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Dr. Mennis enjoyed friendships in family practice

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Through many changes in the world of medicine and amazing expansion of his own practice, Dr. William Mennis steadfastly continued doing what he likes best, helping his patients in Staples as a small town family doctor. His quality of care and the attention that Mennis has paid to his practice has contributed to the success of Lakewood Health System's clinic and hospital.

"I like taking care of people," he said. Seeing patients in Staples since 1968, he said many of them became old friends. "The patients keep getting older and older and I liked taking care of them, it was wonderful," he said.

June 30 was his last day on the job. "It is bittersweet," he said, "after doing the same thing for 48 years."

"It was our entire life, it took a lot of energy and a lot of patience from Helen."

Bill and Helen, his wife, both came from the same small town in South Dakota, Astoria. He went to college at St. Olaf and then the University of Minnesota Medical School.

He was doing his residency at the Sacramento County Hospital, now the University of California Davis, when he met a fellow doctor who would change his life, Ted Lelwica. "He said 'come with me to Staples,'" said Mennis. "I hadn't heard of it but I dearly loved him and he was an excellent doctor."

Mennis still had his military obligation to fulfill and found himself working in Belcourt, North Dakota, where he met three more people who would change his life, John Gorton, Jack Muus and Jim Thompson, who all came to Staples with Mennis.

As one of the first doctors to specialize in a family practice residency, Mennis wanted to find a city where he could settle down.

He checked out Staples because of Lelwica, but it was some of the people here who did the real recruiting. First, banker Don Eddy offered loans for homes, equipment and cars. Mennis said he would call them sub-prime loans these days because it was a big risk to give that much money to a group of young men with no money and a lot of medical school debt.

"We looked at 15 to 20 different towns, and only one other town offered loans and the support like Staples did," he said.

The community also sold Mennis as a vibrant place to live. "Duane Lund and Dick Donat told us that there was something going on in Staples, there was something to offer us," said Mennis. That included new businesses coming to town. "They said it was not a dying railroad town."

In 1967, they agreed to set up practice in Staples and came in 1968. Lelwica had started his practice in the small building at the corner of 4th Street and 3rd Ave. NE.

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Back at the beginning

Just a week after retiring, Dr. William Mennis stands in front of the clinic building that his medical practice built in 1969, now Staples Family Dentistry. After the clinic merged with Lakewood Health System and is expanding again, he said "It grew into something nobody could have ever imagined." (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

SEDA looks at immigrants to possibly fill workforce

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) Board discussed a workforce gap that is expected statewide.

While discussing the Thriving Communities Initiative's workforce development task force, board member Tim Rice said they had reviewed the state demographer's office report that predicted a shortage of workers for the next 20 years. Rice, CEO of Lakewood of Health System, said they are already feeling the shortage. He said in the past Lakewood would have up to 100 applicants for a single position, now they're only seeing ten applicants for the same position.

"We're running into a problem where people aren't even applying for work," said Rice.

Board member Mary Klamm, Superintendent of Staples Motley Schools, said the education field is seeing the same thing. Citing demographic predictions, Klamm said "it's only going to get worse."

Rice said a lot of communities are dealing with the gap through diversity, by bringing in immigrants or other groups in need of work.

Rice said the success of bringing in a group of immigrants depends on the community. "How do you accept them, greet them and make them feel a part of the community?" he asked.

Board member Kevin Jenkins said he thought Staples would acccept diverse populations as long as it wasn't a large group from just one culture that doesn't want to assimilate into the community.

Klamm gave examples of communities that had success with family groups that came for jobs. She said we could learn from other communities in Minnesota who have worked with different groups of immigrants.

"The more we know, the better, because it's going to happen overnight," said Klamm.

Restaurant, airport

The SEDA also discussed the hotel development and restaurant.

Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said the owners of Prairie Bay restaurant in Baxter are interested in starting a business in Staples. She put them in contact with the family building the new hotel and purchasing the former Town's Edge Restaurant. Radermacher said it's up to the two groups to decide if they want to work together. Radermacher said Prairie

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Remembering on the Fourth of July

A number of area residents attended a ceremony at the Staples All Veterans & Community Park on July 4, which included a paver dedication, celebration of the park's new eagle sculpture and granite sign, music and remarks by military veteran Charles R. Poulton (pictured above). Poulton spoke about the history of the United State's National Anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner" written by Francis Scott Key in 1814, after witnessing the flag still flying triumphantly following the bombardment of Fort McHenry by British ships of the Royal Navy in Baltimore Harbor during the Battle of Fort McHenry in the War of 1812. Pictured in lower photo, army veteran Tom Stetzler of Staples plays "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" on his harmonica. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Hello, Readers,

The comedy, music and variety show A Prairie Home Companion made its first live broadcast from Macalester College in St. Paul on July 6, 1974. The show's first national broadcast would follow nearly four years later, in February 1978. Garrison Keillor, now 73, said his final good night in front of 18,000 fans at a show taped July 1 in Los Angeles and aired July 2 on National Public Radio. The beloved radio show took place in Keillor's fictional hometown Lake Wobegon - "where all the women are strong, all the men are good looking and all the the children are above average." The show will be silent until October when it is slated to return with some changes, including a new host - Chris Tithe.

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Ly family escaped from Laos to Staples 40 years ago

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

As our country celebrated 200 years of freedom in 1976, the Ly family of Laos celebrated their first year of freedom in the United States of America.

It's been nearly 40 years since the Lys first set foot on U.S. soil, putting down temporary roots in Staples.

The small Minnesota town would be their home for the next two-and-a-half years. It was where they were first introduced to the 'land of the free and the home of the brave'...a country they would eventually claim as their own.

They arrived from Thailand on Oct. 29, 1976...Chy Ly, his wife Xiong My; and their four children, Doua Chi, Kablia, Leng and Kasoua. Although adjusting to a new culture was difficult at times, it did not compare to the difficulties the Lys had faced in their homeland.

Recently, Chy Ly, his wife Xiong My and their son, Doua Chi (now known as Charles), traveled from St. Paul to visit their first American home and stroll down memory lane. Charles later corresponded with the Staples World via email to share some additional thoughts.

"After the United States pulled out from the Vietnam War in 1975, my family escaped communist control of Laos into a refugee camp in Thailand," Charles said, adding that they were there for a little over a year. "While we were in Thailand, my father (a former soldier who fought alongside the American soldiers in Laos) was asked if he would like to be sponsored by a Christian & Missionary Alliance church to come to the United States," Charles went on, noting that the Ly family had been a part of this denomination when they lived in Laos.

It was something that Chy and his family were indeed interested in; and later learned that they would be sponsored by the C&MA Church in Staples, Minn.

"We had no idea where Minnesota was, but we knew that it was somewhere in America," Charles said.

The Lys arrived to their new country in late October. Charles, who was 12 years old at the time, said he remembers stepping off the plane at the Brainerd Airport and that the

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Visiting their first American hometown

Members of the Ly family of St. Paul stopped by Staples recently to visit the town they first called "home" after leaving a refugee camp in Thailand in 1976. The family, who lived in Staples for two years, was sponsored by the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Staples. Originally from Laos, the Lys fled to Thailand in 1975, to escape communist control of their country. Pictured from left are Dawn (Schimpp) Timbs, Xiong My Ly, Chy Ly, Doua Chi Ly (Charles); and Janice and Ivan Voeltz. Timbs and the Voeltzs had been members at the Staples C&MA when the Ly family was there. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

Thriving Communities Initiative ideas flowing to improve Staples

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

The Thriving Communities Initiative (TCI) steering committee has approved its first request for funding.

The economic development task force requested $1,000 to prepare materials for distribution beginning during Railroad Days in August.

At a recent steering committee meeting the chairs of each task force shared the ideas each group has been discussing to meet the TCI vision statement "To inspire a vibrant, prosperous and welcoming community through collaboration, innovation and action."

Three task forces evolved out of the original community and group meetings in February and March: workforce development, quality of life and economic development.

The economic development task force plans to staff a booth during Railroad Days encouraging people to "Help Us Grow: Your Town, Your Home."

Among other initiatives, they are preparing cards with facts, such as how much local businesses donate back into the local local community supporting youth, non profit organizations and community activities and improvements.

This task force is also organizing information sessions in October through the Todd County Development Corporation to help and encourage entrepreneurs.

The quality of life task force began their campaign in last week's issue of the Staples World with their list of "50+ things to do in Staples this summer." They encourge people to add their own ideas to the list.

The task force notes the need for bike racks, especially in the parks and on the trails. They will work to create trailheads for the growing biking and walking trail network.

They shared ideas for creating art and leisure spaces in the community, such as colorfully painted crosswalks (think hopscotch or cartoon characters), murals on buildings or in parking lots. They also would like to expand programming to use city parks, such as bird watching, nature trails and fitness stations.

The workforce development task force has been discussing the training needed by employees in service and manufacturing companies.

Ideas have included helping to develop certificate programs for students entering a career and mentorship options for students to learn local businesses.

They are collaborating with the school district which is conducting a Search Institute survey of students and community people to define what assets need to be developed.

Volunteers are welcome to join these task forces or to get involved in specific activities by contacting the chairs:

- Economic development - Ryan Wright, wright.a.ryan@gmail.com, 218-640-7247, or Dan Shaw, dannoret@outlook.com, 218-296-0228.
- Quality of life - Mark Anderson, editor@staplesworld.com, 218-894-1112 or Tricia Jasmer, tjasmer@ci.staples.mn.us, 218-894-2553.
- Workforce development - Bart Graves, Bart.Graves@njpacoop.org, 218-894-1930, or Rachel Johnson, racheljohnson@lakewoodhealthsystem.com, 218-894-1515.
- Coordinator in Staples - Melissa Radermacher, mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us, 218-894-2550.

Ly family in Staples



The Ly family, consisting of six members, Chy, the father; Xiong, the mother; and four children, ages 12, 9, 7 and 5, are the newly "adopted" family of the Staples Alliance Church.

The Ly family, members of the Laotian Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, have been living in Thailand since the communist seige of Laos in 1975. Mr. Ly served as a Sergeant in the Laotian Army.

The family arrived Saturday, Oct. 30, and are now residing in Staples under the care of the Staples Alliance congregation.

Pastor Bill Arant of the Staples Alliance Church said that the church welcomes any help that those of the community wish to offer, such as winter clothing, financial aid or any other offers of assistance. If interested, call 894-2891 or 894-3810.

Early days in Staples

This photo of the Ly family was featured in the Staples World Nov. 4, 1976, shortly after their arrival to Staples from a refugee camp in Thailand. Pictured, back row from left, are Xiong My Ly and Chy Ly. Middle row: Kablia, Doua Chi and Leng Ly. Front row: Kasoua Ly. In 1977, the Lys' youngest son, Doua Hley Ly was born in Staples.

Staples area landowner says he's denied access to his land

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

During the public comment held before the start of the regular meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners July 5, Citizen Steve McReynolds from the Staples area asked the board how he could go about getting a driveway to his land.

"I have been fighting with soil and water all summer. They told me I could put a walking path in," said McReynolds.

McReynolds farms the land in question and had access to it in the past on a railroad easement. However, the railroad is pulling his existing access. McReynolds said that according to the information he received, the railroad is pulling all of their crossings federally because they now have to put crossing arms on all of them.

The reason he received from Todd Soil and Water Conservation District for denying him access on the proposed path is because the area in question is partially a wetland.

