

Gourley Bros. LLC, Osakis becomes research facility for PRRS and other swine issues

Todd County Board of Commissioners
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The Todd County Board of Commissioners had several questions to ask of Attorney Jack Perry of Briggs and Moran Professional Association related to a Conditional Use Permit amendment for Gourley Bros. LLC/Gourley Premium Pork LLC of Osakis.

The questions were in relation to the facility's request to amend the existing CUP to increase the

existing feedlot from 1,412 animal units to 1,875.8 animal units for a Swine Research and Development Facility.

The following conditions were set:

1. The operators of this site stay current and are required to follow all applicable rules and regulations from federal, state and local units of government.
2. Continue to follow and maintain the conditions that were established for the original CUP
3. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and 7,020 reporting mechanisms including air quality exemption requests, spills, and annual reports must be submitted to the Todd County Feedlot program every year.
4. Submit an updated Mortality Management Plan for review recommendation, and/or approval by Todd County and the Minnesota Board of Animal Health. Install any necessary components.

Commissioner Randy

Neumann began with the question of what type of research they would be doing and if they intended to send any piglets to Iowa (at another Gourley Bros. farm) for finishing?

Perry then came before the board to help answer the questions as best he could.

He said that the research would all be done under rules that are established and controlled by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The research will include a gene study related to the Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS pronounced purrs) virus which only affects swine.

Perry said that there is a gene in swine that can be eradicated to cure the disease.

PRRS is the number one virus affecting swine at this time, according to Perry.

The facility plans to put up chain link fencing to keep other animals and



High tech swine research facility

Gourley Premium Pork, LLC near Osakis may be the most important swine facility in the world. —Facebook photo

people from entering the facility and interfering with the testing.

“We are trying to solve a disease that is killing pigs,” said Perry.

To answer Neumann’s

second part of the question, Perry said that no pigs can be shipped from the facility at all until the FDA approves it.

Neumann asked if the beds were large enough

to hold more pigs if they brought more in?

Perry said that it was and that they would be rearranging things within

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Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
July 31	77°	56°	Sunny
Aug. 1	81	61	Sunny
Aug. 2	80	60	Cloudy
Aug. 3	80	59	Showers
Aug. 4	80	58	Sunny
Aug. 5	79	55	M. Sunny
Aug. 6	75	53	Sunny

Last Year, 2018

	High	Low	Cond.
July 31	75°	58°	Sunny
Aug. 1	68	57	Cloudy
Aug. 2	76	69	Sunny
Aug. 3	69	56	Rain
Aug. 4	71	62	Cloudy
Aug. 5	84	64	Sunny
Aug. 6	81	68	Cloudy

Average Temp.:
H = 82° Low = 67°

Total Rain
Last 7 days: 1.20"
2019: 14.65"

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Old Wadena Rendezvous August 10, 11

By Tom Crawford

Want to try a canoe trip on a river?

How about square dancing, or pottery making? Or perhaps you are interested in having your own barn quilt on your house or another building?

If any of these ideas interest you, consider attending the Old Wadena Rendezvous and Chautauqua event August 10 and 11. It is an annual event held every August for the past 29 years at the Old Wadena County Park, located about seven miles north of Staples on the Crow Wing River.

Chautauqua classes will include barn quilt making (with charge for materials, Sunday only), pit-fired pottery, square dance lessons (Saturday only) and a guided canoe adventure on the Crow Wing River (Sunday only), along with several other classes. The classes are free but class sizes are limited.

At the same time, area artisans will be demonstrating numerous skills, including birch bark canoe making, wheel thrown pottery, blacksmithing, wood carving, bee keeping and many other interesting arts and crafts. The Crow Wing Muzzleloaders, reenactors who demonstrate

the fur trapping lifestyle prior to 1840, will be back for the rendezvous, along with the ever-popular Baby's Fry Bread food tent.

If all that isn't enough to keep one on an even keel, there should be something on the nearby Old Wadena stage to satisfy the musical soul. Back from several previous appearances are the popular duo of Curtis and Loretta, musicians from the Twin City area who play a host of instruments and combine voices in a delightful blend of folk, bluegrass, and spirituals. Appearing for the first time at Old Wadena are the Purple Hulls on Sunday, a bluegrass group with lots of instruments.

There is an admission fee for adults for the Rendezvous event. There is no charge for any classes. There is a materials fee for the barn quilt class. Call 218-371-6403 with any questions, fee information or go to: oldwadenarendezvous.org

Following is a full description of events planned for the 29th annual event.

Performance Schedule

Saturday, August 10

10:30 a.m. Jake Kaehne - Traditional Ojibwe Flute

11:30 a.m. Scandinavian folk music with the Sons

and Daughters of Anders

1 p.m. Dave Virnala - ballads and folk songs

2:30 p.m. Curtis & Loretta - original music and folk music of America and the British Isles with vocals, harp, guitar and mandolin.

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Beth Kern, Face painting

Sunday, August 11

10:30 a.m. Jake Kaehne - Traditional Ojibwe Flute

12 p.m. Dave Virnala - ballads and folk songs

1 p.m. Purple Hulls - bluegrass vocals with mandolin, banjo and bass

2:30 p.m. Curtis & Loretta - original music and folk music.

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Beth Kern, Face painting

Chautauqua class schedule

Pit Fired Pottery - Cheryl Bannes and Sandra Daulton Shaughnessy (Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

The art of the birch bark canoe - Roy Boessel Jr. (Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Square dance with the Wadena Whirlways (Saturday at 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Writing songs about real people - Loretta Simonet (Saturday 12:30 p.m.)

American Indian Flute - Jake Kaehne (Saturday and Sunday 11:30

a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

Barn Quilt Painting - Cynthia Buckholz (Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.-pre-register 218-371-6403)

Ukulele workshop - Curtis Teague. Bring your instrument (Sunday at 12:30 p.m.)

Canoeing the Crow Wing with Bob Schafer. Meet at Old Wadena campground, travel to Bullard's Bluff and canoe with Bob to Old Wadena park (leave from Old Wadena campground on Sunday at 9 a.m. to travel to Bullard's Bluff. Bring your canoe, paddles, life jackets, etc.)

Artisans

Saturday and Sunday unless otherwise indicated

Wheel thrown pottery with Lowell Bayerkohler

Blacksmithing with Mike Hoffman

Using native plants to make dried arrangements with Joan Meyer

Beekeeping and the importance of bees with Dan Kern

Making cornhusk dolls with Jen and Jim

Poland

Woodcarving with Neil Gregory

Lacemaking with Gayle Johnson

Building a birdhouse with Jon Hamberg

Rope making with Ray Baune

Building a Birchbark Canoe with Roy Boessel Jr.

BB Gun Safety with Darlys Hamberg

Bill Smith and the A.M. Soap Company

Beth Kern, face painting

Naturalist interpretations

Flora and Fauna of Old Wadena with Dick Oehlenschlaeger (Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m-4 p.m.)

Old Wadena Watershed interpretive talk - TBA

Chautauqua classes

1. Ukulele workshop

Curtis Teague will lead a hands-on workshop, teaching American style ukulele. Learn to play three simple songs. Bring your own ukulele. Hand-

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John Lee

Raymond Shea



School activity fees waived, Tappe stresses participation

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Staples-Motley students will no longer pay fees to participate in activities, including sports, music and performing arts.

Superintendent Shane Tappe said the decision was made to improve academics.

“Data shows students who are active and involved do better in school,” said Tappe.

The decision was suggested at the board's Finance Committee meeting. The only fees students might pay are for classes and activities that may have project costs, such as art or shop classes.

Board member Bryan Winkels had a question about the trap shooting team, in which students can choose to attend the state meet.

High School Principal Mike Schmidt was at the meeting and said they do make a difference between state events that participants have to qualify for and events that they choose to attend.

The board also heard a proposal to change the eligibility rules for extracurricular activities.

The changes will be in the school handbook to be approved at the August school board meeting.

Tappe said the proposed change will still require all students to have their grades checked every two weeks, which was suggested by the teachers. But to remain eligible, students will have to have a passing grade, above an F, to remain eligible for activities. The previous rule required a C-minus to remain eligible.

“This is something that can be easily administered

and easily communicated to parents,” said Tappe.

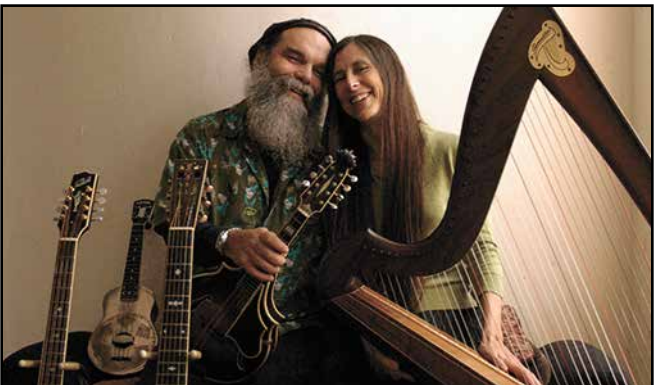
The eligibility check will be done on grades for each quarter. If a student has an F or an incomplete that turns into an F, they will be ineligible for two weeks or two events, depending on the activity. With more failing grades, the student will get more ineligible time. If a student fails a class in the fourth quarter of the school year, they will be ineligible for the first activity the following year.

