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Volunteers at Living Legacy Gardens Faithful volunteers spend Tuesday mornings at Living Legacy Gardens in Staples, where they lend a hand with weeding, pruning and other garden tasks. Pictured above, from left, are Duane Strack of Motley and Anne Converse of Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

City council hears from building inspector

By Tom Crawford

“The average city taxpayer does not pay for my services,” Scott Sadusky, Staples building inspector, told the Staples City Council at the August 8 meeting of the council. “The only people who pay are the builders and contractors.” Sadusky and City Administrator Jerel Nelsen related the city’s history since 2002, when the city adopted the State Building Code and contracted with the first building inspector for the city.

Sadusky became the city’s third building inspector Jan. 1, 2015. Similar to the previous agreements, Sadusky contracted to receive 80 percent of building permit fees and the city to retain 20 percent. Likewise, the building inspector receives 80 percent of plan review fees while the city retains 20 percent. Those percentage figures have changed slightly over the past 20 years, but have been the same since Sadusky’s first contract. Sadusky, a native of Staples, added that of the three levels of building inspectors, he holds the highest level as a Delegated State Inspector. This is a benefit to the city, he said, as most inspectors with his status work for the state. “As a state delegated inspector, I’m qualified to work on larger projects such as the current high school and elementary projects and the Lakewood Plaza

building.” “They’re paying less for my services than they would for a state employee.” He added that a builder might have to wait three to five days for a state employee to come to inspect a project in Staples. He or another of his employees could be here within 24 to 48 hours. Sadusky said the dollar figures given a month ago at the council meeting is a direct reflection of the scope of work going on this year in Staples. In the previous quarter, Sadusky said, Staples had just over \$28,550,000 value in new building projects. He added all but about \$2 million, or \$26,151,660, were state delegated projects. He listed some of the major projects, including the Lakewood Plaza, the two school additions, the BNSF building constructed just west of the Highway 210

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Field Day is Aug. 25

Central Lakes College will hold their annual Field Day on Friday, Aug. 25. This is a chance to see new projects and research results from the Ag and Energy Research Center. Starting at 9 a.m., morning events include drone flights, pod tours and tractor rides. Morning tours include projects on irrigation, edible beans, hemp, children’s garden, local foods and NRCS programs. A lunch is served at noon and the Living Legacy Gardens will host an ice cream social starting a 1 p.m. with the Scandinavian violin group Skäl Klubbean performing.

Motley man dies in motorcycle accident

A Motley man died Aug. 6, as the result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash. According to the Morrison County Sheriff’s Office, at approximately 11:10 a.m. Aug. 6, their office received a report of a motorcycle accident on 320th St. east of 20th Ave., approximately six miles south of Motley, in Scandia Valley Township. According to the sheriff’s office, a motorcycle driven by 61-year-old Curtis

Sievert of Motley, was traveling west on 320th St. As he traveled around a curve, Sievert left the roadway, where he was ejected off the motorcycle. Sievert was not wearing a helmet and was pronounced dead at the scene. This case is still under investigation. The Morrison County Sheriff’s Office was assisted at the scene by the MN State Patrol, Scandia Valley Fire and Rescue, and Mayo Clinic Ambulance.

Fatal tractor/propane accident

A Randall man has died as the result of injuries sustained when the tractor he was driving hit an underground propane tank valve. The Morrison County Sheriff’s Office reports that on Aug. 5, at approximately 11:47 a.m., they received a report of a possible explosion at a residence on Lakewood Drive, about three miles north of Randall, in Cushing Township. According to the sheriff’s office, 65-year-old Joseph Then was driving a tractor on his property. The tractor hit an underground propane tank valve which sparked and caused an explosion. Then was badly burned and was transported to Hennepin County Medical Center by Life Link III, where he later passed away as a result of his injuries. The Morrison County Sheriff’s Office was assisted at the scene by Randall Fire and Rescue, Scandia Valley Fire Department, Life Link III and Mayo Clinic Ambulance.

Obituaries

Charles Neal
Dale Niemi
Avron Snabb
Richard Rollins
Don Wells

Weather

This Week’s Forecast			
Aug. 16	86	56	Cloudy
Aug. 17	76	55	M. Sunny
Aug. 18	85	66	M. Sunny
Aug. 19	90	65	Sunny
Aug. 20	88	65	Sunny
Aug. 21	91	67	M. Sunny
Aug. 22	92	66	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2022			
Aug. 16	73°	63	Cloudy
Aug. 17	80	64	M. Cloudy
Aug. 18	73	66	Cloudy
Aug. 19	70	61	Rain
Aug. 20	75	62	Cloudy
Aug. 21	72	53	Sunny
Aug. 22	80	57	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 77° Low = 56°

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

Jeanette Olsen of Staples celebrated her 100th birthday on July 17, 2023. After having three separate parties, the spry centenarian said, “That’s enough parties for me.” At 100, Jeanette is the poster child for good health. She doesn’t want to use any mechanical aids, she said, but has accepted hearing aids and had a pacemaker implanted less than ten years ago. “I’m determined not to use either a cane or a walker,” she said. Daughter Cheryl Koll said Jeanette gets her exercise in many ways, including walking and tending to a small garden just outside her front door on 3rd Street NE in Staples. She was riding her bicycle well into her ’80s. With Jeanette’s birthday falling on a Monday, her family and Faith Lutheran Church members decided to start festivities with a gathering of about 100 people at church on Saturday, July 15. Attending were Jeanette’s family members, church members and others, including her Red Hatter

group and her exchange daughter from many years ago. Her family gathered that Sunday at Bob and Cheryl’s home on Lake Shamineau. Attending were Cheryl’s three surviving siblings, Jeanette’s two surviving sisters and most of her 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren (plus one on the way). One of Jeanette’s two sons died several years ago due to cancer. The third party consisted of coffee and cake after church on Sunday, June 23, Jeanette recalled “The whole congregation sang Happy Birthday to me. That just stirred my heart,” she said. Cheryl added, “She’s written over 100 ‘thank you’ notes,” Cheryl said. Jeanette summed up her whole approach to life, “Everything will be okay, if not today, then tomorrow. I live in gratitude.” Asked to go back to 1923, Jeanette recalled details of her life. “I was born on a farm outside of Estelline,

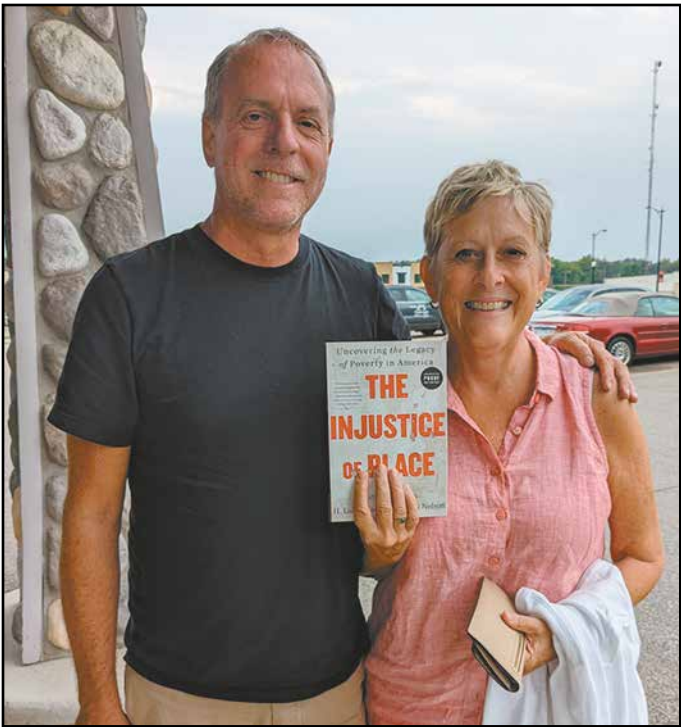
South Dakota, the second of eight children.” Cheryl added that she still has the baptism dress she wore almost 100 years ago. Jeanette Lucille Vogt grew up helping on the farm, mostly in the kitchen and also caring for her younger brothers and sisters. She attended school in nearby Clear Lake. “Two years ago, Mom and I went back to Estelline and Clear Lake,” Cheryl said. “We visited a Clear Lake cemetery and she saw many names of people she remembers.” “I have many treasured memories from there, of attending church and school,” Jeanette said. Growing up, she remembers listening to the radio for their main source of entertainment. She recalled her father had come over from Germany many years earlier. In 1917, when the U.S. got involved in World War I, he joined the army and served in the American forces sent to fight in France. At the

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Seeing double

A very prized birthday present for Jeanette Olsen was this painting created by a grand niece, Tess Peterson. She used two photos of Jeanette to paint this portrait. At left is Jeanette as she looked on her 1941 high school graduation picture. A current photo of Jeanette was used for the right side of the painting. (Photo by Tom Crawford)



Hometown connections

Members of the Edin family, with deep roots to Staples, stopped by for a visit Aug. 5, on their way back to their respective homes after spending time together in Canada.

