

Workforce housing apartments proposed

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

A new apartment project has been proposed for Staples, with income guidelines to target working class families.

Central Minnesota Housing Partnership (CMHP) Executive Director Deanna Hemmesch presented the plan to the Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) at their March 27 meeting.

The proposal is for a 42 unit apartment complex at the corner of 12th Street and Michigan Ave. NE, opposite the Staples wastewater treatment plant.

The plan calls for a TIF district for 15 years. It is estimated to be an \$8.2 million project, with about \$1 million from a mortgage, \$7 million from CMHP investor equity, and the

rest from state tax credits and energy rebates.

The project still needs to be approved by the state, and is compared against other projects from around

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Central Minnesota
Housing Partnership

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the state. Hemmesch said they have done a preliminary review of the project and said it has a “very competitive” score compared to past projects.

The proposed income limits to qualify for the apartments are: 1 person household \$27,480; 2 people \$31,380; 3 people \$35,280; 4 people \$39,180; 5 people \$42,360; 6 people \$45,480; 7 people \$48,600; 8 people \$51,720.

The proposal calls for 23 two bedroom units and 15 three bedroom units. The rent prices would be \$667 per month for a two bedroom apartment and \$769 for a three bedroom apartment. There will be four single, one bedroom apartments for homeless people, who have a separate application process.

SEDA board member Doug Case said he was concerned about low income housing drawing the wrong type of people to the community, including drug dealers.

Hemmesch said every applicant undergoes a full credit, criminal and rental

background check. If they have drugs or violent crimes on their record they are not allowed. The property will also have an on-site caretaker. “When there is a caretaker, tenants tend to behave a little better,” said Hemmesch. She said there is a tenant handbook that puts restrictions on overnight guests and the tenants must register their cars to park in the parking lot.

Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said this is not Section 8 housing for low income, instead it is designed for working class wage earners. She pointed out that this is one of the needs identified in the Staples housing study, as were the recently built townhomes and a newly proposed apartment project on Airport Road. “The townhomes and market rate apartments aren’t a fit for what they pay employees, it would qualify as workforce housing, not low income,” she said.

When asked who would move into the apartments, Hemmesch said “Typically people come from a 30 to 40 mile radius for these apartments, or people relocating for a job.”

SEDA board member Rachel Johnson said there is still a need for affordable housing for people who are slightly above the income guidelines for this project. She gave an example of a single mother who makes too much for these apartment guidelines but still can’t find quality housing at an affordable price in Staples.

Hemmesch said the income guidelines are set and cannot be changed. She said they do check paychecks and make sure the

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Easter observance from Motley to Staples

Bob Jensen, Staples, carried a cross from St. Michael’s Church in Motley to Sacred Heart Church in Staples on Friday, March 30, in commemoration of Jesus carrying the cross before the crucifixion.



Hello, Readers,

Vulcan:
Live long and prosper.
Dr. Zefram Cochrane:
Thanks.

~ Star Trek: First Contact

There is one day in the history of mankind in the Star Trek universe that stands out above all others, even though it’s only celebrated as a relatively minor holiday. On that day in 2063, Zefram Cochrane first took a flight at speeds in excess of Warp 1 in the Phoenix, alerting the Vulcan race to their entrance into the interstellar community and initiating first contact. Some 300 years later it was commemorated as First Contact Day, and the celebration went on from there. Star Trek: First Contact Day commemorates that day in real life, and fans everywhere get together to celebrate the most pivotal moment in Star Trek human history! Go out and enjoy a little whimsy in your life!

Public Notices

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Obituaries

Colleen Christensen
Vernon Drake
Gary Sather
Dale Swenson



City not expecting state LGA increase

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

At the March 27 Staples City Council meeting, City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said he isn’t counting on any extra money from the state for Local Government Aid (LGA) or for transportation. He reported on the city’s Legislative Day, where city personnel visited

state legislators in St. Paul.

Nelsen said all the legislators he met with said there isn’t any extra money in next year’s budget forecast for new projects or funding increases. LGA is used to fund much of the city’s budget.

Nelsen said Representative John Poston and Senator Paul Gazelka are aware of the city’s

community center project, and Gazelka recommended submitting the project to the bonding bill as early as June of this year.

In other news, the council

- Approved garage sale ordinance, amended by taking out provision that a garage sale must be registered with the city.
- Approved request from Sacred

Heart Church to conduct bingo and a raffle.

- Discussed purchasing tablets so the council could go paperless.
- Approved facility use agreement with CLC to farm city land near the Staples Airport.
- Announced city wide cleanup for June 1, from 3-7 p.m., open for anyone, not just city residents.

The Ag & Energy Center...50 years old

EDITOR’S NOTE: To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Ag & Energy Center DelRay Lecy is writing a history, recording the people and events that created it. He’ll show how it has evolved and changed to meet the challenges of the times. This is the first article in an occasional series leading to its release at the Ag & Energy Center’s Field Day Aug. 24.

By DelRay Lecy

If you are over 60 years old, what do you remember about the 60’s in the greater Staples area? If you are under 60, what have you been told about that era and before?

It was a pivotal time. There was major concern about losing the historic railroad presence in the city, how the workforce would fare and how it would affect the community. It was also a time that found school and community leaders stepping up to make a difference.

The Ag & Energy Center began operations in 1968. In the early years, it was known as the “School Farm.” The official name was the “Central Minnesota Demonstration Research and Irrigation Farm,” or “CMDRIF”...

often shortened to “Irrigation Farm.” As time went on, the name changed to “The Irrigation Center,”

then to the “The Ag Center,” and finally to the current “Ag & Energy Center.”

People may have heard

the name, seen the combines and tractors in a parade, visited a field day or Living Legacy Gardens...

but what is it really?

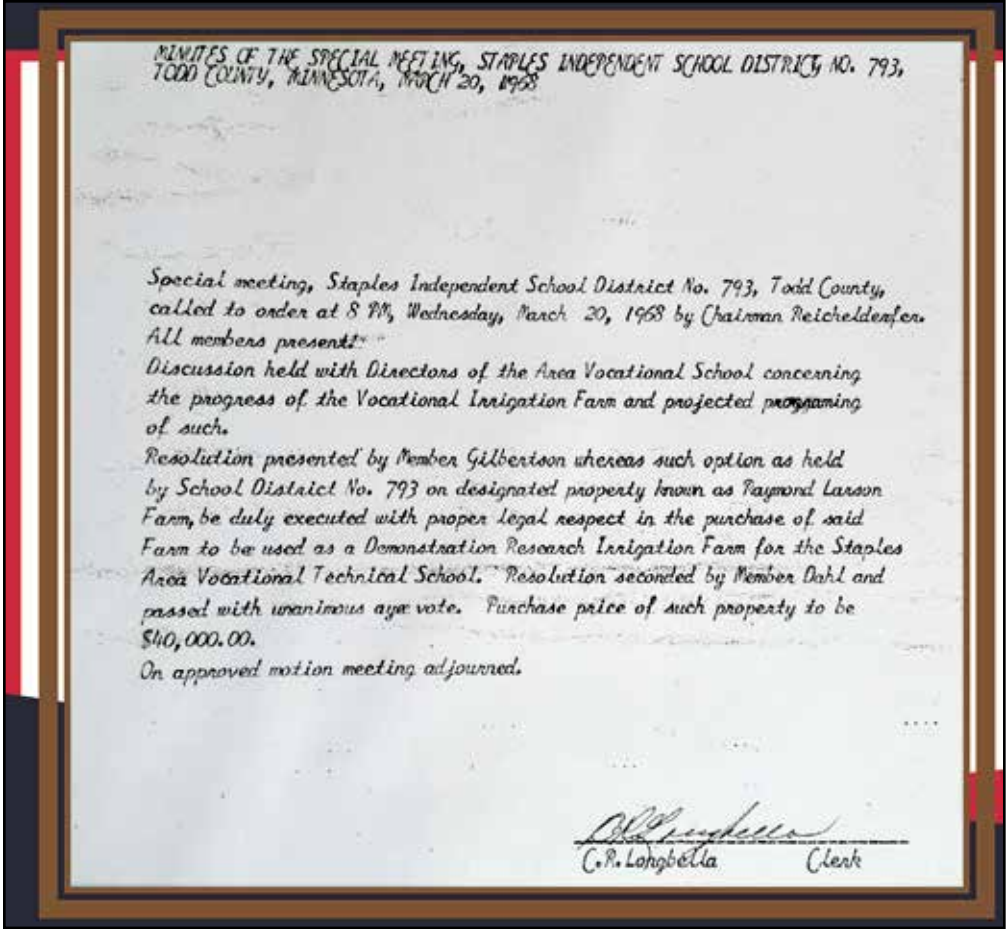
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Construction of building at Ag & Energy Center

This aerial view looking south across County Rd. 2 shows the construction area where the building was going to be built. A runway of the Staples Airport can be seen at the top of the photo. On the far right you can see a small part of an early irrigation system. A note on the photo said “1969: The Beginning.” (Photo courtesy of the Ag & Energy Center.)

Thank you for subscribing!



School board made decision to purchase

At a special meeting March 20, 1968, the Staples School Board agreed to purchase a 320 acre farm “to be used as a Demonstration Research Irrigation Farm for the Staples Area Vocational Technical School.” The purchase price was \$40,000. (Image courtesy of the Ag & Energy Center.)

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Center was the answer for the times in agriculture

at what farming was like in the 1960’s. The average yield for corn was about 40 bushels per acre. (The state average yield was over 60 bushels per acre.) That yield was only on part of the total acres planted because much of the crop only made silage due to lack of rain. Soils in this area are often sandy and do not hold water after a rain like heavier soils.

Most farms had livestock, much of which was dairy, so that the silage could be fed to the cows to help earn a living. Farming often did not generate enough income for more than the very basics of family living.

Agriculture was critical to the area. Much of the population that sent children to the school and did business in town lived in the country. The Chamber of Commerce hosted the “Farmers Night on the Town” for many years during that era. School leaders at the time saw that finding a way to enhance the economics of farming would benefit the whole community.

Irrigation had been a topic of discussion for several years. A small number of farmers in the area had been irrigating for a few years with real success. But low farm incomes did not allow for the average farm to be able to borrow enough money to get into irrigation, especially when you were not sure there was access to water on your farm or if it would work on your soil.

Those discussions prompted two high school agriculture teachers, Bill Guelker and Don Baustian, to approach the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Duane Lund, with an idea. They took him on a tour of irrigation sites in the Elk River area and said the light, sandy soil in this area can be an asset with irrigation. They thought the school should buy a farm. Dr. Lund was very interested.

