

## Staples to decide on joining Batcher Building project

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The Staples City Council heard a presentation about the proposed Batcher Building project, and Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher

said she will ask for a resolution of support if the city is willing to be named as the owner of the building.

“We would purchase the building through the bonding application,” said Radermacher at the council’s June 11 meeting. She said the project would not use city money, and they will not agree to the proposal unless all the funding for renovation is in place. “We are planning to do the project all in one,” said Radermacher.

The city will also not be responsible for programming, “A nonprofit will be formed and we would lease it back to a nonprofit,” said Radermacher. The nonprofit would be in charge of all the programming and overseeing the different businesses that are proposed for the building.

Council member Mary Theurer asked if the current owner, Colleen Frost, would still be a part of the project. Radermacher said she would be able to join the nonprofit overseeing the programming.

The next step for the project is to finish the application for the state bonding bill. The city has asked for the building to be part of the bonding bill tour that state senators are planning to take this summer. The deadline for the application was June 14, but additional documentation can be added before July 15, said Radermacher.

**Housing project**

Also at the June 11 meeting, the council heard from Central Minnesota Housing Partnership Executive Director Deanna Hemmesch about the rental housing to be built on the lot on Michigan Ave. and 12th Street NE. Hemmesch said they have construction bids back but they are still going through the approval process with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. She expects the project to be approved in August, and they will have 60 days to close and start construction after that.

Hemmesch said they expect to start construction in October, and it will take 14 months to finish. The project will start taking applications for tenants in October, 2020.

**In other news, the council**

- Heard from Public Works Director Doug Bendorf, who said LED street lighting is now installed along 4th Street NE, from 4th Ave. to Prairie Ave. “I’ve heard good reports, and we plan to go ahead with more,” said Bendorf. The LED street lights are a way to save electricity while still providing good lighting along the roads.
- Heard from City Administrator Jerel Nelsen about the city-wide cleanup on June 8, which brought in over \$3,000 of revenue for items to be disposed.
- Discussed allowing overnight parking on 2nd Ave. NE, in the residential areas of the street. Council member Rachel Johnson asked that the idea be considered.



## Car club donates \$11K to Veterans Park

The Still Cruisin’ Car Club recently dissolved its corporation and decided to donate the remaining funds to the Staples Veterans Park, for the World War II Honor Wall project. This single gift of \$11,366 is the largest monetary donation the park has received. With this donation, the park is now one third of the way to their fundraising goal for the wall.

Pictured from left, Veterans Park Vice President Huck Holst and President Bob Hamann, and Stil Cruisin’ Car Club President Russ Jenkins and Vice President Doug Case, at the Veterans Park. (Submitted photo)

## Breakfast on the Farm at Twin Eagle Dairy

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Farming is hard work. There is no question about that. It can also be very rewarding work.

Ask Pat Lunemann, owner of Twin Eagle Dairy north of Clarissa.

This year, the annual Todd County Breakfast on the Farm event will be held at his dairy on June 22 and it is again expected to be a big success.

Lunemann began the

dairy facility in 1996 after having milked cows in a stall barn for several years.

“Things are different than they were years ago,” said Lunemann.

The basics are the same, though. The calves and cows both need to be fed and cared for and the cows need to be milked.

While some of the processes for doing these things have changed over the years, they still have to be done day-in and day-out—no matter if it is 30 degrees below zero or 90 degrees above.

Not a whole lot has changed at Twin Eagle Dairy since the last time they hosted Breakfast on the Farm in 2013, but that doesn’t mean that there won’t be something for everyone at this year’s event.

If you don’t come for the food—which will be burgers and chips—you can come and visit one or all of the many booths that will be there. See displays of machinery, a homing pigeon exhibit by Sarah

Anderson and her dad Bob, watch the cows get milked, the calves use the automatic feeders and more.

**Who Doesn’t Love a Calf?**

The dairy raises their own herd so you can see the calves at different stages and ages up through the milk cows.

The only cattle that are not on-site are the pregnant heifers which are raised by neighbors Jerry and Diane Gjerstad.

At Twin Eagle they milk about 720 cows and farm approximately 1500 acres because they also raise much of their own food for the animals including hay and corn silage. They do purchase some corn.

**Plans Change**

It wasn’t the plan at the beginning to farm that much land, but because they needed a place to be able to implement manure management practices, they grew over time.

While Lunemann man-

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## Lelia (Dezell) Whittaker, 100, remembers Staples

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

Lelia (Dezell) Whittaker always meant to get back to Staples at some point in her life.

It’s the town she called ‘home’ all through her childhood and into her early adult life. It’s where the first of her three children were born and where several of her relatives have been laid to rest over the years.

Now 100, Lelia has been thinking more and more about her hometown and what it meant to her all those years ago. At her recent birthday party, she told her daughter Cathy she would like to share some of these thoughts with the folks back in Staples...let them know what an impact their town had on her life.

She was born prematurely on May 10, 1919, along with her twin sister, Leah. Lelia weighed 3 lbs and Leah 2 and 3/4 lbs. The girls were so small they couldn’t start school until they were seven years old.

Lelia recalled that the house her family lived at in Staples burned down when she was 11. After that happened, the Dezells moved to the Badger farm for several years. It was located one and a half miles from school. She loved life on the farm, Lelia said, recalling that they had cows, horses, geese and chickens at their farm. Her mother took care of the chickens and always had eggs to sell. In addition to farming, her father worked for the City of Staples managing the road crew.

She has fond memories of those growing-up years in Staples Lelia said. She recalled going to the matinee with Leah on most Saturdays. Their half-brother

Samuel J. Cox would give them a nickle for popcorn.

During the summer months, Sundays were spent with family and friends out at the farm, gathered at the large picnic tables her father had built, located under the big shade trees. They all loved those Sunday dinners, Lelia said, recalling fried chicken, homemade bread and pies.

The basement in the Badger house had several shelves filled with home-canned fruits, vegetables, meats, jams and jellies that would last through the winter. Lelia remembers that at the end of every summer, she helped fill baskets of grapes which were used to make the jams, jellies and juice.

She always brought her lunch to school in a metal lunch box, Lelia said, adding that there wasn’t a cafeteria in those days.

As the weather improved each year, Lelia recalled that gypsies moved into the woods near their house, where they set up camps. Their dog always walked them to school, would return home for several hours and then be there to greet them as they left the school and walk them home.

During the twins’ teen years, the family moved to a farm one mile SE of Staples on Jefferson Highway. She attended Staples High School, Lelia shared. She remembers going to Motley to compete at a broad jump event. “I won first prize,” Lelia said, going on to mention the silk handkerchief she received as her reward.

Other random memories came to mind as she thought back on her childhood in Staples.

For starters, the Dezells did not have an inside toilet. “Just had an out-

house,” Lelia said, going on to mention that there was always a good supply of Sears and Roebuck catalogs on the nearby shelf.

Lelia recalled that when times were tough nationally, a train would come to Staples with blocks of cheese; and bags of flour and cornmeal, all for the taking.

Another childhood memory is of a thunderstorm one particular summer. Lelia recalled that she and her siblings were covered up with pillows on the bed. A bolt of lightning went through an open window on one side of the house all the way through to a window on the other side, hitting a tree outside and splitting it in half.

Another year, there was a wind storm that sent all of the hay her father had cut into the neighbor’s trees.

On May 24, 1942, Lelia married Joseph W. Whittaker. Their first daughter, Irene, was born in Staples, delivered by Dr. Cook. After Joe’s service in the Army, they traveled by train to their new home in Portland, Ore. There, Joe and Lelia brought two more children into the world; a daughter, Catherine, and son, Thomas. Lelia’s sister Leah also moved to Oregon, where she married and had two daughters, Norma and Dona. Leah passed away in 1957.

Lelia shared that when she and Joe left for Oregon all those years ago, they always planned to come back to Staples someday. But, they never did. Although she hasn’t physically stepped foot on her old Minnesota stomping grounds for decades, it’s a place she revisits often in her mind. Staples. What a special place to have called home, Lelia said.

Weather

This Week’s Forecast

|         | High | Low | Cond.              |
|---------|------|-----|--------------------|
| June 19 | 72°  | 53° | Showers            |
| June 20 | 72   | 54  | Showers            |
| June 21 | 75   | 54  | Thunder/<br>storms |
| June 22 | 76   | 54  | Showers            |
| June 23 | 78   | 54  | P. Sunny           |
| June 24 | 78   | 55  | Thunder/<br>storms |
| June 25 | 79   | 56  | P. Cloudy          |

Last Year, 2018

|         | High | Low | Cond.     |
|---------|------|-----|-----------|
| June 19 | 68°  | 52° | P. Cloudy |
| June 20 | 74   | 55  | Sunny     |
| June 21 | 76   | 57  | P. Sunny  |
| June 22 | 75   | 56  | Sunny     |
| June 23 | 84   | 64  | Sunny     |
| June 24 | 74   | 60  | P. Cloudy |
| June 25 | 70   | 61  | Showers   |

Average Temp.:  
H = 73° Low = 54°

Total Rain  
(Last 7 days,  
June 6 - 14): 1.75”  
2019: 9.20”

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## Fly away... at Staples Library

The Painted Lady caterpillars are in the pupa stage. Stop by the Staples Library and see them before they turn into butterflies. The butterfly release party will be held Wed., June 26 at 10:00 a.m. Registration is required by calling the library during open hours. Check out the webpage at [www.griver.org](http://www.griver.org) or follow us on Facebook. (Submitted photo)





Lunch break at the Leader Lions Eatery

The Converse and Mrazek families of Motley enjoyed lunch at the Leader Lions Eatery during the Motley Fair June 15. Pictured from left are Nathan, Dustin and Colton Converse; Caden and Joe Mrazek. The boys (cousins) showed animals during the fair as part of 4-H; and also helped out at the FFA Petting Zoo.



Football toss at the Motley Fair

Eva Weber of Motley, far right, gave it her all at the football toss during last weekend's Motley Fair. In addition to games, children enjoyed the bounce houses, crafts, contests and more.

Motley City Council tables making a decision on trespass order

Sampson offers verbal apology for his actions

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

Whether or not the Motley City Council will reconsider their decision to permanently bar Rob Sampson from Converse Park is yet to be determined. At their regular meeting May 13, the council had approved a permanent trespass order for two individuals who had tampered with the security cameras at Converse Park. The incident, which took place April 22, had been noted in a Motley Police Department incident report which identified the two individuals as Robert Sampson and Erik Affolter. After receiving a letter in the mail informing him that he was permanently barred from the park, Sampson wrote a letter to the Staples World in which he told his history of involvement with the park, including coaching little league baseball. He also admitted that he had moved the security cameras for the purposes, he said, of covering the park better, not the road. He ended by stating he felt the council's action was petty. Sampson, along with

his wife Lorri and daughter Tianna, approached the council at their regular meeting June 10, with a request that they reconsider their trespass order. He stated that he has done a lot for the park over the years, including helping to start the parks commission. With his training as a first responder, he has also assisted with several medical situations at the park, Sampson said. Because their family's house is across the street from the park, he is able to offer assistance at the park in short order. Sampson proceeded to say that when Police Chief Jason Borash asked him if he had tampered with the cameras, he told him that he had, adding that he knew they had been placed incorrectly. Acting Mayor Steve Johnson asked Sampson how he knew the cameras were not in the correct position? Sampson answered that he could tell just by looking at them, explaining that he uses laser guided equipment at work. Johnson went on to state that the cameras are positioned where they should be. He asked Sampson what

he would do if someone went to his home and repositioned his cameras? Johnson proceeded to say that what turned the council off was seeing the video of the April incident, during which Sampson flipped off his finger to everyone. "That set the whole tone," Johnson said. He felt the gesture was uncalled for, as were statements Sampson posted on Facebook, including one that inferred one of the city's cameras had been pointed at the bedroom window of Sampson's daughter. Lorri Sampson stated that she had been the one who made that statement, adding that her daughter had expressed concern about the camera's position. Council member Amy Hutchison told Sampson that he should have called the city if he had concerns instead of trying to change the position of the cameras on his own. He acted out of instinct to protect his children, Sampson said. He went on to say that he agreed with Hutchison, that he should have called the city first and he shouldn't have moved the camera.

Johnson said he still hadn't heard Sampson voice an official apology. Sampson said he felt that he had apologized when he said he shouldn't have moved the camera. He later stated, "I am sorry I moved the camera." Discussion ensued as to whether the council should act on Sampson's request or table it until the next regular meeting. Council member Pat O'Regan said he would like to make a decision when Mayor Al Yoder is present. He also wondered if Sampson would be willing to write another letter to the editor voicing his apology. Sampson went on to state that he didn't understand why the city didn't come to him first before taking such drastic measures. Johnson answered that he thought Sampson should have come to the city first before moving the cameras. In the end, Johnson said the council would table this issue until their meeting in July, and wait to see if Sampson writes a public apology.



Building birdhouses



Children had the opportunity to make free birdhouses at the Motley Fair June 15. Pictured above, Kanin Borntrager of Staples gets some help putting his birdhouse together from Steve Fraundorfer, also of Staples. At left, Lee Morrison of Staples pounds another nail into his birdhouse. Morrison said he will be turning nine years old in July.



At the petting zoo

Mya Wenger of Cologne (left) and Lydia Kowitz of Foley had fun visiting the FFA Petting Zoo during last weekend's Motley Fair. The girls said their families camp at Fish Trap Lake every year.