Board member Greg Frisk said he thought the punishment was unfair, depending on the activity, noting that if someone is ineligible for two events of the one-act play, for instance, it would basically be the whole season. Even among sports, he said that in cross country, two weeks

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Barn quilt painting



Curtis & Loretta



Purple Hulls

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Excited for their grand opening August 13

The staff at Little Cardinals Academy Family Center in Motley is excited for their grand opening Tuesday, Aug. 13, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., featuring “Oh, the Places You’ll Go!” and other Dr. Seuss favorites. Pictured standing, from left: Kassie Marthaler, Susan Estabrooks-Anderson, Eden Tkalcich, Kaycia Ellingsen,

Denise Anderson, Tammi Walz. Seated: Emma Gerard, Kelsi Schalow. Staff not available for photo: Jody Fischer, Joanne Carpenter, Melissa Jewison, Bonnie White, Melissa Wright, JoAnne Richardson, Joleen Johnson, Millicent Leone, Angie Ackerman. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

‘Oh, the Places You’ll Go!’ at Little Cardinals Academy Family Center

Grand Opening August 13

The grand opening for Little Cardinals Academy Family Center in Motley will be held Tuesday, Aug. 13, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Bring the entire family for this celebration which includes food, prizes, activities, water fun (you might get wet) and a family scavenger hunt.

In addition, there will be opportunities to register for Early Childhood Education activities and programs, meet the teaching teams and check out the new classrooms. Early Childhood screening appointments and other information will be available.

The theme for the upcoming school year features, “Oh, the Places

You’ll Go!” and other Dr. Seuss favorites.

Susan Estabrooks-Anderson, Early Learning Services Director, noted that the partners at LCA Family Center include Head Start, Freshwater Education, Tri-County Community Action (TCC) and the Staples-Motley School District. All of these partners are now located at the Motley facility, which will provide better communication, Estabrooks-Anderson said, adding that a supervisor will always be on site at the LCA Family Center.

Little Cardinals Academy Family Center is located at 132 1st Ave. S. in Motley, just two blocks east of Ortons BP station.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

July 11 - 24 - The MPD issued several speeding citations during the Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) shift.

July 15 - The MPD received a call from an employee at Motley Express reporting that someone who had been fired recently returned and threw a key at them.

July 15 - The MPD received a report of a three-vehicle accident near BRICKS Travel Center in Motley. State patrol handled the call and were assisted by Motley Fire and Rescue.

July 12 - The MPD issued a citation to David Francis, 48, for failure to move over

for emergency vehicle with its lights on. During TZD shift.

July 12 - The MPD issued a citation to Jason Degrauwe, 24, for driving after revocation.

July 17 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Shane Crocker, 26.

July 14 - The MCSO received a report of a gas drive off at Augers Motley Express.

July 13 - The MCSO arrested Chad Allen Garrow, 36, after responding to a domestic situation at the 1600 block of 320th St., Cushing.

July 23 - The MPD received a report of theft at a storage building unit in Motley.

July 22 - The MPD received a report of a person in a vehicle at Orton’s BP in Motley that appeared to be either sleep-

ing or dead. The complainant knocked on the window and did not see any movement. Upon their arrival, the MPD made contact with the individual inside the vehicle, Lisa Donnette Thorpe, 47, and she was arrested for felony 5th degree controlled substance possession.

July 23 - The MCSO received a report of a burglary at the 3000 block of 260th St. in Cushing. Subject said he arrived home and found that his door was open and items were missing from inside the house. He stated he lost about \$1,200 in coins, including some rare silver coins.

July 23 - The MCSO received a report of suspicious activity off of Haystack Island on Lake Alexander in Cushing.



Beauty at the post office

Ron Starke of Motley shared this photo he took of hollyhocks which are growing beautifully at the Motley Post Office.



Touring the history building

The History Building at the Pillager Fairgrounds features a number of photos, newspaper articles and memorabilia regarding both the Pillager School and the City of Pillager from over the years. It was a popular destination during the recent Pillager Fair for both locals and

former residents who were back in town for a visit. Pictured above, from left are Kaci Stelck holding Oliver; Kynleigh; Taylor Hill holding Reese; and Skyler. Both Stelck and Hill are 2012 graduates of Pillager High School. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Rare coins stolen in Cushing burglary

Several rare coins were stolen from a residence in Cushing the morning of July 23, according to the Morrison County Sheriff’s Office.

The burglary took place approximately one-half mile west of Cushing on 260th Street.

According to the sheriff’s office, the burglary was interrupted by a neighbor around 10:30 - 11 a.m.

The suspect is described as a white male, 25 - 35 years old, approximately 5’10” to 5’11” tall, average build and, according to a witness, he appeared to be kind of scruffy.

The suspect was driving a 2000’s four-door Ford Taurus, white in color with Oregon license plates. The front license plate was hanging half-off the vehicle.

Several rare coins were stolen from the residence, including 1886 Morgan and Liberty Silver Dollars, silver rounds, silver quarters, Buffalo Head Nickels and Kennedy half-dollars.

If you have information regarding this burglary, call the Morrison County Sheriff’s Office at 320-632-9233.

In Case you forgot!

DEADLINES

For all classified ads, including garage sales, is

Noon, Friday

to be published in the

Staples World.

For publication in Saturday's Staples Square Shooter the deadline is

5 p.m. Wednesday



Raffle winner

Mikayla Wing (center) was the grand prize winner in a raffle held by the Pillager & Area Lions Club and was recently awarded with certificates to be redeemed for prizes at Reed’s Sports in Walker. Helping Wing hold her certificates are Lion Marlene Lindeman (left), top raffle ticket seller; and Lion Douglas Allen, project chairperson. The raffle was a fundraiser for the Cass County Ag Society (CCAS) to be used for building repairs at the Pillager Fairgrounds. (Submitted photo)

Two injured in one-vehicle crash near Motley

The Morrison County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) reports that on July 28 at approximately 1:08 p.m., their office received a report of a one-vehicle accident on Bugle Road, southeast of Motley.

According to the sheriff’s office, 36-year-old Chad Garrow of Cushing was traveling south on Bugle Road when the vehicle he was driving left the roadway, hit an approach, went

airborne and landed in the ditch.

Garrow and his passenger, 36-year-old Nathen Lawson of Motley were taken by ambulance to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples with unknown injuries. The accident remains under investigation by the MCSO.

The MCSO was assisted at the scene by the Motley First Response Team and Staples Ambulance.

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Mystery solved

Last week’s mystery photo published in the July 31, 1969 edition of the Staples World featured Wendell E. Stone, longtime publisher and editor of the Staples World who was retiring from the newspaper business after 43 years in the field. A native of Christopher, Illinois, Mr. Stone came to Staples in 1926

and began his employment with the Staples World under H. W. Sims, publisher. From 1941 to 1949 he managed the paper and then purchased the business from Mr. Sims on Jan. 1, 1949.

Sonja Nefstead of Baxter; and Bev Nelsen, Bob Sorenson, Gloria Marden, Brian Bates, Lee Jenkins and Doug Fahnlander, all of Staples, correctly identified Stone. Fahnlander added that, “He was a man of integrity who allowed the chips to fall where they may, and a very respectable person to work for. He came to Staples from Illinois in the early 1930s and worked for the World as its Linotype operator. It’s worthy to note that during his ownership the news was fresh; the front page printed and distributed on the day of publication.” Fahnlander also mentioned that Wendell (Wendy) Stone’s wife, Marion, was his kindergarten teacher. Jenkins recalled Stone was “the only guy I have ever seen on the golf course in Staples trying to get on top of #5 par 3 hole. He took 9 shots into the water before he succeeded. This was during a Staples Shortshop tournament.” Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.

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Goal to improve academics

is a big deal but in basketball it isn’t. Tappe said that there is no perfect policy and that administrative discretion will come into play. When grades are checked every two weeks, it will be for all students, not just those in activities. Schmidt said the C-minus guideline will still be used as a benchmark to guide students below that to academic help programs. “The two week check is a preventative to get them the help they need,” said Schmidt.

Motley site

The board approved renaming the Motley building to “Staples-Motley Early Education Center,” with Frisk voting against the proposal. The board’s finance committee had requested to rename the building since it is no longer a middle school. Board member Mary Freeman, who is also on the finance committee, said “We came up with this because it best reflected what the building would be used for.” However, the board did not discuss what the building would be used for.

Bond rating

The board reviewed a report on the issuance of facilities maintenance bonds for the amount of \$1,440,000. Jodi Zesbaugh of Ehlers and Associates was at the meeting and said the school will receive a triple A rating, the highest a school can get. Zesbaugh said this is a good time to issue bonds, and the school could get a low interest rate of around two percent. The board also reviewed a separate Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFMP) project, and accepted the low bid for design and construction of the project, going to LHB of Duluth.

Bus contracts

The board approved one year bus service contracts with Greig Bus Service and Johnson Bus Service, two companies that supplement the Staples-Motley Bus Service. Winkels said it may be more efficient for the school to increase their own bus service rather than contract out. Business Manager Chuck Herdegen said the preliminary numbers show the school pays \$2.71 per mile to run their own buses compared to \$3.02 per mile to contract it out. He said that could save around \$30,000 per year, but they would have to purchase more buses and hire more drivers. In other news, the board

- Approved resignations of JoMarie Michel, paraprofessional, Julie Johnson, Little Cardinals Academy, and Lydia Olson, speech.
- Approved contracts for Kristina Haataja, orchestra; Mike Roelofs, Motley custodial; and Sean Smith, high school custodial
- Approved activities/athletics coaches: cross country, Bruce Fuhrman, Kristie Johnson and Steve Jennissen; football, Chris Kappler, Nick Schultz, Kermit Klefsaas, Jeremy Moulton, Isaac Novak and Carl Larson; tennis, Jacque Doll, Nick Doll and Nathan Thelen; volleyball, Gretchen Bestland, Cy Bestland, Ben Bestland and Kelly Schotzko; swimming, Amanda Toft and Michelle Jeziorski; student council, Lorna Klefsaas; yearbook Jill Schneider and Lorna Bendson; concessions, Becky Templin; ticket manager, Lindsay Tyni; fall play, Justin Edin and Tamber Edin; musical, Kevin Olsen



Staples World mystery photo

Hello readers. This week’s archive photo is from our July 10, 1969 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Email

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.

