mud Races at 5 p.m.; or the fireworks, which begin at 10 p.m. The inflatables will be open from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Throughout the day, the food booth will be open (a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Pillager Boy Scouts begins at 7 a.m.), as will the exhibition building (from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.). The Beer Garden will be open all day, beginning at noon.

From 9 p.m. - midnight, listen to music by the "Wanted" band in the Beer Garden.

The fair closes at midnight.

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



## Pillager quilters make several donations

Quilters from First Lutheran Church in Pillager recently delivered 19 twin-size quilts to Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge for distribution to short-term in-patients at the Brainerd location. They also donated 12 lap quilts for patients at St. Otto's Care Center in Little Falls. Representatives of the group, pictured from left, are Joanne

Groves, Rosie Harmsen, Diane Wright, Linda Bentler, Shirley Smith and Wendy Jacobson. The women worked on these quilts during the winter-spring months of 2022. The group meets Tuesdays from noon - 3 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. (Submitted photo)

## Motley area law enforcement reports

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

#### June 9 - 15

June 14 - The MPD issued a citation for hands free violation to Stephen Berard, 58.

June 14 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Kaleb Stearns, 19.

June 14 - The MPD issued a citation to David Clairmont, 39, for driving after revocation.

June 13 - The MPD issued a citation to Paul Blomquist, 35, for driving after suspension and no proof of insurance.

June 10 - The MPD received a fraud complaint from Motley City Hall.

June 9 - The MPD issued a citation to Landen Converse, 18, for a hands free

violation.

June 9 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Brian Mathys, 33.

June 15 - The MCSO responded to a report of a vehicle accident at the 36000 block of Bugle Rd., Motley.

June 15 - The MCSO received a report of an unoccupied vehicle in the ditch near Bugle Rd. and Cattleberry Rd. in Motley.

June 10 - The MCSO assisted the MN State Patrol with a two vehicle crash at the intersection of Hwy 10 and Gold Ln., Motley

June 10 - The MCSO issued a citation to Jared Becker, 29, for speeding.

#### June 16 - 22

June 22 - The MPD issued a citation to Joseph Chenoweth, 42, for failure to move over for an emergency vehicle.

June 22 - The MPD issued a citation to Victoria Snyder, 38, for speed and no proof of insurance.

June 21 - The MPD received a report of a gas drive-off at Holiday in Motley, in the amount of \$66.

June 20 - The MPD issued a citation to Isaiah Ross-Bahn, 20, for speeding.

June 17 - The MPD issued a citation to Dusty Ferrier, 48, for driving after revocation.

June 17 - The MPD arrested Kelsey Joy White Face, 23, for a warrant out of Martin County. She was also issued a citation for driving after suspension.

June 21 - The MCSO responded to assist state patrol and MPD with a report of an intoxicated female attempting to jump out a vehicle on Hwy 210 and 67th St. SW in Motley.



## Burglary suspect

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office received a report June 18, of a business burglary at Gaffke's Auto Repair, located on Sunwood Lane, in the City of Randall.

According to their report, at approximately 2:30 a.m. June 18, the suspect pictured above entered the business through the overhead door, located on the east side of the business. Several tools were reported stolen, including a Milwaukee Sawzall and impact driver. The suspect also stole a 2004 Chevrolet Trail-

blazer, black in color. The Trailblazer had a gold pin stripe down both sides of the vehicle and a Randall Fire Department sticker in the back window. The white male suspect has some type of marking, believed to be a tattoo, behind his left ear. He also appears to have a tattoo on his left forearm.

If you have information regarding this burglary or the possible identity of the suspect pictured, call the Morrison County Sheriff's Office at 320-632-9233.

## Randall woman injured in UTV accident

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports that on June 18, at approximately 8:18 p.m., they received a report of an accident with injuries on Woodchuck Trail, approximately four miles north of Randall in Cushing Township.

According to their report, 35-year-old Lora Murray of Little Falls was driving a Polaris Ranger

UTV side by side, north on Woodchuck Trail. Murray tried maneuvering around a tree branch in the roadway and the tires caught the edge of the road, causing the side by side to go into the east ditch and roll. The passenger, 28-year-old Jennifer Hauer of Randall, sustained multiple injuries and was transported to Hennepin County Medical

Center by Life Link III.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor. The crash is still under investigation.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Randall Fire Department, Randall First Response Team, Life Link II and Mayo Clinic Ambulance.



## Motley Lions named a Model Club

The Motley Lions Club has completed the process of becoming a Model Club in District 5M8, a goal achieved after the club has given a donation of \$500 per member to Lions Club International Foundation. They are the sixth club in District 5M8 to reach this goal. Pictured, front row from left, are Motley Lion President Don Delude; Staples

Host Lion Frank Leidenfrost, Motley Lions Ariel Praska and Wanda Lutzke; and Staples '93 Lion Amy Leidenfrost. Back row: Motley Lions Bruce Brotherton, Anita Sutton, Glen Sutton, Mary Munger, Nancy Lucas, Sherry Frisk, Janet Greig. (Submitted photo)

## Och joins Tri-County Health Care Board

Todd County Health & Human Services Director Jackie Och recently joined the Tri-County Health Care Board of Directors. She comes to the board with over a decade of hospital experience. Och also serves on the Todd and Wadena Community Health Board and Tri-County's Bertha Clinic Advisory Committee.

Och had her first official board meeting on June 27, 2022. Like other board members, she will provide strategic direction and leadership through policy planning.

"I am honored to have the

opportunity to represent the communities served. I will work to represent all individuals by practicing Tri-County Health Care's mission, vision and core values," said Och.

Tri-County Health Care has an 11-person board of directors made up of a diverse set of community members from around our region. The purpose of this volunteer board is to provide oversight to executive leadership while also being responsible for the overall guidance of the organization.

# Staples Police Department's recent report

Recent reports from the Staples Police Department.

June 13, Staples Police responded to a mental health issues on the 400 block of 2nd St SE. The party has been repeatedly calling dispatch and talking about delusions. Police notified Todd County Social Services regarding this individual.

June 13, Staples Police received information regarding a resident who was sending suspicious and unusual emails to Hands of Hope. The party is believed to be having possible mental health issues.

June 13, Staples Police responded to the Dollar General for a report of individual asleep in a vehicle with the windows rolled up. Police arrested Aimee Quinn, 50, for 4th Degree DUI and

5th degree possession.

June 13, Staples Police received a call from a property management company regarding one of their tenants with mental health issues, who resides in Staples. They reported receiving over a dozen calls from the individual beginning in the morning and continuing. They also reported the individual was using a phone number generator so the number isn't the same each time a call is made. Police advised they can start the eviction process on the man.

June 14, Staples Police spoke with a subject and determined that he needed to be transported to Lakewood Health System emergency room for a mental health evaluation.

June 14, Staples Police spoke with a party regarding a road rage incident, prior to a domestic situation, which happened on Hwy 10 in Aldrich. Police notified Wadena County of the report.

June 14, Staples Police responded to the Dower Lake for a report of juveniles jumping off the pier. Police spoke with the juveniles and advised them of the rules and use of the pier.

June 14, Staples Police responded to a report of suspicious activity on the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SW. The reporting party stated that someone had removed a mailbox from the west side of their property and put it on the inside of their fence, pushed over some planters inside the fenced area, damaged

an umbrella and tore out some plants in the yard. The incident was believed to have occurred between noon and 4:30 p.m. that day.

June 15, Staples Police received a report of a counterfeit bill from Unity Bank, which is believed that came in through Subway in Staples.

June 16, Staples Police were dispatched to a young child walking in the road in the 1400 block of 3rd St NE. The child was turned released to Wadena County Social Services until parents could be identified. Officers were later flagged down that morning by a parent. They were advised of the child's location.

June 16, Staples Police received a report of an assault that hap-

pened on June 15. Police are investigating the incident.

June 16, Staples Police received a driving complaint at Dower Lake Park area of an older vehicle driving through the park revving the engine, spinning the tires at a high rate of speed. Police located the vehicle at the beach parking lot, the driver was advised and warned of the driving behavior.

June 19, Staples Police responded to a report of a theft from a vehicle, on the 500 block of 8th St NE. The complainant, stated that someone had entered her unlocked vehicle, parked in the rear of her property and removed about two dollars in loose change and a pack of cigarettes.

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1947

• June 26, 1947 - After two years as buttermaker for Motley, Carl Nelson has resigned his position as local buttermaker to be a salesman for the Gopher Chemical Company, who have their main office in St. Paul. Mr. Nelson will begin his new work July 1. Until a house can be found, the Nelson family are moving from the Creamery to the Joyce Ross house, formerly C. W. Akins, just north of the Peters residence.

The new buttermaker, Roger Lusky and his family are moving into the creamery house this week.