Dr. C. F. Reichelderfer was the chairman of the school board at the time. Other board members were: C. Richard Longbella, Donald Gilbertson, Maude Dahl, Dr. Robert Mayhew, and Howard Pattison. At that time, the school board managed both the Staples Schools and the Area Vocational School (AVS). Michael Matanich was the Director of the AVS and Stan Edin was the Assistant Director. This is the group that considered the idea and made the decision.

History was made when the Staples Public Schools purchased a 320 acre farm. It was the first and continues to be the only operation of its kind which is owned by a local school district and operated by a local college.

The use of irrigation exploded in the region because farms could go just a few miles to “The Farm,” see irrigation systems in operation and hear results of testing done on irrigated crops.

Now, the University of Minnesota research staff

had a place in our community to study crop practices that would help area farmers. New crops, never considered before, would be demonstrated and find a home in the area. Farming was on its way to a more prosperous place because of it.

So what is the rest of the story? What else has the farm influenced in the last 50 years? How have the “The Farm” staff found ways to fund this enterprise when changes in public funding required it to pay its own way? How did dry edible beans become so prominent in the area? Why did Living Legacy Gardens come into being? How many agriculture businesses and government agencies know the importance of Central Minnesota agriculture because “The Farm” is in existence?

The story of “The Farm” is being written to chronicle how this unique entity began in a unique time in the history of Staples... and how it and its partners have influenced and supported agriculture in the region and in the state ever since.

Lecy started working at the college in 1974, first as a faculty member at the Ag Center for 10 years and then 28 years in an administrative capacity for Ag and related programs. He continues to work part time on special projects in Farm Business Management.

Local survey results: Relationships are key to building assets in youth

Are you ready to make a difference in the lives of Todd County youth?

Recently, Todd County CAD administered an important survey to nearly 1,200 7-12th graders students from Staples-Motley, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, Browerville, Bertha-Hewitt and Freshwater ISDs. The survey gave Todd County youth the opportunity to share their perceptions of the assets they have within themselves and in the world around them. These insights have given Todd County CAD a window into the strengths, supports and gaps in our county young people’s lives.

The survey, called the Developmental Assets Profile (or “DAP”) was designed by SEARCH Institute of Minneapolis. SEARCH has identified 40 positive experiences and qualities, or ‘developmental assets’ that all young people need. These assets can be external, such as Support, Empowerment, Boundaries/Expectations and Constructive Use of time; or they can be internal, such as Commitment to Learning, Positive Values, Social Competencies and Positive Identity. Further, young people need to experience these strengths and supports across all parts of their lives; not just in one place, such as school or home. These assets and contexts were all measured by the DAP survey.

Here are some compelling data from the Todd County DAP survey:

- Particular areas of strength for our youth are

the categories of ‘empowerment’ and ‘support’. Empowerment means young people need to feel valued and valuable. This happens when youth feel safe and respected. Support means young people need to be surrounded by people who love, care for, appreciate and accept them.

- Lowest scores were in the area of ‘constructive use of time’ and ‘commitment to learning’. Constructive Use of Time means young people need opportunities - outside of school - to learn and develop new skills and interests with other youth and adults. Commitment to Learning means young people need a sense of the lasting importance of learning and a belief in their own abilities.

- The Composite Assets Score, which gives an overall sense of how strong the foundation of Developmental Assets is for our youth, indicates 56 percent of Todd County youth scored in either the ‘vulnerable’ (39 percent) or ‘challenged’ (17 percent) range. Thirty-four percent scored in the ‘adequate’ range, and 10 percent scored in the ‘thriving’ range. So, there’s a definite need to strengthen assets in our youth.

- The DAP explored young people’s perceptions of supports and strengths across five contexts: personal, social, family, school and community. Todd County youth are most likely to experience high levels of support and strength from their fami-

lies. On the other hand, they tend to experience the lowest levels of assets from their community.

Everyone can build assets, and all young people need assets.

The assets provide a framework for action that encourages all individuals to make a difference, no matter who they are or what their lives are like. Our data can be a springboard for positive change for youth in Todd County, with all of us playing a role in building youth assets. Todd County CAD plans to use the results of the study to guide their work in the community: studying the data in detail and creating a specific action plan that focuses on building youth assets in Todd County’s youth.

Community members are welcome to attend CAD meetings, the fourth Tuesday of each month at NJPA in Staples. The next meeting is April 24; 11:45-1p.m., lunch will be served.

If you’re interested in attending and/or helping the coalition develop their action plan using Developmental Assets, contact Connie Burns, Health Education Coordinator at connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us, or 320-732-2221 by April 20.

Todd County CAD is a county wide coalition with a mission to prevent the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by youth in Todd County. Our Vision is a culture that inspires youth to be alcohol, tobacco and drug free.

Energy assistance still available

The Cold Weather Rule protecting Minnesotans from natural gas or electricity shut-off ends April 15. That date does not always mean the heating season is done in Minnesota.

To keep the heat on through the spring, the Minnesota Department of Commerce urges low-income residents who need help paying their utility bills to apply for the state’s Energy Assistance Program and establish a payment plan with their utility, if they haven’t done so already.

Minnesotans who use delivered fuels such as fuel oil, propane or wood to heat their homes are also eligible for energy assistance, even though they are not covered by the Cold Weather Rule.

Energy assistance funds are limited and households are served on a first-come, first-served basis. Details are available on the Commerce Department’s Energy Assistance webpage.

Act now to avoid disconnection

Minnesotans who have trouble paying their heating bills are encouraged to contact their utility now to establish and maintain a monthly payment plan.

Most payment plans under the Cold Weather Rule last until April 15. To avoid disconnection after that date, customers who still owe a balance on their bill should contact their utility before April 15 and

ask if they can continue their payment plan or establish a new plan.

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission administers the Cold Weather Rule. For more information, visit the Commission website, email consumer.puc@state.mn.us or call 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782.

How to apply for energy assistance

The Minnesota Department of Commerce administers the Energy Assistance Program in partnership with 30 local service providers in the state. The program helps with energy bills for renters and homeowners earning at or below 50 percent of the state’s median income (\$48,077 for a family of four).

Energy assistance funds go directly to the utility or energy provider on behalf of eligible households. The average annual grant per household is about \$520. Last year the program helped more than 126,000 Minnesota households. It’s funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

To apply for energy assistance, contact the local service provider in your county. To find your service provider, visit the Commerce Department’s Energy Assistance webpage or call 800-657-3710.



Men’s Night Out 2018

Featuring: **Justin Morneau**
of the Minnesota Twins

Justin Morneau played 14 seasons in the major leagues, including 11 seasons with the Minnesota Twins from 2003-13. The former first baseman played a key role on three different AL Central Division championship teams and won the American League Most Valuable Player Award in 2006. The four-time All-Star played 1,278 games in a Twins uniform, hitting .278 with 221 home runs and 860 RBI.

Morneau was hired by the Twins as special assistant to baseball operations after announcing his retirement. In his new role, Morneau will help position player development by focusing on transition programs and teaching an understanding of major league expectations, environment, and culture. He will also be involved in the amateur draft process and throughout the year as a resource for player acquisitions.

Grand Prize... Sign up that evening for your chance to be one of 15 people chosen for an exclusive meet-and-greet held directly after the keynote! Winners get a free autographed item and a photo with Justin Morneau.

Monday, April 16

5 – 8 p.m. WDC Elementary School
215 Colfax Ave. SW, Wadena, MN

5 – 6:15 p.m. Health Screenings | Educational Booths | Light Meal
6:15 – 8 p.m. Provider Panel & Keynote with Justin Morneau

NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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Save This Date



APRIL 24

The Developmental Assets Profile (DAP) survey was administered to nearly 1,200 7-12 graders in Todd County in February. DAP shows the strengths, skills and developmental asset needs of our youth.

You’re invited to join the CAD coalition to analyze, integrate and interpret DAP survey results:

Tuesday April 24, 11:45-1pm
At NJPA in Staples

RSVP: Connie Burns, Health Ed Coordinator, Todd County Health and Human Services, by **April 17**, (for meal count): connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us or 320-732-2221

Did you Know ...

The local newspaper is the No. 1 source for community news, beating TV by nearly 5 times and the Internet by 10 times the audience

*Fourth annual NNA nationwide readership study



www.nnaweb.org



Chess champions

These four all were in the top 10 finishers for the 7-12 grade division play at the Brainerd Chess Tournament March 24 and took home the first place team trophy after five one-hour rounds of chess. From left are the Staples-Motley Checkmates team members Lenny Decker, Keegan Bestland, Shawn Decker and Rose Han. Decker took home the first place trophy and Han medaled at sixth place for the team. Chess teams can send as many players as they want but only the top four players' points count

for the win. Despite other teams' players outnumbering these four, their strong finishes earned the Checkmates their first ever tournament win at the 7-12 level. The next tournament will be Saturday, April 21, at the Staples-Motley Elementary School. Chess practices and registration information for players not yet registered is available by contacting Kevin Roline in Community Education at 218-894-2497 or their school office. (Submitted photo)

Nominations open for Veterans' Voices Awards

The Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) announces that nominations for their 2018 Veterans' Voices Awards are now being accepted through Thursday, June 7, 2018.

In its sixth year, the Veterans' Voices Award recognizes former and actively serving Minnesota veterans who are making significant contributions to their communities and are exemplary humanists. These veterans also embody the Humanities Center's mission - "to build a thoughtful, literate and engaged society" - and values: to build and strengthen relationships, recognize the power of story and danger of absence, learn from and with multiple voices, and amplify community solutions for change.

These awards are part of the Humanities Center's Veterans' Voices program that draws on the power of the humanities to call attention to the contributions and often-missed stories of veterans. This program empowers all Minnesota veterans to speak in their own voices through storytelling, art, theater, discussion groups and more - amplifying the voices of veterans throughout our state and helping to bridge the veteran-civilian divide.

"Receiving a 2014 Veterans' Voices Award validated the work I was doing through AmeriCorps and it positively impacted the transition into my current career," says Awardee,

Alex Schueller. "I received this award in the early days of my new career, and it helped me realize I deserved to be there to continue service to the community. Continuing to nominate veterans is imperative in elevating the positive impacts our veterans make on our communities in Minnesota."

For the past four years, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has led a nationwide initiative to amplify the voices of veterans through Standing Together: The Humanities and the Experience of War. MHC's Veterans' Voices program is the ongoing Minnesota embodiment of this initiative.

"The humanities can play a vital role in helping us to understand the human experience and to consider our obligations to one another. The question of what we owe each other becomes particularly urgent when men and women serve in wartime. The humanities are instrumental both in helping Americans to understand the experiences of service members and in assisting veterans as they return to civilian life. - National Endowment for the Humanities on Standing Together: The Humanities and the Experience of War.