He said that soil and water had been telling him he needed to get wetland credits.

"How can they deny you access to your land?" he asked.

In order to reach the 150 acres that he has been farming for the past eight years and purchased last year, he said he would have to spend $100,000 to put in a driveway.

An older driveway to the land is too wet to use and hasn't been accessible for some time which is why he'd been using the railroad easement.

Chair Barb Becker said she would talk with soil and water and see if anything can be done. The area in question is in Commissioner Becker's district.

In other business the commissioners:

- Approved the transfer of $290,869 to the Todd Wadena Community Corrections fund for their approved 2016 amount.
- Approved the final payment of $3,014.52 to Traffic Marking Services, Inc.. for the 2016 pavement striping contract located along various Todd County highways. This will bring the total paid for the work to $60,290.41.
- Approved a Hold Harmless Agreement Petition from Henry Theisen for ditch maintenance on County Ditch 25 located in sections 24 and 25 of Germania Township. He will be doing the work at his own expense with his own backhoe.

Ditch Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp said she advised Theisen to be careful because this is the same area another backhoe was lost during a ditch maintenance project a few years ago. She said that the area is very boggy and has "no bottom."

- Approved the hire of Ethan Korfe as a Season Recreational Assistant in the sheriff's department pending a background check.
- Approved a contract with Pictometry to complete another flyover of the county and to do 9" resolution for the county and 4" resolution for the cities of Browerville, Long Prairie and Staples. The three cities will share in the project cost which is $102,990.50.

The Todd County Compliance Fund Committee agreed and it was approved to pay $90,752.50 of the project cost with the remaining breakdown of $2,532 for Browerville, $3,798 for Long Prairie and $5,908 for Staples. Payments can be made over a three year period as in previous years.

The flyover will take place in 2017.

- Approved the purchase of service agreement between Todd County Health and Human Services and Holistic Family Education Services for the period of July 1, 2016, through December 31, 2017, at a rate of $39 per hour.

The HHS department contracts with providers such as Holistic Family Education Services for in-home parent education services.

- Approved the hire of Emera Wershing as a public health nurse in the Adult and Disabilities Unit.
- Commissioner Randy Neumann attended a meeting of the Sauk River Watershed District and asked for a variance of 10 feet to install a dock that was donated by a sportsmans club, but was denied.
- Commissioner Rod Erickson gave an update on the Facilities Committee including some future repair needs like roofs on various county facilities.
- Chair Becker reported that they had done interviews last week with applicants for the human resources/coordinator position.

Wadena County annex to go next to courthouse

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

At a special board meeting held June 27, Wadena County Commissioners chose a location for the new courthouse annex. The annex, which will be built next fall, will be located at the corner of Jefferson St South and Dayton Ave. SW, just north of the existing courthouse.

The two residential lots that the county is purchasing, located behind and west of the courthouse, will be used for a new parking lot for visitors and employees.

Architect Chad Bormann of BHH Partners, Perham, led commissioners through a discussion of three options for the building location, and encouraged them to make a firm decision at the meeting, which they did.

Following the choice of building location, the board authorized Bormann to hire an engineering firm to survey the county property and take soil borings at the site where the new building will be built. Bormann was also asked to begin a discussion with the City of Wadena about the county's need for a variance for the project, so that the city can issue a building permit for the annex.

The county needs a variance from the city because it does not have the required number of off-street parking places for the courthouse to meet state codes, and is short 29 places. When the new annex and new parking lot are built, the county still will not have enough off-street parking places, but will have more than it has now. With the new parking lot, the county will be short only 11 parking places, Bormann said.

The annex will house the office of the county attorney and the community corrections office. The two offices will be separated by a wall for security purposes.

An option for the project is the construction of a covered walkway between the annex and the courthouse. Whether the walkway can be built this year will be determined by the cost estimates received when bids are submitted by contractors.

Bormann told the board that the timeline for the project includes a two-month period for the civil engineering work to be done (July and August) and construction drawings to be created. Then bids will be requested in early September. Bidders will have approximately two weeks to prepare their cost documents, with contracts to be awarded by the county by the end of September.

Bormann said he hopes that the foundation and building shell will be completed by Dec. 1, so that the interior work can be done indoors during the winter months.

Commissioners will discuss the options for the building's exterior finish, including colors and design, in July.

Cabin damaged in electrical fire

On Saturday, July 2, at 12:52 a.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence on Conservation Road northeast of Wadena for a structure fire.

When deputies arrived on scene they saw smoke coming from the roof and vent. The property owners, Alan Froleck, 65, of St. Joseph and Paul Froleck, 59 of Hawley had exited the cabin with no injuries.

The occupants stated they were awake watching a movie when they could hear a popping noise and soon after noticed smoke in the cabin. They attempted to put the fire out themselves, with water, but attempts failed and 911 was called.

The Wadena and Verndale Fire Depts. responded to the scene. When the fire departments arrived, the roof burst into flames. The fire departments were able to extinguish the fire.

The cabin suffered major damage to the roof and the cause of the fire was determined to be electrical.

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Halloween, winter weather, were among first experiences

weather was "very cold." From there, the family was driven to their new home on 6th St. NE in Staples. "The house is no longer there…it was located behind what used to be the Faith Lutheran Church," Charles said.

Two days after they arrived, the Lys were introduced to the American holiday of Halloween. "We didn't know anything about trick-or-treating," Charles said, recalling that a man from the C&MA Church had dropped off two kids at the Lys' house to hand out candy. "My mother looked outside and noticed all of the children in costumes. At the time, she thought they were little monsters running around town looking for food…there had always been rumors in the refugee camps about monsters and man-eating giants in America. Now, as an adult, and having lived in this country for 40 years, I laugh about that first Halloween experience."

Winter was also a new experience for the Ly family and an exciting one for the children. "Looking at the sky with the snow falling made me realize that I was actually in the midst of a winter wonderland, one that I had only heard stories about before in Laos."

In addition to noticing the differences in weather and landscape, Charles said he noticed that people looked different from what he was used to. "They reminded me of these dolls I had seen in Laos with blue or green eyes. I noticed how much different I looked from them with my black hair, yellow skin and almond eyes. I felt out of place in this strange land with strange looking people who spoke a strange language I did not understand."

During the next two-plus years in Staples, the Lys encountered a number of new experiences, including learning English and being introduced to foreign cuisine such as mashed potatoes.

Doua Chi (Charles), Kablia and Leng attended Lincoln Model School, and Kasoua attended Head Start. "I was in the fifth grade when I started," Charles said. "Mr. Tollefson was my teacher. All of the students called him, 'Mr. T.' I remember he gave my family his color TV."

Not being able to understand the English language was very difficult. "I remember just smiling a lot when I was spoken to. It was very frustrating not being able to understand what was being said and not being able to reply back."

Charles remembered being at the Alliance Church for a gathering one day. "The kids were playing hide-and-seek with a volleyball and I had hidden it behind a divider in the gymnasium. Later on, I couldn't find it and later realized that a group of elderly ladies had taken the ball. One of them held it out to me and asked me to 'say the magic word.' I replied 'ball' but she kept repeating, 'What's the magic word?' She repeated this a few times and then finally explained to me that the magic word was 'Please.' After saying 'please' I was given the ball back."

During their time in Staples, Chy and Xiong My welcomed their youngest son, Doua Hley, who was born in 1977. Chy also attended vocational school in Staples and was later offered a manufacturing job at FMC Corporation in the Twin Cities. The Ly family subsequently moved to St. Paul and over the years, each of them became U.S. citizens.

"At first, I did miss Staples because of its small town feel," Charles said. "However, I do like St. Paul for its diverse communities as well as the opportunities available. St. Paul is home to the second largest Hmong population in the U.S. and there are many successful refugees and immigration stories out of St. Paul."

Now 51, Charles lives in Woodbury and works as a St. Paul Police Officer. "I've worked for the department for the past 26 years." He has a son, Calvin; and a daughter, Grace.

His father retired in 2007, and his mother (who worked as an interpreter at Regions Hospital) retired in 2005. They enjoy spending time with their 11 grandchildren.

Charles' brother, Leng, lives in Maplewood and works as a systems engineer for Metropolitan. He was in the marine corps and served in the first Gulf War. Charles' other brother, Doua Hley, lives in St. Paul and works as a reimbursement specialist. Kasoua, Charles' youngest sister, lives in St. Paul and works for the state as a state program administrator. Sadly, his other sister, Kablia, passed away in 2002. She was 32 years old.

It is hard to believe that four decades have passed since he and his family first arrived at their new homeland, Charles said.

"The U.S. is a great country. It truly is the land of opportunities if one is willing to work hard. I cannot imagine myself living anywhere else but the United States. It has been my home since 1976 and will continue to be the home of my children and their children's children."

Never say 'We can't'. . . ask 'How can we not?'

Home delivered meals save lives and money



Preparing the meals

Darlene Klemek, Linda Sudbeck and Carol Winkler are busy packaging one of the several hundred meals they prepare daily for Meals on Wheels, congregate dining and the Bundled Meals programs at the facility in Eagle Bend. (Staples World photo by Karin Nauber)

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

The amount of money that is saved each and every day by Meals on Wheels and Bundled Meals is hard to measure, but when you consider that the kitchen located in Eagle Bend prepares and delivers over 4,000 meals monthly all throughout Todd County and parts of Wadena County to at-risk seniors, you might get a small glimpse.

In some cases, a home delivered meal might mean the difference between staying in their own home or having to live in another setting, such as assisted living or a care center.

But saving money isn't the only thing that home delivered meals do.

"The impact on those people, on the community and on the county is tremendous," said Verna Toenyan, Todd County Aging Coordinator who has spent countless hours working to improve the lives of Todd County senior citizens.

When Toenyan thinks of the home delivered meals which are prepared and delivered every weekday, she never says "We can't," but rather, "How can we not?"

With that mindset, the birth of the idea for the Hilltop Regional Kitchen was celebrated.

"But we need everyone to be invested in this. It serves the needs of so many of our citizens," said Toenyan.

Since 2012 the number of meals prepared by the kitchen in Eagle Bend, delivered and served at various senior centers has more than doubled.

In 2012, 24,727 meals were prepared. Contrast that with the 51,246 meals prepared in 2015 and you can see that the demand has grown exponentially.

In April of 2016 4,332 meals were prepared and served either at the various senior centers or were delivered. That number includes 504 bundled meals.

Meals on Wheels are delivered hot everyday by volunteers to people who live in towns. Bundled Meals are prepared by the kitchen and frozen. Drivers deliver 14 meals every two weeks to people living in rural areas.

Broken down by the communities that are served by delivered meals and congregate dining at senior centers, the numbers look like this:

Eagle Bend congregate	288
Eagle Bend MOW	232
Browerville	165
Clarissa	237
Bertha	201
Long Prairie	580
Wadena	1,241
Verndale	71
Staples	813

These statistics are for April 2016. Some numbers are combinations of Meals on Wheels and congregate dining. Wadena includes meals delivered to Humphrey Manor.

The Bundled Meals program pays its volunteer drivers through the "cookie ladies" who bake cookies for Treasured Treats, along with other funding sources.

Donations to the Bundled Meals program also makes these deliveries possible. Anyone can make a donation to the program. Call 218-738-4152 for more information

Because of the importance of nutritious, home delivered meals, money continues to be raised through donations to prepare the Hilltop Regional Kitchen for use in the former ag and shop area of the Eagle Valley High School.