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Dawn Timbs  
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• June 26, 1947 - An estimated crowd of about 300 people attended the annual creamery meeting at Leader June 21.

The day's program opened with the serving of the picnic lunch at noon, followed by a program of an hour of instrumental and vocal music. Community singing was lead by Harry Bossuet, with Carl Holt playing the accompaniment. Reports read by officers of the creamery showed that the institution enjoyed one of the best years since it was started.

Representatives from Cass county spoke on measures effecting Cass county in the recent session of the legislature, including the proposed black topping of highway 64, which leads through the Leader vicinity.

• June 26, 1947 - The Moran-Germania community and the people of Staples were shocked about 10:30 o'clock Friday morning, June 20, when they learned of the tragic death of Jean Renee Henegar, fourteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Knosalla of the Moran-Germania community. Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Shlenicka noticed the overturned tractor first, and investigating, found Jean under the tractor. Their car was full so they had to get Art Peyer to take Jean into the hospital in Staples. She was admitted about 10:20 and died in the elevator, enroute to the operating room.

50 YEARS Ago - 1972

• June 29, 1972 - K. T. Barrett, one of Staples oldest, active businessmen, was named this week by the parade chairman to serve as the Grand Marshal of the Staples Community Appreciation Days parade June 30.

"The selection of Mr. Barrett as the grand marshal of the parade was based on his 55 years in the business profession of our city, plus his service to the community in the many organizations of which he is a member," Gordon D. Sellnow, parade committee chairman, said.

A 1915 graduate of Staples High School, Mr. Barrett's first job was with the Northern Pacific Railway Company, serving three months in the roundhouse and later as a clerk in the freight office.

In 1947, Mr. Barrett took a position with the First National Bank and remained in that employment for 23 years, the last seven of which he served as cashier. In 1940, Barrett joined in partnership with Henry C. Barker and started the Barker and Barrett Insurance Agency. Following the death of Mr. Barker, Mr. Barrett continued in the business under the name of Ken Barrett Insurance Agency. Barrett, now 75 years of age, continues in the business and still serves his community.

• June 29, 1972 - Injuries apparently received in a one-car accident Saturday evening, June 24, were fatal to Harry B. Juergens, 64, of Staples.

It was reported by Staples Police officers that Juergens was returning home from fishing and was heading west on the Warner Road when his vehicle apparently went out of control and rolled over into the ditch on the west side of the Eighth Street intersection with the Warner Road. It appeared he



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our July. 8, 1965 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your an-

swers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

was alone in the vehicle.

Mrs. Rodney Miller and children were enroute home from Staples and saw something in the ditch, the officers said. They notified Staples Police about 10:15 p.m. and the officers went to the scene and found Juergens in the vehicle. They estimated the accident happened about two hours previously.

Juergens was taken by ambulance to the Staples Municipal Hospital and the next morning, June 25, was being transported by Staples ambulance to the Good Samaritan Hospital in St. Paul, and died enroute.

• June 29, 1972 - A coffee and fellowship hour will be held Sunday, July 2, after the 10 a.m. service at the United Methodist Church of Staples to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Edward Stevens and family. Rev. Stevens will be assuming the pastorate of the United Methodist Church that day.

25 YEARS Ago - 1997

• June 26, 1997 - Temperatures in the low 90's and nearly as high humidity drove people to the beaches Sunday and Monday. The Dower Lake swimming beach was a popular spot on Monday evening, even after the mercury dropped a little. Other popular "beat-the-heat" spots included several places along the Crow Wing River. Much needed rain came also, with Staples getting a half inch Sunday and another half inch Tuesday morning.

• June 26, 1997 - Blaine Quast of Staples was a recent winner on "Wheel of Fortune Live" a live show version at The Grand Palace in Branson, Missouri. Mr. Quast won a G.E. Color Television Set. He played the game very well and had a great time in the process.

• June 26, 1997 - The Security State Bank of Staples board of directors met last week and welcomed new member Barb Schmitt. The full board includes Paul Wick, bank president; Bob Dabill of Pillager, Dick Donat of Staples, Harold Soper of Brainerd and Glen Solsrud, Augusta, Wisc. The bank has enjoyed about a 15 percent growth in the past year, according to bank officials.

• June 26, 1997 - Someone attempted to break into the south Side Mini Mart in Staples early Monday morning, but they were apparently unable to get inside.

Staples police reported that sometime between 3 and 6 a.m. entry was attempted by breaking out a pane of glass on the store's door.

The attempted break-in was reported to police at 6 a.m. by Richard Chenoweth. Police are investigating but had no suspects as of Monday.

10 YEARS Ago - 2012

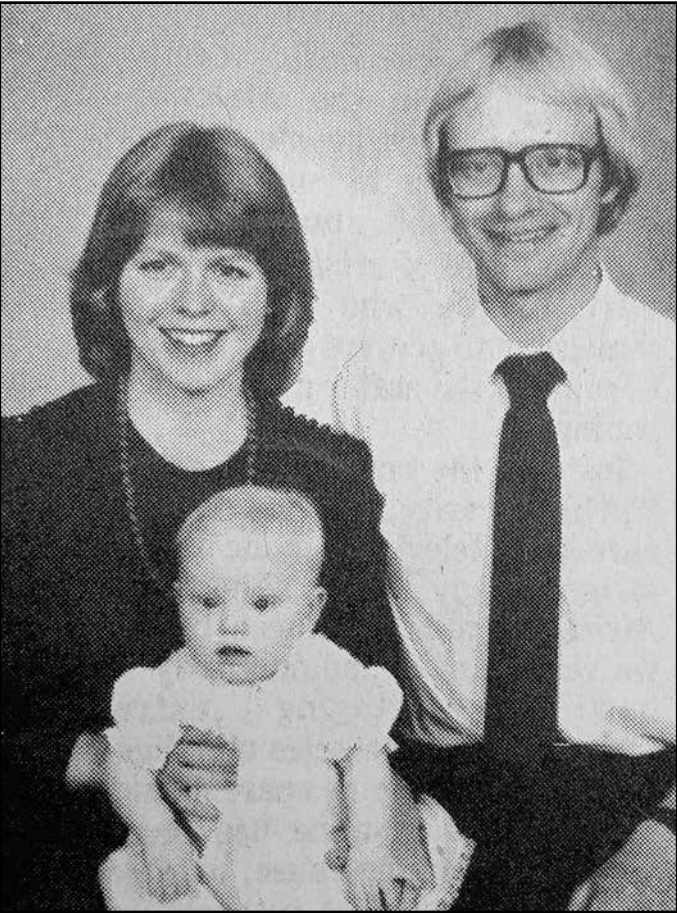
• June 28, 2012 - Central

Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples, is a partner in a regional center of excellence receiving nearly \$3 million to educate and train manufacturing technicians.

• June 28, 2012 - Most people plan carefully for vacations and getaways. Three friends, all alumni of the University of Minnesota Morris, get together annually and never plan beyond where they're going to meet and who's driving. Their long term goal is to visit all of the counties of Minnesota. Each summer

they draw the name of a Minnesota county out of a hat and explore that county for a weekend. They stay off the beaten paths and never turn down an opportunity for adventure.

One member of the trio, Mark Turner, is executive director of the Five wings Arts Council (located in Staples) which serves Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties. The other members are siblings Rod Strenke and DeAnn Strenke.



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Aug. 8, 1985 edition of the Staples World featured local teacher of the year Steve Hoffbeck, with his wife Dianne and eight-month-old daughter Leah. Steve Hoffbeck taught social studies at Staples High School.

Judy Wolak of Staples correctly identified Steve and Dianne Hoffbeck, but thought the daughter was Caroline. Wolak said, "They lived in Staples and were both excellent teachers in the Staples Schools. Dianne taught at what was then North Elementary and Steve taught at Staples High School." Wolak went on to share that her daughter, Heidi, was in Mrs. Hoffbeck's third grade classroom in 1983. It was a wonderful year for Heidi, due to Dianne's exceptional teaching. The following year, when Dianne went on maternity leave, Wolak was hired as the substitute teacher for her classroom.

Roddy Sams of Staples correctly identified Steve and Dianne Hoffbeck. He went on to say that one year, the administration "let him go." This did not go over well with students, as Mr. Hoffbeck was a popular teacher. Sams went on to say that a relative of theirs organized a student protest and they walked out of the school building. Apparently, the administration later offered Steve his job back, but he turned them down. Sams shared that Steve went on to teach at a college and later wrote a couple of books.

Kyra Ladd of Staples, 1986 Staples High School graduate, correctly identified the Hoffbecks, noting that Steve Hoffbeck was a social studies teacher at SHS. She believed this photo was taken for the Staples Methodist Church directory, around the time Mr. Hoffbeck had left Staples to take a teaching job at Moorhead State.

Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

VETERANS continued from page 1a

Paver dedication, memorial

U.S. Army WWII (Alaska Hwy) 1941 - 1946

- EM-2 Richard Anderson USN WWII USS Dayton 1942 - 1945
- SFC Ronald C Manning U.S. Army Postal Service, Korea 1989
- Sgt Robert E Manning U.S. Army Air Force Postal Service, Korea 1989
- Sgt Gordon C Dezell U.S. Army, Korea 1951 - 1953
- AMS3 Freddie R Huebner U.S. Navy 1956 - 1959
- Cpl Robert A Nurnberger USMC 1980 - 1984
- Gunnery Sgt Scot Nurnberger USMC Beriut/Panama 1979 - 1999
- Cpl John K Mcfedries U.S. Army WWII 1943 - 1945, Korea 1947 - 1952 (Purple Heart and Silver Star)

- SFC-E5 Daniel J Hirschey U.S. Army, Vietnam Era 1965 - 1967
- Major Gregory Deering MN Army National Guard 2007 -
- Sgt George Swenson Sr. U.S. Army WWI 1918 - 1919
- DC 2 George Swenson Jr. U.S. Navy, Korea 1951 - 1955
- Cpl Thomas E Bergs USMC Vietnam 1967 - 1970

**Veteran Jim Mohler**

All local veterans who passed in the preceding year are honored each year on Memorial Day. Regrettably, Veteran Jim Mohler's name was missed at the 2022 Memorial Day program. Also, the family donated \$500 to the WWII Honor Wall as a family memorial.



Taking aim

Attendees at the Motley Fair on June 18 throw towards the dunk tank, in an attempt to hit the target and send Lakewood Health System CEO Tim Rice, and his fish hat (below) into the water.



### HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT TODAY!

**Pablo from Spain, 17 yrs.**  
Loves soccer and would like to learn to play baseball. Pablo is a boy scout and enjoys the outdoors.

(for 3, 5 or 10 months)

Make this year the most exciting, enriching year ever for you and your family. Welcome a high school student, 15-18 years old, from Belgium, Italy, France, Ukraine, Norway, Denmark, Spain, Germany or Thailand as part of your family for a school year (or less) and make an overseas friend for life.

**For more information or to select your own exchange student please call:**

**Julie from Denmark, 16 yrs.**  
Enjoys gymnastics, swimming and photography. She's positive, fun loving and easy to get along with.

**Marcy at 1-800-888-9040 (Toll Free) or e-mail us at info@world-heritage.org**

For privacy reasons, photos above are not photos of actual students

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# Do bird watchers deserve a better name?

My son, the younger of our two children, did not grow up sharing my passion for fishing and hunting, or Nature in general. He was a multi-sport athlete throughout elementary, middle school, and high school years, and had an active social life when sports and studying were not absorbing his time. Only after he entered college did we begin fishing together, and have since shared a

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Inside the  
Outdoors



Mike Rahn  
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But even in those athletics-and-social-life years, there was a regular exposure to—for want of a better term—what we broadly call Nature. Family vacations and weekend trips routinely took us to scenic places on Lake Superior or Lake Michigan, including regular visits to Minnesota’s North Shore. Nature’s wonders are present in such places in abundance. So it wasn’t a complete surprise when he texted me several weeks ago to inform me that he had purchased a pair of binoculars, had downloaded a smart-phone “app,” and was launching himself—in concert with a friend and co-worker—into the world of birding.

When he and his family visited our home recently, our “deck time” had a new dimension: watching the many songbirds that are constantly traversing the neighborhood, the constant presence of herons lumbering down the shore or across the lake, vultures riding the rising air currents, the oc-

casional eagle, several species of waterfowl, and of course the loons.

I’ve never considered myself a “birder” in the official sense, and have no “life list” of the many species of birds I’ve seen. Yet I’ve always been drawn to, and curious about, birds of many kinds. Not only an interest in the birds I’ve hunted—ducks, woodcock, and ruffed grouse—but raptors, songbirds, shorebirds, and just about any species found between the covers of a Roger Tory Peterson Field Guide.

As a youngster still living with my parents, I insisted that we have a backyard bird feeder, and always held out hope that wrens would set up housekeeping in the tiny white house with the red roof that hung in a tree for them. Perhaps they found more appealing quarters in one of the neighbors’ houses, for occupancy in ours seemed infrequent.

Like many youngsters—boys in particular, it seems—I went through a BB gun phase, mostly targeting inert things that pinged, shattered, or left a neat little round hole when hit. But I also vividly remember targeting one of the ubiquitous “English sparrows” that always seemed to get more than their share of feed at our bird feeder. Whether that was my justification for the deed at the time, I can’t be sure. But I do remember that, after the fact, I was not particularly proud of my accomplishment. Ends may sometimes justify means, but this end—a dead sparrow—could not really be justified.

This Father’s Day, my son and granddaughter called for a FaceTime visit. In the course of that call, my almost-five-year-old granddaughter shared that they had paid an early morning visit to a shop that caters to bird fanciers, and had come home with a bird house. “I, of course, wanted it to remain in the natural wood,”

said my son, “but she said we had to color it so the birds would say ‘Oh, that’s so cute!’” Whether the bird house’s rainbow crayon effect will influence prospective tenants remains to be seen. But, like that purple or striking blue home you sometimes see in a neighborhood, this bird house will be a one-of-a-kind in theirs.

I’ve always found the label “bird watcher” not quite uncomplimentary, but not quite flattering, either. Is it just me? Or does “bird watcher” still conjure up an image of an urbanite or suburbanite with a simplistic idea of how Nature works, with perhaps a Bambi-esque notion that wild creatures would all lead a harmonious existence if humans would just let them? That may not be fair, but to some degree it’s the baggage that accompanies the term.

Maybe those who immerse themselves in a fascination with birds—and they are legion—should be called something more notable. An example is one of my ideals in the worlds of both outdoor sport and Nature in general. Bud was at one time or another the Director of the University of Minnesota’s Bell Museum of Natural History, acting Dean of the University’s College of Agriculture, a Board member of the national Ruffed Grouse Society sportsmen’s group, a principal player in the rescue of the peregrine falcon, a capable trainer of English setter hunting dogs, and a decorated fighter pilot.

Bud held a doctorate degree in ornithology, which is the high-toned name for the study of birds. One mannerism I most recall was his habit of carrying a pair of compact binoculars when we were training dogs together—a trait also seen in photos of him—just in case an interesting bird should come along. Even his plane—a P-51 Mustang—was named after a Eurasian bird, with its Latin name

painted on the plane’s nose—Upupa Epops—certain to confuse German fighter pilots.

Then there is that marathons of birding known as “the big year,” which is a personal challenge or informal competition in which a person pulls out all the stops to see or hear and identify a maximum number of birds in a single year. The big year is real, and was even the subject of an entertaining 2011 movie of the same name.

Just maybe, the label “bird watcher” has outlived its usefulness, and understates the knowledge and dedication of the many who are seriously bird-minded. “Ornithologist” may be more difficult to pronounce, but it surely sounds more impressive.

## Cherish our democracy

By Amy Klobuchar  
U.S. Senator

On this Fourth of July, we celebrate the birth of our country—the great American experiment in democracy that began in 1776, when our founding fathers adopted the principles penned in the Declaration of Independence. Those principles became the bedrock of our nation, a roadmap of America’s purpose, and the foundation for a new way of governing rooted in the importance of working together.

## Summer safety precautions

By Tom Burch  
Cass County Sheriff

During the summer months, we usually see an increase in some property crimes, including theft and property damages. Theft is a crime of opportunity. During the summer months, thieves are always on the look-out for items which can be easily taken in minutes. Unlocked doors, open windows, open garage or shed doors all provide a temptation to steal valuables like bikes, packages, cell phones, purses, tools, yard equipment, decorations - all usually left in plain view. Blooming trees, overgrown shrubs, landscape and tall grass or weeds can provide would-be burglars with places to hide. We have some tips to share to continue to make your summer a safe one.

### General Home and Property Safety Tips

- Install lighting, such as motion lights or dusk-to-dawn detector lights, on your home’s exterior.
- Trim shrubbery around your home to eliminate hiding places.
- Your address or address sign (blue number) should be clearly visible from the street for emergency and identification purposes.
- Close and lock your

## Letters to the Editor

### Adopt a Flower Box

I would like to commend “Jemma’s” for adopting a flower box and beautifying 2nd Avenue (Staples).

Maybe other businesses or individuals could do the same.

LaVonne Selleck  
Staples, Minn

### Outreach to the People of Todd County

The mission of the Todd County Historical Society is to preserve the stories of the people and institutions of Todd County. For many of you, that is the history of your parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. It might be the story of a

country school or the list and locations of cemeteries in Todd County.