The Veterans' Voices Awards are a statewide effort with awardees representing Minneapolis, St Paul, Prior Lake, Inver Grover Heights, Mankato, Frazee, Waconia, Bem-

dji, Buffalo, Farmington, Coon Rapids, Big Lake, Chisholm, Mankato, Stillwater, Cloquet and Mendota Heights in 2017 alone. Since 2013, MHC's Veterans' Voices Awards have recognized 126 Minnesota veterans from a sitting state Senator to a Muslim community leader, a sexual-assault survivor to a middle school teacher and everyone in between.

"The Humanities Center is honored to be presenting the 6th annual Veterans' Voices Awards," says David O'Fallon, MHC President & CEO. "The Veterans' Voices program and award strike at the core of our humanities work in Minnesota. They are instrumental in telling the absent narrative of veterans and also of leveraging the power of the humanities to create empathy and bring people together - including bridging the veteran-civilian divide. The humanities allow us to ask two fundamental questions: 'What kind of world do you want to live in?' and 'How are we all going to get along in that world?' Amplifying the voices of veterans within that is the goal of our Veterans' Voices work."

For more information on the Veterans' Voices program as well as details about the Veterans' Voices Award and how to nominate a deserving Veteran, visit <https://mnhum.org/vets/award/>. Download the Veterans' Voices Media Kit.

Benson joins panel for FFA Day at CHS

CHS Inc. and the CHS Foundation welcomed National FFA leadership to its campus March 6 as part of the CHS Foundation's ongoing commitments to National FFA and developing a new generation of ag leaders. Katie Benson of the Staples-Motley chapter was one of the FFA representatives.

CHS President and CEO Jay Debertin and FFA CEO Mark Poeschl were joined by National FFA President Breanna Holbert, Eastern Region Vice President Gracie Furnish, Minnesota State FFA President Katie Benson and State Sentinel Maddie Weninger. The panel discussed the importance of developing leadership skills in today's students to ensure the ongoing success of agriculture. The event was held at CHS headquarters in Inver Grove Heights.

Debertin and Poeschl spoke how companies need to engage with tomorrow's leaders to understand what it means to be an employer of choice.

"A lot of companies do what we do," Debertin said. "What sets us apart are the people we attract, the people we develop. Organizations such as FFA are great vehicles to build those skills and create a point of difference for companies."

Benson said that the climate of companies is among the top things prospective employees consider when looking for a place to build a career. "What does a day in the life look like? What does a conversation look like," she said. "Is it a friendly place to be where people build each other up?"

The panel and daylong



FFA officer summit

The four FFA leadership team members that served as panelists for the CHS program, from left, Minnesota State FFA President; Katie Benson, Staples-Motley chapter, National FFA President; Breanna Holbert, Minnesota State Sentinel; Maddie Weninger and Eastern Region Vice President; Gracie Furnish. (Submitted photo)

events celebrated the \$3.8 million donation the CHS Foundation made to National FFA last fall to support National FFA and the National Teach Ag Campaign. The multi-year commitment provides ongoing support to the diversified crop, environmental and national resources management proficiencies, the environmental and natural resources management career development events, increased support of teacher education and retention programs through National Teach Ag and CASE institute teacher scholarships. New funding is dedicated to developing cooperative education curriculum and sponsorship of the New Century Farmer program. Investments in these programs, Poeschl said, have helped drive retention of ag education teachers to more

than 95 percent.

"You're making a difference in what's going on in the lives of students and what goes on in classroom instruction all around the country," Poeschl said. "The most important thing these kids are learning is that they're the generation that's going to feed the world."

It's that challenge that leads students to focus on giving back in their schools and ultimately to give back in their careers, Holbert and Furnish said. "The aspect of giving back and finding a way to make a difference is very important to our generation," Furnish said.

To learn more about the CHS Foundation's partnership with National FFA and other efforts that develop ag leaders for life, visit chsinc.com/stewardship.

Minnesota buffer initiative status

Most Todd County landowners know vegetative buffers were required on public waterways Nov. 1, 2017 and will be required on county ditches by Nov. 1, 2018. This is very important considering Todd County spans out over almost 1,000 square miles, has 123 public lakes, 380 miles of public streams, and 379 miles of county ditches.

Todd County SWCD has completed a county wide buffer inventory on all public waters and public ditches. Many landowners have already contacted the SWCD and made plans on when and how they are going to install their buffers. On the other hand, some landowners were sent compliance notices in 2017. Anyone who's received a notice is urged to contact

Todd County SWCD for assistance before spring tillage. If compliance is not verified, Todd County will be enforcing the buffer law this spring. Failure to comply could result in multiple assessments.

Todd County is making excellent progress toward being compliant with the state buffer initiative, but

there's still some work to be done. If you feel buffers on your property may be affected or if you have any questions regarding buffers in Todd County, contact the SWCD at 320-732-2644.

For more information about the Governor's buffer law, please visit: bwsr.state.mn.us/buffers/.

34th Annual Fiddler's Contest
Saturday, April 7, 2018
Pillager High School gym
 5 p.m. music by: "Oak Street Chapel Praise Band." Competition: 7 p.m.
 *In-house Raffle: Purchase tickets at the contest - Many prizes!
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Public libraries fill a variety of needs

By Karen Pundsack
Executive Director, Great River Regional Library

When was the last time you visited your local public library?

If you haven't set foot in the library since high school, I invite you to change that during National Library Week, April 8-14. Join the over 106,000 Central Minnesotans who regularly use the library for entertainment, to learn something new and connect with their communities. Our friendly and knowledgeable library staff is ready to help you transform your life.

Books remain our core business. If you haven't read a book in a while, we can help find one you'd like. Reading doesn't just help you learn something new; research shows even six minutes of reading a day can be enough to reduce stress levels by more than two-thirds.

We have a format for everyone - books you can listen to, books you can download, and even books in large print if your eyes need a little boost. Great River Regional Library has one of the largest and broadest collections in the state.

Beyond books, we take pride in providing safe and welcoming spaces for everyone. People gather here to visit and attend our programs and events for all ages - storytimes, book clubs, and arts and crafts classes.

Last year, Pew Research studied American library

users. The study found Millennials to be the most dedicated library users. Many Americans believe public libraries help them in a wide variety of ways:

- 78 percent feel that public libraries help them find information that is trustworthy and reliable.
- 76 percent say libraries help them learn new things.
- 65 percent say libraries help them grow as people.
- 56 percent believe libraries help them get information that aids with decisions they have to make.
- 49 percent think libraries help them focus on things that matter in their lives.
- 43 percent believe libraries help them cope with a busy world.
- 38 percent say libraries help them cope with a world where it's hard to get ahead.
- 27 percent think libraries help them protect their personal data from online thieves.

Political polarization is trickling into many aspects of our lives. The library is a safe haven from this disunity. Librarians are some of the most trusted professionals. You can count on us to help you sift through the "fake news" in your life.

Libraries are bastions of democracy. We are the place where the freedom of speech and freedom of assembly play out daily. We are the community gathering space - a safe space to explore broad points of view. There is no dumb question at the library. Our specialty is connecting

people to the information they need.

While our commitment to literacy remains at the forefront, public libraries are changing and adapting to meet 21st century community needs. We aim to help you grow and cope with our busy world where it's sometimes hard to get ahead. If you've never gone online, our librarians will help you get started through classes, across the desk help and even individual appointments.

Are you an aspiring author? Our new MNWrites MNReads service gives you a place to publish and share your work statewide. Want to learn another language? We offer Pronunciator online so you can practice in the comfort of your home. Looking to help develop your child's math and science skills? We offer a number of STEM-based activities throughout the year.

Stop by griver.org or in person at any of our locations in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright counties. Signing up for a library card is free. If you haven't used your card in the last three years, be sure to renew it. It's an easy way for you to transform your life this year.

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Canadian newsprint is not enemy-tariffs are

By David Chavern

Every day at the News Media Alliance headquarters, a stack of newspapers arrives for myself and the staff. But with the Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission currently considering tariffs on Canadian newsprint, those days of screen-free reading could be coming to an end.

The fact that newsprint is being threatened is the work of one newsprint mill in the Pacific Northwest, NORPAC. In August 2017, NORPAC petitioned the U. S. Department of Commerce to begin applying tariffs to newsprint imported from Canada, claiming the imported paper was harming the U.S. newsprint industry. But NORPAC is not acting in the best interests of newsprint consumers or the U.S. paper industry at large - they're acting in their own interest and no one else's.

The buying and selling of newsprint has always been regional without regard for the border. Consumers of newsprint - from newspaper and book publishers to telephone directory manufacturers - tend to buy newsprint in their region, close to their printing operations. The printers who typically utilize Canadian newsprint are those in the northeast and Midwest, where there are currently no U.S. mills operating.

But those regions are not newsprint deserts because of unfair trade by Canadian paper mills. Rather, newsprint mills shut down or converted to producing other, more profitable paper products when the demand for newsprint fell, something that's been happening steadily for decades.

Since 2000, the demand for newsprint in North America has dropped by 75 percent.

But affordable Canadian paper has helped keep the printed news alive and flourishing well into the 21st century. With new tariffs, many smaller newspapers will feel their belts tightening. The combination of preliminary countervailing and antidumping duties increases the cost of imported newsprint by as much as 32 percent, and a number of newspapers have already experienced price increases and a disruption in supply. If the International Trade Commission and the Department of Commerce make these tariffs permanent in the coming months, it could lead some small local publishers to cut their print product entirely - or even shut their doors.

Some, like NORPAC, may argue that by imposing duties on Canadian imports we're saving American jobs and boosting our own economy, but while that may sometimes be true for other industries, the opposite is true of newsprint.

What we're seeing with the newsprint tariffs is not a government acting to try to better the economy for its citizens. Instead, it's "political arbitrage" by one private investment group - where they're effectively looking to use the U.S. government to tax local and community newspapers across the United States in order to bolster their own bottom line.

When considering whether to take NORPAC's claims seriously, the Department of Commerce excluded input from U.S. newsprint mills owned by Canadian companies - spe-

cifically Resolute Forest Products and White Birch. Excluding manufacturers who, during the period of investigation, had three functioning newsprint mills in the U.S. because they have sister mills in Canada shows an unwillingness to understand the borderless newsprint industry and the restructuring that has taken place in recent decades.