Organizers are hoping Phase One of the project - the kitchen area and dining area - can go out for bids this fall.

Each day and each donation brings the project closer to fruition and the reality of a truly regional kitchen which delivers meals to those who need them.

Lutheran Social Services manages the program and staffing.

"The program is a partnership between Lutheran Social Service Senior Nutrition and the communities they serve," according to Terri Weyer, Assistant Director, LSS Senior Nutrition.

Lutheran Social Services Senior Nutrition only serves areas which invite them for their services such as providing home delivered meals.

Anyone interested in ordering meals can call 218-738-4152.



Delivering meals

Charlotte Ackerson and her husband Melvin help with home deliveries. Charlotte has been delivering meals for five years. Melvin began volunteering two years ago and helps Charlotte nearly every day delivering meals to Clarissa and Browerville where other drivers pick them up to deliver them. She and Melvin deliver all of the meals in Long Prairie. They typically spend three or more hours out delivering meals. On Wednesdays they deliver the bundled meals which provides two weeks worth of meals to those in Long Prairie. (Staples World photo by Karin Nauber)



Closer to goal

Innovation Funds of $100,000 from NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) pushed the donations to the Hilltop Regional Kitchen to over 90 percent of their goal. From left are Todd County Health and Human Services Community Planning Unit Manager Katherine Mackedanz, Todd County Aging Coordinator Verna Toenyan, National Joint Powers Alliance Manager of City and County Solutions Anna Gruber, Eagle Bend Senior Citizens Center President Rick Hest and Eagle Bend City Administrator Kevin Hess. (Staples World photo by Karin Nauber)

Hilltop Regional Kitchen receives NJPA funding

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

The $100,000 Innovation Funding from the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) has pushed the mercury on the fundraising thermometer for the Hilltop Regional Kitchen to just over 90 percent.

According to a recent press release from NJPA, "Innovation Funding was created to help Region Five entities (education and city and county government) fund initiatives aimed at creating collaboration and improving the region."

The kitchen project certainly meets the prerequisites.

Phase 1 of the project is to remodel the former shop area at the Eagle Valley High School into a larger kitchen and congregate dining area to serve the growing population of senior citizens as well as the general public.

Future phases of the project will include additional space for regional classes, education opportunities and community events.

"The $100,000 in funding support through NJPA allows us to be so close to our funding goal," said Rick Hest, president of the Eagle Bend Senior Citizens.

Funding is close, but the project still needs about $53,000 to meet the goals of Phase 1.

There are also some additional items that were not included in the costs of Phase 1 including redoing the roof, parking and other exterior modifications.

"This is a big solution to a long-term issue in Todd County and beyond," said Todd County Aging Coordinator Verna Toenyan.

Anyone wishing to donate to this or any phase of the project can contact the City of Eagle Bend at 218-738-5982 for information.

NJPA is a service cooperative providing funding support for Region Five public projects and initiatives through Innovation Funding and shared services. The support is not considered a grant.

Lutheran Social Services manages the nutriton program and staffing.



Donation to kitchen

A donation received from Roger and Marlys Bense, right for $1,000 will go a long way toward making the new Hilltop Regional Kitchen facility a reality. Thousands of home delivered meals are prepared each month at the current Eagle Bend Kitchen. Receiving the donation are Todd County Aging Coordinator Verna Toenyan and Eagle Bend Senior Center President Rick Hest. (Staples World photo by Karin Nauber)

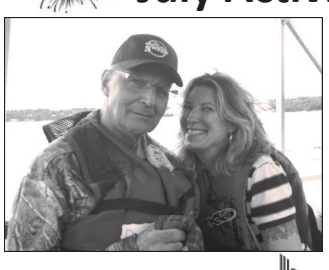
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Fourth of July Discussion, AM
Enjoy Patio, PM

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Jazzercise/Patriotic Photo, AM
Ice Cream and Bus Ride, 1:30 PM

Saturday, July 9
Statue of Liberty Discussion, AM
Gardening, PM

Tuesday, July 12
Jazzercise, AM
Make Treat for 10 Hi
Music at 10 Hi

Wednesday, July 13
Make Patriotic Bars, AM
Uno Card Game, PM
Bingo with Leader's Lions, 6:00 PM

Thursday, July 14
Jazzercise, AM
Decorate Stars, AM
Poetry Creation, PM

Sunday, July 17
Gardening/Bubbles on Patio, PM

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Fishing Trip, 11:45 AM

Tuesday, July 19
Jazzercise, AM
Make Blueberry Pie Treat & Chats, AM
Patriotic Sing-along, PM

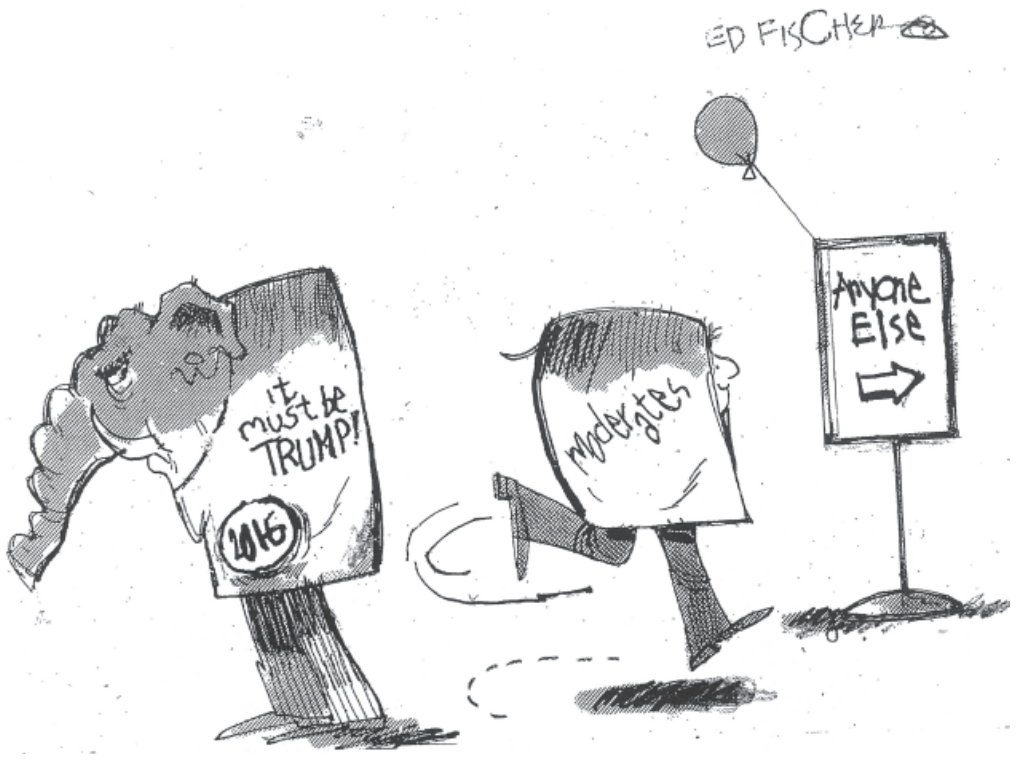
Friday, July 22
Name That, AM
Pop Rock Taste Testing, PM
Jokes, PM

Tuesday, July 26
Firework Painting, AM
Uno Card Game, PM

Wednesday, July 27
What Am I?, AM
Yahtzee, PM
Bingo with Motley Lions, 6:00 PM

Saturday, July 30
Family Picnic 4-6 PM

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Victory Books brought reading to WWII troops

By Tom Emery

Men and women in service have many needs, including recreation and education. For thousands of American troops in World War II, the Victory Book Campaign covered both.

Though forgotten today, the campaign was a wildly successful national program to collect and distribute reading material to the armed forces. Millions of books, including many from Minnesota,were enjoyed by the troops, providing a welcome respite from the drudgery and stress of daily military life.

Andrew Brozyna, a California-based freelance book designer, has studied and written on the Victory Book Campaign, and he believes the campaign had a happy effect on men in the field.

"I'm sure they enjoyed having something to read," said Brozyna. "There's a lot of downtime for servicemen, and the boredom that comes from having nothing to do. The campaign gave them piece of home, wherever they were from."

Collection of books began on Jan. 12, 1942, as citizens were asked to donate suitable books for the enjoyment of servicemen and women. Only books of good quality were accepted.

Locally, the campaigns were directed by the city librarian, a library board member or a prominent citizen. The statewide effort in Minnesota was led by Ruth Rosholt, the head of the Catalog Department at the Minneapolis Public Library.

In her calls for donations, Rosholt said that "everyone who gives a book should ask himself if it is one a man would enjoy. A safe rule to follow is to give only books which you have liked yourself. Don't send old, worn-out books to our soldiers. They are giving us their best. We can't do less."

Minnesota residents donated a total of 319,216 books in the two years of the campaign, the eleventh-highest total in the nation.

"The reaction from the public was very enthusiastic," said Brozyna. "The organizers made it easy to participate, and anyone, even children, could donate a used book. Everyone wanted to pitch in, and do their part for the war effort. They may not have been able to afford war bonds, but they could donate a used book."

Books were shipped to military camps in nearly every state in the nation, and were received with tremendous enthusiasm. In highest demand were Westerns and mysteries, in addition to current best sellers, recent technical books, joke and cartoon books and pocket-sized publications. Cash contributions were also received to buy books. Pocket Bibles proved a popular choice for purchase.

One woman donated a copy of Gone with the Wind, with a letter attached: "If the first boy that reads this book will write to me, I will send him a chocolate cake." Ralph McCoy, the director for the campaign in Illinois, hand-delivered the book to the librarian at Fort Sheridan, "who agreed to plant the book where it would be found by a cake-hungry soldier."

The librarian at a training base in Washington declared that "the Victory Book Campaign is wonderful...(the men) are mad for reading material. If a five minute break comes, out come the books and magazines."

Many books were used in academic pursuits. The Washington librarian stated that the soldiers wanted "to return home with knowledge of the world... Textbooks! We can't keep them on the shelves." The demand included "every branch of mathematics" as well as foreign language texts. The writer concluded that books were "even more popular than poker."

Nationally, The Victory Book Campaign collected over 10.8 million books by the end of 1942. The campaign was renewed in 1943, with increased involvement from national organizations such as Rotary, 4-H and Lions clubs. Another 7.6 million books came in, but a high number of books were deemed unusable. In those two years, some 8.1 million books were not used.

The national effort closed later in 1943. In all, some 10.3 million usable books nationwide were donated to the Victory Book Campaign during its existence.

Tom Emery of Carlinville, Ill., recently completed a memoir of a World War II veteran. He may be reached at 217-710-8392 or ilcivilwar@yahoo.com.



Everyone joined the effort

Even the dogs did their part to collect books for the Victory Book Campaign. Photo courtesy of the Illinois Public Library.

Opening new markets for American agriculture

By Grant Herfindahl, State Executive Director, MN Farm Service Agency
and
Colleen Landkamer, State Director, MN Rural Development

If you're looking for a growth industry, check out Minnesota's food and agricultural exports: The number of jobs supported by agricultural exports has been trending upward since the 1990s.

More than one million American jobs are supported by agricultural exports, including 55,300 jobs in Minnesota. That's a substantial part of the estimated 11.5 million jobs supported by exports all across the country.