We operate the Museum located at 333 Central Avenue in Long Prairie and the Historical Society Building at the Todd County Fairgrounds which is open to the public during the fair and for special events at the fairgrounds.

It takes a lot of effort to maintain and upgrade those two facilities. We can use help with requests for information at the Museum. If you have an interest in the history of Todd County or your ancestors and you have a few hours to give, contact De Eberle at 320-732-4426. Yes, you are needed and you will learn some very interesting things about Todd County.

Gerry Ruda, Member  
Todd County Historical Society

# Don’t let the heat wave spike your electric bill

From Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative

As a heat wave makes its way across Minnesota, Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative, of Wadena is offering its members advice on how to stay cool at home without running up their electric bill.

“These times when people in our community are using more electricity all at once, in this instance to stay cool, are called ‘peak hours,’” said Allison Uselman, Member & Energy Services Manager. “The cost to provide power ends up being higher due to increased demand. By conserving energy use during this period of high temperatures, you’ll not only be saving yourself money, but you’ll be helping maintain the reliability of our regional electric grid by reducing stress on it.”

Here are a few easy ways to conserve energy for the benefit of yourself and your neighbors:

- Adjust your thermostat by raising it a few degrees during the day
- Use ceiling fans to create a wind-chill effect that will make the air feel cooler to the skin
- Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes or shades
- Keep doors and windows closed as much as possible
- Turn off lights and electronics when not in use
- Run large appliances at night (e.g., dishwashers, laundry machines)

Remember to keep your body cool, too, by drinking plenty of water.

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## Minnesota doctors: leave fireworks to pros

From the Minnesota Medical Association

The Fourth of July holiday is fast approaching and once again Minnesota’s physicians want to remind their fellow residents to leave the lighting of fireworks to the professionals.

“We urge Minnesotans to play it safe and let the experts handle the fireworks this summer,” said MMA President Randy Rice, MD. “Every year, many Minnesotans are injured and wind up in the emergency department because of injuries caused by fireworks.”

According to the latest statistics from the U.S. Con-

sumer Product Safety Commission an estimated 15,600 fireworks-related injuries were treated in emergency departments in 2020. Eighteen people died because of these injuries. This is a 50 percent increase in deaths and injuries between 2019 and 2020.

Nearly 45 percent of the injuries were burns. Sixteen hundred people were hurt by firecrackers, and 900 were hurt by seemingly harmless sparklers. The parts of the body most often injured were hands and fingers (an estimated 30 percent); head, face, and ears (an estimated 22 percent); and eyes (an estimated 15 percent).



## DQ transition stays in the family

The Staples DQ held an open house on June 15 to celebrate the retirement of Doyle and Deb Yoder and Joan Doll, and their transition to new owners, Nick and Jacque Doll. From left, Doyle and Deb Yoder, Jacque and Nick Doll with their children Oscar, Olive and Otto, and Joan Doll, right. The Staples DQ was opened by Joan and Robert Doll in 1971. Deb worked at the restaurant before Doyle came in 1976. Doyle said they are happy to keep the restaurant in the family, as Nick is their nephew. Nick and Jacque also run the DQ in Little Falls. The Motley DQ is being run by Nick and Staci Schultz. Staci is Doyle and Deb Yoder's daughter. As for retirement, the Yoders do not have many specific plans, other than "take life as it comes," said Doyle.

## CLC adds two to performing arts leadership positions

Central Lakes College announced the addition of two new leaders in its Performing Arts Center. Joey Yow has been named Director of the Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center and Cory Johnson will serve as theatre faculty within the Liberal Arts and Sciences at the college.

"The arts are an integral part of the College. We are proud to serve many audiences and celebrate the impact of performance through the CLC Performing Arts Center, through our academic programs in both theatre and music and throughout our communities," said CLC President Dr. Hara Charlier. "We are excited to welcome Joey and Cory to the College. They join incredible teams deeply engaged in this work and will provide strong leadership."

CLC has a deep commitment to the arts, with its rich history in performing arts, visual arts, and music. The college is well known for its work with Brainerd Community Theatre and dramatic arts instruction. It has also expanded its music program with the addition of the Music AFA Degree and eight performance ensembles. With the hiring of Yow and Johnson, the college will continue to expand its program.

Yow most recently served as the Managing Director of Luna Stage and Technical Director of Newark Academy in New Jersey. He holds a Master's Degree in Arts Administration. His experi-

ence in visual and performing art programming will be a great addition to the CLC community.

"I am thrilled to join the team at Central Lakes College, and am honored to be entrusted with the responsibility of leading the Performing Arts Center," Yow said. "I look forward to building upon the excellent foundations of artistic programming presented by CLC with artists and stories that entertain, inspire and connect with the members of the Brainerd lakes community."

Johnson brings a deep background in teaching, acting, and directing theatre. She earned her Doctorate in Theatre at the University of Oregon and has spent the majority of her career at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. She has also taught at Augustana College and performed improvisational theatre at Dudley Riggs' Brave New Workshop in Minneapolis.

Johnson will work closely with Yow and the college to continue moving live theatre forward at CLC.

"I am thrilled to be joining the team at CLC and will be doing my best to honor the great tradition of excellence on the college's stages," said Johnson. "Meeting the community of artists that abound in the Brainerd lakes area is a priority for me. I am actively reviewing the list of previous productions at CLC and hoping to find the right fit for the students and the audience for our fall slot."

Combining Johnson's academic strengths with Yow's artistic visionary strengths, CLC Foundation Executive Director Kate Adornetto is confident that this new leadership will take an already "first-class cultural arts series" to the next level. "I look forward to working with Joey, Cory and the entire cultural arts community to create even more exciting events for patrons to enjoy," Adornetto said.

Anne Nelson Fisher, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, reflected on the upcoming Fall Semester: "Students with an interest in performing on stage or in learning about the history and process of how live theatre works will continue to have those opportunities at Central Lakes College. There is a place for many skills in the theatre department—from acting to supporting lighting and sound to set-building to ushering. Come find out how to develop your skills and talents!"

## Mark Your Calendar

### June 28

**WADENA COUNTY REPUBLICANS MEET** the fourth Tuesday of the month at Pizza Ranch in Wadena. Dinner and visiting at 6 p.m. with speakers and a business mtg at 7 p.m. For info., call 218-894-1899.

### June 30

**STAPLES SERENITY AA GROUP MTGS** are held at the Staples Assembly of God Church on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. Masks required. For more info., 320-874-0979.

**'WALK WITH A DOC'** Thursdays at 5:15 p.m., at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples. Meet at the main entrance. For more information about this free program, visit <https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/staples-minnesota>

### July 1

**WOMEN'S OPEN AA RECOVERY MEETING** Every Friday in person, 10:30 a.m., Motley Free Methodist Church (lower level), 33 Wellwood St. E. Motley. All women welcome.

### July 4

**AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY**

are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

### July 5

**RUBY'S PANTRY** is held on the first Tuesday of each month at the parking lot of Central Lakes College in Staples beginning at 6 p.m.

**OLD TIME DANCE** is held the first Tuesday of every month at the Wadena VFW. For information, call 218-639-0132.

### July 6

**DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** offered by Lakewood Health System of Staples, meets the first Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m. - noon, in the Burlington room, located through Door C at Lakewood's Senior Campus (401 Prairie Ave. NE), Staples. For info., 218-894-8851 or 218-894-8067.

### July 7

**TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG HAS BEEN CHANGED** from Thursday, July 14, to Thursday, July 7, at 7 p.m., at Thunder Lodge, 22056 US 71, Long Prairie. For info: Facebook at Todd County Minnesota Republicans; 401-632-7849.

## Music in the Park 2022

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**July 31** ...Caileigh (Folk, Celtic)

**Aug. 7** ...Benson Family (Bluegrass, Gospel)

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## Public Notice

### NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 538 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE SALE OF PROPERTY THE CITY OF STAPLES DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1 The City of Staples is hereby empowered to sell the following real estate located in the City of Staples, County of Wadena, State of Minnesota in accordance with the sale price to be authorized by the City Council:

That part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 35, Township 134 North, Range 35 West, Wadena County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Commencing at the southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds East, along the south line of said Northeast Quarter, a distance of 561.61 feet; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 14 seconds East, a distance of 33.00 feet to the point of beginning of the easement to be described; thence North 47 degrees 06 minutes 14 seconds East, a distance of 369.62 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds East, a distance of 149.76 feet; thence South 35 degrees 03 minutes 46 seconds

East, a distance of 308.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds East, a distance of 82.29 feet; thence North 35 degrees 10 minutes 08 seconds West, a distance of 335.45 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 291.74 feet; thence South 46 degrees 59 minutes 52 seconds West, a distance of 400.19 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds East, a distance of 97.74 feet to the point of beginning.