If the tariffs on Canadian newsprint are allowed to stand, we're not only risking a centuries-old relationship with our neighbors to the north, but we're putting our own U.S. news industry in jeopardy. While the big national and regional papers may have less trouble finding the funds to keep their print editions coming, we could see small publishers lose footing, and those tiny local papers are some of the most vital members of our news community. Under the right conditions, those papers can find a way to maintain their footing, but if the newsprint industry can't support them, those communities will become news deserts, and that's a future none of us want.

We may not be able to save the entire industry by keeping tariffs off our paper, but we can keep it thriving while we re-position ourselves for the years to come. Having affordable newsprint will help us do that.

David Chavern serves as President and CEO of the News Media Alliance. Chavern has built a career spanning 30 years in executive strategic and operational roles, and most recently completed a decade-long tenure at the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Letter to the Editor

What has happened to school excellence?

As I read the Star Tribune article below it reminds me of the days growing up in Staples-Motley when we were known for excellence in academics, extra curricular activities and sports.

I was fortunate enough to be a part of and learn from great programs and coaches at the tail end of our dominance. Life outside of high school is very different, what a person learns in a classroom is vital. However, an employer generally will not hire someone simply based on their GPA, they hire based on experience which is what extra-curricular activities, coaches and sports help provide.

For me, these programs and coaches helped me

learn what it takes to succeed based on the winning tradition of Staples-Motley.

Kevin Coughlin, Joe Joerger, Gene Mattila, Gordy Thompson and Dave Anglin (as well as others I'm likely not aware of), what do all of these coaches have in common? They all were dedicated, passionate, caring mentors and coaches, not just coaching but teaching life lessons.

There are always two sides to the story, but what else do they have in common? It seems ALL were in some shape or form pushed out of the system by the administration from the opinions of the minority.

By the way, some of these coaches have been inducted in to their respective halls of fame even considering the administration's actions, a true testament to their caliber and questionable judgement of the administration.

As I question to myself what has eroded almost three decades of excellence in a matter of 10-15 years, I have to ask who is responsible and being held accountable? In the private sector there would be accountability for this type of performance.

While I believe the trend of parent involvement widely published across the nation likely has an impact on programs, parent involvement in these programs isn't unique to Staples-Motley and others continue to be dominant. What is unique are the leaders of the school district or the administration.

Is or have the administrations been held accountable for the overall

performance that could be leading to other problematic factors the district is facing like declining enrollment, budget shortfalls, families enrolling their children in nearby districts, etc? Or are the property owners/school staff through tax increases and layoffs?

In closing, I think the biggest impact is not to the coaches who were pushed out, it's the kids who miss that real life experience of highly successful programs that a text book doesn't teach. It's that experience of having to make that shot at the buzzer, being on the mat or the tennis court by yourself with no one else to blame for your mistakes, studying hard for the Knowledge Bowl or being part of or simply witnessing the hard work your friends put in to be the best in the state.

The lack of performance and accountability by the administrations over the last 10-15 years has the biggest impact on the kids not the coaches, and for that I will ensure for my children I not only research the school but also that administration when making my decision.

Bobby Anglin
Maple Lake, Minn.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Anglin is referencing an article by the Star Tribune sports writer Patrick Reusse written in May, 2013 about Dave Joerger from Staples who, at the time, was on his way to becoming an NBA coach. The link to the story is below.

http://www.startribune.com/reusse-staples-pride-runs-deep-for-in-demand-nba-assistant/208026331/

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‘Oklahoma!’ will be performed April 13, 14, 15



Spring musical rehearsals underway



Back row: Izabelle VanAlst, Torii Nienow. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Rehearsals for “Oklahoma,” the Staples-Motley High School’s spring musical, are underway. The musical will be presented at Centennial Auditorium in Staples April 13 - 15. See story for performance times. Pictured above, back row from left: Emmitt Winkels, Trenton Plopper, Connor Judd. Front: Alex McIlravy (kneeling), Cole Winkels, Sivert Klefsaas (on block). Lower photo, front row from left: Bryn Williams (on block), Jadyn Kincaid, Olivia Leslie, Madysen Hull.

Tickets are now on sale for the Staples-Motley High School Music Department’s production of ‘Oklahoma!’ Rodgers & Hammerstein’s first musical collaboration which debuted on Broadway in 1943.

Performances will be held at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on April 13 and 14 (Friday and Saturday) at 7 p.m.; and April 15 (Sunday) at 2 p.m. There is no Thursday performance. New this year will be a dinner served at the high school cafeteria prior to Friday’s show. The dinner is limited to 100 tickets.

Matthew Olsen is the artistic director for the show, with high school music instructor Nathan Thelen serving as music director. Alumnus Brian Steriker is the show’s choreographer; and high school band director, Jon Crust, is directing the pit orchestra. Olsen noted that a few other alumni have been back to help during the rehearsal process, including Anna Koopmann and Jenessa Iverson.

Olsen is no stranger to the Centennial stage. A 2002 graduate of SMHS, he went on to attend the University of Minnesota-Duluth (UMD) where he earned a bachelor of fine arts degree; and later, was accepted into the Asolo

Repertory Theatre at Florida State University, where he earned a master of fine arts degree.

He’s excited to be back working at his alma mater in Staples and to be a part of this show which he feels is a “fascinating historical piece of theater,” the beginning of what we now call modern musical theater.

The show was last performed at SMHS over 40 years ago, Olsen said. He noted that Stan Carlson, the school’s longtime music instructor, directed it around 1975.

It’s a show that has endured over time, with songs that continue to be sung by musical theater enthusiasts. You’ll look forward to hearing the Cardinal choir members sing favorites such as, “Oh, What a Beautiful Morning,” “The Surrey With the Fringe on Top” and “People will Say We’re in Love.”

The Friday night pre-show dinner is something new this year. Olsen said the music department is in collaboration with Emily Hoeschen and the culinary arts program at the high school. Limited to 100 ticket holders, the menu will be in keeping with the show’s theme. Expect a BBQ of some sort, along with old fashioned root

beer and lemonade. Tickets for the dinner include: the meal, ticket to the show, and an entrance into a special raffle to win a limited edition of a screen-printed poster from the show. The posters will be individually numbered and signed by the artist, alumnus Christopher Olsen and will be available for purchase. *These special tickets must be purchased at the high school and prior to Friday’s dinner.*

According to information about “Oklahoma!” provided at the Rodgers & Hammerstein website, “Rodgers & Hammerstein’s first collaboration remains, in many ways, their most innovative, having set the standards and established the rules of musical theatre still being followed today.

“Set in a Western Indian territory just after the turn of the century, the high-spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the colorful background against which Curly, a handsome cowboy, and Laurey, a winsome farm girl, play out their love story.”

Tickets for the musical will be available at the SMHS office, 218-894-2431; Kevin Nelson Insurance in Staples, 218-895-5046; and at the door.

Mark Your Calendar

April 10

TODD COUNTY CITIZENS AGAINST DRUGS (CAD) HOSTING ‘MEET AND GREET’ Tues., April 10, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Central Lakes College, Staples, in the Depot Rm. Bring a lunch. Learn about CAD’s work with Todd County youth. For info., email connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us.

April 11

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1 - 4 p.m., through April 11, Staples Community Center. No appt. needed. For low to moderate income taxpayers. For info., 218-894-5772.

April 12

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., April 12, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Tom Jacobs, caller; Donna Stone, cuer. For info., 218-296-1641.

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IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - WALK-IN sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., April 17, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340.

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WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., April 17, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., April 18, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340.

MEDICAL HOME PATIENT ADVISORY MTG Tues., April 17, Lakewood Health System’s main campus in Staples, 2 - 3 p.m. All Lakewood patients welcome to attend. For info., to RSVP by April 16, call 218-894-8311 or email loiswalters@lakewoodhealthsystem.com

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Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider second and final reading of Ordinance 518 - Amending Ordinance 496, an Ordinance Amending the Staples Zoning Ordinance 496 establishing garage sale regulations.
- Hear a presentation by Central Minnesota Housing Partnership regarding

a multi-family housing project and consider purchase agreement for portions of two parcels located at the corner of Michigan and 12th Street.

- Consider a resolution supporting local decision-making authority.
- Hear committee reports from the Public Works Commission and the Staples Economic Development Authority.
- Open forum.
- City Administrator’s report.

ALL TWEC members are invited to join us at our

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, April 12
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Meal to follow

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Successful, inspiring art show

Alyssa Vanderhoof's 'A Night of Art' exhibit and sale was "very successful," the Staples-Motley High School senior reported recently. In addition to showcasing her work through this project, Vanderhoof's goal was to raise money to purchase school supplies for students in need. Over 100 people attended the show March 27, and Vanderhoof raised \$1,500, far exceeding her goal of \$300. Above: Vanderhoof (center) poses with friends who helped her at the art exhibit/sale, held at the high school. From left: Allison Knosalla, Tia Knosalla, Tiffany Achermann, Vanderhoof, Isabelle VanAlst, Tyler Pierce, Gilberto Terrones. Lower photo, from left, Mike Picconatto, Bob Mitts, Elissa Picconatto, all of Staples, enjoy looking at the art on display. The Picconattos also helped set up for the show. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Realtors receive recognition awards

Edina Realty, a Berkshire Hathaway affiliate and the Midwest's largest residential real estate firm, recently announced that Sandy Knosalla and Nikki Bjerga from the Staples office are being recognized for outstanding sales performance, market knowledge and customer service as members of Edina Realty's President's and Leadership Circle.



Sandy Knosalla

Agents who earn membership in Edina Realty's Chairman's, Master's, President's or Leadership Circles are among the elite Realtors doing business today. They're well-informed on market trends, well-connected and especially adept at client representation and customer service," said Greg Mason, Edina Realty Home Services president and CEO. "Edina Realty leads the market for the 18th consecutive year thanks to the efforts of our diligent agents."



Nikki Bjerga

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Jacquelyn and Christopher Goff of Motley, a baby boy, Lincoln William weighing seven pounds, three ounces on March 22, 2018.
Born to Lindsey and Joshua Meech of Wadena, a baby boy, Odin Rhett, weighing eight pounds, one ounce on March 26, 2018.
Born to Sarah Bontjes of Randall, a baby boy, Lucas Joseph weighing seven pounds, two ounces on March 26, 2018.
Born to Raysha and Justin Murdent of Bertha, a baby boy, Jordan Michael weighing six pounds, 11 ounces on March 28, 2018.
Born to Alexa and Josh Jacobus of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Kaylee JoLynn weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on March 28, 2018.