Agricultural exports help support rural communities across the country, with each dollar of exports stimulating another $1.27 in business activity. Our state's agricultural exports support jobs in transportation, processing, packaging and many more areas; roughly 80 percent of these jobs are in non-farm sectors. So while the benefits of trade for Minnesota's rural farmers and ranchers are clear, there are also positive impacts rippling throughout the entire job market stimulating our national economy.

Here in Minnesota, we're accustomed to producing the best agricultural goods. Our producers keep Americans fed and clothed while contributing to the food security for nations across the globe. Their hard work is a symbol of where we come from, a reflection of our shared values, and an economic driver for our state's economy.

For the U.S. economy as a whole agricultural exports represent a consistent success story through good times and challenges. Agricultural exports have grown much faster over the past decade than even manufacturing exports. In fact, over the past seven years, U.S. farmers and ranchers are responsible for exporting $1 trillion in food and agricultural goods to countries around the world.

At USDA, we're working aggressively to maintain this historic momentum by expanding foreign markets to help drive demand for American-grown goods. We're leading more trade missions and generating more sales as a result than ever before.

We have saved U.S. businesses billions of dollars by removing unfair barriers to trade. In 2015 alone, USDA resolved more than 150 trade-related issues involving U.S. agricultural exports valued at $2.4 billion. And we've worked to expand trade relations with many of the world's fastest-growing nations.

More simply, as the rest of the world continues to become more developed and populations grow, so does the demand for American agricultural exports.

That is why the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement is so important to Minnesota. The TPP is a 21st century trade agreement that helps to level the playing field for American businesses while ensuring the highest labor and environmental standards.

The United States trade with the 11 TPP countries accounted for 42 percent of U.S. agricultural exports in 2014, contributing $63 billion to the U.S. economy. Easier access to these markets with fewer taxes on our goods allows for even the smallest-scale producers to expand their reach.

According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, ratifying the TPP will boost annual net farm income in the United States by $4.4 billion. The TPP also removes 3,900 taxes on U.S. agricultural goods, such as soybeans, corn, or pork grown right here. Failure by Congress to pass the agreement, however, costs the U.S. economy a permanent loss of $94 billion each year.

With TPP, local products are able to compete on a more level playing field, reaching high-demand markets both at home and abroad. And, most important, TPP provides the United States an opportunity to help write the global rules on trade rather than nations like China. While China moves forward with its own trade deals that don't reflect our interests and our values, TPP promises to make a lasting contribution to the American economy by giving more Americans a fair shot, more higher-paying jobs, and households with paychecks that go further.

Strong trade deals like TPP that meet our standards, reduce taxes and level the playing field for our businesses can power Minnesota's economy for decades to come.

Letters to the Editor

Friendly Rider offers free rides

Friendly Rider was recently awarded a $2,000 grant to help support transportation needs for Staples Motley Summer Rec and Adventures Program. The project was supported by the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, a Turn Key Partner Fund of the Initiative Foundation.

The grant funding was secured to help working parents, guardians, and grandparents let their children stay active this summer. One of the hardest things for working families is the ability to get their children to their activities during the workday, but now Friendly Rider is able to provide FREE Transportation to all students thanks to this grant. Friendly Rider operates in the city of Staples from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friendly Rider even makes trips to Motley daily in the morning and afternoon.

As a working parent myself, I know how important it is that my children stay active all summer, and this way we can say YES to keeping them involved and active, since Friendly Rider can pick up and drop off your students at home, daycare, Grandma and Grandpa's, etc., FREE.

If you have any questions about how to get your children signed up for the FREE transportation in Staples, give us a call at 218-631-5730. Our funding goes through August, so let's get your kids moving!

Ryan Damlo, Director
Wadena County Transit

Cost cuts with online learning

A June 28 opinion letter printed in the Brainerd Dispatch and earlier in the Washington Post on the high cost of textbooks struck a chord with me. Why? I completely agree that students are spending too much on textbooks.

The heavy burden of buying college textbooks is only becoming more difficult for students right here at home and across the nation. That's why Central Lakes College is doing something about it.

We're embracing Open Educational Resources (OER) to provide students access to free materials online. Our goal: A student can earn an AA Degree at CLC with little to no textbook cost.

This will lift an enormous burden from our students. The projected textbook savings for CLC students through 2018 is $348,000. That amount is expected to climb into the millions of dollars in savings in the future. And that savings will also benefit our high school's partners participating in CLC's College in the Schools program, as well as our PSEO students.

To help us reach our vision, a team of students, faculty and administrators is working hard to get us there.

CLC first shined a light on the high cost of textbooks a couple of years ago, bringing our thoughts to the Minnesota State system. CLC was recently awarded a $25,000 grant from Minnesota State to move forward and promote the use of OER on campus.

Today, we're leading the state with this effort, with other colleges and universities approaching us for guidance on rolling out a similar effort.

One textbook at a time, we're trying to make earning a college education more affordable for everyone, because no matter your background or situation, we want every dream to be within reach.

Dr. Hara Charlier, President
Central Lakes College

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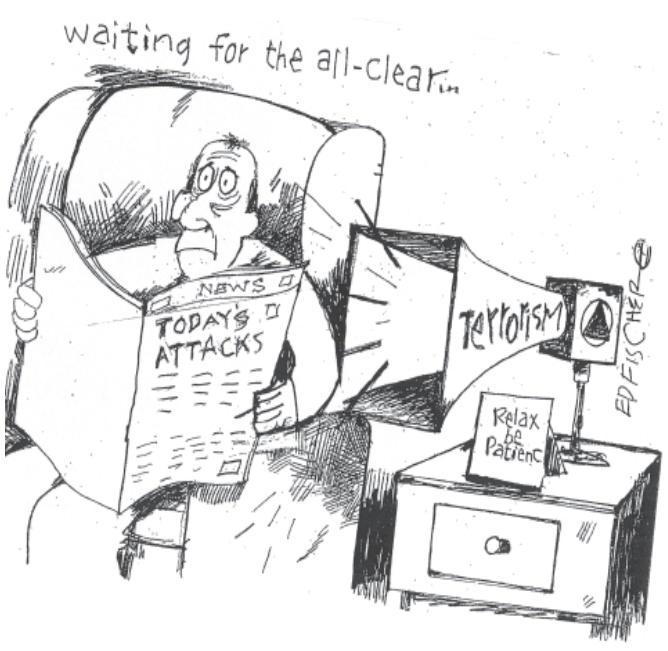
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Kathy Iverson & Daughters open Music in the Park

Kathy Iverson & Daughters will kick off the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 10, at 7 p.m. this is the first concert in the series which will run for six Sundays.

Expect to hear a combination of folk and gospel music from singer/songwriter Kathy Iverson, as well as tight family harmonies and stellar instrumental accompaniment. Joining Kathy on stage are her daughters Lynnea and Jenessa. In addition to offering backup vocals, Lynnea will be playing cello and drums; and Jenessa, acoustic bass and mandolin.

Hailing from Staples, the Iversons are well-known throughout the area for their musicianship. With a background in music education, Kathy teaches second grade at Staples Elementary School and is the director of Colla Voce Girls Choir. Her husband, Jeff, recently retired as the band director at Staples Motley High School; and all four of their daughters (Becki, Kirstin, Lynnea and Jenessa) have been involved in music. Lynnea is currently studying music education at Bemidji State University.

She's excited to have this opportunity to showcase her original work, Kathy said, mentioning that she's been writing music since she was a teenager. "I was 14 years old when I wrote one of my first songs, called, 'I am Glad.' I remember I was sitting under a palm tree." She went on to note that her family was living in Bermuda at that time. "We moved around a lot when I was a kid," Kathy said. "My dad was a Lutheran pastor. He served churches in New York, Maryland and Minnesota. I was 10 when we moved to Bermuda and we were there six years. That's where my faith was formed."

An introverted child, Kathy said her guitar was her best friend during those years and music offered a way for her to express her emotions. "It still does," she said.

Since writing her first song, Kathy has penned dozens of tunes. "I write about things that inspire me...nature, people, God. Those are the things I will be sharing about at the Staples concert."

A cancer survivor for the past 10 years, Kathy said she has been reminded of how precious life is and how important it is for her to share her gift of music with others. "I remember thinking one day that if I only had two months left to live, one of the first things I would do is to record these songs I've written.

Songs like, "Grandfather John,' written about her grandfather who was a Swedish immigrant; and, "Life is a Gift," which she wrote for her sister-in-law who had been diagnosed with cancer. Kathy performed the song at a Relay for Life event prior to her sister-in-law's death at age 37, and shortly before she herself would discover she had breast cancer. The song has taken on new meaning for her over time. "Now, Jeff and I have a new grandbaby on the way and I am once again reminded that life is a gift." Kathy is determined more than ever to record these songs for posterity. "A legacy of sorts," she said.



Family harmonies

Kathy Iverson & Daughters will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 10, at 7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Lynnea, Kathy and Jenessa Iverson of Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Kathy's flower gardens have provided her with a lot of musical inspiration. "Working in my gardens is therapy for me," she said. "I also find a lot of spiritual parallels in gardening. Such as, 'Don't let the weeds in;' and 'It's always a work in progress.'"

Chances are, some of the insights she has gleaned while tending to her vast array of plants will work their way into her music at the concert in Northern Pacific Park.

"My daughter Jenessa is also a songwriter and will be singing a song or two," Kathy said. In addition, she mentioned that Jeff, her husband of 33 years, has promised to perform at least one song on his soprano saxophone.

"Three decades have gone by since I first thought about performing a concert like this," Kathy said. "I'm really excited for this opportunity and I know we're going to have a lot of fun."

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 14. 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 Hwys 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.



Veterans Park donation

The Staples Host Lions Club recently donated $4,485 to the Staples Veterans Park, funds raised during the annual Izzy's Golf Tournament at The Vintage in Staples. Pictured, from left, are Bob Hamaan, Staples Veterans Park Board President; Lion Bill "Izzy" Israelson; Huck Holst, Staples Veterans Park Board Vice President; Lions Tom Honek, Tom Danculovich. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Lamp Camp set for July 11-22

Justin Edin, artistic and drama director

There is still time to sign up for this year's Lamp Camp, "Improvised Fairy Tales," which will be held at Centennial Auditorium in Staples, July 11 - 22.

Instructors for the two-week camp are Justin Edin, artistic and drama director; Sam Fujii, music director; and Roseanne Reed, choreographer.

According to a press release, the directors "will help each student to discover their own unique gifts and to develop a passion for theater while providing the tools and resources needed for them to be successful."

The camp is sponsored by Lamplighter Community Theatre and runs daily (excluding the weekend) from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Ages eight - 12 meet from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and ages 13 - 18 meet from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. Campers are encouraged to attend the full two-weeks, but there is an option to attend only one week. Some scholarships are available.

"Join us as we explore the music and different perspectives of Beauty and The Beast, Goldilocks and The Three Bears, Peter Pan and more," Edin said.

A free public performance will be held Friday, July 22, at 7 p.m., at Centennial Auditorium.

For more information and to register, call 218-296-0522 or email Sheila at sredin@arvig.net or Justin at jjedin33@gmail.com. More information can be found online at www.lamplighter-communitytheatre.org.

Naturalization records now available online

Ancestry launched the largest and most comprehensive online collection of U.S. naturalization records ever assembled, nearly 42 million records in total, spanning more than 200 years and covering every state. This database includes 71,368 Minnesota records from 1684-1988 made available for the first time online.

In addition to discovering new documents for their ancestors, users can now find new naturalization records of famous people throughout history, like Arianna Huffington, Cary Grant, Alfred Hitchcock and Enrico Fermi.