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1944

- Aug. 3, 1944 - A report comes to the World from the Riverside community north of Motley, that foxes are taking, and killing lambs from the flocks of farmers in that vicinity. Cliff Farber is one of the farmers in the Riverside community to miss some of his lambs, and from time to time, other farmers in other communities have reported that foxes have also been killing their chickens, sheep and lambs. Farmers of the Riverside community are

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planning a fox hunt in the very near future to rid the community of this animal pest.

- Aug. 3, 1944 - In last week’s want ad section of The Staples World appeared an advertisement from Ada Hanley, stating that she had lost her pet dog. The paper went into the mails Thursday evening, and out on the routes Friday morning. Hardly had the mail man delivered his papers, when Mrs. Hanley had a call relative to the dog, and the pet was soon restored to its owner. This is just one of the examples of how the World Want Ads bring in quick results.

50 YEARS Ago - 1969

- July 31, 1969 - Two new medical doctors will join the staff of the Lake-wood Clinic in Staples on

Monday, Aug. 4, according to Dr. T. J. Lelwica and Dr. W. I. Mennis, present physicians of the clinic. Joining the staff will be Dr. John Muus, a native of Grand Forks, North Dakota; and Dr. James Thompson, a native of Beach, North Dakota. For the past two years, both physicians have been serving with the United States Public Health Service at Belcourt, North Dakota on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation.

- July 31, 1969 - The Staples North team, coached by Jerry Riewer, captured the championship of the annual Babe Ruth tournament held in Staples last week. The locals scored a 1 to 0 victory over Verndale in the championship game to earn the title, their third in recent years. Rick Miller, who picked up the victory in the championship contest, was named the most valuable player and Mike Matanich of the Staples team won the trophy as the batting champion with a .571 average, having 3 doubles and 2 RBIs. Verndale, of course, took home the runner-up trophy and gaining the third place award was Park Rapids.

25 YEARS Ago - 1994

- Aug. 4, 1994 - An 18-year-old business that employs 34 workers was wiped out last week when the Verndale Custom Homes plant in Verndale was destroyed by fire. But by Tuesday of this week, workers had put in some long hours cleaning

up and the plant began producing its first home since the fire.

- Aug. 4, 1994 - On July 19, the Tuesday Evening Ladies’ League was cancelled because of rain. The following Tuesday, skies were fair and temperatures warm. Teams paired up for the eighth week of league play. With ‘Fiddler on the Roof’ behind her, Becky Hasselberg returned to the fairways with a smashing 43 for low gross honors. Capturing low net was Holly Lundstrom with an outstanding 24.
- Aug. 4, 1994 - Brenda Edwards, a 1989 graduate of SHS, is a member of the only tug-of-war team in Minnesota.

Over the Fourth of July weekend, the team, known as “DJ’s”, competed in the Tug-of-War Nationals in DeForest, Wisconsin. DJ’s women took home two silver medals, one for the 520 kilo pull and one for the 560 kilo pull. DJ’s men took home two gold and two silver medals. A gold medal was also taken home by the co-ed team. Brenda is a member of the 520 and 560 kilo women’s teams and a trainer for the men’s 600 kilo team. Brenda is the daughter of Virginia Hartman of Bertha and Jim Edwards of Crystal; and the granddaughter of Marion Edwards of Staples.

10 YEARS Ago - 2009

- July 30, 2009 - The effort to locate a missing man from the Leader area continued this week with

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Facility talks to county commissioners about expansion

the facility to handle the extra animals. They will also have an on site composting area for the proper and best disposal of any animals should they happen to die. Perry said they would remove any animals to another location to incinerate them if the compost facility is not large enough. According to a PRRS Fact Sheet for Animal Science, compiled by W.E. Morgan Morrow, of the Department of Animal Science, North Carolina State University; and John Roberts of the College of Veterinary Medicine, North Carolina State University, “Since 1987 when the first epidemics of PRRS were recognized in the United States it has spread to most countries in the world where pigs are raised. In doing so, it has cost the industry an enormous amount of money and frustrated farmers as they try to exclude the disease from their herds or control its sometimes-devastating effects on production.” “In the early days, PRRS was known by a variety of names usually describing the associated clinical signs. In the USA it was initially called ‘mystery swine disease’ reflecting the frustration researchers experienced as they attempted to identify the cause. In Mexico it was called ‘blue ear disease’ and in other countries ‘porcine epidemic abortion and respiratory syndrome’ and ‘swine infertility and abortion syndrome.’”

According to this report, “The most commonly accepted way for disease to be transmitted between herds is by the use of contaminated semen or by the introduction of infected (carrier) animals.”

“... The best advice to any PRRS-free producer trying to avoid PRRS is to not bring PRRS infected pigs into the herd! (As discussed above), infected pigs are the primary cause of most initial PRRS outbreaks.” The animals being brought to the facility for testing will have the gene removed that is believed to cause the virus. Perry went on to say that each pig is individually insured. He said there is hope in this and that the stakes are extremely high. “This is the world’s most important swine facility. This company has been able to cure this. They need to make it work,” said Perry. To help support the facility in its changed operation, the staff at the facility will be doubled. Neumann said, “Our job as commissioners is to ask questions and make the safety of our constituents our number one concern.” There were concerns expressed that this would be a pharmaceutically intense site, but Perry said he did not believe it would be because this was mostly being done with gene removal. Planning and Zoning Interim Director Loren Miller said that if they can take away the PRRS virus, the secondary disease won’t happen so antibiotic treatment will not be necessary. Commissioner Barb Becker asked if they were missing a step in that they were perhaps needing to change the use of the facility before they approved the increase in the number of animal units. Commissioner David Kircher said that would

require an entire ordinance change. Becker said, “This just asks for a unit increase.” Perry said, “If you went to the facility you wouldn’t know it was changed. There is no difference in the operation except that the pigs can’t be sold. We are watching how these pigs will survive for generations.” Additionally, Perry added, there would be less truck traffic to and from the facility as they will not be shipping animals out. The genetically changed pigs are brought in to the facility. The changes are not done at the facility. Perry said that everything about the way this facility was designed and created made it a perfect place to do the type of research they will be doing to see if the gene removal makes this PRRS virus go away. “We don’t know how long it will remain like this. It could be four to seven years to satisfy the FDA demands,” said Perry. Once the testing is done it will continue to be a sow facility, but likely have the research component due to the millions of dollars that have been put into it. Becker asked if they would come before the commissioners again if the usage were to change. Perry said that he has been talking to Todd County Soil and Water Livestock Advisor Deja Anton and they are working on making the language clearer. Kircher said that research with pigs was personally important to him as he has a porcine valve in his heart. “Without it I would not be here today. This (research) is not just for

hogs but for humans, too,” he said. Perry said that they couldn’t have any issues with any of their facilities. “This is a very high profile facility and we can’t afford a setback,” said Perry. Neumann said that people were concerned about hospitals and nursing homes flushing medications down the toilets. “How much of these chemicals are being sent out in these pig’s manure?” asked Neumann. Perry said, “Genetic editing is not chemically induced.” Perry added that the Todd County staff have been diligent in making sure the water quality testing has been properly done around the facility and no issues have been found. “We have seven years of history. We’re asking you to trust us because we have proven what we can do,” said Perry. Becker asked that they add into the motion of approving the increased animal units that any changes be brought back before the board. Perry said, “I would like to add another condition. That we have a one year review and report back to you.” Neumann said that he was supporting it only because it had federal, state and local governments involved.

Note: This article contains information gathered from other sources as well as information from the Todd County Board of Commissioners meeting that was held on July 16. An attempt to reach someone from the Gourley Premium Pork facility in Osakis was not responded to.

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Fighting opioid crisis, illegal drugs locally

By John Poston
State Representative,
District 9A

Here in Minnesota, we have taken appropriate steps to make sure that prescription drug manufacturers are held accountable for the role they played in the opioid epidemic. Federal, state and local governments are taking the necessary steps to ensure that drug companies, doctors, and pharmacists are doing all they can to ensure the safe and proper delivery of prescription drugs.

There has been a laser-focus on the pharmaceutical side of this issue at the State Capitol in recent legislative sessions. While necessary and effective, that approach often ignores the issue of non-prescription drugs on our streets and in our communities. It also fails to acknowledge the effort of our law enforcement officials who are working to stem the flow of illegal drugs and synthetic opioids flowing into our communities.

While prescription drug overdoses get a lot of press coverage, the reality is that most drug overdoses are a result of illegal drug use. Here in Northern Minnesota, we see news stories regarding methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, and other drug-related

arrests on a semi-regular basis.

Data released this month by the Minnesota Department of Health revealed that for the first time, synthetic opioids were linked to more overdose deaths than prescription painkillers.

In Minnesota, the synthetic opioid fentanyl has been the primary culprit in overdose deaths. Fentanyl is an extremely dangerous and addictive pain management drug that is 100 times stronger than morphine and 50 times more powerful than heroin. When it is illegally brought into our country and traded on the streets, it has proven to be deadly.

While certain street drugs are still manufactured locally, the majority of illegal drugs in our communities are trafficked from other states and countries—most notably China and Mexico.

In fact, the United States Border Control seizures of foreign fentanyl have steadily risen in recent years from nearly 460 pounds in 2016 to 1,800 pounds in 2018. United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement has identified China as the primary source of illicit fentanyl in the country. The brave men and women working to protect our borders have dedicated themselves to keeping deadly

drugs out of our country and they deserve our support and appreciation.

In our area, we are doing what we can to deal with the realities of this fight. Law enforcement, elected officials, and community leaders are committed to making our communities safer.