Obituaries

Vernon Drake

Vernon (Vern) S. Drake, 91, of Staples, died April 1, 2018 at Lakewood Health System Hospital, Staples. Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 5, at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, in Staples with Pastor Carl Larson officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the church. Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples. Vernon Stanley Drake was born approximately March 10, 1927, in Staples. Vernon was abandoned when he was about 10 days old. He was adopted by Victor and Clara (Berg) Drake. He lived his entire life in Staples, graduating from Staples High School in 1945. He spent time in the U.S. Army and nine years in the Army Reserves, was honorably discharged with the rank of Sgt 1st Class. He attended the Minnesota School of Agriculture, graduating in 1949 and the St. Cloud Business College, graduating in 1951. He married Marlys Paulson on June 16, 1957, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

Vern worked for the Northern Pacific/Burlington Northern Railroad, retiring in 1989. While on leave of absence from the railroad, he was the manager of the local credit union for 18-1/2 years, nine of those years full time. Vern was an area gunsmith for over 50 years,



Gary Sather

Gary R. Sather, 79, of St. Michael died March 29, 2018 at The Villa of Osseo. Memorial services will be held Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hanover. Visitation begins at 1 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements are by The Peterson Chapel, St. Michael/Buffalo.

Gary was born March 14, 1939, in Staples, to Carl and Roberta (Hammond) Sather. He graduated from Staples High School. He married Vaunda Grove and they were married for 59 years. After retiring as a tool and die/moldmaker, Gary spent much of his time outdoors hunting, fishing and relaxing at the family cabin. He enjoyed playing cribbage with friends.

Gary is survived by his wife; one daughter, Leigh Ann; one son, Mark (Luanne); four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Kevin.

Memorials can be directed to the American Diabetes Association.

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operating his gun repair and archery service from his home.

He enjoyed flying, music, fishing, target shooting and hunting - especially bow and muzzleloader hunting for deer. With the help of his son, Paul, he participated right up to last season of deer hunting. He was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church; taught the AARP 55 Alive driver; was a Minnesota Firearms instructor for 50 years and a Minnesota certified bow hunter instructor.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Ann (Jon) Acord of Rugby, ND; two sons, Paul of Staples and Keith (Vickie) of Clear Lake; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his adoptive parents; infant son, Carl Robert; infant granddaughter, Karen Duncan; sister-in-law, Frances Brouke and brothers-in-law, Gilmore Land and Millard Brouke.

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Colleen Christensen

Colleen J. Christensen, 68, of Willmar, passed away March 22, 2018, at the Mayo Clinic Hospital - St. Mary's Campus in Rochester.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, April 13, at 4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Willmar followed by a social dance at Colleen's School of Dance. Visitation will be Thursday, April 12, from 5-7 p.m. at Peterson Brothers Funeral Home in Willmar and one hour prior to the services on Friday at the church.

A private interment will be held at Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Peterson Brothers Funeral Home, Willmar.

Colleen Joyce Christensen was born March 9, 1950, to Marion Jerome Jr. and Corleen (Crosby) Scanlon in Willmar. She graduated from Willmar High School in 1968. She attended the University of Minnesota, St. Cloud State University and the University of Wisconsin and graduating with a degree in Physical Education and Health. Colleen married George A. Christensen August 18, 1972. They made their home in Beloit, WI. Colleen worked as a substitute teacher in the Beloit School District; in 1980, they moved to Willmar where Colleen owned and operated Colleen's School of Dance for 25 years and



later worked as a medical assistant. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, active in choir, Bible study, mission trips and Christian Women United. She was also active with dancing associations, the local DFL Party and enjoyed traveling with her family.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Kari Erickson of Motley and Cory Christensen of Willmar; three grandchildren, Josie Erickson, Alex Erickson and Elliot Christensen; two sisters, Cathy Kircher of Seattle, WA and Nancy (Bill) Orta of Tucson, AZ, along with other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mary, in infancy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the First Presbyterian Church Mission Fund are preferred.

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Dale Swenson

Dale Myron Swenson, 66, of Staples, passed away March 29, 2018, at Lakewood Health System, Staples surrounded by his family, following a long courageous battle with multiple health conditions.

Services were held April 3 at the Family Life Church in Verndale, with Pastor Amos Self officiating.

Interment was at West Lyons Cemetery.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Dale was born October 2, 1951 to Myron and Marie (Pickar) Swenson in Wadena. He was raised in Nimrod. Dale served in the U.S. Army from 1973 to 1975. In 1975, he married Wanda Burrell. They lived on a farm near Leader. Dale was self-employed as a logger. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming, auction sales, John Deere tractors and spending time with his grandchildren, family and friends. After retiring, Dale and Wanda moved to Staples.

Dale is survived by his wife; two daughters, Jeanie (Perry) Liebl of St. Peter and Jennifer (Craig) Hove of Staples; one son, Jason (Nikki) Swenson of Little Falls; two sisters, Gail (Dale) Betz of St. Peter and Georgia Cornelius of Bluegrass and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, "Boo"; one sister, Joyce and several aunts and uncles.

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Native American history in Staples/Wadena area



Don Wedll
former commissioner of Education and Natural Resources, Mille Lacs band of Ojibwe

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An obituary (with photo) is \$60. Copy is edited. Obituary forms are available.

The Staples World publishes wedding and engagement notices as a courtesy. Submissions are edited and published for one week at no charge. A one column photograph may be included (word for word or personalized copy are ads - see above). The deadline for copy is 5 p.m. Monday. The Life Currents section can also include, Student Achievements, births, obituaries, etc. edited to our format at no charge.

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Fiddler's Contest in Pillager is April 7



The 34th Annual Fiddler's Contest in Pillager will take place Saturday, April 7, at the Pillager High School's new gymnasium.

The doors open at 5 p.m. Refreshments will be available and the Oak Street Chapel Praise Band will provide music prior to the contest, which begins at 7 p.m.

Sponsored by the Pillager Fair Board, pro-

ceeds from the contest go towards maintaining the fairgrounds. Tickets are available at the door.

Fiddlers spanning the ages of five to 91 are expected to arrive from various locations in Minnesota and parts of North Dakota. They will compete in their respective age groups, performing two pieces each.

In addition to the cash prizes offered to the fid-

dlers, a grand raffle and in-house raffle will take place during the course of the evening. The 2018 'Citizen of the Year' will be announced at some point during the event.

For more information and to register, call Lisa Fletcher at 218-330-8383 or Jennifer Paananen at 218-251-5918. Pillager High School is located at 323 E. 2nd St.

Missing Motley boy located in Florida

The Motley boy reported missing March 12, has been located safe in Florida and the process of getting him back to Minnesota has begun.

According to the March 30 report from Cass County Sheriff Tom Burch, the investigation continues with the assistance of law enforcement jurisdictions in Florida.

An earlier update on March 26, revealed that the missing male juvenile runaway, Dylan Joseph Vorbeck, 15, is possibly in the presence of a family member or other parties known to him.

Cushing boy admits to burglary, charges pending

Charges are pending against a 16-year-old male from Cushing for his involvement in a burglary at Anglers Corner, located on Bear Road, Cushing Township, Morrison County.

On April 2, shortly after 7 p.m., the owner of Anglers Corner called the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to report that his business had been broken into, but it did not appear that anything was missing. On April 3, the sheriff's office received a report that several bottles of alcohol were missing from the business.

According to the MCSO, deputies arrived and observed foot tracks from the

roadway to the northwest corner of the business. They noticed a window that was broken, which is where it appeared the suspect gained entry.

Deputies followed the suspect tracks to a residence on Beaver Road. While at the residence they made contact with the homeowner who was cooperative during the investigation. The missing liquor bottles were found in a bedroom of the residence.

The Little Falls Police Department assisted the MCSO in locating the suspect who admitted to the burglary. Formal third-degree burglary charges are pending.

Motley Police, Morrison County Sheriff's Office

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

March 27 - The MPD received a call from a local resident reporting a vehicle had been northbound in the southbound lane of Hwy 10, and then corrected and was driving behind him. The driver told the MPD that she had been working doing home health care and did not realize she

was on Hwy 10 when she turned off Todd Cty 7. She corrected her direction as soon as she realized this. Verbal warning given.

March 26 - The MCSO received a report of a burglary at the 32000 block of Park Rd., Cushing.

March 25 - The MCSO received a report of theft at Lincoln Gas & Bait, Cushing.

March 23 - The MCSO received a call from Morrison Cty Probation

Services, advising that a live video was posted on someone's Facebook page that showed him being in possession of several hand guns. The deputy watched the video and reported that it shows the subject holding one of the alleged guns, pointing it at another male and pulling the trigger numerous times. After watching the videos more closely, the deputy said he did not believe the guns were real and that they sounded like plastic.

Phone/text scams continue to be reported

The Cass County Sheriff's Office recently received several more reports of phone calls and text message scams seeking information about credit/debit card numbers and bank accounts.

Specifically, callers are disguising themselves as IRS agents or government officials and indicating there are unpaid taxes or fees owed. This is not the communication format that the IRS uses and typically these types of unrequested calls are a form of a scam, Sheriff Tom Burch said. Most calls have been reported to be coming from a foreign number with a variety of area codes.

The CCSO reminds citizens of the following tips to avoid potential scam and fraud situations:

- Be cautious when dealing with individuals outside of your own country.
- Never give your per-

sonal details to people you don't know. If you receive a call from someone who claims to be from your bank or any other organization, don't give them your details. Call the organization in question to check if it is really them calling. Never click on a link or call a phone number in an email - use a phone directory to look up the correct number.

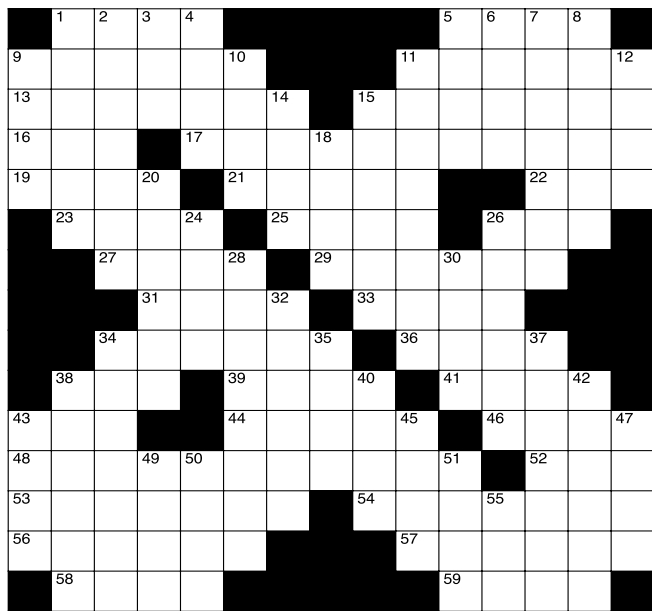
- Check your bank statements. If you see any unusual transactions, contact your bank or credit card provider.