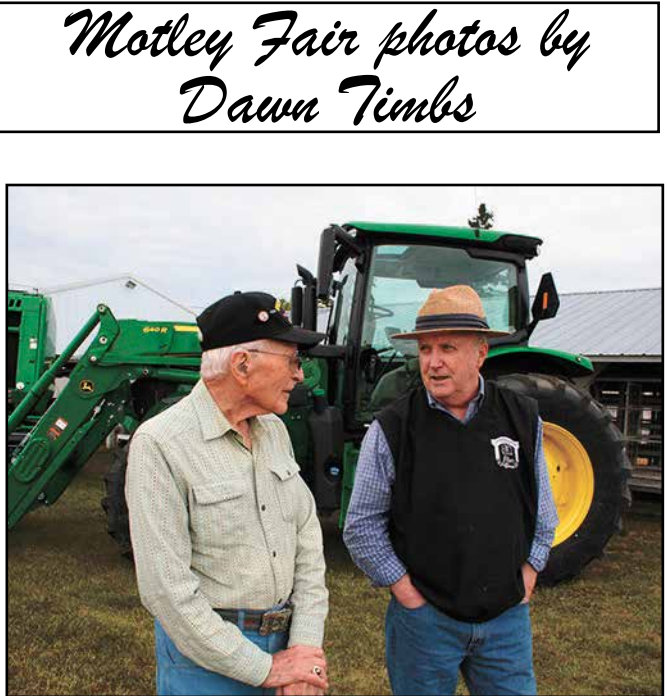
Law enforcement reports, Motley area

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:  
June 12 - The MPD assisted the Staples Police with a call of a suicidal subject who was also making homicidal threats as well. Subject was taken into custody and transported to the Todd County Jail by a Todd County Deputy.  
June 12 - A staff member at BRICKS in Motley reported to the MPD that a male had been sleeping in the restroom for two hours and thought he may need medical attention. Police Chief Jason Borash spoke with the subject and reported he was fine. The subject stated he was waiting for a ride because his friend that he'd been traveling with got arrested by state patrol earlier.  
June 11 - The MPD responded to a call from a juvenile regarding a welfare concern at a residence in Motley.  
June 8 - The MPD responded to a report of an unwanted subject at the Eastwood Motel in Motley. The subject, Joshua James Cestnik, 39, was arrested

and transported to the Morrison County Jail. Subject was also issued citations for obstruction of legal process and trespassing.  
June 7 - The MPD issued a citation to Kirby Scott, 61, for driving an unregistered vehicle.  
June 6 - 7 - The MPD issued citations to Arlene Hoffmann, 62; and Justin Sagataw, 37, for driving after revocation.  
June 6 - The MPD received a report from the Motley-Staples Middle School that they had terminated the employment of one of their staff members and that person became very upset. The school is concerned for the safety of other staff members if the subject returns. The staff was advised to call if the subject returns and also to set up an appointment for a civil stand by for the subject to retrieve personal property.  
June 12 - The MCSO met the Staples Police in Motley to take custody of the listed subject; and transported that subject to the Morrison County Jail without incident.  
June 11 - The MCSO was asked to locate a sus-

pected illegal burn at the 1000 block of Azalea Rd in Motley. The deputy located and inspected the burn pile and said it appeared to be just trees and brush.  
June 10 - The MCSO

responded to a report of a domestic assault at the 33000 block of Maple Ln, Motley. Subsequently, Benjamin Charles Huff, 54, was arrested.



Shooting the breeze

Bob Cole and Duane Strack, both of Motley, swapped stories while looking at the tractors on display at the Motley Fair June 15.

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Agriculture enthusiasts

Joe Ramstad (left) will be the new Agriculture Ed./FFA Instructor at Staples-Motley High School this fall, taking over for Kerry Lindgren (right) who recently retired. The two worked together at the Motley Fair this past weekend, helping FFA students with various projects, including operating the petting zoo.

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CLC alumni invited to coffee with President

Alumni of Central Lakes College are invited to attend an upcoming Coffee with the President event with CLC President Hara Charlier from 7:30-9 a.m. on July 30 at Stomping Grounds in Staples. Alumni are invited for a complimentary cup of fresh brew from the Alumni Association, as well as casual conversation. Whether you attended a class or graduated from Brainerd Junior College,

Staples Technical College, Brainerd Technical College, Brainerd Junior College, or CLC, you are part of our CLC alumni family. “We consider our alumni to be a part of our CLC family,” said Jana Shogren, Director of Resource Development & CLC Foundation. “These coffee events are a great way for us to catch up with our alums and find out what they’ve been up to.”

Staples couple injured in motorcycle crash

On June 7, at approximately 6:43 p.m., Wadena County Deputies responded to a report of a motorcycle accident with injuries on Wadena County Road 30 in Thomastown Township. Upon arrival, deputies found a 1999 Honda Gold Wing Trike, driven by 57-year-old Dennis Trana had hit a deer, over turned and had come to a rest in the west ditch of County Road 30. Both Dennis and his passenger, Ramona Trana,

were thrown from the motorcycle. Both parties were transported to Lakewood Health System hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Neither party was wearing a helmet. Wadena County Sheriff’s Office was assisted on scene by the Cass County Sheriff’s Office, Staples Police, Staples Fire department, Staples Ambulance, North Memorial Air Care and Scott’s SouthTown Towing.

CHOICES for people with disabilities

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have an important and active role in the planning of their long-term services and supports. An individual can request a screening and decide not to access waived services. Also, an individual who has a screening may not be eligible for waived services and/or may be referred for other appropriate services as determined by the MnCHOICES assessment. To request a MnCHOICES assessment for long-term services and supports call Todd County Health and Human Services at 320-732-4500.

Siblings who shot dog on video sentenced to community service

A brother and sister from Staples were recently sentenced for their involvement in shooting and killing a family dog and leaving it in a county park, while posting a video of the incident on social media in February. The siblings, Josiah W. Shegstad and Tayiah V. Shegstad, were convicted separately for their roles in the incident. They both made an agreement to plead guilty to both counts of misdemeanor disorderly conduct and petty misdemeanor unlawful deposit of garbage, i.e. the dog. Josiah, 20, was sentenced June 10 and will serve 90 days at the Wadena County Jail, pay a fine of \$315 and will be on supervised probation for one year. He admitted to shooting the dog to put it down and laughing on video while his sister recorded

the incident on her phone. Tayiah, 18, was sentenced May 20, and will pay a \$240 fine and be on supervised probation for six months. Both will serve 240 hours of community service over six months. According to court records, Tayiah was to serve those hours at the Wadena County Humane Society, while Josiah was to serve in community service, it was mentioned that those hours would be at the humane society during the sentencing. According to Wadena County Humane Society board member Tracy Koopman, no agreement was ever made for either of the individuals to serve at the Humane Society. When the idea was brought to the board, all board members said no, Koopman said. “That’s not going to happen,” she added.

75 YEARS Ago - 1944

• June 22, 1944 - Mrs. Hilma S. Haskin, of Staples, received word last week that her son, Warren LeRoy Haskin, with the United States Army air forces in the Mediterranean war theatre was reported missing in action over Austria. The message from the Adjutant General indicated that S-Sgt. Haskin (a 1938 graduate of Staples High School) had been reported missing in action since May 29.

• June 22, 1944 - The Poplar community was sad-

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

dened Saturday evening to learn of the instant death of Elsie Mae Johnson, 15-year-old daughter of S. M. and Gertrude Johnson, who was instantly killed by lightning as she was about to enter the barn on the Harold Sowers farm, where a barn dance was to be held that evening. With Elsie at the time was her step-sister, Beverley Johnson, who was burned quite badly by the lightning, and was confined to the hospital in Wadena for several days, but whose condition at the present time is reported as favorable. The barn was slightly damaged by the bolt of lightning, and some of the people close by were knocked down by the heavy crash.

• June 22, 1944 - Batch-er’s Federated Stores in Staples advertised, “Slacks Are Swell!” Three different slacks options were mentioned in the ad. 1) Men’s Cotton-And-Rayon Slack Suit for \$7.98. And a handsome suit it is! Smartly tailored in free and easy comfort lines; made of a cool but firm weight fabric. 2) Women’s Slack Suit. Smartly styled for a lot of gay galivanting...out of soft slenderizing Junior Luana fabric. And how you’ll love the long slim-Jim jacket and full-cut pleated slacks. \$2.98 - \$8.98. 3) Boys’ Gabardine Slack Suit. Yes, it’s all made of smart, sturdy cotton gabardine...that fellows love to wear, and mothers don’t mind caring for. \$3.98 & \$4.98.

50 YEARS Ago - 1969

• June 19, 1969 - At a special meeting of the Voter’s Assembly of Trinity Lutheran church held Monday evening, the final plans, as presented by the building committee, were accepted for the erection of a new church and educational unit. The proposed building will be constructed on the property owned by the church between Fourth and Fifth streets north. The church would have a seating capacity of 256. The building committee members include Gordon D. Sellnow, Harold Giza, Larry Huebner, Ernest Grossman and Douglas Grossman. Robert Mueller, Leonard Hall and Arthur Lubke comprise the members on the finance committee. James Henkel is the president of the congregation.

• June 19, 1969 - A two-car accident north of Staples late Monday afternoon resulted in heavy property damage to the vehicles involved and five persons were hospitalized at the

Looking back



Staples World mystery photo

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your answers to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Monday morning. The answers will be published in next week’s paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

Staples Municipal hospital with injuries received in the mishap. Receiving injuries were Louis Fellman of Staples, Mrs. Lloyd Palmer, also of this city, and her three children, Mark, 9, Diana, 5, and Todd, 7. The two vehicles involved (a 1968 Chevrolet driven by Louis Fellman; and a 1960 Pontiac driven by Mrs. Palmer) were classified as total losses.

25 YEARS Ago - 1994

• June 23, 1994 - A dream of a golf course in the rolling pines of the lakes area south of Motley is about to come true. The new Pine Ridge Golf Course, five miles south of Motley and just west of Lake Shamineau, is set to open its first nine holes of July 1. A second nine holes, if all goes according to plan, will open later this summer.

When completely opened, the 18-hole Pine Ridge course will be a par 73 course stretching over about 175 acres filled with spruce, pine, oak and maple trees. “Challenging is the word we like to use to describe the course,” owner Roger Pedley said of his course. He and Jim Dahl, the course designer and architect, have been working for the past two years to build and open the new golf course.

• June 23, 1994 - The Staples Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Art & Soul Custom framing. Gail Warn operates the business, located

at 202 NE 6th St. in Staples. She works to protect and enhance artwork and memorabilia and believes conservation framing is important.

10 YEARS Ago - 2009

• June 18, 2009 - Balloons were released as a ribbon cutting ceremony was held Sunday at Dower Lake. The children of Dallas Sams - Seth, Jordan, Stacia and Mitchell - were on hand to cut a ribbon officially opening the new Dower Lake pier. A granite monument next to the pier bears a likeness of the former state senator who was instrumental in securing funding for the project prior to his death in early 2007.

Perhaps as many as 500 people turned out for the day’s various events, from the dedication program, to the fishing contest, to an old fashioned family picnic or for the afternoon’s softball games and other activities.

• June 18, 2009 - For the first time in nearly 40 years, the Staples Police Department has a black and white squad car. Chief Kyle Huber and Sgt. Doug Case said they ordered it black and white to coordinate with the retro look of the new police office building. The 2009 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor replaces a 2007 squad and was purchased through the state Travel Management Lease program.

• June 18, 2009 - On June 6, the Cattlemen’s Associa-



Mystery photo two

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tion held their Scale Yard Clean-up Day and Open House at the rural scale yard located one mile east of Motley on the south side of Hwy 210. Forty-five members attended the clean up day and were joined by 25 more people during the open house festivities.



And the answer from last week is...

Last week’s mystery photo published in the June 16, 1994 edition of the Staples World featured five girls from Staples who won the Minnesota Statewide Dance Competition held in the Twin Cities. Front row, from left, Melanie Wilson, Jayme Hajek; Back: Jill Smith, Amy Peterson, Nicole Brichacek.

Bec Roggenkamp correctly identified all except for Jill Smith. Marilyn Brichacek correctly identified all except for Melanie Wilson (whom she thought was Jill Smith Dumpprope) and Jill Smith (whom she identified as Anna Burrows). Marilyn also added that the girls were dancers from Music General. Their instructor was Sue Kuhn and they danced to the song, “Don’t Sit Under the Apple Tree.” Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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# Find your True North in Minnesota this summer

From Explore Minnesota

School is out, summer is here, and Explore Minnesota is ready to help travelers and residents alike make the most of the season. From outdoor adventures to picturesque parks and trails, summer festivals and, of course, our thousands of lakes (yes, more than Wisconsin), here are 10 fun and unique ways to soak up the summer in the True North.

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With more shoreline than California, Florida and Hawaii combined, Minnesota specializes in lake life. It's not called the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" (11,842, to be exact) for nothing. In the summer, enjoy boating, paddling, dockside dining, watersports and more. No boat? No problem. There are several watercraft rental options across the state.

## 2. Hit the Road

Minnesota's 22 scenic byways meander through many landscapes: lake-splashed north woods, waterfalls, grand bluffs above winding rivers, ribbons of prairie and urban scenery. They lead to charming towns, historic sites, museums, parks, trails and more. Along the way, visitors will find quirky roadside attractions and legendary figures worth a detour and a photo op, from the world's largest ball of twine to Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox.

## 3. Get Your Fish On

Minnesota boasts some of the country's best freshwater fishing, not to mention the most fishing licenses per capita of any state. With more than 160 species and 3.8 million acres of fishing waters, casting a line is a favorite pastime that's easy to include as part of any Minnesota vacation. It's also fun and educational for the kids. Download the state's official fishing guide here.

## 4. Celebrate at an Outdoor Festival

From popular outdoor festivals like Twin Cities Pride and the Minnesota State Fair, to quirky small town fests like Potato Days in Barnesville and the Blueberry Art Festival in Ely, summer is the time to celebrate with friends, family and neighbors. This summer alone, travelers can find more than 1,200 events at [exploreminnesota.com/events](http://exploreminnesota.com/events).

## 5. Explore Parks, Trails and Forests

Minnesota has one of the nation's greatest state parks systems, featuring 227,000 acres in 75 parks and recreation areas. Voyageurs National Park is uniquely accessible only by boat. Minnesota is also home to the Chippewa and Superior national forests, and the renowned Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. For the urban explorer, Minneapolis and St. Paul offer award-winning parks, trails and lakes in the heart of the cities.

## 6. Pedal through Minnesota

Minnesota is a biker's paradise, offering riders every type of terrain from 4,000 miles of paved trails to urban and roadside paths to rugged mountain biking tracks. For these reasons and more, Minnesota is considered one of the country's top states for biking. Some of the longest paved trails include the Root River, Sakatah Singing Hills, Central Lakes, Lake Wobegon, Heartland, Paul Bunyan and Mesabi.