Reserving unto the Grantor a utility easement over, under, and across the above described property.

Sec. 2 The City Council finds that the property creates a net financial burden on the City and therefore should be sold for the sum of \$1.00.

Sec. 3 The net proceeds from the sale shall be used pursuant to Section 11.05 of the Staples City Charter.

Sec. 4 The Mayor and City Administrator are authorized to execute any documents to complete the sale.

Sec. 5 This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with law.

Adopted June 14, 2022

Tara Greer, City Clerk

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### Todd County Citizen Appointment Opportunities

Todd County is seeking three individuals to serve on the Personnel Board of Appeals. Preferred qualifications include 7 years of experience in management, legal, or human resources. Must be a resident of Todd County.

**Personnel Board of Appeals**

This position pays \$100 per diem and is appointed by the Board of Commissioners. To learn more about these openings and how to apply visit the official Todd County website at <https://www.co.todd.mn.us>. Go to Jobs; Other Employment Opportunities; **Citizen Appointment Application**

Questions can be directed to Todd County Administration (320)732-6155.

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## Election Judges Needed

Help your community vote by signing up to be an election judge. Election Judges are the backbone of our democracy. Election Judges are paid officials who staff the local polling place. Election Judges receive training and have a right to get time off work to serve, without a reduction in pay. Current pay for election judges is \$11.50 per hour. You must be eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota and be able to read, write and speak English. The time commitment is 2 hours of training and 2 half day shifts at the Primary (August) and General Election (November).

**To sign up, contact Tara Greer, City Clerk at 218-541-5004 or send an e-mail to [tgreer@ci.staples.mn.us](mailto:tgreer@ci.staples.mn.us).**

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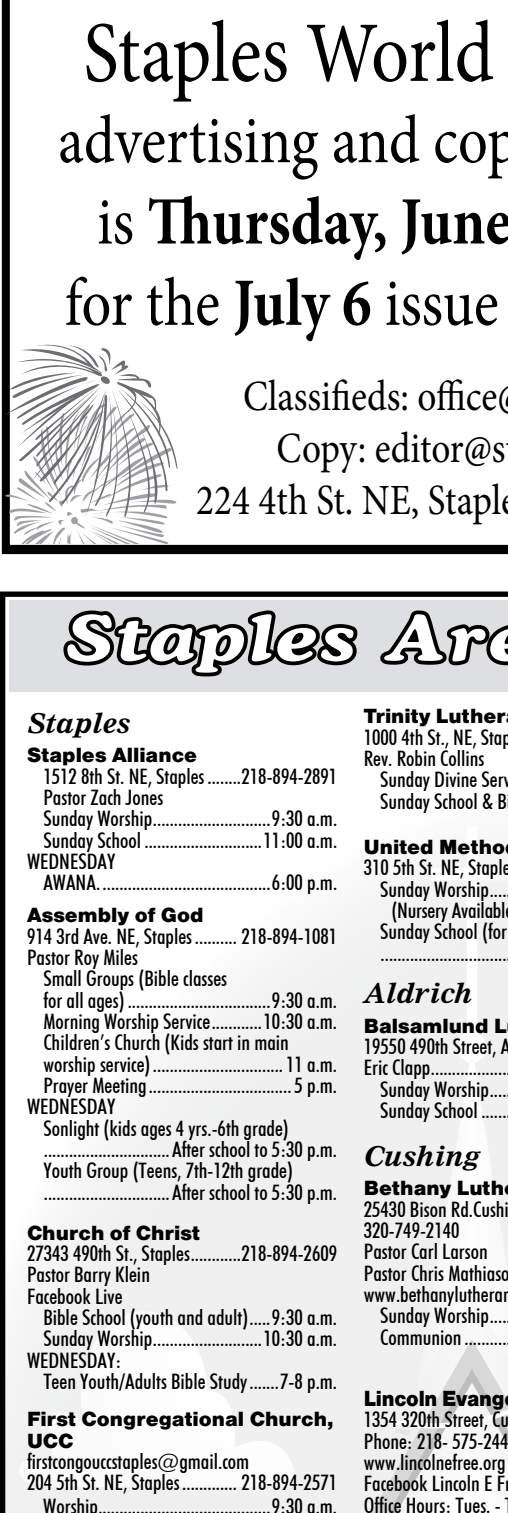
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ooHello Worldoo

**BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:**  
Born to Marie Brings and Owen Brastad of Browerville, a baby boy, Luca John weighing five pounds, eight ounces on June 17, 2022.  
Born to Samantha and Anthony Ramirez of Menahga, a baby girl, Marisol Topaz Mariah weighing five pounds, 15 ounces on June 27, 2022.  
Born to Rebecca Conn and Lauren Twa of Verdale, a baby girl, Faye Rose weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on June 20, 2022.  
Born to Ashley and Dylan Delong of Pine River, a baby girl, Mazi Armella weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on June 21, 2022.

ooStudent Achievementsoo

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-CROOKSTON** has announced its Spring Semester 2022 Chancellor's List. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 4.00 grade point average. Local students named include:  
• Melissa Hammer, Aldrich  
• Tasha Achermann, Motley  
• Ben Olander, Staples  
**TIFFANY ACHERMANN**, Motley, has received a \$1,750 Marcell Center for Journalism Scholarship from Minnesota State University Moorhead. Tiffany is a graduate of Staples-Motley High School. Her parents are Kathy and Dave Achermann.

ooObituariesoo

**Gary Mertens**  
Gary (Gab) William Mertens, 75, of Staples, passed away June 17, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones in the comfort of his home, after a short battle of emphysema that flared up after a bout of pneumonia. Funeral services were held June 27, at the Motley Free Methodist Church. Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples. Gary was born February 10, 1947 to Clarence and Opal (Stave) Mertens in Bertha. Gab spent his childhood on the family farm and attended the Sacred Heart Catholic School. He graduated in 1964 from Staples High School, where he met his wife of nearly 55 years, Dorothy (Dot) Dobson. The couple were married on July 8, 1967. Gab worked with Anderson Brothers after graduation for about three years before joining the U.S. Air Force in 1967. He served overseas during the Vietnam War for one year and was discharged in 1970. Gary returned home and worked for Northern Manufacturing for 20 years and for Todd County, plowing and paving roads for 29 years.

Staples Area Church Directory

**Staples**  
**Staples Alliance**  
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891  
Pastor Zach Jones  
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.  
**Assembly of God**  
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081  
Pastor Roy Miles  
Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Sunlight (Kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.  
**Church of Christ**  
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609  
Pastor Barry Klein  
Facebook Live  
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.  
**First Congregational Church, UCC**  
firstcongregationalstaples@gmail.com  
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571  
Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship, refreshments following service  
**Faith Lutheran**  
430 12th Street, NE., Staples.....218-894-1546  
Pastor Carl Larson  
Pastor Chris Mathiason  
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.  
**Sacred Heart Church**  
310 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2296  
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn  
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz  
MASS:  
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.  
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.  
**Seventh Day Adventist**  
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples  
218-894-0033  
Saturday Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.  
**Thomastown Covenant**  
15940 251st Ave., Staples • 218-894-3923  
Pastor Scott Jorgenson  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 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.....10:30 a.m.  
**United Methodist**  
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248  
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**  
**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  
Pastor Carl Larson  
Pastor Chris Mathiason  
www.bethanylutherancushing.org  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month  
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Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad  
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown  
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad  
SUNDAY  
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.  
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.  
Family Night.....6:00 p.m.  
**Cushing Baptist**  
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing  
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.  
**Leader**  
**Swan Valley Lutheran**  
Leader.....218-397-2470  
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament  
Sunday Worship  
January - July.....9 a.m.  
July - January.....11 a.m.  
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Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament  
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)  
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

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**Motley Free Methodist**  
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Motley 56466.....218-352-6888  
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor  
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
facebook live.....9 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 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.  
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Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz  
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Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.  
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.  
**United Methodist**  
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466  
Pastor Greg Leslie  
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Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.  
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN  
Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
**United Methodist Church**  
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Pastor Kenneth Uhren  
Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
**Verndale**  
**Verndale Alliance**  
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Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.  
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SUNDAY  
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Night Life Groups.....6:30-8 p.m.  
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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**  
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Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.  
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Bible Study.....10:30 a.m.  
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Seeds of Hope.....7:00 p.m.  
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Sunday Service.....10 a.m.