This expansive collection helps further Ancestry's mission of harnessing the information found in family trees, historical records, and DNA to help people gain a new level of understanding about their lives.

Interested parties can access these new records at Ancestry.com.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Presentation by Steve Commerford on the Todd-Wadena Community Concern for Youth program.
- Consider approving contract for private development with Staples Townhomes, LLC and providing for the issuance of a Tax Increment Revenue Note.
- Committee reports will include the public works committee and the economic development authority.

Educational Opportunities

July 13

Infant Massage Class offered by Lakewood Health System, Five Wednesdays, beginning July 13, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., LHS main campus, 49725 Cty 83, Staples. For parents and caregivers and their infants (under 12 months). Massage has been shown to improve circulation, regulate sleep patterns, stimulate digestive system; and may relieve colic or gas. It can also improve communication between parent and infant. For info., to register, call 218-894-8425 or email laurasonenstahl@lakewoodhealthsystem.com. Space limited.

July 25

AARP Defensive Driving Class Mon., July 25, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church. Russ Holland, Instructor. For info., to register, call 218-352-6466.

July 26

55+Driver Improvement Course offered by the Minnesota Hwy Safety Center, Tues., July 26, 1 - 5 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. For info., to register, 1-888-234-1294.

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www.staplesworld.com
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Mark Your Calendar

July 11

Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group Mtg Mon., July 11, 5 p.m., in the activities rm. at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples. All team members attend and non team members are encouraged to help with the final planning for the Relay for Life event. For info., 218-894-2627.

July 12

History Film Series: The Past is Alive Within Us - The U.S.-Dakota Conflict Tues., July 12, 7 - 9 p.m., Charles A. Lindbergh Historic Site, 1620 Lindbergh Drive, Little Falls. Free. For info., 320-616-5421.

July 13

Senior Health Clinic Sponsored By Wadena County Public Health Wed., July 13, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Wadena County Public Health, Wadena. For info., appts., 218-631-7629.

July 19, 20

Immunization Clinic Tues., July 19, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. Walk in. For info., 218-547-1340 ext. 246.

WIC Nutrition Program Tues., July 19, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., July 20, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., 218-547-1340 ext. 246.



118th Annual Cass County Fair - Pillager
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THURSDAY, JULY 7
Entry Day and Set Up

In 2016, July 7 will be an entry and set up day only. Commerical Vendors, rides, booths, etc. and Competition Exhibitors will be setting up this day. The Food Booth will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and visitors can still come and have food. Food Auction is at 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 8
Kid's Day and Dancing

8 a.m.	Fair and Food Booth Opens
8 a.m.	Exhibit and Horse Judging
	Exhibit building closed for Judging
9 a.m.	Exhibits & Horse Judging
10 a.m.	Day Care Tours
1-3 p.m.	Food Specials
1-5 p.m.	Free Glaucoma/ Eye Testing Blood Pressure and Sugar Checks
3-5:30 p.m.	The Traveling Art Pub (TAP)
3 p.m.-midnight	Beer Garden Open
5:00 p.m.	Kiddie Tractor Pull Registration
5:30 p.m.	Kiddie Tractor Pull
8 - midnight	"Kings Ransom" Band
Midnight	Fair Closes

SATURDAY, JULY 9
Parade - ATV Mud Run - Fireworks

8 a.m.	Fair and Food Booth Opens
8 a.m.	Horse Judging begins with break for parade
9:30 a.m.	Line-up for Parade
10 a.m.	Parade
11 a.m.-7 p.m.	Exhibitors Open
11 a.m.	Horse Show resumes
Noon	Registration for Mud Run opens
Noon-Midnight	Beer Garden Open
1 p.m.	Texas Hold'em Tourney
1-5 p.m.	Glaucoma/Eye testing and Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar testing
2-4 p.m.	Ice Cream Social
7 p.m.	UTS Mud Run begins
10 p.m.	Fireworks by Zambelli
Midnight	Fair Closes

SUNDAY, JULY 10
Grand Finale

10:30 a.m.	Church Services by First Lutheran Church of Pillager, Pastor Bob Osell
12 noon	Meal provided by Kim Gibbs of KC's Saloon.

Meal is broasted chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cole slaw, roll and drink. $8 advance ticket/ $9 at the door (150 tickets will be sold).

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Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital included:

Born to Ruby Doust and Delmar Hawkins of Brainerd, a baby boy, Delmar Allan weighing six pounds, six ounces on June 24, 2016.

Born to Ryan and Kaia Johnson of Aldrich, a baby boy, Owen Richard weighing eight pounds, five ounces on June 25, 2016.

Born to Rudy and Rachel Patnode of Brainerd, a baby boy, Clain Dale weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on June 26, 2016.

Born to Tracy Rivetts and Zach Bennett of Browerville, a baby girl, Remi Lynn weighing seven pounds, four ounces on June 27, 2016.

Born to Tim and Nicole Schmidt of Randall, a baby boy, Ezra Joseph weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on June 27, 2016.

Born to Samantha Cathey and William Fluegge of Motley, a baby boy, Wesley Jack weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on June 27, 2016.

Born to Terry and Emily Lennox of Little Falls, a baby boy, Maxton James weighing eight pounds, four ounces on June 28, 2016.

Born to Andrew and Sara Fuhrer of Pine River, a baby girl, Kynzlee Mae weighing five pounds, six ounces on June 28, 2016.

Born to Keith and Emily Radniecki of Bertha, a baby boy, Victor Charles weighing nine pounds, nine ounces on June 28, 2016.

Born to Shay Sweeney and Logan Harrington of Brainerd, a baby boy, Carson Dale weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on June 29, 2016.

Born to Craig and Mallori Sheik of Brainerd, a baby girl, Nondus Emery weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on June 30, 2016.

Born to Todd and Katarzyna Szymanski of Brainerd, a baby girl, Sophia Hanna weighing eight pounds, three ounces on June 30, 2016.

Lakewood now offering midwifery in Browerville



Jennifer Waytashek

Jennifer Waytashek, certified nurse midwife, has recently begun to see patients at Lakewood Health System's Browerville clinic.

Waytashek will be providing primary and pregnancy care for women, which includes annual physicals, Pap smears, general health concerns and the treatment of yeast and urinary tract infections.

Originally from the Harding/Pierz area. Waytashek completed her undergraduate work at Chamberlain College of Nursing and received her midwifery certification from Frontier Nursing University. She is a member of the American College of Nurse Midwives, the Association of Women's Health Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses and the American Association of Birth Centers.

As a midwife, Waytashek enjoys all aspects of women's health, wellness and education; and empowering women to understand their bodies and their choices in healthcare. She has a special interest in infant care, breastfeeding support and post-partum care.

To schedule an appointment with Jennifer, call 218-898-8381. The LHS Browerville clinic is located at 30535 241st Ave.

Staples Senior Schedule

JULY

•Every Weds., Penny Bingo at noon, following the meal

•July 7, 18, 25 - Cards; 500 at noon

•Thurs, July 7 - 1:30-3:30 p.m. Free legal aid, call 218-894-2553 for an appointment

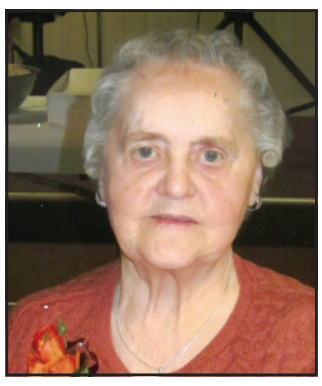
•Tues., July 12 - Birthday/ Anniversary party, 11:30 a.m.

•Thurs., July 14, 21, 28 - Evening meals, 5 p.m.

•Tues., July 19 - Whist, 12:15 p.m.

No board meeting in July.

Obituaries



Margaret Giese

Margaret Giese, 83, of Staples, passed away July 4, 2016 at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Services will be held July 8 at 1:30 p.m., at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the care center.

Interment will be at West Lyons Cemetery near Verndale.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Margaret was born October 7, 1932 to Lloyd and Ollie (Simkins) Goodrich near Staples. She was united in marriage to Dewey T. Jenson in 1949 and they had three sons. After being widowed, Margaret married Delbert W. Giese and they had one daughter. They made their home in Staples. She enjoyed gardening, camping, fishing, garden club, bingo and playing cards. Margaret spent many years being a foster mother and day care provider.

She is survived by two sons, Douglas (Heidi) Jenson and Alan Jenson; one daughter, Theresa (Paul) Hagen; daughter-in-law, Vicki Jenson; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; many friends and the staff at the LHS Care Center, Staples who became like family during her 14 years of living there.

She was preceded in death by; her two husbands; one son, Dewey Jenson; her parents; two brothers, Franklyn and Jerry Goodrich; and one sister, Lorraine Goodrich.

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Richard Dukowitz

Richard T. Dukowitz, Sr., 81, of Staples passed away July 3, 2016 at the Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Services will be held Thursday, July 7, at 11 a.m. at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples with Pastor Barry Klein officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Interment with Military Honors will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Richard was born August 15, 1934 in Philbrook to Theodore and Violet (Killian) Dukowitz. He entered the U.S. Army in 1955 and served his country until his honorable discharge in 1958. Richard was united in marriage to Marlene Hansen on June 25, 1960 in Philbrook. They lived in St. Cloud for a short time while Richard worked at St. Cloud Granite. They moved back to Staples and have lived here for the past 50 years. He worked as a mechanic/gas station attendant and retired at the age of 62. Richard enjoyed fishing, gardening, mowing, spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and grocery shopping for the family at Ernie's.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Glenda (Randy) Grunwald and Charlene (Dan Dickey, finacé) both of Staples and one son, Richard A. Dukowitz of Wahkon; seven grandchildren; and nine great- grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two children, Douglas Dukowitz and Stacie Dukowitz and one grandson.

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James Olson

James Lee Olson, 69, of Staples, passed away on July 3, 2016.

Graveside services for James will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2016, 11:00 a.m. at Moran Riverside Cemetery.

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Student Achievements

Julia Fink, Staples, recently graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, earning an Associate in Arts degree.

Zoe Loucks, Pillager, is the recipient of an Achievement Scholarship at the University of Minnesota, Morris, at which she will be a freshman this fall.

Shane White, Pillager, recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin, River Falls. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Crop & Soil Science.

Joseph Kaufmann, Pillager, recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management.



Thirsty plants

(#39 Things to Do in Staples;"Plant a garden.")