## 7. Tee Up for Great Golf

Minnesota is consistently ranked among the states with the most golfers per capita, and summer is a great time to hit the links. With unique landscapes and some of the finest course conditions in the country, it's a great place to play our nearly 500 courses. No stranger to major golf tournaments, Minnesota will host the KPMG

Women's PGA Championship for the first time this summer, and the inaugural 3M Open is set to welcome some of the world's best golfers and thousands of fans to Blaine's TPC Twin Cities.

## 8. Make New Memories at a Minnesota Resort

Minnesota is home to nearly 800 resorts that range from quaint to luxurious, with a large concentration in the northern half of the state. Minnesota resorts offer pristine lakes, golf courses, tennis courts, guided fishing excursions and other fun for the entire family.

## 9. Camp Under the Night Skies

In the warm summer months, camping under the night sky is a great way to stargaze, and Minnesota is one of the best places in the lower 48 to view the northern lights. Check out the best places to try to catch them here.

## 10. Travel for Less

Going on vacation doesn't have to mean spending a lot of money. In Minnesota, many attractions and activities are completely free to visitors. Visitors can also save by traveling midweek, when rates are typically lower and attractions are less crowded, and looking for deals online before they arrive.

"Minnesota is a fun and affordable summer vacation destination," said John Edman, director/CEO of Explore Minnesota. "There are endless things to do across the state this summer. We encourage travelers to find their True North and tag their trip photos with #OnlyinMN, which has more than 1 million uses."

Explore Minnesota can help travelers plan their trips for free at 888-VIS-ITMN, or via live chat, email and at [exploreminnesota.com](http://exploreminnesota.com).

# Reading Corps provides valuable experience

By Cindy Zetah  
MN Reading Corps,  
Staples-Motley Elementary

Are you a recent high school graduate and wondering what to do next? Are you thinking about a career in education? Are you newly retired and looking for something meaningful to fill your time? Are you at a crossroad in your career and needing a bridge to your next 'call' in life? Reading Corps may be just the ticket.

Reading Corps (pronounced core) is a program within Americorps. Minnesota Reading Corps serves over 700 schools in the state. It is an opportunity to serve within the community you live in. Staples-Motley Elementary was fortunate this school year to have three Minnesota Reading Corps members who dedicated themselves to helping students improve their reading skills.

What are the benefits? Members serving full time are eligible for health insurance, a monthly stipend, and a generous scholarship award to put towards your education or student loans. Members attend an outstanding training prior to the one-year commitment, with several follow up training opportunities throughout the year. The real benefit is so much more! Being a member means making a difference in the lives of people in your community. In addition to the Reading

Corps Program within the school, there is an expectation that members will also reach out to the community through civic engagement. Reading Corps is truly a chance to BE the greater good while making a difference in the lives of many.

As I near the end of my one year commitment to MN Reading Corps (MRC), I must say, that I am the one feeling fulfilled. My story began with an aging parent who needed a family member closer to home. With an empty nest, I opted to be a career changer, and took the Reading Corps commitment thinking tutoring kindergarteners in reading would be easy enough, and the health insurance provided by MRC would enable me to be with mother daily. As time marched forward from the first day of school to fall break, I realized the program was a really amazing process and already witnessed the students' achievements. The scripted, data driven, evidenced based approach made tutoring an easy journey for blossoming readers.

Last fall, I also began my civic engagement. I visited weekly at both the Lakewood Manor and Pines. Additionally, I volunteered at Acorn Hill Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies near Leader, and ushered at CLC Theater. In these buildings and organizations I found amazing folks who welcomed me as

though I were family. I was greeted with open hearts and open arms. I played games, visited, crafted and planted. I served a Christmas Eve meal at a homeless shelter in Duluth and cleaned Highway 64 ditches in the rain. It was amazing.

I say goodbye to these groups, and to this chapter in my journey. I leave, knowing with certainty that I made a difference not only in the lives of many children, but also to many of our community's elders who have so much wisdom to share. These civic engagement groups stole a piece of my heart and I am a better person for having had this opportunity.

Reading Corps may be just the ticket for you ~ wherever you find yourself in life. Consider becoming a MRC tutor. If you are:

- Dedicated to community service and have some computer skills
- Organized, responsible, flexible, motivated, professional
- Skilled in oral and written communication
- Able to accept and incorporate constructive feedback from coaches and program staff
- Able to take initiative and work independently

If this describes you, then you also have an opportunity to serve! Contact Laurie Paskewitz at 218-894-2433 or apply directly at [readingandmath.net](http://readingandmath.net).

# Sustainable summer festivals

From the Minnesota  
Pollution Control Agency

Summer is here, which means it's also the season of summer festivals and fairs. Minnesota has a wealth of fun festivals and events for all ages to attend. Many people will be traveling across the country as well this summer to attend their favorite summer festivals.

Festivals and fairs are valuable and fun experiences, but can have a significant environmental impact, from the transportation it takes to get there, the amount of waste festivals produce, the energy it takes to power the festivals.

Make your festival-going experience greener while having just as much fun. Read on for some easy and fun tips.

## Make your festival outfit sustainable

For many festivals, like Pride, a Renaissance Festival, or trendy music festivals, a fun way to participate is to come with the perfect festival outfit. While it's tempting to buy this season's newest festival looks, this "fast fashion" has a huge environmental impact. Textile dyeing is the second highest contributor to global water pollution behind agriculture, and 10.5 million tons of textiles ended

up in U.S. landfills in 2015.

Go shopping at second-hand clothing stores. You can find cool vintage items, old costumes, and fun rain-bow gear.

Borrow your family or friends' old clothes and accessories.

Make your own outfits and costumes. If you are crafty, you can try making your outfit out of scrap fabrics, or make your own accessories out of reused materials. You can make this a fun activity to do with your friends or family before the festival.

Buy sustainably made clothing. Some clothing companies are dedicated to producing clothes from recycled or sustainably produced materials to reduce their carbon impact.

## Transportation

Travel with a group of people. Many rural festivals provide free or low-cost shuttles to the fairgrounds, or carpool incentives for people traveling in groups. Carpooling with family and friends reduces the number of cars heading to the festival and gives you time to get pumped up together.

Ride your bike. Biking is healthy for you, the planet, and allows you to bypass the stressful traffic congestion that often accompanies festivals.

Take public transit. Many festivals and fairs are located in urban areas where public transit is an easy, cheap, and accessible option.

Offset your carbon footprint. If you are traveling out of state, consider offsetting your carbon impact by volunteering for a local restoration program with a group of friends, or if you are able, donating to an environmental organization of your choice.

## Reduce your waste

In 2017, Minnesota sent nearly 3.2 million tons of trash to landfills and incinerators. Don't let your summer festival experience contribute to our state and country's waste.

Bring your own water bottle. Many Minnesotan festivals are open to people bringing their own food and water, and some even have water bottle refilling stations.

Recycle and compost. Seek out recycling and compost bins at your festival to sort your waste into. If there aren't bins, consider carrying out any

waste to recycle at home.

Think twice before taking free giveaways. Summer festivals are full of opportunities to get free giveaways like pens, bracelets, etc. Many of these items will eventually end up in our waste stream. It's great if you know you are getting something that you will use, but think twice before taking every free item.

Buy locally made items and art made out of sustainable materials. Minnesota has a plethora of fun art fairs hosted throughout the summer. Support your local artists and artisans, especially those using local materials and repurposing "trash" into fun art.

Bring your own reusable bag.

## Eat local and sustainable food

Ask your vendors if they supply compostable dishes/utensils.

Support local or organic food vendors. Buying food from local and/or organic vendors reduces the transportation and environmental costs of your food and supports your local economy.

Challenge yourself to eat vegetarian at your festival. Meat production contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and requires more water than plant-based foods.

Bring your own food from home. While food is an integral part of some festival experiences, for others you can participate just as much by bringing your own food from home in reusable containers.

## Support green festival policies

Seek out sustainable music festivals. If you like to go to larger music festivals across the country during the summer, you can find festivals that have green policies.

Volunteer to help your festival be more sustainable. Organizers can go to the Green Festivals website for tips on how to green their festival.

Remember to check out the Eco Experience building at the Minnesota State Fair this summer. Explore exhibits dedicated to sustainable living, and watch presentations throughout the day on the Sustainability Stage.

Find more general tips for festival goers on the Green Festivals website, [greenfestivals.ca](http://greenfestivals.ca).

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## Rehearsing a dance number

Lamp Camp participants rehearsed one of the dance routines for their show, 'Ever After - A Musical,' which will be performed Friday, June 21, 7 p.m., at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. The performance is free and open to the public. Pictured, from left: Andrew Bates, Alex Brings, Connor Judd, Zach McIlravy, Keegan Bestland, Micah Larson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## 'Ever After, a Musical' to be performed June 21 in Staples

### Lamp Camp students showcase talents

By Dawn Timbs  
Staples World reporter

Student participants in this year's Lamp Camp will perform 'Ever After, a Musical,' at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Friday, June 21, at 7 p.m. The show is free.

Now in its eighth season, Lamp Camp is continuing to "help students discover their own unique gifts and to develop a passion for theater, while providing the tools and resources needed for them to be successful," as stated at their website.

Justin Edin is the Artistic/Drama director of the camp. He created the concept in 2012 and proposed the idea of camp to the Lamplighter Community Theatre board at that time. The board said "yes" and Edin's been the artistic director every year since. As part of this position, he is given the freedom to pick his own shows and themes for camp, Edin said.

This year's show, 'Ever After, a Musical,' is a hilarious parody of daytime television, featuring interviews with Cinderella and her middle-aged 'beauty-impaired' sisters; and Snow White and the Evil Queen, with appearances by a trash-talking clairvoyant mirror and an unfortunate prince who is turning slowly back into a frog. The musical is punctuated by questions from obnoxious studio audience members and commercials for fairy tale related products.

Throughout the two-week camp, students have

been working on their singing, acting and dancing techniques. "They are being taught the foundations of musical theater while also having the safe space to grow socially emotionally," Edin said.

Sam Fujii is the Music Director for Lamp Camp; and Nikki Paskewitz is the Choreographer. Brian Steriker is the Asst. Director and Technical Director for the camp.

Fujii lives in New York City, where he is a college professor and a church music director. He's been a part of Lamp Camp for several seasons and says coming to work with students in Staples, Minn., "is a highlight of my year."

There are 31 students, ages 7 - 18, that are participating in Lamp Camp this year. Andrew Bates and Macy Judd, recent graduates at Staples-Motley High School, have been a part of the camp since 2013.

"It's a great experience," Bates said. "They bring in great instructors who show you that there's more out there that you can do. It's been very encouraging." Judd agreed. "Lamp Camp has provided a lot of growth for us, especially in the area of dancing." Judd went on to mention the various improvisational games that have also been very helpful. "I've learned something new every year."

Bates and Judd have taken on the role of "mentor" this season, helping with the younger students. "It's fun to come full circle," Bates said, going

on to say that he's discovered you can learn something from a 13-year-old even when you're a few years older and serve as their mentor.

Both Bates and Judd credit Lamp Camp for being one of their inspirations for deciding to pursue theater in college next fall. Bates has been accepted at Concordia College, Moorhead; and Judd at the University of Minnesota-Duluth in their Bachelor of Fine Arts program.

Edin is hoping a lot of people will come see, 'Ever After, A Musical,' June 21. "This is a great group of kids and I'm hoping we'll have a big crowd for them to perform for. They deserve our support," he said.

Lamp Camp is sponsored by Lamplighter Community Theatre and is also made possible thanks to grants from the Five Wings Arts Council.

## Educational Opportunities

### July 15

**55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSES (REFRESHER)** sponsored by the MN Hwy Safety Center, Mon., July 15, 1 - 5 p.m.; and 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. For info. or to register, call 1-888-234-1294 or visit their website, [www.mnsafetycenter.org](http://www.mnsafetycenter.org).

## Comic ventriloquist to perform at Staples Public Library Jun. 27

### Family-friendly program open to public

Comic ventriloquist James Wedgwood will perform at the Staples Public Library Thursday, June 27 at 2 p.m., bringing with him his outrageous characters and hilarious audience participation.

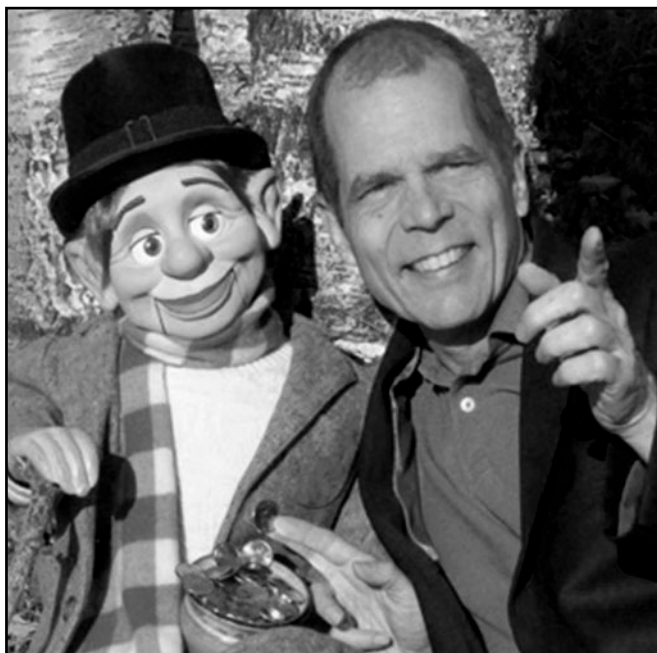
The family friendly program is sponsored by the Great River Regional Library, Staples Motley Area Arts Council and the Arts & Cultural Legacy Grant.

Wedgwood has performed across the country at a variety of venues. His ventriloquist act has been featured on The Statler Brothers Show, The Crook & Chase show; and he's opened for a number of national acts including Glen Campbell, Jeannie C. Riley and Janie Fricke.