- Review your credit report. Get your credit report from a credible agency.

- Carry only essential information. Avoid taking important documents out of your home to minimize the chance of them being lost or stolen.

- Protect your mobile or Smartphone. Be wary when installing applications onto your phone.

Crossword Puzzle



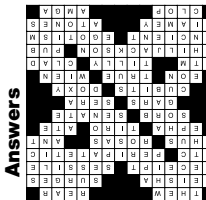
CLUES ACROSS

1. Muscular strength
5. Not the front
9. Japanese female entertainer
11. Soars up
13. Proof you paid
15. Immobile
16. Type of drug
17. Traveling from place to place
19. So
21. Los Super Seven member Cesar
22. Small insect
23. Ancient Hebrew measure
25. Beginner
26. Consumed
27. Fruit of the true service tree
29. Part of Congress
31. Needlefishes
33. Blood serum of an animal

CLUES DOWN

1. Cut the baby teeth
2. Reflexes
3. Midway between east and southeast
4. Beat
5. Sign of aging
6. Goidelic language of Ireland
7. Raise public concern
8. Make new again

9. Something unpleasant
10. Roman orator
11. Flavored
12. Subdivision
14. A pace of running
15. Allows to live
18. Terrorist organization
20. Feudal Japanese commander
24. Type of horse
26. Uncoordinated
28. Deceased actress
30. Get into __: fight
32. Inflexible
34. Amusing
35. Be morose
37. Reviewing online
38. Denoting origin
40. In addition
42. The state that precedes vomiting
43. Ballplayer Denard
45. Spiritual discipline
47. Database management system
49. Fancy car
50. Off-road vehicle
51. __ bene: observe carefully
55. Jerry's pal
- CW175510



Answers

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight & Youth 6:30 p.m.

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

Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples 218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 a.m.

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

Aldrich
Congregational, United Church of Christ
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp 701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Rev. Jean M. Megorden
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
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 9:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

Motley

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

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

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. 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
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.org
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
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 Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
Connection Point 9:30 a.m.
(serving coffee and donuts)

Hewitt

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

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
..... 11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes 9:00 a.m.
Prayer 9:20 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Meal
6:30 p.m. Groups

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager
218-639-4225
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

A story about coats and shoes

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Coats and shoes are necessary coverings for our bodies and feet. We sure are blessed in our area with the CARE. committee that sees through our "Great Coat Give Away" each year. The way that those community gifts warm up our children in the winter is a moving sight to behold on both ends of the process. Thank you to our CARE team that so graciously oversees that service.

Coats and shoes also have another part in life. When I was in college, I took a class that included a segment on hospital chaplaincy. It lit a fire inside of me that is a whole other story. In that class, we were reminded that when we come into a patient's room, if you have a coat on, make sure that you take it off before beginning the conversation. Why? It communicates that "I'm here to visit you." "You are important." Assuming that we really are intentional about why we are there, some interesting observations from a patient's point of view have been shared. A person who comes in for, say, 20 minutes but keeps their coat on, is perceived to have stayed a shorter time than the person who was there for ten minutes but took their coat off.

Now, this in no way brings into judgment a visit with a coat that remains on. To borrow a quote, "Intent precedes content." But it is significant what is perceived on

the patient's side of the discussion.

Now, here's my favorite part of this reflection. I learned the above dynamic by going to college during probably my senior year in 1977-78. Decades later, here comes grandchildren into our lives. Without ever being "taught," I hear consistently from our grandchildren - even a two-year-old - when coming into the house, "Grandpa, take off your coat and shoes." Why? In their precious little worlds, they know from experience that this means grandpa is here to stay for a while. We are going to make some memories together... I'm in!

Folks, the social media world has brought some wonderful new opportunities. But, we are finding more and more that "social media" is becoming very "unsocial" as we are trying to hurry conversations, live on texts which often lack context (let alone intent at times) and avoiding face to face interaction. That is poverty. Let's continue to "Let our children lead us" in this area of "being" with each other.

I don't think Jesus would have replaced having the children crawl up onto His lap in Matthew 19: 13-15 with social media. Take some "coats and shoes" off today in your interactions with people.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

Longbella Drug Store
"The Prescription Store"
2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242
Motley and Pillager

Ernie's Food Market
Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic
"Complete Animal Care"
Staples, MN 218-894-1775

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
Fully Insured to \$250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Central Building Supply
Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

Staples World
Your community newspaper since 1890
224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

Tower Pizza
Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

Staples True Value
"Just Ask Rental"
Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

**NOTICE
EVERGREEN HILL
CEMETERY BOARD**

The Evergreen Hill Cemetery Board will meet Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Staples Community Center. All welcome.

Bob Reeck, President

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
WADENA COUNTY
PLANNING
COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR
A CONDITIONAL
USE PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 19th day of April, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Wadena County Courthouse to consider the application of **Christopher and Jessica Mertens**, for a Conditional Use Permit for the property described as follows:

That part of W1/2 NW1/4 described as: beginning at SW corner of said W1/2 NW1/4; then on assumed bearing North 00 degrees 21'43" East along West line of said W1/2 NW1/4 1,444'; then South 89 degrees 46'53" East 308.22'; then North 00 degrees 13'07" East 27.51'; then South 88 degrees 05'14" East 1012' more or less to the East line of said W1/2 NW1/4; then Southerly along last said East line 1,211' more or less to the North line of the South 14 rods (231') of said W1/2 NW1/4; then Westerly along last said North line 35 rods (577.50') more or less to the West line of the East 35 rods (577.50') of said W1/2 NW1/4; then Southerly along last said West line 14 rods (231') more or less to the South line of said W1/2 NW1/4; then Westerly along last said South line 742.5' more or less to point of beginning** subject to easement. Section 27, Township 134 North, Range 33 West, Thomas-town Township, located in an A-3 General Agriculture District.

The application, if approved, would allow an extraction operation for fill sand by a local contractor.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter. Access to the public hearing will be allowed through the Sheriff's department on the South side of the Courthouse only.

Planning Commission

Date: March 27, 2018

BY: Deana M. Malone
Planning & Zoning
Administrator

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**CITY OF STAPLES
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER A
PRELIMINARY AND
FINAL PLAT FOR
UNITED HOSPITAL
ADDITION TO
STAPLES**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staples Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018 at the Staples City Hall located at 122 6th Street NE to consider a preliminary and final plat for United Hospital Addition to Staples. The property is located E of County Road 30, S of Airview Dr.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and be heard on this matter or submit written comments to the City Clerk prior to the hearing.

Dated: April 5, 2018

Diane Archer, City Clerk

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**NOTICE
FRESHWATER
EDUCATION
DISTRICT #6004**

**DESCRIPTION OF
PROPOSED SCHOOL
CONSTRUCTION
PROJECT**

Freshwater Education District (Freshwater) #6004 is proposing the construction of a 30,000 square foot facility on a 7.4 acre site in the City of Wadena to serve member-districts' students in a level IV setting and provide staff office space. The estimated project cost is \$5 million. The National Joint Powers Alliance will provide a \$5 million grant to finance the project. Freshwater's proposed project does not require voter approval. Construction would be scheduled for completion in calendar years 2018 - 2019.

**REVIEW AND
COMMENT
STATEMENT**

Based upon the department's analysis of the school district's required documentation and other pertinent information from sources of the Minnesota Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education provides a positive review and comment.

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION
IS AVAILABLE**

Persons desiring additional information regarding this proposal should contact the Education District's Executive Director.

**OFFICE OF
THE MINNESOTA
SECRETARY OF
STATE**

**Certificate of
Assumed Name**
*Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 333*

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME:
Whispering Pines Log Homes

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:
**22338 180th Street
Verndale, MN 56481
USA**

NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name:
Whispering Pines Log Homes, L.L.C.

Address:
**22338 180th Street
Verndale, MN 56481
U.S.A.**

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY:
Jacob William Umland

MAILING ADDRESS:
**22338 180th Street
Verndale, MN 56481**

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March 14, 2018

Steve Simon
Secretary of State

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**NOTICE
TODD-WADENA
COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet on Monday, April 9, 2018, at 4:30 p.m., at the Wadena County Courthouse, 415 Jefferson Street South, Wadena, Minnesota.

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant

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**NOTICE
BECKER TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL ROAD TOUR**

The Becker Township annual road tour will be held Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Please meet at the town hall

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

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**NOTICE
VILLARD TOWNSHIP
PROPERTY
ASSESSMENTS**

**Important Information
Regarding Property
Assessments**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization of Villard Township will meet on Monday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m. at the Villard Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and appeal to the county board of appeal and equalization.

The Villard Town Board regular meetings - from May through October - will be held at the Town Hall in Philbrook on the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Trantina Koenig,
Clerk

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**STATE OF
MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF
MORRISON
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

AMENDED SUMMONS
Case No: 49-CV-18-234

**UPPER LAKES FOODS,
INC.**
Plaintiff,
vs.

MICHAEL STEVENS,
d/b/a Mr. Ed's
Restaurant
Defendant.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve on plaintiffs attorney an answer to the complaint which is herewith served on you within Twenty (20) Days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the date of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

The object of this action is a contract and replevin action to recover possession of certain personal property described in the complaint.

The parties are required to attempt alternative dispute resolution under Minnesota Law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration, and other processes as set forth in the District Court Rules. You may contact the Court Administrator about resources in your area.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2018.

MAKI, LEDIN, BICK & OLSON, S.C.
Attorneys for the Plaintiff
BY: Stephan J. Olson
1109 Tower Avenue
Superior, WI 54880
(715) 394-4471

Minnesota License No: 0300810

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**NOTICE
MEADOWBROOK
TOWNSHIP BOARD
OF EQUALIZATION
AND APPEAL**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Meadowbrook, Cass County MN shall meet on Thursday April 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

The meeting will adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township

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**NOTICE
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION
BARTLETT
TOWNSHIP**

**Important Information
Regarding Property
Assessments
that may affect your
2019 property taxes.**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization of Bartlett Township will meet on April 17, 2018, 10:00 a.m. at the Bartlett Town-hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Jan Jares, Clerk
Bartlett Township

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**CITY OF STAPLES
NOTICE OF SECOND
AND FINAL READING
OF ORDINANCE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staples City Council gave an ordinance its first reading to amend Staples Ordinance 496 - Establishing Garage Sale Regulations.

The second and final reading will be considered at the April 10, 2018 Staples City Council meeting.