Above, from right, Kathryn Edin (a 1980 Staples High School graduate) and her husband, Tim Nelson, hold up their recently published book, "The Injustice of Place: Uncovering the Legacy of Poverty in America." The book has been reviewed in a number of notable publications, including The Atlantic, The Los Angeles Times, and Publishers Weekly. Edin was also recently interviewed on the MSNBC Morning Joe Show in New York City. She and Nelson are both sociology professors at Princeton University in New Jersey.

Below, Rose and Stan Edin, now of Colorado, (in back) visit with longtime friends Judy and Lee Jenkins of Staples at Timbers Restaurant, Staples. Rose is a well-known artist and former teacher at Staples High School, and Stan is a former president at Central Lakes College in Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Visiting the opera house

Rose Edin, former Staples resident now of Colorado, stopped by the Batcher Block Opera House (BBOH) during a recent visit to Staples. Above, Edin poses in front of a display window which features one of her watercolor paintings. Below, Edin is greeted by Colleen Frost, owner of the BBOH, which is now home to the newly opened Frosty's Spirits & Social Club. Edin was a strong advocate for Frost when she first purchased the opera house 20 years ago, and Frost had displayed many of Edin's paintings there in the past. The two women had not seen each other in several years and enjoyed catching up at Frosty's. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Car show at Sourcewell

The Staples Motley Women of Today will hold their annual Railroad Days Car Show on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The event will be at the Sourcewell parking lot, on 12th Street NE in Staples.

Classic cars, trucks and motorcycles are invited to enter the show. Trophies and prizes are sponsored by local businesses.

The event is free for spectators to attend.

Motley area law enforcement report

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

July 26 - Aug. 1

July 30 - The MPD received a report of theft at the 1100 block of Cimarron Dr., Motley.

July 28 - Motley Police responded to an ordinance violation at the 500 block of 1st Ave. S., Motley; and to garbage complaints at the 500 block of Norway Ln. and the 100 block of 1st Ave. N., both in Motley.

July 27 - 28 - Motley Police speeding citations to Almir Ekic, 25; Sue Gunvalson, 66.

July 27 - The MCSO received a report of a powerline hit by a semi backing into a trailer court at Riverside Ln and 1st Ave. N., Motley. No damage to truck. The line is most likely coaxial cable, the report said. The power company was called to verify.

July 27 - Motley Police assisted Morrison County deputies with searching for a suspect with a body only warrant who had fled and was believed to be in the Lincoln area.

Aug. 1 - Morrison County deputies responded to a vehicle accident at the Dollar General store in Motley.

Aug. 1 - Morrison County deputies responded to a report of theft at the 1900 block of East River Rd., Motley.

Aug. 1 - The MCSO received a report of theft of machinery parts, heaters and fuel at the 35000 block of Aztec Rd., Motley.

July 30 - Morrison County deputies stopped a vehicle for a cracked windshield at Hwy 10 and Azalea Rd., in Motley. The driver, Phillip Sayers, 43, was cited for driving after revocation.

July 29 - The MCSO received a report of a suspicious person at the 34000 block of Hillcrest Dr., Motley.

Aug. 2 - 8

Aug. 7 - The MPD was informed by the Motley Public Works Director, Bruce Brotherton, of a burglary that occurred around 11 p.m. on Aug. 6, at the old water plant building. Brotherton said he located two teens, who'd entered the building, on the roof.

Aug. 6 - Motley Police and a Morrison County deputy responded to a report of the theft of a purse and cell phone from a vehicle parked at the gas pumps at the Holiday gas station in Motley. The stolen contents were valued at \$1,300.

Aug. 3 - Morrison County deputies received a report of suspicious activity at 330th St. and 20th Ave., in Motley.

Aug. 3 - Morrison County deputies arrested Tonya Lou Shermer, 50, for controlled substance and a warrant arrest.

Aug. 2 - The MCSO received a report of theft at the 1900 block of W. Shamaineau Dr., Motley.

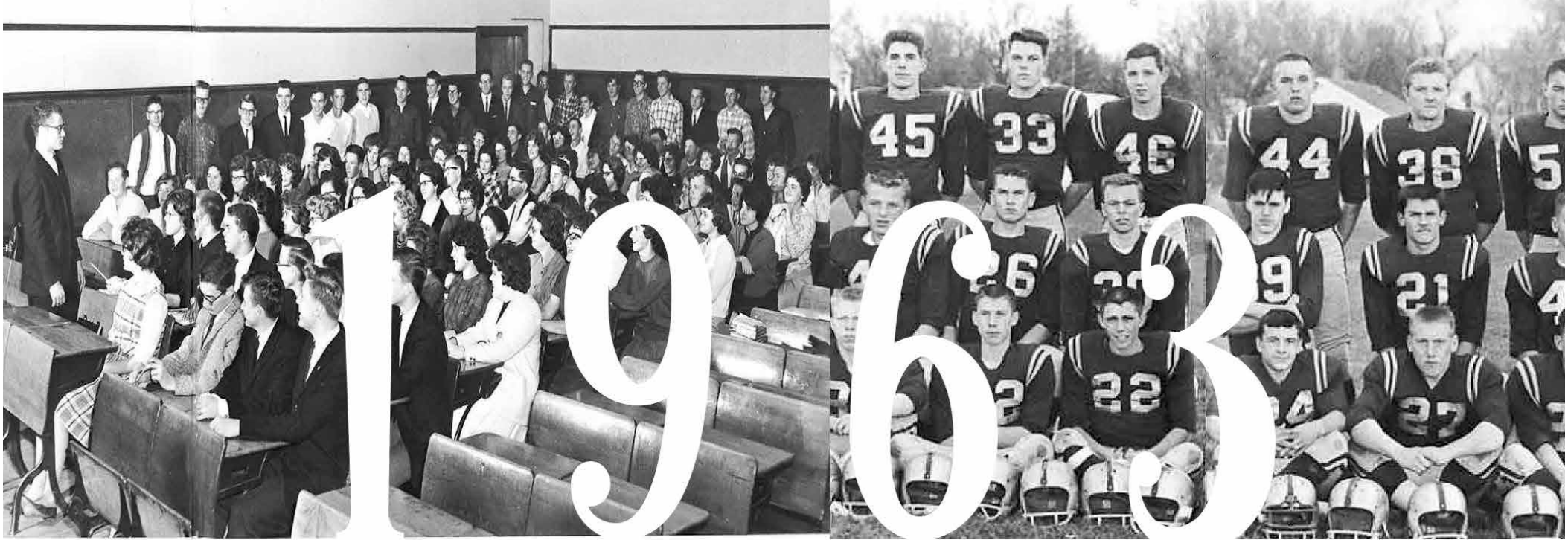


YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY, BABY!

Congratulations to the Staples High School Class of 1963 who will be celebrating their 60th High School reunion August 18th.

May the next 60 years be as good as the first!

Congratulations from your hometown!



Staples Police report

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept. uncluded:

July 25, Staples Police received a report of a theft from the BNSF shop. The incident occurred at approximately 5:30 a.m. Police obtained video of the incident and are investigating.

July 25, Staples Police responded to Family Dollar for a report of a subject causing a disturbance. Kohl Hallett was issued a trespass notice and advised to leave the property.