Our legislative and other leaders in St. Paul and Washington must understand that local law enforcement and border control officials on the front lines of this fight cannot be successful without adequate funding. Investment in those law enforcement programs and strategies that seek to support the prosecution of drug laws should be a priority.

To properly fight this changing epidemic, we need to continue to develop strategies to ensure additional Minnesotans do not become addicted to opioids and we must redouble our efforts to keep the foreign poison of fentanyl and other synthetic drugs out of our nation and off our streets. Without these efforts, the tragedy of the opioid epidemic and illegal drugs will continue in our communities. This is a real issue that impacts the lives of people from all walks of life.

Career and tech is the future, not the past

In the July 17th edition of the Staples World, Staples-Motley School Board Member Greg Frisk was quoted saying he “would rather see students take English and math classes to prepare them for what they do after high school, instead of training them for technical careers.” This is not only offensive, but it is grossly out of touch. Not everyone is suited to go to a four-year school and earn a liberal arts degree. And that is a good thing. If we do not promote career and technical education, we will be limiting our students’ potential for success and our community’s poten-

tial for growth. Businesses need a diverse, skilled workforce to help grow our local economy, while students need to know that they have options and that there are career paths that align with their skills and interests.

We should be preparing our students for the future, not limiting their potential based off of the biases of the past. It is unfair and untrue to claim that career and technical degrees are worth less than four-year degrees. These degrees and certificates provide students access to well-paying positions that allow them to enter the workforce at a faster rate, with significantly less debt. From personal experience, I am proud to have a master’s degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato, but it is not uncommon for me to meet those my

age with two-year degrees from Central Lakes College who earn as much, if not more, than I do. What is important to note is that both my peers and I were able pursue careers that matched our talents and interests.

Our school already has a terrific foundation for providing career and technical education, as well as the benefit of having Central Lakes College in town. To ignore these opportunities would be a waste of the investments made in the past. The role of a school is to expose students to a wide variety of subjects so that they can find a path in which they are passionate. It is not to pigeon-hole them into a restricted model based off of one person’s definition of success.

Katie Heppner
Staples, Minn.

Rotary International as a model for statecraft

By Winslow Myers

The established paradigm of nation-states formulating their policies on the basis of a limited vision of self-interest is dissolving on every level. Games of chicken test the limits of deterrence, any breakdown of which could be fatal in the nuclear age. Many of our challenges, the climate emergency first among equals, are no longer solvable by individual nations, no matter how powerful.

This radical interdependency points to the need for international laws which, even as they seem to challenge the sovereignty of all countries, will also strengthen the common good. Today nations go to war because we feel the menace of aggression along borders, pressure into spheres of influence, or threats against resource interests—leaving aside the many civil conflicts within nations. Tomorrow a more authentic cause for war might become a given nation failing to maintain ecological resources, like the rain forests which are the lungs of the planet, because that would become a security issue for all—though one might likely assume that a nation or nations inclined to so powerfully punish agents of climate chaos would also realize that war worsens our climate emergency and that might restrain the warmaker.

Indeed, war with such a radically different motivation could, like our ongoing wars today, end up costing more than any expected positive result. If all-out nuclear war is clearly obsolete, so is conventional war, not only because it is a step toward escalation into nuclear war, but also because the disintegration of war (viz. Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria,

Somalia, Sudan, Yemen) compounds social and ecological chaos, setting up the context for further war.

Are there other models for strengthening security? One is the Marshall Plan. The United States had the hindsight to realize that a second world war had emerged out of our harsh treatment of Germany at the end of World War I and the foresight to obviate that with a generous peace toward Germany. Might it be in the self-interest of nations not only to talk to adversaries, but to jiu-jitsu all parties out of the paradigm of threat and counter-threat by offering Marshall Plan equivalents as a substitute for war rather than something to follow a chimerical “victory”?

Vast regions of Iran suffered major flooding back in April. How might it have changed the present dynamic of high tension if the U.S. had made aggressive offers to help rescue and feed the desperate across rural Iran? Our military represents an enormous logistical potentiality. My friend Adam Cote, a candidate for governor of Maine, managed to be a platoon leader while spearheading the “Adopt an Iraqi Village” program to distribute school supplies, kitchen and household items, toys, clothes and blankets to destitute Iraqis. Generating goodwill rather than fear changes responses, plans, and attitudes.

Another alternative is citizen initiatives. The vast majority of Iranians like and admire America, even as we continue to squeeze them mercilessly on the basis of the U.S. having bailed from a treaty the conditions of which Iran was by all accounts meeting. Iran writ large is not the Revolutionary Guard, just as the United States writ large is not the fever dreams of John Bolton. We desperately need to build relationships on the basis of common interests. It can be done. In the frigid depths of the Cold War, a small group of private citizens, working with the full knowledge of the State Department, successfully arranged a conference of leading Soviet and American scientific experts on accidental nuclear war. Much unforeseen good came out of this exercise, and it played a significant role in easing dangerous tensions.

With the failure of our gigantic military forces to achieve the vaunted “full-spectrum dominance,” there is an urgent need to make much greater use of non-military structures to meet on-the-ground challenges like literacy, clean water, and peaceful understanding between tribal and religious adversaries. One obvious model is Rotary International.

With 30,000 clubs distributed across 190 countries, Rotary is a planet-wide

network of people who are building priceless relationships of friendship and mutual understanding on the basis of six crucial areas of focus: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies.

It has for all practical purposes achieved its current goal number one, pursued doggedly for 20 years in cooperation with the Gates Foundation and others, of eliminating polio from the entire planet. Polio is now down to a few cases in rural Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. Through models like Rotary a world beyond war is assuming shape, step by slow step.

The superpowers, blessed with apparently unlimited resources to spend on ships and submarines and missiles and bases around the world, irrelevantly jostle for dominance as the planet continues to wither ecologically. Surely a question worth asking is why the United States will not take on the Rotary model as primary, allowing military force to take its place as truly a last resort. Please don’t argue that we can’t afford it. We have explored the moons of Jupiter and the deepest depths of the Pacific, but the Pentagon budget remains a black hole that sucks into itself the very light that accountants try to shine upon it. If we could rewind the tape and could choose between giving the U.S. government the \$5 trillion we have spent in Iraq and Afghanistan or giving it to Rotary, I would bet the latter could have provided massively more in real security.

For thousands of years war has been rationalized as unavoidable, worth the risk, a necessary fallback if we don’t get our way or if attacked. War has been used to exploit, to dominate, to exterminate, to acquire, to defend, to expand, to impose, to preserve, to preempt, even as sages keep advocating for the realism and practicality of the golden rule. The United States is strong enough to lead the way into a new paradigm of self-interest, where dominance is replaced by a global network attuned directly to meeting human and ecosystem needs. Anything less threatens everyone’s survival. If we can offer help to our adversaries because we see it as self-interest, a different world is possible.

Winslow Myers, the author of “Living Beyond War: A Citizen’s Guide,” serves on the Advisory Board of the War Preventive Initiative, and is a member of Rotary. The opinions expressed here are his own and do not represent official Rotary policy.

Letter to the Editor

Concerned school district resident

Concerned about lowering Staples-Motley School District’s education standards?

Our school board has been asked to drop our high school education standards from a C- to a D- to get more students eligible for sports and other extracurricular activities. The argument is that Minnesota’s State High School League only requires a D- to be in sports and other activities, but our school district requires a C- in every class to be eligible. I believe that our school district is right in requiring our students to have a higher grade standard to be eligible. A D- just lets

the students drift through school. It doesn’t give the teachers any incentive to push the students to a higher level of education and it doesn’t give the students any incentive to excel in their studies. I believe that education comes first, then, when the students get good grades they have earned the privilege to be in sports and other extracurricular activities.

As school board member M. Freeman said, the school district has programs and staff hired, along with a volunteer student tutor program to help the students who are struggling with their grades. Everyone is entitled to a K-12 education, but I believe sports and other activities are earned privileges.

So, if you want the students of the Staples-Motley School District to get a good education, I would encourage you as parents, grand-

parents and any concerned citizens to be at the next school board workshop meeting Monday, August 5, 2019 at 6 p.m. The school board will sometimes call special board meetings at the workshop meeting. The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2019 at 6 p.m. School board meetings are held at the new district office (Formerly the old Benson Optical building on N. 4th St.) in Staples

If you want to voice your opinion at any of the school board meetings, you must first stop at the school district office by 12 o’clock p.m. (noon) the Friday before the next meeting to get permission to speak.

A concerned Staples-Motley school district resident,

Bruce Drone
Staples, Minn.



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AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

AA MTG AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Mondays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-639-9743.

AA MTGS IN VERDALE: Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 720-308-8700.

DUAL RECOVERY ANONYMOUS MEETING Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MTG Mondays, Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m.; Mtg., 5:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-4888.

Monthly events

'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MTG first and third Thursday, 3 - 4 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt. and price information, 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference

Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG

second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5288.

MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MTG second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall (except Jan. and Feb.). For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP MTG

second Monday, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Monday, 1:30 p.m., Edgewood Vista dining room, 14211 Firewood Dr., Baxter. For info., 218-829-4017.

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG third Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Clarissa. For info., 320-533-1119.

WADENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEE MTG third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebeka. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCoChair@yahoo.com.

WAHOO VALLEY AREA MN DEER HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION MTG second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley (except Nov. and Jan.). For info, 218-640-5423.

WOMEN OF TODAY MTG first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

August 4

ST. JAMES CEMETERY MTG Sunday, Aug. 4, 3 p.m., St. James building by cemetery in Philbrook. Public welcome. For info., 218-296-2160.

August 13

SQUARE DANCING, MAIN-STREAM WORKSHOP WITH PHIL MILLER Tuesday, Aug. 13, 6 - 8 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, This workshop is for beginning and experienced dancers. For info., 218-639-3273.