Dated: April 5, 2018

Diane Archer, City Clerk

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**TODD-WADENA
COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS
ADVISORY BOARD**

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., at the Staples Branch Office, 200 First Street NE, Staples, Minnesota.

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
WADENA COUNTY
PLANNING
COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR
A CONDITIONAL
USE PERMIT**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 19th day of April, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Wadena County Courthouse to consider the application of **Bridget King**, for a Conditional Use Permit for property described as follows:

SE1/4 SW1/4 & S1/2 SE1/4 lying northerly of Hwy #10, Subject to Easements, Restrictions, & Reservations of Record, Section 36, Township 134 North, Range 34 West, Aldrich Township, located in an A-3 General Agriculture District.

The application, if approved, would permit operation of a veterinary clinic adjacent to her home.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter. Access to the public hearing will be allowed through the Sheriff's department on the South side of the Courthouse only.

Planning Commission

Date: March 29, 2018

BY: Deana M. Malone
Planning & Zoning
Administrator

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**NOTICE
STAPLES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION
MEETING
AND
ROAD TOUR**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Staples Township shall meet on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall for the purpose of determining whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor and to determine whether corrections need to be made for 2018.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, or who wish to complain that the property of another is assessed too low, are hereby notified to appear at said meeting and show cause of having such assessment corrected. No complaint that another person is assessed too low will be acted upon until the person so assessed, or his/her agent, shall have been notified of such complaint.

The meeting will be scheduled by appointment only. Please contact the Todd County Assessor's Office to schedule an appointment. Phone: 320-732-4430.

The annual road tour will immediately follow.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township

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**TODD COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF
TAX-FORFEITED LANDS**

**Friday, April 13, 2018
2:00 p.m.**

**Todd County Commissioner Board Room
in the Historical Courthouse, 215 1st Avenue So.
Long Prairie, MN 56347**

- 36 New tax-forfeited parcels
- 7 Preexisting parcels reviewed by Commissioners

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the parcels described in the List of Tax-Forfeited Land that is contained herein shall be sold to the highest bidder at public sale. The sale will be governed by the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01 and by the resolution of the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorizing such sale. The resolution reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land be classified as nonconservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on List of Tax-Forfeited Land, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01; that the sale will be held at **2:00 p.m., Friday, April 13, 2018**, by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at the Commissioner board room in the Historical Courthouse, for not less than the basic sale price; and that all sales shall be full payment or on the terms set forth on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conditions and terms of the public sale shall be as described in the list of Tax-Forfeited Land contained here-in and approved by the Todd County Board of Commissioners.

Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Todd County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer, Todd County Courthouse, 215 1st Avenue So., Suite 201, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347. Telephone: (320) 732-4469, or online at: www.co.todd.mn.us/departments/auditor_treasurer/forfeiture_land

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BYRON TOWNSHIP

**Important Information Regarding Assessment
and Classification of Property**

This may affect your 2019 property tax payments.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Byron, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on **Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall**. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

ROAD TOUR will follow above meeting, to begin at approx. 11:00 a.m.

**Given under my hand this 19th day of March, 2018
Karen E. Roubal, Clerk of the Township of Byron**

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MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP

**Important Information Regarding Assessment
and Classification of Property**

This may affect your 2019 property tax payments.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Moose Lake, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on **Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall**. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

**Given under my hand this 19th day of March, 2018
Karen E. Roubal, Clerk of the Township of Moose Lake**

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'Zero Suicide' model for state's youth

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is working with community partners in five regions of the state to reduce youth suicides, the second leading cause of death for young people ages 10 to 24.

In 2016, 111 Minnesotans between ages 10 and 24 died of suicide. Minnesota has a higher rate than the U.S. average (10.2 per 100,000 versus 9.6 per 100,000) for this age group.

"By focusing on the goal of zero youth suicides, we want to highlight that these tragedies are preventable," said Minnesota Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "We believe that by working together with communities we can and must do more to help young people facing severe depression or other mental health crises."

Communities are working with the MDH Community Partners Preventing Suicide Program to implement a comprehensive public health approach. One example of a comprehensive approach in behavioral health and health care is the Zero Suicide model. This model aims to improve outcomes for people at risk of suicide in health care systems, with a focus on safety and reducing errors. In addition, Minnesota's effort focuses on identifying and connecting youth who are at risk with services and building healthy communities that empower and support youth and families.

The Community Partners Preventing Suicide program is working with 16 health and behavioral health care agencies

across the state. As a first step, agencies participated in the Minnesota Zero Suicide Academy in February and an additional day in March for Minnesota Tribal Nations. The academy offered training for leaders from health and behavioral health care systems. Over the course of the next year, participants from the academy will work to implement the Zero Suicide model within their hospitals and behavioral health care clinics. The core components of the model include commitment from leadership, standardized screenings and risk assessment, care management plans, data collection, effective treatments and consistent patient follow up, particularly during care transitions.

Agencies that partici-

pated in the academy included: Avera Health, Cass Lake Indian Health Services, CentraCare Health, Hennepin County Medical Center, Hennepin County, Leech Lake Behavioral Health, Leech Lake Tribal Health, Lower Sioux Indian Community Health and Human Services, Northern Pines Mental Health Center, Northwestern Mental Health Center, Riverview Health Care, Sanford Behavioral Health-Bemidji, Western Mental Health Center, White Earth Mental Health, White Earth Tribal Health and White Earth Indian Health Services.

The Minnesota Department of Health received a federal grant to invest \$3.6 million in comprehensive suicide prevention for youth in the following re-

gions:

Northwestern region (Kittson, Marshall, Mahnomen, Norman, Pennington, Polk and Red Lake counties). Brainerd region (Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties). Hennepin County. Southwestern region (Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Redwood and Yellow Medicine counties). Great River - Gichiziibi region (Becker, Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard and Itasca counties). Red Lake, Leech Lake, White Earth, Lower Sioux, Upper Sioux, Little Earth and U.S. Indian Health Services.

As always, the health department reminds Minnesotans that if they are concerned about a loved one, they can call the National Suicide Prevention lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Public Notices

NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Moran Township will meet on Monday, April 16 at 1:00 p.m. at the Moran Town Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk
Moran Township

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NOTICE MOTLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Motley, Morrison County, Minnesota shall meet on Friday, April 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Motley Township Town Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Ken Swecker, Clerk
Moltey Township

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Tips for service members transitioning to civilian life

By David Anderson
Wadena County Veterans Service Officer

Bob McDonald, who served as Veterans Affairs secretary from 2014 through January 2017, said connecting with others and not limiting yourself will help service members transition from the military to civilian life. McDonald, an army veteran, was recently named chairman of the board of directors for RallyPoint, an online network for those in the military community. The former VA secretary said he joined RallyPoint as a way to stay involved in the veteran space. Army Times spoke with McDonald on 11 OCT at AUSA's annual conference about what service members can do to ease their transition out of the military. His response:

• **Connect, connect, connect.** "Don't try to do everything yourself," McDonald said. "Connect with people who've already done it, and connect with people who may be interested in hiring you." It's so much easier today to connect with others than it was when McDonald got out of the army in 1979-80, he said. "I wrote letters to about 130 different companies ... and waited to hear back from them, then interviewed with about 30 companies," he said. During that process, he said, it was interesting how every one of the companies wanted to put him in a box they created for him. "West Point grad, engineer student, military veteran," he said. "Let's put him in manufacturing." He said companies thought running a manufacturing line was a lot like running a platoon.

"Or let's put him in sales because military people have confidence. They're assertive. They'd be great in sales," he said. But McDonald said he didn't want to do any of that. "As a service member getting out, don't allow yourself to be stereotyped," he said. "One way to do that is connect with other people."

• **Translate experience into civilian language.** McDonald said companies aren't lacking people or assets it's leadership they need. "What we need to do as veterans is to tell companies about the leadership experiences we have," he said. "And how those leadership experiences have led to better outcomes with the people we serve."

• **Don't undervalue education.** Going to school is harder to do the older you get, he said. "You might have a family that might

inhibit that," or a job or location that inhibits it, he added. "Think about using the GI Bill as a transition point," McDonald said. "Once you figure out what you want to do, then get the education you can get in order to make yourself even more successful in that new role." McDonald said he finds that a lot of service members undervalue the role of education, "which arguably to me is one of the most transformative experiences in life." [Source: AirForceTimes | Charlsy Panzino | October 11, 2017]

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



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Indoor ball for another week

Staples-Motley baseball players warm up before their practice March 29. The players are still indoors due to snow, and all the outdoor baseball, softball, track and field, and golf matches have

been cancelled until at least Thursday, April 12. As the games get rescheduled frequently, check the Staples-Motley school web site for the daily updates. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

SM track/field season starts with indoor meet

A lot of Staples-Motley track and field athletes had their first competition of the season at the Heart O Lakes indoor meet held March 27 at Concordia College in Moorhead.

Team results

Boys

55 - 3. Jordon Carlson 7.18; 5. Chase Davis 7.26; 6. Josh Lombard 7.27; 11. Zac Carlson 7.47; 23. Sean Trana 7.81; 25. Scout Strickland 7.86; 29. Javier Fernandez 7.93; 32. Sam Jennissen 7.98
200 - 1. Max Giza 23.98; 6. Davis 25.75; 13. Cael Sams 26.56
400 - 9. Matthew Fisher 59.6; 19. Evan Nanik 1:08
800 - 3. Jeff Sundstrum 2:25; 5. Bentley Christensen 2:29

1,600 - 7. Ben Bartczak 5:29; 8. Tanner Robben 5:30; 13. Austin Johnson 5:48
3,200 - 1. Emmet Anderson 10:38; 6. Isaac Christoffersen 11:29
55 hurdles - 1. Giza 8.20; 5. J. Carlson 9.81
4x200 - 2. S-M 1:14
4x800 - 4. S-M 9:44
High jump - 2. Davis 5'8"; 6. Sams 5'0"

Long jump - 12. Lombard 15'4"; 16. Nanik 14'1"
Triple jump - 6. Fisher 31'8"
Pole vault - 1. Giza 11'8"
Shot put - 12. Strickland 36'4"; 32. Isaac Kronnenberg 25'9"; 33. Ethan Gilbertson 23'8"
Girls
55 - 8. Larken Hirschey 8.34; 10. Heidi Lombard 8.47;

11. Ashley Vasquez 8.49; 13. Jenna Dvorak 8.60; 28. Francesca Guimmarra 9.55; 30. Rose Han 9.87

200 - 7. Vasquez 30.75; 13. Abby Dukowitz 31.85; 17. Dvorak 32.17; 34. Guimmarra 37.72
400 - 7. Dukowitz 1:11; 14. Camryn Banaka 1:15
800 - 9. Lili Schneider 3:11; 10. Julia Trantina 3:14

1,600 - 3. Addison Lorber 6:06; 4. Kierra Dumpprope 6:13; 5. Ashley Robben 6:17; 13. Kira Sweeney 6:46
3,200 - 6. Abby Brown 15:40
4x200 - 5. S-M 2:04
4x800 - 3. S-M 11:11

Long jump - 14. Hirschey 12'7"; 21. Lombard 11'0"
Shot put - 8. Tabatha Allen 28'1"; 17. Toni Brings 23'4"; 20. Kai Gelle 20'11"

Logging still a big deal

By Ray Gildow

If you're like me you probably don't spend a lot of time thinking about the logging industry but really, it is an industry that deserves our attention. According to the Minnesota DNR, we have 17.4 million acres of forest land counting state land and private land. Minnesota has 59 state forests with 4.2 million acres of forestry administered state land. There are also 720,000 acres of state land administered by forestry outside of state forests.