July 26, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Hwy 10 for a report of a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle. The victim's injuries were treated and they were transported to the Lakewood Health System (LHS) hospital by LHS ambulance. The suspect vehicle was located by Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. shortly after the incident took place. The MN State Patrol is investigating.

July 27, Staples Police took a report of a theft from Dollar General. An individual forgot their cash at the self checkout and left, then another individual in the store stole it.

July 27, Staples Police responded to a report of an individual who was threatening to harm himself and others. The subject was transported to the LHS emergency room by a family member for a mental health evaluation.

July 27, Staples Police were called to the 700 block of Park Ave. NE for a porcupine walking in the road. The porcupine walked into a nearby yard and climbed a tree and remained there.

July 27, Staples Police were called to LHS for an issue with a patient's boyfriend. Police advised the boyfriend they were not allowed at the hospital because of their behavior but would be allowed back the following day.

July 28, Staples Police were called to a two vehicle accident on the 1200 block of Hwy 10. There was major damage to one vehicle. No injuries reported.

July 28, Staples Police received a call of kids throwing rocks at a residence around the 300 block of 4th St SW. Police arrived and learned it was apples. Homeowner wanted the kids talked to if they were found. Police checked the area and were unable to locate any kids out riding bike.

July 19, Staples Police took a report of a restraining order violation that occurred over the phone. Officers learned that a violation did take place and filed for a pick up and hold order for the suspect.

July 30, Staples Police were called to the 300 and 400 block of 6th St. NE, where several unlocked vehicles were gone through. Center consoles and wallets were gone through but no items were taken.

July 30, Staples Police took a report of an attempted break-in to a vehicle around the 500 block of 5th St SE. Nothing appears to be taken. Video was captured and will be forwarded to police for review.

July 31, Staples Police responded to Lakewood Pines on report of a theft. Police spoke with both the victim and staff on location.

July 31, Staples Police were dispatched to Dollar General for a report of

a shoplifting that had occurred. Police obtained footage of the suspect and will be investigating.

July 31, Staples Police took a report of shoplifting at Family Dollar. Officers collected footage at the scene and are investigating.

July 31, Staples Police received a report of motor vehicle tampering on the 400 block of 5th St NE. The reporting party advised that someone had entered their girlfriend's vehicle and removed a makeup bag which was later located in some bushes.

Aug. 1, Staples Police responded to a report of an attempt to break into property in the 600 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE. Several thousands of dollars of damage was done to property at the Southside Suds car wash. After investigation into the incident, Staples Police linked the suspect(s) to other recent thefts and tampering complaints. Staples Police identified the suspect and located the suspect who fled on foot into an apartment at 527 Hwy 10. Staples police then executed a search warrant on that location with the assistance of Todd and Wadena County Sheriff's Depts., and West Central VOTF. During the search warrant, officers located evidence that linked the suspects to the recent thefts and tampering, as well as narcotics, drug paraphernalia, firearms and ammunition. Charges are pending on three individuals taken into custody during the warrant. Arrested were; Michael Fitzherbert, 24, Ashley Laskowski, 38 and Zachary Bielejeski, 25.

Aug. 2, Staples Police spoke to an individual who had concerns over vehicles blocking intersections and driveways on Airport Rd. during Ruby's Pantry. Police would like to remind everyone that it is illegal to block an intersection or driveway and asks that individuals refrain from doing so while waiting line.

Aug. 2, Staples Police received a report of elder abuse. Police are investigating.

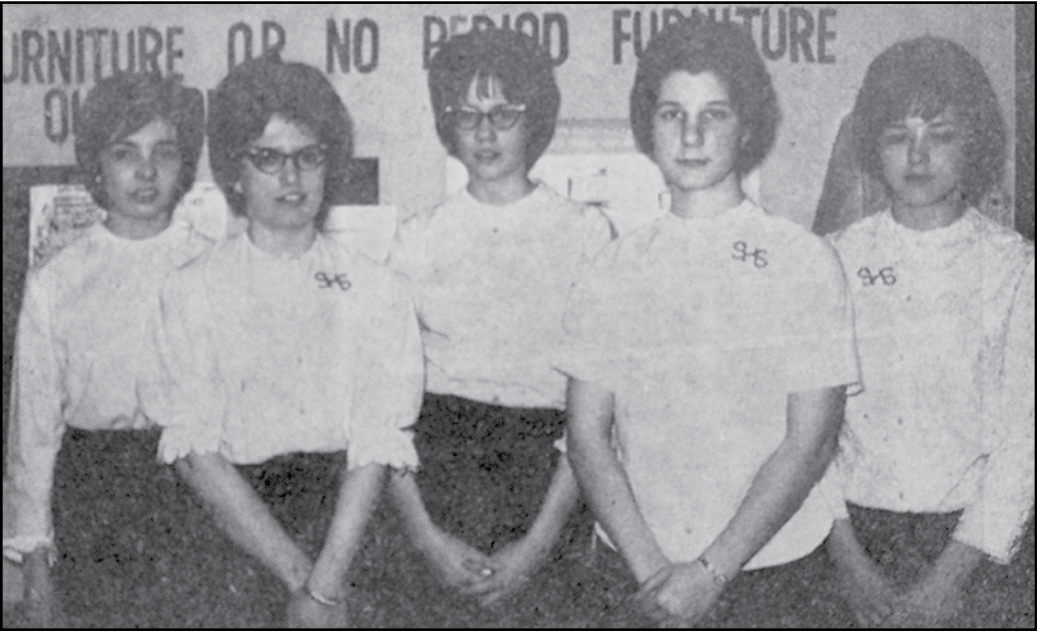
Aug. 2, Staples Police went to the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE to attempt to find an individual with a warrant. Charity Crosno, 37, of Staples was arrested for a Todd County warrant.

Aug. 3, Staples Police took a report of a female with Alzheimer's who took her husband's truck around the 300 block of 2nd Ave. NE. The female was found with no injuries and the truck was eventually found and returned to the husband. The Todd County Sheriff's Dept. and Staples Fire Dept. assisted in the search.

Aug. 4, Staples Police were called to the 300 block of 5th St SE for a subject having a mental health crisis or under the influence of narcotics. The subject was walking on the street yelling and appeared to be hallucinating, waking the neighbors up. With minor resistance the subject was transported to LHS emergency room for an evaluation.

Aug. 8, Staples Police assisted the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Dept. at the LHS emergency room to assist with a belligerent mental health patient. Cory Hall, 42, was arrested for multiple counts of 4th Degree Assault.

Looking back



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from 1963. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your answers and where

you're 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.

tied to the wagon for the noon feeding.

Bobby was about to "shoo" a chicken from under one of the horses feet when the animal kicked, striking Bobby on the leg with such force that it hurled him to the ground, striking his head, and rendering him unconscious.

He was taken to a doctor immediately and was then taken to the Staples Municipal hospital where he remained until last Friday.

50 Years Ago - 1973

• Aug. 16, 1973 - A three-horse hitch attached to a covered wagon is home to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Church and two daughters - has been for the past two years, and is likely to be for a few more years. Their aim is to cover all 49 states on the North American continent in this vehicle, and they have accomplished 4,700 miles of their journey to date.

The Churches are missionaries of the Amish faith, Old Order, and began their trek May 4, 1972 in Athens, Maine. They have covered 17 states of the proposed 49, at the rate of about 20 miles per day, and expect the journey to cover more than 15,000 miles and five years.

Roland is 33 and his wife is 26; their daughters are

Rolanda, 5, and Darlyna, 3. Also accompanying them is a dog of unknown extraction, which "adopted" them in Wisconsin.

The Churches stopped in Staples last Wednesday, and purchased provisions for the next few days. Around 11 a.m. they stopped near the Browerville turn-off from Highway 210, as "we travel only in the cool of the morning," Roland said. "Then we feed the horses, and give our children their schooling. They learn reading from the scriptures, and we teach them to write. We teach very little history to the girls, as we feel that they need to learn more of what the future holds for them."

Church has written a book, "My Search for Truth: Some Spiritual Truths Unfolded."