Jada Ellingsen waters her garden plot at the Living Legacy Gardens, Staples, part of the children's gardening program. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Tiny gardener

Annika Weber weeding her garden plot with help from volunteer 'gardening grandma' Laurie Furney. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Close to the soil

Ben Rutten tends to his garden plot at the Living Legacy Gardens. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Care Center

July Special activities at the Lakewood Health System Care Center:

Thurs., July 7, 10 a.m. Bible Study with Roy Miles; 2 p.m. Birthday Party

Fri., July 8, 9:30 a.m. Faith Lutheran Church; 10 a.m. Friendly Friday - Faith Lutheran; 11 a.m. Dairy Queen trip

Sat., July 9, 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge

Sun., July 10, 2:15 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Mon., July 11, 2:30 p.m. Church - Trinity Lutheran

Tues., July 12, 2:15 p.m. Church - Staples United Methodist Church; 6:30 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Weds., July 13, 1:45 pm. Memorial Service; 2:15 p.m. Social Hour

Fri., July 15, 1 p.m. Dower Lake fishing trip

Sat., July 16, 1 a.m. Bingo w/Marge; 1:45 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Singers

Sun., July 17, 7 p.m. - Square dancers

Tues., July 19, 2:15 p.m. Church - Faith Lutheran; 6:30 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Weds., July 20, 11 a.m. Bus trip out for lunch; 2 p.m. Bingo - Poplar Birthday Club

Thurs., July 21, 10 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Floistad; 4 p.m. Cheers; 6 p.m. games

Fri., July 22, 1:45 p.m. - Watermelon feed

Sat., July 23, 10 a.m. - Bingo w/Marge

Mon., July 25, 2:30 p.m. - Church - Trinity Lutheran

Tues., July 26, 2:15 p.m. - Church - Staples Alliance; 6:30 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

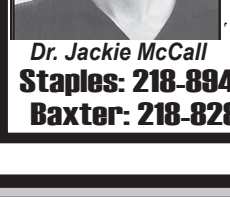
Weds., July 27, 2 p.m. - Bingo - Trinity Lutheran Church

Thurs., July 28, 9 a.m. Casino trip; 1:45 p.m. Communion - Daryl Jacobson; 4 p.m. Cheers; 6 p.m. games

Sat., July 30, 10 a.m. - Bingo w/Marge

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

MORTGAGOR(S): Vincent P. Decker and Sherry Decker, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Washington Mutual Bank, FA, a Federal Savings Bank

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on February 9, 2007 as Document Number 447246 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $107,250.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 9, 2004

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 27, 2004 as Document Number 429674 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $88,118.93

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, and the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 30 and the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 20, except for the following described part: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 for a point of beginning; thence in a Westerly direction along the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 a distance of 260 feet; thence in a Southerly direction parallel with the East line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 a distance of 503 feet; thence in an Easterly direction parallel with the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 a distance of 260 feet to the East line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, thence in a Northerly direction along the East line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 a distance of 503 feet to the point of beginning. All in the Township 129 North, Range 34 West. Todd County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 17503 232ND ST, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347-4860

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Washington Mutual Bank, FA, a Federal Savings Bank

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0021600, 20-0023100, and 20-0033100

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 18, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on August 18, 2017.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: June 24, 2016

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
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NOTICE THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

The regular board meetings for Thomastown Township will be held the following days:

July 11, 2016
August 1, 2016
September 12, 2016
October 3, 2016
November 7, 2016
December 5, 2016
January 2, 2017
February 6, 2017
March 6, 2017
April 3, 2017

All meetings will be held at the town hall building beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Joy Weyer, Clerk
Thomastown Township

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TODD COUNTY SOLID WASTE 30433 US 71 BROWERVILLE, MN 56438 PHONE (320) 594-2210 FAX 320-594-3022

FOR SALE BY BID

Sealed Bid Auction for 1999 Chevrolet 4x4 Silverado Pickup

Todd County Solid Waste is accepting sealed bids on the following vehicle. The vehicle is parked at the Solid Waste Department, 30433 US 71, Browerville, MN. You may look at the vehicle during regular business hours. The vehicle is presented for sale and will be sold in "as is" condition. Todd County has the right to refuse any or all bids. You may submit a bid in-person at the Solid Waste Department, or by mail. Must be marked **Sealed Bid for Vehicle Purchase**. All bids must be received by 3:00 p.m. on July 29, 2016.

Vehicle Information:
Year: 1999
Make: Chevrolet
Model: Silverado
Color: Red
Miles: 198,668
VIN: 1GCEK14T2XE211546

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

MORTGAGOR(S): Edwin Osterberg, a married person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for Irwin Mortgage Corporation, an Indiana corporation

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded on December 30, 2013 as Document Number A487712 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded on November 12, 2015 as Document Number A496729 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $55,120.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 29, 2004

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on February 11, 2005 as Document Number 432408 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $47,150.96

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: North 178 feet of East 186 feet of Outlot 1 of Outlots in the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 8, Township 127, Range 32, in the Village of Grey Eagle, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 529 STATE ST E, GREY EAGLE, MN 56336

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Irwin Mortgage Corporation, an Indiana corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 34-0005900

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100013900789111204

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 4, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on February 6, 2017.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: June 2, 2016

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
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NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP

The following Meadowbrook Township offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 until Tuesday, August 16, 2016. The office of the clerk will be open from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2016 for candidates to file.

Candidates must file at the Office of the Meadowbrook Township Clerk, 9414 57th Ave. S.W. Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay $2.00 filing fee at time of filing.

Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file in person with the Clerk within seven days prior to departure by giving written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other requirements.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 8, 2016:

Township Treasurer (4 year regular term)

Township Supervisor Seat 1 (4 year regular term)

Township Supervisor Seat 2 (4 year regular term)

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township

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TODD COUNTY BIDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF HISTORIC STONE BRIDGE L7075 Closing date: July 26, 2016

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., July 26, 2016 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

SAP 077-599-064

Reconstruction of Historic Bridge L7075 and bituminous surfacing.

Located on 290th Street between CSAH 25 and 275th Avenue.

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/

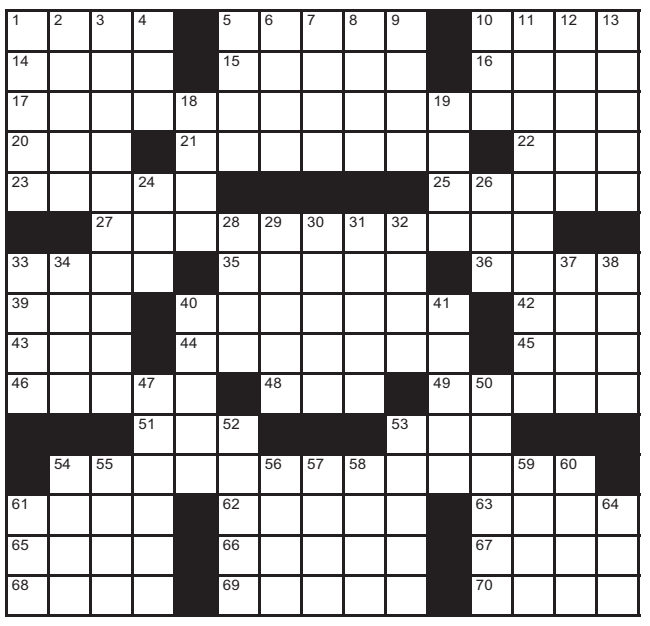
Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer

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Crossword Puzzle

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Week 27



"Meals on Wheels"

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10 Promise
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15 "Don't be ___"
16 Butter alternative
17 Meals on wheels provider?
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22 Partner, with "the"
23 Back in?
25 Inedible orange
27 Meals on wheels providers?
33 Frost lines
35 Inflate
36 Romance lang.
39 Globe
40 Better
42 Big time
43 Action film staple
44 Not for free
45 Relieve
46 Carryalls
48 Perfect rating
49 English paper
51 Animation unit
53 Tree feller
54 Meals on wheels provider?
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62 "Adios"
63 Shed
65 Opposer
66 Scuba gear
67 Yep's opposite
68 Poverty-stricken
69 Winter hazard
70 Squeaked (out)

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1 Harmony
2 Code creator
3 Somewhat
4 Ariz. neighbor
5 S.A.T. section
6 "Look who's here!"
7 Hill's rival
8 "___ this town"
9 TV actor Rob
10 Triumphed
11 Classical works
12 Corp. shuffling
13 Search for water
18 Berkshire school
19 '80s muscle car
24 Daiquiri base
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30 Hint
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32 Lines on mdse.
33 Make a face
34 Soup pasta
37 Met song
38 Disney dog
40 Oil holder
41 Nook reading
47 Cream puff
50 Pacific
52 Leans
53 "Halt, salt!"
54 Gambling city
55 Aware of
56 Newsman Conan
57 Heredity carrier
58 Young 'un
59 Every which way
60 "Holy moly!"
61 Race unit
64 Senator Cruz

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City of Staples audit shows pension changes

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The City of Staples had few issues on their annual audit, other than a change in the way pensions are reported in the budget.

At the June 28 council meeting, Chuck Mayer of Mayer, Porter and Nelson accounting firm detailed the audit and Julie Nelson of the same firm explained the pension issue.

Mayer said they found no instances of noncompliance or other matters to report in their audit. He said the city had 39 percent of next year's revenues in their fund balance, while the state auditor recommends at least 35 to 60 percent, so Staples is on the low end of that range.

Nelson said the main change in the pension law is that governments are now required to report their proportionate share of the pension's liability, as if future payments are reported for the current budget.

Nelson said that's because the state wants pension liabilities to be reported the same way other liabilities are reported. By including pension liabilities, it will more accurately show the financial status of the government for things like bond ratings.

Nelson said the city did not follow the new guidelines for the Staples Fire Department Relief Association because of the extra costs involved in obtaining an actuarial valuation of the pension program and because most of the fire relief pension has been funded by the city and the changes would be insignificant.

The council also approved a Conditional Use Permit for Tim Voeltz to construct at 16 ft by 28 ft addition to an existing 28 ft by 34 ft garage at 506 3rd St SW.

Alumni basketball tourney ready to go

The first Staples Alumni Basketball Tournament will begin Friday, July 15, with round-robin play and more games all day Saturday, July 16.

So far six mens teams and four womens teams have registered for the tournament.

Fans can buy tickets for the tournament at the Staples-Motley High School gymnasium. Festivities are planned, such as a free throw contest and other contests.

The games will include referees, announcers, the winning teams will recieve t-shirts.

To register a team, contact Colton Thompson at 435-890-7070 or email colton_jazz@hotmail.com.



Pavers at Veterans Park

Sixteen new pavers were dedicated during the Fourth of July celebration at Staples All Veterans & Community Park. Huck Holst, vice president of the Staples All Veterans Park Board, served as master of ceremonies at the event. The dedicated pavers included the names of the following veterans: Jeff Ziegler, Francis Morris, Steve Nelson, Thomas Davis, Robert Perry, Edwin Perry, John F. Perry, Jack W. Lund, Francis Zetah, Charles Farber, Bert Jeske, Sara Jeske, Alvin Jeske, Ryan Hamann, Lloyd E. Martin, Staples High School Class of 1960. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Prairie Bay interested in Staples

Bay is still interested in Staples whether they use that location or look for a different site.

The SEDA discussed a new business at the Staples Airport. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the business will bring in pilots from out of town and the city is considering ways to make them feel welcome. The city already has a car available to pilots but Nelsen said they were looking at developing coupons and other ways to get the pilots to know what is available in Staples.

The SEDA also discussed the possiblity of implementing a lodging tax to use for marketing the community.

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Big ideas and energy built lasting legacy

Mennis found out that Dr. Lelwica took Wednesday afternoons off and thought it was because he needed a break. When he got here he found out that it was because the newspaper presses next door were running at that time and it was so loud you couldn't listen to a patient's breathing.

The other doctors, Muus and Thompson, also came to Staples and John Gorton was setting up his dentistry practice. It was obvious from the start that the building wasn't big enough so again, the bank came into play to help them build a $250,000 clinic. "It was an aggressive approach to staying here," said Mennis, "but it panned out."

"More than one person said we probably were not going to make it, but they didn't know how energetic we were going to be," said Mennis.

He spent much of his career in that building but in 1996 the group decided to merge with the hospital. They sold the building to Dr. Gorton, who continued his dentistry practice there.