He first began honing his skills as a ventriloquist at age nine, after receiving a Danny O'Day ventriloquist doll from his aunt for Christmas.

He continued to learn and practice this ancient art form throughout his childhood, and gave his first performance at a variety show when he was in the eighth grade.

After earning a degree in theatre from Indiana University and winning "Best Actor in Indianapolis" from the Indianapolis



James Wedgwood, comic ventriloquist

Encore Association, Wedgwood moved to the Twin Cities where he acted, did commercials, performed with Dudley Riggs 'Sunday/Monday Company' and even tried his hand at stand-up comedy.

His boyhood love of ventriloquism was rekindled when he met an agent who said, "Put an act together and I'll get you some work."

And work he has. Since then he performed at countless corporate events, state and county fairs, col-

leges, libraries, schools and theatres across the country. In recent years, he won first place at the Jackpot Junction Casino talent competition.

Wedgwood continues to hone his craft to this day, working hard to maintain his reputation as, "The most fun you can have without moving your lips."

Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St. NE. For more information about this free event, call 218-894-1401.

## 'History in Your Backyard' lecture series

A lecture series highlighting the historical moments of Sylvan, Rosing, Fairview and May townships and the cities of Pillager and East Gull Lake, otherwise known as 'The Pillager Gap,' will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month throughout the summer at Sylvan Township Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The lectures include:

- June 25 - The First Inhabitants. Mike North, presenter.
- July 30 - Early Non-Native Settlers. Mike

North, presenter.

- Aug. 27 - Red River Ox Cart Trails. Ron Miles, presenter

- The 1862 Uprising. Don Wedll, presenter.

- October (TBA) - The Gull River Lumber Company. Jeremy Jackson, presenter.

The lectures are sponsored by Sylvan Township and Pillager School Community Education. Most evenings will also include a panel discussion following the presentation. Refreshments will be served.

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## Mark Your Calendar

### June 19

**STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG** Wed., June 19, 5:30 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. Public invited.

**BRAINERD CHAPTER #738 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES MTG** Wed., June 19, Skillet, NE Brainerd. Social, 11:30 a.m.; lunch at noon. Presentation by Vicky Foss from the Arboretum. Bring a friend.

### June 20

**WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG** Thurs., June 20, 7:30 - 9:45 p.m., Wadena VFW. Jim Lizakowski, caller; Rita, cuer. For info., 320-760-6043.

### June 22

**JUNE FEST IN MOTLEY** Saturday, June 22, all day event, beginning with a Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. Parade, kids games, wings competition, car show, lumberjack shows, water wars, mechanical bull riding, street dance, fireworks.

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**12:30pm**

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(Registration starts at 12:30,  
Pull is at 1:30, Converse Park)

**BRASS BAND "RUSTY CRAYFISH"**  
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**1:30pm**

**Bean Bag Tournament**  
Ten Hi Parking Lot

**2:30pm**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT WATER WARS**  
Converse Park Baseball Field

**3pm**

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# Golfers show potential at state meet

By Mark Anderson  
Managing Editor

The two Staples-Motley state golfers played well at times at the state meet, but were not consistent for the entire two rounds and finished slightly lower than their expectations.

Beck Erholtz finished in a tie for 27th place in his second state tournament, after finishing 14th last year. In the girls state meet, Adriana Dickey landed in a tie for 61st place in her first state appearance. Both girls and boys played at Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan June 11-12, playing 18 holes each day.

Erholtz was playing well early on the first day with a birdie on the seventh hole, but a poor ninth hole ballooned his score. He scored two more birdies on the second nine, on 13 and 16, but again a couple of bad holes drove his first round score up to 81, after averaging in the mid to low 70s this season.

“His game just lacked his

usual sharpness and the balls that would normally fall for him were tough to get in the hole,” said Cardinal Coach Heather Erholtz, also Beck’s mother.

On the second day, Erholtz was more consistent with fewer holes over par, but he also didn’t score any birdies like he had the first day, finishing with 12 pars and six bogies for a 78.

“After such an excellent season and previous experience at state, I know Beck is very disappointed in his appearance,” said Coach Erholtz. Last year Beck finished in 14th place at state. “He is a pleasure to watch play the game and managed to remain very poised through some poor outcomes. He expects more of himself, so I am counting on him to do the work it takes to avoid not having his best golf with him at all times.”

Dickey also played better the second day. She finished the first round with a 97, scoring two pars for the 18 holes. But

she showed resiliency and started day two with a par, picked up two more on the front nine and two on the back nine and finished with a 92.

“Adriana’s trip to State as a freshman is a huge advantage for her future competitive years,” said Coach Erholtz. “Announcing your name to the first tee, the large crowds and formality, it can be very intimidating. Managing those circumstance is half the battle.”

Despite having scores slightly higher than her average, Coach Erholtz said “I know she left feeling optimistic that this experience has her ready to raise the bar for her upcoming season. The course is challenging and the rainy conditions didn’t make it any easier. Adriana is athletic. She hit a lot of really good shots, but is aware that her greatest improvement opportunity is around the greens.”



## Going for the flag at state golf meet

Adriana Dickey chips a shot onto the green at the state golf meet. (Submitted photo)



## Concentration on the state course

Beck Erholtz fires a fairway shot during the state golf meet. (Submitted photo)

# The push for more women anglers

By Ray Gildow

I have long been an advocate for getting more girls and women involved in fishing. The vast majority of folks running boats on our lakes and rivers are still guys. But that is slowly starting to change thanks in part to some unique clubs for women and the introduction and growth of high school fishing teams with a real growth in girl participation.

There are many reasons that women have had a hard time breaking into the ranks of anglers. Of course, there are many girls and women who fish with family members, but I am talking about the single woman who is left out when it comes time to go fishing. It could be a divorce, a husband who doesn’t like to fish, or those who just simply can’t afford to buy the equipment. For a woman who has never pulled a boat to



## The rewards of fishing

Melissa Albers with a nice trout. (Submitted photo)

a public landing, the idea of backing up a boat into the lake for the first time is very intimidating. There is help out there and for a woman who really wants

to fish in any season of the year, all it takes is an email or a phone call to make a connection and get the ball rolling.

See **ANGLERS** on page 7a



## 14U JO Volleyball

The Staples-Motley 14U JO Volleyball team that competed this spring.

Jayne Kobliska and Alli Olander; Back row, Arissa Brandt, Grace Jennissen, Front row from left, Veronica Barnes,

Emilya Case and Caitlyn Jasmer.



## 13U JO Volleyball

The Staples-Motley 13U JO Volleyball team that competed this spring, front row from left, Kyra Stangle, Madalynn Beto, Shantell Bennett and Isabella Olander; back row, Gabby Case, Ellie

Moulton, Emali Jimenez, Steffany Sullivan, Ashlyn Vogel. Not pictured: Jessa Schwichtenberg. (Submitted photo)



From mosquitos to caddis, a bug for every season

It came up during a FaceTime phone session on Father's Day, one of those communication things my kids are far better at than their technology-challenged father. Though it's not quite in-person, seeing your child's face and smile half a continent away while she conveys Father's Day good wishes to you is pretty amazing.

I had passed the phone to my son, who—as a father, but able to be with us—was similarly receiving her good wishes. I heard him sharing with his sister what had taken place at the family cabin during their weekend visit. He was telling her that the annual eruption of mayflies—“fish flies,” some call them—was in full swing. He shared how the grass between the cabin and the lake was so thickly carpeted that they crunched underfoot with every step, that they clung to every wind-sheltered nook and cranny of the house, and the trunks of the tall pines on the west property line looked like they had grown hair, so thick were these two-inch long mayflies. And then he added: “But dad likes ‘em!”

I have to confess that I'm “a bug guy.” I have always been attracted to insects. When I was young I was an equal-opportunity entomologist, extending my interest to butterflies, beetles, grasshoppers, stinkbugs and many others. Insect study unfortunately involves the demise of any specimens you collect, the insects ending up impaled on a common pin in a cigar box or some other display container.

The “démising” required that you expose the insect to something lethal in a “killing jar.” It sounded technical, but was generally nothing more exotic than a pickle jar with a lid, some cotton or other absorbent material in the bottom to hold the killing agent, with a cardboard layer above to keep the condemned insect from

being ruined as a specimen. Carbon tetrachloride, “carbon tet,” was the recommended killing agent, used in dry cleaning and some fire retardants. Because it's so toxic its availability was restricted, and not something a young person could easily get his hands on. Casting about our home for something I thought might serve as a substitute, I settled on rubbing alcohol. Its smell seemed toxic enough to me.

I discovered that alcohol was not the effective insect killer I'd hoped for when some of the specimens I had immobilized in the jar and mounted on pins revived, and began moving their tiny legs in a futile attempt to escape. It was creepy, to say the least, and I felt genuine remorse at having inflicted cruel and unusual punishment on another creature, notwithstanding the fact they were “just” insects.

Though I long ago ceased capturing and impaling insects, I've never stopped being fascinated by them. I imitate some with thread and floss and fur and feathers in creating lures to catch panfish, bass, and trout, the imitation depending on the time and place, and which natural insect might be around. These imitations include various sizes and colors of mayflies—like the aforementioned fish fly—as well as grasshoppers, spiders, caddis flies, and others.

Apart from the angling dimension, I find myself fascinated by insects for the diverse and amazingly adapted creatures they are. They occupy every environment imaginable, above and below ground, and above and below the water. They're the foundation of many food chains, feeding fish, birds, small mammals; even a few especially adventurous humans.

Because I'm on the lookout for them, I find each insect marking the passage of weeks and months from spring through fall. As is stated so well in the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, “there is a season” for everything, including things as humble as insects.

Some are a mixed blessing. In mid-May I began noticing the presence of mosquitoes. I found this especially true where dense foliage gave them cover to hang out when not looking for blood, or for a

mate. This included a woodland where a trout stream I regularly fish meanders. In order to tolerate fishing, mushroom hunting, or any other activity, liberal use of repellent became an unfortunate but necessary precaution.

Late May and the early days of June saw the arrival of June bugs, those shiny brown beetles about the thickness and length of the first joint of your finger. They seasonally emerge from the earth where they've spent several years as a squirming white grub. They're drawn to lights in the darkness, which explains why we often find them liberally sprinkled on our steps, sidewalks, and driveways in the morning where none were found the day before.

Mid-June has brought the first major hatches of mayflies. Though one of these is the so-called “fish fly,” there are many kinds found in lakes, rivers and streams, with hatching cycles timed to their own particular season. Their underwater form is a bottom-dwelling, crawling

creature called a nymph. It swims to the surface when the time is right, breaks out its underwater shell, and is transformed into a delicate flying form with gauzy, transparent wings and several long, hair-like tails. After emerging, they typically alight on trees or other vegetation, or—where we've changed the landscape—on docks, boats, or buildings.

A day or so later, the mayfly goes through a second transformation, again breaking out of its skin as a fully mature male or female. They swarm above the water, find one another, fertilize the female's eggs in-flight, and those eggs are either dropped or deposited into the water to begin another cycle, which is likely to be a year-long before it's repeated. Fish in both lakes and streams feed on mayflies when they're emerging from the water, and when they've mated and are depositing their eggs.

I've fished for panfish and bass in lakes during these mayfly emergences,

and for trout in streams. Anglers are at a disadvantage because the fish have a lot of the real thing to choose from, rather than the artificial you're offering them. But when they're actively feeding on the surface you don't have to guess where they are, or what they're feeding on!

The “fish flies” on our lake have pretty much run their course. As I watched their numbers on land and their swarming above the water diminish day by day, I began to notice the first empty shells of dragonfly nymphs. They, too, live most of their life underwater, in this case as a crawler much more robust than a mayfly.

Under the water they're fierce predators on other insects, and even very small fish. When dragonfly nymphs emerge from the water to transform into adults, they crawl out onto land rather than swimming up and transforming on the surface as mayflies do. Also unlike mayflies—which live as adults for no more than several days—adult dragonflies may live

for several months, each one endearing itself to us by the many mosquitoes it eats.

It won't be long before we begin to see emerging caddisflies. These, too, will be of several varieties adapted either to lakes or to flowing water, living underwater lives while immature, then brief periods of life in the world above as adults. Their cycles of emergence and mating are more extended; some continue to be available over periods lasting many weeks. Caddis are also an important food source for fish, especially in trout streams.

As full summer arrives, and fall looms not far in the future, we'll begin to see grasshoppers. In late summer and early fall we'll again see more mayflies, this time a variety that is almost microscopic compared to the massive “fish flies” of June.

When it comes to insects—and the seasons-long parade of many different kinds—my son's assessment was spot-on: “Dad likes ‘em.”

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

**Staples Alliance**  
1512 8th St. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2891  
Pastor Bob Hepokoski  
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 11:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
AWANA ..... 6:15 p.m.

**Assembly of God**  
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-1081  
Pastor Roy Miles  
Discipleship Class ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Prayer ..... 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May  
Sonlight (Kids Program) ..... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
Youth Group ..... 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
27343 490th St., Staples ..... 218-894-2609  
Pastor Barry Klein  
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org  
Bible School (youth and adult) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

**First Congregational Church, UCC**  
firstcongouvccstaples@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  
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  
Church .....  
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz  
Youth and Young Adult Ministry  
Coordinator:  
Monica J. Simmons ..... 218-414-0081 cell/text  
MASS:  
Thursday and Friday ..... 8:30 a.m..  
Saturday ..... 5:00 p.m..  
Sunday ..... 8:30 a.m.

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples  
218-894-0033  
Saturday Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Sabbath School ..... 9:30 a.m.

**Thomastown Covenant**  
15940 251st Ave., Staples ..... 218-894-3923  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Trinity Lutheran**  
1000 4th St. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2372  
Rev. Robin Collins  
Sunday Divine Service ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Class ..... 10:30 a.m.

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

**Aldrich**  
**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  
www.bethanylutherancushing.org  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and  
Coffee Fellowship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Pancake Breakfast ..... 11:45 a.m.  
2nd Sunday, each month

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

**Cushing Baptist**  
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing  
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 ..... 11:00 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.