When asked if he was happy with what he was doing, Roland Church said, "Of course I'm happy. If I weren't, I'd go back to my old way of life, that kind of life before I found God. Now I'm always happy when I'm doing the will of God."

• Aug. 16, 1973 - With a present enrollment of 164 students, classes in the six grades of the Sacred Heart school, Staples, will get underway Tuesday, Aug. 28.

On the first day, classes will start at 10:15 a.m., the same as the public schools, Sister Ann Marie Biermaier, the new principal at the school, said.

• Aug. 16, 1973 - Ground-breaking ceremonies for the erection of the new Staples Alliance Church was held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 12, with the Rev. Eugene Eslinger officiating.

The ceremony took place at the site of the new church, located on North Eighth Street in the Japke Pinecrest Addition.

• Aug. 16, 1973 - Mrs. Diane Danculovich, Welcome Wagon Hostess, reports that she has made two visits recently. She called on Mrs. Ruth Hess and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Stearns, and welcomed them in the Staples community.

25 Years Ago - 1998

• Aug. 13, 1998 - Officials are pursuing leads and

eliminating suspects in the June 29 slaying of a Leader area man, according to the Cass County lawman of the investigation.

"It's an open investigation. We're still following all leads, some of them new, some of them old," said Scott Reinhardt, an investigator with the Cass County Sheriff's Department, in reporting the progress of the investigation into the death of 38-year-old Tom Baumgartner, of rural Motley.

Baumgartner's body was found in his farmyard about eight miles north of Motley the morning of June 29. He had been shot, Reinhardt said, with a shotgun. Reinhardt added that Baumgartner had been shot more than once.

• Aug. 13, 1998 - It's back! The popular Staples World Homemaker School, "Bringing You a Taste of Home," is scheduled for Oct. 1, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples.

The program by Homemaker Schools of Greendale, Wisc., is associated with three well-known national magazines, Taste of Home, Country Woman, and Quick Cooking.

Brenda Halvorson, general manager of the Staples World, is looking forward to bringing this exciting program to the community, which is one of only 250 locations across the nation selected for the 1998 Cooking School programs.

10 Years Ago - 2013

• Aug. 15, 2013 - Strange Names, a folk-rock band led by Staples native Francis Jimenez, will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples Aug. 18.

• Aug. 15, 2013 - The Martin family from rural Pillager (May Township) has been named the 'Cass County Farm Family of the Year' for 2013. Family members include Bruce and Julie, along with their children Matt, Sarah and Melissa. 'Church Road Dairy Farm,' the Martins' organization, was started in 1982 with 22 cows. Currently the family owns 400 head of Holstein and farms 700 acres of corn and alfalfa.

75 Years Ago - 1948

• Aug. 12, 1948 - Evangelist Joseph T. Larson, of Denver, Colorado, will be at the Christian and Missionary Alliance church in Staples starting on Sunday evening, Aug. 15, and concluding on Sunday evening, Aug. 29. Services will be every evening except Saturday at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Larson is an ex-railroad man preacher and author of several books. He has traveled in 26 states and

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into Canada a number of times.

• Aug. 12, 1948 - The Staples Methodist church property has been undergoing considerable improvement for the past two weeks, and when completed, the church will boast of the most up-to-date church property in the city.

A complete re-roofing job on both the church and parsonage has been completed. The parsonage has been insulated, and workmen are busy at the present time installing a new air-conditioning furnace of the oil burning type.

The cost of the improvement project will run close to \$2,000, according to officials of the church.

• Aug. 12, 1948 - During the summer months many of the business places in Staples have undergone either remodeling or redecorating, and some of this work is being done at the present time. Among those business places where work has been done this summer included:

Staples Drug Store, redecorating; Red Owl Store, redecorating; Eddy Motor Company, redecorating; Tapley's, redecoration; Staples Theatre, remodeling; Johnson Liquor Store, remodeling; Powder Puff Beauty Parlor, redecorating; Scharf Chevrolet Company, remodeling.

• Aug. 12, 1948 - Bobby Sanger, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sanger of northwest of Staples escaped serious injury Wednesday of last week when kicked by a horse.

The Sangers were having the threshers and a team of horses belonging to Alex Krantz was unhitched and



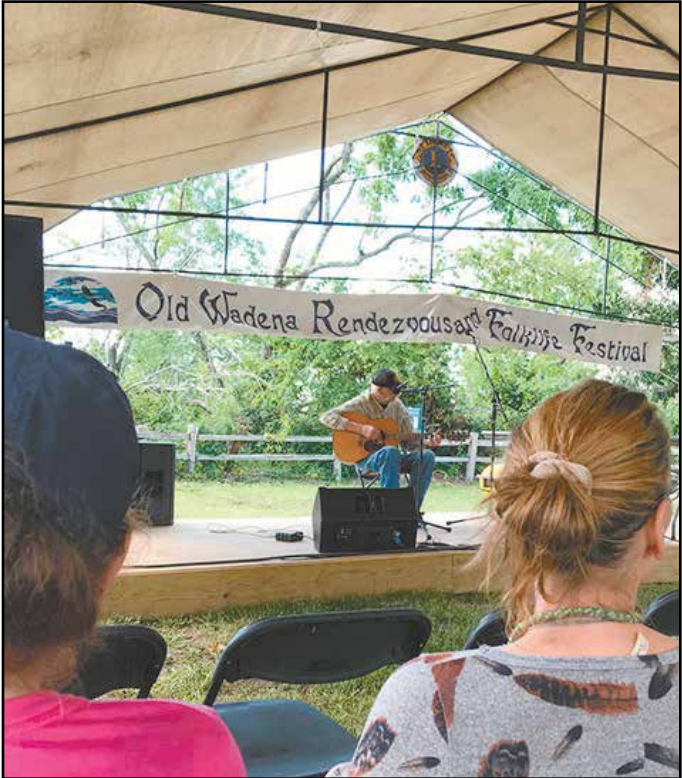
Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo published in the Jan. 27, 1983 edition of the Staples World featured Charles "Bud" Schroeder (center) who had recently retired from the Nyhus Chevrolet garage, where he had worked for 42 years as a mechanic. Pictured with him are his employers, 'Butch' Nyhus (left) and Gordon Scharf.

Bob Sorenson of Staples correctly identified all, as well as noting "Bud's" retirement at that time. Sorenson also shared that he bought his honeymoon car at Nyhus Chevrolet, a brand new 1970 Chevelle. Thanks for participating in our mystery photo.

Opening act

Left, Dave Virnala opened the music on the Old Wadena stage on Saturday. His music was low key and folksy. (Photo by Tom Crawford)



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HEALTHY MOUTHS.... One smile at a time

Fourth of July Patriotism Speech

By Ryan Mark Kroll, MD

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776. The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among those are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government.

Huck Holst asked if I would be willing to speak on patriotism today. He’s an awfully hard guy to say no to. Has Marilyn ever been able to say no to you? Derek, have you?

I appreciate this opportunity.

My fellow Americans, we today, just as we did in 1776, must continue to fight to preserve these individual natural rights that were endowed upon us by our Creator.

America needs to be more like Staples-Motley.

People will often ask me, “Where do you live?” I’ll say “Staples.” They might look confused and say, “Where is that?” It’s in God’s country just west of Brainerd. I say it lightheartedly but actually mean it.

The Staples-Motley community is full of self-sacrificing people who will readily give the shirt off their own back for their neighbor. This sometimes gets to be too much and I often find myself asking my neighbor to put his shirt back on.

Today we celebrate our divorce from despotism and the birth of a radical government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Today we pay homage to the courage, the endurance, and the tenacity that our forefathers had in securing the freedoms we enjoy today. I define Patriotism as love for country. I believe that the most powerful force in the universe is love. And that Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friend.

My strong independent Puerto Rican Jewish German wife Renee and I moved to Staples in 2016. My oldest of five children, Gabriel Wil-

liam Kroll, is now 15 and has his heart set on serving in our military with an eye on special operations. Frankly, as a parent, I’m torn, but if not my child then whose? I am so proud of that boy. I know his heart, and I know, without a shadow of doubt, that he would walk through the fires of hell with a gas can to help a brother or sister in need.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.