Mennis then practiced at Lakewood where the senior campus is now and moved to the new clinic and hospital when it was built.

In all that time, Mennis only had two nurses. Kathy Johnson worked with him for 24 years and Theresa Zelgert for 24 years. "They made my life easier, we just got along," he said.

The expansion of the hospital allowed for more and more doctors to come to Staples, after working for many years with five in the community. Mennis said he had done basically everything as a family practice doctor, but the medical profession changed. Surgeries became arthroscopic and laproscopic, which required specially trained professionals to operate.

So Mennis found himself doing less surgery and more with his family practice, although he did continue to deliver babies. In the early days, there were no neo-natal intensive care units for at risk babies. "We delivered them all and took care of them here," said Mennis. He remembered there was one baby who weighed two pounds, ten ounces. "She still survives and is walking around the streets in Staples," he said.

As another example, when he started there was no such thing as high blood pressure medicine, now it is so common he doesn't know all the names of every medicine.

While Mennis liked his clinic practice, he found that other doctors preferred hospital or emergency room work. "We let them practice the way they want to," he said, which he figured was great for retention of physicians and for their morale.

He eventually gave up surgery, emergency room and night calls. "Nobody complained, but it was the only way I could continue this long," he said.

Mennis appreciated the professional courtesy of his colleagues. "I was privileged to have great partners, they were marvelous people to work with and work for," he said.

Mennis noted it was a change for the better to get more female doctors. He said only 10 percent of his medical school class was female, and Staples didn't have a woman doctor until Sarah Israelson came. Now more than half of the practicioners are female, he said.

Mennis also shifted into more administrative roles and worked with the hospital board. "It took away from my medical practice, but I found it interesting, I always like the financial aspect of medicine," he said

Mennis was part of the success of the clinic and hospital remaining independent. "We have outlasted a lot of predictions," he said.

There were many merger and collaboration options and offers, but "We always held off, to good advantage," he said.

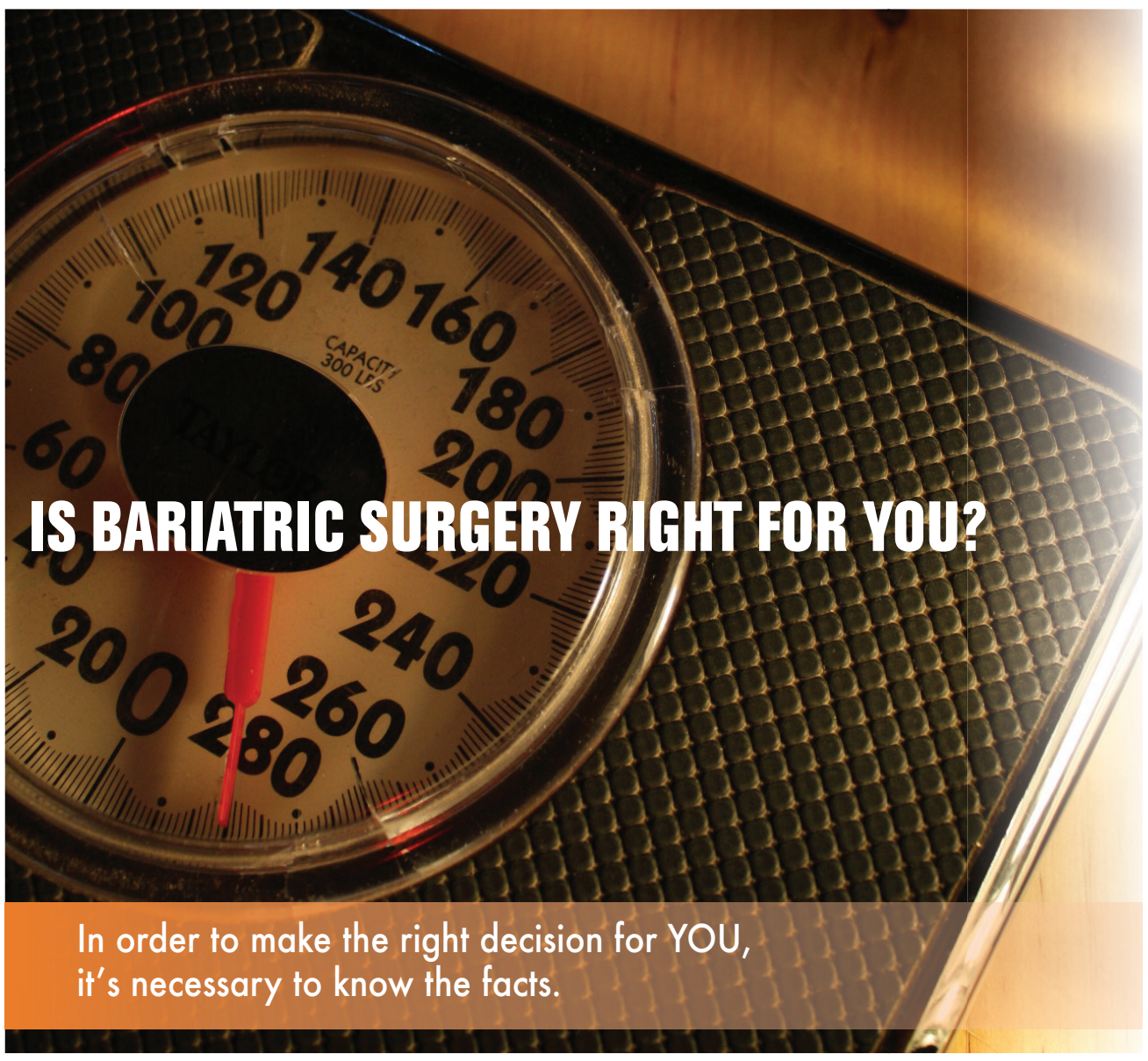
Along with their own independent specialists and services, the health system now is associated with CentreCare in St. Cloud and Essentia in Brainerd "to the super advangate of this town," said Mennis.

"Working in a small town is very different than in a big city," said Mennis. His wife Helen said every time they would go somewhere, they saw someone they knew. "It's all part of the community," she said. They raised their three kids in Staples, Kay (Mueller), Bev (Goff), and David.

Dr. Mennis considered his patients to be his friends, but said his oldest and best friends are the doctors he has worked with over the years. "We're still a thing, it has lasted all these years," he said of the friendships.

Being able to consider colleagues as friends is "the nicest aspect of being here," he said. "They are an invaluable resource to keep your spirits up."


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Waiting to show at the Pillager Fair

Riders lined up outside the arena prior to the horse show event at the Pillager Fair last year. Pictured from left are Lyric Kavanaugh, Jacob Borgstrom and Elise Jensen, all of Pillager. This year's fair will be held July 7 - 10, with the horse judging event Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9, both beginning at 8 a.m. (Staples World file photo by Dawn Timbs)

Pillager School Honor Roll

Superior Honor Roll

Sienna Swanberg, Tessa Danielson, Abraham Posner, Tatum Scull, Griffin Decker, Hunter Gjovik, Sadie Hopman, Austin Houle, Chloe Pearson, Delaney Pikus, Rachel Wilson, Mackenzie Conlin, Kassie Gardner, Emma Hardy, Margaret Schmit, Dexter Conlin, Cameron Gielow, Noah Jacobson, Autumn Meyer, Annie Posner, Logan Gjovik, Jordan Hines, Tanner Swenson, Samantha Thomas, Elijah Uban, Brooke Hunstad, Emma Litke, Alexis Christensen, Kendra Hacker, Zoe Loucks, Addison March, Christopher Ramsey.

A Honor Roll

Isabella Bennett, Emme Brandt, Aleigh Emerson, James Feustel, Faith Gielow, Claire Hardy, Sawyer Lee, Ryan Wermter, Kylee Wilson, Lauren Bordwell, Joshua Carlen, Grace Conklin, Hannah Eastman, Emma Gropper, Evan Imgrund, Madalynn Jansen, Jaelyn Jordahl, Quintin Laveau, Zion Loucks, Olivia Peterson, Brooklyn Rudrud, Emma Schmit, Alexis Selvaag, Jocelyn Shingledecker, Evelyn Williams, Hailey Wright, Hannah Ausland, Kaleb Brown, Kasandra Buranen, Raquel Cabrera, Paul Freelove, Gabriel Grimsley, Greta Hall, Norah Kilchesky, Alison Kohout, Avalon Lange, Summer Meyer, Sye Reynolds, Nathaniel Schmidt, Eli Shingledecker, Summer Stehr, Victoria Whiddon, Kendra Beach, Samantha Bennett, Tate Boelter, Samantha Dixon, Emily Gordon, Lauren Hughes, Charlea Johnson, Bailey Knoblauch, Abigail Koel, Makayla Loftis, Dade Makarrall, Grace Nagel, Blake Piette, Ann Pugh, Ziya Pulak, Jill Quick, Mariah Ramsey, Sara Ryappy, Ty Swenson, Noah Theisen, Carson Vanvickle, Jordyn Vanvickle, Kayleigh Veith, Luke Woidyla, Noah Brogle, Caleb Conklin, Emma Hopman, Rachel Jensen, Emily Johnson, Julia Johnson, Benjamin Oie, Amanda Schmidt, Brytney Wolske, Hailea Books, Brennen Bordwell, Andrew Crosswhite, Joshua Doss, Matthew Hughes, Heather Joslin, Gillian Kuehl, Ashlee Miller, Levi Nagel, Jennifer North, Jacob Siefkes, Rebecca Swartz, Andrew Tabor, Kylie Woidyla, Elisabeth Bolme, Tricia Engholm, Brady Enneking, Emily Peters, Vanessa Peterson, Haley Rockneberg, Trystan Usherwood, Taylor Barg, Ryann Franzen, Micayla Klinghagen, Justin Mast, Rose Richards.

B Honor Roll

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Randall girl hurt in ATV accident

A 14-year-old Randall girl was injured in an ATV accident the afternoon of July 1, on a trail in Agram Township west of Genola.

According to the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, the driver of the ATV, Megan Mohler, was traveling southbound on the trail near Lake Road when she lost control and the ATV rolled on top of her. Mohler was transported by Gold Cross Ambulance to the hospital with unknown injuries.

The MCSO was assisted at the scene by the Pierz First Response Team, Pierz Fire Department and Gold Cross Ambulance.

Mailboxes vandalized in Morrison Cty

Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen reports that on June 28, at approximately 2:49 a.m., their office received a report of someone smashing mailboxes along Hwy 27 east of Little Falls.

Morrison County deputies responded to the area and observed several mailboxes that were damaged. The Little Falls Police Department assisted and located a vehicle on the side of the road occupied by two juvenile males. Both 17-year-old male occupants admitted to damaging the mailboxes with a baseball bat. They are awaiting formal charges.

In total, there were over 60 mailboxes damaged throughout the townships of Little Falls, Agram, Pierz and Buckman.

Sheriff Larsen wants to remind residents to continue reporting suspicious activity to their office at 320-632-9233.

Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports

Recent reports from the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:

June 29 - The MCSO receive an anonymous call regarding four wheelers that have been driving on property owned by Minnesota Power on Azalea Rd. in Motley. Caller stated they are very loud and a nuisance.

June 29 - The MCSO received a report of a bear that had been hit along Dove Road in Cushing Twp. The bear was wounded and still alive. Dispatch contacted the DNR, who said they would handle the situation.