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

Motley

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

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

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

**United Methodist**  
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley ..... 218-352-6466  
Pastor Greg Leslie  
www.motleyumc.net  
Sunday Worship Service ..... 9:00 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 Mathew 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 Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.  
Phone ..... 218-746-3839  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY ..... 7:00 p.m.

**First Baptist**  
903 River Street South, Pillager  
Pastor Jake Anderson  
218-746-3768  
curious@fbcpillager.com  
Worship Gathering ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Connection Point ..... 9:30 a.m.  
(serving coffee and donuts)

Hewitt

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

**Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN  
Pastor Robin Fish  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.

**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  
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley  
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Pastor Greg Leslie  
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  
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard  
SUNDAY  
Discipleship Classes ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Prayer ..... 9:20 a.m.  
Coffee / Fellowship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY  
6:00 p.m. .... Meal ..... 6:30 p.m. .... Groups

**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 Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225  
Sunday Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.

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Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW)

The Minnesota DNR has a wonderful program called “BOW,” Becoming an Outdoor Woman. This is a course that teaches women how to fish, hunt and do other things in the outdoors. Two of the instructors are good friends of mine Mandy Uhrich and Judy Koep. These two experts can do anything that any man can do and often better. To get more information on this program go to the DNR website for details.

Women Anglers of Minnesota is an organization that has been in business for 42 years and is one of the clubs that was inducted this year into the Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame. WAM is an organization that provides opportunities for women and children to participate in the sport of fishing and improve their fishing skills to fish for a variety of species. Members in the group come from across the nation and Canada. They can be contacted at: www.womenanglersmn.com. There are other organization in Minnesota and Wisconsin that focus on helping women learn how to fish.

My daughter, Melissa Albers, has a son and husband who both love to fish. But she has always felt it

would be fun to fish with some of her women friends who also enjoys fishing. So, this spring she joined Women Anglers of Minnesota and started by fly fishing for steelhead trout in the Duluth area. She has fished with members of WAM and has had some success but mostly she has really enjoyed learning the art of fly fishing and meeting so many wonderful women who also love to fish.

If you are a woman or young girl who wants to learn how to fish and meet wonderful new people there are organizations out there just waiting for your phone call.

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“Hearing Voices in an Age of Noise”

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

It takes a lot of intentionality and concentrating focus to really tune in to and track with what a person is saying to you. Cluttering noise, both external and internal, muddies the listening waters of communication. There is a huge difference between being somewhat aware of physical audible sounds of processing the “what” of that which has just been said.

Having experienced three, three-day silent retreats in the past, only then was I in a situation to realize how much internal noise in my head had to be arrested before “coming down” to a mode of true listening in silence. You may have come across what I had to have pointed out to me that the words “listen” and “silent” share the same letters.

The tenth chapter of John is a fascinating chapter in the Bible for several reasons of what Jesus shares. For the purposes of this devotion, I am taken in by Jesus addressing the important matter of being aware of conflicting or counter “voices” (messages) that we need to not only notice, but also responsibly process with a deep value-laden discernment.

In John 10, Jesus speaks of people with the imagery of being sheep. Jesus refers in John 10:4 that His true followers “know His voice.” This in contrast to “the voice of a stranger.” The “voices” are not equal in value. What Jesus

says and directs is life-giving. What the stranger says is destructive, no matter how enthralling and enticing it is. This is the question to each one of us: Which voice am I listening to in the way I am living my life? That question is simple to write, but not necessarily easy to live.

I have an older mentor, whose wife is a psychologist, who suggests compassionately asking in the consequential struggles of life due to our poor life choices: “How’s that been working out for you?” We may be able to help people connect the cause and effects of living.

We must remember in Scripture that Satan, the devil, is no mere onlooker in our lives. He is the ultimate “stranger” and Jesus goes on to call Him the adversary and enemy In John 10:10, Jesus calls Satan out as the one who “steals, kills and destroys.” But, oh how well he disguises himself as your buddy. Like in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve, his “voice” sounds so engaging and he promises the fleshly world to you. (Significantly, he is nowhere to be found when it comes to “paying the Piper” of listening to him).

Please take quiet, undisturbed time to figure out which “voice” you are listening to. When Jesus talks, He also walks with you no matter the cost of “listening” to Him.

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## Student Achievements

**MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE (M STATE)** has announced its academic honors for the 2019 Spring Semester. The President's List includes students who earned a semester grade point average of 4.0; and the Dean's List includes students who earned a semester grade point average of 3.5 - 3.99. Students also must be enrolled in at least six credits of college-level coursework. Local students named include:

- Motley - Eric Kossan, President's List; Anna Bloomquist, Hailey Halvorson, James Nistler, Dean's List.

- Pillager - Robert King, President's List; Isaac Thomsen, Dean's List.

- Staples - Jerome Barrett, Luke Funk, Ashley Hull, Jailyn Manuel, Allison Olsson, Alyssa Thompson, President's List. Sarah Barrett, Kelsie Lindaman, Sherman Sheets, Joseph Weishalla, Anna Wuollet, Dean's List.

**CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOORHEAD** has announced its 2019 Spring Semester Honors List. To qualify, students must carry a minimum of 12 semester credits and have a grade point average of at least a 3.7 on a 4.0 scale. Local students named include:

- Torrence Salcido, Staples
- Grace Wolhowe, Staples

**DOMINIQUE KUECHLE**, Staples, has been named to the 2019 Spring Semester Dean's List at St. Cloud Technical & Community College. To qualify, students must achieve at grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99.

**ERIC LISSON**, Staples, has been named to the 2019 Spring Semester President's List at St. Cloud Technical & Community College. To qualify, students must achieve a grade point average of 4.0.

**REYD JORDAN**, Staples, has been named to the 2019 Spring Semester Dean's List at the Minnesota Community and Technical College. To qualify, students must have completed nine or more credits with a 3.00 or above grade point average.

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**MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD** has announced its Dean's List for the 2019 Spring Semester. To qualify, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.25 or higher while completing a minimum of 12 graded credits. Local students named include:

- Jordyn Card, Staples
- Shania Glenz, Staples
- Kali Klimek, Motley
- Brian Sterriker, Staples

- Rebecca Swartz, Motley.

**MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE** has announced its 2019 Spring Semester Graduates. Local students named include:

- MacKenzie McGree, Motley, Cosmetology

- James Nistler, Motley, Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning Refrigeration

- Jerome Barrett, Staples, Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning Refrigeration

- Alexander Jensen, Staples, Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Austin Lund, Staples, Massage Therapy

- Sherman Sheets, Staples, Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning Refrigeration

- Joseph Weishalla, Staples, Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning Refrigeration.

**JENNIFER DOLEZAL**, Staples, was recently named to the 2019 Spring Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica, Duluth. To qualify, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

**CHARLES TESTER**, Staples, was recently named to the 2019 Spring Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica, Duluth. To qualify, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

**JENESSA IVERSON**, Staples, was recently named to the 2019 Spring Dean's List in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota Duluth. To be eligible, students must have a 3.50 minimum term grade point average and 12 graded credits.



## Virgil Collison

Virgil Collison, 86, of Staples, passed away February 22, 2019, at the Lake-wood Health System Care Center.

Services will be held on his birthday, June 27, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., at Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley, with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating.

Interment will be at Poplar Cemetery.

Virgil was born June 27, 1931 in Poplar Township to Elmer and Cora (Dague) Collison. He was a truck driver for ElRay in Motley for 40+ years. Virgil loved fishing, hunting, horses and truck driving.

Virgil is survived by three daughters, Marlene, Sue and Cindy; two sons, Curt and Albert; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings, Larry, Russ, Bob, Marion, Agnes and Ronnie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wives Virginia and Marcella; one daughter, Linda; one son, Jerry; one grandson, Laurence; two brothers Earl and John; one sister, Delphine. Virgil is missed by all of his family, friends and relatives.

Arrangements by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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## Hello World

**BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:**

Born to Aimee Tagtmeier and Bryan Martinson of Brainerd, a baby girl, Peyton Lee weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on June 7, 2019.

Born to Kayla and David Fink of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Avery Belle weighing seven pounds, five ounces on June 9, 2019.

Born to Brittney and Wade Norberg of Randall, a baby girl, Willa Sue weighing nine pounds, six ounces on June 10, 2019.

Born to Stephanie and Kevin Haverinen of Menahga, a baby girl, Elissa Rene weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on June 11, 2019.

Born to Katie and Blake Sweney of East Gull Lake, a baby boy, Emmitt Leon weighing seven pounds, one ounces on June 11, 2019.

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**BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:**

Baby girl, Aleania Lynn Wanous, was born on June 8, 2019, to Lindsey Wallace and Stephen Wanous of Staples at Tri-County Health Care hospital, Wadena. She weighed eight pounds, six ounces. Proud grandparents are Wendy, Tammy and Sandy.

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## Obituaries



## Richard Nichols

Richard Nichols, 78, of Kannapolis, NC, formerly of Staples, passed away surrounded by family on May 26, 2019 at the Tucker Hospice House in Kannapolis.

A service was held at the home of his son and daughter-in-law on June 1, 2019.

He will be laid to rest in Minnesota at Fort Ripley at a later date.

Richard was born September 15, 194 to Monroe and Beatrice (Smith) Nichols in Staples. He grew up in Staples graduating from high school in 1958. He joined the army in 1960 and served in Germany and Vietnam. He married his first wife in Germany in 1961; he then married Margo Anderson in 1972.

Richard worked many jobs around Staples. He worked with his father and brother at Nichols Service Center until it was sold. He then worked at Stern Rubber, Coast to Coast and later, Crestliner Boats Works in Little Falls until his retirement in 2002.

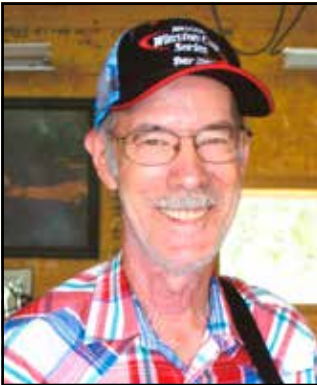
Richard spent his retirement years on 40 acres north of Staples where he enjoyed walking in the woods, feeding the numerous animals and checking the trail cameras. He enjoyed hunting with his family and friends until the dementia became worse. He and his wife moved to North Carolina to be near grandchildren.

Richard is survived by his wife, Margo; two daughters, Christa and Helga of Germany; two sons, Richie of Santa Ana, CA and Ron (Michele) of Concord, NC; five grandchildren, Jana of Germany, Alexis, Kendra, Tyler and Alyssa of NC; one sister, Jeanette Hardy of Milaca; one brother, James Nichols of Wadena; brothers-in-law Hugh Anderson of AZ and Bill Anderson of WI; sisters-in-law Barbara Anderson AZ and Gye Anderson of WI and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and many aunts and uncles.

Cremation services were provided by the Boston Mortuary of Charlotte, NC.

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## Jack Harkcom

Jackie "Jack" A. Harkcom, 79, of Staples passed away on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Visitation will be held Monday evening from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Jack was born on September 7, 1939 in Wadena to Lillian Bain. He attended school in Staples and Wadena where he was a golden glove boxing champion. Jack furthered his education in the metro by becoming a machinist and obtaining his pilot's license. He then moved back to Staples and helped his mother build a house and later moved to a nearby farm. He worked as a machinist in Staples for many years. Jack was united in marriage to Jacqueline Larsen on September 7, 1984 at Faith Lutheran Church. His hobbies included playing music, restoring antique radios and lawn mowers, riding horses in local parades and building a tiny town, little village and railroad.

Jack is survived by his loving wife, Jacqueline; children, Patrick Harkcom, Jeff Harkcom; stepchildren, Donald Mudick, Jr., Alex (Susan) Griffith, Augie (Todd) Kresge and Allen Griffith; one brother, Dennis Harkcom; five grandchildren, Daphne (Josh) Christenson, Travis (Felicia) Myerchin, Kelsey (Mark) Baker, Jeremy Myerchin, Leighton Griffith; four great-grandchildren, Elijah Christenson, Isaiah Christenson, Elliana Baker, and Amaya Baker.

He is preceded in death by his mother; grandparents, Charles Bain, Daisy Bain; stepdad, Lloyd Harkcom; stepson, Charles Harkcom and sister, Sandra Mertens.

Arrangements are with the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples.

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## Kenneth Becker

Kenneth Becker, 89, of Staples passed away on June 13, 2019.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, June 17, 2019, 11:00 a.m., with Fr. Tom Becker and Fr. Gabriel Walz concelebrating.

Interment was held at the Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Kenneth was born March 3, 1930, in Turtle Creek Township, Todd County, to Louis and Anna (Host) Becker. On October 26, 1950, he married Mary Lee Martin at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. Ken was a dairy farmer his whole life. He enjoyed farming, playing cards and was a proud grandpa and great grandpa. He was an active member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church as well as the Knights of Columbus.

Ken is survived by his wife Mary Lee; nine children: Catherine (Lloyd) Fellbaum, Jeanne (Larry) Odden, Scott (Sheila) Becker, Barb (John) Reese, Connie (Mike) Odden, Terry (Bill) Kavanaugh, Judy (Don) Lisson, Carol (Al) Lisson, Mike Becker; 49 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren; one sister Clara Johnson; sisters-in-law Darlene (Rolly) Gode, Mary Becker and brother-in-law Ray (Angie) Martin.

Ken is preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Sue Pearson and Kristi Becker; one grand-daughter, Stephanie Pearson; two great-granddaughters, Grace Becker and Ella Odden and eight siblings, Helen Biermaier, Mildred Becker, Lucille Hoelscher, Rita Jubert, Barb Holmquist, Dick Becker, Fred Becker and Margie Zins.

Arrangements were with the Iten Funeral Home - [itenfuneralhome.com](http://itenfuneralhome.com).

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## Summer butterfly wings and things

It was summer fun at the Staples Library Monthly Storytime in June. The kids read fun stories, decorated a paper

plate butterfly followed by a snack provided by Friends of the Library. The next Storytime is Wed, July 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Stop in or call the library to register. The programs are listed at [www.griver.org](http://www.griver.org) or follow us on Facebook.