What a radical notion. This notion, at the cost of 620,000 lives, ultimately lost to the abolition of slavery in 1865, and to women’s suffrage in 1919.

Unfortunately, today it seems that we are more divided and more segregated than ever before. We ought to be concerned about the present state of the country and the condition of her people.

America and her liberties are under constant attack. Corruption is the rule of the day. There are dark forces hungry for power and wealth at play. Our information is controlled and perverted. Our cities are overtaken with crime, suffering, and disorder.

Our schools and colleges have become centers of indoctrination. Our children are taught that God either doesn’t exist, or if He does exist, He is sick and twisted. They are taught that they are either hopeless victims doomed to suffer, or racist oppressors. They are taught to question their genitalia and their sexuality. They are taught that Truth is subjective and the only truth that matters is their own truth.

We now have more access to knowledge than ever before yet, for the first time since it’s been measured, our collective IQ has gone down, while our BMI continues to go up. Americans are now, for the first time, dying younger, fatter, sicker, and yes dumber. We’re more reliant, we’re more compliant, we’re more divided. We don’t even talk to some of our family members because they are left or right or because they did or didn’t get vaxed. We’ve lost faith in our media, our intelligence agencies, our government, our doctors, our teachers, and our police officers.

So, let’s stop labeling and dividing ourselves and stop allowing ourselves to be labeled so easily by others.

I tell my Puerto Rican Jewish German Irish Norwegian Swedish children to respond that they are 100 percent American when asked about their ethnicity.

Similarly, I urge you NOT to so readily divulge your political affiliations because America was never designed to be a two-party system. It’s turned into a joke with bases full of hyped-up rabid fans blindly supporting their team.

Ultimately, as sappy as it may sound, I believe the only way forward is by em-

playing the most powerful force in the universe, which is Love. For whom of you wouldn’t fight and die for love?

In my clinic I see suffering daily. I see victims of sexual abuse. Spousal abuse. Cancer. I see debilitating pain. I see death. I see people who incessantly hear voices telling them to kill themselves. I see drunkards and meth addicts. I see the victims of child abuse, kids with broken legs and retinal hemorrhages.

We live in a fallen world where evil reigns. We all have the capacity for evil. Renee and I teach our kids about humanity and the history of her atrocities and the nature of man. We teach them that nature, if left alone, tends toward chaos and disorder. We teach them that the white man is evil, just as the red one, the yellow one, the black one, the brown one, the straight one, the gay one, the blonde one, the brunette one.

We teach our kids that just as darkness exists only in the absence of light, evil exists only in the absence of Good.

So, let’s choose to be good to ourselves and to one another. Let’s bring our light into the dark places. Let’s practice radical forgiveness.

Let’s shift our focus from shallow matters of our primitive reptile brain’s dopamine reward system, matters that involve our primal urges, matters that only skin deep and focus instead on matters of the rational decision making, creative forebrain the frontal cortex, matters that matter like these individual rights, the purpose of life, matters of philosophy, matters of God.

For we were all made in the image of God and separated from nature by our unique ability to make order from disorder. By our ability to take sounds and create symphonies. By our ability to mine the elements from this earth and create 747s.

Our forefathers found the existence of the Creator to be self-evident. It has always been self-evident and has never been more self-evident than it is now with our expanding of collective knowledge and understanding of the natural world and science. In 1953 Watson and Crick discovered DNA. A genetic code clearly points to an almighty programmer.

In 1954 George Wald, a Nobel laureate, prominent biochemist, and evolutionist at Harvard University, wrote in the Scientific American: “When it comes to the origin of life, there are only two possibilities creation or spontaneous generation. There is no third way. Spontaneous generation was disproved 100 years ago but leads to only one other conclusion, that of supernatural creation.”

This is not my truth, or your truth, this is the truth.

So let us together humbly acknowledge our Cre-

ator and accept its implications. This is actually not a hard sell. Believe it or not, according to the latest Pew Research Survey, fully 91 percent of Americans still today believe in some sort of creator being.

Ultimately, you and I will die and 50-100 years after our deaths, we will only be a name on a family tree. Who was the 21st President? Chester Arthur. We don’t hardly even remember our former presidents. Therefore, we ought to live with less anxiety about our little daily worries. We ought to worry less about what you think someone thinks of you, your skin tone, your gender, and choose to have an eternal perspective and live life without the fear of death but with an eternal hope. Because without God, we invariably make ourselves gods and become lovers of ourselves and live by the laws of nature and natural selection in the pursuit of hedonism.

But with a humble grounded faith in an almighty God, we think less of our selfish, fleeting, primitive daily desires and more of others. So put God first and choose to love your neighbor even if they drive a Ford. Love your enemy, even if he’s a Packer fan and let’s practice radical forgiveness.

Staples-Motley:

Let’s continue to pursue happiness together.

Let’s keep the spirit of our forefathers alive and strong.

Let’s narrow our focus and energies and anxieties only onto matters that we can control.

We can vote for candidates based on their ideas, their ability to inspire and govern.

We can keep our minds skeptical and sharp.

We can keep our physical bodies strong.

We can keep the poisonous, mindless, divisive, perverse, toxic waste from entering our eyes.

We can keep the poisonous toxic garbage from entering our mouths.

We can choose to live honestly with love and compassion for one another.

We can continue to raise our families together and grow strong, grounded, independent, enlightened young men and women to be the future teachers, nurses, leaders, soldiers, doctors, police officers, coaches, farmers, fathers, mothers, that we here in Staples-Motley can continue to be proud of.

So, let’s celebrate the anniversary of our divorce from despotism and party like only Americans can.

Thank you for this opportunity.

This speech was delivered by Dr. Kroll at the July 4 celebration at Staples Veterans Park in 2023

Quote of the week

“Many of life’s failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.”

— Thomas A. Edison

Temporary housing can help aging population

Submitted by Todd County Planning and Zoning

Aging is unavoidable and figuring out what is best is a tough decision. Whether it’s for yourself, Mom & Dad, or a dependent child, there is an option to be able to stay at home. The Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance has a section for Temporary Family Housing. For those living in AF-1, AF-2, R-2 and R-10 zoning districts, you can take advantage of this ordinance.

Through an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), landowners can ask to have a second home on their property meeting

the following requirements: the dwelling does not exceed 1280 SF, one story, or two bedrooms.

There are further stipulations stating the dwelling site, or combination of shall not be subdivided, sold or used as a rental property Within 60 days of disuse, the temporary home has to be removed from the property. The temporary home is also required to be hooked up to a compliant septic system.

If you are interested in learning more about Temporary Family Housing or the process of obtaining a CUP stop in at Todd County Planning and Zoning or call 320-732-4420.

MFU calls for stricter anti-trust enforcement

Submitted by Minnesota Farmers Union

Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) Vice President Anne Schwagerl voiced support for cracking down on anticompetitive mergers and called on farmers to share their experiences in dealing with economic concentration with federal regulators.

“For too long merger enforcement has been too lax and MFU members have seen firsthand the harm this creates. Unchecked merger activity has made it challenging for family farmers to survive,” Schwagerl said. “Farmers need to make their voices heard in this process so that antitrust enforcement agencies understand the conditions on the ground in rural communities and within agriculture. Those stories that can help enable antitrust enforcers to take the actions necessary to protect fair, open and competitive markets.”

Schwagerl’s remarks came during a virtual town hall co-sponsored by MFU and organized by the American Economic Liberties Project titled, “Breaking Down the New Merger Guidelines.” The event featured a discussion with Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Chair Lina Khan and Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust Jonathan Kanter about the proposed updates to the agencies’ joint merger guidelines, which reflect their interpretation of antitrust law and explain the kinds of mergers the FTC and Department of Justice will challenge.

The first merger guidelines were written in 1968 and have received occa-

sional updates and changes since. The new revisions can be found here and individuals can submit comments on the revisions here. The public comment period closes on Sept. 18.