June 27 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County Sheriff's Office requesting assistance with a vehicle rollover north of Motley on Hwy 64. Deputy Al Yoder served as the ground contact for Air Care 4 and set up a landing zone. Prior to their landing, it was reported that the driver of the vehicle was deceased, so the air care was cancelled.

June 27 - The MCSO received a call regarding a female that had been assaulted in the parking lot of Lincoln Gas and Bait in Cushing. Officers responded and the victim was transported to St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls for treatment. The suspect, 29-year-old Tony Funk, was located driving south on Hwy 10 by Deputy Jamie Luberts and arrested for felony domestic assault. A marijuana pipe was located inside Funk's vehicle.

June 26 - The MCSO received a call from Eldon Becker reporting that someone broke into a mobile home on property that he is a caretaker for at Flinstone Dr. and Lake Camille Dr. in Cushing. Total value of the missing property is $400. The responding officer reported that the property had a lot of junk surrounding it and the mobile home was not safe to be in.

June 23 - The MCSO received a report from Joseph Mrazek, Jr. and Mark Frisk that a sewer truck has been dumping sewage into a field on Aztec Rd. in Motley for the past seven years. Both parties live near that area and said that sometimes the smell is so bad that they can't go outside. They wanted it on file. The responding officer stopped by the area and reported that it does smell like sewage.

June 23 - The MCSO received a call from Michael Lahr, supervisor for Scandia Valley Twp., regarding a fish house sitting on Fir Ln. just north of 330th St. in Motley. Law enforcement responded and located it in the roadway. They spoke with the owner and told him he needed to remove it because it was a traffic hazard. It was removed.

Pillager Elementary earns ENVoY Recognition

The Pillager School District has reason to celebrate. In one school year, Pillager Elementary School trained and certified 80 percent of their teachers in ENVoY (Educational Non-Verbal Yardsticks), a program aimed at improving classroom climate and relationships through non-verbal strategies.

National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) facilitates the training for Region Five schools. NJPA Education Solutions Leader Rynell Schock says the Pillager School District is one of only two schools in the state to achieve the certification.

"The administration and team at Pillager Elementary, have focused on accomplishing the requirements of becoming certified in this behavioral program. They are true leaders and an example of what can happen in a school when everyone strives for the same goal," said Schock.

Pillager Elementary third grade teacher, Wendy Hall, is one of the teachers to reach certification. She says the program has already produced results in the classroom.

"The ENVoY program is phenomenal at giving teachers a management system that makes a world of difference in the classroom," Hall said. "They provide us with a lot of little things you can put together to be strategic with your time and resources."

Hall now will be an ENVoY internal coach for next year for other Pillager staff who want to become certified.

"Learning these strategies empowered me to make a real difference in the classroom," she said.

ENVoY is a teaching system that Michael Grinder developed and wrote about in his best-selling book for educators, "ENVoY: Your Personal Guide to Classroom Success." ENVoY is a system of non-verbal strategies that improve classroom climate, enhance student productivity and decrease the level of staff burnout. The non-verbal communication skills can positively influence the single most powerful leverage point in education: the teacher-student relationship.

NJPA launched this training to Region Five teachers in the summer of 2014. Over 300 teachers have been trained since implementing the program.

Wadena-Deer Creek Elementary has also taken part in working to achieve the 80 percent of their teachers being certified, and have plans to hit that goal by this fall.

Rusty crayfish: Serious threat to waterways

By Ray Gildow

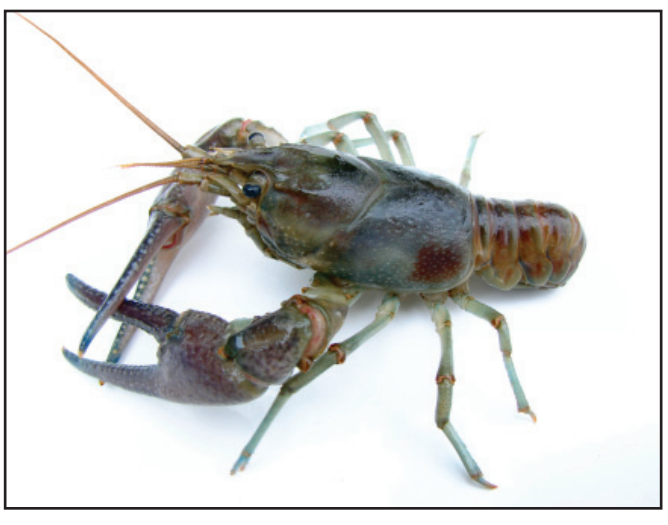
It is just one more threat to our lakes, streams and rivers to worry about - rusty crayfish. The name sounds pretty nonthreatening, but these critters are a very unwelcomed nasty addition to some of our lakes, rivers, streams and ponds.

Rusty crayfish are native to the Ohio River basin and the states of Ohio and Kentucky but, according to researchers at the Minnesota Sea Grant, these invasive crayfish are spreading quickly into Minnesota and Wisconsin waterways causing multiple ecological problems.

We don't exactly know all the areas where they now exist, but we do know they are in some of our premier fishing areas like Leech Lake. According to the Minnesota Sea Grant staff the first observation of rusty crayfish was in 1967 at Otter Creek in southern Minnesota. Since then, their range has expanded to approximately 50 different lakes and streams spanning 13 counties in Minnesota.

There are over 350 species of crayfish in North America and it is not always easy to identify the rusty species from some of the other crayfish that are native to our waterways. In fact, it is very difficult even when looking at side by side comparisons of rusty crayfish and native crayfish.

Research has shown that rusty crayfish displace native crayfish, reduce the amount of and kinds



of aquatic plants by actually eating them, decrease the density and variety of invertebrates and can reduce some fish populations. There are no known ways to eradicate rusty crayfish once they establish themselves in a body of water. They love clean water, rocks, wood and gravel.

It is believed that rusty crayfish got established beyond the Ohio River basin by fishermen using them for bait and through pet shops where they have been sold as aquatic pets and then released into native waters. There are regulations in both states that make it illegal to introduce rusty crayfish into any waters. In Minnesota, it is illegal to sell live crayfish as bait or as aquarium pets.

The only known benefit of rusty crayfish is that they are good to eat. Commercial harvesting of them has been going on for over 40 years in Wisconsin and is now also occurring in Minnesota.

So what does this mean to the average angler in Minnesota and Wisconsin? The rusty crayfish is larger than most native crayfish and much more aggressive, driving native crayfish out of hiding areas where they can be eaten more readily and also damaging aquatic plant life. Some research has suggested that they have hurt walleye and other fish populations, but research on other lakes offers little evidence of this. So the jury is still out on the issue.

The best advice for anglers is not to use any crayfish for bait, do not transfer any crayfish from one lake to another and be vigilant. Let's do our part to stop them from spreading to any more bodies of water. It's not only a good idea, it's the law.

Ray Gildow, Staples, is the author of "Legends & Legacies, A History of the Nisswa Guides' League" and is owner of Gildow Guide Service. More information can be found at raygildow.com.

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MN Power warns of utilities scams

Telephone scams targeting electric utilities typically heat up in the summer and Minnesota Power encourages its customers to be alert and protect themselves.

These con artists often demand immediate payment of a past due electric bill saying that the power will be disconnected within the hour if no payment is made.

Various directions are given for payment and may include prepaid money cards from Walgreen's or CVS, electronic funds transfer, routing and check numbers from a bank account, or credit or debit card numbers.

Customers who think they are dealing with a suspicious call are advised to hang up immediately and call Minnesota Power directly at 1-800-228-4966 to verify their account status and report this illegal activity.

Minnesota Power reminds customers of the procedures it follows for accounts with overdue bills:

- If a customer is behind on a bill, Minnesota Power sends a written notice before service is disconnected. Customers who have not received a disconnect notice in the mail should not engage with anyone on the phone offering to take payment. Instead, customers should hang up and contact Minnesota Power at 1-800-228-4966 to verify their account status and report the attempted scam.
- The company does place courtesy calls for various business reasons and leaves its 1-800-228-4966 number for a return call. These are usually recorded calls and never demand immediate payment of an overdue bill.
- While you may pay your Minnesota Power bill by phone or credit card, it is only through the company's third-party vendor, Western Union Speedpay, that these payments are accepted.

Customers should never give their personal information to strangers. To further protect themselves, customers should use only authorized methods to pay their Minnesota Power bill.

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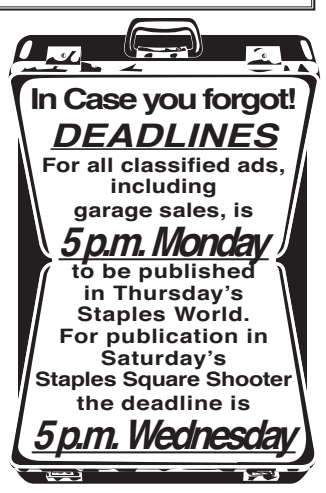
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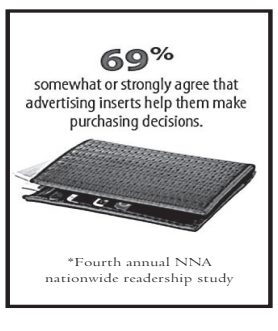
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26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study .....7:30 p.m.

Leaf River Township

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Pastor David Stevens
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
Leader .....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study.....6 :00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA .....6:00 p.m.

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

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
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
Rev. Greg Ciesluk
www.motleyumc.org
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.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
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Pastor Hector Merced
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 Paul Johnson
218-746-3768
Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY
Bible Study/Prayer .....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 2yrs-5th grade.....6:15 p.m.
Adult Classes.....6:15 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146
Hewitt, MN 56453
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale.
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Associate Pastor Fred Hartley IV
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses .....11-11:45 a.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale.
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Sunday School - Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Praise .....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. .....Boys and Girls Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. ..... C.R.E.W. Youth Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. ..... Adult Bible Studies

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.

Love our neighbor

Pastor Tony Romaine, First Congregational Church UCC, Staples

To truly love our neighbor, the church needs to be a witness to the fact that difference does not have to delineate. As Christians, we have the opportunity to help the world come together and celebrate the diversity within its broad arms without bombastic speech, judgment or degrading those who are different. In this manner, the church will return to its roots of being on a mission Jesus led us toward during His lifetime. We will be on mission to love our neighbor as ourselves and in so doing demonstrate love to a world that needs it desperately.

The theologian Wesley Granberg-Michaelson (WGM) quotes Korean theologian Chun-Hoi Heo who writes, "The price of peace is not the elimination of differences."[1] In other words, as we come together in a new and multicultural context, our differences should be lifted up as a strength of a broader community, not used to create walls of segregation.

So what does this look like? Well, to quote the main character in the Disney cartoon movie Zootopia: "When I was a kid I thought Zootopia was a perfect place where everyone got along and anyone could be anything. Turns out real life's a little more complicated than a slogan on a bumper sticker. Real life is messy. We all have limitations, we all make mistakes, which means - hey, glass half-full - we all have a lot in common. And the more we try to understand one another, the more exceptional each of us will be, but we have to try. Try to make the world a better place, look inside yourself and recognize that change starts with you, it starts with me, it starts with all of us."

Love starts with you, it starts with me, and by loving our neighbors as ourselves, it can begin with all of us!

[1]Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, From Times Square to Timbuktu: The Post-Christian West Meets the Non-Western Church, (Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2013), 105.

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