Neznik to reunite with October Son at 'Music in the Park' Aug. 4

The Music in the Park Series in Staples continues on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m., with Eric Neznik teaming up with his former band, October Son.

The band performed together from 2001 - 2004 before Neznik moved to Texas to pursue a career in country music. October Son played clubs and festivals throughout Minnesota, gaining a large following and a reputation for performing tight-knit versions of contemporary country and classic rock tunes.

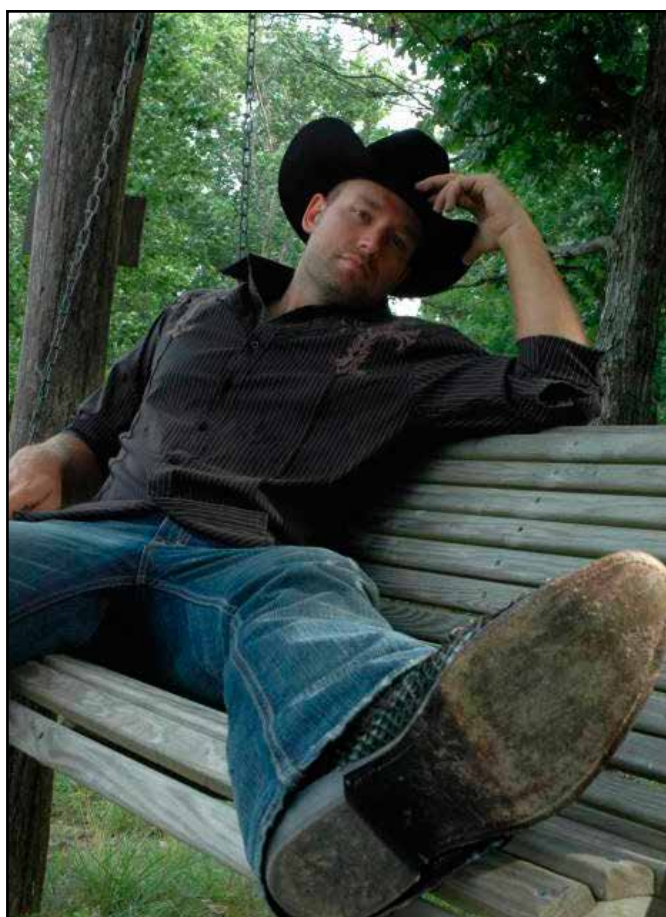
October Son features lead guitarist Jason Franzen of Brainerd; drummer and vocalist Trevor Ebinger, also of Brainerd; and bassist and vocalist Mark Moele of Sauk Rapids. At the Staples concert, Neznik will be taking the place of Steve Michaud, the band's guitarist and lead vocalist. The band will perform many of the songs they kept in their set list years ago. Expect to hear songs made famous by George Strait, Garth Brooks, Merle Haggard, Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Alan Jackson, Jimmy Buffet, Waylon Jennings and more.

Neznik is back in Staples these days, where he is the Sales & Event Coordinator at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center and Timberlake Hotel. Before returning to Staples, he spent three years with Carnival Cruise Line as a Cruise Director. Prior to his time with Carnival, Neznik was a country musician living in Nashville, Tenn. and Austin, Texas. He has recorded five albums, which include a mix of original and cover songs.

The Music in the Park Concerts are held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and will run through August 11. For more information on the Music in the Park series as well as the regular concert series, check out www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

Northern Pacific (NP) Park is located at 625 6th St. NE. Go north on 6th St. at the junction of Hwy 10 and 210 and go six blocks. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to Faith Lutheran Church.

The Music in the Park Series is funded by the Staples Host Lions Club. The Series is organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, with the assistance of the Staples Motley Public Schools and the City of Staples.



Country musician

Eric Neznik and October Son will perform at Music in the park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. (Submitted photo)

BookEnds program Aug. 10, to feature poet, Freya Manfred

Poet, Freya Manfred, will be the featured speaker at BookEnds this month on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. at the Uptown Café, 224 Jefferson Street S, Wadena. Freya's latest, and 9th book of poetry, "Loon in Late November Water", celebrates the vital lifeline of nature, our fragile mortality, and the passionate arc of long-term relationships. At BookEnds, she will concentrate mostly on reading from her three latest books of poetry and will also read pages from her two memoirs, including one about her father, Frederick Manfred, a well-known Minnesota author who died in 1994.

Freya Manfred's poetry has appeared in over 100 reviews and magazines and over 40 anthologies. Her memoir about her father was nominated for a Minnesota Book award and an Iowa Historical Society award.

BookEnds is a monthly literary event connecting readers and writers. Now in its third season it is held each month on the second Saturday, 11 a.m. at The Uptown Cafe in Wadena, unless otherwise noted. BookEnds is hosted by the Wadena County Historical Society and Travelin' Storyseller in collaboration with the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center. For more information call 218 631-9079 or email 603wchs@arvig.net.



Gospel bluegrass concert in Motley

The Purple Hulls from Texas will present a gospel bluegrass concert on Sunday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m., at Motley

Free Methodist Church. A free will offering will be taken. For more information call 218-352-6888.

Scandia Valley Summerfest scheduled for August 3

BBQ, horse rides, a helicopter landing and much more are on the agenda of this year's Scandia Valley Summerfest, Saturday, Aug. 3, in the Lincoln Lakes area.

There's something for all ages at the family-friendly event, which takes place at the Scandia Valley Townhall, located at 3518 - 320th Street (Cty Rd. 3) in Cushing.

Saturday's schedule includes a craft and vendor sale hosted by the Lincoln Ladies Aid, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m..

The Fireman's Turkey BBQ fundraiser goes from noon - 5 p.m., along with the Scandia Valley First Responders' ice cream fundraiser.

Throughout the day, several activities for children will take place, including a

helicopter landing, games and a petting zoo.

The agenda also includes music, beer wagon and fireworks at dusk.

For more information about the Scandia Valley Summerfest, call 218-851-2185 or follow the event on Facebook. For information about the craft booth, call 218-575-2188.



Skateboard designing

The Staples Public Library held a Skateboard Deck Design Workshop in July. Instruction and materials were provided by Minneapolis artist Mark Rivard from Rivard Art Education, an experiential learning platform utilizing art, culture and the creative spirit. This program was sponsored by the Arts and Culture Legacy Grant. Keep current with the programs at the library by following visiting us on Facebook or go to www.griver.org.

Front row: Mark Rivard, Ian Tappe, Andrew Dobson, Jackson Odden, Matthew Jewison. Back: Hudsyn Nanik, Nolan Gerads, Isabelle Dobson, Michael Jewison and Kristofer Taylor. (Submitted photo)

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Bird habits and habitats sometimes trade places

It's a thoroughly human practice to classify things, to put them in neat compartments that make sense to us. We often do it with people. We give them labels: they're shy, or they're outgoing; cautious, or reckless; an optimist, or a pessimist.

We classify plants and animals, too, grouping them based on their appearance, their behaviors, or their genetic similarities or differences. We develop expectations about where we'll find them, what they will look like, and - for members of the animal kingdom, especially - their behaviors.

Sometimes, though, a critter doesn't quite follow the rules as we've come to understand them. It's a reminder that the only thing that matters in nature is survival, by whatever means are necessary. It's definitely not about a wild lifestyle that conforms to what humans expect.

I've seen this in the wild life I watch, and sometimes photograph, in my travels between home and other destinations. Within just the last few days I've had it demonstrated by two wild creatures that I thought I knew pretty well. So much so, that when I found them in roles that seemed unex-

pected, I mistook each for the other.

Two of the more interesting birds in my neighborhood from spring through fall are sandhill cranes and great blue herons. My late mother-in-law, Betty - and no doubt others - routinely called the herons she saw winging over the lake beyond her cabin window "cranes." But science-minded people like me - who sometimes know too much for our own good - would point out that the two aren't even in the same family of birds, despite their similar size, coloration, stilt-like legs, and long sharp beaks.

Sandhill cranes are a relatively recent addition to the birdlife of the fields, forest, lakes and wetlands in the rural area where I live. Only within the last dozen years or so have they become a common sight feeding, or engaged in their leaping, pivoting, wing-flapping mating ritual, or having their rattle-like calls in several variations heard regularly.

I've almost always seen them in a crop field or pasture, striding on long, bone-skinny, stilt-like legs in search of whatever insect, reptile, amphibian, or hapless small mammal prey might be found there. The few times I had seen them near water they were skulking through cattails at the margin of a large, shallow pond, whose water ultimately drains into the lake where the family cabin stands. I assumed they were there for a drink of water, important for any creature that can't get enough from dew on veg-

etation, puddles of standing water, or in what it eats.

Recently, workplace-bound in the early morning, I was passing this pond as I usually do: camera on the front passenger seat, window down, driving at a pace slow enough to irritate anyone following close behind. It's a place where I've photographed loons, swans, ducks, and geese, so I try to be prepared for any opportunity it presents.

Nearly past the pond, I spotted a pair of large, gray-blue birds well out from shore, beyond the edge of a thin stand of bulrushes. This is a place where you'd expect - where I've seen and photographed - great blue herons stalking fish, frogs, or other victims of opportunity that are

likely to be found there.

Despite the similarity in plumage tones, these were not great blue herons. They were sandhill cranes, identifiable - even at a distance - by the bright red patch of bare skin on their heads. This telltale feature begins at the base of their upper bill, and extends back over the forehead to the crown of their skull. I had overshot them, but made a U-turn at a driveway beyond the pond, returning with window down and camera at the ready. The photo images I got may not make the cover of National Wildlife Magazine. But they had revealed an aquatic side of sandhill cranes that I had not seen.