In recent decades the agricultural industry has become extremely concentrated with just four firms controlling 54 percent to 85 percent of meatpacking, 85 percent of corn seeds and 76 percent of soybean seeds while just three companies make 95 percent of large farm tractors. This consolidation is one reason that farmers have seen their share of each dollar spent on food decline from 50 cents in 1952 to 14.3 cents in 2021, the lowest on record. Mergers and acquisitions have contributed to this industry’s consolidation.

“The draft guidelines help address these challenges by identifying vertical consolidation as a potential threat to competition, recognizing that one merger might be part of a series of acquisitions consolidating an industry, and that mergers in highly concentrated markets can substantially lessen competition,” Schwagerl said.

Minnesota Farmers Union has been a leader in the effort to reign in the power of corporate monopolies. In addition to being a part of the National Farmers Union’s Fairness for Farmers campaign, MFU has worked to pass groundbreaking antitrust legislation. This includes a new law passed during the 2023 legislative session that provides the state Attorney General with new authority to block mergers that would create monopolies, increase prices or reduce access to care.

Quote of the week

“There is a whole new kind of life ahead, full of experiences just waiting to happen. Some call it ‘retirement.’ I call it bliss.”

— Betty Sullivan

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Back to School backpacks given out



Members of CARE Ministry recently gave out 70 backpacks and vouchers to students in grades K - 6. Pictured above outside Staples-Motley Elementary School are, from left, Amanda Mithun, Gail Honek, Jeannie Hajek and Tyler Grunewald. In lower photo, Hajek hold up the vouchers that students received...one to the Wadena Walmart, valued at \$150; and another voucher for a free haircut at either Gemma's Salon or Kurt & Connie's Salon, both in Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Silk screen

Below, Richard Tornow of Baxter got a double bargain at the Old Wadena Rendezvous. He's holding a bird house that he built with materials supplied by Jon and Darlys Hamberg at the event. He then took the blue bird house a few feet away to Katherine McDowell who was demonstrating silk screening for Paul Bunyan artwork. (Photo by Tom Crawford)



SAVE THE DATE!

---UPCOMING AUCTION---

Wide variety of auto parts, cars, pickups, Model A's and Model T's and a lot more treasures.

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--Staples, MN area--

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Mark Your Calendar

August 16

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION'S MONTHLY BOARD MTG Wednesday, Aug. 16, 5:30 p.m., Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. Public invited. To attend via Zoom, call Bob Hamann, 218-894-3139.

August 17

'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>

August 18

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.

August 21

AA GROUP MTGS IN MOTLEY are held at the United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., on Mondays at 8 p.m.

August 22

LIVING LEGACY GARDENS, STAPLES, WELCOMES VOLUNTEERS Tuesdays, from 9 - 11 a.m. Located at 26505 Co. Rd. 2.

EXPERIENCE STRENGTH AND HOPE AA GROUP MTGS IN STA-

PLES are held at the Staples Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For info., call Dan at 218-640-7228.

WADENA COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTGS are held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Wadena VFW at 7 p.m. If you wish to eat early you may order from the menu prior to meeting.

September 12

'GRIEF SHARE' GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is held on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church, through Dec. 12. For more information, call 218-352-6888.

Staples-Motley School Board meeting Wednesday, Aug. 21

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold their regular meeting Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office, 905 4th St. NE, Staples.

Groups or individuals wishing to be included on the school/community forum portion of the meeting must contact the board chair or superintendent by noon the Friday prior to the board meeting.

The agenda includes but is not limited to:

- Approve resignations of Doug Roberts, Food Service, Sally Flickinger, Para., Abbey Granby, Para., Megan Pogreba, Food Service.
- Approve staff hires: Kaylee Pratt, FFA Advisor, Steve Jennissen, Jr. High Football, Jace Thompson, Jr. High Football, Jocelyn Anderson, Middle/High School Special Ed Teacher, Joe Brandsma, Technology Director.
- Approve the 2023-2024 MS/HS Handbook; Elementary Handbook; District E-Learning Plan.

Upcoming schedule:

Mon., Aug. 31: Back to School staff opener

Weds., Sept. 6: 5th and 6th Grade Open House

Thurs., Sept. 7: 7th - 12th Grade Open House

Thurs., Sept. 7-Fri., Sept. 8: Elementary School "Getting to know you Con-

ferences"

Tues., Sept. 11: First day of school (all grades)

Mon., Sept. 18: Regular Board Meeting; 6 p.m., District Office

Mon., Oct. 2: Board Work Session; 6 p.m., District Office

Mon., Oct. 23: Regular Board Meeting, 6 p.m., District Office.

BACK TO SCHOOL

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7th Annual Picnic on the Patio Staples Hi Rise

Thurs., August 17 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Join us! Everyone Welcome.

Free hot dogs, brats, pulled turkey sandwich, chips, floats!

Stop to visit and see what's new!

615 4th St. NE, Staples

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023

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NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

9AM-12PM EVENTS

Drone Flights

Pod/High Tunnel Tours

Vendors inside the shed

Tractor Ride N' Drive

MORNING TOURS

Session 1 (Pick one)

10am-10:45am Conserving Water

Through Precision Irrigation

Jeppe Kjaersgaard - MDA

10am-10:45am Fertilizer Rate Comparisons for Edible Beans

Dan Kaiser - UMN Ext.

10am-11:45am Local Foods Tour of the various horticultural crops that we have growing at the farm

Eric Heimark CLC FBM, CLC Ag Center

Session 2 (Pick one)

11am-11:45am Hemp For Water Quality

Tom Michaels - U of M

11am-11:45am Children's Garden Program and Explore the AgCentric Trailer

Judy Barka

11am-11:45am Farm Programs and Initiatives from NRCS Staff

AFTERNOON EVENTS

12-1:30pm Lunch Program

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Sweet Corn, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Cowboy Beans, Water

1pm-3pm Ice Cream Social

Living Legacy Gardens Tours

Skal Klubben Performance (Scandinavian named violin group)

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OBITUARIES

Charles Neal

The funeral service celebrating the life of Charles “Chuck” Neal of Staples was held August 14, at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley, with Pastors Jim Johnson and James Midden-dorf presiding.
Chuck, age 93, passed away of natural causes at his home on the farm on August 7, 2023.
Charles “Chuck” was born on April 2, 1930, to

Don Wells

The open house celebrating the life of Don Wells of Verndale will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Verndale Chapel. A Time of Prayer and Remembrance will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Chaplain Paul Johnson presiding.
Donald Leroy Wells, 85, passed into the loving arms of his savior, Jesus Christ, on July 24, 2023, surrounded by his wife and three daughters.
“Don” was born to Ivan Atwood Wells and Gladys Irene (McDowell) Wells on the family farm in Wing River Township, rural Verndale on April 13, 1938, and lived there until February 2023, when he moved to The Gardens at the Meadows in Wadena. Don grew up farming with his dad who helped instill a strong Christian faith into him from a very young age. He continued dairy and beef farming at the same farm until the late 1980s, when he decided it was time for a career change, obtained his GED and a CDL, and then drove semi-truck for about five years until he retired.
Don had many interests and pastimes. One of his most beloved hobbies was training and riding quarter horses, participating in barrel racing and other horse games and buggy driving. He often reminisced about his favorite horse, Red Barbidol, who won many quarter-mile races, barrel races, and other horse games. Throughout his younger years, Don also enjoyed car racing with his brothers and riding motorcycles. He took up motorcycle riding again in his 60s and enjoyed riding until his early 80s. He also enjoyed spending time with his many special dogs (Trixie from his younger years, Dixie and Riley currently but with many in between.) He was an avid reader and enjoyed learning about many topics, including U.S. history, politics and Christianity. Don loved to visit and was very sociable. He had strong opinions and curiosity. He loved to tell stories from his childhood and younger years to his family. He loved his family and was proud of his daughters and his

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones 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 Ray 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.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 7-8 p.m.
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
Church 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 am.
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 and 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)

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
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month
Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnetree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
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.
Cushing Baptist
26290 Bear Rd., Cushing
..... 320-749-2583
Pastor Dan Holmes 9:30 a.m.
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 9 a.m.
January - July 9 a.m.
July - January 11 a.m.
Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St.E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Casey Reynolds, Assistant Pastor
Sunday Worship 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live 9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 4:00-5:30 p.m.
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.