“Crave”

Charles Mallory - Free Methodist Pastor

Luke 12:31, “But seek His kingdom....” Our faith and our God should be involved in every aspect of our life. Being a Christian will impact everything we do, think and say. There isn't an “off switch” to being a Christian.  
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The key word of Luke 12:31, is “seek.” The word is a verb and speaks of an action. We must pursue it. It's a choice. We must make the choice to be the light and love of Jesus Christ. Free will. Intentional.  
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They want this desperately. There is a passion to use all resources, time, and abilities to get what is wanted. Crave!  
This is what gives so much vivid imagery to the Psalm that is referred to “As the Deer.” Psalm 42:1, “As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God.” I wonder, have you ever considered using this same concept to describe your relationship with Jesus?  
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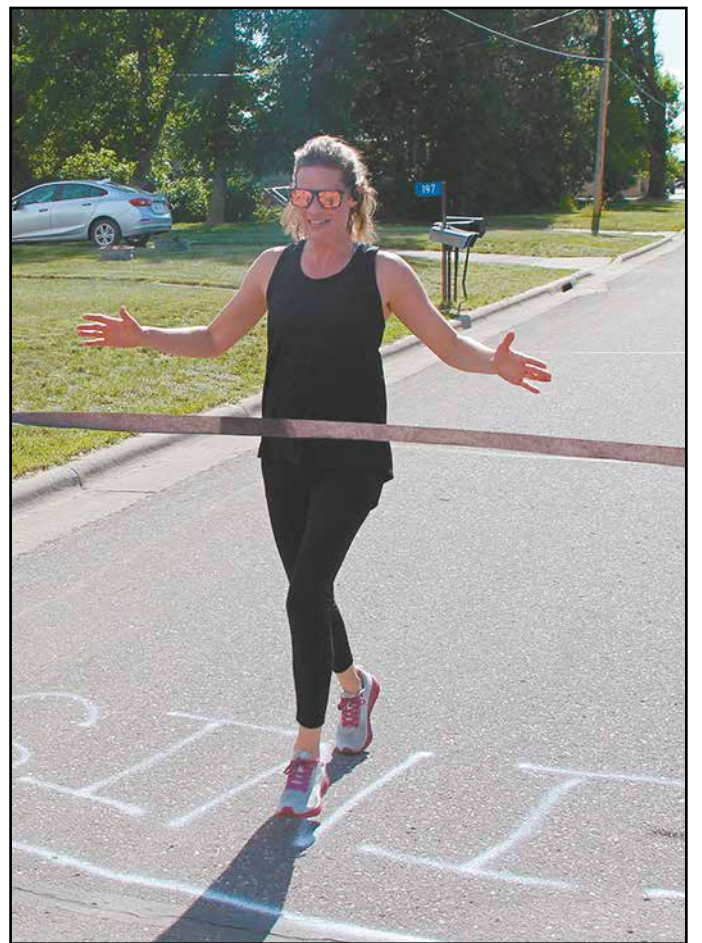
**Rollance Gode, Jr.**  
Rollance (Rollie) Gode, Jr., 95, of Staples, passed away June 13, 2022, at the Lakewood Health Care Center in Staples.  
Mass of Christian Burial was held June 24 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples.  
Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.  
Rollie was born March 8, 1927 to Rollance, Sr. and Josephine (Iversen) Gode in Lamberton. Rollie served his country in the U.S. Army. He married Darlene V. Martin on May 29, 1954 in Staples. He was employed for over 35 years as a mail carrier for the Staples Post Office. Rollie also enjoyed his work on his Dairy Farm, Hilltop Dairy.  
Rollie will be deeply missed by his wife, Darlene (Tootie); nine children, Sandy (Craig) Otteson, Steve Gode, Kevin (Dawn) Gode, Laurie (Duane) Miller, Sherrie Michels (Roger), Linda (Jim) Janzen, Craig (Mindy) Gode, Brian (Tera) Gode and Rick Gode; 23 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren and one sister-in-law, Mary Lee Becker.  
He is preceded in death by his parents stepmother, Zella Royer Gode.  
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## June Fest running strong

The Motley June Fest fun run had a huge turnout of participants to run the one mile race (top photo) and four mile run/walk (three start photos, above). All the participants had a welcoming crew to bring them into the finish line (above), which led to some fantastic finishes. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





# 2022 Salute to Staples-Motley Spring Sports Teams



## Cardinal Baseball Team

Front: Dylan Lawrence, Haiden Rychner, Hunter Martin, Josh Kossan, Joe Tyrrell, Sam Opheim, Justin Phillippi, Jack Carlson  
 Second row: Colbe Tappe, Coach, JR Bettis, Caden Mrazek, Eli Smith, Kevin Miller, Coach Mike Martin, Coach Greg Kossan  
 Back: Andrew Salcido, Griffin Bettis, Hayden Rutherford, Luke Bates, Alex Schultz, Kristopher Taylor, Ben Tyrrell



## Cardinal Softball Team

Front: Brianna Bendson, Izzy Olander  
 Second row: Livi Lorber, Ellen Lange, Brooke Converse, Gabby Case, Alli Olander, Isabel Birkholtz, Victoria Rusu, Olivia Opheim. Back row: Coach Carly Bell, Jessica Lundquist, Grace Bendson, Lily Tyrrell, Jade Storry, Mandy Carter, Emily Case, Ellie Moulton, Madalynn Beto, Kaitlin Schaefer, Heidi Zimmerman, Andrea Valle, Coach Ben Bestland, Coach Lonna Dille



## Cardinal Boy's Golf Team

Isaiah Schultz, Peyton Mithun, Carter White, Grant Bestland, Keller Anderson, Coach Brad Anderson  
 Not pictured: Thomas Johnson, Cy Johnson and Coach Glen Hasselberg



## Cardinal Girl's Golf Team

Katelyn Schotko, Mallory Uselman, Bo Erholtz, Ari Battur, Walker Johnson  
 Not pictured: Coaches Heather Erholtz, Glen Hasselberg



## Cardinal Boy's Track Team

Front: Nicolas Fernandez, Will Dolezal, Drake Dukowitz, Owen Winter, Daniel Ortiz, Sivert Klefsaas, Corey Hansen, Issiah Tabatt, Alexander Helstrom, Sawyer Ferdon, Jesus Gallarado. Second row: Head Coach Bruce Fuhrman, Assistant Coach Tony Spandl, Gauge Holst, Carson DeWald, Jackson Schouville, Jackson Braith, Connor Kuhns, Ivan Lozano, Logan Serich, Ryan Neelan, Justin Olson, Assistant Coach Steve Fligge, Assistant Coach Chris Kappler.  
 Third row: Steven Petrich, Blaine Plattner, Deven Kadus, Ramiro Gallardo, Austin Weite, Turner Beachy, Dustin Converse, Reid Judd, Dillan Robben, Israel Ritter, Assistant Coach Steve Jennissen. Back: Remington Converse, Gavin Chenoweth, Hunter Miller, Noah Greenwaldt, Avandre Brandt, Logan Robben, Grant Johnson, Elijah Blue, Odin Trif, Not Pictured: Lucas Brownell, Blake Neelan, Noah Larson, Lyndon Laney, Zander Plattner.



## Cardinal Girl's Track Team

Front: Assistant Coach Tony Spandl, Aleah Holst, Suhaila Mikhaeil, Nathalie Brant, Avery Japke, Isabelle Dobson, Naila Mikhaeil, Corrine Olson, Arabella Moore, Jada Holst, Leah Greenwaldt, Bella Hines, Head Coach Bruce Fuhrman. Second row: Assistant Coach Steve Fligge, Paula Moreno, Margherita Picciau, Sabina Moe, Hannah Cole, Mireia Pablos, Brooke Bendson, Mariona Caminal Gimenez, Mireia Pablos, Jorja Kobliska, Assistant Coach Chris Kappler.  
 Third row: Ronnie Noska, Bailey Weiland, Aften Robinson, Abby Brichacek, Summer Anderson, Nathalie Hahne, Isabel Cole, Pam Lawrence, Madysen Hull, Ashley Robben, Cami Anderson.  
 Back: Sophie Schlosser, Josie Jennissen, Silvia Castellort, Grace Jennissen, Miranda Schotzko, Annie Schlosser, CJ Koval, Addisyn Cichos, Audrey Brownell. Not Pictured: Jayce Kobliska, Kyanna Burton, CeCe Moe.

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### June Fest Parade

Large crowds lined the streets of Motley for the June Fest Parade on June 18. Left, a family checks out some of the merchandise that was given out during the parade. Other photos are of some of the parade entrants. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



## Todd County Board holds hearing on sales tax

Karin L. Nauber  
Todd County correspondent

Todd County Commissioners held a public hearing June 20, 2022, on the Transportation Local Option Sales Tax (LOST). No public comments or questions were received, but a public hearing is required of the county to consider and or continue the LOST. The county has been using LOST in the public works department for several years.