Great blue herons can play the double-agent

game, too. Along this same county road, but in the opposite direction, are several fields of small grains, planted by a farmer whose well-maintained barn on a hill above the shore is a welcome anachronism as today's lakeside properties go. One of his fields - rye or barley, I'm not sure which - follows the broad curve of this road.

A day or so after the sandhill crane incident I was returning from a visit to a local produce stand. Rounding this curve, my attention was caught by a tall gray bird standing still as a statue. It was in a narrow strip between the field of waving grain and the road ditch, a strip where it appeared the farmer's crop was stunted

and short. It was a great blue heron, not the sandhill crane I would have expected; far from any pond, wetland, or the margins of the lake. What was it doing here?

As the car slowed and I angled onto the road shoulder, I lowered the passenger-side window and raised the camera with its long telephoto lens. In my experience, herons are one of the birds least tolerant of human disturbance, and this one was no exception. As I struggled to frame the bird in the camera viewfinder, it wasted little time taking flight. Instead of a photo of a statuesque heron, I got a freeze-frame shot of its wings raised above its head, just before their downstroke launched the heron into the air, and escape.

With the heron gone, I looked closer at where it had been standing. There, from that narrow strip where the grain was stunted, came a reflection of sunlight off a film of standing water. It was likely left by recent rain in this poorly-drained corner of the field. Just enough to suggest to a heron the possibility of frogs, or another menu item it might find appealing.

As if to underscore the unpredictability of such bird world juxtapositions, the next day I drove past the same field, and - instead of a heron - a pair of sandhill cranes were ambling along the edge of the small grains, intent on finding their next meal. Just as one would have expected.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn



Sandcranes in the rain

A horse humg her head over a fence to watch six sandcranes stand silent and still in a field during Sunday's rain. (Photo by Janice Winter)

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Veteran's News

Priority processing of VA disability claims for Purple Heart awardees

Veterans Notes
David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

On Feb. 26 at a congressional hearing before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, VA Secretary Robert Wilkie announced that effective in April, VA will provide priority disability benefits claims processing for the initial claims from discharged combat veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal. "Those who hold the Purple Heart, the recognition of wounds taken in battle, will now receive priority consideration when it comes to claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs," said Secretary Wilkie. The Veterans Benefits Administration will amend its priority processing categories to include initial claims received from Purple Heart

recipients on or after April 1, 2019.

Purple Heart recipients are already treated on a priority basis at VA hospitals and are exempt from co-payments for their medical care. The Purple Heart award is the oldest U.S. military decoration and is awarded to U.S. service members for wounds suffered at the hands of the enemy. General George Washington awarded the first purple-colored heart-shaped badges to soldiers who fought in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. In 1932, it was revived to commemorate Washington's 200th birthday. (Source: VA News Release February 26, 2019)

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.

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Staples World, 224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 56479



Rock wall: another step toward being fixed

Todd County Board of Commissioners
Karin L. Nauber
karin@inhnews.com

Todd County has completed a conditions assessment for the rock wall which surrounds the hill upon which the historic courthouse sits.

This was funded in part from a grant obtained through the Minnesota Historical Society. The next phase of the rock wall project is obtaining blueprints/drawings for the work as described in the conditions assessment.

The rough estimated cost for the blueprints/drawings is \$75,000. There are large grant funds over \$10,000 available through the Minnesota Historical Society to help with the costs.

Although a match is not required, a financial commitment shows support for the project. In order to apply for the grants, the governing body of the organization must authorize someone to conduct business and accept funds on behalf of the organization. Pre-applications for the grant were due July 26.

The board approved a resolution authorizing Chris Pelzer to conduct business and accept grant funds for the rock wall on behalf of Todd County.

In other business:

- Approved a one day temporary on sale liquor license for the Sauk Centre Lions Club for August 24 at Fairy Lake Park Shelter.

- Acting as the ditch authority, the board approved a Hold Harmless Agreement (HHA) petition from CC Morgan, LLC - Jeffrey Lopez, to clean approximately 5,200 feet of County Ditch 15 in Bertha Township, Section 28.

- Acting as the ditch authority a second time, the board also approved a HHA petition from William Bontrager to clean approximately 3,564 feet of County Ditch 31 located in Section 8 of Eagle Valley Township.

- Granted the Conditional Use Permit Amendment for the Joseph Muellner parcel in Burtrum with the following conditions developed by the Planning Commission:

1. Landowner will obtain appropriate permits for new construction or additions to existing structures.

2. Landowner will remain compliant with applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

3. Farm will meet the following management and record keeping requirements by MN 7020 transfer of ownership for manure through the duration of manure transfer operation:

- a. Manure Management Plan-Feedlot owner must provide state requirements to recipient

- b. Record Keeping-Feedlot owner must provide manure nutrient test results to recipient.

- Granted the request from Jacob and Brittany Attendorf for a rezoning amendment request to change SE4 SE4 of Section 1 in Kandota Township from AF-1 zoning to AF-2 zoning to allow a second dwelling on a government 40 with the following conditions:

1. Landowner will obtain appropriate permits for new construction or additions to existing structures.

2. Landowner will remain compliant with applicable local, state, and federal regulations.



Signs of deterioration

The east staircase looking south at upper landing of the Todd County Courthouse in Long Prairie shows loose stone, deteriorated joints and caps.

First Avenue level view looking southwest. Deteriorated and heaving

sidewalks. The upper level is not accessible through the exterior steps for safety reasons. Other problems include deteriorated caps, falling stone, deteriorated mortar joints, non-compliant non-original handrails. (Submitted photos)

MRU Rural Voices Discussion in Little Falls

What is on the minds of rural Minnesotans?

Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) aims to help make the answers clearer. The grassroots farm organization is holding Rural Voices Discussions this spring to hear from farmers and rural residents.

One of these will be held on Friday, Aug. 2 at 9:30 a.m. at the Initiative Foundation, 405 1st St. SE, Little Falls.

“It’s not easy for many rural Minnesotans to get to Washington, D.C. or the State Capitol, or even to make their voices heard online,” said MFU President Gary Wertish. “Our Rural Voices Discussions provide the opportunity for farmers and rural residents to speak out about issues affecting them, directly with people who need to know about it.”

“With negative farm income, unsustainable health care costs, lack of internet access and crumbling roads, rural people are facing some tough times. We strongly encourage all rural Minnesotans to attend the Rural Voices Discussions.”

President Wertish will lead a listening panel along with other panelists to be announced, likely from Minnesota government agencies. Congressional staff and state legislators may attend as well.

Participants may bring up any topic for discussion – the panelists are there to listen and take notes. At the end, they will respond with reflections on what they heard and what they might be able to do with the information.

MFU staff also take notes at these meetings for future reference, which will be compiled into a report later on. The report will be shared with media and policy makers.

Each of the discussions will be livestreamed on the MFU Facebook page. Follow along with them on social media with the hashtag #RuralVoices. Contact MFU Public Relations & Communications Director Brita Moore at brita@mfu.org or (651) 308-2435 for media availability.

Free and open to the public.



Stately building and rock wall

The 1883 constructed courthouse prior to 1938 - Northeast Elevation looking southwest. Steps removed prior to

construction of WPA project.

—photos from Todd County Work Session



Polkas, waltzes and more, oh my!



For the second time this summer, Music in the Park was moved to Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, due to rain. Above: Nathan’s Old Time Band, featuring front man Nathan Neuman (right) on the concertina and Fred Axberg on drums, played a number of familiar waltzes, polkas and a few other styles during their show. The band hails from the St. Cloud area. At left, Geri and Sy Berezni of Pequot Lakes danced at the back of the church to their favorite song, ‘Crystal Chandelier.’ Geri (who is the twin sister of Jerry Riewer of Staples) said that she and her husband are fans of Nathan’s Old Time Band and have watched them on the ‘Molly B Polka Show.’ When they heard they were performing in Staples, they couldn’t pass it up, Geri said. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Minnesota

Read all about it: Minnesota is home to 12,000 loons and some migratory birds as well!

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Sources: * Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Minnesota Newspaper Association



Hooked on Fishing donation

The Staples Host Lions Club recently donated \$1,000 to the Staples Motley Hooked On Fishing program, which provides a day of fishing for fourth grade students. Pictured above are Ron Case, left and Jeremy Reeck, local organizers of HOF with Lion President Mike Gold.

Student Achievements

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY has announced its 2019 Spring Dean's List. To qualify, students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 grade point average during the semester. Locals students named include:

- Lacie Hines, Pillager
- Haley Christoffersen, Staples.

BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY has announced its 2019 Spring President's List. To qualify, students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the semester. Local students named include:

- Darla Davis, Motley
- Elizabeth Brown, Staples
- Stephanie Kennedy, Staples
- Claire Wolhowe, Staples.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Sabrina and Samuel Davidson of Staples, a baby boy, Andrew Keith weighing seven pounds, two ounces on July 21, 2019.

Born to Brittany and Phillip Ramsdell of Crosby, a baby boy, Josiah Scott weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on July 21, 2019.

Born to Crystal and Pedro Jauregui of Staples, a baby girl, Emilia weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on July 22, 2019.

Born to Callie Armstrong and Josh Weizenegger of Garrison, a baby girl, Harper Mae weighing

seven pounds, two ounces on July 24, 2019.

Born to Amanda Holden and Steven Otterness of Pillager, a baby girl, Brooklyn Ann Marie weighing eight pounds, one ounce on July 25, 2019.

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

Baby girl, Fiana James Grunwald, born on July 26, 2019, to Alyssa and Justin Grunwald of Staples weighing seven pounds, one ounce at Tri-County Health Care in Wadena. Siblings are Phoenix and Freya. Grandparents are LaDonna, Renee and Randy and Glenda.