Above: The children display the butterflies they made; left to right: Edward Owen and William Trout with Chris Trout, Ava Moore, Ella Engebretson, Willow Hines, Roman Ross-Sullivan and Nova Huhn. (Submitted photo)

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Arvig employees gathered for a group photo.

## Arvig named a 2019 Top Workplace in Minnesota

Arvig is one of the 2019 Top Workplaces in Minnesota, according to the Star Tribune's annual survey. For the third consecutive year, employees have provided feedback that rates Arvig as one of the best companies to work for in Minnesota.

The top workplace distinction is based on survey responses from more than 140,000 employees at Minnesota public, private and nonprofit organizations. The survey measures employee engagement, organizational health and satisfaction.

"We're honored to once again be recognized as a Top Workplace in Minnesota," said David Arvig,

Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Arvig. "This recognition is a testament to our nearly 900 dedicated employees who create an outstanding work experience here at Arvig. The great culture employees have created makes coming to work every day enjoyable; and I am proud to know that Arvig employees feel this is a top place to work."

Star Tribune Publisher Michael J. Klingensmith said, "The companies in the Star Tribune Top Workplaces deserve high praise for creating the very best work environments in the state of Minnesota. My congratulations to each of these exceptional compa-

nies."

Arvig was also recognized as a Star Tribune Top Workplace in Minnesota in 2017 and 2018.

To qualify for the Star Tribune Top Workplaces, a company must have more than 50 employees in Minnesota. Over 2,000 companies were invited to participate. Rankings were composite scores calculated purely on the basis of employee responses.

A complete list of those selected is available at [StarTribune.com/topworkplaces2019](http://StarTribune.com/topworkplaces2019) and was published in the Star Tribune Top Workplaces special section June 16.

## Lions Club learns about Sheriff's drones

By Staples Host Lions Club

### April & May Notes

The Staples Host Lions meet the first and third Mondays of the month. Meetings are held at the Lions building on the south side of town. Ask a member about the Lions.

Todd County Sheriff Steve Och and Deputy Lonnie Marse presented a program on the drones they are planning to purchase. They hope to purchase two drones, one large and one small, to aid in rescue related tasks. The large drone has the capability to carry small items such as a life preserver or a rope. The smaller drone can be flown inside a building for surveillance. The drone would be outfitted with infra-red technology for search and rescue. The Todd County Sheriff's department doesn't have a K9 unit and relies on neighboring counties for drone assistance. The drones would be deployed in the squad cars for immediate access. Lions Clubs in Todd County have pledged most of the \$20,000 for the project.

The Christmas light displays have been removed from Pine Grove Park. Storage hangers have been made and installed to hold the displays until next year. A committee will be organized in June to start planning for the event next winter.

Highway cleanup was delayed a week from April 15 to April 24 due to the last snow storm. About 15 Lions participated in the cleanup. Burgers and beverages were shared at Twisted Sisters after the event.

In April, the Staples Host Lions donated \$100 for the Great River Regional Library. Purchased a table at the Lakewood Foundation Dinner/Auction, contributed \$3,000 toward Staples Motley Summer Rec programs, provided \$350 for the Motley Staples Middle School Field trip, and pledged \$500 to the Todd County Sheriff's Drone Project.

Rob Jasmer was installed as a new member. He was sponsored by Henry Shornack. A Lion's welcome and a Staples Host Lions vest were awarded at the induction ceremony April 15.

The MD5M convention was held April 25 thru 27 at Mahanoma with Secretary Frank Leidenfrost attending.

Officer's training was held at the Staples Motley cafeteria on April 23. About 20 area Lions officers were presented with the latest programs and leadership guides. Mike Cramer, District Governor, chaired the event.

On May 6, the Lions hosted the annual "High School Senior Recognition" night. Graduating SM seniors with a relative in Lions were treated to a pizza dinner; a Staples-Motley hoodie and some good

Lions fellowship.

The May 20 meeting was held at Twisted Sisters with over 50 members and guests attending. The 2019 officers were inducted and annual awards presented. Zone Chair Frank Williams presented Lion Tom Crawford with the MD5M Hearing Fellowship from the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation, PDG Amy Leidenfrost presented Lion Tom Honek with the Dream Catcher award from the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, PDG Frank Leidenfrost presented Lion Tom Honek the LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship. Congratulations to Tom and Tom for their service to the community.

May approved contributions include \$250 to the Beyond Poverty Group to help fund City Cleanup, \$500 to the CARE Ministry for their Back to School Program, \$500 to the Staples EDA for the Paint the Town Project, and \$500 to the City of Staples for the Bike Rodeo Safety Program.

White Cane Day was held May 3 with a total of \$1,351 raised for the Host Lions and '93 Lions clubs.

Lions Mike Gedde, Tom Crawford, Dave Burnham, Frank Leidenfrost, Randy Beinhorn and Steve Benson grilled and served for the Hooted on Fishing event. The kids had fun and fish were caught and released.



## The gardens they are a-growin'

Linda Bartylla of Motley watered plants at the Motley Community Garden June 11. She shares a plot with Judy Thorsett and they planted a variety of vegetables about four or five weeks ago, including tomatoes, green beans and

peas, onions and potatoes. Bartylla said the gardens offer plenty of sunshine and she appreciates being able to use water from the nearby food shelf during times of little rain. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

## Staples Police report

On June 3, Staples Police received a theft report from the 400 block of 7th Street NE. A package was delivered to the residence and was stolen sometime during the day of June 3.

On June 4, Staples Police received a counterfeit bill that a person stated they found in their yard and turned into a bank. The bank did not know who the person was.

On June 5, Staples Police responded to the Staples Depot for a report of an intoxicated Amtrak passenger who was causing a disturbance. Police stood by as an Amtrak employee asked him to exit the train. Police assisted the subject by giving him a ride to a hotel.

On June 5, Staples Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at NAPA. A 2014 Ford Focus was stolen from the parking lot.

On June 6, Staples Police responded to a report of a two vehicle crash at the intersection of 2nd Avenue NE and 6th Street NE. One vehicle was attempting to make a u-turn in the inter-

section and struck a truck pulling a trailer. No injuries were reported. One vehicle was towed from the scene by Scotts Southtown.

On June 6, Staples Police received a counterfeit \$100 bill with Chinese lettering on the back from a city resident who stated that he found it lying in his yard.

On June 6, Staples Police responded to the Lakewood Hospital for a report of a suicidal subject in the parking lot. Police spoke with the subject, and they agreed to enter the hospital for a mental health evaluation.

On June 7, Staples Police responded to a report of a fire on the 1200 block of 8th Street NE. The Wadena County Sheriff's Department responded, as Staples Police were investigating another incident. It appeared that the suspect had thrown a bottle containing a flammable liquid onto the street, which was on fire. The Wadena County Sheriff's Department was able to extinguish the fire and it

did not appear that anything was damaged.

On June 8, Staples Police located two juveniles who were found to be spray painting public property and were out after curfew. After a short foot chase, police cited both juveniles and they were transported home and released to their parents. During the investigation, police also found a third juvenile was involved, and the subject was also cited.

On June 8, Staples Police received a report of an ATV complaint on the 400 block of 2nd Street NE. Police made contact with a juvenile subject and a parent, and advised them on ATV usage and on the city ordinance regarding noise.

On June 9, Staples Police assisted the Minnesota State Patrol and the Todd County Sheriff's Office with searching for a subject who fled from the scene after rolling their vehicle on US Hwy 210 near Shady Road.

## GI bill transferability changes you need to know about in 2019

Veterans Notes  
David A Anderson  
Wadena County Veteran  
Service Officer

Earlier this year, the Pentagon changed the rules for troops who want to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to their dependents. Most notably, the new policy will end transfers for service members who have been in uniform longer than 16 years, starting in July 2019. It also immediately put an end to previous exceptions that have allowed certain service members with more than 10 years in uniform to transfer the benefit without committing to serve four more years, including those who were unable to continue serving because of mandatory retirement or high-year tenure. Defense Department officials have said the changes are "to more closely align the transferability benefit with its purpose as a recruiting and retention incentive."

"With these updates, the department addresses the intent of Congress

and ensures the benefit is available for future service members," DoD spokeswoman Jessica Maxwell in an email. She said the policy change will impact about 9 percent of active-duty service members, National Guardsmen and reservists. The changes have been hotly contested by lawmakers and veteran advocates, and after pushback, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis announced in September that none of the changes would apply to wounded warriors. Active-duty troops who have earned a Purple Heart for wounds in combat are now allowed to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to their family members whenever they want. But more recently, Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., has introduced legislation that would scrap the DoD's recent changes all together and open GI Bill transfer to veterans who did not have dependents while on active duty.

In July, the Pentagon announced a new, controversial GI Bill transfer policy for troops who want to pass on the benefit to

their dependents, creating a lot of concern and confusion among service members, veterans and their families. So what, exactly, are the changes? And who is and is not affected? We take you back to the beginning. Meanwhile, long-serving troops who want to transfer their GI Bill benefits to a spouse or child should plan on doing so before the July deadline kicks in. "We understand that it will take some time for service members and their families to decide on transferring benefits, so by giving them a one-year window, we believe it will give them ample time to gather information and make decisions," Maxwell said. [Source: Military Times Natalie Gross December 31, 2018 ++]

As always see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at [david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us](mailto:david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us) and as always have a great week.



## June migration

A group of geese flies over the Vintage golf course in Staples in early June. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

### Street Maintenance Laborer

Applications will be accepted by the City Council for a Street Maintenance Laborer position for the City of Appleton.

Deadline is 5:00 pm, Friday, June 28

A full job description and application materials can be found at the city's website:  
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# Motley-Staples Middle School Honor Roll

Term 4

## A Honor Roll

### Grade 7

Camden Anderson, Keller Anderson, Shantell Bennett, Isabel Birkholtz, Alex Black, Anna Brown, Kyanna Burton, Gabrielle Case, Addisyn Cichos, Destiny Dukowitz, Tucker Fitzgerald, Tiana Gonzalez, Genevieve Groetsch, Emali Jimenez-Kloeckl, Macy Knudson, Gaberial Koval, Emery Lorber, Zachary McIlravy, Sabina Moe, Elliana Moulton, Adam Nienow, Jr., Amy Rollins, Lauren Ruitten, Brayden Salcido, Eli Smith, Kyra Stangle, Steffany Sullivan, Cole Tetlie, Carson Trantina, Ashlyn Vogel, Owen Winter.

### Grade 6

Estella Bock, Jack Carlson, Andrea DiGiovanni, Sawyer Ferdon, Laken Hines, Olivia Lorber, Jessica Lundquist, Axel Mertens, Peyton Mithun, Corinne Olson, Madison Opatz, Olivia Opheim, Logan Robben, Benet Robinson, Nathaniel Rubink, Miranda Schotzko, Alexander Schultz, Skyler Self, Jade Storry, Benjamin Tyrrell, Lilly Tyrrell, Heidi Zimmerman, Kierra Zivkovic.

### Grade 5

Mason Albertson, Summer Anderson, Mason Birkholtz, Audrey Brownell, Owen Carlson, Annabella Cory-Wolfe, Isabelle Dobson, Adrian Gomez, Ariana Imgrund, Jorja Kobliska, Cecily Moe, Annie Schlosser, Alaina White.

### Grade 4

Corben Berg, Allison Dukowitz, Conner Heifort, Bella Hines, Thomas Johnson, Justin Olson, Carter Sarbaum, Evan Schultz, Chloe Trantina, Gracie Wolpert.

## B Honor Roll

### Grade 7

Conner Anglin, Nicole Beach, Kaylee Birkholtz, Brandon Bursch, Eli Carlson, Caden Dobson, Kenzie

Erickson, Devon Fishman, Brooke Hansen, Carson Johnson, Makenzie Radueg, Cash Rau, Gabriel Ritter, Andrew Salcido, Jessa Schwichtenberg, Olivia Vogt, Bailey Weiland, Kassity Williams.

### Grade 6

Sophie Albie, Kattera Barnhart, Taylor Beach-Seeley, Grant Bestland, Elijah Blue, Morgan Capistrant, Gavin Chenoweth, Drake Dukowitz, Cadynce Ferris, Bailey Frisk, Jaden Johnson, Grace Koskinemi, Ellen Lange, Naila Mikhaeil, Brianna Mitchell, Steven Petrich, Aliza Qureshi, Israel Ritter, Dillan Robben, Hayden Rutherford, Bradyn Smith, Kristofer Taylor, Kora Wells, Aidan Winter.

### Grade 5

Ashton Anderson, Sadye Anderson, Katriane Beach, Turner Beachy, Brynn Bestland, Luke Bjerga, Annavaha Blacketter, Avandre Brandt, Charles Dabbs, Abigail Dobson, Emmalee Dobson, Eli Dumpprope, McKenzie Fletcher, Addison Fonteyn, Alissa Hageman, Zachary Harvey, Myles Heldt, Peyton Jares, Josie Jennissen, Reid Judd, Chelsie Kampa, Conner Kuhns, Matthew Larsen, Noah Larson, Pamela Lawrence, Carson Mertens, Mason Michael, Raina Mikhaeil, Alissa Miller, Sophia Misner, Xander Moench, Rylee Nielson, Reed Olds, Zofia Ostrowski, Giselle Polkow, Kiya Pope, Mariah Sullivan, Britta Sweeney, Skyla Tepley, Adelaide Toepper, Kyra Wolpert.

### Grade 4

Emersen Bettis, Leigh-ton Bettis, Ayden Blue, Chase Blue, Josiah Burton, Gavin Cowles, Lillian Czechowicz, Lily Davis, Serenity Hangge, Jacob Hansen, Madelyn Kist, Jocelyn Lenk, Suhaila Mikhaeil, Samuel Olsen, Kyleena Rudlang, Sophie Schlosser, Logan Serich, Charles Simkins III, Lilith Tester, Paige Warren, Kylie Wenzel, Daniel Zimmerman.