Public Works Director Loren Fellbaum said that if they were to reimplement the tax they would be able to maintain their county roads for the next 20 years. They would even be able to add the Lake Wobegon Trail for a bituminous overlay.

On September 6, 2014, the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the LOST by resolution with the tax becoming effective on January 1, 2015.

The tax revenues are specifically dedicated to the Road and Bridge Fund and were required to be used for projects identified on a project list as specified. All but two of the projects have been completed.

There are 105.39 miles of paved county roads in the county along with 99.84 miles of gravel roads.

A study was conducted to determine how and if continuing the tax would affect the county road construction program.

Fellbaum said he used assumptions including:

- 3 percent (%) annual revenue increase
- 3 percent (%) annual construction inflation
- 20-year pavement life cycle
- 8-year gravel life cycle

The study, using the above assumptions, determined that at the current market conditions the LOST should provide the following in the future:

- 20-year paving rotation on all paved county roads
- 8-year surfacing rota-

tion on all gravel surface county roads

- \$6,800,000 revenue/cost difference in 20 years to fund unknown future project contingencies and future major bituminous surfacing projects determined by the board.

Fellbaum concluded from his analysis that the continuation of LOST should fund the majority of all projects on the county road system without any reliance on the local levy (property taxes).

Commissioner David Kircher noted that they didn't include anything in the report about the transportation building. He said he believed they could use some of the money raised for that.

Fellbaum said that he didn't include it, in part, because they have an existing avenue for saving for that.

Commissioner Barb Becker asked how to get a road on the list as a high priority.

Fellbaum gave a brief explanation of how they make their determinations.

Commissioner Randy Neumann said he would like to put up signs on the county roads that say something like, "This road was paid for using the Local Option Sales Tax."

A resolution to either continue the LOST or to discontinue it will be determined at a future board meeting.

**In other business:**

- Approved the hire of Abigail Mokhtary to fill an open public health nurse position. She will begin on August 1, 2022.
- Accepted the resignation of Molly Robinson, deputy auditor/treasurer as of June 15, 2022.
- Approved a gambling permit for Ivy's Legacy Foundation to hold a raffle event at The Shed in Kandota Township on October 14, 2022. Along with this, they also approved a one-day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the same event.

- Approved a one-day On Sale Temporary Liquor License for the Long Prairie Lions Club in Long Prairie Township effective July 13, 2022 with an alternate bad weather date of July 20.
- **Background:** In 2016, the Minnesota State Legislature passed legislation requiring that counties create and maintain a local election emergency plan by July 1 of every even-numbered year. The Auditor-Treasurer's Office has gathered the vital information from our County Emergency Management Director and the municipal leaders within Todd County and has compiled all the necessary information into a formal plan document. The Election Emergency Plan must be filed with the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State by July 1, 2022 for this election cycle.
- The board approved the adoption of the 2022 Todd County Election Emergency Plan with one correction to name Mark Anderson as the media contact for the Staples World newspaper.
- Adopted a resolution for the Todd County absentee, mail and UOCAVA ballot board members as the standing Chief Deputy and Deputy Auditor-Treasurers of Todd County.
- Heard the annual update from the U of M Extension Snap Educator Elizabeth Quillo.
- Heard a report from Jay Eckel on the Hilltop Square Housing project in Eagle Bend. At this time Central MN Housing Partnership is submitting a proposal to create affordable rental housing for 55-plus aged people. A letter of support was requested from the Todd County Board of Commissioners to show support for this program.
- The board approved a letter of support.
- The Facilities Committee has been in the process of reviewing the Justice Center roof and rooftops. In anticipation of resolv-

ing the issue, the Facilities Committee is recommending approval of a professional design services contract with Widseth for a total of \$158,700 to help develop a replacement plan, construction administration, and mechanical commissioning for the roof and rooftops.

The board approved it.

Kircher stated that it seemed like a lot of money for consulting.

Neumann said that the roof there has been leaking since he became a commissioner.

Kircher also asked if they could check into more rooms in the jail with positive airflow?

Facilities supervisor Mitch Johnson said that they could and would be looking at cleaning up the duct work there, too.

- Approved a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Bryan and Linda Haugen to establish a business in Reynolds Township for retail sales of implement tracks in AF2 zoning. The final recommendation from the Planning Commission was to grant the CUP with the following conditions:

1. Reissuance of a land use permit for the existing structure as a Commercial Structure.
2. Unpermitted structures must be permitted and paid at after-the-fact rates of two times the permitting fee.
3. There shall be no loading or unloading of goods within the road rights of way.

- Approved the final plat to establish Knaak Farm Plat 2 with the following condition:  
Clean up of public nuisance items between Lots 1 and 2 prior to final platting.
- Approved the 2022 State Boat and Water Safety Grant in the amount of \$7,454.
- **Background:** A public health nuisance violation was identified on Todd County parcel #18-0036800

in accordance with Minnesota State Statute 145A. A notice to voluntarily abate the public health nuisance was served on March 21, 2022, which requires compliance within ten days.

After ten days, a follow-up inspection was made and confirmed the nuisance had not been abated.

Due to noncompliance, the nuisance was removed and abated and the cost of doing so will be charged and assessed against the property.

The board approved the special assessment in the amount of \$954.

The money will be paid out of Health and Human Service/Public Health funds and after payment of the assessment is made, the funds will be directed back to the fund.

- **Background:** The Todd County Board of Commissioners desires to be very conscientious and deliberate in its processes, demonstrating fiscal responsibility to the citizens of Todd County. The wishes to reaffirm the hiring process and requests department heads to use extra scrutiny when a vacancy exists.

The board approved a resolution reaffirming the hiring process as outlined in the Todd County Personnel Policies.

- Approved an increase in the per diem for Parks and Trails board members. They are currently receiving \$35 per meeting. That will be increased to \$50 per meeting to be effective back to January 1, 2022.

Neumann apologized for not getting it in sooner.

Kircher asked if they had reviewed all the committees' per diems?

The board sets some of them, but not all of them.

Coordinator Chris Pelzer said they could look at them through the finance committee.

- Approved a cooperative construction agreement with the City of Staples for work to be done on County

State Aid Highway 43 in the City of Staples.

- **Background:** At the November 16, 2021 meeting, the board approved the purchase of a new Western Star 4700 Series Truck Chassis from Boyer Motor for \$106,527.85 (state bid price) with an estimated delivery date later this fiscal year.

Since that purchase was approved by the board, Daimler Truck Corporation (producer of Western Star Trucks) announced that they no longer are producing the 4700 series of trucks and replaced that line with the new 47X series of trucks. Therefore on April 5, 2022 the board approved a revised purchase agreement from Boyer Motor to replace the existing original purchase agreement of the 4700 Series Truck with a 47X Series Truck purchase agreement for an additional \$15,496.82.

Recently Boyer Trucks has informed Todd County that Daimler Truck Corporation is adding on an additional \$5,800 material surcharge to the 47X Series Truck to cover additional material.

After discussion, the board did approve the additional \$5,800.

Fellbaum said that if they didn't agree to this, they would have no guarantee when they would get the truck. He said he felt their hands were tied and they need the truck because, in the meantime, their trucks still have to go out on the roads and sometimes break down.

Kircher asked if they were still guaranteeing the delivery date.

Fellbaum said there was no guarantee of the date. He added that after they get the chassis they have to send it to Towmaster to get the blades and other equipment fitted.

"We probably won't have it for this next snow season," said Fellbaum.



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# RATE INCREASE NOTICE

June 2022

Minnesota Power has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase its electric rates by approximately 17.58% or \$108.3 million overall. Depending on customer class and usage, the actual percent will vary based upon final approval by the MPUC. The MPUC will make its decision regarding final rates in early 2023.

### Public Hearings

Administrative Law Judge James R. Mortenson has scheduled public hearings to give customers an opportunity to present their views regarding Minnesota Power’s request to increase electric rates (MPUC Docket No. E-015/GR-21-335 and OAH Docket No. 5-2500-38008). Any Minnesota Power customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Minnesota Power’s service, the level of rates or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney.