Obituaries

Byron Haskins

Byron "Bud" Haskins, 93, of Staples passed away July 28 at the Lakewood Health Care Center, Staples. Services are pending with Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples. See complete obituary in next week's Staples World.



John Lee

John S. Lee, 92, of Pillager passed away July 22, 2019 at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud.

A memorial service was held Thurs., July 25 at the Halvorson Taylor Funeral Home in Brainerd.

Burial was at Wildwood Cemetery in Pillager.

John was born April 23, 1927 in Pillager to Mabel and John Lee. He attended Pillager High School and at the age of 17, he enlisted in the US Navy. He was united in marriage to Avis Gudim on October 15, 1949 in Brainerd. John spent his time farming, pumping and installing sewers and working for 32 years at Burlington Northern Railroad. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and the outdoors. John was a member of the American Legion Post #100.

John is survived by his wife of 69 years; three sons, John (Charlene) Lee, Randy (Kathy) Lee and David (Sheila) Lee; one daughter, Lori (Paul) Dauphinais; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; five sisters, Ruth, Doris, Evelyn, Lila, Jean and one brother, George.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the American Legion Post #100-Flag Fund.

Arrangements are with the Halvorson Taylor Funeral Home, Brainerd.

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Raymond Shea

Raymond "Ray" Shea Sr., 72, died unexpectedly at his home in Staples on July 23, 2019.

Services will be held at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls.

Raymond was born on December 10, 1946 in Fitchburg, MA to Paul and Gladys (Chartrand) Shea. He married Letta Burns in 1973 in Ripley, NY, before moving to the Staples area together in 2000. Raymond drove truck with Letta; the couple did everything together. He spent much of his time volunteering and working with his friend, Henry, detailing cars. Ray loved cars, cats and watching TV.

Raymond is survived by Letta, his loving wife of 46 years; children Raymond, Jr. and Lori Burns; three grandchildren; and many friends. He is preceded in death by his parents.

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Paint The Town donation

The Staples Host Lions Club donated \$500 to the local Paint The Town project, where volunteers paint houses within the city on an application basis. Lion President Mike Gold presented the check to PTT volunteer, Tom Honek. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

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
firstconougccstaples@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
Pastor: Roger Hagen
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....9:30 am.
Sabbath School.....10:45 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
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
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
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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@1stbcpillager.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
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church

402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
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.

"Christianity Is Not For Wimps!"

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

Many Americans have a hard time attending church, let alone living a life for Jesus on an every day basis. Yet in countries of great persecution the church is growing in great numbers. The following scriptures share about the life of Paul the Apostle and the things he went through as a follower of Jesus:

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NKJV)

We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 11:22-31 (NKJV)

Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ? - I speak as a fool - I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in

the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness - besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NKJV)

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic
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Staples, MN 218-894-1775

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 2, 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 2nd day of July, 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 Kircher was absent.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for June 18th, 2019 as presented.

To approve promoting Douglas Johnson to Chief Deputy Recorder at Grade 10, step 1, \$24.92 per hour effective July 3, 2019.

To approve the hire of Adam Ossefoort as the SWCD P&Z Division Director.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous rollcall vote: To approve the June 2019 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900371 through 900388 in the amount of \$697,541.87, (Manual) 511 through 511 in the amount of \$804.20 and (Regular) 233791 through 233912 in the amount of \$560,991.86 for a total of \$1,259,339.93.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400263 through 400278 in the amount of \$4,687.12 and (Regular) 51759 through 51846 in the amount of \$96,044.48 for a total of \$100,731.60.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 800000 through 800001 in the amount of \$509.54 and (Regular) 705289 through 705365 in the amount of \$53,912.64 for a total of \$54,422.18.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous Roll Call vote: To approve the Health & Human Services SSIS Warrants number 515206 through 515238 in the amount of \$52,886.67.

Policy Committee

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the attached resolution for the Todd County Government Center Campus Parking Policy with the full resolution on file in the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

Public Works

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

GRANT AGREEMENT TO STATE TRANSPORTATION FUND FOR SAP 077-626-008 LOCAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (GRANT TERMS & CONDITIONS)

WHEREAS, Todd County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 77538, and;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transporta-

tion has given notice that funding for this project is available, and;

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$444,205.63 by the reason of the lowest responsible bid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, be it resolved Todd County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Section 174.50, and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the bridge but not required. The Todd County Board Chairman and the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer are authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

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

FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - 2018 BOX CULVERT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the contract with Houle Excavating LLC for a 2018 Box Culvert Construction Contract known as SAP 077-599-061 located on 320th Street in Iona Township in all things has been completed, and;

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2019 with the value of the total work certified being \$175,009.99, and;

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$163,504.51 have previously been made to the contractor as work progressed, and;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$11,505.48 still remains to be paid to Houle Excavating LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does here accept said completed projects for and in behalf of the County of Todd and authorizes final payment as specified.

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

REQUEST FOR SPEED LIMIT STUDY ON COUNTY ROAD #95

WHEREAS, some Todd County residents have expressed concerns over the appropriateness of the 45 mile per hour speed limit on County Road 95 from County State Aid Highway 11 to just west of 183rd Avenue in Kandota Township, and;

WHEREAS, by Minnesota Statute 169.14, Subdivision 5, local authorities can request the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation to authorize a speed limit on a local (non-trunk highway) roadway.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby request the Commissioner of Transportation to make the necessary investigation to determine the reasonable and safe speed limit, as provided in Section 169.14, Subdivision 5, of the Minnesota Statutes, on Todd County Road 95 from County State Highway 11 to just west of 183rd Avenue in Kandota Township.

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

FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - 2019 DUST CONTROL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the contract with Knife River Corporation for a 2019 Dust Control Construction Contract known as CP 77-19-08 located on various county roads in Todd County in all things has been completed, and;

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2019 with the value of the total work certified being \$94,257.75, and;

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$43,899.67 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed, and;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$50,358.08 still remains to be paid to Knife River Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does here accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Todd and authorizes final payment as specified.

County Ditch/Ag Inspector

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from CCMorgan, LLC - Jeff Lopez, to clean part of County Ditch 15 on parcels 02-0023000, 02-0023100, 02-0023300 and 02-0023402, Bertha Twp Section 28.

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

Hold Harmless Agreement - Ditch Maintenance - County Ditch 7

WHEREAS, Steve Gaugert is requesting to maintain approximately 200 feet of CD7 that is located on his parcel 01-0027600. The maintenance will be done at Steve's own expense. 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 sections of the ditch to be excavated are at the inlets and outlets of his two culverts. He will remove the silt and place it back on his cattle crossing paths.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Steve Gaugert to maintain approximately 200 feet of CD7 to repair his cattle crossings, on his own property, at his own expense.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Acting as the Ditch Authority, approves hiring Statema Backhoe Service LLC to complete the cleaning of the County Ditch 19 Sediment Pond as detailed in the Contractor Estimate #2346. The cost is not to exceed \$1,700.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from William Bontrager to clean part of County Ditch 31 on parcel 07-0007100, 07-0007200 and Pankonin parcel 07-0007300, located in section 8 of Eagle Valley Twp.

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On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Service Agreement for Security Monitoring Program through the State of MN.

Health & Human Services

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

MinnesotaCare

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has published a Request For Proposals (RFPs) to provide health care services to recipients of Families and Children and MinnesotaCare in eighty (80) Minnesota counties, including Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, DHS has requested County evaluations and recommendations regarding the RFP proposals from each respective county, and;

WHEREAS, HMO Minnesota d/b/a Blue Plus, Medica and UCare submitted proposals to provide managed health care services in Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, Representatives of Todd County Health & Human Services have reviewed and evaluated the proposals, and;

WHEREAS, UCare has submitted proposals suitable to meet our needs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners supports the recommendation of Todd County Health & Human Services approving UCare as the Managed Care Organization (MCO) providing managed health care services in Todd County.

Administration

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the Separation Agreement for an Employee to be signed by the Chair and Vice Chair.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Chris Pelzer as Interim Coordinator.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The County Auditor-Treasurer reported on meetings attended and projects in progress.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

Recess

Chairperson Kneisl recessed the meeting until July 16, 2019.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BIG SAUK LAKE ASSOC.....	\$2,303.70
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC.....	80,336.75
CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN, LLP.....	8,000.00
HEALTH PARTNERS DENTAL.....	4,428.30
KNIFE RIVER CORP.....	43,899.67
LIBERTY TIRE SERVICES LLC.....	23,928.18
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC.....	5,185.18
PETERS LAW OFFICE, PA.....	4,080.00
TODD CO AG. SOC.....	10,280.79
TODD CO AUD-TREAS.....	7,248.78
TODD SOIL & WATER CONS DIST.....	2,740.08
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC.....	2,224.32
14 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	6,078.20
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	4,702.81
CARDMEMBER SERVICE.....	3,934.01
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY.....	4,988.80
COUNTRYSIDE REST.....	3,634.40
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK.....	6,074.09
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY.....	83,540.50
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.....	5,974.72
21 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	7,330.51
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	47,216.45
HILLTOP REGIONAL KITCHEN.....	40,000.00
JOHNSON/JASON.....	21,000.00
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT.....	11,516.85
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	6,762.00
MORRISON COUNTY.....	53,354.00
P J SIGNS.....	2,500.00
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI SOLID WASTE AUTH.....	78,672.00
SHIRLEY'S GAS & GROCERIES.....	2,324.77
STEP.....	9,737.54
TODD TRAILS ASSOC.....	7,029.80
US POSTAL SERVICE.....	4,000.00
WATERGUARDS, LLC.....	16,131.35
WENCK ASSOC., INC.....	5,040.10
38 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	22,661.85
AMERICAN HERITAGE.....	5,827.79
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	44,694.24
BIG SAUK LAKE ASSOC.....	2,498.13
CARD SERV COBORNS.....	2,084.06
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC.....	251,528.80
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE.....	9,000.00
EBSO INC.....	217,070.76
LATIMER LAKE ASSOC.....	2,906.86
METRO SALES INC.....	2,347.96
REGENTS OF THE UNIV OF MN.....	35,793.98
STAPLES ADVANTAGE.....	3,025.99
US POSTAL SERVICE.....	17,449.97
VERIZON.....	3,415.51
VOYANT COMS, LLC.....	3,550.73
20 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	8,478.45
1 PAYMENT LESS THAN \$2,000.....	804.20
Total.....	\$1,259,337.93