## LEAP honored by Todd County Development Corp.

The Todd County Development Commission (TCDC) gave their Community Appreciation Award to LEAP, a nonprofit based in Staples. The award was brought to the LEAP board meeting in May, where TCDC Executive Director Rick Utech presented the award to LEAP Board Chair Tim Rice. "All city should have a group like this, We would like to replicate this in every Todd County community," said Utech. Pictured,

front row from left, Mike Schmidt, Jim Hofer, Sally Gorton, Paige Lenk and Sue Nanik; back row, Mark Anderson, Jerel Nelsen, Melissa Radermacher, Tim Rice, Rick Utech, Lani Roberts, Judy Richer, Tricia Jasmer and Britney Bursch. Other LEAP members not pictured: Chris Etzler, Tom Kajer, Alex Lisson, Mary Kobliska, Jef Cichos, Chad Coauette, Lisa Jenkins and Nichole Larson.

# Staples-Motley High School Honor Roll

Staples-Motley High School recently released the end of year Honor Roll.

## A Honor Roll

**12th Grade:** Jack Adamietz, Jeffrey Allen, Andrew Bates, Jack Benson, Kiera Dumpprope, Ryan Gerard, Jorie Ihme, Amy Michel, Trenton Plopper.

**11th Grade:** Owen Bjerga, Marie Brings, Isaac Christoffersen, Izaiah DeMars, Juanita DeWald, Kaila Erbe, Jaydon Friedel, Issac Kronenberg, Benjamin Olander, Alexandra Peterson, Riley Peterson, Rylie Rau, Brandon Rubink, Cade Schmidt, Kaitlyn Smith, Alana Sullivan, Morgan Swecker, Joshua Trantina, Jack Tyrrell, Isabelle VanAlst, Ryan Wick, Emmitt Winkels.

**10th Grade:** Tabetha Allen, Emmet Anderson, Payton Bjerga, Alex Brings, Rebecca Brown, Jose Cuetera Valazquez, Abigail DiGiovanni, Beck Erholtz, Rose Han, Brooke Heldman, Jady Kincaid, Mary Lund, Alex McIl-

ravy, Torii Nienow, Elizabeth Noble, Libby O'Neil, Tanner Robben, Samuel Sauber, Jr., Ava Schneider, Amber Shequen, Kimberly Stachowiak, Maxwell Strikland, Kira Sweeney, Alexis Tweeter, Mikayla Williams, Cole Winkels.

**9th Grade:** Morgan Becker, Drew Berg, Leah Bestland, Elizabeth Dukowitz, Bo Erholtz, Evelyn Gonzalez, Francesca Hanson, Brookelyn Huisenga, Madysen Hull, Sivert Klefsaas, Addison Lorber, Cassidy Radueg, Malaya Reem, Klaire Storry, Jaydyn Vogel.

**8th Grade:** Grace Allen, Luke Bates, Lucas Brownell, Amanda Carter, Nicole Carter, Riley Dabbs, Camryn Ferris, Isabelle Halvorson, Jayce Kobliska, Allison Olander, Nathaniel Ritter, Ashley Robben, Aften Robinson.

## B Honor Roll

**12th Grade:** Caitlin Becker, Joshua Carlson, Danielle Carpenter, Bentley Christensen, Brayden Christensen, Amyah

Converse, Blayne Dumpprope, Del Eckman, Shaine Guggenberger, Matthew Iaquinto, Brittney Lissou, Shaine Magnuson, Spencer Miller, Evan Nanik, Nancy O'Rourke, Hailey Owen, Emily Roberts, Sophia Roberts, Chastity Runge, Lilian Schneider, Jakob Stangle, Scout Strickland.

**11th Grade:** Alexis Beach, Jackson Berg, Ashley Black, Elizabeth Boyer, Jasmine Braith, Mariela Gallardo-Reyes, Tyler Gosch, Marlene Hinrichs, Jonah Johnson, Hunter Klimek, Elizabeth Kobliska, Thomas Koval, Amber Longworth, Isabella Martin, Tyson Miller, Gabriel Misner, Ashley Mitchell, Heileigh Mollner, Paul Peterson, Jeremy Stultz, James Vold.

**10th Grade:** Cassidy Barthel, Haley Cichos, Tanner Clark, Hannah DeWald, Jenna Dvorak, Alexander Giza, Elena Gomez Orzechowska, Hannah Heschke, Devon Losh, Connor Macheel, Charlyze Martin, Katherine Michel, Adam Ober-

lander, Kyler Ottomoeller, Tyler Pierce, Alexander Sulga, Logen Weite.

**9th Grade:** Tristan Banta, Brooke Beto, Chandler Braith, Lyle Brownell, Brooke Converse, Adriana Dickey, Andria Dolezal, Dominic Gomez Orzechowska, Corey Hansen, Connor Judd, Allison Knosalla, Ryan Larson, Iain Sams, Joshua Schimpp, Amber Sullivan, Jacob Trantina, Alex Vernon, Morgan Ward.

**8th Grade:** Lily Albertson, Evan Allen, Briana Bendson, Keegan Bestland, Topanga Braith, Emilya Case, Elizabeth DiGiovanni, William Dolezal, Bronte Enyart-Martinez, Megan Franzen, Keegan Harvey, Sarina Huepenbecker, Corrine Japke, Caitlin Jasmer, Grace Jennissen, Cyril Johnson, Blake Knudson, Georgia Kruchten, Seth Larson, Landon Mertens, Madden Roberts, Isaiah Schultz, Trinity Seamann, Taylor Serich, Jason Trantina, Meghan VanAlst, Austin Weite.

## When is a septic system inspection needed?

Submitted by  
Todd County Planning & Zoning

A common question received by Todd County Planning & Zoning staff is what triggers the need for a professional septic inspection? Todd County Planning & Zoning requires that a compliance inspection be completed if applying for; a building permit involving a bedroom addition; dwelling replacement; a variance or Conditional Use Permit or when a property transfer takes place. Regular inspections triggered in this manner help ensure that systems throughout the county are

functioning as intended. Inspectors will conduct a visual inspection of the septic tank and the drain field to determine if the septic system meets Minnesota Pollution Control Agency requirements. If everything looks good, they will issue you a report of compliance that is considered valid for three years. If the system fails to meet MPCA requirements, the system would need to be updated or repaired within one year.

Regular monitoring and scheduled maintenance by homeowners helps ensure that your septic system works correctly and protects you, your neighbors and our natural

resources. If you are a homeowner with a private septic system, there are a few things you can do to help ensure your septic system operates as it should. These include having a licensed professional pump and clean your septic tank every two to three years, monitoring the water use in your home and making sure that nothing goes down the drain that could harm your system such as non-degradable items, excessive use of household cleaners, etc. Additional information on septic system operation can be obtained at MN Pollution Control's web site [www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us)

## Cover crops for flooded acres

While farmers have the best intentions of planting crops in a timely manner to insure full production and protection of the natural resources, sometimes the weather throws us a ringer. The abnormally cool wet season has left some farms with acres that can't be planted to the planned crops.

If these acres have had

site prep done to prepare for planting (some form of tillage) they are even more prone to erosion and a healthy crop of weeds. Farm programs require that all noxious weeds are controlled. This could be done with multiple tillage passes (more erosion) or you could build your soil organic matter and prevent erosion by planting cover crops. Deep rooted tillage radish and turnips can help break compaction and take up nutrients holding in the surface layers rather than leaching into ground water. Adding a small grain to the mix will reduce erosion and reduce weed pressure. Check with your NRCS office if you need assistance designing a mix to meet your needs.

Also check with Farm Service Agency and your crop insurance for other program requirements. Remember minnesota seed law prohibits purchasing bin run grains to be used for seed unless it has been properly tested.

The use of cover crops touches several of our resource concerns.

Look for future articles about soil quality and the other resource concerns or visit the local NRCS office for more information.

Russell Kleinschmidt, 320-732-6618 ext. 3 Natural Resources Conservation Service 607 9th St. NE, Long Prairie MN 56438

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# Todd County Commissioners Minutes

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 7, 2019

### Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 7th day of May, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kneisl. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Becker.

### Approval of Agenda

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda with the removal of item 4.3 Hire a Part-time Jailor (JH) and addition of 5.8 Adopt Resolution In Support of Legislative Change Regarding Election Equipment.

### Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2019 as presented.

### GAMBLING PERMIT - HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Holy Family School through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Holy Family School to hold a raffle event at the Diamond Point Steakhouse & Lounge in Birchdale Township at the address 12818 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN on August 9, 2019.

To approve the hire of Josh Crider as a part-time jailor effective May 7, 2019 at a Grade 6, Step 1.

### Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the April 2019 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900299 through 900319 in the amount of \$286,363.99, (Manual) 509 through 509 in the amount of \$792.35 and (Regular) 233494 through 233625 in the amount of \$388,090.30 for a total of \$675,246.64.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400204 through 400223 in the amount of \$9,862.37 and (Regular) 51369 through 51484 in the amount of \$78,044.28 for a total of \$87,906.65.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 515031 through 515058 in the amount of \$70,952.28 and warrants number 704895 through 704967 in the amount of \$83,393.96.

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

### 2019 MEMORIAL DAY APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, Todd County has budgeted for 2019 an appropriation to support the expenses for conducting Memorial Day Services by organizations within Todd County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the 2019 payment of \$10 to the Evergreen Cemetery Association of Long Prairie for the care of County lots in said Evergreen Cemetery; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to approve the payment of \$50 to each

regular organization of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries in Todd County to support the payment of expenses in connection with the proper observance of Memorial Day Services conducted within Todd County and the amount to be paid by warrant to each organization provided that in cases where any of the above mentioned do not have an organization, the amount will be paid to the organization conducting the Memorial Day Service.

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

### 2019 SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, Todd County has budgeted for 2019 an appropriation of \$200 per Senior Citizen Center in Todd County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the 2019 payment of \$200 for each Senior Citizen Center located in Todd County.

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

### TO DESIGNATE THE WEEK OF MAY 19 – 25, 2019 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WEEK

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 19 - 25, 2019 as

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

With the theme, **EMS Strong: Beyond the Call** and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

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

### TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE TODD WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUND FOR THE

### 2019 ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, The 2019 Budget for Todd County's support to Todd Wadena Community Corrections has been approved at \$426,976; and

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Todd Wadena Community Corrections requesting for the allocation of funds from the General Fund to be provided;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$426,976.00 from Fund 01-General Revenue to Fund 75-Todd Wadena Community Corrections.

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

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGE REGARDING

### ELECTION EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, Very important election law changes are being considered by the Minnesota Legislature that are needed for the efficiency and integrity of the elections process which are outlined in the Minnesota Association of County Officers' (MACO) 2019 Legislative Platform, that cover such areas as cyber security and updating election administration processes and technology; and,

WHEREAS, all Minnesota counties, including Todd County, have a unique and critical role in the local, state, and federal election process; and,

WHEREAS, this role includes the responsibility for ballot layout and printing as well as the purchase and maintenance of election supplies and equipment, including modern and easily accessible voting equipment and technology; and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota House of Representatives omnibus Government Operations and Elections Policy Committee bill (HF 1935) includes the assistive voting technology upgrades and related ballot printing options of HF 1098, and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Senate omnibus State Government and Veterans Finance bill (SF 2227) does NOT include these important provisions; and,

WHEREAS, including the specific provisions of HF 1098 (SF 1566) in the State Government Conference Committee Report will allow Todd County along with its municipalities, and many other Minnesota counties, the ability to utilize new technology that will make our voting process more secure, more efficient and more effective for voters, including the disability community and administrators; and,

WHEREAS, this language provides for more options in assistive voting equipment which will enhance vendor competition thereby benefitting taxpayers by reducing costs; and,

WHEREAS, Organizations representing Minnesota citizens with disabilities recognize the value of this legislation and support its adoption; and,

WHEREAS, Without legislative action Todd County along with its municipalities, and many other Minnesota counties, will not have the option of replacing outdated assistive voting equipment and updating ballot marking and printing equipment with new and more efficient and secure technology compatible with their invested election infrastructure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners supports provisions of Minnesota House of Representatives House File 1098 (SF 1566) to accomplish the objectives stated above,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the leadership and strong support of our Todd County legislative delegation members in the House and the Senate to secure adoption and final

passage of these vital and cost effective provisions in the State Government omnibus Conference Committee Report during the 2019 Legislative Session.

### County Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Tim Leach to clean ditch and to replace a private crossing on County Ditch 20 on parcel 19-0001400, Moran Twp Section 2.

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

### Hold Harmless Agreement - Private Crossing - County Ditch 32

WHEREAS, Black River Farms LLC is requesting to install a new crossing on parcel 24-0017600 located on CD32. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority; and;

WHEREAS, an onsite inspection has been done; a Wetland Application has been submitted to the TEP; and;

WHEREAS, the crossing will be a minimum of a 36" culvert that will be 20' long. The culvert will be placed at original ditch bottom elevation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Black River Farms LLC to install a new culvert crossing into CD32, on their own property, at their own expense.

### PACE/Todd County Development Corporation

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the joint powers agreement with the Port Authority of St. Paul Property Assessed Clean Energy Program.

Commissioner Becker joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

### Health & Human Services

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann against: To approve the request to hire one social worker for the Comprehensive Re-entry program.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve notification to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Todd County's intent to administer and deliver the Energy Assistance Program for FFY 2020.

### Administration

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Loren Fellbaum as the Todd County Engineer for the period of May 7, 2019 until April 30, 2023.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the job description for the Soil and Water, Planning and Zoning Division Director position.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To sign the letter of partnership with the Census Bureau.

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

### A resolution creating a Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census in Todd County

WHEREAS, April 1, 2020 is Census Day for the United States of America pursuant to Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, an accu-

rate census is essential for the allocation of representatives with the legislative bodies of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Minnesota State Legislature and within Todd County; and

WHEREAS, Correct appointment of Federal dollars for health, education, transportation, child and elder care, emergency preparation and response, public and social support programs of all kinds depend on complete and accurate age, population and other ethnic and demographic information gathered every ten years; and

WHEREAS, accurate census information is critical to planning for future growth, development and social needs of Todd County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners desire to create the Census 2020 Complete County Committee for the purpose of planning and conduction local initiatives and promotional activities to increase community participation in the 2020 Census.