St. Michael

1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.
Oylen
Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pillager
First Lutheran Church
Pastor Matthew Sundquist
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Malley, Hwy. 64, E on Cy 34 to Cy. 104.
Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
Connection Point 9:30 a.m.
Hewitt
Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Jim and Linda McGaffey, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY PRAYER 7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11-11:45 a.m.
Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Tahna Rurup, Connections & Media Pastor
Tillman Phagan, Kid's & Food Shelf Pastor
Ryan Wolfenden, Youth Pastor
SUNDAY
Youth Prayer 9:20 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Life Groups 6:30 p.m.
Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night 5:30 p.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor James Middendorf, 320-260-4950
Sunday Service 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Seeds of Hope 7:00 p.m.
Leaf River Township The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info: 218-837-5690
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

"Take Time for Today"

Pastor Chris Mathiason, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

Lately I have been thinking about getting ready. At the end of the summer, students, teachers and coaches are all getting ready for the start of a new school year and new sports seasons. Then there's getting ready for a change of seasons. When fall comes, we find out if last year's warm clothes still fit.
Preparation is important. We get ready for what is next, we get supplies, we get clothes, we put events on the calendar. All important.
At the same time, the future never arrives. We plan for the future, but we live in the moment. We live in the now. The danger of preparation is we spend too much time thinking about tomorrow and not enough time living for today.
So in the midst of getting ready for what is on the horizon. Take time to enjoy the moment. Take time to live in the now.
From Matthew 6:34 *"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."*
My prayer for you is good preparation for what is next. But seek to not worry about what tomorrow will bring. Instead give Thanks for God in your life.
Amen

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Willard and Ethel (Neuschwander) Neal at the farm home south of Wadena. He married LaDelle “DeeDee” Baker on June 15, 1952, at her parent's home in rural Verndale. They made their home on the farm in Thomastown Township for the next 70 years until DeeDee's passing on Dec. 27, 2022.
Chuck's interest in beef cattle and farming lasted his lifetime. He was a charter member of Central MN Irrigators Corp., Irrigator's Assn. of MN, was on the board of Central MN Feeders Coop, a member of Mid-MN Beef Growers, MN State Cattlemen's Assn, Farm Bureau, Wadena Pilots Assn. and Central Community Church. He was one of the first farmers in the area to use irrigation and to raise specialty crops. Chuck got his pilot's license while still in high school; was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing and flying. In 1949, he drove to Alaska where he worked for the summer; and he and DeeDee took many trips over the years. He enjoyed people, loved adventure and lived life to the fullest.
Remembering Chuck will be his children: Curt (Barb) Neal of Henderson, NV; Cyndi (Rick) Rogge of Verndale; Gayle (Mark) Friesen of Baudette; Craig (Stacey) Neal of Verndale; and Chris (Brandi) Neal of Staples; 20 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; one sister, Esther Miller of Anchorage, Alaska; along with nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.
Preceding Chuck in death were his wife, DeeDee; parents, Willard and Ethel; two brothers, Duane and Darrel and one sister, Phyllis Krause.
Serving as casket bearers were Justin Rogge, Colton Neal, Caleb Neal, Wilson Neal, Brad Baker and Bill Baker.
Burial will be next to his wife in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale.
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Avron Snabb

Avron Andrew Snabb, a long-term resident of the Staples and Brainerd area, passed away March 14, 2023 at the age of 89.
Join the family for a luncheon to celebrate his life and share memories, Saturday, August 26, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Sculpture Park in the red barn, New York Mills.
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Richard Rollins

Richard Timothy Rollins, 73, of Granite Falls passed away August 11, 2023, at the hospital in Granite Falls.
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Dale Niemi

Dale Arnold Niemi, 79, of Menahga, passed away July 6, 2023, at his home.
Graveside services will be held Saturday, August 19, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Woodland Cemetery, New York Mills.
Dale was born August 7, 1943, to Leo and Lydia (Kukas) Niemi in Fergus Falls.
Dale attended Staples High School, graduating with the class of 1961. Following high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He honorably served his country from August 18, 1961, to June 11, 1963. During his time in the army he received meteorological training, earned a diploma from the U.S. Army Signal School and played basketball on an army team.
Dale earned a two-year vocational degree in machine shop at Staples Vo-Tech. He worked for years as a tool and die maker. He also spent time as a seaman on the Great Lakes.
On August 3, 1991, Dale married Linda Blakely at Itaska State Park and they made their home at rural Menahga. Dale and Linda loved to hunt, fish, garden, go to pow wows and travel in the southwestern states. They shared their lives until Linda passed in February of 2016. Dale, along with his dog Nikki, continued his favorite activities including following Minnesota sports teams.
Dale is survived by two brothers, Gary Niemi and Donald (Elizabeth) Niemi; one sister, Sandra (Fred) Connell; one nephew, John (Angela) Niemi was a steady source of support along with many other nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.
Preceding Dale in death were his wife; parents; one brother, Michael Niemi and one sister, Judith Reichel.
Visit www.karvonenfuneralhome.com to leave condolences and memorials on Dale's Tribute Wall.
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Trap shooting continues

The Staples-Motley trap shooting team followed up their spring season with a summer league. Pictured are some of the shooters practicing under Coach Steve Benson. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Alex Leach



Chauncey Hopp



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Varsity schedules for football, volleyball, tennis and cross country

Staples-Motley fall sports teams started practice on Monday Aug. 14. Here are the varsity schedule for the fall sports teams:

Football

Saturday, Aug. 26
Scrimmage 9:00 a.m. at Melrose
Friday, Sept. 1
7 p.m. home vs. Frazee
Staples-Motley High School
Friday, Sept. 8
7 p.m. at Breckenridge
Friday, Sept. 15
7 p.m. home vs. Walker-Hackensack-Akeley
Friday, Sept. 22
7 p.m. at Pillager
Friday, Sept. 29
7 p.m. at Pine River-Backus
Friday, Oct. 6
7 p.m. home vs. Parkers Prairie
Friday, Oct. 13
7 p.m. at New York Mills
Wednesday, Oct. 18
6p.m. home vs. Wadena-Deer Creek

Volleyball

Friday, Aug.. 18
Scrimmage at Milaca
Friday, Aug. 25
9 a.m. tournament at Royalton
Tuesday, Aug. 29
7:15 p.m. at Verndale
Thursday, Aug. 31
7:15 p.m. home vs. Foley
Tuesday, Sept. 5
7:15 p.m. home vs. Bertha-Hewitt
Thursday, Sept. 7
7:15 p.m home vs. Aitkin
Tuesday, Sept. 12
7:15 p.m. at Frazee
Thursday, Sept. 14
7:15 p.m. at Park Rapids
Saturday, Sept. 16
9 a.m. tournament at Hawley
Tuesday, Sept. 19
7:15 p.m. at Menahga
Thursday, Sept. 21
7:15 p.m. home vs. Crosby-Ironton
Tuesday, Sept. 26
7:15 p.m. home vs. Wadena-Deer Creek
Thursday, Sept. 28
7:15 p.m. home vs. Detroit Lakes
Friday, Sept. 29
1:30 p.m. at Pine River-Backus
Tuesday, Oct. 3
7:15 p.m. home vs. Pillager
Saturday, Oct. 7
9 a.m. tournament at Perham
Tuesday, Oct. 10
7:15 p.m. home vs. Pelican Rapids
Monday, Oct. 16
7:15 p.m. at Osakis

Tennis

Friday, Aug. 18
9.m. at Long Prairie-Grey Eagle
Tuesday, Aug. 22
9 a.m. tournament at Wadena-Deer Creek
Monday, Aug. 28
1 p.m. at Detroit Lakes
Thursday, Aug. 31
11 a.m. at Bemidji
Tuesday, Sept. 5
TBD at Thief River Falls
Friday, Sept. 8
12 p.m. home triangular
Tuesday, Sept. 12
4:30 p.m. home vs. Wadena-Deer Creek
Thursday, Sept. 14
4:30 p.m. home vs. Perham
Monday, Sept. 18
4:30 p.m. at Melrose
Tuesday, Sept. 19
4 p.m. at Crosby-Ironton
Saturday, Sept. 23
4:30 p.m. at Litchfield
Thursday, Sept. 28
4:30 p.m. at Osakis
Monday, Oct. 2
4:30 p.m. home vs. Minnewaska
Tuesday, Oct. 3
4:30 p.m. at Park Rapids
Thursday, Oct. 5
4:15 p.m. home vs. Aitkin