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BROCK WHITE CO LLC.....	7,308.00
CONTECH CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS.....	26,934.73
IVERSON REUVERS LLC.....	2,547.00
JMD MANU, INC.....	2,466.54
MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV.....	2,539.86
NEAT BRANDS, LLC.....	19,180.97

PHELAN CPA/FRANCIS.....	2,785.00
TURNKEY/THREE SQUARE MARKET.....	2,747.02
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC.....	3,670.00
WOLF RIDGE ELC.....	3,606.00
94 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	26,946.48
Total.....	\$100,731.60

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
DHS - SWIFT.....	\$18,448.81
NOW MICRO INC.....	3,594.00
PERISH/ALAN.....	3,058.71
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	14,038.70
75 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	15,281.96
Total.....	\$54,422.18

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CARLSON/BARBARA J.....	\$3,400.00
DHS - MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER PROG.....	5,781.50
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472.....	9,036.50
#15702.....	2,875.96
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV. OF MN - ST PAUL.....	4,679.14
PINEHAVEN YOUTH AND FAMILY SRVS INC ..	2,748.90
PORT OF CROW WING BOYS HOME.....	7,619.80

WEST CENTRAL REG JUV CTR.....	5,431.00
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	11,313.87
TOTAL.....	\$52,886.67

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held July 2, 2019 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on July 16, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal:

Gary Kneisl, County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer 31pnc

Public Notices

CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR REZONING AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Staples will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2019 at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, to consider the application for Rezoning from I2 (general industrial) to I1 (limited industrial) followed by a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a health and fitness club use in an I1 zone at 1209 Prairie Ave. NW.

All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard on this matter.

Dated: July 31, 2019 Diane Archer, City Clerk 31pnc

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Date: June 24, 2019

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

1. Default has occurred in the conditions of the Mortgage dated June 12, 2014, executed by Henry A. Becker and Jennifer L. Becker, married to each other, as Mortgagors, to Compeer Financial, FLCA f/k/a AgStar Financial Services, FLCA, as Mortgagee, and filed for record June 16, 2014, as Document No. 489913, in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota. The land described in the Mortgage is not registered land.

2. The Mortgage has not been assigned.

3. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$184,500.00.

4. No action or proceeding at law is now pending to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof.

5. The holder of the Mortgage has complied with all conditions precedent to acceleration of the debt secured by the Mortgage and foreclosure of the Mortgage, and all notice and other requirements of applicable statutes.

6. At the date of this Notice the amount due on the Mortgage, and taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage is \$117,571.66.

7. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the land located in Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows:

The W1/2 of NE1/4 and the NE1/4 of NE1/4, Section 36, Township 130, Range 33, Todd County, Minnesota

will be sold by the County Sheriff of Todd County, Minnesota, at public auction on August 15, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the Todd County Sheriff's Department, located at 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

8. To the best of Mortgagee's information, the property being foreclosed has a property address of 28275 - 280th Street, Long Prairie, MN 56347, and has tax parcel identification number 12-0039000.

9. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagors or Mortgagors' personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months after the date of sale.

10. The property must be vacated by 11:59 p.m. on August 15, 2020, provided the Mortgagors have not reinstated the Mortgage under Minnesota Statutes, Section 580.30 or redeemed the property under Minnesota Statutes, Section 580.23. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

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Old Wadena Rendezvous includes Chautauqua

The 29th annual Old Wadena Rendezvous will include Chautauqua learning sessions for the second year. Sessions and workshops include Ukulele, song writing, Indian flute, pit fired pottery, barn quilt painting, square dancing and canoeing. Some of this year's entertainers are listed above (see this week's Old Wadena tab insert in the Staples World for complete listing).

The Rendezvous, located at Old Wadena Park on the Crow Wing River north of Staples, will be held Saturday, August 10 and Sunday, August 11. The park will be open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. both days with an admission fee at the gate. The Old Wadena Rendezvous is presented by the Old Wadena Society partnered with Five Wings Arts Council and Wadena County, with sponsorship from businesses and an organization.

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outs provided. One hour session on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

2. The Art of Writing Songs about real people

Loretta Simonet will teach how to write "story songs" about real-life people. Using examples from several of the songs she's written about Minnesota unsung heroes, she'll cover where to find song subjects, and much more. One hour session Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

3. Traditional Indian Flute

Jake Kaehne will teach the basics of playing the traditional Ojibwe flute. If you have your own flute, please bring it. If you do not have a flute you can borrow one from us. One hour session on Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

4. Pit fired pottery

Cheryl Bannes and Sandra Daulton Shaughnessy will be demonstrating pit firing techniques at the main fire circle at the Old Wadena campground. Pit firing is the oldest known method for the firing of pottery.

5. Barn Quilt Painting

Paint your own 2' x 2' barn quilt under the direction of

Cynthia Buchholz. All materials and design assistance provided. Each student (or two-person team) will leave with a completed barn quilt ready to mount on a barn or outbuilding. A \$35 materials fee is required for each student or team. Sunday only 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Pre-registration required. Call 218-371-6403.

6. Square Dancing

Learn the elements of square dancing with the Wadena Whirlaways. Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. No experience necessary.

7. Canoeing the Crow Wing River

Bob Schafer will lead a group of modern-day voyageurs and canoeists from Bullard's Bluff to Old Wadena park. A traditional birchbark canoe will lead the group. Meet at 9 a.m. Sunday at Old Wadena campground and transport your canoe to Bullard's Bluff. Life jackets are necessary. Then, enjoy the Rendezvous with free admission for all canoeists.

Call 218-371-6403 with any questions.



Family business

Dan Orth (right) longtime insurance agent in Staples, is happy to have his son, Derek Orth, join him in business. Orth Insurance is located at 227 4th St. NE in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Derek Orth new agent at Orth Insurance

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Staples native Derek Orth said that working with his dad is something the two of them had talked about over the years.

"He always said, 'when ever you're ready,'" Derek shared of his dad, Dan Orth, who owns Orth Insurance in Staples.

Thirteen years since leaving his hometown, it's clear that Derek is now ready to enter into business with his dad.

"I love being back," Derek said, adding that he's not only looking forward to working with his dad, but is looking forward to being a part of the Staples community again.

In 2006, Derek graduated from Staples-Motley High School and went on to study Exercise Science at Minnesota State University-Moorhead, with the goal of working as a personal trainer. He's always been a sports nut, Derek shared, adding that he played basketball, football and golf during his SMHS years and was proud to be a

Cardinal. After earning his college degree, Derek continued to live and work in the Fargo/Moorhead area for the next several years.

Currently, he and his wife, Ashley (they were married June 1) live in Lake Park (Ashley's hometown), but are in the process of securing a home in Staples. Ashley has recently been hired by Bertha-Hewitt School District to teach special education.

Dan Orth said he's impressed with how his son is doing in the insurance field, as well as how he interacts with customers. There's a lot to learn, Dan went on, but he's confident that Derek is ready for the challenge.

"I'm excited," Derek said again about his new career as an insurance agent and for the opportunity to be back in Staples. He can't think of a better place for he and Ashley to put down roots and start a family of their own someday.

Orth Insurance is located at 227 4th St. NE in Staples. For more information, call 218-894-2525.

Send children back to school protected

Back-to-school season is here. It's time for parents to gather school supplies and back packs. It's also the perfect time to make sure your children are up to date on their vaccines.

Child care facilities, pre-school programs, schools and colleges are prone to

outbreaks of infectious diseases. Children in these settings can easily spread illnesses to one another due to poor hand washing, not covering their coughs, and other factors such as interacting in crowded environments.

To celebrate the impor-

ance of immunizations for people of all ages, and make sure children are protected with all the vaccines they need as they go back to school, Todd County Health & Human Services is joining with partners nationwide in recognizing August as National Immu-

nization Awareness Month.

Todd County Health & Human Services will be holding immunization clinics on Tuesday, Aug. 6 and Monday, Aug. 26 from 9 a.m. - noon and from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will also be a late afternoon and early evening clinic held on Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

"Getting children all of the vaccines recommended by CDC's immunization schedule is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children from serious diseases," said Samantha Cofell. "If you haven't done so already, now is the time to check with your child's doctor to find out what vaccines your child needs."

Vaccines protect against a number of serious and potentially life-threatening diseases.

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for diseases and can also spread diseases to others in their classrooms and community- including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer or other health conditions.

Talk to your child's doctor to find out which vaccines are recommended and required for them before going back to school.

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At his new desk

Staples native Derek Orth has returned to his hometown to work alongside his dad, Dan Orth, at Orth Insurance. He was officially licensed July 19. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Belated correction

The mystery photo published in the Staples World two weeks ago, featuring cast members of 'Fiddler on the Roof' performing the bottle dance, incorrectly identified one person.

Longtime Staples resident Amy Hunter, now of Richmond, played the part of Golde in the

Lamplighter Community Theatre's production performed at Centennial Auditorium in Staples in July of 1994. She recalled that the person identified as Mike Gold in the paper was actually Pat Lunemann of Clarissa. The Staples World regrets the error, 25 years later.