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 2:00 pm**  
**Virtual Hearing via Webex**  
Link: <https://bit.ly/39HSQxS>  
Meeting Number / Access Code: 2494 908 2474  
Password: MnPUC!  
By Phone: +1-415-655-0003 United States Toll  
1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm**  
**Virtual Hearing via Webex**  
Link: <https://bit.ly/3M9EogF>  
Meeting Number / Access Code: 2485 423 5016  
Password: MnPUC!  
By Phone: +1-415-655-0003 United States Toll  
1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free

**Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 2:00 pm**  
**In-person and Virtual Hearing via Webex**  
AAD Shrine Meeting & Event Center  
5152 Miller Trunk Hwy  
Hermantown, MN 55811  
Link: <https://bit.ly/3swOdgB>  
Meeting Number / Access Code: 2481 071 8645  
Password: MnPUC!  
By Phone: +1-415-655-0003 United States Toll  
1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free

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**In-person and Virtual Hearing via Webex**  
AAD Shrine Meeting & Event Center  
5152 Miller Trunk Hwy  
Hermantown, MN 55811  
Link: <https://bit.ly/38i1gfi>  
Meeting Number / Access Code: 2493 356 5880  
Password: MnPUC!  
By Phone: +1-415-655-0003 United States Toll  
1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free

**Bad weather?** To find out if a meeting is canceled, call 651-201-2213 or (toll-free) 1-855-731-6028, or visit [www.mn.gov/puc](http://www.mn.gov/puc).

### The MPUC welcomes comments from customers. There are several ways to participate:

- Online:** [www.mn.gov/puc/get-involved](http://www.mn.gov/puc/get-involved) (for convenience, a link to a comment form is provided on this page)
- Email:** [www.consumer.puc@state.mn.us](mailto:www.consumer.puc@state.mn.us)
- US mail:** 121 7th Place East, Suite #350  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
- Fax:** 651-297-7073

**Comments must be received by August 1, 2022. Be sure to include docket number 21-335.**

**Important:** Comments can be viewed by the public on the MPUC website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions. For questions or help with the public comment process, contact the MPUC at: 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782.

### Accommodations

If you need any reasonable accommodation to enable you to fully participate in these public hearings (i.e., sign language or foreign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or large-print materials), please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7834 at least one week in advance of the meeting. **Customers with hearing or speech disabilities may call through Minnesota Relay 1-800-627-3529 or 7-1-1.**

### Evidentiary Hearings

Formal evidentiary hearings on Minnesota Power’s proposal are scheduled to start on June 13, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., in the Large Hearing Room, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN. The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow Minnesota Power, the Minnesota Department of Commerce–Division of Energy Resources, the Office of Attorney General–Residential Utilities and Antitrust Division and others to present testimony and to cross-examine each other’s witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

Anyone who wishes to formally intervene in this case should contact the Administrative Law Judge, James R. Mortenson, at the Office of Administrative Hearings, PO Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164 or by email to [oah.webmaster@state.mn.us](mailto:oah.webmaster@state.mn.us).

### Effect of Rate Changes

Below are examples of the effect of the proposed increase on typical bills of Minnesota Power customers. Individual changes may be higher or lower depending on actual electricity usage.

| Customer Classification           | Avg. monthly kWh usage | Previous monthly cost | Interim monthly increase | Proposed final monthly increase* |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Residential                       | 701                    | \$82.76               | \$5.89                   | \$15.08                          |
| Residential Dual Fuel             | 1,013                  | \$94.04               | \$13.38                  | -\$0.42                          |
| General Service                   | 2,581                  | \$301.93              | \$42.96                  | \$55.09                          |
| Commercial & Industrial Dual Fuel | 3,654                  | \$324.01              | \$46.11                  | \$1.85                           |
| Large Light & Power               | 247,815                | \$21,772.72           | \$3,098.26               | \$3,938.50                       |
| Large Power                       | 51,654,952             | \$3,635,297.83        | \$517,302.88             | \$558,488.32                     |
| Street & Area Lighting            | 224                    | \$60.95               | \$8.67                   | \$11.11                          |

\*Monthly increases include all line items on bills except sales taxes and municipal franchise fees, and may vary by customer based on usage.

The rate changes described in this notice have been requested by Minnesota Power. The MPUC may either grant or deny the requested changes, in whole or in part, and may grant a lesser or greater increase than that requested for any class or classes or service.

### For More Information

You may examine our current and proposed rate schedules and our request for new rates by visiting our website at [www.mnpower.com/RateReview](http://www.mnpower.com/RateReview), or you may contact the Minnesota Department of Commerce–Energy Division at 85 7th Place East, Suite 280, St. Paul, MN 55101, Phone: 651-539-1500.

Web: [mn.gov/puc](http://mn.gov/puc) (select eDockets to search by docket number: select 21 in the year field, enter 335 in the number field, click on search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page).



## Pints in the Pines

The Staples Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a fun event at Pine Grove Park in Staples on June 2 where attendees sampled some regional beers and

wines and were able to find out about the chamber's activities for the past year. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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## Bark in the Park is the next chamber event

The other committees are membership, community promotion and finance.

### Events

Events of 2021-22 included a St. Paddy's Day Jamboree and a Pink Party.

The next chamber event is Bark in the Park on Saturday, July 16, from 1-3 p.m. at Lakewood Community Park on Prairie Ave. and 4th Street NE. Community dog owners are invited to bring their pets for a dog costume contest, a dog parade, kiddo pools for dogs, a dog obstacle course, kids crafts,

adoptable dogs and a veterinarian meet and greet.

The big yearly chamber event is Railroad Days, with most activities taking place on Aug. 20 this year. The events committee reported up to 30 vendors have committed for this year's celebration, and there will be multiple new events and entertainment for Railroad Days.

Upcoming events include Fall Fest, scheduled for October, when they plan to host the Chili Cook-Off, which had previously been

held during Railroad Days.

### Chamber donations

The chamber received a boost this year when Mary Ives, owner of the Timberlake Hotel, donated \$10,000 to the chamber for operating expenses. Ives has pledged another \$10,000 to be paid later.

Ives told the Staples World that she is challenging other area businesses to make significant donations to the chamber, because of she feels a strong chamber is essential for a community.



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## Theis teaches how to live younger longer

whose battles with alcohol and mental illness became apparent early on. Theis shares of the domestic abuse that ensued and continued for nearly two decades. During that time, the couple had five children together...Denise, Richard, Deb, Dan and Tom. After 19 years of marriage (and living in a number of places across the country and the world, due to her then-husband's military service), Theis mustered the strength to get a divorce.

The next transition for Theis would entail mustering the strength to raise her five children alone, sometimes working three jobs to support her family. When times got really tough, Theis was grateful her children could stay on occasion with their grandparents at the family farm up north.

Eventually, Theis found true love...marrying Art Theis, whom she describes in one of her books as being, "a kind and gentle man, who became a good father to my son, Tom, nine years old and a comforting presence in the lives of my older four children." The Theis family made their home in the Twin Cities area.

During this season, Theis was also able to spread her wings and to find her calling in life. She joined the Minnesota Business and Professional Women (BPW) group, which worked to empower women to learn, change laws and the culture, and advance themselves.

Theis was with the BPW for 40 years, during which time she served as state president and was on the national board. In addition, she was employed as the staffing manager and Affirmative Action Coordinator at Midwest Federal for several years.

"I learned that by helping other women, I was helping my own self-worth and by empowering other women, I also empowered myself to do more and grow," Theis wrote in, "Living Life: From Nine to Ninety."

Health and wellness are themes in Theis's books as well. "I am a personal testimony that the aging process can be reversed," she writes, adding that her mission is to help others live younger longer. She even became a distributor with Youngevity, first in Texas, then in California, with Dr. Wallace.

Theis is living proof that life can be fulfilling during every decade. At age 66, she graduated from Metropolitan State University in Minnesota. Along the way, she worked at Elm Creek Dental, where her son Richard is a dentist. At age 90, she joined a writer's group which encouraged her to write her life story authentically. Seeing her books now in print, is a dream come true for Theis.

She moved to Staples just as the pandemic hit, becoming one of the oldest residents at Lakewood Manor. In, "Let Go and Let God," Theis writes of what it was

like navigating through Covid-19...isolation, masks, having to watch church services on her computer via Zoom. It was during this time that taking communion every week became very important to her, the sacrament providing inner strength as she gave up burdens to God.

In her books, Theis notes things she's learned throughout her nine-plus decades of living...the importance of being thankful (she keeps a 'Gratitude Journal')...embracing adventure as a senior citizen (she's traveled to Norway, China and Alaska) and being willing to learn new things. Throughout the chapters, it's clear that Theis is a survivor, in part because of her own tenacity, but also due to her deep faith that's sustained her.

Shortly before her 96th birthday this past May 19, Theis moved to Lakewood Pines in Staples. She loves her apartment, Theis said, sharing that she's already got her computer set up, with hopes her fourth book will be available soon.

She'll keep writing and living life to the fullest as long as she's able, Theis says. She's excited to share her story with others and hopes that people will check out her books at the Staples Public Library. Perhaps she'll even have a book reading there sometime down the line. That would be fun, Theis says.



## Scenes from Motley June Fest

Above, AJ Nienow plays the Star-Spangled Banner on his electric guitar at Converse Park before the Motley June Fest fun run, as attendees come

to attention for the song. Pictured below, other scenes from the car show, parade and bouncy house at June Fest. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)







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