The Census 2020 Complete County Committee Guidelines are as follows:

### Section 1. Census 2020 Complete County Committee.

There is hereby created the Todd County Census 2020 Complete County Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Complete County Committee" which shall consist of up to seven (7) members. The complete Count Committee shall be appointed by the County Coordinator, led by the County Census Liaison, and shall try to include representation from each of the following community groups: Business, Religious Groups, Education, Community Organizations, Media and Minority Groups.

Section 2. Term of Service. The committee chairperson and committee members shall be appointed to serve for a term to continue through June 2020. For cause stated in writing, the County Coordinator may remove a member of the Complete County Committee.

Section 3. Duties and Powers. The Complete County Committee shall be a working committee charged with the responsibility of planning and conducting local educational initiatives, as well as publicity and promotional activities to increase community participation in the Census. Activities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Handle the creation, printing and distribution of posters, flyers, handouts and printed material for use by the media and others.

- Prepare materials for public service announcements on radio and television.

- Speak at public forums and meetings, fraternal organizations, business organizations and schools for the purpose of promoting and informing people of the census.

- Create census messages in utility bills, grocery bags, monthly billing statements and payroll checks.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Lilah Grippe as the Todd County Liaison to the Census Bureau.

### Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer Office reported on projects in progress including the finance committee preparations, a conference call with Senator Gazelka regarding election legislation and the upcoming Staples-Motley School District special election on May 14, 2019.

### Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

### Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on meetings attended and projects in-

progress.

### Recess

Chairperson Kneisl recessed the meeting until May 21, 2019.

| AUDITORS WARRANTS           |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Vendor Name                 | \$ Amount    |
| CLIFTON LARSON              |              |
| ALLEN, LLP.....             | \$4,500.00   |
| EBSCO INC.....              | 215,599.34   |
| LP SANITATION INC.....      | 4,434.03     |
| REGENTS OF THE              |              |
| UNIV OF MN.....             | 33,916.62    |
| TODD CO AUD-TREAS.....      | 7,248.78     |
| VERIZON.....                | 3,480.75     |
| 28 PAYMENTS LESS            |              |
| THAN \$2,000.....           | 11,185.62    |
| AMERICAN HERITAGE           |              |
| BANK.....                   | 2,136.00     |
| COUNTIES PROVIDING          |              |
| TECHNOLOGY.....             | 6,316.00     |
| COUNTRYSIDE REST.....       | 6,507.20     |
| FLEET SERVICES/             |              |
| WEX BANK.....               | 5,334.56     |
| METRO SALES INC.....        | 3,995.00     |
| MORRISON COUNTY.....        | 26,454.75    |
| PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A..... | 7,120.00     |
| PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI          |              |
| SOLID WASTE AUTH.....       | 78,672.00    |
| RANGER CHEVROLET.....       | 29,611.70    |
| SHIRLEY'S GAS &             |              |
| GROCERIES.....              | 2,092.33     |
| STEP.....                   | 9,071.94     |
| 28 PAYMENTS LESS            |              |
| THAN \$2,000.....           | 10,998.13    |
| AMERICAN HERITAGE           |              |
| BANK.....                   | 33,365.11    |
| CARD SERVICES               |              |
| COBORNS.....                | 2,084.06     |
| HEALTH PARTNERS             |              |
| DENTAL.....                 | 4,061.82     |
| MINN. POWER & LIGHT.....    | 14,123.08    |
| MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....     | 6,230.50     |
| STAPLES SPORTS.....         | 27,591.00    |
| 31 PAYMENTS LESS            |              |
| THAN \$2,000.....           | 13,008.05    |
| AMERICAN HERITAGE.....      | 10,715.78    |
| CENTERPOINT ENERGY.....     | 3,202.69     |
| MINNESOTA UI.....           | 2,085.10     |
| STAPLES ADVANTAGE.....      | 3,683.91     |
| TODD TRAILS ASSOC.....      | 35,148.92    |
| TOWN OF LESLIE.....         | 17,540.33    |
| VOYANT COMMS, LLC.....      | 3,586.81     |
| 22 PAYMENTS LESS            |              |
| THAN \$2,000.....           | 11,959.00    |
| 1 PAYMENTS LESS             |              |
| THAN \$2,000.....           | 792.35       |
| HEALTH PARTNERS             |              |
| DENTAL.....                 | 4,428.30     |
| TODD CO AUD-TREAS.....      | 7,248.78     |
| VERIZON.....                | 3,415.61     |
| 11 PAYMENTS LESS            |              |
| THAN \$2,000.....           | 2,300.69     |
| Total.....                  | \$675,246.64 |

| COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS  |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Vendor Name             | \$ Amount |
| ALLSTATE PETERBILT      |           |
| OF ALEXANDRIA.....      | 3,345.11  |
| AMERICAN SOLUTIONS      |           |
| FOR BUSINESS.....       | 5,746.39  |
| GIZA PLG & HTG INC..... | 2,277.81  |
| LONG PRAIRIE            |           |
| MACHINERY CO INC.....   | 7,403.93  |
| MCCC, MI33.....         | 5,626.38  |
| MN DEPT OF TRANS.....   | 3,366.20  |
| MOTOROLA.....           | 9,887.50  |
| NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP..... | 3,587.31  |
| TURNKEY/THREE           |           |
| SQ. MARKET.....         | 4,880.80  |
| 127 PAYMENTS LESS       |           |
| THAN \$2,000.....       | 41,785.22 |
| Total.....              | 87,906.65 |

| HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Vendor Name                      | \$ Amount   |
| DHS - SWIFT.....                 | 56,591.50   |
| ITEN FUNERAL HOME -              |             |
| BROWERVILLE.....                 | 3,500.00    |
| PERISH/ALAN.....                 | 2,020.01    |
| ROY/ETLAND FUNERAL               |             |
| HOME - OSAKIS.....               | 4,200.00    |
| 69 PAYMENTS LESS                 |             |
| THAN \$2,000.....                | 17,082.45   |
| Total.....                       | \$83,393.96 |

| Vendor Name                   | \$ Amount   |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| CENTRAL MN MENTAL             |             |
| HEALTH CTR.....               | 2,450.00    |
| DHS - ANOKA METRO             |             |
| RTC - 412.....                | 31,024.00   |
| DHS - MSOP-MN SEX             |             |
| OFFENDER PROG.....            | 5,781.50    |
| DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472..... | 9,036.50    |
| LUTHERAN SOCIAL               |             |
| SERV OF MN - ST PAUL.....     | 5,108.02    |
| MID MINNESOTA                 |             |
| DRUG TESTING INC.....         | 2,924.00    |
| NORTHERN PINES                |             |
| MENTAL HLTH CTR INC.....      | 4,136.90    |
| PAYMENTS LESS                 |             |
| THAN \$2,000.....             | 10,491.36   |
| Total.....                    | \$70,952.28 |

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held May 7, 2019 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on May 21, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal:

Gary Kneisl,  
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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The proposed facility will consist of 4,196 Swine over 300 pounds, 3,325 Swine between 55 and 300 pounds, and 480 Swine under 55 pounds. There will be eight (8) barns (two [2] will be eliminated), two (2) earthen basins, and the dead animal compost facility. The total animal unit capacity will be 2,699.9.

This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as

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Published in the Staples World  
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Any claims submitted after the initial 90-day period will be barred, subject to some statutory exceptions..

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### NOTICE OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staples City Council gave an ordinance its first reading empowering the City to sell City-owned real estate in the City of Staples, County of Todd, State of Minnesota. The property is located North of Michigan Ave. NE and West of 12th St. NE. A full legal description is available at the City office during normal business hours.

The second and final reading will be considered at the June 25, 2019 Staples City Council meeting.

Dated: June 19, 2019  
Diane Archer, City Clerk  
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# Barn quilt trail passes the century mark

There are now over 100 barn quilts on the Barn Quilts of Central MN trails. The 100th barn quilt, “Farmer’s Daughter” was just added to the Staples trail at 603 Spruce Road.

Every barn quilt has a story and “Farmer’s Daughter” is no exception. The barn quilt was made by Jill Schneider for her parents, Jerry and Lois Kneisl. Jill grew up on a farm near Eagle Bend and loved being a farmer’s daughter. The story gets even more interesting because Lois and Jerry bought their home from Mel Wiens when they moved to Staples in 2017. Mel and Lorna Wiens had two of the first barn quilts in this area, “Contrary Wife” (located now at Bruce & Bev Nelson’s) and “Contrary Husband” (located now at Living Legacy Gardens). Jill, as

the art instructor at Staples Motley High School, has helped many high school students make 33 barn quilts that are located throughout the trail.

The 101st barn quilt, “Pinwheel” went up at Rita and Gary Stracek’s home at 38657 County 21 near Browerville. Rita and Gary had the first registered barn quilt “Stars & Stripes Forever” on the Barn Quilts of Central MN trail.

Barn quilts can be registered on the trail by contacting Lisa Kajer at 218-894-2906. A new barn quilt trail map is in the process of being made with funding from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, however, an updated list can be found at the website: barnquiltsmn.org or at the Staples Depot.



## Barn quilt #100 has family connection

Jill Schneider, center, with her parents Lois and Jerry Kneisl, with the 100th barn quilt on the Quilts of Central MN trail. The name of the quilt is “Farmer’s Daughter.” (Submitted photo)

## Breakfast on the Farm shows where your food comes from, the real side of farming

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ages the planting of the crops, he hires a lot of it out to the Rowe Brothers who do custom planting and harvesting for him.

As the operation grew, the parlor also changed from a double 9 to a double 12, meaning they can milk 24 cows at one time.

### Showing the Real Side of Dairy

Lunemann enjoys hosting the Breakfast on the Farm program for the fact that he can promote the good things about the dairy industry.

“This is a people business, too, and I want people to understand what we do,” he said.

Lunemann is a past president of the Minnesota Milk Producers, a position he held for nine years. He now serves on the board.

Currently, he chairs the Minnesota AgriGrowth group. It is his third year in this position.

**Farming is About Faith**

Lunemann said that

while he has some freedom during the day, it is tough to be gone for very long from the operation.

“I rely on the long-term employees to get things done. There is a lot of faith involved—faith in the employees and other things,” he said. “Farming is not for the faint of heart.”

One constant besides his family on the farm has been Beth Gagnon-Ruegger who is the assistant manager.

“She worked with us even before we built this facility,” shared Lunemann. “We are like her other family.”

Diane Gjerstad is his office assistant which allows him to get out of the office Saturdays and Sunday evenings.

“We work closely with ProAg, too, especially with Marcus Meiners the agronomist,” said Lunemann. “We’re fortunate it’s three miles away.”



## Lunemann family gathering

The Pat and Jody Lunemann family has grown over the years, just like the farm has. Pictured, front row from left: Barry Lunemann, Brandon Emmons holding Arabella Emmons, Breanne Lunemann holding Hawthorne Lunemann, Piper Lunemann and Jody

Lunemann. Back row: Jami Lunemann, Megan Larson, Reid Lunemann, Deandra Lunemann, Alex Lunemann, Jake Lunemann, Taylor Lunemann, Sarah Anderson, Pat Lunemann. Not pictured is new grandbaby Katherine Lunemann.



## Raising the cattle in comfort

The youngest calves start out in individual hutches to make sure they get the care and attention and nutrients they need to get a great start on their lives.



Sourcewell staff gathered in October for an all-employee retreat in Staples.

## Sourcewell Places in Top 150 Workplaces in Minnesota

Sourcewell is being named a Top Workplace in Minnesota by the Star Tribune, taking first place in the training category and sixth overall in the midsize business category.

The award recognizes the most progressive Minnesota companies or organizations with a staff of 50 or more people and is based on employee opinions measuring engagement, organizational health and satisfaction. Over 2,000 companies were invited to participate, and the analysis included responses from more than 140,000 employees. The rankings in the Star Tribune Top 150 Workplaces are based on survey information collected by Energage, an independent company specializing in employee engagement and retention.

“This is quite an honor and recognition for our entire team,” said Sourcewell Executive Director and CEO Dr. Chad Coquette. “We have been intentional in creating and growing a culture that supports our organizational mission. We hope this, in turn, will

continue to help us attract and retain great service-driven team members. This award validates the progress we are making, and we commit to getting better every day.”

This is the fourth year Sourcewell has been honored as a Top Workplace in Minnesota and the second as a Top 150 Workplace. In the last 12 months, Sourcewell has added 45 employees – currently bringing its staff up to 181.

Jake Denning joined Sourcewell 10 months ago, looking for a positive change to improve the life of his family. Denning now serves as the Membership Communications Specialist at Sourcewell.

“I have always had a passion for helping others, and Sourcewell exists to serve those who serve others,” Denning said. “The culture here is truly incredible. From the moment I walked through the door for my first interview, I could sense that the Sourcewell team truly cares for one another.”

Denning said he continually receives the care and

support he needs to give 100 percent to his position.

“Management provides the tools necessary for my colleagues and I to become successful leaders and maximize our potential. Work doesn’t feel like work at Sourcewell and I am so happy to come to work every day.”

Sourcewell, based in Staples, Minn., is a self-supported government organization, partnering with education, government, and nonprofits to boost student and community success. Created in 1978 as one of Minnesota’s nine service cooperatives, Sourcewell offers training and shared services to its central Minnesota members. Throughout North America, the organization also offers a cooperative purchasing program with over 325 awarded vendors on contract.

A complete list of those selected is available at [StarTribune.com/topworkplaces2019](http://StarTribune.com/topworkplaces2019) and was published in the Star Tribune Top Workplaces special section June 16.

### 126th Wadena County Fair

June 20-23, 2019

**Thursday, June 20**

7pm Mutton Bustin' (Grandstand)

8-12am The Music Doctor DJ/Karaoke (Beer Garden)

**Friday, June 21**

7pm Central MN Bulls-N-Barrels (Grandstand)

9pm-1am Dirt Road Dixie (Bandshell)

**Saturday, June 22**

6pm RRVP Truck & Tractor Pull (Grandstand)

9pm-1am Midwest Mayhem (Bandshell)

**Sunday, June 23**

1pm Demo Derby & Enduro Race (Grandstand)