Cross Country

Monday, Aug. 28
9:00 a.m. home invitational at The Vintage Golf Course
Friday, Sept. 8
4 p.m. at Minnesota State University-Moorhead Dragon Invite
Monday, Sept. 11
4:30 at Long Prairie-Grey Eagle
Thursday, Sept. 14
4 p.m. at Little Falls Lucky Lindy Invite
Friday, Sept. 22
4:30p.m. at University of Minnesota Roy Griak Invite
Monday, Oct. 2
4 p.m. home invite at The Vintage Golf Course
Saturday, Oct. 7
10:00 a.m. at Alexandria Lions Invite, Arrowwood Resort
Tuesday, Oct. 10
4:30 p.m. at Minnewaska
Tuesday, Oct. 17
4 p.m. Mid State Conference at Park Rapids, Headwaters Golf Course
Friday, Oct. 27
Section Meet at Long Prairie-Grey Eagle



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Family affair

Marge Meyer of Staples worked on her Barn Quilt (to be called Hen House) with granddaughter Samantha Thieschafer of Sauk Centre. Just feet behind Marge (not pictured) Samantha's mother, Cindy Miller of Sauk Centre, was working on her own Barn Quilt. All three were among the students in the Chautauqua Barn Quilt class at the Old Wadena Rendezvous on Saturday. (Photo by Tom Crawford)

City hears CIP plans for major projects

By Tom Crawford

Some large projects are coming down the road for residents and folks using the city's streets, parks and other services.

Jerel Nelsen, city administrator, discussed projects and other expenses included in the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) during the August 8 city council meeting.

Making the CIP list does not make the project a certainty, because having funding for the project is always a deciding factor. "The budget is where the rubber hits the road," Nelsen said. Many of the 2024 CIP projects will be back before the council when they begin work in the coming weeks on the 2024 city budget.

Larger projects being considered for 2024 and their estimated costs include construction of a storm shelter at Dower Lake campground \$350,000; major upgrades for the Community Center \$1,000,000; and a nearly \$7 million street and utilities project for 2nd St. N. and south side streets between Wisconsin and Dakota Avenues.

Nelsen said work on the storm shelter could possibly begin this fall if a FEMA grant is approved. The Community Center project would include a new heater for the pool water, a new boiler and HVAC upgrades.

Work on 2nd St. would be west of the high school from Pleasant to 3rd Avenue. Improvements for both the north and south side streets would include new water and sewer lines and street replacement.

The city's been told by its electrical power suppliers that it needs to provide for standby electrical generation. Several diesel generators are included in both the 2024 and 2025 lists.

The biggest project in cost and probably effect on local residents is the complete overhaul of 4th St. planned for 2025. This is a joint project with Todd County since 4th St. is also Todd County CSAH 43. The city's anticipated cost is \$3,679,600 out of the total cost of \$6,055,200. The city has applied for a Public Facility Authority grant for part of its share.

Nelsen also has an item for 'Park Expansion' in the 2025 CIP list, telling the council "to the east" apparently for Dower Lake Park.

Further down the road, the city's light department is looking at a \$6 million project involving new substation construction and other electrical work in 2026. Possible construction of an amphitheater in Northern Pacific Park and a new pumper truck for the fire department in 2027, are other long range goals making the CIP.

In other matters, the council:

DECIDED, after a short discussion, to set up a committee to explore the city's options regarding limitations on the use of cannabis in public spaces such as parks and streets. Doug Case suggested three council members, with city staff also involved.

DISCUSSED the tree grate issues in the downtown area. Nelsen said he has been working with an urban forestry person from the University of Minnesota. He suggested waiting for results from a number of tests the forestry person has currently in his lab.

APPROVED a resolutions ordering a full report on the 2025 4th St. project listed in the CIP.

SET Sept. 14 for an open house and informal look for the public on the city's projects planned for 2024 and 2025.

WAS REMINDED by Nelsen of a city budget workshop for council members Weds., August 16.



Artist at work

Former Art instructor Lowell Bayerkohler brought his clay and potter's wheel to the Old Wadena Rendezvous once again this past weekend. He's reaching for a little water to apply to the clay that he's molding into a cup. (Photo by Tom Crawford)



Sisterhood

Jeanette Olsen, wearing her Red Hatters hat, is flanked by her two sisters who attended her 100th birthday party. Eileen Novak came from her home in Denton, Texas while Bonnie Korblick is from Owatonna. (Submitted Photo)

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Church activities important part of Olsen's life

same time, he had a brother fighting on the German side.

Jeanette graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1941 and almost immediately moved to Minneapolis. She worked for Sears and Roebuck for a time before getting a job with Munsingwear in their engineering department. She took on growing responsibilities and helped set up their manufacturing plant in Little Falls.

She met Norm Olsen and they were married in 1946 and soon moved to his home town, Albert Lea, which also had a Munsingwear plant. Norm began a career with Team Electronics in Albert Lea. His career took their young and growing family first to LaCrosse, Wisc., still

later to owning a store in St. Cloud.

Jeanette noted she has lived through many changes. On the farm, she helped her mother washing clothes with a washboard. When she moved into her first apartment in Minneapolis, she was astonished to have a wringer washing machine to use. Another amazing modern convenience was an icebox in her kitchen.

After apartment living for a few years, she and Norm used a GI loan to buy their first house. They owned several houses before Norm retired and they moved to a Lake Shamieau home in 1981. They celebrated 50 years of marriage in 1996.

She and Norm joined

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Opposition to permit fees

crossing and other projects.

"It's just amazing that for a town this size you have that amount of work going on," Sadusky said.

Sadusky, whose Cities to Lakes Inspections service is headquartered in Merrifield, also countered a claim made at the previous council meeting. "Changing a toilet does not require a permit," he said. Permits are only required if there are changes to a wall.

Council member Doug Case was not sold on the benefits of the state building code and a building inspector. He contended the permit fees and inspections, coupled with higher property taxes in the city, are hurting the city.

"These permit fees are

a factor in the decision to build here or outside the city," Case said. He added the city needs to do more to get younger people to build in the city. He and his wife chose to build on the south side of Staples many years ago, he said and he

wishes more people did that. "There are many nice lots around me, but no one will build there because of the blighted neighborhood."

"We need to build community. You can build all the big buildings that you want, but that's not community."

Both Nelsen and Sadusky responded that people building in rural areas will have to pay some hefty amounts to drill water wells and to install sewage systems. Those costs would likely exceed the charges for the building permits on a new home.

Sadusky ended his comments at the meeting by saying Staples is "...extra friendly to business. You should be proud of your city staff and city leadership."

He added that, "my biggest job is education."

Later, in the Public Forum portion of the meeting, city resident Dewayne Jensen noted that much of the building projects listed will not generate tax revenue for the city.



Favorite dresses

Jeanette Olsen is standing with her 1946 wedding gown, which she recalls purchasing for \$25. She's wearing another very special dress, one made from vintage dresser scarves, table cloths and doilies. (Submitted photo)

Bob and Cheryl in activities at Faith Lutheran Church. She joined a women's circle and in quilting activities. Norm was very involved in the men's group. They both joined in whatever they could do to help build their new church. Working with several others, Norm supervised the project of sanding and staining several hundred feet of trim boards and corners for the church's interior. They worked in the former drug store/dance studio on 4th Street NE.

Dave and Mary Freeman had opened up their building for the Faith members to use.

Jeanette and Norm moved from their lake home into Staples in 2006. She lost Norm 12 years ago, on April 22, 2011.

"I am blessed with so many friends," Jeanette said. Among them are Mary Sperley and Norma Odden, two of many who have provided rides to church.

As she has said, "I live in gratitude."

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