The amount of commercially productive forest land in Minnesota including state, federal, county, municipal, private, tribal and industry is 15, 702, 251 acres. The amount of timber harvested in 2012 was 2, 920,000 cords. That is a very significant amount of logging!

Minnesota also places a major emphasis on replacing those trees that have been logged. For the five-year period from 2011-2015, 2,850,000 acres of trees were planted. The economic impact is also huge. \$17.1 billion dollars generated during the 2014 year with over 62,400 jobs related to the forestry industry.

My wife and I recently had an area logged to harvest some aspen and jack pine that was getting over mature. I must say it is an adjustment looking out the window at the empty space where there were once tall trees, but I am a strong



Valuable wood

A truckload of aspen logs. (Submitted photo)

believer in maintaining a healthy forest and harvesting timber is the way to keep a forest healthy.

Replacing old trees with new ones is the obvious benefit of harvesting trees but there are many other benefits. Wildlife also is a great beneficiary of logging. Deer, grouse, mice, rabbits, turkeys and other birds soon have new nesting and feeding areas and the added sunshine to the forest floor creates new growth opportunities for all kinds of small animals or organisms. A whole new ecosystem is created in the wake of trees that are logged and hauled away. Trees are also critical to the quality of our water.

I was amazed at the modern equipment used by loggers at our home. Even

though the equipment and the technology for logging has greatly improved, logging is still one of the most dangerous businesses in the United States.

Minnesota is blessed with wonderful forested lands. There are over 52 species of trees in the state. So, the next time you see one of those logging trucks coming down the road with a load of timber, just remember that logging in Minnesota is still really a big deal and very important to the economy and environment of our state.

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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GARAGE SALES

701 Garage Sales
702 Flea Market/
Crafts

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NOTICES SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

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Help Wanted

Motley Express is seeking self-motivated, friendly people to join our staff at our convenience store. Must be flexible. Apply within. Motley Express, 1000 Hwy. 10. Motley. 218-821-2234. 13-14c

Todd County Employment Opportunities:
Todd County is looking for reliable, service oriented individuals to serve the citizens of Todd County in part-time, intermittent capacities in the following position: **Home Health Aide/Certified Nurse Assistant** \$15.26/hr-\$19.33/hr. To learn more about this opening and how to apply visit the official Todd County website at www.co.todd.mn.us Questions can be directed to Human Resources 320-732-6447. 13-14c

Help Wanted Bartender

Contact Kim
at KC'S
in Pillager.
218-746-3328

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staplesdqcakes@hotmail.com
Motley DQ Grill & Chill
264 Hwy 10 S, Motley MN. 56466, 218-352-6152
motleydq@yahoo.com

Todd County Employment Opportunity

We are looking for reliable, service oriented individuals to serve the citizens of Todd County in the following areas:

- 911 Dispatched-Part Time
- Correctional Officer-Part Time

To learn more about these positions and how to apply visit the official Todd County Website at www.co.todd.mn.us or go directly to NEOGOV at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cotoddmn> Question can be directed to Administration at 320-732-6447 EOE



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Storage

FOR RENT

Japke's North 8th Street
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FOR SALE

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Livestock

Nordlund Stock Farm, Clearbrook, MN. PRIVATE TREATY BULLS FOR SALE. 2 yr old and yearlings, red and black Angus. Sam: 701-799-1613. 11-16p

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Miscellaneous

Honda HS80, 26" snowblower. Elec. start, 2 stage auger, 3 spd, reverse. ALSO: Murray 19 HP lawn tractor mower 46" mower deck. Asking \$250 ea. 218-575-2845. 14-15x

PLAT BOOKS AVAILABLE IN COLOR: Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties, \$40 plus \$2.95 tax. Staples World Office. 5tfx

WANTED TO BUY

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Miscellaneous

FREE DROP OFF: Microwaves, Air Conditioners, Water Heaters, Gas Grills, Propane Tanks, Furnaces, Lawn Mowers, Refrigerators, Freezers, Washers, Dryers, Misc. Iron and Scrap. Christmas Tree Lights. **WE BUY CANS AND BATTERIES.** NO: TV's, Electronics, Mattresses, Tires, Household trash. Call for information: 218-639-0150. Card Auto, 27593 Todd Line Rd, Staples. 36tfc

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REAL ESTATE

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Apartments for Rent

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NEW IN STAPLES

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STAPLES: Downtown, 1 - 2 bdrm., recently remodeled, NO pets, non smoking, 218-894-3108. 6tfc

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Land for Sale

Secluded building lot 130'x150'. With 9'x13'x7' shed, 30'x30' asphalt parking pad. Perfect for storing toys. 218-894-2997. 12,14p

GARAGE SALES

701

"IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN" Now Accepting **DONATIONS:** Staples **AG Mission's Garage Sale**, May 24, 25, 26. Items can be dropped off -OR- we will pick up. Call 218-296-1647. ssw12-14c

NOW ACCEPTING ITEMS for April 28 Consignment Auction Fundraiser (Pillager Fair Board). Accepting consignment items April 23 through 8 a.m. Saturday, April 28. Call Donna to schedule time: 218-820-3261 (no garbage/junk, old TVs/couches) Pillager Community Center, Pillager Fairgrounds, by Cass County Ag. Society. w14-ssw15c

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Staples World



Possible apartment arrangement

Artist renderings of the proposed Central Minnesota Housing Partnership apartments in Staples show the units to be built south of Michigan Ave NE and west of 12th Street.

Enter library card design contest

The Great River Regional Library (GRRL) is seeking artists to submit designs for their library card design contest. For the first time, GRRL is offering the opportunity for area artists to share their creativity with library card holders in six counties by illustrating the next library card. Anyone living Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright counties can participate.

The contest has two age groups: 12 and under and 13 to adult. The selected design will be featured on a limited-edition GRRL library card in the fall of 2018. Entries are being accepted now athrough April 30. Entries received after deadline, not be considered, with winners being notified in June. The Staples Public Library or any branch of GRRL has submission

forms, or print one off the library's website at: grriver.org/events. Great River Regional Library (GRRL) provides library services at 32 public libraries in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright counties. GRRL supplies the residents of Central Minnesota with nearly one million books, CDs and DVDs, 250 public computers, programming and information services.

HOUSING continued from page 1a More housing gaps to fill

person is under the limit when they move in. They do allow for a person to accept a pay raise once they have moved in, even if it puts them above the line. Radermacher said there are a few more gaps to fill, according to the housing study. She said new spec homes could be the next phase the city is missing. The SEDA board voted to recommend the project to the Staples City Council, which will vote on the project in April. Mayor Chris Etzler said CMHP has "A good track record" of responsibility and managing their properties. Case was concerned about the number of rental properties in Staples, saying that 38 percent of housing is rental. He wondered if some of the single home rentals will be affected by the new apartments. Etzler said there is a market for different types of homes, including people who only want to live in a house. Radermacher said Staples is missing out on new people moving to town because of a lack of housing for them.

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Notices are meant to be noticed. Read your public notices and get involved!

THANK YOU
for making a difference!
Congratulations to these 5-Star employees

Left to right: **Matt DeGeest, Jenny Vavra, Jody Yeager, Justine Lund, Shari Schultz**

Matt DeGeest, Universal Worker, Senior Housing
Nominated by Catherine Hebig, LPN, Senior Housing, "Matt arrived for his shift and noticed a Tenant sitting in the common area that should have left for an appointment. Matt found out the Tenant was waiting for a ride to his appointment. Matt took it upon himself to call the transportation company and discovered they were running late. Matt called the clinic explaining that the Tenant would be late due to a transportation delay. Matt also verified with the clinic that the Tenant would be seen. Matt is observant and cares very much for the Tenant's and takes pride in his job. Thanks Matt for all your hard work."

Jenny Vavra, Laboratory Manager
Nominated by a Proud Lab Team Member, "Jenny stepped into her position in the middle of a lot of change with our programs. She makes sure there is adequate coverage at the hospital 24/7 and 5 clinics. In the past, the clinics and hospital lab felt like two different entities but Jenny promoted team growth unity by having us work all areas and making us a more proficient team. This has helped us to appreciate everyone's own unique attributes. It makes us more valuable as individuals and as a team and THAT helps us provide quality care for our patients."

Jody Yeager, LPN, Clinic
Nominated by Debbie Toth Clinic RN Supervisor, "Jody demonstrated her devotion to Lakewood in the most extreme way. A cordless pap light was accidentally placed in the trash and in an effort to save the clinic money, she immediately donned protective gear and graciously began pulling bags from the clinic dumpster. Jody carefully muddled through each bag until the light was found, saving the clinic hundreds of dollars. Jody is not only willing to dumpster dive when needed; she is willing to help any member of her team. She completes each aspect of her job with enthusiasm and thoroughness. She is greatly appreciated by her teammates and providers."

Justine Lund, Activities Coordinator
Nominated by Jacque Bartczak, RN Quality Manager, Senior Services and Lori Kyar Universal Worker, Senior Housing, "It was mentioned, what a great job Justine is doing to improve the quality of life for the tenants at the Pines/Manor. It was explained that before Justine started having organized events for the tenants, many would come down for food and return to their apartments. Now many of them attend the activities and interact with Justine and their 'neighbors'. Justine is always looking to find new activities/events for the tenants to improve their quality of life."

Shari Schultz, RN, BSN, Home Health / Hospice
Nominated by Tom Carner and Family, "Shari has saved my life. I was in a crisis and she took things into her own hands to help me. She's more than a home care nurse to me, she's a friend. She went above and beyond to help put services in place that we could not have done on our own. The whole Palliative Care Team has been great. Shari is like an angel, she makes me feel like a person and not just a patient."

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